



## 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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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 tempted Jesus again. He 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 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.”

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.*



## 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?

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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"/> James 1:13-14       | <input type="checkbox"/> James 4:7       |
| <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   |