

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 4

Jesus is Tempted

Luke 4:1-13

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Younger Verse

Resist the devil, and he will run from you.

James 4:7

Older Verse

Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you.

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week, we talked about the time that Jesus was baptized. Do you remember who baptized Jesus? (John the Baptist) After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down on Him in the shape of a dove, and God spoke from Heaven and said that Jesus was His Son, whom He loved.

After this, the Bible says that the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness. He was there for forty days, and He did not eat anything. Instead, He spent His time praying and drawing strength from God. While Jesus was there, the devil came to Him and tempted Him. That means the devil tried to get Jesus to do something sinful.

First the devil said, "If you are God's Son, tell these stones to turn into bread." Jesus would not do it. Instead, He answered by using a Bible verse, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person does not live by eating only bread. But a person lives by everything the Lord says.'" This is from Deuteronomy 8:3.

Next, the devil led Jesus to the top of a high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. He said to Jesus, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you everything you see." Jesus would not bow down. He quoted another Bible verse. He said, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" This is from Deuteronomy 6:13.

After that, the devil led Jesus to the top of the temple building and said, "If

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus was tempted but did not sin.

Understand that Jesus used Scripture to resist temptation.

Show the importance of learning and using Bible verses to help in our lives.

you are God's Son, jump off." Then he tried to use a Bible verse to convince Jesus. The devil said, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'He has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you with their hands. And you will not hit your foot on a rock.'" However, Jesus answered with another memory verse, "The Bible also says, 'Do not test the Lord your God' (Deuteronomy 6:16)," so Jesus would not jump off the building.

So the devil left Jesus, and angels came to take care of Him. Remember that Jesus was tempted, but He did NOT do wrong. Jesus stayed pure and clean.

Jesus is the only human being who never sinned. The Bible says that everyone has sinned. Because of the sin in our heart, we cannot be right with God. But that is why Jesus came to earth—to save us from our sins and give us a clean heart. You can ask Him to come into your heart and forgive your sins. Then you can have a clean heart and a new life with Christ!

Review Questions

1. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness? (forty days)
2. What did Jesus eat while He was there? (nothing; He spent time in prayer)
3. What did the devil tempt Jesus to do? (turn stones into bread; bow down and worship him; jump off a high building)
4. How did Jesus resist the temptation? (He quoted Bible verses.)

Life Application

What are some ways we are tempted? What did Jesus do when He was tempted? What can we do?

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6 that the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. In other words, to fight Satan's attacks, we need to know God's Word and use it! It worked for Jesus—and He is our example. Psalm 119:11 says that "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." This is exactly what Jesus did—He *knew* the Scriptures and used them to resist temptation.

When Satan tempts us to do something sinful, we need to pray and remember Bible verses. This is how we can resist the devil.

Planning for Lesson 5
Jesus Reads at Church
Luke 4:14-30

Preschool Lesson for

Bring several objects to show as you tell the story today:

Rock

Slice of Bread

Little box (for a church)

Little figure to be Jesus—could be a twisted pipecleaner, clothespin, or paper cutout.

Jesus went into the wilderness to pray. He stayed there a long time, and He got very hungry. He had not eaten anything because He was spending time talking to God. His stomach must have growled a lot!

Suddenly, the devil came and told Jesus to turn a rock into bread so He would not be hungry (show the rock and bread). Jesus did not listen to the devil. He knew that the devil was trying to get Him to do something wrong. Instead, Jesus said a Bible verse. He told the devil it was more important to do what God says.

Again, the devil tried to get Jesus to do wrong. He took Jesus to a high mountain (find a high place in the room or stand up with the Jesus figure). Jesus could see everything all around. The devil told Him that He could have everything He saw if He bowed down to the devil. Jesus would not bow down. He told him that we are to worship God and do only what He says.

Then, the devil took Jesus to the top of the church (show the little box or picture of a church). He dared Jesus to jump off. The devil told Jesus that angels would catch Him. But Jesus told the devil that God did not want us to test Him. So, Jesus did not do wrong. (Kids, we cannot jump off buildings. We would get hurt and go to the hospital if we tried to do this.)

The devil tried three times to get Jesus to sin. Did He? NO! Jesus did the right thing each time. He used Bible verses to fight the devil. We can do that, too. Our Bible verse today says to “Resist the devil, and he will run from you.” This means that we need to fight Satan’s attacks by praying and saying Bible verses we know. Satan will run away, and we will make God happy!

Let’s pray and ask God to help us do good things this week and not bad things.

Sing “Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes What You See” (other verses include “Little Feet Where You Go, Little Ears What You Hear, Little Mouth What You Say”, etc.



**Hands-on Activities
for
Jesus is Tempted**

Make bookmarks with today's memory verse on them (James 4:7). Bring strips of construction paper, or let the children cut them out (depending on age group). Let them decorate the bookmarks using glitter, crayons, or anything you want! Make it fun. Tell the kids they can use the bookmarks as a reminder to quote Scripture verses when they are tempted. They may want to make more for friends and family members. They can also write other verses they know on them.

Play "Make Me Laugh." One person is chosen to sit down and try not to laugh. Everyone else does silly things to try to get the person to laugh. No one can touch the person. If the person starts laughing, let someone else try. When you are ready to end the game, ask the students if it was difficult not to laugh when they really wanted to. Remind students that it is difficult to resist temptation, but with God's help, we can do it.

Talk about what it means to be tempted and what it means to do wrong (sin). Share some experiences from your life. If you have older kids, bring articles from the paper or magazines that show people that were tempted and what decisions they made. Talk about alternatives they had.

Look up other Bible verses that talk about temptation.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that God will provide a way out when we are tempted.
- Hebrews 4:15 says that Jesus has experienced temptation like we have, yet He is without sin.

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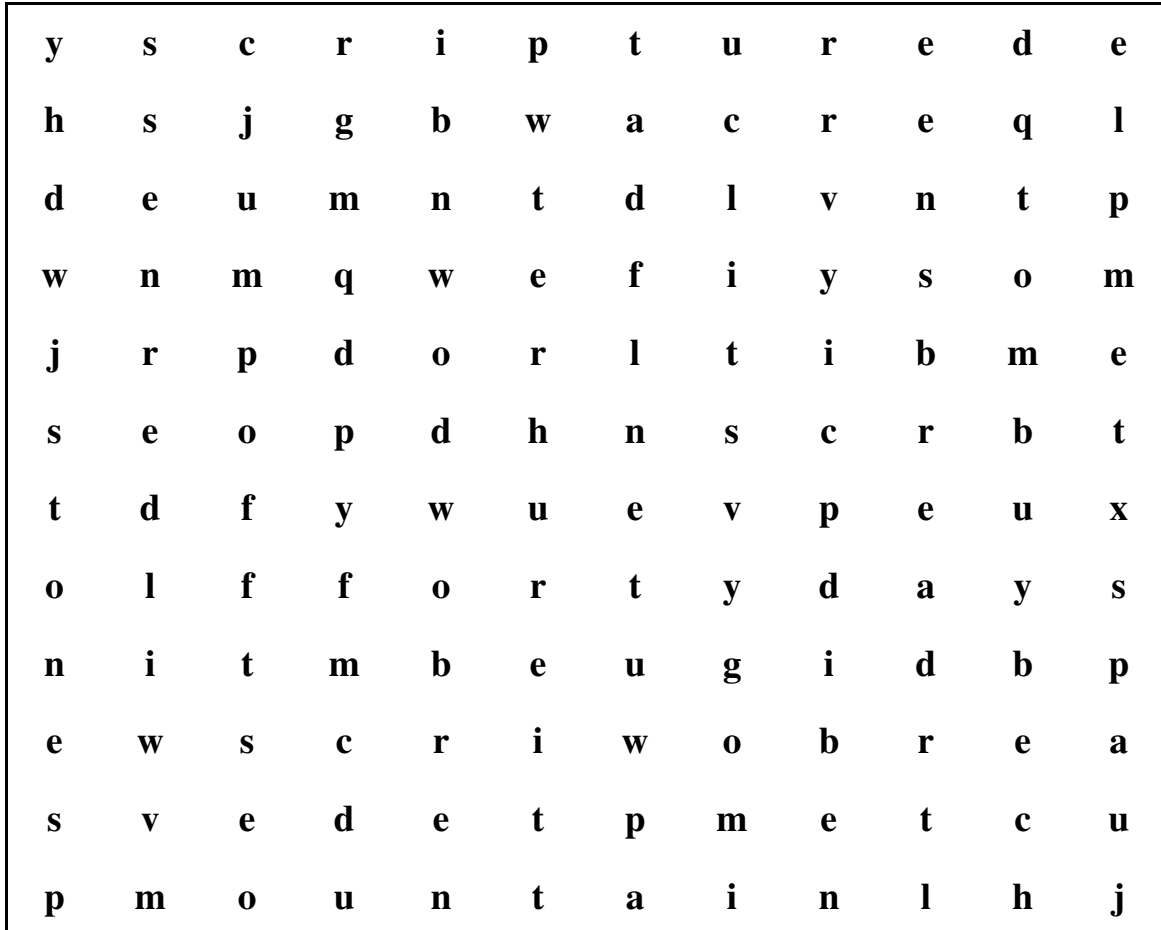


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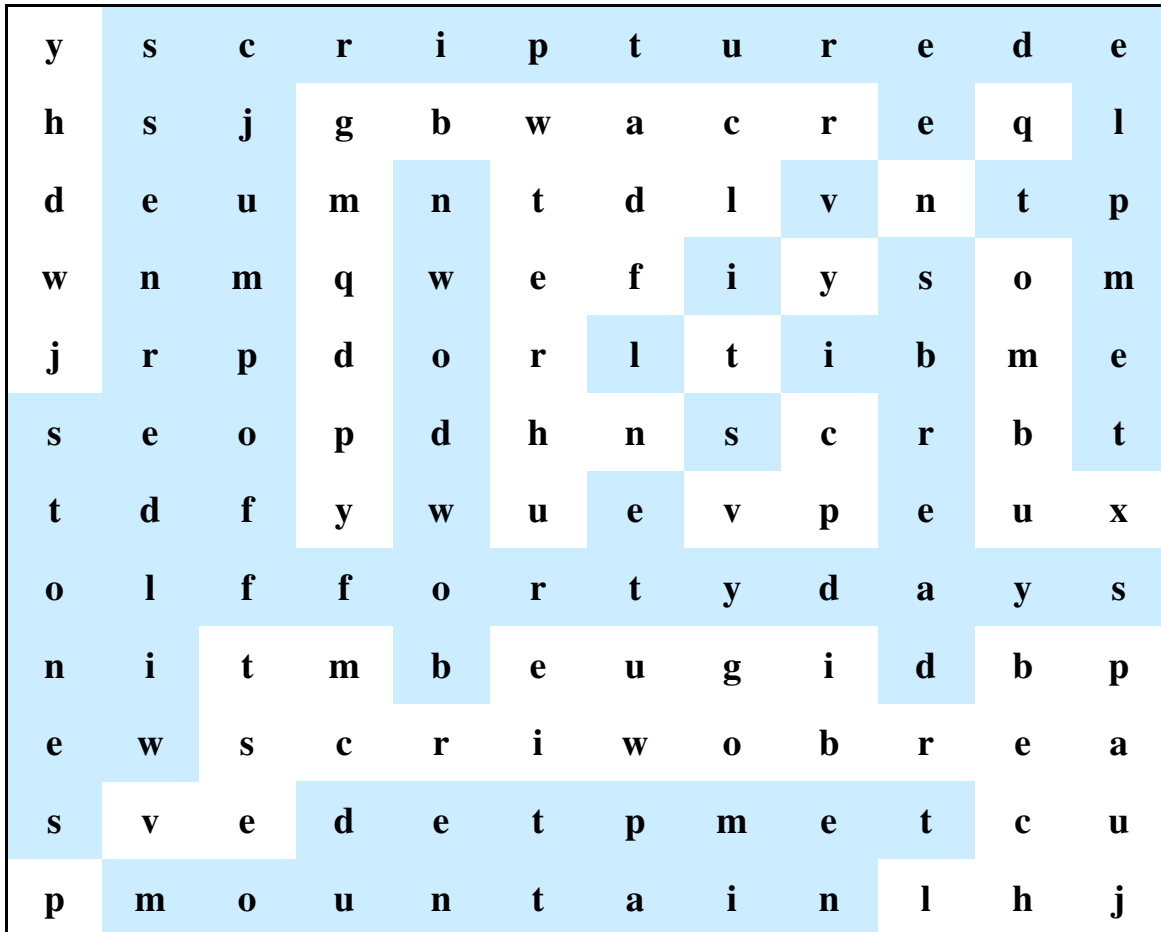
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