

**26 February 2023** 

FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT

GOD'S WORD GIVES US STRENGTH





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. What does it mean to be tempted?
- 2. What helps you make the right decision?



## **BIBLE READINGS**

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

2nd reading

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**The Fall

Romans 5:12-19 Life through Christ

Gospel reading

Matthew 4:1-11

The temptation of Jesus

## DISCUSS

How did Jesus respond to the devil's temptations? What can we, as Christians, do to help resist temptation? What can we learn from Jesus' responses?



## **ACTION RESPONSE**

Genesis 2:15 says that God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to 'work it and take care of it.' Volunteer some time as a household to assist a neighbour with their gardening or outside cleaning, or to help maintain your church grounds or a local recreation area.



**PRAYER** 

Lord God, give us courage and strength when we are tempted. Help us to make the right decisions and stay strong in our faith. Amen.



# MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for giving us this day and our daily bread. Amen.



#### BLESSING

May God keep you safe with his life-giving words.

PEOPLE DO NOTLIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

MATTHEW 4:4



VERSE OF THE WEEK