

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Tim's
February 10, 2008

Thank you for coming !

We are glad you joined us for our Gathering Service today.

During our Gathering Service,
you will learn about God, Jesus, and our church.
You will learn about why grown-ups do the things they do
each week during worship, and you will learn about
being a part of the congregation.
You will learn how you can share your gifts and talents,
and what your responsibilities are as a
full member of the St Tims church family.

Each week, we will try to follow this format:

**Sing-along with Linda
Welcome**

Opening Song "This is Where Children Belong"

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading—Matthew 4:1-11

Message—Listen to your "good angel"

Offering (Song is Linda's choice)

Offering Prayer

Announcements

Blessing prayer

Closing Song "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

You might be asked to choose the songs, help collect the offering, read the Scriptures, lead a prayer, or light candles.
We want you to feel like an important part of our Service!

Please share this bulletin with your family so
everyone can find out what you learned about today!

The lesson for today is:
Listening to your "good angel"...

The new season of Lent started on Wednesday. Lent is 40 days long, not counting Sundays. It ends at Easter, with Jesus' resurrection. The color of Lent is purple, and it is another time in the Church year for thinking and praying.

Lent reminds of the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness right after his baptism. He went away for a while to think and pray, to get ready for his ministry. The story today says that Jesus also fasted, which means that he didn't eat very much food. Sometimes going away by yourself, fasting, and praying are good ways to get closer to God, and to get ready for important projects.

While Jesus was in the wilderness, the story says that he was tempted by the devil. Some people believe in the devil, some people think that "the devil" is more like the little voice you hear telling you to do naughty things. Either way, Jesus was hungry and lonely, and he was tempted. He prayed hard to God to help him overcome the temptation. (That's like when you listen to your "good angel" or your conscience telling you which choice is the good one. It is always a good idea to pray to God when you don't know what to do.)

During Lent, people often "give something up" to remember that Jesus gave up some of his meals when he was fasting. Some people fast during Lent. Some give up candy or smoking, or saying swear words. Some people set goals to pray more, to read the bible more, or to exercise more. All of those things are good, if they help you become a better person.

So during Lent this year, take time and make time to be closer to God. Make choices that will help you become a better person, and change our world into a better place. Also pray to God, and remember to listen to your "good angel" when you are tempted!