



## WEEK 12 DAY 1 Jesus' Temptation

**REVIEW:** After Jesus was born as a human, He grew up. This week's Bible story and the stories that happen before and after it have to do with Jesus getting ready for His ministry on earth. We learned a few weeks past that Jesus obeyed God by being baptized. Baptism is a picture of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and those who believe in Him are baptized to show the world they belong to Jesus. Last week, we specifically looked at the death and resurrection of Jesus. He was arrested and put to death even though He had never sinned, and He rose again to prove death was defeated. Jesus' resurrection gives us hope for eternal life. This week's Bible story is about "Jesus' Temptation." Let's find out what happened.

### Step 1: Watch

<https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- What does the word "tempt" mean? (to entice or attempt to entice someone to do or acquire something that they find attractive but know to be wrong or not beneficial)
- Where was Jesus led, and by whom?
- Who was he tempted by?
- Do you remember who else was tempted by the devil? (yes, Adam and Eve – sin entered the world and everything changed. Jesus came to save us, and the devil didn't want him to succeed)

**Step 3:** Worship – listen and sing along to "Jesus Messiah" at <https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>

### Step 4: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud.

**Bonus Family Activity:** Watch the "Questions from Kids" video, where Pastor Brian from The Gospel Project answers the question "How do you know when you're being tempted?" <https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>



## WEEK 12 DAY 2 Jesus' Temptation

### Step 1: Read

Matthew 4:1-4 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4%3A1-4&version=ESV>

Luke 4:1-4 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A1-4&version=ESV>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- How long had Jesus been fasting? How hungry do you think he felt?
- How did the devil tempt Jesus in these verses?
- Why would it have been wrong for Jesus to turn the stones into loaves (see curriculum note below)
- How did Jesus respond?

### Step 3: Review

*Memory Verse:* John 3:30 "He must increase, but I must decrease."

*Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

**Step 4: Worship** – listen and sing along to "We Hunger and Thirst", think about what it means to hunger and thirst for God. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jq9i98gBL0A>

### Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud. Pray about how you can decrease, so that God can increase.

### Curriculum Notes

It is not usually sin to make bread, but the devil wanted Jesus to stop obeying God. Jesus was in the wilderness without food because that is what God's Spirit told Jesus to do. If Jesus had chosen to use His power to make stones into bread, He would have been disobeying God. Jesus never used His power to satisfy His human desires. He used His power only to glorify God.



## WEEK 12 DAY 3 Jesus' Temptation

### Step 1: Read

Matthew 4:5-7 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4%3A5-7&version=ESV>

Luke 4:9-12 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A9-12&version=ESV>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- How was the devil tempting Jesus in these verses?
- How did the devil try to use scripture to trick Jesus?
- How might the devil be doing that in peoples lives today?
- How did Jesus respond?

### Step 3: Review

*Memory Verse:* John 3:30 "He must increase, but I must decrease."

*Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

**Step 4:** Worship – listen and sing along to Hillsong Worship's "Your Word". Take in this awesome truth about God's word. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9NEYy71lcU>

### Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud. Ask God to call to mind the truth when you might be tempted to believe lies about who He is, or who you are.

### Curriculum Notes

Why is it important to know God's word? We are often tempted when we believe lies about God our ourselves. Knowing God's word and treasuring it in our hearts can help us stand up against temptation. Each time Jesus obeyed God, He used a Bible passage to resist the devil's tricks.



## WEEK 12 DAY 4 Jesus' Temptation

### Step 1: Read

Matthew 4:8-11 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4%3A8-11&version=ESV>

Luke 4:5-8 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A5-8&version=ESV>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- In these verses, where did the devil take Jesus?
- How is he tempting Jesus?
- Again, how does Jesus respond?
- What would Jesus have avoided if he'd given into this temptation? (A torturous death on the cross)
- What would that have cost us? (Being saved from our sins, eternal life with God)

### Step 3: Review

*Memory Verse:* John 3:30 "He must increase, but I must decrease."

*Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

### Step 4: Worship – listen and sing along to Matt Maher's "Lord I Need You"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e37m3I5eH8g>

### Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud and thanking God that we are no longer slaves to sin.

### Curriculum Notes

The Bible says that before we trust in Jesus, we are slaves to sin. Sin has power over us. Jesus came to be the perfect sacrifice required to take away sin. He died on the cross and rose again to free us from sin and to give us the power to say no to temptation. That is such great news! Everyone who trusts in Jesus is a new creation. God forgives our sin and gives us new hearts that love and want to obey God. God also sends the Holy Spirit to live in us and fill us with His power. We will still be tempted to sin, but with the Holy Spirit we can choose to obey God.



## WEEK 12 DAY 5 Jesus' Temptation

### Step 1: Read

Mark 1:12-13 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A5-8+&version=ESV>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- This passage is a very short summary of Jesus' temptation – what details does it mention?
- What else does this passage mention Jesus was with, and how might that have made him more vulnerable? (wild animals)
- “Being tempted” indicates that the temptations happened over the 40-day period, and were not limited to the 3 temptations we've learned about this week. Talk about other ways Jesus might have been tempted?
- Scripture tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way, but was without sin. How does it help you to know that Jesus has felt every temptation that you encounter?

### Step 3: Review

*Memory Verse:* John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

*Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

### Step 4: Worship – listen and sing along to Hillsong's “The Lord's Prayer”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCxqjEz5hJ4>

### Step 5: Pray

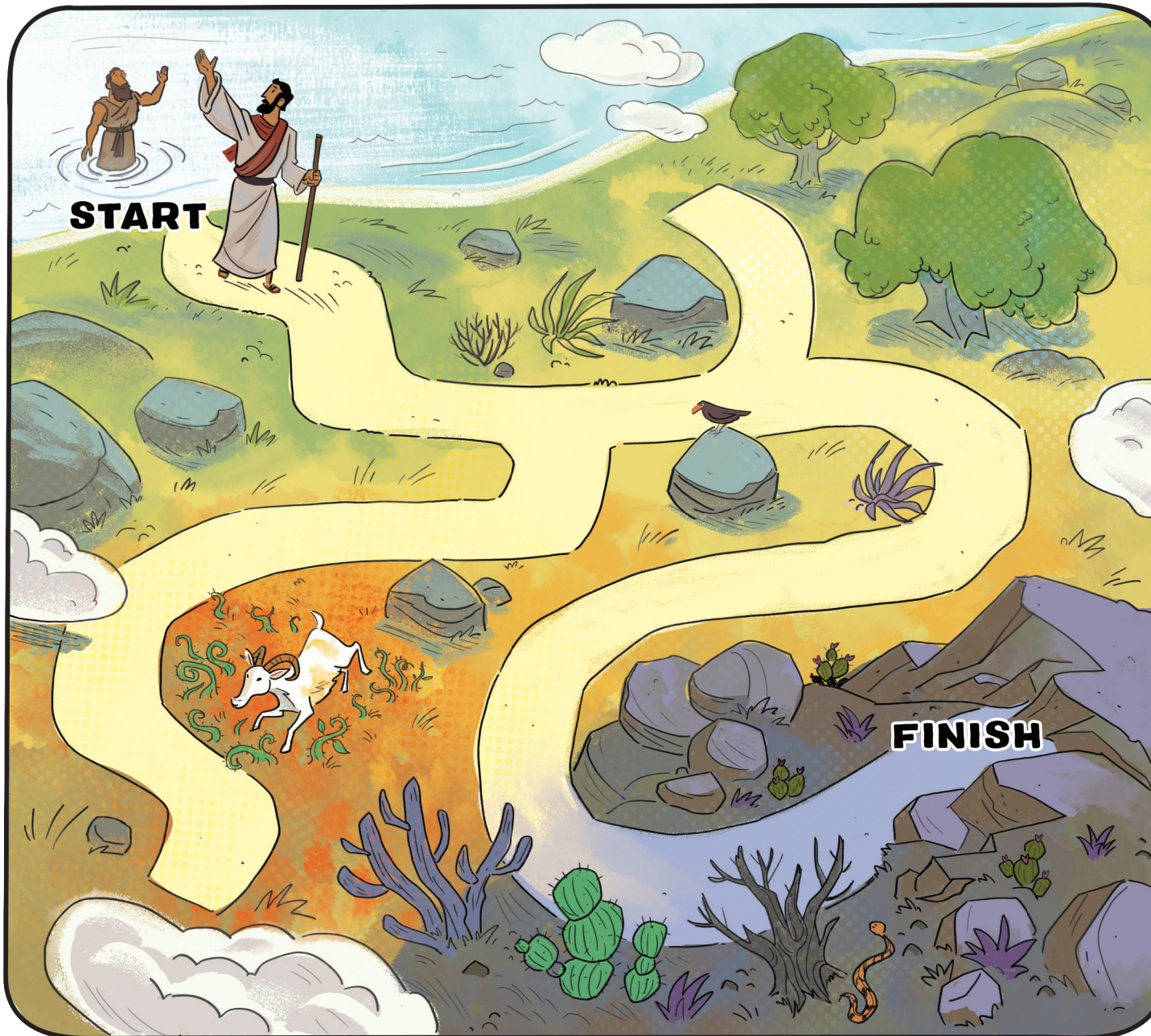
Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud and thanking God that he can sympathize with every temptation you face.

### Optional Family Activity

Print out whatever attached activity sheets might be relevant for your child. Work on them today, over the weekend, or have them available as an activity during worship on Sunday.

# Into the Wilderness

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the maze to lead Jesus into the wilderness.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 20 • Session 2

**Jesus' Temptation**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- God's Spirit led Jesus to the wilderness.
- The devil came and tempted Jesus three times.
- Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 3:30

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why did Jesus become human?  
Jesus became human to rescue sinners.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Name a time you were tempted to sin.
- How did Jesus use God's Word to fight temptation? How does God's Word help us fight sin?
- Whom can we ask to help us say no to sin?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Choose a Bible verse for each family member to memorize to use in the fight against sin.
- Collect food to donate to people who are hungry. Talk about how making good decisions is hard when you are hungry, but Jesus was hungry and did not sin.

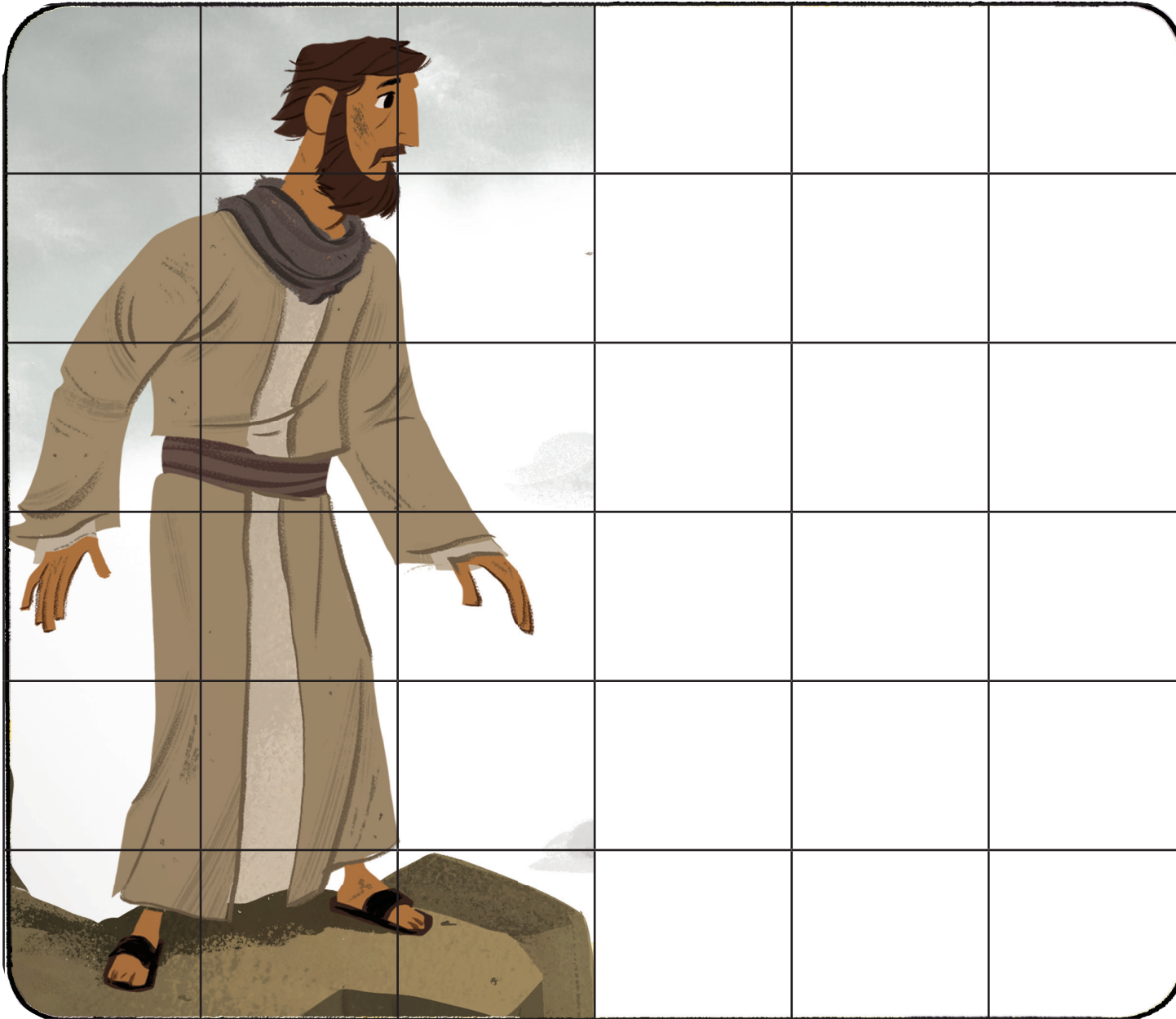


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# Just Like Jesus

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the grid to help you draw a picture of Jesus.



Younger Kids Activity Pages  
**Unit 20 • Session 2**  
**Jesus' Temptation**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- After being baptized, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.
- While there, Jesus did not eat for 40 days, and He spent time praying.
- Satan came and tried to get Jesus to sin.
- Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 3:30

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why did Jesus become human?  
Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What is temptation?
- How can we fight temptation?
- Why is it important to fight temptation and obey God?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Play a game like hide-and-seek with your kids. Talk about what would happen if you peeked while they were hiding. Ask them about situations where they might feel tempted to disobey or dishonor God. Encourage them to memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13.



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# 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.*



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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."

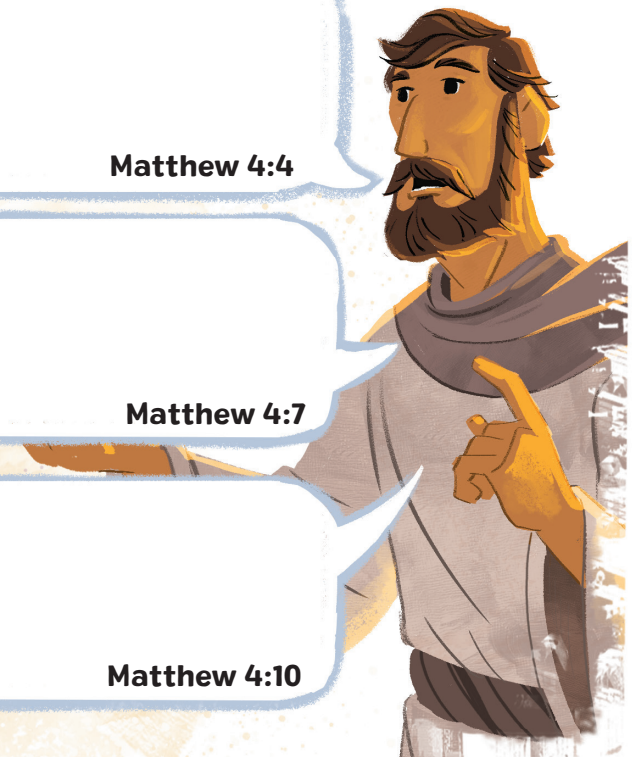
Matthew 4:4

"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





## Unit 20, Session 2

# Jesus’ Temptation

Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4

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**Story Point:** Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

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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 and how great they were. The devil said to Jesus, “I will give You all the riches and power of these kingdoms. All You have to do is fall down and worship me.”

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## EXPERIENCE the Story

*The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.*

- For each scenario, write how you would respond.

You left your sister's new crayons in the sun, and they melted.

You buy popcorn at a concession stand and get \$1 too much in change.

You see a kid at recess shivering because he doesn't have a coat.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How does Jesus free us from sin?

### CHRIST CONNECTION

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## APPLY the Story

- Who tempts us to sin? Why?
- How can we resist temptation? What should we do if we give in to temptation?
- Why is it important to know God's Word?

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## **APPLY** the Story

- Find John 3:30 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His Word. Praise Jesus for resisting temptation and pray that God would help you hide His Word in your heart so you can use it to resist the devil.

### **READ THE WORD**

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 10:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 3:12-13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:9-11      | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:41   |