



Unit 3, Lesson 10

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: TEMPTATION OF JESUS MATTHEW 4:1-11

THE STORY HOME

After His baptism, Jesus is fasting and praying for about a month... and He's famished! The tempter—Satan—goads Jesus to make stones into bread. It's one of Satan's tricks to take advantage of our weak condition. Jesus is being tempted to doubt His Father's care and take matters into His own hands. But Jesus quickly puts Satan off by quoting Holy Scripture. Bothered but not beaten, the evil tempter teases Jesus with special privileges as a lure to question God's protection. Then the tempter dangles earthly wealth and greed before Jesus saying He can own the world if He'll bow down and worship him. Jesus is done with him and says, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Later, the sly tempter flees and angels come to soothe and supply Jesus' needs. If we resist the devil he will flee from us.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Tested or tempted, do these words mean the same? What is the difference?
- Why do you think God allowed the evil one—Satan—to tempt Jesus?
- What is your biggest temptation?
- How do you resist or ignore temptation?

TOGETHER HOME

As a family, talk about different forms of temptation: greed, jealousy, suspicion, gossip, criticism, envy, sexual impurity, etc. Using "positive rehearsal," practice how to act or respond to a temptation situation at home, school, church, or with friends. Use your Bible to look up verses to rebut each of these temptations.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17) is our month's memory verse. Repeat this verse each morning together.

Throughout the day, smile or hug your child when he or she behaves in a way that pleases you. Remember, children need to know—to *feel*—they do many things right and they're loved.

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