

HIS STORY PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 2.1: The Adversary

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 3:1

SUMMARY

In this lesson, we learn that Satan is real. He is not an imaginary spiritual force, but he has a history, personality, and ongoing work in the world. Throughout the Bible – primarily from Isaiah 14:12 and Revelation 12:3-10 – we learn that Satan was an angel who somehow battled against God and was thrown out of heaven, taking a third of the other angels with him as his demons. Currently, Satan is at work in the world to tempt (as a roaring lion) people and to bring them to his side and away from God. He is the source of all evil. From Satan's personal one-on-one temptation of Jesus, we see that he is deceptive and makes empty promises in enticing people to sin. Christians can fight against Satan by knowing the truth of the Scriptures and standing strong against him.



KEY VERSE:

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
(1 Peter 5:8)

KEY THOUGHT:

In Lesson 2.1 we learned that Satan is the adversary of mankind.

KEY WORD:

Adversary: person, group, or force that opposes and attacks

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- In the lesson, you learned that Satan was originally an angel. What happened to him and the other angels that followed him?
- In what ways is Satan's power less than God's power?
- In what ways is Satan like a roaring lion – as he is described in your key verse this week?
- What were some of Satan's strategies when he was tempting Jesus in the desert?
- How did Jesus answer Satan when Satan made up lies to Him and misquoted Scripture to Him?
- What is a simple example of how Satan goes about tempting us in our everyday lives?
- What are some ways that we can fight against Satan's temptations in our own lives?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?