

# 4 year olds, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bible Lesson 4-19-20

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## Jesus' Temptation

Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4

**Story Point:** Jesus gives us life with God forever.

**Memory Verse:** "He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30

**Gospel Gems:** Jesus always obeyed God's words.  
Jesus helps us when we are tempted.

### **PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study Guide**

Satan wants to ruin God's plan. In Genesis 3, he tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God. Sin entered the world, and the perfect relationship between God and man was broken. But all along, God had a plan to rescue His people through His Son. So when Jesus came to earth, Satan didn't back down. After Jesus was baptized—beginning His ministry and effectively declaring war on Satan—Satan tempted Jesus.

If Satan could just get Jesus to stray from God's perfect plan—if he could just get Jesus to sin—then Jesus would be disqualified to be the sinless Savior people needed. But Satan could not stop God's plan.

Jesus' temptation is not primarily an example to be followed but more a declaration of who Jesus is. He is the answer to God's promise of a descendant who would crush the head of the snake. (Gen. 3:15) Jesus is the perfect sacrifice required to take away sin. Where Adam failed, Jesus succeeded. Adam brought guilt and death to the human race, but Jesus brings forgiveness and life to all who trust in Him.

Even today, the devil works hard "to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Teach preschoolers that the power to resist temptation comes from Jesus. Preschoolers may struggle to understand that following Jesus won't mean instant eradication of sin and temptation in our lives. (Sanctification is a lifelong process!) Pray that the preschoolers you teach would see Jesus as their greatest treasure—more valuable than any instant gratification the world has to offer.

Finally, give preschoolers hope for when they fail. Jesus' perfect obedience is credited to those who trust in Him. Remind the preschoolers that "if we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). We can boldly approach God's throne to receive both grace and mercy when we need it. (See Heb. 4:14-16.)

### **Bible Review:**

"We have learned about the birth, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. Now we are going to be learning more about His ministry on earth. Our story today happens right after John baptized Jesus. Let's read from the Bible to learn more about what happened.

## **Bible Story: Jesus' Temptation – Matthew 4:1-11**

### **PARENTS:**

We encourage you to look up the following scriptures with your child and read directly from the Bible. A story form of this lesson will also follow but please continue to emphasize the story comes from God's Word.

### **Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness**

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

### **Story Form**

After Jesus was baptized, God's Spirit led Him into the wilderness where He stayed for many days. Jesus did not eat anything while He was in the wilderness and He was very hungry.

The devil came to tempt Jesus. He tried to get Jesus to sin (do wrong things). The devil said, "If You are really God's Son, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus said, "This is what the Bible says: Man must not live only on bread, but on all the words that God says."

Jesus did not sin, so the devil tried again. He took Jesus to the top of the temple in Jerusalem. The devil said, "If You are really God's Son, prove it. Jump off the top of the temple. God will protect You." The devil continued by saying, "The Bible says God will order His angels to keep You safe, and they will protect You so that You will not even trip on a stone."

Again, Jesus said no. Jesus knew the devil was trying to trick Him by misusing God's words. Jesus said, "The Bible also says, do not test God."

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain where they could see land stretched out far and wide. The devil said, "Look! I will give You all the money and power of these great kingdoms. All You have to do is fall down and worship me!"

Jesus said, "No! Go away! The Bible says, only worship God and only serve God."

So, the devil went away. Angels came to help Jesus and serve Him. In all these things, Jesus never sinned.

### **Review Questions:**

- What did the devil tell Jesus to do with the stones? (*tell the stones to become bread*)
- What did the devil tell Jesus to do on top of the temple? (*jump off*)
- What did the devil tell Jesus to do on the high mountain? (*worship him*)
- Did Jesus do what the devil told Him to do? (*No*)
- Did Jesus sin? (*No, Jesus never sinned.*)

**Christ Connection** – (all stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus)

"The devil tried to get Jesus to sin, but Jesus never sinned. Jesus always did the right thing. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin. When we are tempted to sin, we can ask Jesus to help us say no to sin."

### **Bible Activities pages:**

- Access: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Activity pages 4-19-20** online.
- The first page is a coloring sheet.
- Following the color sheet are the activity pages.
- Choose one or both pages to work on.
- Follow the directions on the Activity page.

### **Activity Resource pages:** (supplemental)

- Access: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Activity Resources 4-19-20** online.
- These are supplemental activities you can do with your child/children.

### **Craft:**

- Access the craft page: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Craft 4-19-20** online.
- Follow the directions on the craft page.

## **Missions Moment:**

- Access the Missions page: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Missions 4-19-20** online.
- Show the pictures of Betty Greene while you read the story.
- If you have a world map, show your child the different places Betty Greene went to tell other people about Jesus.

## **Prayer**

“God, You are a wonderful and amazing God. Thank You for listening to our prayers and teaching us Your word. Help us to be more like Jesus and resist the temptation to do things that are against Your word. We love You, in Jesus’ name, Amen.”