

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."

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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:
God loves me dearly,
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? ●



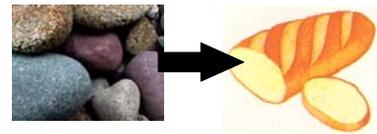
2. How much did Jesus have to eat during that time? ●

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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.

Holy Bible

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..."