

Psalm 119:9-10

[9] How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. [10] With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!



The Sin That Wasn't

After Jesus was baptized, God's Spirit led Him into the wilderness. For forty days, He didn't eat anything, and He was very hungry. That's when Satan came to tempt Him. First, Satan told Jesus to turn stones into bread, but Jesus said God's Word is more important than food. Then Satan told Jesus to jump off the temple to see if God's angels would save Him, but Jesus said we shouldn't test God. Finally, Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms in the world if He would bow down and worship him, but Jesus said we should worship only God. Jesus won every time by using the Bible.

This story shows that Jesus is the promised Rescuer who did what Adam and Israel couldn't—He never sinned. Later, Jesus faced one last and hardest test on the cross. People told Him to come down and save Himself, but He stayed because dying was the only way to save us. Because Jesus obeyed perfectly, everyone who trusts in Him can be forgiven and live forever with God.

TROY KIDS RECAP

In Troy Kids this week, your students learned from John the Baptist. The Big Truth from this week is this - **“Jesus resisted Satan's temptation through the word of God.”**

Ask these questions below to help your students remember and reflect on the lesson:

1. **Question:** What were some ways that Jesus's life was similar to Israel's? What happened to both of them in the wilderness? How did Jesus's temptations end differently? **Takeaway: Jesus relived Israel's story and got it right.**

2. **Question:** How did Satan first tempt Jesus? What did Jesus use to resist? What was the second temptation? How did Jesus respond? And what was the third temptation? Did Jesus give in? What did he say to Satan? **Takeaway: Jesus resisted Satan's temptation through the word of God.**

3. **Question:** Did Jesus stop being tempted by Satan after he left the wilderness? What was the final temptation he experienced? What does it mean for all of us that Jesus did not leave the cross but stayed and died? **Takeaway: Because Jesus passed the final test on the cross, we can be saved.**

4. **Question:** Even though Jesus's death means that we all can be saved from our sins, will we still be tempted to disobey God? How can we resist Satan's lies like Jesus did in the wilderness? **Takeaway: When we are tempted, we should follow Jesus's example and trust God's word more than Satan's lies.**

BIG TRUTH

Jesus resisted
Satan's temptation
through the **word** of
God.

LISTEN/WATCH THE STORY

You can find a podcast of this story on Apple Podcast, Spotify, or Youtube.
Title: The Sin That Wasn't - Story 56



SPOTIFY



APPLE

- There are also animated videos of the story available on youtube.

READ THE STORY

Scripture: Matthew 4
Story Bible: Story 56

The Biggest Story Bible Storybook is available on Amazon. This storybook will match the curriculum. Other storybook/beginner Bible's will likely be compatible as well.

PRAY IT

Ask God to help us use his Word to fight against temptation.

Thank God that Jesus is the better Adam and Israel - he is perfect and didn't sin during temptation.

Thank God that Jesus would live and die perfectly for us.

AT HOME

- Family Worship
 - This week, aim to Read, Pray, and Sing at least twice.
 - Pick two days.
 - Read from a story book Bible or use this plan to recap this story.
 - Pray through what you have read.
 - Sing - try simple hymns like "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" or "Holy, Holy, Holy". For younger kids start with "Jesus Loves Me" or "Doxology"

Troy Church