



FCA Elementary Competition

Whatever you do,
work heartily, as for
the Lord and not for
men. Colossians
3:23

Bible Story--Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

God led Jesus into the wilderness. It was a time of temptation for Jesus and competition with the devil. The devil wanted Jesus to sin or do things God would not want Him to do. God was with Jesus and helped Him to do the right thing.

Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days. He did not eat (fasted) for 40 days and was very hungry. When we are hungry, it is hard to make good choices.

The devil used this time to tempt Jesus into doing wrong things or sinning. The devil told Jesus, "If you are God's Son, turn these stones into bread." Jesus said, "Man needs God's words more than bread." He did not do what the devil said to do.

The devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, "If you are God's Son, jump down. God's Word says he will not let you get hurt." Jesus said, "God's Word tells us 'Do not test God'".

The devil then took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him the earth. The devil said "I will give you all of this if You worship me." Jesus said, "Go away! God's Word says to only worship God!" The devil went away, and God sent angels to take care of Jesus. (The Gospel Project, givemechrist.com)

Our story teaches us about competition and temptation. Competition can be good but we should never do things to get ahead or win that God would not approve of.

Jesus will always win. The devil will always be around and try to compete with us to have us do something wrong and that would make Jesus unhappy. Jesus will help us win and resist temptation.

Definitions

Webster's definition of competition: The act or process of competing or a rivalry,

Biblical definition of competition: Doing what is necessary to earn the prize

Discussion Questions

1. Who lead Jesus into the wilderness?
2. What did Jesus say God's Word says?
3. Did Jesus turn the stones into bread?
4. Who is the only person we should worship?



THE FOUR

The Four is the Gospel explained in four simple truths

- God loves you
- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?

Bible Story Video

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