

How Can I Remember Bible Verses ?

Lesson 24

Matthew 4:1-11

Memory Verse

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11**

Introduction

We all have been tempted to do wrong. Jesus was too! Let's see what He did when He was tempted. It will help us see what we can do to help in hard times.

When Jesus was young, He went to church and learned many things there. The boys had to learn and memorize lots of the Bible for school. So, Jesus learned and knew lots of verses from the Bible.

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-3

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Ask: Where was Jesus? Why?

God led Jesus into the desert.

Ask: What was Jesus doing?

Jesus stayed in the desert for 40 days and nights, praying and listening to God.

Ask: What happened next?

After 40 days and nights, the devil came to Jesus and tried to tempt Him to do wrong.

Matthew 4:1-3

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Ask: What did Satan want Jesus to do?

First the devil said, "If you are God's Son, tell these rocks to turn into bread."

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Ask: What was Jesus' reaction?

Jesus knew that he was the son of God. Jesus did not doubt His identity. Jesus did not have to prove anything to Satan. Jesus knew that He had the power to change the rocks into bread. Jesus knew that His physical need was not as important as obeying God.

Ask: Did Jesus do what Satan asked?

Jesus would not do it. Instead, He answered by using a memory verse, **"It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person does not live by eating only bread. But a person lives by everything the Lord says.'"** This was a quote from Deuteronomy 8:3.

Jesus knew that His kingdom was not of this world. Jesus knew that He would reign at His Father's side. Jesus knew that every knee would bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11) Jesus waited for the coming glory. Jesus did not have to prove anything to Satan.

Matthew 4:5-6

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Ask: What else did Satan do?

Next, the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem. He put Jesus on the top of the Temple building and said, "If you are God's Son, jump off." Then he tried to use a memory verse to convince Jesus. The devil said, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'He has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you with their hands. And you will not hit your foot on a rock'."

However, Jesus answered with another memory verse, "The Bible also says **'Do not test the Lord your God' (Deuteronomy 6:16)**, so Jesus did not jump off the building."

Ask: What did Satan want to do?

Here again we see Satan's attempt to deceive Jesus. Satan wanted to make Jesus fall into temptation. Satan used the Bible. Satan knows the Bible. That is why we as believers should know the Word of God. We should study it and read it daily.

Matthew 4:7-9

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Ask: What did Satan do after that?

A third time the devil tried to get Jesus to sin. He led Jesus to the top of a high mountain. He showed Jesus the entire world. He said to Jesus, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you everything you see."

Ask: What did Satan want?

Satan wanted to receive the glory that belongs to God alone. He was thrown out of heaven for that very reason.

Matthew 4:10-11

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"
Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Discussion

Ask: What did Jesus do?

Jesus would not bow down. He answered the devil by saying, "Go away from me Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, **'You must worship the Lord your God and serve Him only'.**" This was Deuteronomy 6:13.

So the devil left Jesus and the angels came to take care of Jesus. Remember that Jesus was tempted, but He did NOT do wrong. Jesus stayed pure.

Application

Ask: What are some ways we are tempted?

We are tempted by what we see, hear, touch, taste and feel. We do not only sin with what we do. Not doing something can also be sin. It is not a sin to be tempted. Sin comes with our reaction to temptation.

Ask: What did Jesus do when He was tempted?

Jesus answered with God's word.

Ask: What can we do?

We should pray continually. We should read the Bible daily. We should go to Bible study. We should fellowship with other believers.

Ask: How can we stay pure inside?

As we read God's Word we learn truth that God wants to give us and at the same time we get to know God. This gives us spiritual growth which leads us to seek God even more. James 4:7 says, **"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."**

It is important to read the Bible. It is important to pray. It is important to have fellowship with other believers. All this helps us to learn to live in the way that God wants us to live.

Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.