

Matthew 4:1-11

God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.
1 Corinthians 10:13

Readings this week:

- S Matthew 4:1-11
- M Luke 4:1-12
- T James 1:1-12
- W James 1:13-18
- Th James 1:19-27
- F James 4:1-10
- S James 4:11-17

Is it bad to be tempted by something?

Is it good to always have temptations in front of us?

Why is it relevant to us that Jesus was tempted during his life?

What practical things can you do to make sure that you get better at resisting temptations?

Please help me not to give in to temptations.

Look at Matthew 4:1-11 and fill in the table about Jesus' temptation.

What was Jesus tempted to do?

Why might he have wanted to do each of these things?

What mattered to him more?

Digging Deeper

Matthew and his Gospel

In this lesson you may have noticed that Matthew tells us that Jesus quoted the Old Testament when he needed to be reassured that what he was tempted to do was wrong. Matthew's Gospel refers more to the Old Testament than the other Gospels.

Look at these other passages - Matthew 1:22-23, 2:5-6, 2:15, 2:17-18, 2:23, 4:14-16.

His Gospel also starts with a genealogy. Matthew 1:1-17.

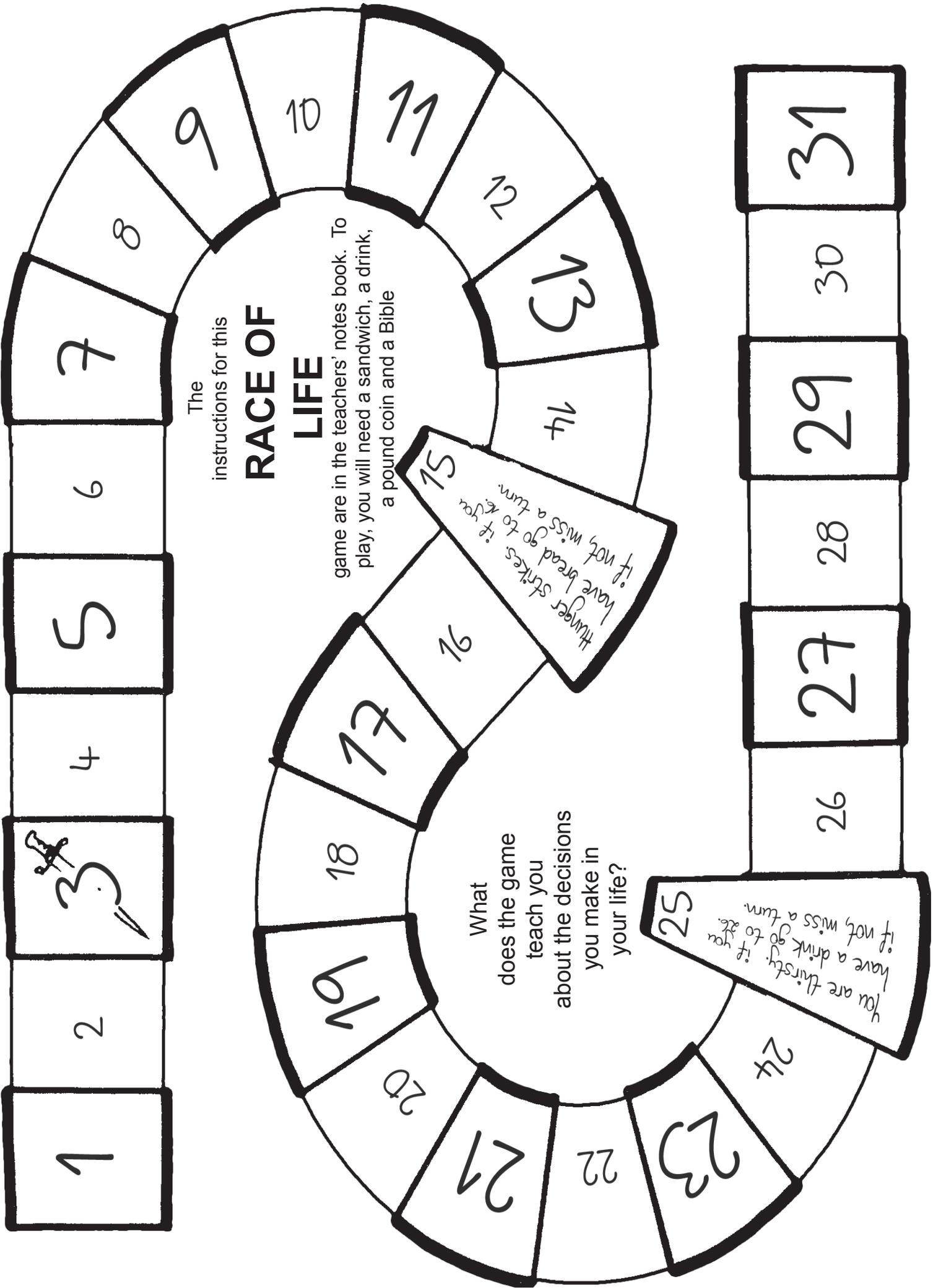
He often calls Jesus, The Son of David. Matthew 1:1.

He doesn't explain Jewish customs. Matthew 5:38

So do you think he was mainly writing to Jews or Gentiles?

Find out more about Matthew

Who was he? Matthew 9:9-13 (compare with Mark 2:14-16 and Luke 5:27-30). How do you explain the different name used?



The instructions for this

RACE OF LIFE

game are in the teachers' notes book. To play, you will need a sandwich, a drink, a pound coin and a Bible

What does the game teach you about the decisions you make in your life?

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 Hunger strikes: if you have bread go to K, if not, miss a turn.

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 You are thirsty: if you have a drink go to K, if not, miss a turn.

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