

# JESUS' TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



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## BIBLE VERSE COMMITTING TO MEMORY

### Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered,  
"It is written: 'Man does not live on bread  
alone, but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.'"



## STORY LESSON BIBLE STORY

After Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River, the Spirit of God leads Jesus into the wilderness where he fasts and is tempted for forty days.

<sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

*'He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot  
against a stone.'*"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "**It is also written:  
'Do not put the Lord your God to the  
test.'**"



<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "**Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'**"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

(Matthew 4:3-11)

If you will remember, Jesus baptism represented the Israelites passing through the Red Sea on their way out of slavery in Egypt and on their way to the Promised Land. Jesus' forty days of temptation would thus represent the forty years of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness after they had passed through the water. I can't remember, did the Israelites pass or fail their forty years wandering the wilderness? FAILED! They kept whining and complaining and definitely did not follow the Word of God. Jesus as the messiah representative of Israel, is living out Israel's story as God intended it, not as it actually happened.

As we will see, Jesus is the true representative of Israel and succeeds in living out Israel's story as a source of salvation and blessing for the world.



## LIFE APPLICATION

### MAKING IT REAL

#### **WORD of God**

Jesus withstands temptation with the WORD of God. "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). How well do you know God's WORD? How much of God's WORD is in you? Could you withstand/resist temptation like Jesus did with the amount of God's WORD that you have in your heart? The WORD of God is powerful. Knowing it is very important in the life of a Christian. That is why it is important to read it often.



## QUESTIONS

### REMEMBERING

- 1. Where did the Spirit of God lead Jesus?** Into the wilderness
- 2. What did Jesus NOT do for forty days?** Eat or drink; he fasted
- 3. Who tempted Jesus to make bread to eat?** Satan
- 4. Who tempted Jesus to jump off the Temple?** Satan
- 5. Who tempted Jesus to bow down and worship him?** Satan
- 6. What did Jesus resist Satan's temptations with?** God's WORD
- 7. What would you have said to Satan?**



## COLORING SHEET

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