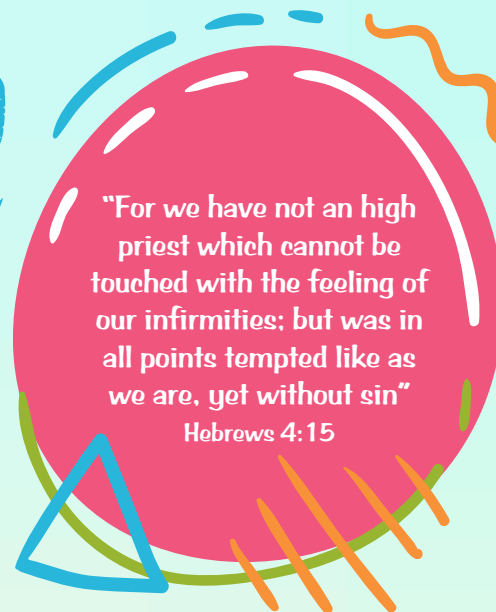


CHILDREN'S CORNER

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"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"
Hebrews 4:15

I'm sure you have all heard the nursery rhyme "London Bridge is Falling Down." This children's rhyme is a reminder of the problems connected with the strength and safety of London Bridge down through the centuries. Early versions of this bridge were made of timber and stone, several of which had to be replaced because of rot and cracks caused by the relentless ebb and flow of the River Thames. Then during the 1600's the bridge was also badly damaged by fire.

Today London Bridge is a modern, strong, reliable structure. Yet, during the building work, rumours spread that this new bridge would never withstand five lanes of heavy traffic. And so, prior to its opening, the authorities brought all the steamrollers they could find on to the bridge, not to destroy it, but rather to prove that it had the strength and ability to withstand the weight of all the traffic soon to use it.

Perhaps you are wondering what all this has got to do with the Bible. Well, at the start of His earthly ministry the Lord Jesus was led by the Spirit of God out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Now although temptation isn't a sin in itself, it can lead to sin. We need to ask the question, "Why tempt the Saviour who, being God, could never sin?" I believe that the Lord Jesus went through temptation, not to reveal some weakness, but rather to prove His absolute strength and trustworthiness as the Saviour of the world - just as all those steamrollers were brought along to show that London Bridge was strong and reliable. Londoners quickly knew they could now cross that bridge at any time without the fear of collapse, injury or death.

And so with the Saviour. He was tempted not only to show how to deal with temptation but to show us that He is

able to overcome all such temptation and sin. What's more, He is also able to forgive all those who fall into temptation and sin. Through His death on the cross, by trusting in Him alone, seeking His forgiveness we can be cleansed and made whole in the eyes of God. So the next time you sing "London Bridge is Falling Down" think about the Lord Jesus, His great strength, His overcoming power and what he can do for you as the Saviour of the world.



1. IDENTIFY THE RIVERS.
2. FIND THE LETTERS ASKED FOR IN EACH ANSWER
3. REARRANGE THEM TO FIND A MAN WITH A SPECIAL CONNECTION WITH THE RIVER JORDAN

- 2 Kings 5:12 - A river in Damascus with seven letters (letters 1 & 3)
- Psalm 137:1 - Beside the rivers of this place the people sat down to weep (letters 1 & 7)
- Genesis 2:14 - The third of the great rivers flowing toward Assyria (letter 2)
- Deuteronomy 2:24 - A river that was passed over (letter 4)
- Judges 4:7 - A river with a two word name (letters 4 & 9)
- 2nd Kings 5:10 - Naaman washed here seven times to get rid of his leprosy (letter 1)
- Exodus 7:19 - It was this land that had all its rivers turned into blood (letter 5)

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- » Andrew Dillon (Sandown)
- » Ruby Morrison (Mourne)



EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T WIN THIS TIME, PLEASE KEEP TRYING - MAYBE NEXT TIME!