



*Kia inu kau ahau,
If I could just drink*
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Gospel for kidz



A Religious Education Resource for Parishes

**Today we are going to be talking about
The temptation of Jesus.
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew.....adapted for children

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led him into the desert for 40 days to be alone with God, where he became very hungry.

There, the devil tempted him three times to do things that went against God's will.

The devil told Jesus to turn rocks into bread because he was so hungry.

Jesus said that people need God's words more than food.

The devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and dared him to jump off, saying God would send angels to save him.

Jesus said it was wrong to test God.

The devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and offered to give them to him if he would just bow down and worship him.

Jesus refused, saying he would only worship and serve God.

Finally, the devil left, and angels came to help Jesus.

Let's sit quietly now and think of God's story.

Unpacking the Gospel

I wonder what Jesus did for 40 days and nights in the desert?

What does it mean to be tempted by something?

(The desire to do something, generally something we can't or shouldn't do)

Temptation all by itself isn't sinful. It's what we do when we're tempted that matters. Sometimes it's really hard to walk away from something we want (even if it's something we shouldn't have.) But when we give in to temptation that leads us into sin.

Teacher, share something that you are tempted by. Help kids to understand that temptation isn't something we grow out of once we reach adulthood, but we must constantly rely on God to help us overcome temptation

What are some things that are tempting?

Spend a bit of time asking the children what tempts them.

Do you think the Bible can help? What/Who else might help?

In the story, God sent angels to comfort and help Jesus; how do you think God comforts and helps us now?

Let's Prayer

Thank you, God, for giving me Your word to help me.

Help me to be strong when I feel tempted to do something wrong

Help me to trust You and not worry."

Amen



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THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST JESUS

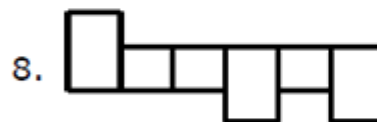
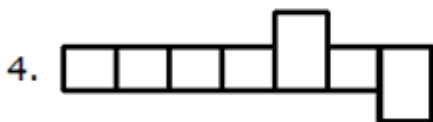
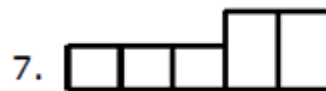
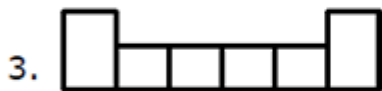
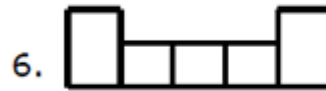
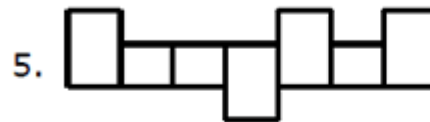
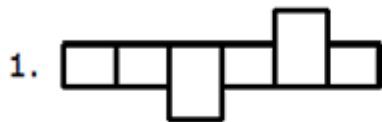
Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



desert	hungry	bread	world
tempted	stone	worship	angels

Hidden Pictures: Jesus' Temptation

Find these objects hidden in the picture below:
bucket, jug, leaf, magnet, needle and thread, plate,
ring, saw, spoon, star.

