

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What does it mean to be tempted?
- Why was Jesus' being sinless necessary for Him to save people?
- What can you do to better understand the Bible?

Jesus' Temptation

Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4

STORY POINT: JESUS WAS TEMPTED AND NEVER SINNED.

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus did not eat for 40 days and 40 nights. Then the devil, who tempts people to sin, came up to Jesus. He said, "If You are really God's Son, prove it. Tell these stones to become bread." Instead of using His own power, Jesus chose to trust God to meet His needs. Jesus said, "God's Word says that man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

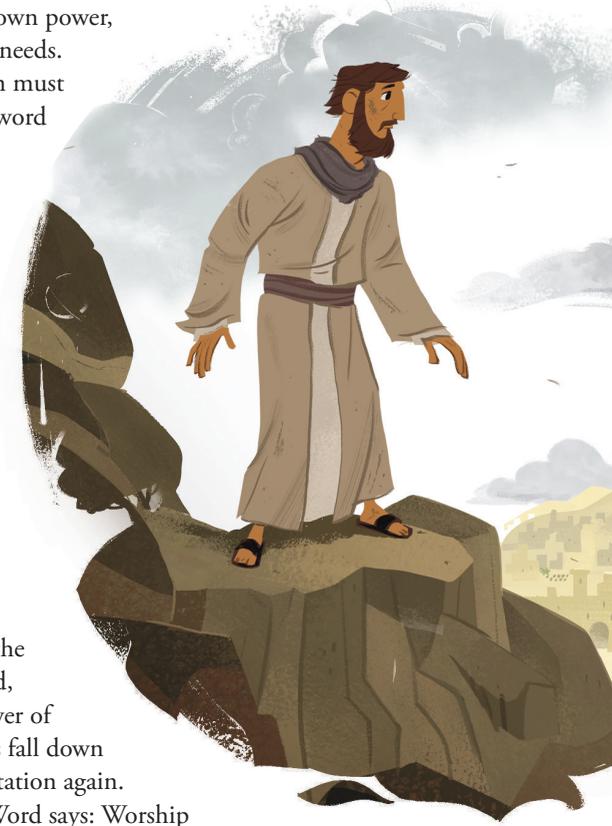
The devil took Jesus to the top of the temple in Jerusalem and said, "If You are really God's Son, prove it. Jump off this temple and trust God to protect You." The devil even said: "God's Word says that God will order His angels to keep You safe, and they will protect You so that You will not even strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus reminded him, "God's Word also says, do not test the Lord your God."

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, "I will give You all the riches and power of these kingdoms. All You have to do is fall down and worship me." Jesus resisted temptation again. He replied, "Go away, Satan! God's Word says: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." The devil left Jesus, and angels came right away to serve Jesus. Jesus never sinned.

Christ Connection: Jesus was tempted, but He trusted God and never sinned. Jesus is perfect and righteous. A perfect sacrifice was required to take away sin. Jesus was that perfect sacrifice. He died on the cross to free us from sin and to give us the power to say no to temptation.

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." John 3:30



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What Would You Do? | For each scenario, circle how you would respond.

SCENARIO	OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C
You left your sister's new crayons in the sun, and they melted.	Offer to buy her new crayons.	Hide the crayons and hope she doesn't notice.	Other: _____
You buy popcorn at a concession stand and get \$1 too much in change.	Give back the extra money.	Pocket the change and walk away quickly.	Other: _____
You see a kid at recess shivering because he doesn't have a coat.	Pretend you don't see him.	Let him borrow your coat.	Other: _____

Temptation and Reply | Look up the Scripture references to fill in the ways Jesus responded to temptation.

"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Matthew 4:4

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will give his angels orders concerning you, and they will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Matthew 4:7

"I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me."

Matthew 4:10

