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* Thinking back on Sunday, what stood out to you about this topic?
* What are Satan and demons?

**Isaiah 14:12-14, Revelation 12:7-9**

* Where did Satan come from?
* Do you think demons influence national leaders? How? According to Bible, yes.
* The bible tells us that demons try to harm people, daily, by inflicting suffering, luring people away from God, and paralyzing people with fear. How have you been hindered by the schemes of the evil one? Explain.
* Is the devil behind all that is evil?

**James 4:1-3, 5-6**

* According to James 4:1-3 – where does some evil come from – **THE FLESH**
* What do you think it means by our flesh and desires?

**James 4:4**

* According to James 4:1-3 – where does some evil come from – **THE WORLD**
* What do you think “the world” means here? (The world’s way of doing things.)

**James 4:7**

* According to James 4:6-8 who is behind the pride that shows up in our thought and attitude? – **THE DEVIL**

**James (half-brother of Jesus) gives Instructions for overcoming Satan**

How to overcome the Devil's influence

**1. Identify the sin in your life and your areas of temptation**

**James 4:1-2, 4**

* Are you an enemy of God? How would you know?

It can be hard to combat the one you are working with. When you chase your desires, you align with the enemy. When you love the way the world operates, you are an enemy of God.

**Romans 8:31**

Think about this - If God is for you who can be against you – AND - If God is against you who can be for you?

* Whose side do you want to be on? Why?

**2. Humble yourself before God**

**James 4:5-7a**

* What does it mean to humble yourself before God?

To acknowledge your weaknesses, sin, need, and his power and authority**.**

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* Is Jesus in His proper place in your life? How would you know?
* This is about turning to Jesus for forgiveness and Lordship!

**1 Peter 5:6-9**

* What is the first thing Peter says we are to do – to over come Satan?
* How do you think humility before God, defeats the enemy?
* What are some results of arrogant pride?
* What is the difference between humbling ourselves and being humbled by God?

**3. Resist the devil**

**James 4:7**

* What do you think resist the devil means?

Acknowledge Satan's existence- know his schemes and his ways - and don't do them, participate in them, but expose them. When we do this - he runs!

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* Are you inviting the devil’s presence in your life by your acceptance of his ways? (this works both ways)

**4. Pursue God**

**James 4:8-10**

* When it says “draw near to God” – what does that mean? Pursue God
* How do we do this?
* What does it mean to “wash your hands and purify your heart”?

Come clean about your sin before God.

* Verse 8 mentions doubleminded people. What does that mean?
* What are examples of being double minded?
* What do you think James means in verse 9?

Take it seriously – broken. We need to see the severity of our sin before God and how it affects others.

* What do you think “lift you up” means?

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