

9. Jesus Used the Sword

Teachers' Instructions

OBJECTIVES:

Jesus is our perfect example. When tempted by Satan, He quoted from the OT scriptures. We need to likewise, know and be able to quote scriptures when we are tempted. Perhaps not aloud, but in our minds, we can say them. If your students are learning the memory verses, they will be helped in time of need.

Lesson:

Students will learn how Satan tempted Jesus, and He quoted scriptures. Be sure they understand the importance of reading the Bible and memorizing Bible verses. Be sure you also memorize scriptures.

Activities:

Multiple Choice: 1-c; 2-c; 3-a; 4-b; 5-b; 6- a

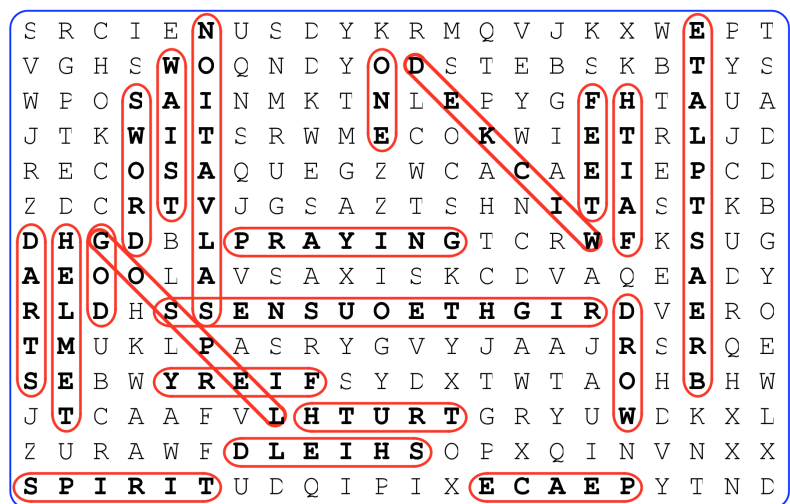
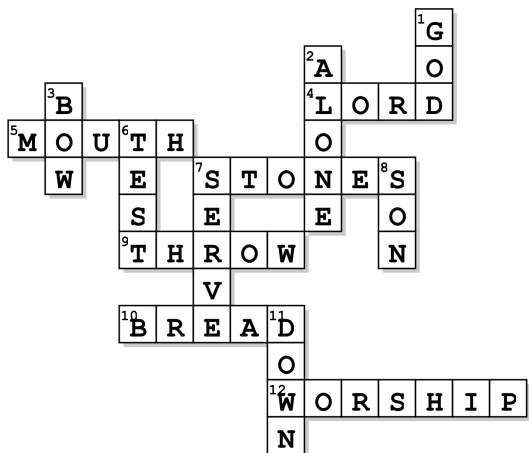
Blanks: 1 – living, powerful, sharper, two-edged, sword, piercing, discerner, thoughts, intents, heart
2 – fire, hammer, breaks, rock 3 – pure, silver, purified 4 – lamp, feet, light, my, path

Crossword Puzzle:

Younger students can be helped with the crossword puzzle if you use the pages that provide the printed out words. Or you might prefer to print the answers on a chalk board or marker board. Older students should be able to spell the words without assistance.

Word Search:

The word search is best for older students, as it uses many backward or upside down words.



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Jesus was tempted just as we are, but He never sinned. Even so, Jesus quoted scriptures to Satan when He was tempted. The Bible is the sword.

After Jesus was baptized by John, his cousin, He went to the wilderness and did not eat for 40 days. That is hard for us to imagine. You have probably never gone one whole day without eating. We often say, "I'm starving," when we really don't know what it means to be starving.

After the forty days, the devil came to Jesus and told Him to turn stones into bread. Of course, He could have done it! Instead, Jesus quoted scripture, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4).

Then Satan took Jesus to a very high spot on the temple, and tried to get Him to jump off, because God would send angels to save Him so He would not be hurt. Jesus replied, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God'" (Matt. 4:7).

One last time Satan tried to trick Jesus. He took Him to a high mountain and told Jesus that he, the devil, would give Him all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would bow down and worship Satan. Jesus said, "Away with you Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve'" (Matt. 4:10).

All three times Jesus repeated, "It is written." Jesus knew what the Bible said. We need to learn Bible verses so we will know how we can defeat the devil when we are tempted to sin. After Satan left, the angels came and comforted Him. Christians who learn what the Bible teaches are less likely to sin when they are tempted. We can read Bible verses every day.

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Underline the correct answer:

1. Who baptized Jesus?

- a. James b. Peter c. John

2. How long did Jesus go without eating after He was baptized?

- a. 10 days b. 20 days c. 40 days

3. How many times did Satan tempt Jesus after Jesus fasted?

- a. three times b. four times c. five times

4. Every time Jesus said,

- a. You are evil b. It is written c. Leave me

5. Satan wanted Jesus to turn what into bread?

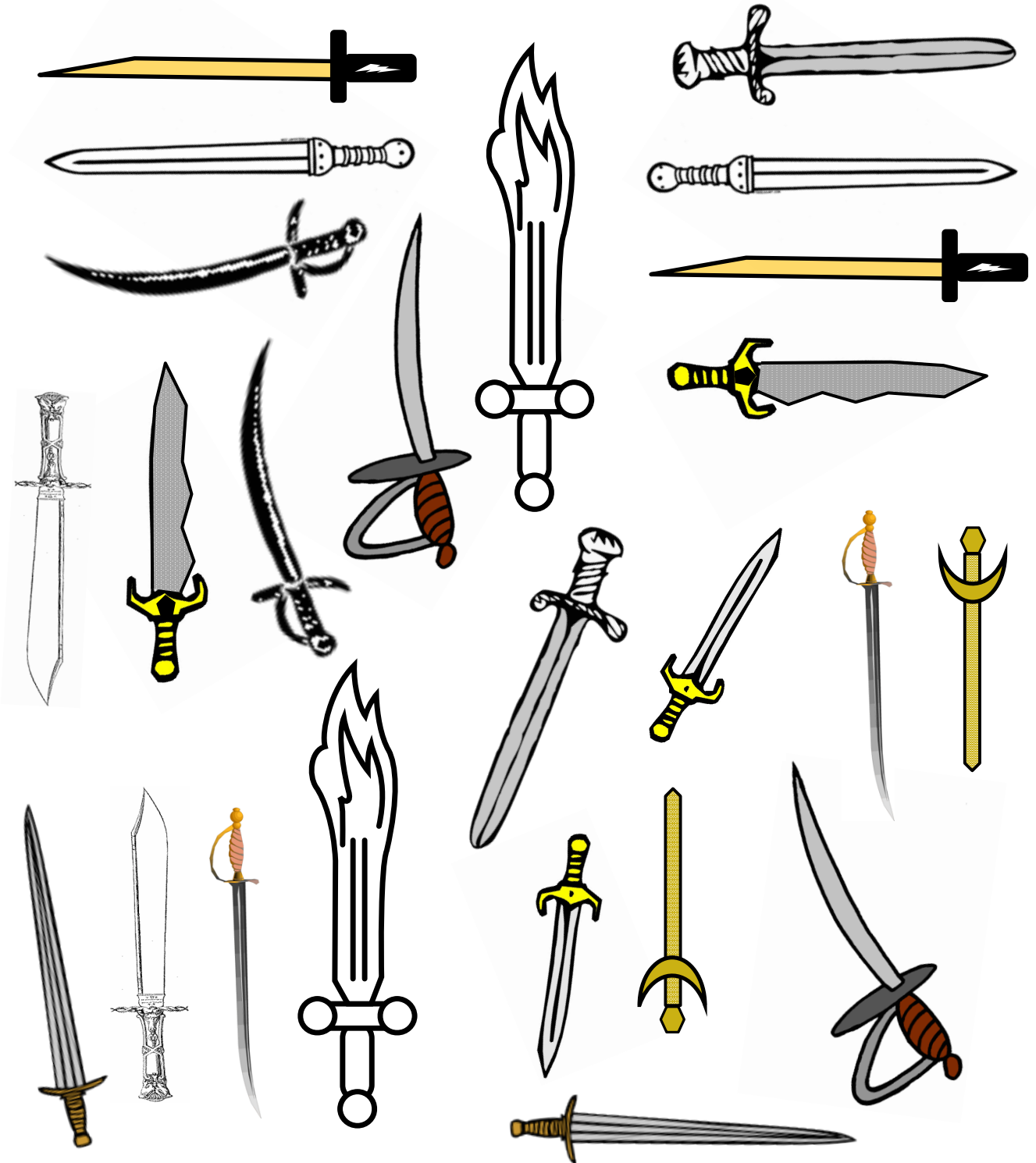
- a. Dirt b. Stones c. Weeds

6. What is the sword that is part of our Christian armor?

- a. The Bible b. A bomb c. A weapon

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Every sword below has one exact match. Find the pairs that are the same. Look carefully, as some of the swords are very similar, but not exactly alike.



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Fill in the blanks

The word of God is compared to a sword as part of the Christian armor in Ephesians 6:14-17. Look at the scriptures below to see what else God says about His word.

1. God's word is compared to a sword again in Hebrews 4:12.

"For the word of God is _____ and _____,
and _____ than any _____- _____
_____, _____ even to the division of the soul
and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a _____
of the _____ and _____ of the
_____".

2. The prophet Jeremiah wrote this about God's word: "Is not My word like
a _____?' says the Lord, 'And like a _____ that
_____ the _____ in pieces?'" (Jeremiah 23:29).

3. Psalm 12:6 says: "The words of the Lord are _____ words, Like
_____ tried in a furnace of earth, _____
seven times".

4. Psalm 119:105 calls God's word "a _____ to my _____ and a
_____ into _____".

9. JESUS USED THE **SWORD**, **THE WORD OF GOD**, WHEN SATAN TEMPTED HIM

After Jesus was baptized by John, he went into the wilderness and fasted (did not eat) for forty days. Then the "tempter," Satan, went to Jesus. Use the missing words from Matthew 4 in the crossword puzzle:

1. Verse 3: The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the ___ ___ (8D) of ___ ___ (1D) tell these ___ ___ ___ (7A) to become ___ ___ ___ (10A).

Can you imagine how hard it must have been for Jesus after he had not eaten for 40 days? After just one day of no food, it would be hard for us to resist. But Jesus used the **sword**, and quoted the **Word of God** to the devil:

2. Verse 4: "**It is written**: 'Man does not live on bread ___ ___ ___ (2D), but on every word that comes from the ___ ___ ___ (5A) of God.'" Jesus quoted from the Old Testament, so Jesus said the words in the Old Testament came from God.

3. Verse 5,6: They went to a high point on the temple, and Satan said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, ___ ___ ___ (9A) yourself ___ ___ ___ (11D). Satan wanted Jesus to abuse the OT teaching in which God said the angels would protect Jesus.

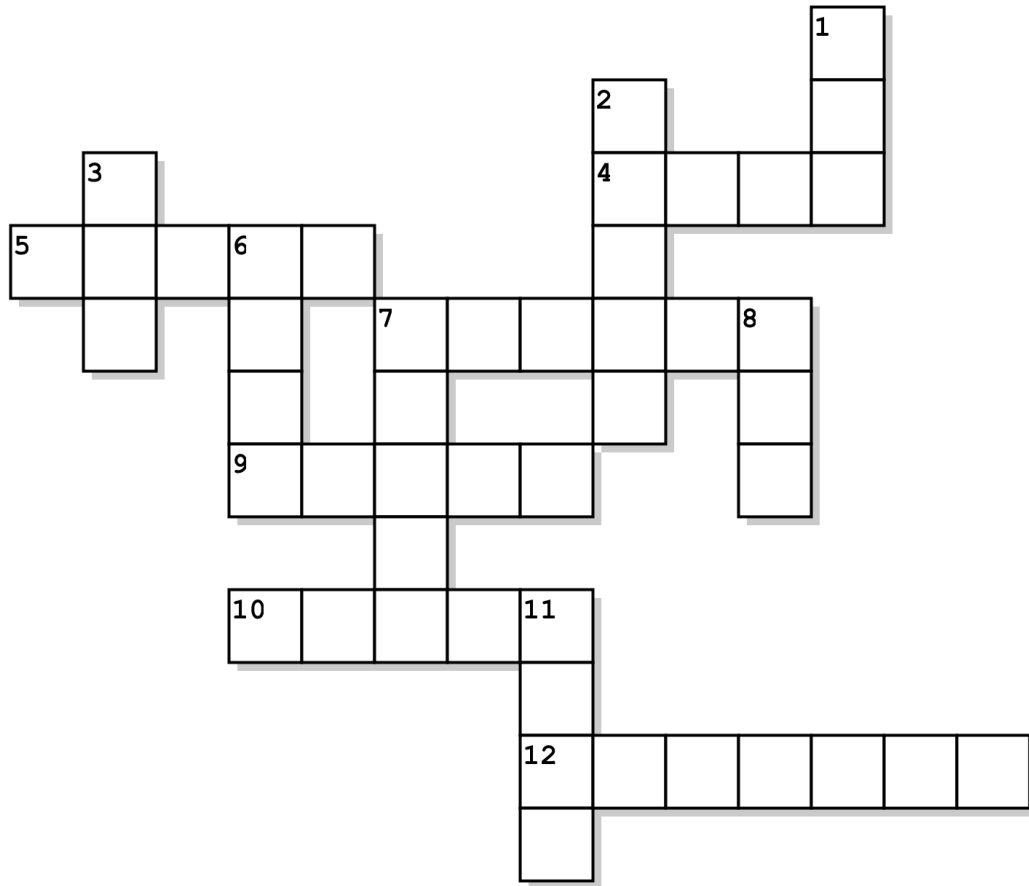
4. Verse 7: Jesus knew this was NOT what God wanted. He said, "**It is written**, 'Do not put the ___ ___ ___ (4A) your God to the ___ ___ ___ (6D).'"

5. Verse 8,9: The devil and Jesus went to a high mountain where Jesus could see the kingdoms of the world. The devil again tempted, "All of this I will give you if you will ___ ___ (3D) down and ___ ___ ___ ___ (12A) me.

6. Verse 10: Jesus told him, "Away from me, Satan! **For it is written**: 'Worship the Lord your God and ___ ___ ___ (7D) him only.'"

When the devil left, angels came to comfort Jesus. Do you see how Jesus repeatedly used the **scriptures** to defeat the devil? That is what we must do. And that is why we need to memorize **scriptures**!

9. JESUS USED THE **WORD**



#1

8 Down: SON

1 Down: GOD

7 Across: STONES

10 Across: BREAD

#2

2 Down: ALONE

5 Across: MOUTH

#3

9 Across: THROW

11 Down: DOWN

#4

4 Across: LORD

6 Down: TEST

#5

3 Down: BOW

12 Across: WORSHIP

#6

7 Down: SERVE

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By now you should have memorized the first three verses given below from Ephesians 6. Fill in the words you already know, and then look up those you have not yet memorized. Find the words in the Word Search below.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your _____ with _____, having put on the _____ of _____, **15** and having shod your _____ with the preparation of the _____ of _____; **16** above all, taking the _____ of _____ with which you will be able to quench all the _____ of the _____. **17** And take the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the _____, which is the _____ of _____; **18** _____ always

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