

# SABBATH SCHOOL

Level 4 • Unit 1 • Week 3

## SATAN THE GREAT DECEIVER

### OBJECTIVE:

To teach the student about the Day of Atonement. The student will learn that Jesus will bind Satan so that man can be AT ONE with God. Also, we will discuss why we fast—to be humble and learn that we are dependent on God for our physical life and dependent on God to enter His Kingdom.

### ATTENTION GETTER:

Satan the devil has deceived the majority of mankind. That is why he must be put away before humans can be AT ONE with God.

Why do people celebrate Christmas, Easter and Halloween? Nowhere in the Bible does God tell us to celebrate these holidays. Why don't people celebrate the Holy Days that God has commanded? The main reason is that Satan the devil has deceived people into doing what is wrong. To deceive is to make a person believe what is not true, to mislead. Satan is very clever and can fool people—even you and me if we do not stay close to God and live His way.

**Do:** Ask the class to name some other things that people do or believe that they think are right but are really wrong. [Ideas: Breaking God's laws (especially the Sabbath); practicing other religions and worshipping other gods; television violence; evolution; going to heaven (or hell) when you die; celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Valentines Day, etc.; believing Jesus had long hair.]

**Say:** I want to illustrate how our eyes can be fooled.

**Do:** Have the students do the following activity. Hold your two index fingers together right over your nose and look at them. Do you see a third finger in the middle? You have to cross or relax your eyes. Slowly pull your two fingers apart. Is the third finger floating? Can your eyes mislead your thinking?

**Do:** In advance cut out (or draw carefully on a white board) the figures below. In class, show the figures to the students. Ask if they can tell which figure has the longer horizontal line.

[Answer—The lines are the same length.] Can their eyes be fooled?



Which line is longer A or B?

### **BIBLE LESSON:**

#### **AT ONE WITH GOD**

Do: Read Leviticus 23:26-32.

What does Day of Atonement mean? The dictionary explains “atone” as making amends or making right something we did wrong, such as a sin. Atonement is the reconciliation, or bringing back together, of God and man. The word Atonement can be broken into three parts: AT+ONE+MENT or being at one with God. This day pictures the day that we will be at one with God. Not only will we be spirit beings with God, but we will also think as He does and be in agreement with His commands all the time.

Do: Ask the students how they can be more “at one” with God now on a regular basis. [Ideas: Not sinning, prayer, reading the Bible, following what God tells us to do, listening and learning in Sabbath school and church services, discussing biblical topics at home and helping others.]

#### **BEING CLOSE TO GOD**

We can be more “at one” with God now. But how will we get to the point of being perfect in God’s way of life? God defines sin as breaking His laws or the Ten Commandments (1 John 3:4). We all sin (1 John 1:8) and need to turn away from it. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ now and in the future. When He returns, He will get rid of Satan. Men will then be able to be “at one” with God.

One of the first things that Jesus will do when He returns to the earth is remove Satan as ruler. Jesus will bind or chain Satan in a bottomless pit (Revelation 20:1-3). Jesus will then be king over the earth. When He is our king, peace and happiness will cover the earth during His millennial (1,000-year) reign.

Satan deceived humans into sinning, starting with Adam and Eve. Satan has been the cause of sin from the beginning. Satan fooled Eve and she ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 3:2-6). Satan then got Eve to lead Adam to sin in the same way. Satan has deceived mankind into sinning from that time until now. When Jesus returns, He will place all the sins of mankind on the head of Satan where they belong.

Do: Discuss some of the sins the students can see in the world today and in history. [Ideas: Current wars; changing the Sabbath to Sunday; lack of respect toward God, using His name in vain, forms of idols; crimes; examples of their own friends lying or stealing; disobedience to parents.]

## THE TWO GOATS

Leviticus 16 tells us about two goats on the Day of Atonement. One goat was to be killed and the other was to be led away into the wilderness. The first goat that was killed represented Jesus and His sacrificed life for us. The second goat represented Satan. The priest would lay his hands on the second goat (called the scapegoat, or escape goat, because it was released in the wilderness) placing the sins of Israel on it. This represents when Jesus will place the sins of the world on Satan. The second goat would then be led away into the wilderness representing the time Jesus will send Satan away and an angel will chain him in a bottomless pit (Revelation 20:1-3).

## FASTING

Why do we fast on the Day of Atonement? Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:2). Leviticus 23:27 tells us to afflict our souls on the Day of Atonement. The word "afflict" means to humble ourselves. In Psalm 35:13 King David humbled or afflicted his body with fasting.

Fasting is going without food or water. A person can fast for a few hours or for days. We are to go without food and water from sunset to sunset on the Day of Atonement as God commands. Fasting teaches us that we depend on God for our physical life. If God did not provide us with food and water, we would die. Without rain, crops would not grow. Without grain, cattle would die. Eventually, all things would die if God did not provide us with rain. God also created the plants and animals we eat. Without them mankind could not exist. Fasting shows us how weak we really are without food and water. We must always trust in God to provide us with what we need.

## CONCLUSION

Satan has deceived the whole world. That is why we need to stay close to God. The Day of Atonement brings us closer to God now through prayer and fasting. When Jesus returns, Satan will be bound in a dark pit. Once Satan has been taken away, we will truly be AT ONE with God.

## Music:

Sing to the tune of "America the Beautiful."

Oh beautiful, God's master plan,  
For saving all mankind.  
The Feast we keep, draws us to God,  
And Satan He will bind.

Oh Church of God, oh Church of God,  
May God's grace shine on thee.

And help us grow,  
Your work to know,  
For love You give us free!

## **MEMORY VERSE:**

Revelation 20:2 "He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years."

## **LESSON APPLICATION:**

### TEN COMMANDMENT CHAIN

#### Materials:

- 9x12 inch construction paper (light color)
- glue (one bottle per student)
- pens or pencils (one per student)
- Scissors (teacher only for setup)

#### Prepare in Advance:

Cut a light colored sheet of 9x12 inch construction paper into 10 1x9 inch strips. There should be one set of 10 strips for each student. The strips can be all one color or different colors, but should be light in color since the student will write on them.

Using the short form of the Ten Commandments below, have the student write one commandment on each of the 10 strips of paper. Glue the ends of the first strip together to make a chain link (make sure the writing is on the outside of the strip). Take the next strip and link it with the first strip and glue its ends together forming a chain. Repeat the process with all 10 strips until the chain is complete. The strips can be glued in the right order or any order, depending on the preference of the teacher.

Tell the students that this chain represents the chain that will bind Satan in the dark pit. Satan has caused man to sin, and sin is defined as breaking God's Commandments. Jesus will lay the sins of mankind on Satan just as the chain will bind Satan.

#### Ten Commandments (short form)

- You shall have no other gods before Me.
- You shall not make any idols.
- You shall not use the Lord's name in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
- Honor your father and mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not lie.
- You shall not covet.

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## THE POINT:

To teach the student about the Day of Atonement. The student learned that Jesus will bind Satan so that man can be AT ONE with God. Also, we discussed why we fast—to be humble and learn that we are dependent on God for our physical life and dependent on God to enter His Kingdom. We also learned that the Ten Commandments are like the chain to bind Satan.

## SCRAMBLED WORDS:

Unscramble the words below, then unscramble the circled letters to find the answer to the riddle.

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| OLVE    | ○ | □ | ○ | □ |   |   |   |
| USSEJ   | □ | ○ | □ | □ | □ |   |   |
| IRHTTYS | □ | □ | ○ | □ | □ | □ | □ |

Riddle: The opposite of die.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORY VERSE:

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# ANSWERS

## SCRAMBLED WORDS:

LOVE

JESUS

THIRSTY

Riddle: The opposite of die—LIVE.

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