



## Jesus Was Tempted

Matthew 4:1-11

**MAIN POINT: JESUS WAS TEMPTED AND NEVER SINNED.**

After Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. Jesus did not eat for 40 days and 40 nights. When those days were over, Jesus was hungry.

Then the Devil came up to Jesus. He said, "If You are really God's Son, prove it. Tell these stones to become bread."

But Jesus refused. Jesus chose to trust God to meet His needs. Jesus said, "God's Word says: 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 Jerusalem to the top of the temple. The Devil said, "If You are really God's Son, prove it. Jump off this temple and trust God to protect You." Then the Devil said: "God's Word says: God will order His angels to keep You safe."

The Devil had used words from Scripture, but Jesus knew the Devil's command was foolish. 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 to Jesus, "I will give You all the riches and power of these kingdoms. If You want them, 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. Throughout all these temptations, 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.*

### MEMORY VERSE:

Christ Jesus came in to the world to save all sinners.  
1 Timothy 1:15

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different?  
Jesus is fully God and fully man.

### BIBLE STORY:

#### JESUS WAS TEMPTED

- Jesus went into the wilderness to fast and pray for 40 days.
- The Devil came to tempt Jesus.
- Jesus responded to each temptation with Scripture He had memorized.
- Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do we respond when we are tempted?
- Why is it important that Jesus was tempted and never sinned?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Research how to make a solar oven using stones, aluminum foil, black paper, and plastic wrap. Use it to bake bread and talk about Jesus' being tempted to make stones into bread.