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Dear Parent,

Christian parents want to talk about their faith with their children. But they often have difficulty getting started. Christ-Light will help! This year, when we study God's Word at school, your child will bring home a parent message containing a brief summary of the lesson and a suggested activity for you and your child to do together. In these lessons all Bible passages are from the New International Version and all hymnal references are to *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal* unless otherwise indicated.

Please use the parent messages to reinforce and apply what your child has learned about the Word of God.

May God bless you as you carry out the privilege and responsibility of Christian parenting!



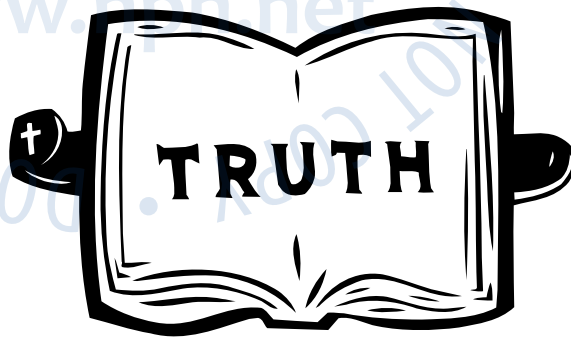
Dear Parent,

In our lesson today (Acts 13:4-12), we learned how Satan opposed the work of the gospel on the island of Cyprus. As Paul and Barnabas preached to the Roman governor of that island, the sorcerer Elymas tried to turn the governor away from faith. But God showed his almighty power by blinding Elymas and bringing the governor to faith in spite of this opposition.

Few people today believe Satan is real. Even fewer believe he is dangerous. He is the subject of jokes: a red man with horns and tail, more of an imp than the dragon the Bible calls him. Let's not be afraid to talk about Satan with our children.

- Satan is real.
- Satan is powerful and dangerous. He "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).
- Satan wants to destroy the church.
- Satan wants each of our souls for his own for all eternity.
- We are no match for Satan.

But let's also tell our children that, although Satan is stronger than we, our Lord and Savior is stronger than Satan. The eternal victory has already been won, and God continues to break Satan's evil plans and purposes. We continue in the faith, and we continue spreading the gospel—trusting in our all-powerful Savior and knowing that the kingdom is ours forever.



God Is Stronger



Read each statement below. If it is true, circle the letter in the **TRUE** column. If it is false, circle the letter in the **FALSE** column. The letters you circle will spell the answer to the question at the bottom of the page, showing that God is stronger than Satan.

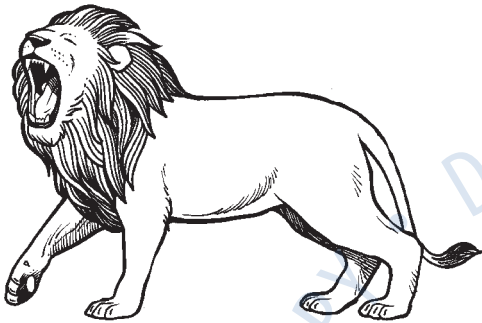
	TRUE	FALSE
1. God set apart Barnabas and Luke for mission work.	N	M
2. Barnabas and Paul went to the island of Paphos.	B	A
3. They preached in the Jewish synagogue.	K	J
4. In Paphos they met a sorcerer.	E	F
5. The sorcerer's name was Sergius Paulus.	G	H
6. The sorcerer, Elymas, worked for the governor.	I	Z
7. The governor, Sergius Paulus, wanted to hear the Word.	S	T
8. Elymas wanted the governor to believe God's Word.	D	C
9. Paul called Elymas a child of the devil.	H	M
10. Paul said Elymas wanted to do what was right.	P	U
11. Paul said Elymas would never need glasses again.	L	R
12. God made Elymas blind.	C	K
13. The governor never saw what happened to Elymas.	F	H
14. The governor believed the Word of God.	G	A
15. Satan is powerless against human beings.	C	R
16. God is more powerful than Satan.	O	B
17. God will bring people to faith in spite of Satan's opposition.	W	Y

What will God always do in spite of Satan's opposition?

Who Is the Devil?



The devil worked through Elymas to oppose Paul's preaching. The devil has been the enemy of God and of the church since the beginning of time. Read the following passages, and insert the correct word in each blank. The words are in the box at the bottom of the page.



1. Revelation 12:9 Satan is a great _____ .

As the leader of the evil angels, he rebelled against God and was thrown down from heaven. Now he leads the whole _____ astray.

2. 1 John 3:8 Satan is the author of evil. He has been _____ from the beginning.

3. John 8:44 He is a _____ and the father of _____.

4. Genesis 3:1 He spoke through a _____ to tempt Eve to sin.

5. Matthew 4:1 He even _____ Jesus to sin.

6. 1 Peter 5:8 Even now, he prowls around like a roaring _____ looking for someone to _____.

7. 2 Corinthians 4:4 He has _____ unbelievers so that they do not see the light of the gospel.

8. 2 Corinthians 11:3 He wants to lead believers _____ from their devotion to Christ.

9. Ephesians 6:11 We put on the full armor of God to fight against Satan's _____.

10. 1 John 3:8 Jesus appeared to _____ the devil's work.

11. Hebrews 2:14 Jesus' death destroyed the devil, who held the power of _____

12. Revelation 12:11 The _____ of the Lamb overcame the devil.

astray blinded blood death destroy devour dragon
lies lion murderer schemes serpent sinning tempted world

Talk Back!



James 4:7 tells us, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Imagine that Satan says each of the following statements to you. Resist him by responding with Bible truths.

1. I'm so powerful. Did you see how my son Elymas almost persuaded Sergius Paulus not to believe?

2. Did God really say, "Don't cheat on a silly math paper"?

3. Sinning just a little won't hurt anybody.

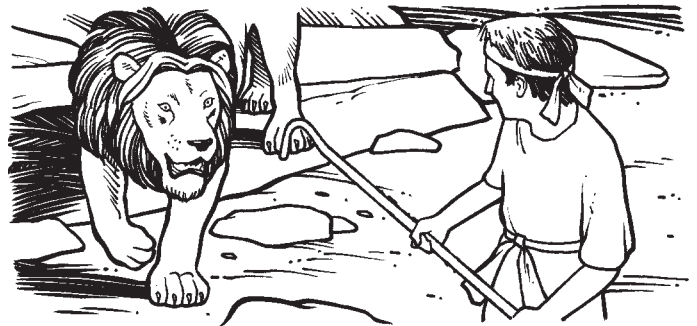
4. I am stronger than you.

5. I will take you to hell with me.

6. Why don't you start reading your horoscope or playing with a Ouija board?

7. Why do you follow God? It's no fun.

8. I don't really want to hurt you. I want to make you happy.



Dear Parent,

In our lesson today (Acts 16:16-40), we learned that God gave Paul an opportunity to spread the gospel and then worked through Paul's message to bring a family of unbelievers to faith. Paul and Silas had been imprisoned in Philippi. As they sang hymns, an earthquake struck and freed them. When the jailer saw that they had not escaped, he asked them what he had to do to be saved. Paul told him simply to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We also talked about the opportunities God gives us to spread the gospel. Discuss with your children how they might use opportunities like the following to spread the gospel:

- eating and sleeping at the house of a friend who doesn't pray
- telling some friends that a relative has died
- answering a friend who asks, "Why won't you go fishing Sunday morning?"

The most routine situations and conversations may become opportunities for us to spread the gospel. Let's ask God to help us recognize and use these opportunities to share his good news, that he may use us to accomplish his holy will. "God our Savior . . . wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3,4).



God Gives Opportunities



Write the correct word in each blank. The circled letters will complete the sentence at the bottom of the page.

1. God's missionary to the Gentiles was _____.
2. Paul's partner was _____.
3. Paul and Silas met someone who could tell the _____.
4. She was a slave _____ who was possessed by a spirit.
5. When Paul cast the spirit out, her _____ were angry.
6. They brought Paul and Silas to the authorities in the _____.
7. Paul and Silas were thrown into _____.
8. Their _____ were put into stocks.
9. Suddenly, an _____ shook the prison.
10. All the chains fell off, and the _____ came open.
11. Paul and Silas had been praying and _____.
12. Paul stopped the jailer from killing himself with his _____.
13. The jailer asked, "What must I do to be _____?"
14. When God brought the jailer to faith, Paul _____ him.
15. The jailer was joyful because he now _____ in God.
16. Paul and Silas were told to _____ the prison.

WHEN GOD GAVE PAUL THE OPPORTUNITY,

_____ **THE** _____.

In Your Own Words



The following memory treasures have been divided into phrases. Put each phrase into your own words.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before men,

that they may see your good deeds

and praise your Father in heaven.

How I can do this today?:

1 Timothy 2:3,4

God our Savior . . . wants all men to be saved

and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

I hope this person will learn the truth:

1 Peter 3:15

Always be prepared to give an answer

to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect.

If someone asked me today why I seem so different from others, I would say:

Help Me Spread the Gospel!



Like Paul, we need God's help to spread the gospel. Finish each prayer below.

Help me spread
the gospel at . . .

Help me talk about
you to . . .

Give me courage
when . . .

Strengthen my faith
so that . . .

Thank you for . . .

When I don't know
what to say, please . . .

**Dear
God, . . .**