

HomeWord¹ For Parents

As the Savior, Jesus identified with sinful man in every way except sin. Our lesson today reveals two different ways Jesus—as God—identified with man during His life on earth.

The first event was Jesus's baptism. Jesus came to bring righteousness and redemption to man by living a perfect life and bearing our sins. Scripture tells us that the perfect one, who knew no sin, became sin for us "that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus's baptism by John represented His willingness to be identified with the people He came to save. And not only with the people, but with their sin—the sin He would soon bear Himself on the Cross.

The second event occurred immediately after the baptism. Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit where He was tempted three times by the devil (Matthew 4:1–11). Again, we see Jesus identifying

with those He came to save. Jesus was fully man, and as such, He was tempted in the same way man is. Consequently, we can be assured that this sinless God-man—our Redeemer—is one who can empathize with our weaknesses because He was tempted in all points, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

Jesus responded to and overcame all three temptations with the Word of God. Jesus's response to these temptations gives a model of how we can overcome temptations ourselves. Jesus relied on God and His Word. That is what we should do as well.

The Bible instructs us to hide God's Word in our hearts, so we might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11). God has given us an offensive "weapon"—His Word—the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). This will give us the strength and power we need to turn from temptations as we encounter them.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord¹ For Family Discussion

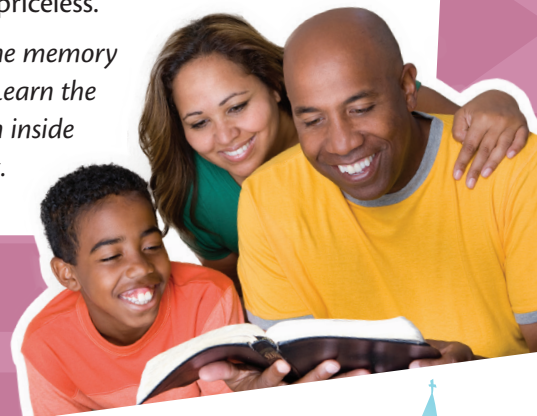
Suppose your friend asked why he should worry about his sin. After all, since we are all sinners, we can never stop sinning. **What could you say?**

Yes, we are all sinners. We disobey God. But if you are a Christian, you shouldn't use that as an excuse to sin. When you became a Christian, you repented, or turned away, from your sin and asked for forgiveness because you were truly sorry for your sins. God made you into a new creation, and He gave you His Spirit to help you change. His Spirit convicts us of sin, and His Word gives us what we need to overcome temptation. If you aren't sorry for your sin, something is wrong. God hates sin, and we should, too! Pray that God will help you see that your sin offends the Creator of the universe! After that, pick up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and you will be ready for battle against sin!

inWord¹ For Family Study

"The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver" (Psalm 119:72). Equip your children to desire God's Word above all else by encouraging your family to memorize and study it. The eternal rewards are priceless.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



Jesus's Baptism and Temptation

KEY THEME

- God provides salvation from sin through Jesus.

KEY PASSAGES

- Matthew 3:1–2, 3:5–6, 3:13, 4:1–11

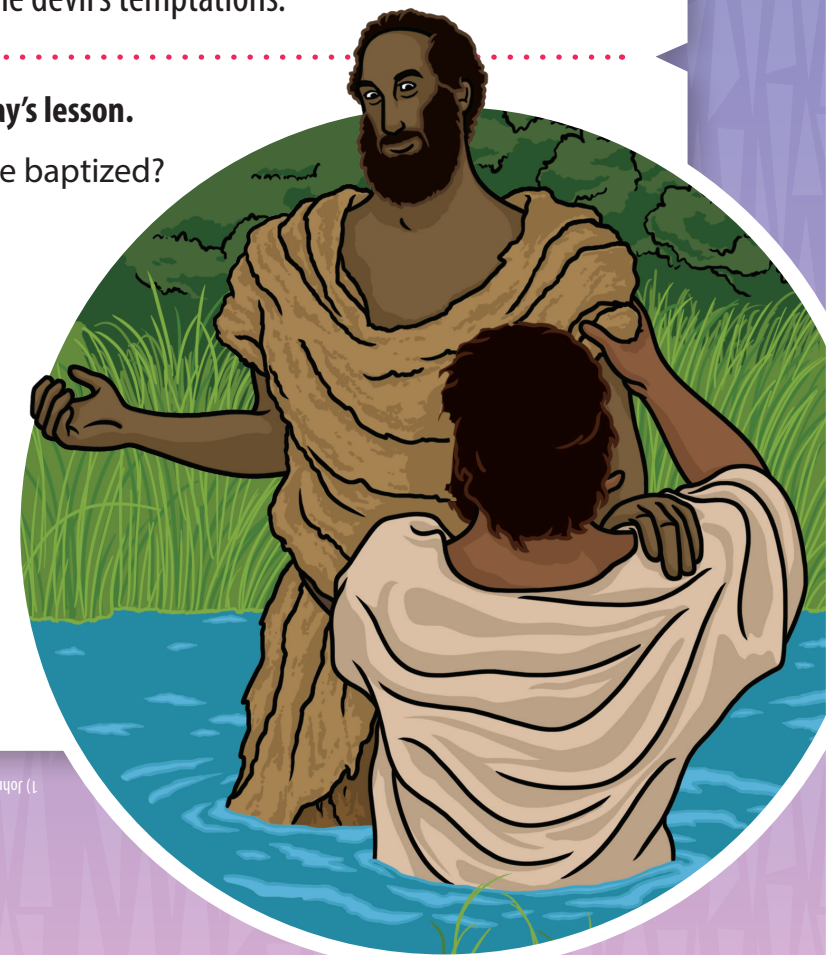


What You HEARD¹ in the Word

- Though perfect and sinless, Jesus identified with people and their sin when He was baptized and when He was tempted by the devil in the wilderness.
- Jesus used God's Word to overcome the devil's temptations.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Who did Jesus come to in order to be baptized?
- 2 Jesus is fully _____ and fully _____.
- 3 What did Jesus use to say, "no!" to the temptations to sin?



1) John the Baptist, 2) God, man, 3) God's Word.

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

- Monday** (Matthew 3:4)
What was John the Baptist like?
- Tuesday** (Matthew 3:14)
What did John say to Jesus when Jesus came to be baptized?
- Wednesday** (Matthew 3:17)
Who spoke after Jesus was baptized? Who is Jesus?
- Thursday** (Matthew 4:1, 4:10)
Who is the tempter?
- Friday** (Matthew 4:10)
Who alone should we worship and serve?
- Saturday** (Philippians 2:8)
Jesus knew the Word of God. Do you know your memory verse?

Learn the Word!

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
Philippians 2:8

God's Word Can Help

Knowing God's Word can help us when we are tempted to sin. Which Scripture would you use to fight the temptation for each sin? Write the letter of the verse in God's Word that can help to fight temptation. Then color the pictures.

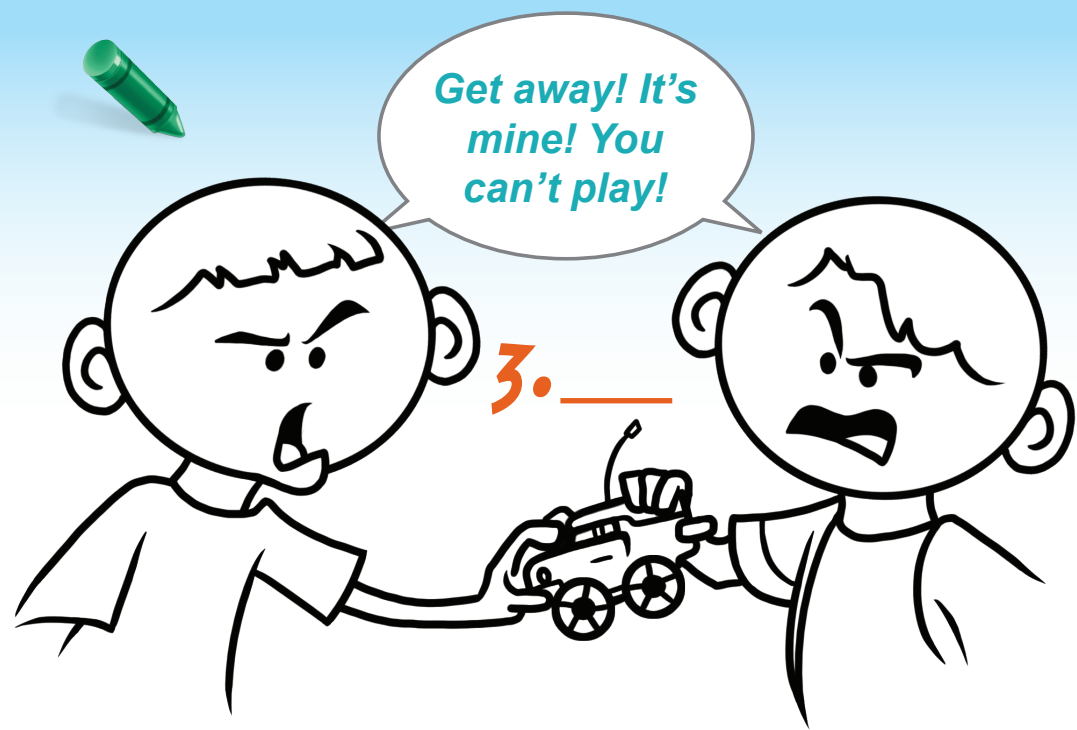


Jesus Knew God's Word

Jesus knew God's Word, and used it to fight temptation. Fill in the vowels— a, e, i, o, u— below to find out what Jesus said to the devil when He was tempted. Look at Matthew 4:10 if you need help.

F _ r _ _ t _ _ s w r _ t t _ n ,
' Y _ _ _ sh _ ll w _ rsh _ p
th _ _ L _ rd y _ _ _ r G _ d . . . '

ANSWER: For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God . . ."



- a. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1
- b. Do all things without complaining and disputing. Philippians 2:14
- c. You shall not steal. Exodus 20:15
- d. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:31



ANSWER: 1) C 2) B 3) D 4) A.

LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad

