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Son of Adam

Part One: Family History

Luke 3:23-3:38

This is the family history, or genealogy, of Joseph. Does your family have a written genealogy?¹

LOOK OVER the Text

1. This is a shortened version of the genealogy from Jesus. It goes all the way back to the first human and God himself. Some of the names are very famous. Look for these names before you read, and underline them in the text.

Joseph was Jesus' legal father.²

David was the great King of Israel³

Abraham was the father of the nation of Israel⁴

Noah and his family were faithful to God. They were the only ones who were saved in the Great Flood.⁵

Adam was the first human, the son of God.⁶

2. Read Luke 3:23 and look over the rest of the text.

3:23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph the son of Heli, 3:24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, 3:25 the son of

¹ Talk about your family. Tell a story about your grandparents.

² Luke 3:23 helps to explain this, but you can also read Luke 1:26-35.

³ See the book of II Samuel.

⁴ Genesis 18:18

⁵ See Genesis 6-8.

Mattathias, ... the son of Nathan, the son of David, 3:32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, ...3:34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor...3:36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ...3:38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. NIV

LABEL the Text

3. What do we learn about Jesus from this genealogy? Write the words from the text and any other thoughts.

Part Two: The Temptation

Luke 4: 1-13

The first book in the Bible tells the story of the creation of the world and of the first humans.⁷ God created humans so they could know Him personally.⁸ He put the first man and woman in a garden, and gave them everything they needed. God gave them one rule: “You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” However, the woman met Satan in the garden. Satan is the old enemy of God.⁹ Satan came in the form of a serpent, or snake. He told her to eat from that tree. He said that she could be like God. She listened to Satan, and disobeyed God. Read about this in Genesis 1-3, or in the background paper, “The First Humans.”

The Bible calls disobedience “sin.”

The Bible calls the serpent, “Satan” or “the devil.”

⁶ See Genesis 1-5. God created Adam from the dust of the earth.

⁷ See the background paper from the first lesson, “The First Humans.”

⁸ They were created in His image or likeness, Genesis 1:27.

⁹ God created Satan as an angel, but Satan rebelled (turned away) from God. Angels who followed Satan are called demons. They cannot turn back to God.

The Bible says that Satan tempted Eve. In this lesson, we will see Satan again. He comes to Jesus. Satan uses clever words to tempt Jesus, but Jesus is not like Adam and Eve. Jesus was tempted by the devil, but he did not sin.¹⁰

LOOK OVER the Text

1. The devil tempts Jesus three times.¹¹ Before you read, look for the words “Jesus” and “the devil.” Underline the words each time. This will help you see the three temptations and how Jesus responds to them.
2. Read Luke 4: 1-13 together.

4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,¹² returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 4:2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days,¹³ and at the end of them he was hungry. 4:3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’”¹⁴

4:5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms¹⁵ of the world. 4:6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor,¹⁶ for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 4:7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

4:8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”¹⁷

¹⁰ Hebrews 4:15, and I Peter 2: 22

¹¹ This happened right after Jesus was baptized.

¹² The Holy Spirit is God’s spirit.

¹³ Jesus was fasting. Fasting is a time when you do not eat so that you can think more about God

¹⁴ This is a quote from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:3.

¹⁵ A kingdom is a nation or an area ruled by a king.

¹⁶ Splendor is beauty and riches. The word has the idea of shining like gold.

¹⁷ This is a quote from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:13.

4:9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 4:10 For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 4:11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”¹⁸

4:12 Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”¹⁹

4:13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. NIV

LABEL the Text

3. Draw a line / to show where the first temptation begins. Draw lines to show where the second and third temptations begin. Put a star ☆ at the end of each temptation.
4. Luke 4:1-2 tells us the setting. Ask your partner observation questions. Make notes in the text.
Who? What? Where? How long?
5. How is Jesus feeling? Underline the words that tell you in Luke 4:1-2.

LINK to the Old Testament

We are going to compare the temptation of Adam and Eve with the temptation of Jesus. Divide into four groups. Read your section again and answer the questions below.²⁰

Group 1: The first temptation of Jesus (above)

Group 2: The second temptation of Jesus (above)

Group 3: The third temptation of Jesus (above)

¹⁸ This is a quote from the Old Testament: Psalm 91:11, 12.

¹⁹ This is a quote from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:16.

²⁰ If you have a small group, just study the three temptations. Your leader can report on Adam and Eve. If you are working alone, study one section or all of them.

Group 4 :The temptation of Adam and Eve, Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-6, or read the background paper, “The First Humans,” on pages 14-16.

Study Groups I am studying with Group _____

What is the devil suggesting?

Why is this tempting?

How does Jesus respond? (or Eve?)

Share your answers with the other groups.

LEARN from the Text

6. What could Satan do to Jesus?

7. What do we learn about Jesus from this text?

LIVE What you Learn**Discuss one of these questions:**

1. Satan tempted Jesus because Satan wanted to stop God's plan. If you were God, would you let Satan tempt Jesus? Why or why not?
2. What do you do when you are tempted?
3. Can you sin without DOING anything? What are some examples of sin? You can compare your list with God's list. See the background paper, "God's Laws."

Consider this:

Satan did not win. Jesus did not "give in" to the temptations. This made Jesus stronger. Satan tempts him again at another time, but Satan never wins.

Since Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are, he is able to understand our weakness. "And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.²¹ But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."²²

**The Final Word**

“[Satan] 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.”

Jesus' words in John 8:44 NIV.

²¹ One meaning of "to bear" is to carry. "Beyond what you can bear" is more than you can manage or put up with.

²² The quote is from 1 Corinthians 10: 13b. Also see Hebrews 4:15.

God's Laws

God made the universe and everything that is in it. He made laws to govern the universe. What are God's laws? Why is it important to obey them?

God's Natural Law

This is the system of laws that hold our universe together. God's natural laws have not changed from the beginning of the universe. There's the law of gravity, for example. If you drop a book, it will fall to the ground. We can try to disobey God's natural law, but we will only have trouble.

God's Moral Law

This is the system of laws that show us what God is like and what he wants people to be like. With God's moral law, he has given us a choice. We can choose to do what God wants or to disobey Him. However, if we try to disobey God's moral law, we will only have trouble.

The Ten Commandments

God gave Moses, the leader of the Hebrew people, the Ten Commandments, laws for living. Read about them in Exodus 20:1-21 and Deuteronomy 5:1-21.

- 1 I am the Lord your God...Do not put other gods before me.
- 2 Do not make an idol. Do not bow down to idols or worship them.²³
- 3 Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God.²⁴
- 4 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.²⁵ Six days you shall do all your work, but on the Sabbath day, you shall not do any work.
- 5 Honor and respect your father and your mother.
- 6 Do not murder.
- 7 Do not commit adultery.²⁶
- 8 Do not steal.
- 9 Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.²⁷
- 10 Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.²⁸

²³ An idol is a statue or a picture of a god.

²⁴ We misuse his name when we use his name to say something bad or to help us look good.

²⁵ "Holy" means set apart for God.

²⁶ Only have sex with your own wife or husband.

²⁷ Do not lie. Tell the truth.

²⁸ To covet is to strongly desire to have something for yourself, something that is not yours, something you should not have.

