

THE TEMPTING OF JESUS

Matthew 4:1-11

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⁴Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’**”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus answered him, “**It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’**”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “**Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’**”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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5		4.) Why do you think Jesus did not give into Satan's temptations?

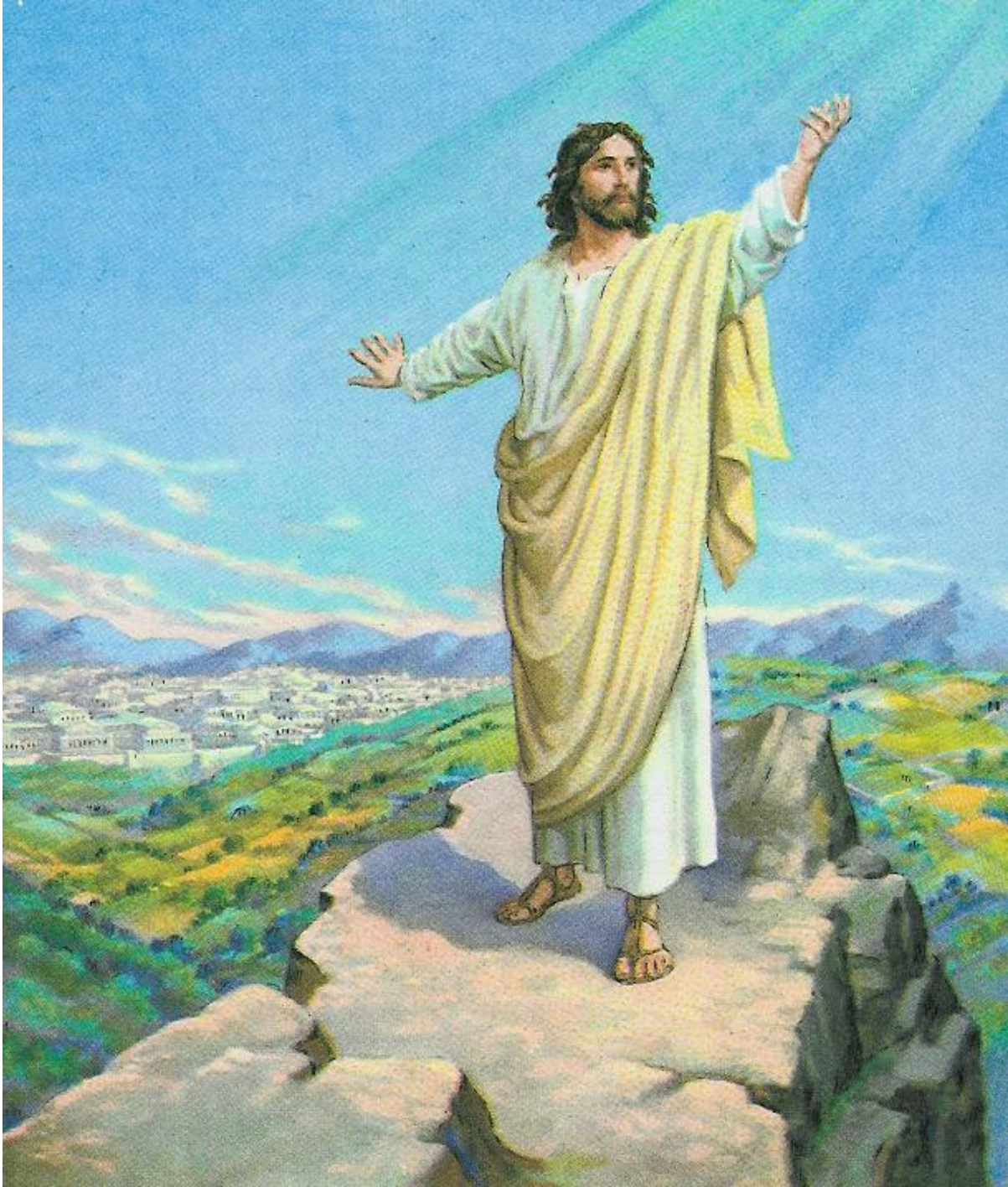
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"...For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." Matthew 4:10

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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The devil took Jesus on top of a mountain to tempt him

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: LOAVES OF BREAD

Students will make loaves of bread to remind them that the devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.

MATERIALS

1. 2 cups flour
2. 1 cup salt
3. 2/3 cup water
4. Bowl for mixing
5. Measuring cup
6. Spoon
7. Wax Paper for each student



DIRECTIONS

1. Mix the flour and salt together in a bowl first. Then add in water slowly. Squeeze the dough with your hands until it is smooth. If the play dough is crumbly, add more water. If the play dough is too wet, sprinkle it with flour.
2. Pass out a small piece of wax paper and a small lump of play dough to each student.
3. Help students shape the dough into a loaf of bread.
4. Let loaves air dry for at least a week. Students may take home loaves of bread to air dry.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are shaping their loaves of bread, remind them that Jesus, though tempted, did not give into the devil. Jesus understands us when we are tempted. We can be encouraged by Jesus as our example.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

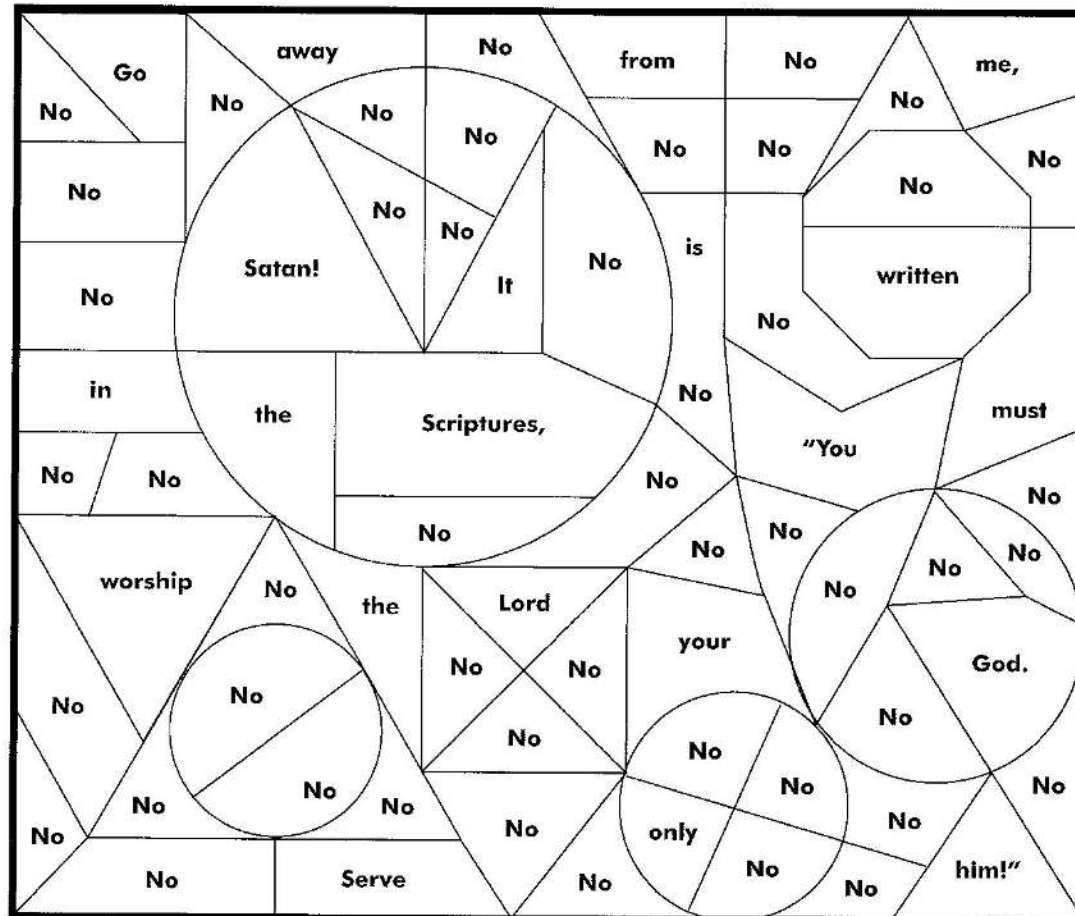
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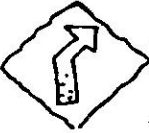









Jesus was led by God's Spirit into the desert to spend time praying. He ate nothing for 40 days and nights. When he was very hungry, Satan tried to tempt him with food. Jesus said, "No!" Then Satan tried to make him prove that he was God's Son. Jesus said, "No!" Then Satan promised to give Jesus power if he would bow down to him. Jesus said, "No!" Find the other words that Jesus used to send Satan away by coloring all the spaces containing the word "NO."

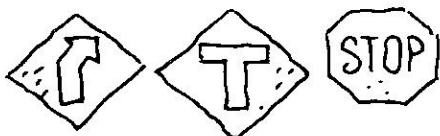
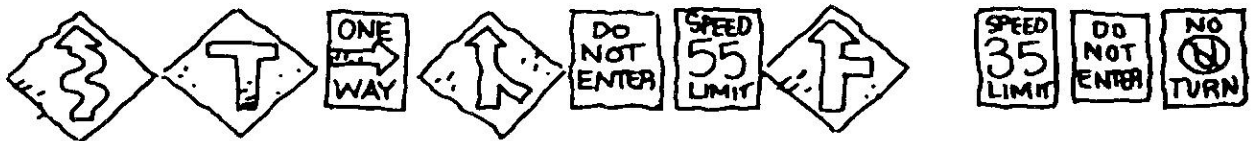


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Follow the traffic signs to find a message that helped Jesus steer away from the devil. Each sign stands for a letter. Learn which letter from the partly decoded message below. Read Matthew 4:1-11 for help. Then decode the message.

“Al  his I  ill  ive
 yo  e  aid, “if  ou
 w  ll bow d  wn an 
 wo  shi  m .



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MATTHEW 4:1-11

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The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus had been fasting for 40 days and 40 nights so he was hungry. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God,

tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took Jesus to the highest point of the temple. He told Jesus to throw himself down because the angels would protect Him.

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain. "The devil said, "All this I will give you if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to the devil, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Then the devil left Jesus and the angels came to take care of him. Jesus did not give into the devil's temptations.

For more details, please read Matthew 4:1-11 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Name three ways that Jesus was tempted.
2. What were two statements that Jesus made to Satan?
3. What do Satan's temptations say about his power?
4. Why do you think Jesus did not give into Satan's temptations?

MEMORY VERSE

"...For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Matthew 4:10

MATCHING

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|------------|--|
| 1. 40 | ___ Cared for Jesus |
| 2. JESUS | ___ Is also called the devil |
| 3. SATAN | ___ The number of days and nights Jesus fasted |
| 4. TEMPTED | ___ Our Lord and Savior |
| 5. ANGELS | ___ What happened to Jesus |

Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus was tempted three times by the devil while out in the desert.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Talk about how Jesus resisted the devil and quoted scripture. Help them realize that when we know God's word, it helps us what is right in times of temptation.

Bible Story Mini Book

The Tempting of Jesus



Matthew 4:1-11

Colored by: _____



Jesus did not do anything that the devil wanted him to do. The devil left. The angels cared for Jesus.



While Jesus was in the desert, the devil appeared to him.

Memory Verse

“...worship the Lord your
God...” Matthew 4:10

Bible Story Rhyme

In the desert for 40 days,
*(Hold up ten fingers and push them
forward four times)*

Jesus was tempted 3 different ways.
(Hold up three fingers)

Jesus said no to the devil each time,
*(Shake pointer finger back and forth
from left to right)*

The devil left and Jesus was fine.
(Do the “O.K.” sign)



The devil told him to
turn stones into bread.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



The devil told Jesus to jump off of the temple. He also wanted Jesus to bow down to him.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: A loaf of bread, children's Bibles, paper crowns or robes, and blankets

Set up these activity stations to follow the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.

Set up three separate areas in your classroom as temptation stations. Say: **Today we're going to learn more about the ways that Satan tempted Jesus in the desert. The first thing Satan tried to get Jesus to do was to change rocks into bread.** At the first station, place children's Bibles and a loaf of bread. Hold up the loaf of bread, and have kids sing this variation of "The B-I-B-L-E.:"

**The B-R-E-A-D—
That's not enough for me.
It feeds my body, not my soul—
The B-R-E-A-D.**

Then have the children hold up the Bible and sing "The B-I-B-L-E."

Walk to the second area, and say: **The second thing Satan tried to get Jesus to do was to jump off a cliff and let angels catch him.** At the second station, lead the children in an imaginary mountain climb. When you arrive at the highest pinnacle, sing "Oh, Be Careful." When you get to the verse about feet, substitute this line: "Be careful, little feet, where you jump."

Walk to the third area, and say: **The third thing Satan tried to get Jesus to do was to worship Satan, not God.** At the third station, have the children try on robes or paper crowns and sit in mock thrones made by throwing blankets over classroom chairs. Have the children sing this song to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat:"

**No, no, no, I say!
You just go away!
I will worship God alone
And only him obey.**

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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