

Know Your Enemy (Part 2)

Genesis 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

John 8:44 **You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Zechariah 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

His Weapons:

1. Deception:

What did Satan do to Eve in the garden of Eden?

_____ (Genesis 3:13)

In John 8:44, Jesus, calling the Pharisees children of the Devil says this about Satan:

It's not even in him: _____

His native language: _____

He's the father of: _____

2. Accusation:

In his vision, John see's the Devil as (Revelation 12:10):

The accuser of: _____

To Whom: _____

3. Temptation:

Who was Jesus tempted by? _____ (Matthew 4:1)

Who never tempts us? _____ (James 1:13)

Good news from Corinthians 10:13:

Whatever you are struggling with you are not alone. You can find support from someone else who has gone through the same thing.

You will always have the ability to make the right choice or choose the better behavior.

There is always a way back to God's love and righteousness.

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1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Matthew 7:15 “**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.**

Matthew 24:24 **For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible.**

2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

His objectives:

1. To destroy the believer's confidence in God and His Son so he or she will:

_____ (1 Timothy 4:1)

2. To _____ through deceptive teaching or their own sin to believe a lie instead of the truth.

(2 Corinthians 11:3)

3. To _____ of _____ from hearing a clear presentation of the gospel so they will remain in Satan's kingdom of darkness.

(2 Corinthians 4:3)

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His Front Men:

The evil one has sent out many _____, and _____

(Matthew 7:15, 24:24)

_____ These false prophets and false teachers are

((2 Peter 2:1)

among _____ dressed in _____.

Describe *sheeps clothing*:

They will be very convincing because: _____

(Matthew 4:24)

We must be careful to _____ within them to make sure

(1 John 4:1)

they are from _____.

Discussion:

Who are people in our lives today who we trust?

Do we believe everything these trusted individuals tell us?

Whose advice or suggestions should we regard with some suspicion?

How would you know if someone is telling the truth or not?

Lesson Plan: Know Your Enemy (Part two)

The Goal: The goal of this lesson is to raise the awareness of young Christians to the operation of “the enemy” in their daily lives.

Pre-Lesson Activity: Play the game: Two Truths And A Lie. **Directions:** Everyone comes up with two truths about themselves and one lie. The others have to guess what the lie is. **Object of the Game:** Guess which of the three “facts” is the lie. This is a good ice breaker and group building game. This game can demonstrate deception.

A good follow-up lesson is Conviction or Condemnation.

Leading the lesson: Spend some time in prayer the day before, going over the verses and questions in your mind.

Have a kid read the first set of verses and then go through the questions for those verses. Give them time to answer. Listen to what they say and lead the discussion with additional questions of your own to lead them to the correct answers.

Note: When reading, kids will frequently stumble on words they do not know. Explain the meaning of the words so they can fully grasp the concept of the Bible verse. Sometimes you must restate the passage in your own words for them to get it.

(If your group is younger junior-high age encourage them to fill in the blanks with the correct answers and hand in their papers at the end of class. For older kids, especially high-school age, just use the questions as discussion starters.)

Review my lesson titled, “Conviction or Condemnation” to be able to give your students tools to recover from the Enemy’s accusations. Then briefly mention your insights after the two questions about Accusation. Promise to give them more thorough information when you teach that lesson next week.

When studying the section on temptation ask the kids what are some things they are tempted by?

While reviewing “The good news about temptation:” from 1 Corinthians 10:13 you may mention temptations that kids their age struggle with: drugs, lust, disobedience, stealing, etc. Note that even hormonal urges, though powerful, can be controlled.

Discussion questions: People in their lives they trust are their parents, pastors, teachers, and friends. They might even trust people on TV, what is said in documentaries and text books, and many Internet sources. Parents are usually trustworthy. However, in many cases they should question what they hear from pastors, friends, and even from you. They can only really do this if they have another trusted source of information to compare to. Of course, most kids do not have the capacity to do this yet but as the saying goes, “*Fore warned is fore armed.*” Encourage them to read the entire Bible so they test what they hear. To continue this discussion follow up with my lesson on “Discernment” and Spotting Counterfeits.”

Close with Prayer:

Always ask the kids for prayer requests for the next week. Check how things have turned out from the previous week’s concerns. Listen closely to their concerns to determine if there are any serious issues you need to take action on.