

GOOD NEWS NOTES

Good News Notes are provided specifically with 4th-8th graders in mind as a way to help them follow along with the sermon. Anyone who finds them helpful is welcome to use them.

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The devil offers humanity shortcuts

Matthew 4:1-11

Why might we be able to relate to the Donner party's decision to take the "shortcut"?

How far back does humanity's love of shortcuts go?

1. They are tempting, but lead only to your destruction

When we read the Gospel text, we might naturally

_____ at the devil's attempts to tempt the Son of God. But when the devil offers us the same shortcuts, they don't seem quite as _____.

Where does the devil's shortcut to "live on bread alone" ultimately lead?

If we test God by living foolishly, we are primed to _____ in God entirely when the consequences come.

Why is the devil's shortcut to glory so tempting?

2. Christ refused them, which led to your victory

Christ being in the wilderness was all part of the _____

Adam's disobedience may have cursed us, but Christ's obedience makes us _____ before God!

What does the devil gain from getting us to take his shortcuts?

For me to remember:

The devil is a liar and a fool; he has nothing but the worst intentions for you. But Christ has your best intentions at heart! His perfect obedience, demonstrated in the wilderness, has become yours through faith!