

BUILDING BLOCKS

Part 4

Who is the Enemy?
Our Adversary the Devil

Lots of the stories we grow up with and love have big, bad villains. The difference between a Disney villain or a comic book villain and *our* enemy? **He's real.**

- ➔ Satan & the devil (Rev 12:9)
- ➔ The accuser (Rev 12:10)
- ➔ The dragon (Rev 12:17)
- ➔ Your adversary (1 Pet 5:8)
- ➔ The god of this world (2 Cor 4:4)
- ➔ The thief (John 10:10)
- ➔ A roaring lion (1 Pet 5:8)



While there's a whole lot we *don't* know about our enemy, here's a few things we **do** know:

- ◆ He's been around for a _____ time (John 8:44)
- ◆ He's not _____
- ◆ He _____ Scripture (Matt 4:6)
- ◆ He's _____ (1 Pet 5:8)
- ◆ He wants to make _____ with the people of God (Rev 12:17)

But this is really important for you to understand:

the devil can't _____ you to do something wrong. He can't **make** you sin.



- ❖ The reason Jesus came was to _____ the works of the devil (1 John 3:8)
- ❖ _____ can extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one (Eph 6:16)
- ❖ He _____ be resisted (James 4:7)

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Even though the devil has been around for a long, long time, he is not equal to God. Our God is greater. Why is this really good news?
- Let's read Ephesians 4:25-26. How do lying and anger give the devil an "opportunity"?
- In 1 John 3:8, what do we learn about the devil? About the seriousness of sin? And Jesus, the Son of God?
- We'll have a whole lesson about the armor of God soon, but let's go back to Ephesians 6:16. What do we need to defeat this enemy? How does faith help us in the fight?
- In 1 Corinthians 10:13, what really important promise is made? What does this mean?
- Finally, let's read James 4:1-7 together. What do we need to be and do in order to win this fight against our adversary?