

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf
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Small Group Study for Week of October 31 to November 6

The Big Idea

We should be aware of the devil along with what he is trying to do but we should not be afraid of him. One Christian with God is more than a match for the devil and all his forces.

Group Reads: Revelation 12:7-9

Questions:

1. The devil is called several names in this passage, what are some other names that you have heard?
2. There are various "artistic" depictions of the devil, that include such things as a red tail, pitchforks etc. How do you think the devil feels about people thinking of him in these ways?
3. What is the devil's part, God's part and our part in the war between good and evil?

Group Reads: 2 Corinthians 11:14,15

4. What do these verses tell us about how the devil tries to deceive us? Can you give examples of how he does this? How should we respond?

Group Reads: James: 4:1-9

5. There are certain characteristics Paul says we should have. What are they? Why are they used in the context of resisting the devil?
6. Why are some people scared of the devil? How do these verses help you in your understanding about how to think of the devil?
7. What else did you find helpful in these texts?

Group Reads: Matthew 12:43-45 and "It is funny how mortals always picture us (devils) as putting things into their minds: in reality our best work is done by keeping things out." CS Lewis Screwtape Letters page 25

Discuss

Conclusion: We are in a fight between good and evil but it is a fight that has already been won. What can we do individually and as a group to resist the devil and stay close to God? How does the following statement help? "The best way to get rid of darkness is by showing light."