

The Temptations in the Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



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The Story

How can we fight against the Devil's temptations? Jesus will show us in today's lesson how we will use a very special weapon. Can you think what it is? (God's Word)

Jesus went into the wilderness. He stayed for forty days and nights. He didn't eat anything the whole time. He was very hungry.

The devil was also in the wilderness and wanted Jesus to sin. If the devil could make Jesus sin, Jesus would not be our Savior. He told Jesus to do a miracle to feed Himself. He told Jesus to turn stones into bread. Jesus did not want to sin. He told the devil a Bible passage, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The devil tried again to make Jesus sin. He took Jesus to the top

of the very tall temple. The devil told Jesus to jump down because angels would catch Him. Jesus knew this would be a sin. He did not jump. Jesus told the devil another Bible passage, "You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

The devil would win if he tricked Jesus into sinning. He showed Jesus every country in the whole world. The devil told Jesus to worship him. He said if Jesus did, the devil would give the whole world to Jesus.






Jesus knew He should only worship God. Jesus did not want to sin against His Father. He said an important Bible passage, "You shall worship the LORD your God and Him only shall you serve."

Jesus did not sin. He used the Word of God against the devil. Jesus told the devil to leave. Angels then came and took care of Jesus.

Jesus did not sin when the devil tempted Him.

Activity One

- Find the answer in the box. Put that letter into the  house.

-  1. The devil wanted Jesus to ____ .
-  2. The devil wanted Jesus to make stones into ____.
-  3. Jesus used ____ against the devil.
-  4. The devil wanted Jesus to jump from the ____.
-  5. Jesus stayed in the wilderness ____ days and nights.

A. bread
B. God's Word
C. forty
D. sin
E. Temple

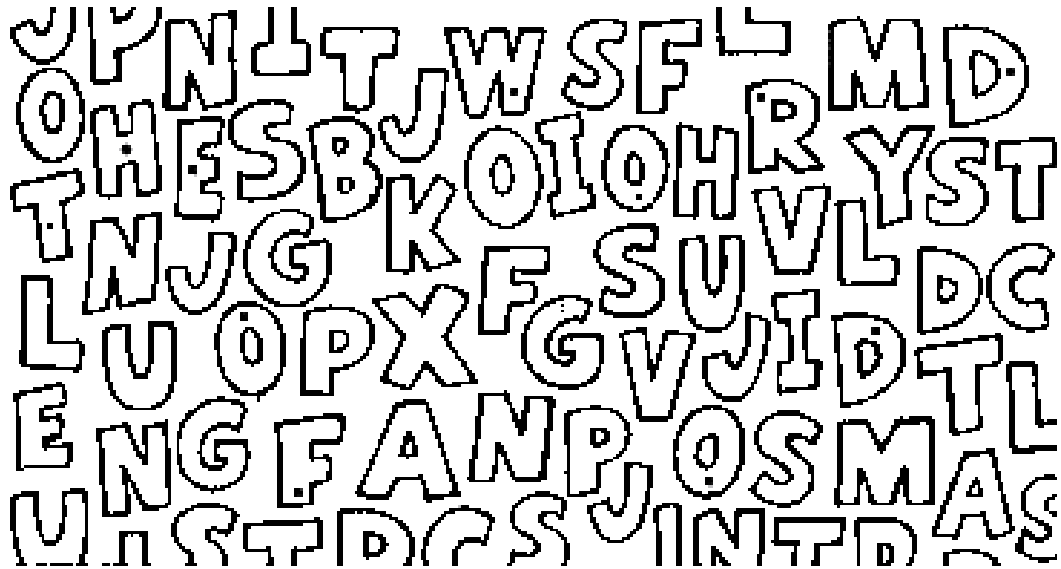
Activity Two

- Circle the "T" if the sentence is true. Circle the "F" if it is false.

- T F 1. The devil told Jesus to worship him.
- T F 2. Jesus told the devil that we are to worship only God.
- T F 3. The devil tempted Jesus three times in the wilderness.
- T F 4. Jesus spoke God's Word to the devil.
- T F 5. If Jesus had sinned, He still could be our Savior.
- T F 6. God's Word will help us say, "No," to sin.

Jesus overcame the devil for us.

Activity Three- Find the weapon we can use when Satan tempts us. Color only the letters with dots inside them.



Passage

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

Hymn - TLH 5 v. 1

Lord, open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,
Let me Thy child and heir remain. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for not falling into sin. Help us to use the Bible to fight against the Devil and sin. Amen.