

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

- 29 MARCH 2020 -

You may wish to use a special notebook to write about the passages we look at whilst we cannot meet together.

You can use this book to write prayers to God as well.

You can make a notebook out of spare sheets of paper; it doesn't need to be fancy.

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Jesus in the Wilderness – Matthew 4:1-11

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

These questions aren't a 'test', they are meant to help you think about the passage in a different way. Don't worry if you don't have any ideas about how to respond to them right away. Sometimes we might think and pray about a passage for a while before 'the penny drops' about something.

1. Jesus spends 40 days in isolation in the desert. When He is tempted, He relies on His knowledge of scripture (the Old Testament).
Why do you think Jesus spent this time in the desert before going out into the world to begin His ministry?
2. Jesus was tempted by food (v.3), testing God (v.6) and with power (v.8-9).
What are the temptations which might take us away from the way God wants us to live?

RESPONSE TASK:

If you like, here are a couple of ideas about how we can creatively respond to this passage.

1. Jesus was on His own in the wilderness. We are not. **Think about how you could encourage someone in their faith at this time.** This could be with a picture or Bible verse that you photograph and send to someone else.
2. The devil tempts Jesus and even uses verses of scripture out of context to try and trick him. Jesus understands how verses and passages fit together. **Choose a book of the Bible to read whilst we are unable to meet.**
For example, to learn about the life of Jesus choose a Gospel. To learn about how the early church was formed, choose Acts. If you like action, then maybe 1 or 2 Kings. For strong Biblical women, you might choose Esther or Ruth. Feel free to ask one of the Youth Leaders for more advice, if you're still not sure.