



# Weekly Newsletter

January 19 - 23, 2026



## Weekly Academics:

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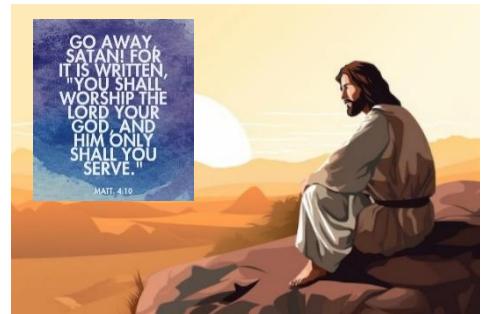
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Unit of Study: Woodland/Forest Animals & Hibernation

Bible Story: Temptations of Jesus

Big Idea: Jesus never sinned!

Bible Verse: "Worship the Lord and serve Him only." Deuteronomy 6:13



Progress Reports: Progress reports will go home at the end of next week.

Share Time: Children may bring one item related to the apples and/or harvest to share with the class this Thursday or Friday! **Please label your child's share item with their name.**

## Home Enrichment Activities:

- **Read the story of the "The Temptations of Jesus"** in a Children's Bible from Matthew 4. Remind your child that when they are tempted to do something wrong, God always gives us a way out.
- **Act out different woodland animals:** hop like a rabbit, hoot and "fly" like an owl, frolic like a squirrel, etc. Talk about what your favorite forest animals are and why.
- **Have fun using playdough with your child to form animals in winter:** use white playdough to form the snow. Use brown or black playdough to make a bear by rolling, shaping, and adding pieces of dough for the head, ears, legs, tail, etc. and talk to your child about each step. Shape some playdough into a cave for your bear to hibernate in! Enjoy forming other animals that hibernate in winter: bat, chipmunk, frog, box turtle, snake, skunk, bumble bee, snail, etc. Form a burrow or den for the other animals to "sleep" in too!
- **Take a family trip to El Dorado Nature Center.** Take a walk along one of the paths and see if you and your child can spot any animals that might live in the forest! Stop by the Visitor's Center to explore and learn about more animals that live in woods and forests!
- **When tucking your child into bed, ask them what kind of animals hibernate.** (Examples: bear, bat, chipmunk, frog, box turtle, snake, skunk, snail, etc.) After a quick discussion about what hibernation means, ask your child to pretend they are "hibernating" tonight when they go to sleep.



God bless you!