



## Week of February 19 - a

### Scripture: Mt 4:5-7

**Main Idea:** Satan now tempts Jesus by taking him to the top of the Temple and again challenges if he really is God's son. This temptation tries to reach Jesus' pride and might have been a quick way to get people to believe in him. Jesus again answers by quoting scripture (Deut 6:16) from a time when God was leading the Israelites in the wilderness. Jesus refuses to follow Satan with this temptation because by doing so, he would be trying to tell God what to do and serving Satan instead of his Father.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Satan was trying to get Jesus to do something against God's Word, but Jesus stood strong and didn't do what Satan said. If someone tells you to do something that isn't good, should you do it?

**Grade school:** We are to trust God and pray. We are not supposed to tell God what we want but ask for what we need. What about the Devil...can we trust him? Why not?

**Teen:** Do you wait on God's timing, or do you try to tell God what He should do? In vs 6 who is quoting scripture? Why is it important to remember that Satan (the tempter & deceiver) also knows scripture and will use it?

**Adult:** Would you like to have been in the courtyards when Satan took Jesus to the Temple? Do you suppose the crowd was watching them at the top of the Temple? If so, do you think they were like onlookers of today? How can we train ourselves not to be enticed by "flashy" preaching or acts?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to help us have humility and trust like Jesus did when he was tempted.

### February Memory Verse:

**Psalm 16:1-2 (ESV)**

**Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**



## Week of February 19 - b

### Scripture: Mt 4:8-10

**Main Idea:** The third and final temptation recorded here is the devil taking Jesus to a high mountain showing him all the kingdoms and their glory. He tells Jesus he'll give him these if he will worship him. Jesus tells Satan to leave and then quotes Deut 6:13 that God is the only one we are to worship and serve.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** What are some things you really love? Should you ever put any of those things above God? Why not?

**Grade school:** Jesus knew that Satan was misusing God's words. If you study the bible, you can use what you learn to resist temptation...

**Teen:** Satan tempts us with physical things that might look good to us. What needs to be more important to us than those physical things? Do you ever tell the Devil to "go?" If so, do you feel strengthened when you stand up against him? What can we do to get Satan to leave us? (A: Ja 4:7-8)

**Adult:** We are told Jesus was tempted like we are. Do you think this temptation was hard for Jesus to say "no" to? Many of us would not want to oversee our world as it is today. Why would this have been a temptation for Jesus? Could Satan really have given Jesus the world? Apparently so, or it would not have been a temptation for Jesus. How different might our world be today if Jesus had given into this temptation?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For us to desire to be in control of things less; and to trust God's control of our lives more.

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