

The Temptations in the Wilderness

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



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The Story

Sometime after His baptism, Jesus went 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. He 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. 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.

Passage

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

Talking to Jesus

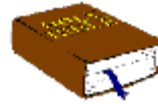
Dear Jesus,

Thank you for not falling into sin. Help us to use the Bible and also fight against the devil and sin. Amen.

Activity One

- 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? ●

40



3. Who came to tempt Jesus? ●



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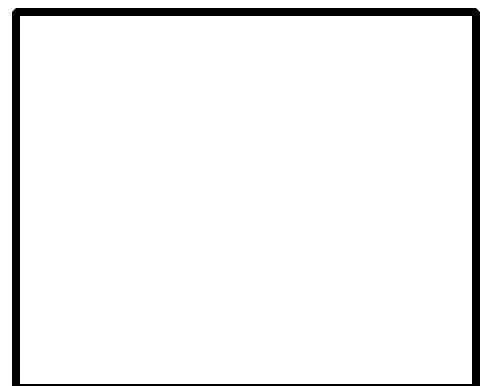
5. What did Jesus use to defeat the temptations? ●



Activity Two

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.

