

## JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

### Memory Verse

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

### Story Characters

Jesus  
Satan

### Jesus in the Wilderness

**Narrator:** Jesus came to earth to show people how the kingdom of God would come to this world. After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him into the desert, so that the devil could test him. After Jesus had gone without eating for forty days and nights, he was very hungry. Then the devil came to him again, to tempt him.

**Satan:** If you are God's Son, tell these stones to turn into bread.

**Jesus:** The Scriptures say, 'No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken.'

**Narrator:** By turning the stones into bread, Jesus would have been popular with the people, giving the people everything they wanted.

The devil was trying to make Jesus do things on His own, rather than waiting for God to give Him direction. But Jesus knew that what mattered most was that He obeyed God. Then the devil took him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

**Satan:**(speaking over the wind) If you are God's Son, jump off. The Scriptures say: 'God will give his angels orders about you. They will catch you in their arms, and you won't hurt your feet on the stones.'

**Jesus:** (speaking over the wind) The Scriptures also say, 'Don't try to test the Lord your God!'

**Narrator:** By throwing himself from the temple, Jesus would have been a wonder-worker, with all of Jerusalem amazed at his power. He would have been doing it just to prove that God would catch him. And again, Jesus cared more about being obedient to God, and doing what God asked Him to do. Finally, the devil took Jesus up on a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms on earth and their power.

**Satan:** I will give all this to you, if you will bow down and worship me.

**Jesus:** Go away, Satan! The Scriptures say: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'

**Narrator:** Then the devil left Jesus, and angels came to help him. Jesus was exhausted and he was hungry, but he had won the battle and hadn't given in to the devil's temptation. He was ready to begin his mission given to him by the Father.

If you would like to read more about Jesus and his ministry, check out the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and

John. They're the first books in your Bible's New Testament.

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