



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

S.H.I.F.T.

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

September 19

Sing with me:

Yield not to temptation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xntgpWpoMDk&list=RDLVVOrYG_3KSAQ&index=5

Memory Verse: Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’[b]”

Scripture: Matthew 4:1 – 11 (NIV)

Read with me

Jesus is tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “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.”

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Let us talk about it.

Let us first look at the word temptation. Temptation is defined as the desire to do something you know you cannot or should not do. Have you ever been told, do not follow multitude to do evil? What exactly does it mean? Think about this. You have to take the bus home after school. You and three friends usually travel on the bus together. On a particular day your friend suggested that you go to town with her. She sort of convinced you it will be alright. But you know you are expected to go straight home after school. So what do you do? It’s coming up to Christmas, so going into town is very enticing. After thinking about it and what if you get into trouble, you decided to do the right thing and go straight home.

Think about Jesus. He was fasting for forty days, so, of course, He was hungry. The tempter, well aware that Jesus was hungry, offered Him something to eat. But what did he give to Jesus? Stones! Imagine that! Knowing who Jesus was, the tempter knew Jesus had the power to do many things. Turning stones into bread would be nothing big. But as hungry as Jesus was, He was not tempted. His reply, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”, shows us the strength of Jesus. I am hungry, but satisfaction does not come from eating bread, but by feeding on the word of God.

In the reading, the tempter enticed Jesus to two further uses of power. Jesus was aware that in doing these things He would be abusing His power. So the tempter left Him. Even when Jesus was on the cross, one of the robbers who was crucified with Him, recognizing the power of Jesus, appealed to Him, “If you are the Son of God, save yourself and us.” The people watching the crucifixion also shouted to Jesus to save Himself and come down from the cross. (Mark 15:29 -31) Jesus certainly could have saved Himself because He truly was (and is) God. Jesus didn’t deserve to die on the cross because He was absolutely perfect.

Unlike Jesus, we are not perfect, and there are some persons we have read about in the Bible who yielded to the tempter, suffered the consequences, but learned from their experiences. Just to mention a few of them – (please read the references):

- Eve - she was tempted to eat the fruit of the tree against God’s wishes (Genesis 3:1 – 13)
- Esau – he was so hungry, he accepted the food from his brother in exchange for his birthright (Genesis 25: 29 – 34)

- Sampson – he gave out the secret of his strength (Judges 14:16 – 19)
- Solomon – yielded to his love for women (1 Kings 11: 1- 25)
- Peter – he denied that he even knew Jesus (Matthew 26:69 – 74)

Yes, if you can resist the temptation, the feeling will go away. The song we sang said “Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin, each victory will help you, some other to win”. The sin is really the yielding to the temptation. COVID 19 protocols ask that we stay away from crowds, that we wear our mask, stay home, get vaccinated. Be safe. Talk to your friends on the phone, wear your mask when you go out. Are you tempted to stay in bed, rather than joining your class online? Think about what you will be missing if you do not log on to class, or if you log on, but turn away to do something else. Always try to resist temptation. Jesus did it and so can you.

Let us Pray

Dear God, thank You for Your Word and for pointing out to us what a powerful weapon it is as we fight against temptation. Thank You for showing us how Jesus faced temptation but did not sin. We praise You for Your amazing grace and for loving us so much that You would send Your only Son to die for our sins. Amen.

ACTIVITY

Complete the following word search by finding the words listed at the side.

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