

This weeks **MEMORY VERSE!**

To learn it well, **READ** it, or **WRITE** it **EACH DAY** after your lesson! Then say it to someone you know!

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Jesus did not come to be _____.

Jesus came to _____ and give His life as _____.



1. Jesus did not eat for _____ days.
2. Satan told Jesus to turn stone into B _ _ _ _ _.
3. Another name for Jesus is the _ _ _ _ of Man.
4. **Circle** the box with the correct answer
Who did Jesus obey? SATAN GOD

Name _____

Jesus Is Tempted by Satan

Matthew 4:11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



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Before we can really understand how Jesus was tempted, we first must know something about the one who tempted Him.

Long before the world was created, there was a beautiful angel in heaven whose name was Lucifer. But Lucifer became proud and wanted to be more important than God and have all the other angels worship him.

When Lucifer rebelled against God, he couldn't stay in heaven, where everything is holy and pure and good. Sin always separates from God, so Lucifer was thrown out of heaven. His name was changed to Satan or the devil. Ever since then, he has been God's enemy. He has worked to get people to follow him instead of God.

Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the beautiful garden to disobey God. Instead of trusting and obeying God they listened to Satan's lie, and sin came into their lives and into the world. They too were separated from God and put out of the beautiful garden. Since that time everyone born into this world is a sinner. This means that there is something in all of us that makes it easy to go Satan's way.

Immediately after Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness. He spent forty days there with no food to eat. During this time He trusted and obeyed God completely.

At the end of the forty days Jesus was very hungry. He had a body just like our body. He got tired and hungry and thirsty. Before Jesus left the wilderness He was very weak from hunger, Satan came to tempt Him.

When Jesus was feeling weak with hunger, Satan said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus could have turned a stone into bread. But Jesus knew that His Father had led Him to this hard place and would take care of Him.

Jesus had a weapon with Him there in the wilderness. The weapon Jesus used was the Word of God. In Jesus' day swords were used in battles to fight the enemy. Jesus did not have a written copy of God's Word with Him in the wilderness, but He had it hidden in His memory. Quickly He used His "sword" and said to Satan "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Jesus let Satan know that physical food was not the most important thing in life; God's Word was. Satan had no weapon to match this "sword," so he could not fight back. The Lord Jesus was the winner in that battle.

Satan was not ready to give up. This time Satan took Jesus up on a high mountain where He could see all the kingdoms of the world. Then he said to Jesus, "I have power over all the kingdoms of the world, and I can give this power to anyone I choose. If You will fall down and worship me, I will give it to You."

In the Bible Satan is called the "prince of this world", and for a time he is ruling in the world. But Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan, not to worship him. He knew that His Father would give Him all the kingdoms of the world some day when He finished all the work God had sent Him to do.

Once again Jesus used His "sword". Jesus let Satan know that the Lord God was the only one who was to be worshiped and served. Again, He won the battle, for Satan had no answer to the Word of God.

Satan did not give up, even though he had lost two battles. He came again the third time to tempt Jesus. This time he took the Lord Jesus to Jerusalem to the highest point of the temple.

Satan said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, jump down from here; for it is written, 'He will tell His angels to take care of you.'"

Satan used the "sword" of God's Word also. But when he quoted the verse, he slyly left out some of the words to try to trick Jesus into doing what he wanted. Satan left out a part of the verse he was quoting "to guard you in all your ways". The ways of the Lord Jesus were always ways of trusting His Father's love and care. Again, Jesus used His "sword". Jesus said to Satan, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Jesus knew that He would not be pleasing His Father if He jumped down because Satan told Him to.

After Jesus' third victory, Satan gave up trying for a while. He knew he could not win over Jesus and the Word of God!

Then some angels came and helped Jesus. He was tired and weak after His long time without food and His battle with Satan. The angels would have come to help Him any time during those long days if He had called to them; but because He was the Son of Man, He had come to serve others, not to be served.