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Bible Verse

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Life Skills Class

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 4/17/15

Greetings!



This week we started by viewing and discussing a classic psychology experiment exploring kids and resisting temptation. More recently, the research found that a child's ability to resist temptation depends on how much they trust the experimenter will actually deliver on his promise.



Marshmallow Experiment

This week's lesson takes place immediately after Jesus' baptism as the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan for 40 days.

We looked at each of the three temptations as recorded by Luke and discussed each one.

In the first, Satan tempted Jesus to provide bread for himself rather than trusting that God would provide all He needs. In the second, Satan offers Jesus a kind of 'easy road' by saying he would give Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world, which were his to give, and all Jesus had to do was worship him. Finally, Satan tempts Jesus to prove He is the Messiah. In this temptation, Satan even uses, or misuses, scripture.

In all cases Jesus defends Himself from Satan's temptations with the Word of God. He not only uses scripture to rebuke Satan but also to remind Himself that God can be trusted to deliver on His promises.

We then looked at the verses that Jesus used in Deuteronomy to see how each one served to remind him that He could trust God.

We also looked at **Hebrews 4:14-16** and said that the main point is that Jesus was "tempted in every way, just as we are, yet He did not sin." This is very important for two reasons.

One, it means we can approach God with confidence that He gives mercy and grace because Jesus has been through everything we could be going through and He understands our struggle from His own personal experience.

Two, since Jesus was a man filled with the same Holy Spirit that lives within us, He shows us that we really can resist any temptation that Satan throws at us by using the Word of God and by trusting that God will provide for whatever we need.

We discussed some of the temptations that we are faced with every day and how we deal with them. We agreed that it's easy to convince ourselves that some "little" sin isn't so bad and it's not a big deal. But, even the littlest sin allows Satan a 'foot in the door' and it can lead to bigger and bigger things until it is out of control.

Also, when we give in to even a little temptation it shows we are more concerned with seeing what we can get away with rather than following God's plan. Plus, we are showing God that we don't trust Him.

We said that when we trust God 100% and truly believe that His way is always better, it allows us to stand strong on His Word to defend us from whatever is tempting us.

We mentioned that Jesus always knew the best scripture to use to defend Himself from Satan because, well, He's Jesus. So, we discussed ways that we could be better prepared to resist temptation such as studying our Bibles and spending more time in conversation with God in prayer.

We agreed that the way you develop trust in a person is to talk with them and get to know them better. The same goes for learning to trust God.

We ended by giving a few examples of various resources that are available to help find specific verses that can be applied to various circumstances we may find ourselves in.

Join us next time as we continue our Thread Series with Jesus calling His first Disciples.

Upcoming Events!

LWA Summer Movie Series

LWA will be having a monthly Saturday night movie series for the Summer months. Details coming soon.

The Youth will be selling popcorn, drinks, etc. to help raise money for upcoming Youth events. Details coming soon.

Please call 602-684-1820 or [email us](#) with any questions.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Luke 4:1-13, Deuteronomy 8:2-3, Deuteronomy 6:10-14, Deuteronomy 6:16, Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller

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