

MATTHEW

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Read Together: **Matthew 3**



Talk about it Together: Jesus was tempted & calls his first disciples

After Jesus was baptized he went into a desert. There he fasted for forty days and forty nights, that means that for forty days Jesus did not eat any food. He did this so that he could focus on God instead of food. Jesus would have been weak and very hungry. Satan (God's enemy) comes to Jesus when he is weak and tempted him to sin against God. Satan Tempted Jesus 3 times. (Count to 3 together and hold up a finger for each temptation). First, Satan tempted Jesus with food because Jesus was hungry. Second, Satan tempted Jesus to test God. Jesus was all powerful but chose not to put God to the test. Third, Satan tempted Jesus to worship him instead of God. Satan told Jesus that he would give him kingdoms and power if only Jesus would worship Satan. But Jesus knew that we are to only worship God (Deut 6:13). Remember, Jesus is perfect! That means that Jesus never disobeyed God! But since he was tempted to sin, Jesus knows how you feel when you are tempted to sin. Jesus Left the desert to begin his great rescue of his people. But first, he would need some helpers. One day, Jesus was walking along a beach. (Have you ever been to a beach? What do you see at the beach?) Jesus saw some fishermen, they were brothers and their names were Peter and Andrew. They were throwing nets into the sea trying to catch some fish. Jesus says something funny to them. He says "follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (What does it mean to be a fisher of men? Men aren't fish.) Jesus was telling them that he had an important job for them. They would no longer search and hunt for fish to eat but they would have a special job. They would be one of Jesus' disciples. (A disciple is someone who would follow Jesus, learn about him, and tell others about Jesus.) Peter and Andrew drop their nets and followed Jesus. This happens again with two more men named James and John, they were in a boat fixing some fishing nets and Jesus called to them as well. Do you know what they did? They left their nets and followed Jesus too. They obeyed Jesus and followed him, they left their nets, their fish or food, and their income (how they made money) and went with Jesus.



Pray Together:

God, Thank-you that Jesus was tempted just like me and that he has provided a way for me to say to to sin. Thank you that he called men to follow him and be his disciples. Help me to follow you and obey your commands. We love you Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.



Sing Together: Jesus Loves Me