Ambassadors Year 2



Dear Second Year Ambassadors:

We are glad to know that you desire to go deeper in your faith another year with the Ambassador Program of Kids Across America.

It is our intention and desire for you to benefit from these lessons to aid you in your growth as an Ambassador for Jesus Christ.

As you begin this program, we want to make you aware of the following:

- Each lesson is due by the 15th and 30th of each month. You will take a short quiz after each lesson and will find the link on the quiz page.
- Make sure that you are meeting with your learning mentor at least twice a month.
- If there is a memory verse with the lesson, be sure to memorize it. The more you hide God's Word in your heart the less you will sin against Him (Psalm 119:11).

This year we will be focusing on the theme of "LEARNING TO LIVE; LEARNING TO LEAD." May you enjoy each moment of your studies and the time you get to spend with your Mentor.

Sincerely,

Kids Across America Christian Growth Programs

2nd Yr. Ambassadors Lesson 13



4 Things God Wants You to Know

One of the great realities that you will face is that Satan (the devil) can't stand you. Satan does not want to be your friend and will do everything within his limited power to discourage you, distract you or detour you from God's plan for your life.

This lesson wants to help you become aware of these tactics and to live as a **Victor** over Satan not a **Victor** of Satan. However, there are 4 Things God wants you to know and practice. Be sure to memorize these verses to use when Satan tries to discourage, distract or detour you.

#1 I Am Saved

"This is the record that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life."

1 John 5:11, 12

One of the first things Satan will do after you are saved is try to make you doubt your salvation. He may put thoughts like these into your mind:

- "How can anyone know they are really saved?"
- "You are still the same person because you look the same and you feel the same."
- "How can someone be saved by just praying a prayer?"

When Satan puts thoughts like these into your mind, what will your answer be?

You may think, "I know that I am saved because I feel different." But you may not feel all that different tomorrow. The way you know for sure that you are saved is by the

Word of God, and not by your feelings. Why? Because your feelings can change but God's Word never changes. No matter what!

So let's look at what His Word says about Salvation. Look back at the verse above, "He that has the Son has life." If you have Jesus in your heart you have the <u>promise of eternal life.</u> No secret potion or phrase. Read 1 John 5:13 (yes, you need your Bible).

The Bible also teaches us that Jesus not only saves us but He keeps us forever: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish (or be lost)...." John 10:27-28.

So God wants you to know that when He saves you #1 You Are Saved.

#2 You Can Overcome Temptation

"There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able (to handle) but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it."

1 Corinthians 10:13

Here is another way Satan may attack you . . . your

SITUATIONS. Someone offering you drugs; get some quick cash scheme; a pretty girl pressing up on you; a young man offering you gifts for your body; cheating on a test that you didn't study for; that girl always eyeing you; the teacher disrespecting you or accusing you of wrong, etc...

Satan will come at you, but look at the meaning of the above verse:

"There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man..." This means other people are tempted with the same things you are tempted by. You are not the only one!

"God is faithful..." God always does what He says He will do. You can count on God, and you can be reassured that He is faithful to His promises.

Who will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able..." Ambassador, God has promised that <u>He</u> will never let you be tempted with or by more than you can handle. Even if you don't feel like you can handle it.

God's character will not allow you to go through more than what you are capable of dealing with. In other words, God will only allow you to be tempted by the things you can handle.

"But will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it." This verse tells you that God will always make a way for you to escape from temptation, so that you will not have to sin.

Sometimes Satan will try to make you think that you have sinned just because you had a bad thought or you

have been tempted to do some very bad thing. But **temptation is not sin.** The Lord Jesus was tempted many times but He never sinned. You sin only when you give in to temptation.

As long as you are in this world, you will be tempted. <u>But you do not have to</u> <u>Sin.</u> You do not have to give in to temptation. You also don't have to be afraid of Satan because Christ is living in you and He is stronger than Satan. Read 1 John 4:4.



#3 God will forgive Me When I Sin

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

Do you know that it is true that you do not have to sin? It is also true that there will be times when you will sin.

So what happens when you do what you know you don't have to do? Does this mean that God will put me out of the Family of God? No! God doesn't work like that. He hates sin but he loves you.

Sin displeases God especially when Christians have the power not to sin. However, God's Word tells us that when we sin we should do & know the following:

- Confess our sin- to inform God of my disobedient acts outwardly and inwardly (in my heart).
- God promises to clean us up from the sin that dirtied us.
- God makes me righteous again because of Jesus' death for our sins.

If you really love Christ, you will not want to keep doing the things which do not please Him. That's why prayer is critical for the Ambassador.



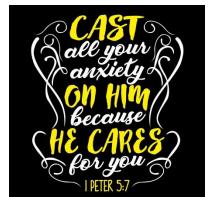
#4 God Hears and Answers My Prayers

Jesus said, "Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in My name He will give it to you."

John 16:23b

As you read scripture you realize that God said we will have many troubles and problems on this earth.

The scriptures teach us that God is our Heavenly Father, and He hears and answers the



prayers of His people. When you are struggling with your problems, the Lord tells you to pass them on to Him. "Cast all your care upon Me for I care for you." (1 Peter 5:7) Philippians 4:6 tells us to "be anxious for nothing but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

God does not promise He will give you everything you ask for. What He has promised is to give you peace with God (Philippians 4:7).

You can pour your heart out to God and He will hear and respond to you.

4 Things God wants you to know

- 1. You are saved
- 2. You can overcome temptation
- 3. You can be forgiven
- 4. Your prayers are heard

Now click here to watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson: https://youtu.be/Hgz2jAwlTgM

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Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: https://forms.gle/gRV1uHFjhMwEFizV6

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that were sent in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name:	

Instructions: Choose the best answer (a or b)

- 1. My enemy, Satan
 - a. can take me out of God's family when I sin
 - b. can never take me out of God's family
- 2. The way I know for sure that I am saved
 - a. is because I have such a good feeling
 - b. is by the Word of God
- 3. When it comes to temptation
 - a. God will always make a way of escape, so that I don't have to sin
 - b. some temptations are so great that I cannot stop sinning
- 4. When I sin
 - a. I should go to God at once and confess that sin to Him
 - b. I should try to do something good to make up for it
- 5. When I have a problem, I should
 - a. pray to my heavenly Father in Jesus' name
 - b. remember that God is too busy to care about my problems

Share the verses you memorized with your Mentor and keep hiding God's Word in your heart so you won't sin against Him.