

Lesson 2

Temptation, Sin, and Choices

Lesson Objectives

- Realize that Satan always tempts people not to follow Jesus.
- Understand that God has given us free will.
- Carry the responsibility for our choices.

Lesson Summary

Satan tempts us to do wrong, but we can learn how to make good decisions and avoid evil.

Lesson Plan

Introduction (Minutes 1-10)

- Pray the Opening Prayer together.
- Review the Introduction.
- Show a video or song.

Review Point 1: Temptation and Sin (Minutes 10-15)

For Additional Reflection:

- Ask the students: What are some examples of sins?
- Follow-up question: Why do you think God forgives us even when we sin?

Review Point 2: Blame and Knowledge (Minutes 15-20)

For Additional Reflection:

- Explain free will to the students.
- Ask the students: Is it hard to accept blame when you do something wrong? Why?

Review Point 3: Making Good Choices (Minutes 20-25)

For Additional Reflection:

- Discuss why it's important to make good choices.

Activity: Choose 1 or 2 (Minutes 25-30)

Activity 1: Garden of Eden Skit (Minutes 25-30)

Read through the story of the Garden of Eden and the serpent in the Climbing the Mountain section on page 35. In a small group, act out the scene together.

Answer Key:

- Answers will vary.

Activity 2: Step Forward/Step Back

Stand in a line. The teacher will read a situation. Step forward if it's a good decision and step backward if it's a bad one.

1. Your mother asks you to clean your room. You do it. **(forward)**
2. Your little sibling wants some of your ice cream. You eat it all yourself. **(back)**
3. There is a toy you want at the store. You sneak it out of the store in your jacket. **(back)**
4. It is time to attend the Sunday Divine Liturgy. You go with your family and pray. **(forward)**
5. Your grandfather needs someone to clean up the yard. You tell him you are busy but then go play video games. **(back)**
6. You do not like a student in your class. You still try to be nice to them. **(forward)**

Prayer and Role Model (Minutes 30-35)

- Pray From the Maronite Tradition together.

Complete Recall Section (Minutes 35-40)

1. Satan tempts people to do wrong. **True**
2. The first sin, also called Original Sin, is a one-of-a-kind sin committed by Adam and Eve. It has nothing to do with us. **False**
3. Because of free will, we can freely choose to do good or to do evil. **True**
4. All people who commit a sin have freely chosen to do wrong. **False**

Review Weekly Journal (Minutes 40-45)

For Additional Reflection:

- Ask the students to share one way they can avoid sin.
- Ask the students to think of one way they can better know God's will.

Closing

Pray the Concluding Prayer together.

Optional

Use the Climbing Mountain Section and Reaching the Summit Section.