

STORY

The Temptation of Jesus - Matthew 4:1-11

TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father who loves us all, enable me to overcome the temptations the devil throws at me. Forgive me for those times when I failed to use Your Word and fell into sin. Thank You for the times when You have prevented me from falling into temptation. I know that the students in my care will, throughout their life, also face many powerful and dangerous temptations. Help me to impress upon them how with Your Word and the victory Christ has won, they, by Your grace, have the resources to overcome the temptations they face. Forgive them when they fall and lead them to appreciate it when You give them the victories in Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.

VOCABULARY

Fasted - not eating anything and perhaps not drinking anything. In this case, going without food for 40 days and nights.

Tempter - another name for the Devil, or Satan. Here it describes what the Devil was doing to Jesus.

Pinnacle - cf Rupprecht - a wing or high point on the temple, speculated to be 600-700 ft high.

opportune time - another favorable time to tempt Jesus such as in Gethsemane.

OUTER AIM

Jesus did not sin when the Devil tempted Him.

INNER AIM

Jesus overcame the Devil for us.

BACKGROUND

(*Rupprecht Bible History References Vol.2, pp. 78-82 and cf. Spokesman, August 1997, pp. 6-8*)

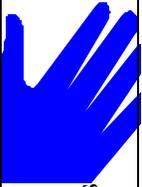
The Devil is that fallen angel who was thrown out of heaven and seeks his revenge by introducing and expanding sin into the world. Read Genesis 3 and Revelation 12:7-12, esp v 11.

The devil also tempted Jesus, as we see here and in Hebrews 4:14-15. If the Devil could have successfully led Jesus to sin, then Jesus could not have been our Savior and no one else could deliver us from sin, death, and the power of the Devil. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory over the Devil.

Harmony note: Matthew and Luke record the same temptations, though in a different order. The wording in Matthew suggests the order, and nothing in Luke contradicts that order, so it is the one generally used.

Matthew 4:1

- ▶ Immediately (Mark 1:12) after Jesus' baptism (Luke 4:1), Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into a wilderness (location unknown) to be tempted by the devil.
- ▶ No one was there to come to His aid.
- ▶ He would face the temptations alone.
- ▶ This too was part of God's plan of salvation as a real and valid testing of Jesus' human nature and His determination to save us by His self-sacrifice.



v. 2

- ▶ Jesus became genuinely hungry because He was truly human.
- ▶ To be our true substitute and Savior, in no way could Jesus use His Divine nature to withstand these temptations, but relied upon the resources available to Him as a human being.
- ▶ He was to be tempted in the same way we are, yet without sin.
- ▶ Mark 1:13 and Luke 4:2 add that those 40 days included continual temptation by the Devil.
- ▶ God chose to tell us of only three of the temptations used as prime examples of all the other temptations.

v. 3

- ▶ The Devil used multiple approaches here.
- ▶ Knowing Jesus' weakness as a result of fasting, he encouraged Jesus to use His divine power for His own bodily needs instead of acting as our true human substitute under the laws of nature.
- ▶ The Devil used Jesus' hunger and human limitations to suggest that Jesus serve Himself instead of being so self-sacrificing.

v. 4

- ▶ Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 which, especially in its context, shows that even when physically hungry, we should obey God and continue to trust that God will sustain us according to His Word.
- ▶ The Word of God is the best tool available to a human fighting the Devil.
- ▶ The goal of this temptation, as in the others, was: to get Jesus to think of His needs, His "rights", and what He "deserves", (rather than ours). After all, the Devil reasoned, why should God lower Himself to go through with this "self-sacrifice"?

v. 5

- ▶ God permitted Jesus to be taken by the Devil to the Holy City, Jerusalem, onto a high point of the temple.

v. 6

- ▶ Again we see how tricky the Devil was.
- ▶ He also knew and thus misused scripture to tempt Jesus. But the Devil left out the important words "to keep you in all your ways," which remind us that the promises of the passage apply when we walk in the paths that God has appointed for us.
- ▶ Again the Devil challenged Jesus' position as the Son of God.
- ▶ Some commentators say that the Devil was trying to get Jesus to seek the popularity of the people with a miraculous demonstration of self-preservation. If Jesus could survive the jump from 600 ft, the crowds below would give Him celebrity status without Jesus having to fulfill His mission as our Savior, an easy out.
- ▶ This was the issue again. The Devil tried to tempt Jesus: "Why not get the honor and acclaim you deserve by a miracle (rather than going through all that self-sacrifice?)"

v. 7

- ▶ Jesus' reply, again from the Scriptures, turned back the Devil's temptation again.
- ▶ Notice Jesus used "it is written," instead of speaking on His authority as God.
- ▶ From Deuteronomy 6:6 Jesus warned that we are not to tempt God by our own foolishness and expect Him to deliver us.

v. 8

- ▶ Many have speculated on which mountain this occurred without having any scripture to confirm their guesses. No mountain by itself provides a view of all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. So that implies the Devil has the power to create visions for deceitful purposes. Jesus actually saw them through whatever means the devil had to reveal his version of them.

v. 9

- ▶ This temptation connected to the many prophecies that Jesus would rule over all the earth.
- ▶ The Devil was again offering an easy out. Instead of Jesus having to live a perfect life, to suffer and to die, the devil suggested Jesus could have such power by an easier way.
- ▶ Of course the Devil doesn't own anything on earth, for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness of it.
- ▶ His rulership as the Prince of Darkness exists only as people's hearts are ruled by him.

v. 10

- ▶ Jesus' reply, again from Scripture, included also the command for Satan to leave.
- ▶ Jesus not only overcame Satan's temptation but reaffirmed His own commitment to serve His heavenly Father, even to the death of the cross in order to be our self-sacrificing Savior.

v. 11

- ▶ The Devil left Jesus alone when Jesus ordered him away, for Jesus had won all of these battles, even as He would remain the Ultimate Victor keeping a perfect record even with His death.
- ▶ Notice Luke mentions that at other favorable times through Jesus' life, the Devil tempted Jesus (compare Matthew 16:23, Maundy Thursday).
- ▶ After these temptations, God sent His angels to serve Jesus with praise and such needs as they could meet.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, even as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," so deliver us from temptation and evil. Strengthen our faith and increase our knowledge of Your Word so that we, by Your Grace, may overcome the Devil through Jesus' victory for us. Help us to see and use the escape from temptation that You have promised to provide us. Forgive us for the times when we have fallen into temptation. May we be thankful when You give us each victory, so that when our battles are ended, You will have brought us through this life to share in the Victory that Jesus won for us. We pray, believing in the name of Jesus our Victorious Savior, Amen.

PRESENTATION

Briefly review previous story as time allows. Make links to the new story when possible.

Tell the story: Teachers are encouraged to tell the story in their own words while remaining faithful to the scriptural account. When a story is recorded in more than one place in Scripture, teachers may want to harmonize the account (including extra details found in each account.) When harmonizing, let the students know that the story is found in more than one place in the Bible. Then they can see the additional details are also found in the Bible.

Discuss the story. While reviewing the major events of the story, discuss the possible applications to the students' lives. Ask questions that make them think about the story and show that they understand the story.

APPLICATIONS

1. What are temptations that children particularly face? (Examples can be drawn from family life, friendships, and general review of the commandments). What are some of the weapons that God has given us to use when we are faced with those temptations? Consider passages like Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Corinthians 10:13: (Be both general and think of specific passages that could be used.)
2. Why does the Devil work so hard to tempt us to sin? What would happen if we just gave in to temptations and stopped fighting to do what's right? If we fall into sin, whose fault is it? Did the Devil make you do it? If we fall, where can we go for forgiveness? Who provides us the victory over each temptation and ultimately over sin, death, and the Devil? When will we no longer have to worry about being tempted to sin?

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson. Discuss as time permits: Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Corinthians 10:13

Lower

Matthew 26:41 - "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Middle any of the above and...

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Hebrews 4:15 - (Jesus) was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Upper any of the above and...

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

HYMN CHOICES

"I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" (TLH 428 all, esp 1, 5-6)

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" (TLH 446 all, esp 1, 5-6)

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (TLH 262 all)

The Temptations in the Wilderness

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

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

When Jesus was 30 years old He was baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus was baptized to keep all of the laws and commands for us. He did not have any sins to wash away.

Sometime after His baptism, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. He stayed for 40 days and nights. He didn't eat anything the whole time. He was very hungry.

The devil wanted Jesus to sin. Satan told Jesus to do a miracle. He wanted Jesus to turn stones into bread. No matter how hungry He was, 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. He took Jesus to the top of the temple. The temple was very high. The devil said Jesus should jump off it. The devil told Jesus the angels would catch Him. Jesus knew this would be a sin. He did not jump. He said another Bible passage, "You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

The devil would win if he tricked Jesus to sin. He showed Jesus every country in the whole world. The devil told Jesus to worship him, the devil. 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 to beat the devil. Jesus told the devil to leave. Angels came and took care of Jesus.

Jesus used the Word of God to defeat the devil.

We need the Word of God to defeat sin and the devil.

Passage

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

Hymn - WS 709 v. 2, 3

I was in bondage, sin, death and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free.
Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.
Therefore I'll say again:
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God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank You for not falling into sin.
Help us to use the Bible and also fight against the devil and sin. Amen.



Classroom Activity

- Teacher read the questions slowly and help the students draw lines to connect the questions with their answers.

1. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness? ●



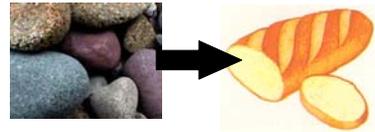
2. How much did Jesus have to eat during that time? ●

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3. Who came to tempt Jesus? ●



4. Which three temptations are in this story? ●
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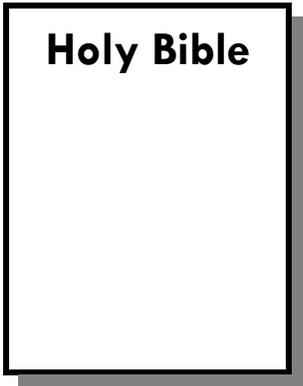
5. What did Jesus use to defeat the temptations? ●



Classroom Activity

Talk about some things that sometimes tempt you to do bad things.

Have the children draw a cross on the Bible to remind them we should use God's Word to defeat our temptations.



Classroom Art Activity - Color and cut out the flag below. Decorate with glitter, streamers, a stick for the pole, etc. Help the children read the passage.





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Jesus said to the devil, "It is written..."

The Temptations in the Wilderness

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



7-2



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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."

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Talking to Jesus

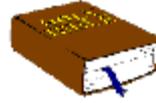
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Activity One

- Draw lines to connect the questions with their answers.

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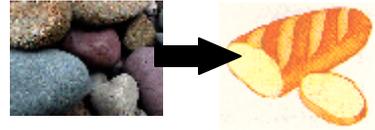


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3. Who came to tempt Jesus? ●



4. Which three temptations are in this story? ●
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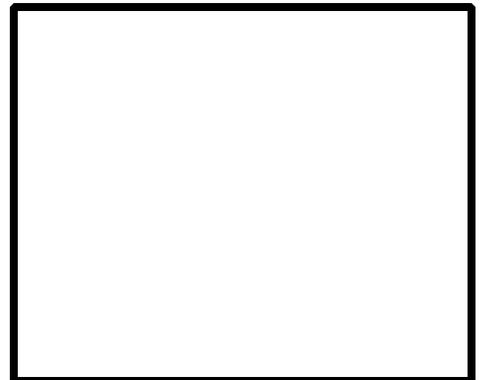
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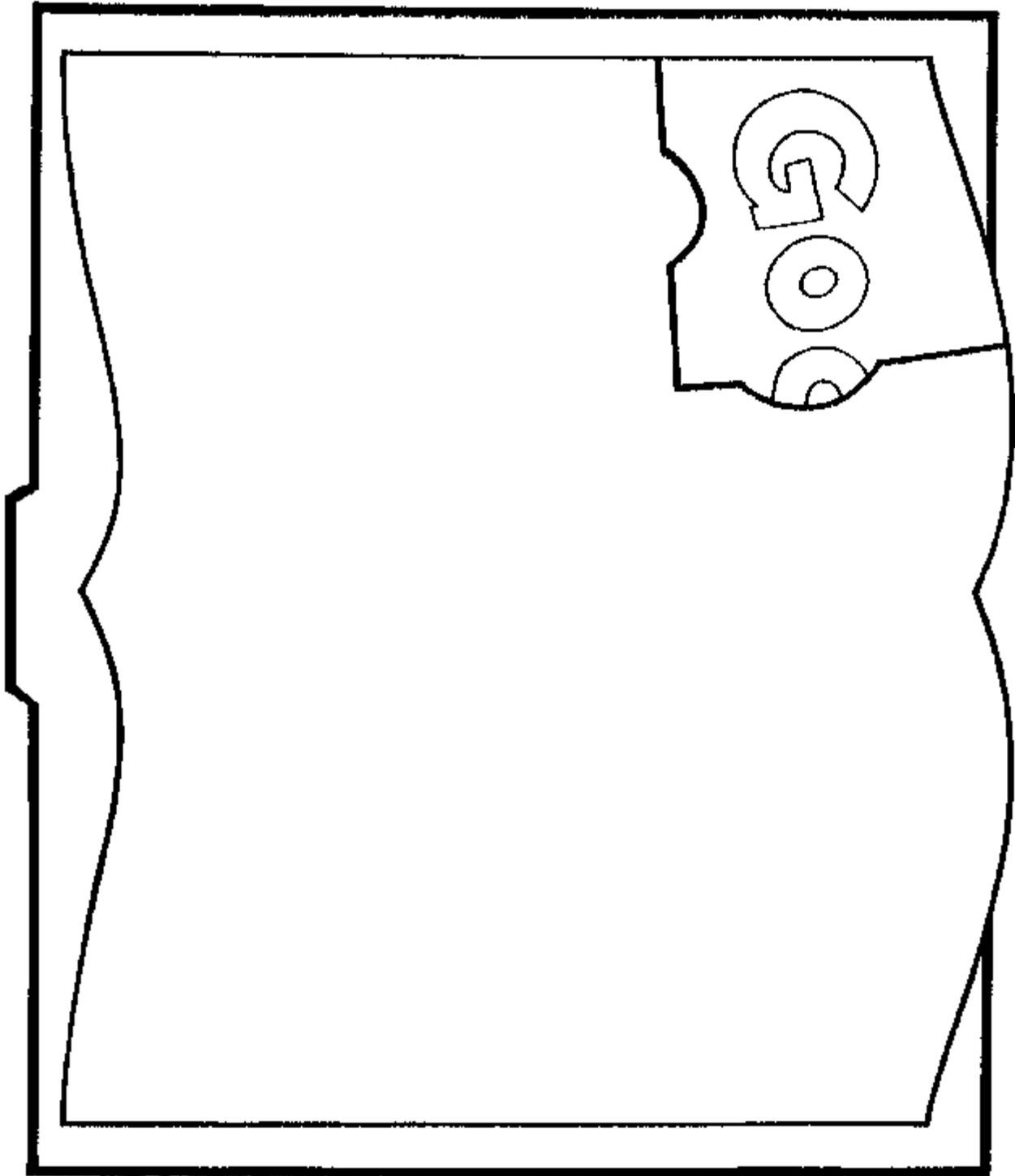
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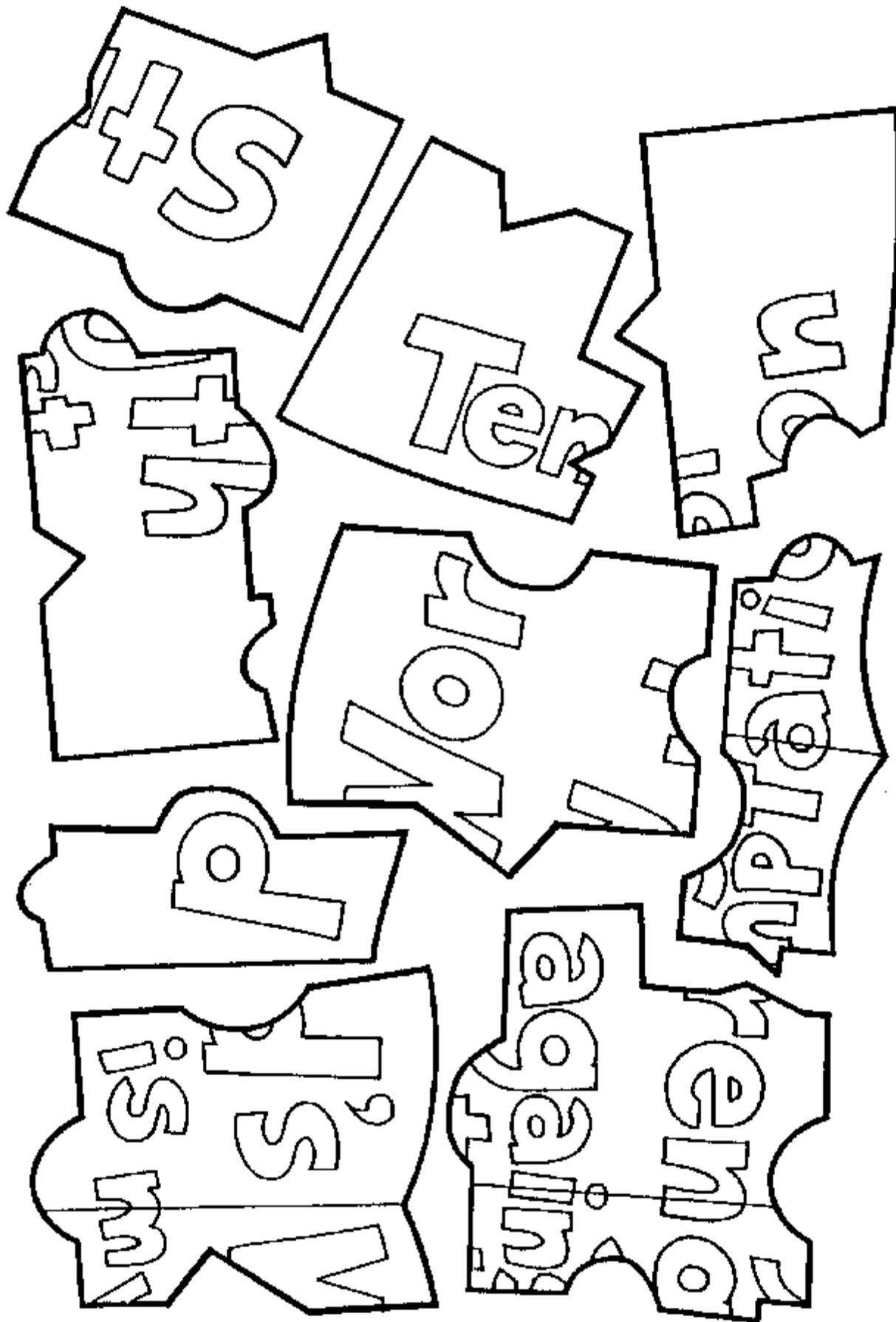
Talk about some things that sometimes tempt you to do bad things.

Draw a picture of what you should use to defeat your temptations.



Activity Three - Cut out the pieces on page 5 and fit them in the Bible below.





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."

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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."

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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

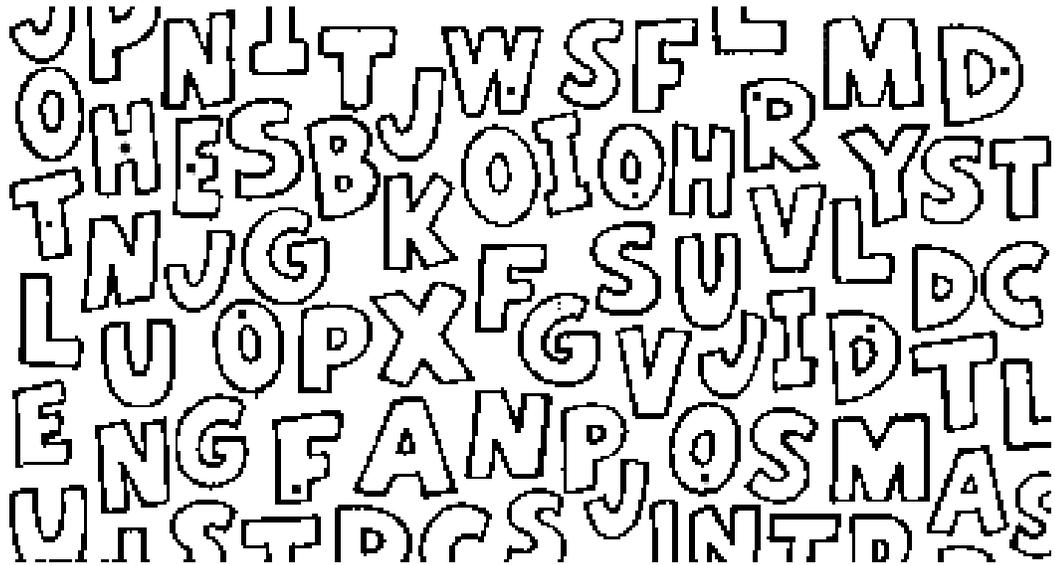
Activity Two

- 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.

The Temptations in the Wilderness

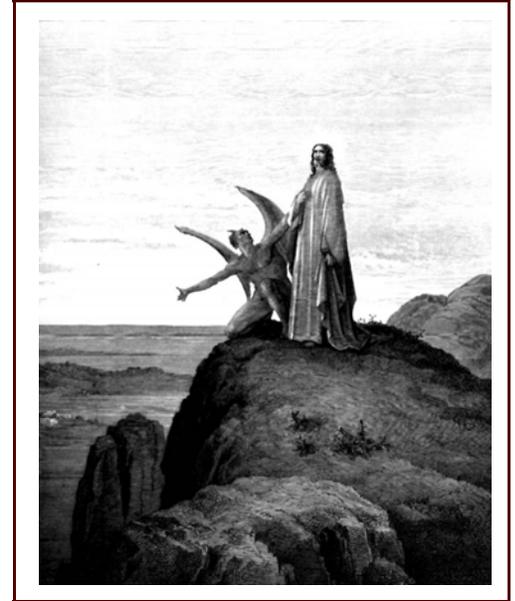
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Who is the devil? The devil is that fallen angel who was thrown out of heaven and seeks his revenge by introducing and expanding sin into the world. The devil also tempted Jesus. If the devil could have successfully led Jesus to sin, then Jesus could not have been our Savior and no one else could deliver us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

How did Jesus defeat the devil? He used the same weapon He has given us - His Word, the Bible. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory over the devil!

Prayer

Lord, open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,
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The Story - Luke 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

⁴But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,⁶ and said to Him, "If You are

the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

⁸Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away



with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Outer Aim - Jesus did not sin when the devil tempted Him.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer these questions about the lesson. The Bible reference in () parentheses will help you.

1. Where did the Spirit lead Jesus? (Mt. 4:1) _____
2. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus there? (1) _____
3. What did Jesus do for forty days and nights? (2) _____
4. How did Jesus feel after fasting for so long? (2) _____
5. What is the first temptation we read about? (3) _____
6. What did Jesus say to Satan? (4) _____
7. Where did Satan then take Jesus? (5) _____
8. How did Satan tempt Jesus here? (6) _____
9. What did Satan use in his temptation? (6) _____
10. What did Jesus say to Satan? (7) _____
11. Where did Satan take Jesus in verse 8? _____
12. What did Satan show Jesus? (8) _____
13. How did Satan now tempt Jesus? (9) _____
14. What did Jesus say to this? (10) _____
15. Who came to help Jesus after Satan left? (11) _____

What God's Word Tells Us - Discuss how each of the following is a good way to deal with temptation.

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| a) God's Word | d) Avoiding people or places which may bring temptation |
| b) Prayer | e) Other... |
| c) Christian advice | |

Your Turn - Circle the correct letter for each sentence below.

1. Jesus was led into the wilderness by the _____. a) angels b) devil c) Spirit
2. Jesus fasted _____ days and nights. a) twenty b) forty c) sixty
3. Satan tempted Jesus to serve Himself by turning stones into _____. a) bread
b) rocks c) a bed
4. Satan tempted Jesus to jump off the temple by quoting the _____. a) Bible
b) chief priests c) scribes
5. Satan offered Jesus the world if He would _____ him. a) love b) save
c) worship

Word Find - Find the following words in the puzzle below

WILDERNESS
TEMPTATION

KINGDOMS
MOUNTAIN
HUNGER

BREAD
FORTY

FASTED
SAVIOR
SATAN

PINNACLE
STONES

A M N B V C F G T R R R E S W Q W E
 E R K H H H L J J J H E W T D F E G
 U P I N N A C L E Y T T Y O E R T Y
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Passages

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Hebrews 4:15 - "(Jesus) was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

Hymn - TLH 446 v. 1, 5, 6

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray,
From thy sleep awaken;
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken.
For the Foe, well we know,
Oft his harvest reapeth
While the Christian sleepeth.

But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
He will free thee, be thy Stay,
Strength and faith increasing.
O Lord, bless in distress
And let nothing swerve me
From the will to serve Thee.

Therefore let us watch and pray, knowing He will hear us
As we see from day to day dangers ever near us,
And the end doth impend —
Our redemption neareth when the Lord appeareth.

Prayer

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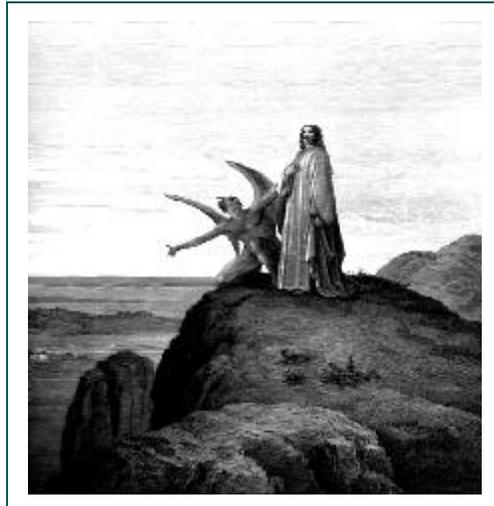
Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13

The Story

After Jesus had been baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness. Jesus was to be tempted by the devil at this time. Jesus fasted for forty days and nights and lived among the wild beasts. During these forty days, Jesus was constantly tempted by Satan. Although there were many other temptations, Scripture only reveals three of them for learning and application.

In one temptation the tempter came to Jesus and said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." Jesus used Scripture saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Deut. 8:3)

A different temptation had the devil taking Jesus up to the pinnacle of the temple. Satan deceitfully misquoted Scripture, trying to get Jesus to sin. The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge concerning



you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus fought this temptation using the Word of God. He said, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" (Deut. 6:16)

In another temptation, the devil took Him to a very high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. Satan said, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Jesus answered once again from Deuteronomy saying, "Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only shall you serve.'" (Deut. 6:13)

When the devil finished trying to lure the Son of God into sin, he departed from Jesus, waiting for another opportunity to tempt Him. The angels came and took care of Jesus. After these ordeals, Jesus began His public ministry.



Passages To Study

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
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Questions - Answer these questions about the lesson. The Bible reference in () parentheses will help you.

1. Where did the Spirit lead Jesus? Why? (Mt. 4:1) _____
2. How long did Jesus fast? What effect did this have? (2) _____
3. Who came to Him when He was in this condition? (3) _____
4. What did the tempter want Jesus to doubt? (3) _____
5. How long did Satan suggest that Jesus prove who He was? (3) _____
6. What weapon did Jesus use to fight Satan? _____
7. What specific Word of God was Jesus' weapon? (4) _____

8. Where did Satan then take Jesus for another temptation? (5) _____
9. What did Satan tempt Jesus to do here? (6) _____
10. What did Satan use to back up his suggestion? (6) _____
11. What important words did Satan leave out? (check Ps 91:11-12) _____

12. How did Jesus again combat the devil? _____

13. What specific Word of God did Jesus use? (7) _____
14. What did Satan show Jesus from a mountain top? (8) _____
15. What deal did Satan offer Jesus? (9) _____
16. What did Jesus tell Satan to do? (10) _____
17. What weapon did Jesus again use against Satan? _____
18. What did Jesus say? _____
19. What did Satan finally do after this? (11) _____
20. Who came to serve and comfort Jesus? (11) _____

True or False

- _____ 1. It is possible for a Christian to escape all temptations in life.
- _____ 2. If a person has a lot of self-confidence, he can overcome any temptation.
- _____ 3. God's Word and prayer are effective weapons against temptation.
- _____ 4. Repentance is the way of recovery after falling into temptation.
- _____ 5. Temptation involves deciding between God and my own sinful desires.

Discuss

1. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be tempted by Satan?

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2. What does it mean to you that Jesus was able to resist temptation during this, the most vulnerable time of his life?

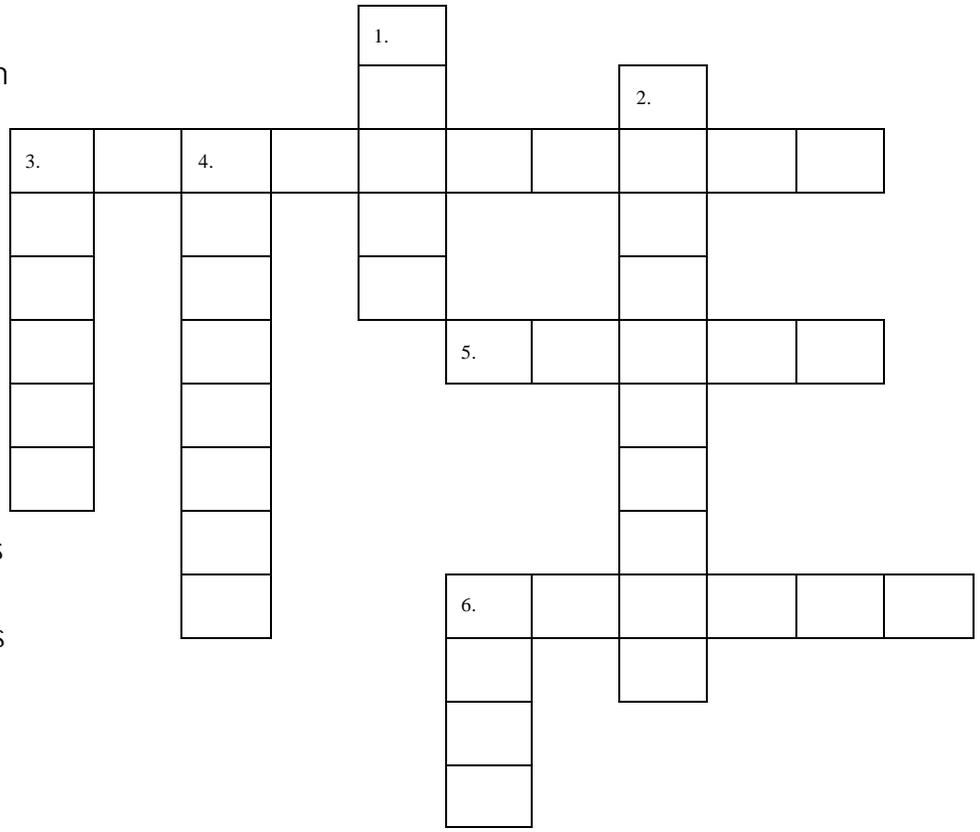
Crossword Fun

ACROSS

3. What Satan leads us into
 5. Satan suggested Jesus turn stones into _____.
 6. Went without food

DOWN

1. "The tempter"
 2. Where Satan tempted Jesus
 3. Satan told Jesus to jump from here
 4. Where Satan showed Jesus all kingdoms
 6. Number of days and nights Jesus fasted.



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, even as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," so deliver us from temptation and evil. Strengthen our faith and increase our knowledge of Your Word so that we, by Your Grace, may overcome the Devil through Jesus' victory for us. Help us to see and use the escape from temptation that You have promised to provide us. Forgive us where we have fallen. And may we be thankful when You give us each victory. So that when our battles are ended, You will have brought us through this life to share in the Victory that Jesus won for us. We pray, believing in the name of Jesus our Victorious Savior, Amen.