

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON

DATE: March 17, 2019

SUBJECT: THE LORD'S PRAYER—A Model: (7) Not Being Brought into Temptation, but Being Delivered from Evil (Jealousy) (4 of 5)

SCRIPTURES: Matthew 6:13a; Luke 11:4b; Genesis 4:1-16; Genesis 37:1-11; 1 Samuel 18:6-11; Daniel 6:1-24; [James 3:16](#)

AIM: For the children to recognize that Satan tempts us through jealousy and to help them learn how to resist him and his temptations.

SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSES TO CHOOSE FROM: 1 Corinthians 13:4a (Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous.); Romans 13:13a (Let us walk becomingly as in the day;...not in strife and jealousy.); Galatians 5:26 (Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.); [James 3:16 \(For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there disorder and every worthless practice are.\)](#)

SUGGESTED SONGS: 162 (Praise Him! Praise Him!); 53 (God Is Light); 9533 (Giving Thanks); 9522 (Everything We Do And Say); 9320 *Bible Story Songs Daniel Song #20* (We're Jealous of That Daniel); 9557 (I Love My Brother); 9524 *BSS Vessels Unto Honor #4* (What Kind of Giver?); 19 (When We're Kind to Others)

CRAFT IDEAS: (1) [A word-search with words from the Lord's Prayer series that we have covered so far \(see last page\)](#); (2) "Don't be jelly-ous" jellyfish craft ([instructions can be found on https://iheartcraftythings.com/colorful-jellyfish-craft-kids.html](https://iheartcraftythings.com/colorful-jellyfish-craft-kids.html))



BACKGROUND: In the model of prayer the Lord gave us, Matthew 6:13a says, "And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." We have been talking about some of the main ways Satan tries to tempt us, i.e., to be proud, or to be greedy and covet what others have. This week, we will see another way Satan tempts us—to be jealous.

APPROACH: Give out pieces of candy to all the children. See what reaction you get when you give the first child two pieces and the rest only one.

CONTENT: Satan's Temptations (continued)

III. To be jealous. *Jealousy* is to be envious and resentful over someone else's possessions, abilities, achievements, successes, traits, etc. Jealousy may cause us to be angry and even to hate a person simply because he or she has something we want or who gets what we think we deserve. Older ones in a family may become jealous of the attention that younger ones get or gifts they receive. Younger ones may become jealous of older ones when they get new clothing, more sophisticated toys, or bigger portions of food and extra dessert. We may get jealous of an outstanding student in our class or of those more popular or attractive than [we are or if they have their own iPad or cell phone or latest video game](#). Jealous feelings can start with something small; however, if we let [those jealous feelings grow](#), they can [become](#) anger, lying, or hate.

Note to serving ones: *It is not meant that all the details of the Scripture portions be given to the children. The portions are included to emphasize the matter of jealousy and can be told in a brief way as summarized above. For younger grades, we do not need to cover all the examples.*

Here are some [examples in the Bible](#) of [people](#) who allowed jealousy to grow in them and overtake them:

Cain (Genesis 4:1-16). Cain was provoked by jealousy and became very angry. God had rejected Cain's offering of the fruit of the ground because that was not God's way. In contrast, God had accept his brother Abel's offering of a lamb. Eventually, because Cain let those evil feelings grow, he killed his own brother, Abel. When Jehovah came to him afterward, he did not confess his sins. Rather, he lied to God. He did not feel sorry for what he had done, nor would he repent. Eventually, he chose to leave God's presence. Rather than becoming jealous, Cain should have turned his heart and repented to the Lord.

Joseph's brothers (Genesis 37:1-11). When his brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than them, and had made Joseph a coat of many colors, they hated their brother and could not speak peaceably to him. Furthermore, when the brothers heard Joseph's dreams, they became jealous of him. They eventually conspired to kill him, but ultimately sold him to a group of Ishmaelites. As a ploy to deceive their father, the brothers slaughtered a goat and dipped Joseph's coat in its blood. They had the coat brought to their father, leading him to believe that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast. Instead of being jealous, the brothers should have realized that their father cared for all of them. All of us are precious to our parents.

King Saul (1 Samuel 18:6-11). After David killed Goliath, King Saul took him into his service. Because David acted prudently on every mission that Saul sent him, Saul set him over the men of battle. As David returned one day victoriously, the women came out of all the towns of Israel singing and dancing to meet Saul the king. In their song, they praised David much more than they praised Saul. When Saul heard them, he was very jealous and angry. After this incident, he tried a number of times to kill David; however, the Lord was with David and protected him. Saul was jealous of David's success because he was self-centered and did not care for the good of God's people. He only cared that the kingdom remained his. If his heart had not been selfish, he would have been happy with David and encouraged him. After all, David's successes in defeating enemies were for the benefit of God's people.

The governors under Darius the king (Daniel 6:1-24). When Darius the Mede had taken over the kingdom of Babylon, he appointed a hundred and twenty governors over the kingdom. Over these, there were three chief ministers of whom Daniel was one. Daniel distinguished himself among the rulers and the king considered setting him over the whole kingdom. Because of their jealousy, the other rulers tried to find something with which to accuse Daniel. Finding nothing, they tricked the king into signing an edict (law): anyone who made a petition to any god or man besides the king would be cast into the lions' den. When the accusers told the king that Daniel was still praying to his God, the king tried to save Daniel, but the men reminded him that by law the edict could not be changed. So the king commanded that Daniel be thrown into the den of lions. The next morning, Daniel was found completely unhurt. Then the king commanded that those who had accused Daniel be thrown into the lions' den, along with their children and their wives.

SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM: *Please pray and fellowship over which applications to cover. Please do not try to cover all the applications. It is sufficient to cover just **one or two applications** which are appropriate for the age group of the children you are serving.*

- **We should love one another so that we do not become jealous.** 1 Corinthians 13:4a tells us that love is kind; it is not jealous. The Lord can help us to love one another and to take care of one another. We should regard others more excellent than ourselves and appreciate each other's virtues, looking for the good things in other people. Philippians 2:3-4 (Doing nothing by way of selfish ambition nor by way of vainglory, but in lowliness of mind considering one another more excellent than yourselves; 4 Not regarding each his own virtues, but each the virtues of others also.)

- **Not being jealous of our siblings.** Satan tries to tempt us to be jealous so that he can sow discord, especially within our families. We should be thankful to the Lord for the happy times we share with our families. We can try to contribute to a loving, appreciative atmosphere, rather than one full of competition and comparison. We *need one another* and we must learn to *love one another* while we are living together as one family. Older children must see that younger ones or sick ones in their families may be weak and helpless; therefore, they need more attention and care. Younger children should realize that their older brothers and sisters may get additional material items or privileges because they are growing up **and have different needs**. They need new clothing because their clothes and shoes may not fit anymore; they need to eat more because they are bigger; they may need to stay up later to complete their homework.
- **We should be happy for the success of others and even be inspired by them.** If someone in our class or on our sports team does well or does better than us, instead of being jealous, we should be happy and encourage them because it is for the good of all. We can demonstrate good sportsmanship. If one of our classmates is an outstanding student or popular/likeable, instead of being jealous, we should be inspired to study harder and to be a helpful and pleasant person.
- **We should not let feelings of jealousy grow.** When we feel jealous, we should pray and ask the Lord to help us. The Lord made us all in different ways with different abilities. We should not be jealous of others but be thankful to the Lord for how He made us and all that He gave to us.

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