

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Use dramatic**

dialogue: Stand in one spot when telling Jesus' words. Then turn and face that spot as you speak the Devil's words.

- **Emphasize**

repetition: After each time the Devil tempted Jesus, pause and ask, "Do you think Jesus gave in to temptation?" Kids should reply, "No!"

Jesus Was Tempted

Matthew 4:1-22

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.** He prayed and thought about God's plan for His life. **When those days were over, Jesus was hungry.**

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."

If Jesus used His power to turn the stones into bread, He could eat them so He wouldn't be hungry anymore. **But Jesus refused.** Instead of using His own power, **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, which was called the holy city. The Devil took Jesus up **to the top of the temple.** Jesus stood on the roof, and 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,** and they will protect You so that You will not even strike your foot against a stone."

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 and how

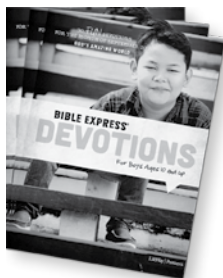
great they were. **The Devil said to Jesus, “I will give You all the riches and power of these kingdoms. They belong to me, and I can give them to anyone I want. If You want them, all You have to do is fall down and worship me.”**

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.

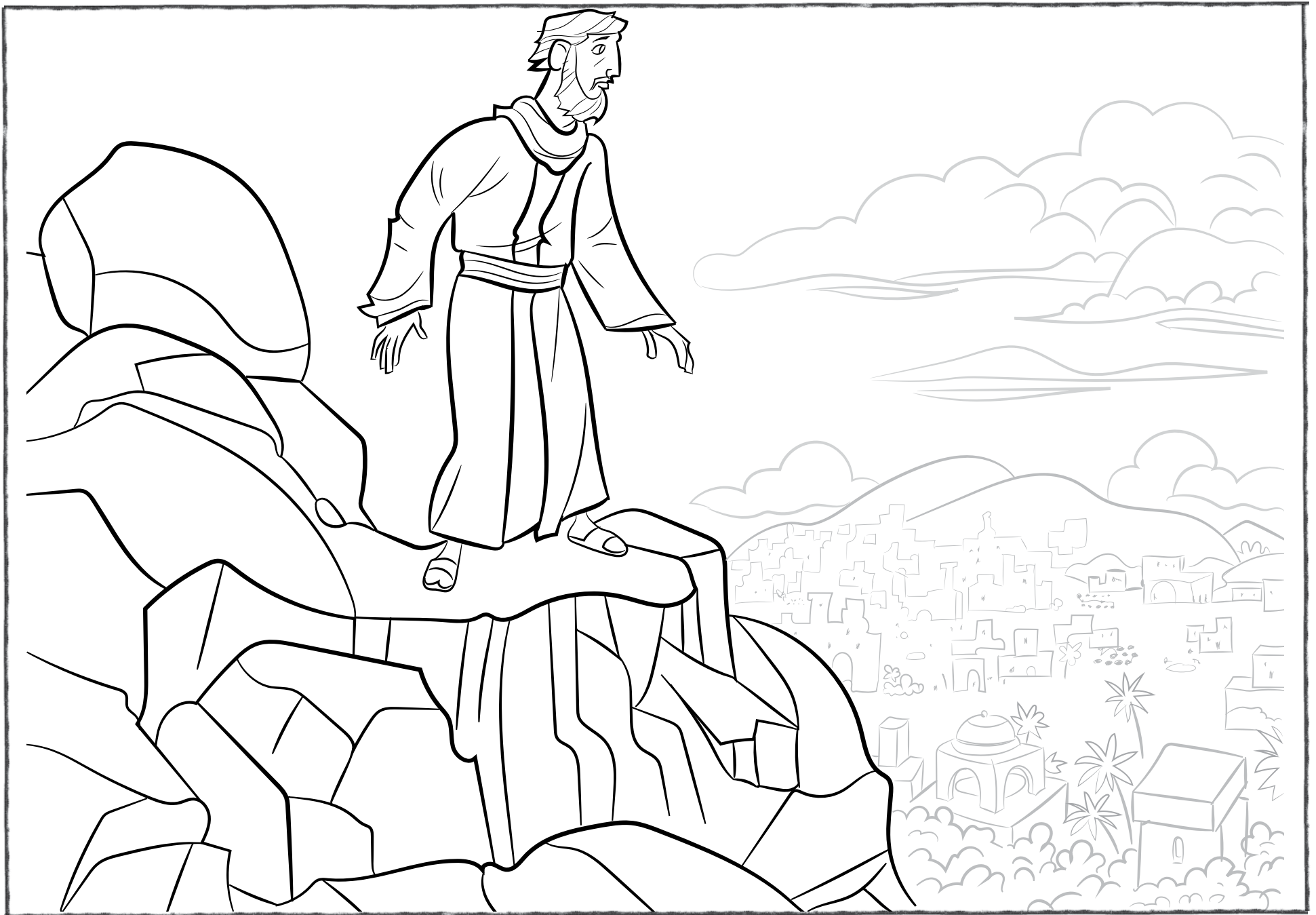
After that, Jesus began His ministry. He preached and said, “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!” Jesus called some fishermen to follow Him. Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their nets and followed Jesus.

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.



**WANT TO
DISCOVER
GOD’S WORD?
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BIBLE EXPRESS!**

Invite kids to check out this week’s devotionals to discover that Jesus was tempted and never sinned. As a result, Jesus is the perfect sacrifice to take away sin. Jesus is Lord of all. (Acts 10:36) Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.



Find the Hidden Food

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use the key to find the foods hidden in the picture. Circle them.



KEY PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different?
Jesus is God's One and Only Son.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS WAS TEMPTED

- Jesus was tempted by the Devil in the wilderness.
- Jesus said words from the Bible to the Devil.
- Jesus did not sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Jesus use words from the Bible when He was tempted?
- How can we use words from the Bible when we are tempted?
- Share a way you are tempted to sin.
- How does knowing that Jesus never sinned give us hope when we give in to temptation?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Memorize Scripture as a family. Consider using the key passage.
- Invite each family member to share ways in which they are tempted. Pray for each other and hold each other accountable during the week.

Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 19, Session 6

It is Written ...

Use the code to fill in the words Jesus said when He was tempted to sin.



Man must not live on
 alone
 but on every
 that comes from the mouth of
 Matthew 4:4

Do not t t
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 Matthew 4:7

the Lord your God, and
 only Him.
 Matthew 4:10

What Happened Next? Number the pictures in the order the events happened. Then label each picture with the Scripture reference describing the scene.

Matthew 4:2



Matthew 4:3



Matthew 4:5-6



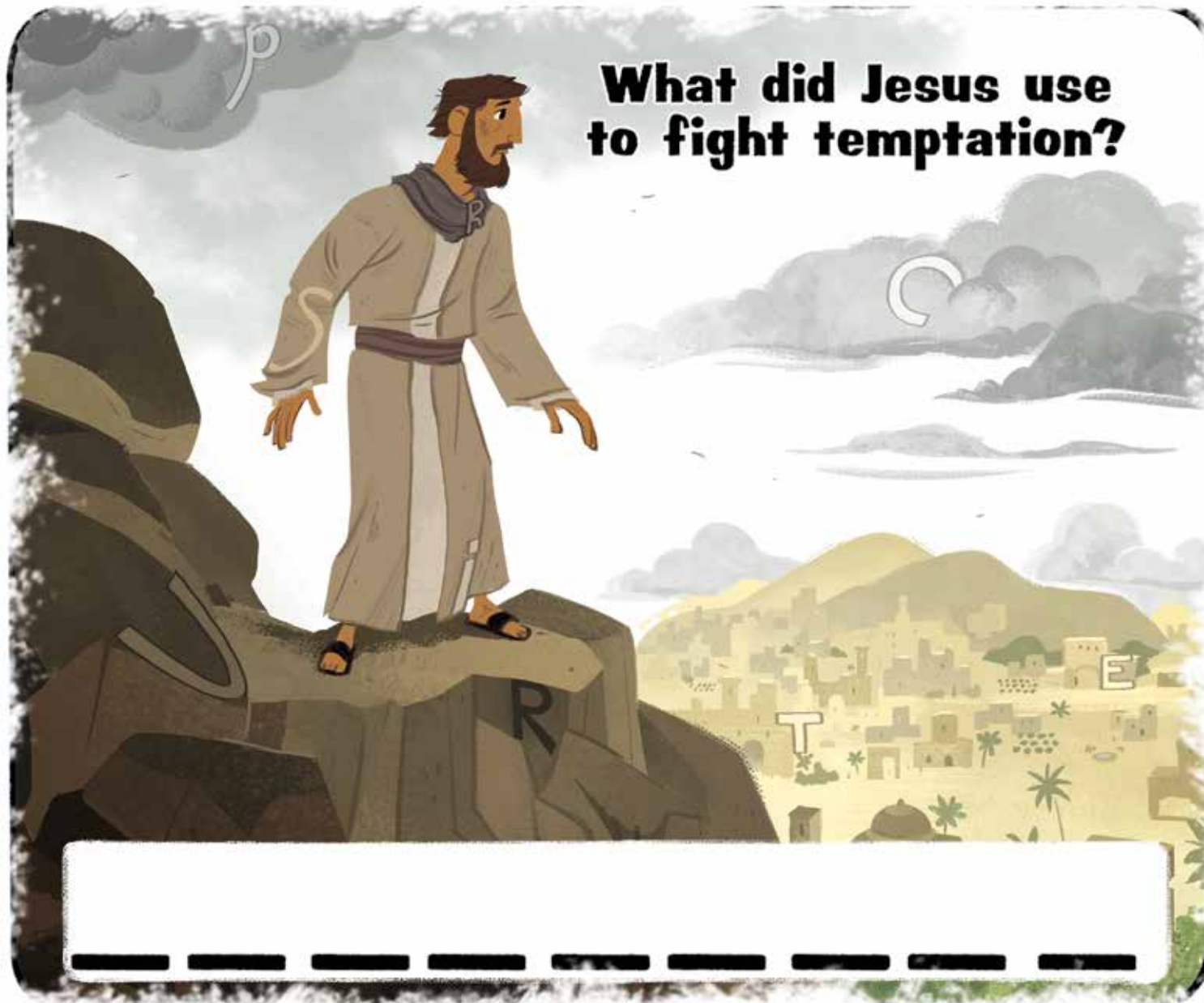
Matthew 4:8-9



Reveal the Truth

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find the nine letters hidden in the picture and unscramble them to answer the question below.



KEY PASSAGE: 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.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 19, Session 6

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.