

1st
Sunday
in Lent
February 28-
March 6, 2022

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49

THEME: Our Temptation is Crushed by Chris't Obedience

SONG: CW21 863/864 - CW93 200/201 A Mighty Fortress

VISUAL: Pictures of powerful animals vs. weaker animals

OBJECT LESSON

Show pictures of some large powerful animals and match them up against much smaller weaker ones. (For example a lion against a mouse, or an elephant against a kitten, or a bear against a chipmunk, or a rhino against a ladybug.) Ask the children who would win each of these battles. If you want, close with a picture of a small person versus a giant and use it to lead into the lesson.

BIBLE TRUTH

The enemies of God's people appeared to have a big advantage. The Philistines had a champion warrior nine feet and six inches tall named Goliath. They issued a challenge to Israel known as "a battle by champion" - a one versus one contest to see which nation gets the victory. Each day the people of Israel shook in fear as Goliath came out for the challenge - until David came. (Tell account or ask questions about it.)

Even though it looked like Goliath could crush David like a bug David won a mighty victory because David had a not-so-secret weapon on his side - the Lord. We have the ultimate warrior on our side who defeated all our greatest enemies - Jesus.

Jesus defeated the devil by living a perfect life and by dying on a cross to pay for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead to prove this victory. Jesus' victory is our victory. Now our champion protects us with the not-so-secret weapon of his word.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Who are enemies (the Goliaths) we fear?

Why is fear one of the many temptations of the devil?

How does knowing the Lord is on our side change everything?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being our champion who fought off every temptation and crushed the devil's head by giving your life on a cross for us. Protect us and strengthen us with your powerful word. Help us live each day for you without fear. Amen.



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2nd Sunday
in Lent
March 7 -
March 13, 2022

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:31-35

THEME: Shortcuts are Crushed by Determination

SONG: CW21 395 - What Grace Is This

VISUAL: Pictures of different pathways or set up two obstacle courses

OBJECT LESSON

Show a picture of a pathway that looks beautiful and peaceful. Show a difficult path with obstacles and danger. (Ask kids which path they would choose and why.)

Another option if it fits your setting is to set up 2 obstacle courses. One really easy, maybe even with candy treats along the way. The other difficult with many obstacles and challenges. Give kids a choice and see which one they pick.

BIBLE TRUTH

The Pharisees were a group who, as a whole, wanted to get rid of Jesus. Some Pharisees tell Jesus to leave because he is in danger. They tell Jesus that Herod, who had killed Jesus' cousin John the Baptist, now wants to kill Jesus.

Jesus gives a firm answer. (Give Jesus' answer explaining that fox means crafty if you want.) Jesus is not going to leave to protect Himself. Jesus is determined to stay on the path that God has for Him, a difficult path that will end up in Jerusalem where Jesus will give His life on a cross.

We know why and are thankful Jesus did not take the easy way. Jesus took the difficult path for us and our salvation. We see just how much Jesus loved the people in Jerusalem and all people who he longs to gather under his protecting grace.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Give examples of when we might be tempted to take the easy way, instead of God's way.

Ask children if they have ever seen a hen with little chicks. Why do hens put them under their wings?

How does Jesus show us this is what he wants for all people not just with his words, but also with his actions?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, you never took any shortcuts but, in love, you took the most difficult path for us. Because of your suffering and death on a cross we now have forgiveness and life. Help us to live for you, even when the path is difficult, knowing that you go with us and will protect us with your saving, unending love. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

3rd Sunday
in Lent
March 14 -
March 20, 2022

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9

THEME: False Security is Crushed By Faithful Presence

SONG: CW21 712/ CW93 337 - Delay Not! Delay Not

VISUAL: Invite a group of students to the front

OBJECT LESSON

Depending on the size of group you may have to just use one class or select kids. Ask kids to line up according to size. Ask them to line up according to age. Ask them to them line up from the worst (sinners) to the best kids. Give them time to look around and think about it and then ask why it would be dangerous (and wrong) to ask such a thing.

BIBLE TRUTH

When bad things happen to people many people start to wonder what bad things they must have done to deserve it. It happened to Job.

The disciples wondered whose sin was the reason for the man born blind. This thinking starts to make us look at ourselves as if we are better than others. Jesus ends this thinking by pointing to two tragic events – people who were killed as they offered sacrifices, and 18 people who had a tower fall on them. Jesus asks: “Were these people worse sinners than all the others?” The answer Jesus gives is no.

We are all the same under God’s law. We all have earned death. We all deserve death because of sin. All need to repent. God wants to turn our hearts away from sin and to Jesus. Only Jesus is without sin. Only Jesus can take our sin away and He did by giving his life on a cross. Only Jesus can save us from death and from perishing forever and Jesus did by rising again from his tomb.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Why do bad things happen to others?

When might we be tempted to think we are better than other kids? Explain parable of the fig tree – how God in love gives all people a time of grace and wants all to repent.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, teach us to see ourselves, not as being better than others, but as sinners who so desperately need you to be our Savior. Thank you for being the Savior we need. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to work in us repentant hearts. Help us use the time you give us to grow in faith and serve others in love. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

4th Sunday
in Lent
March 21 -
March 27, 2022

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:1-10

THEME: Our Condemnation is Crushed by God's Grace

SONG: CW21 576 / CW93 739- Amazing Grace

VISUAL: Circle on the ground

OBJECT LESSON

Make a big circle that the kids or selected kids are able to stand in and explain how the children are only safe in that circle. Tell them you know for certain that everyone who is outside the circle will be destroyed. Ask them if they knew this to be true how many of them would want to leave that circle. This is also what it is to be in Christ Jesus. This is what it is like to stand in God's grace. Only there are we safe and secure.

BIBLE TRUTH

There is now no condemnation. These are powerful words. God will not condemn us to hell because of our sins. God will not punish us for our sins. This is not because we pleased God with our lives. This is not because we have done enough good things to make up for the bad. This is true only because we are in Christ Jesus. Think of the big circle again.

When you were baptized God brought you into that circle, into God's family. In that circle you have every blessing - forgiveness, life, peace, prayer, joy, and heaven. These are all blessings Jesus won for us by obeying all of God's Word and giving his perfect life on a cross for us. When Jesus rose from the dead God made it clear to all that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. What comforting words!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

How does one get into the circle of being in God's grace through faith in Christ Jesus?

Who is always trying to knock us out of this circle?

Knowing that we are only safe and secure in Jesus what will we always want to do?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, because you took the punishment we deserved, because you crushed the devil's head when you paid for our sins on the cross, now we know for us there is no condemnation. Thank you for bringing us into your family through the gift of baptism and through your saving Word. Remind us daily that we are your children who are safe in your love and care. Amen.



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