

S.A.F.E. Homes



"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." - James 1:1-2

Temptations

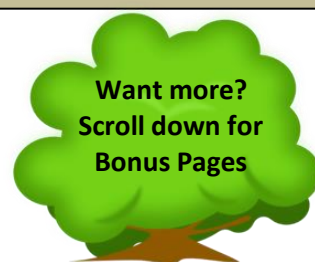
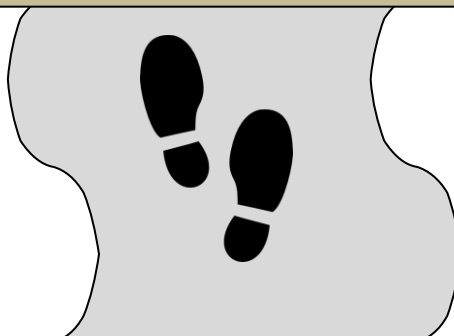
Rocks are everywhere! They line riverbeds, can be found on mountain peaks, on the bottom of the ocean and can even be found on the moon. The neat thing about rocks is that every one of them looks different; some are smooth, round, sharp, large or very small. They can also be found in a variety of colors and patterns. When we think about a rock we think about something that is solid, very hard, and somewhat indestructible; but that is not necessarily always true. Rocks are not unchangeable. The wind and rain, over time, rubs away the rough edges of the rocks, leaving them smooth and rounded.

In order for us to become strong and mature Christians, we often face temptations and trials that sometimes feel unchangeable and hopeless. We face a rain cloud here and a wind storm there, but these 'problems' in our lives often intentionally help us rub off all our rough edges, leaving us smooth and beautiful.

God knows just how much we can handle. He WILL give us the strength and the ability we need to resist temptation and get us through these trying times so that we can live in the strength of His Spirit. We can be confident in God's ultimate victory over evil!

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." - I Corinthians 10:13

Family Prayer: Thank you Jesus for always looking out for us and our best interest. Thank you for being such a faithful God and knowing exactly what we need. We love and trust You. In Jesus' Name, Amen!



Looking



Inward

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||| Make time this week for a visit outdoors to |||

||| gather a rock collection. Make sure each family |||

||| member has the opportunity to collect a special |||

||| rock to paint or decorate. Make a special place |||

||| for your rocks, such as a shadow box, or a |||

||| decorated poster board. Discuss why you think |||

||| each rock was the shape/size/color it was. What |||

||| forces probably caused each rock to look the way |||

||| they did? |||

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Let's talk

We do not always conquer a temptation for it to never come back again. The enemy will try to wear us down by bringing up the same issues in our lives. How have past experiences helped you to be stronger for future battles? What would you do differently?

S.A.F.E. Homes Strategy

Discuss ways to protect your homes from letting worldly temptations in. How can parents and children contribute to the strengthening of the biblical values used in the S.A.F.E. Homes vision statement?



Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

Read Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13

In the book of Matthew, what name was given to the devil?

Does the enemy fight fair? When did he come against Jesus?

During the first temptation, how did he try to appeal to Jesus' weakness?

Did Jesus fight the devil physically? How did He respond to the temptation? Did the devil go away peacefully?

Satan also tried to tempt Jesus with the lust of the eye. When he took Him to an exceeding high mountain, what did He see?

The devil insulted Jesus' pride by questioning Him how?

After the third rebuke, what did the enemy do? How was Jesus comforted?

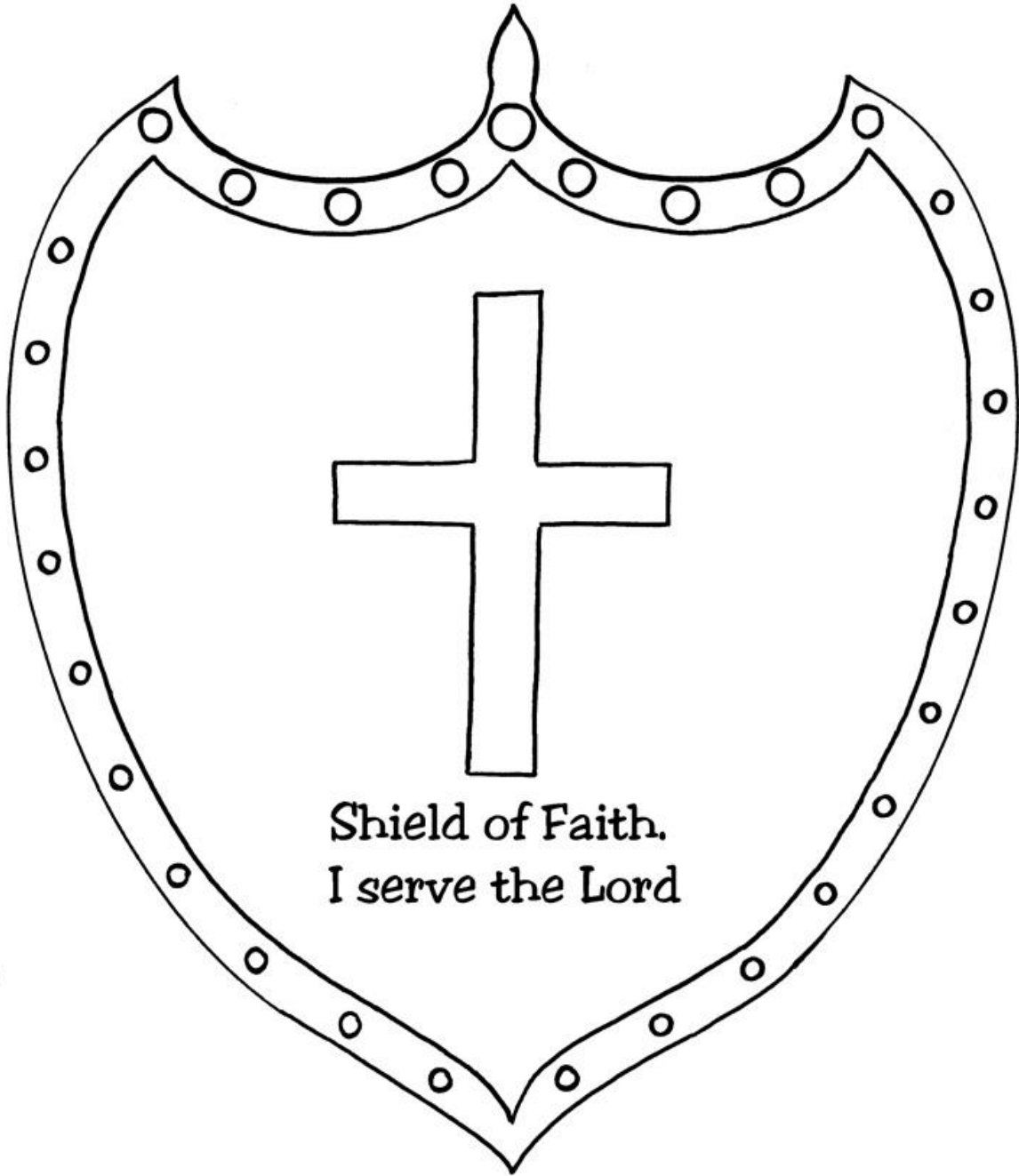
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Shield of Faith.
I serve the Lord