

TELL THE BIBLE STORY

' Ask kids what they think *temptation* means. Explain that anything that causes someone to think of doing wrong is a temptation. Note that people are not always tempted by the same things. Suggest kids listen for the temptations in today's Bible story. Open your Bible to Matthew 4 as you tell the Bible story in your own words.

' **Option:** Show the "Notebook Bible Story" video.

TELL THE BIBLE STORY: JESUS RESISTED TEMPTATION

After Jesus was baptized, God's Spirit led Him into the wilderness. Jesus stayed there for 40 days and 40 nights without eating. He was very hungry.

Satan came to Jesus. He said, "If you are God's Son, change these stones into bread!"

Jesus answered with Scripture. He said, "It is written that people need more than bread. People need every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Satan took Jesus to Jerusalem. He sat Jesus on the highest part of the temple. Satan said, "If you are God's Son, jump off. The Scriptures say God's angels will keep You from getting hurt."

Jesus answered with Scripture again. "It is written, do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Satan took Jesus to a tall mountain. He showed Jesus all the nations of the world. Satan said, "I will give You all of these if You bow down and worship me."

Jesus answered with Scripture. "Go away, Satan! It is written, worship God and serve Him only."

Satan left Jesus. Angels came to serve and care for Jesus.

—BASED ON MATTHEW 4:1-11

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- Where did Jesus go right after He was baptized? (*wilderness*)
- How long did Jesus stay in the wilderness?
(*40 days and 40 nights*)
- Who tried to tempt Jesus to do wrong? (*Satan*)
- Why did Satan think changing rocks into bread would tempt Jesus? (*Jesus was hungry.*)
- From what did Jesus quote each time Satan tried to make Him do wrong? (*Scriptures*)
- What is a way Satan tried to tempt Jesus? (*Turn rocks into bread; jump off temple; worship Satan*)
- What happened after Satan left Jesus? (*Angels came to serve and care for Jesus.*)