

# THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

## #08 – The Temptation of Jesus Luke 4:1-13

**PICTURES** (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

8-1 Temptation to turn stone into bread

8-3 Temptation to throw self down from the temple

8-2 Temptation of kingdoms of world

**REVIEW** (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** What happened when Jesus was baptized?

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down and the Father said he was well pleased with his Son.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** Who did John the Baptist baptize?

B—B  
Baptize  
Those who came  
to him  
B—B—Baptize  
To turn away  
from sin

Make sign of “B”  
Lower hand palm up, raise back up  
Make sweeping circle with R hand  
Put R palm over heart  
Same as above  
Rotate hand in twisting motion  
Thumb down sign



- **Introduction:** (picture 8-1) What is this a picture of?

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to go into the desert where he didn't eat for forty days. He was tempted by the devil to go against his Father and do things God wouldn't want him to do.

Because Jesus was so hungry Satan told him to turn a stone into bread but Jesus said that being right with God is as important as eating.

Satan said that he would make Jesus the ruler of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus worshiped him, but Jesus said he would only worship God alone. (picture 8-2)

Satan told Jesus to throw himself off the high place on the temple because God would send his angels to rescue him, but Jesus said he wouldn't test God in that way. He wouldn't go against God's laws. (picture 8-3)

Jesus didn't give into Satan's temptations because he fully trusted God the Father and wanted to do what was right.

**The big question for this week is:** How do we keep from giving into Satan's  
Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: How was Jesus tempted?

Page 1—Luke 4:1-2

(picture of Jesus in the wilderness)  
After he was baptized,  
to the desert Christ was led.  
For forty days he stayed there  
without eating any bread.  
He was truly hungry,  
for food his cells cried out.  
But he remained in prayer  
while Satan roamed about.

Page 2—Luke 4:3-4

(picture of temptation of the stones)  
Satan's great desire  
was to destroy the one God sent.  
So in sneaky things he said,  
Jesus he did tempt.  
First he said to Jesus,  
"Into bread just turn this stone."  
Jesus he responded,  
"Man doesn't live by bread alone."

Page 3—Luke 4:5-7

(picture of temptation of the kingdoms of world)  
Then the devil took him up  
to stand on a high place.  
To show him all the kingdoms  
of each and every race.  
He said they would belong to Christ  
if he would worship him.  
Jesus wouldn't do that  
because that would be a sin.

Page 4—Luke 4:8

(picture of Jesus saying no to Satan)  
Jesus said to Satan  
that to God alone he'd bow.  
He looked to the eternal,  
not to the here and now.  
In all that Satan tempted,  
Jesus quoted what is true.  
So Jesus didn't sin  
as Satan tried to have him do.

Page 5—Luke 4:9-12

(picture of Jesus on top of the temple)  
To the temple he took Christ  
and stood him there on top.  
Satan told him to jump down,  
saying God wouldn't let him drop.  
Jesus said we aren't to test  
the Lord our God above.  
We shouldn't try to challenge  
God's protection and his love.

Page 6—James 4:7-8

(picture of victory of Jesus)  
Finally, Satan went away,  
leaving Jesus standing there.  
Jesus had resisted sin,  
trusting in his Father's care.  
Jesus was a man  
who was tempted just like us.  
But he never ever sinned  
because the Father he did trust.  
Satan tries to tempt us too,  
to get us to do wrong.  
But temptation we can overcome  
if in Jesus we stay strong.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: Where was Jesus led to go? Why was he so hungry? What was he doing while he was in the desert? What was Satan doing?

Page 2: What did Satan want to do to Jesus? What was the first thing Satan said to try to get Jesus to sin? How did Jesus respond to Satan? What does that mean?

Page 3: What was the second thing Satan said to try to get Jesus to sin? How did Jesus respond to that?

Page 4: What did Jesus focus on? How did Jesus respond to all of Satan's temptations?

Page 5: What was the last thing Satan tried to get Jesus to do? How did Jesus respond to that? What does that mean?

Page 6: Why would Jesus have been able to sin? Why didn't Jesus sin? How do we keep from sinning?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank Jesus that he understands what it means to be tempted and that he can help you when you are tempted. Pray that you would want to follow him and his truth rather than Satan's temptations.
- **The Big Question: How do we keep from giving into Satan's temptations?**

We are to resist the devil and submit ourselves to God.

## ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

• **Activity:** Drawing

Instruction: As a reminder of the three temptations the devil put before Jesus, draw a loaf of bread, a crown, and a building.

• **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

T—T	Make sign of "T"
Tempted	Make smirk, Move hand like "come here"
In every way	Shake head up and down
like us	With thumbs point to self
T—T—Tempted	Same as above
In God he put	Lift arms up in air above head
his trust	Bow head, prayer hands



• **Craft:** Word Art

As a reminder that we are to resist Satan, make a word art picture of the word "RESIST."

Materials: cover stock paper, colored pencils or crayons, glue sticks

Preparation: Run off craft on cover stock paper. Cut paper in half.

Instructions: Fill in the letters to "Resist" in a decorative way. Fold along gray lines.

Glue bottom to side so it stands up.

• **Discovery Activity:** (4-5 year olds) – Temptation of Jesus

Instructions: Have the children out the temptation of Jesus.

• **Song:** Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,  
To shine for Him each day;  
In every way try to please Him,  
At home, at school, at play.

Chorus

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,  
Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;  
A sunbeam, a sunbeam,  
I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

Jesus wants me to be loving,  
And kind to all I see;  
Showing how pleasant and happy  
His little one can be.

Chorus

I will ask Jesus to help me,  
To keep my heart from sin;  
Ever reflecting His goodness,  
And always shine for Him.

Chorus

I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus;  
I can if I but try;  
Serving Him moment by moment,  
Then live with Him on high.

Chorus

## JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.