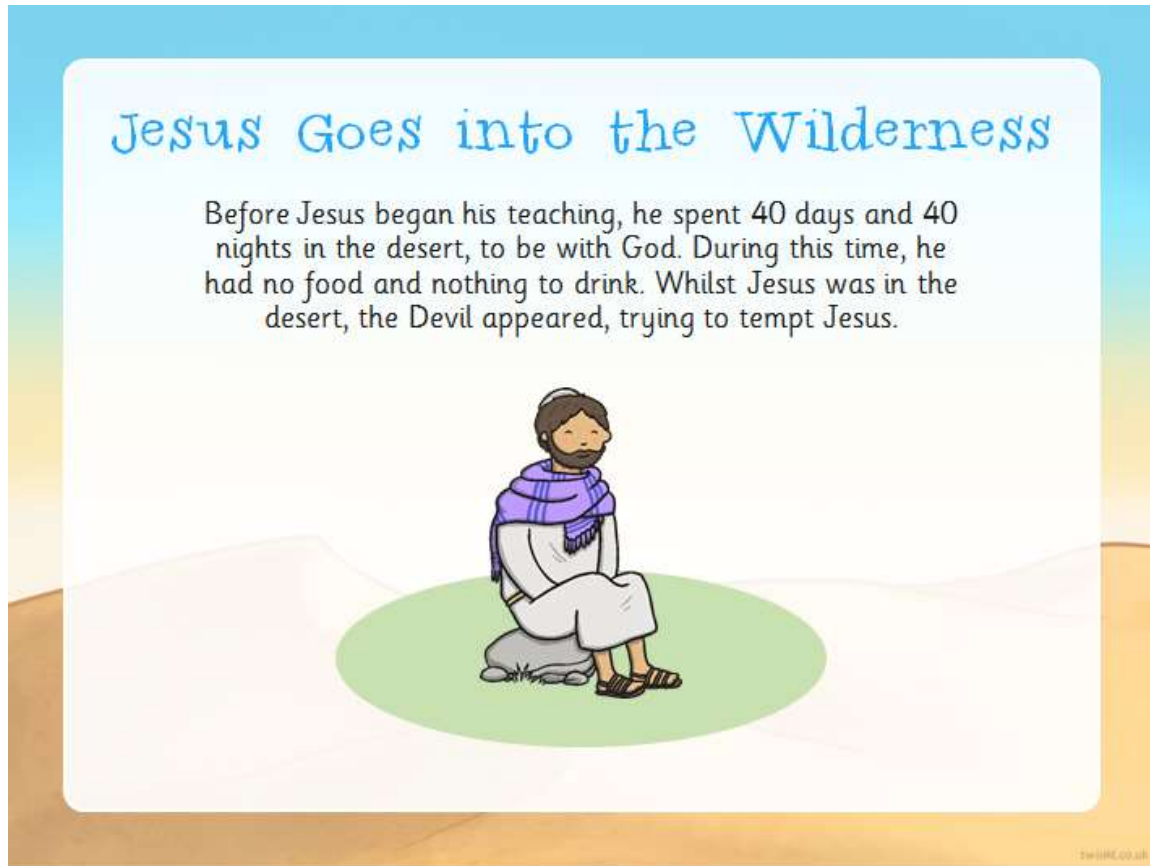


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Lesson 4: Temptation in the Wilderness

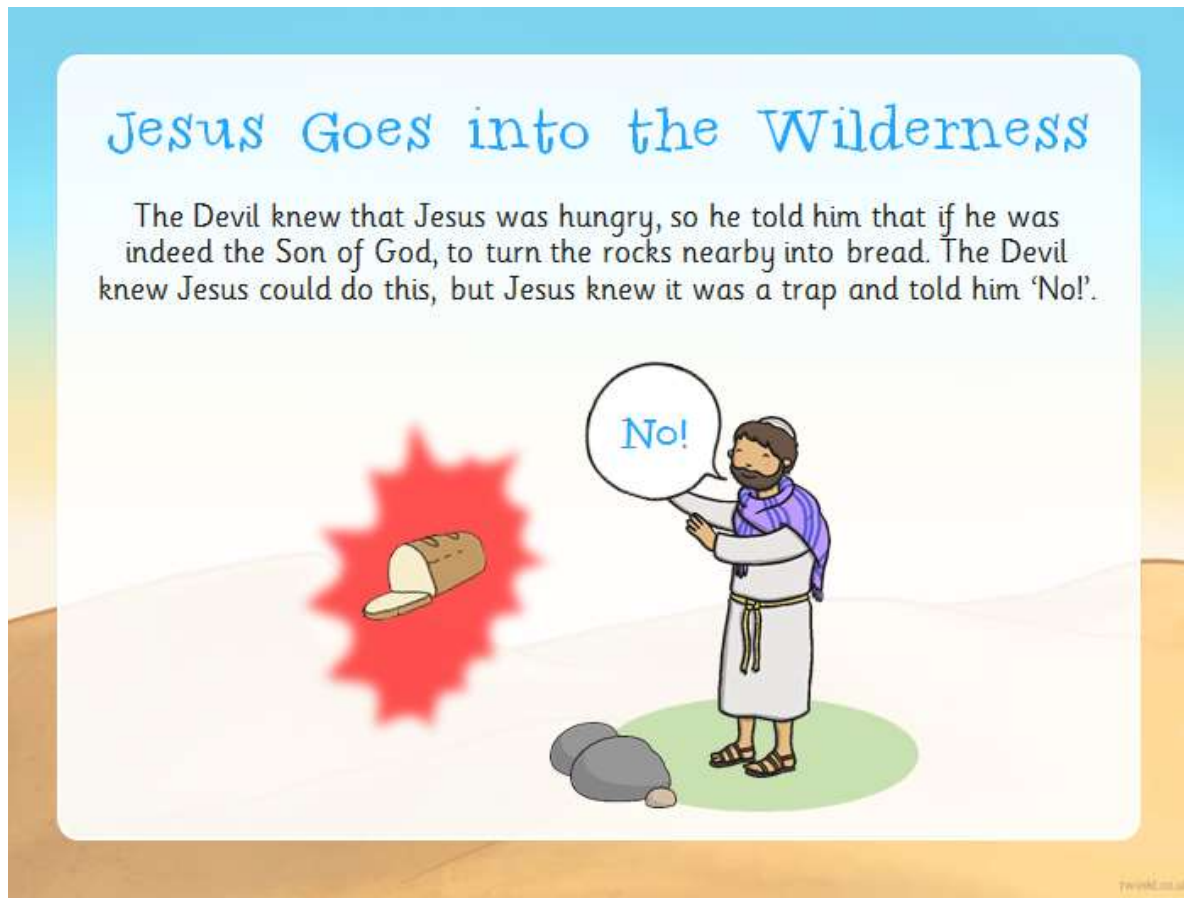
Ask your adult to read this to you.



After Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist he went away to the desert to be alone. He decided that he wanted to pray and think about God for 40 days. Jesus thought so much about God that he did not even eat! Jesus did not eat for 40 days when he was in the desert.

Satan (The Devil) did not like it because Jesus only thought about God. Satan hated it that Jesus was so good all the time. He decided to tempt Jesus and try to make him do bad things. He tempted Jesus in three ways.

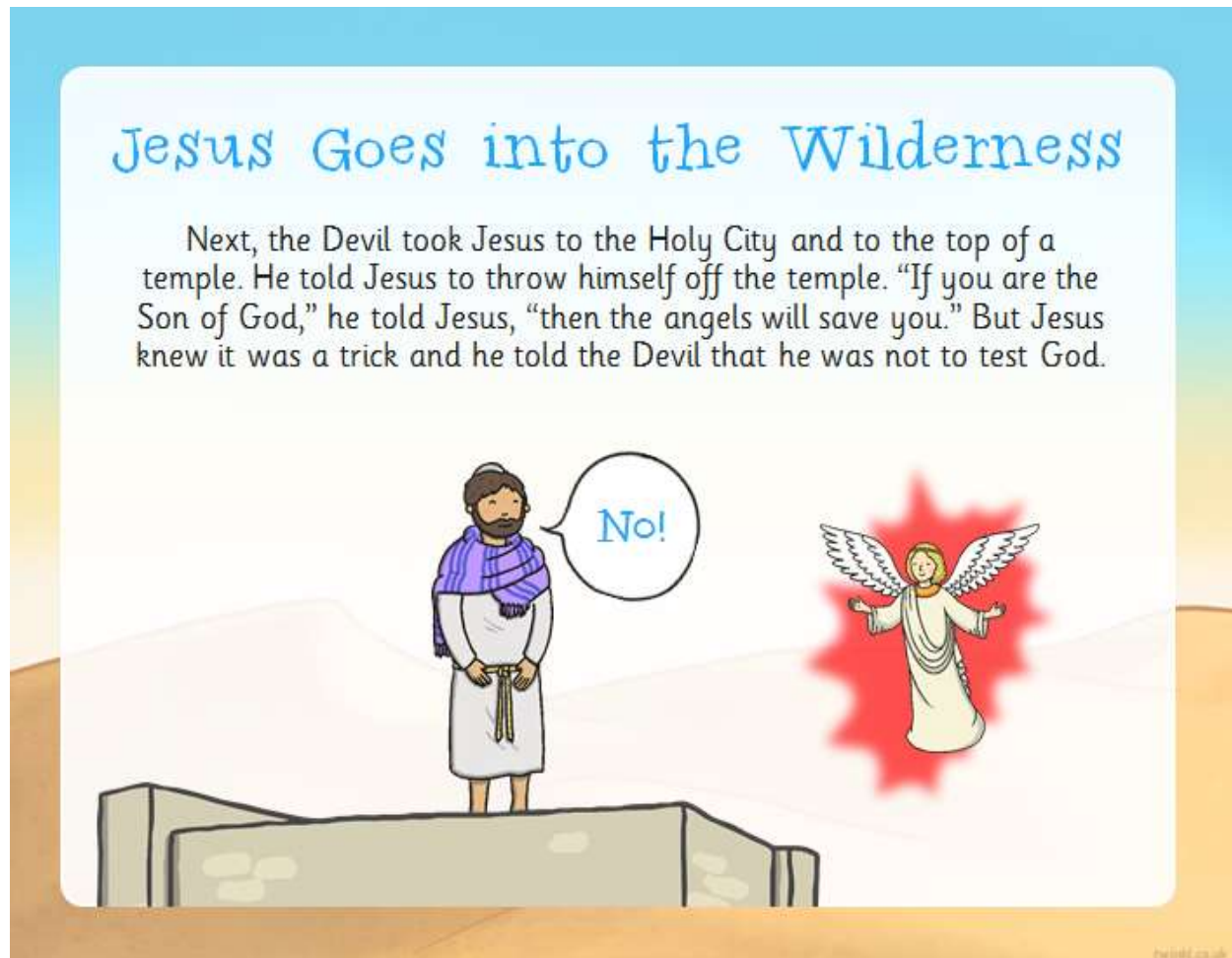
Temptation One:



Jesus was very hungry so Satan said, "If you are really the Son of God then use your special powers to turn these stones into bread."

Jesus was hungry but he knew that God wanted him to only use his special powers to help people. His power was not just for feeding himself! Jesus wanted to do the right thing. He knew the best way to answer Satan was to use God's words. Jesus had memorised a lot of scriptures so he knew exactly which scripture to say to Satan. He said, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

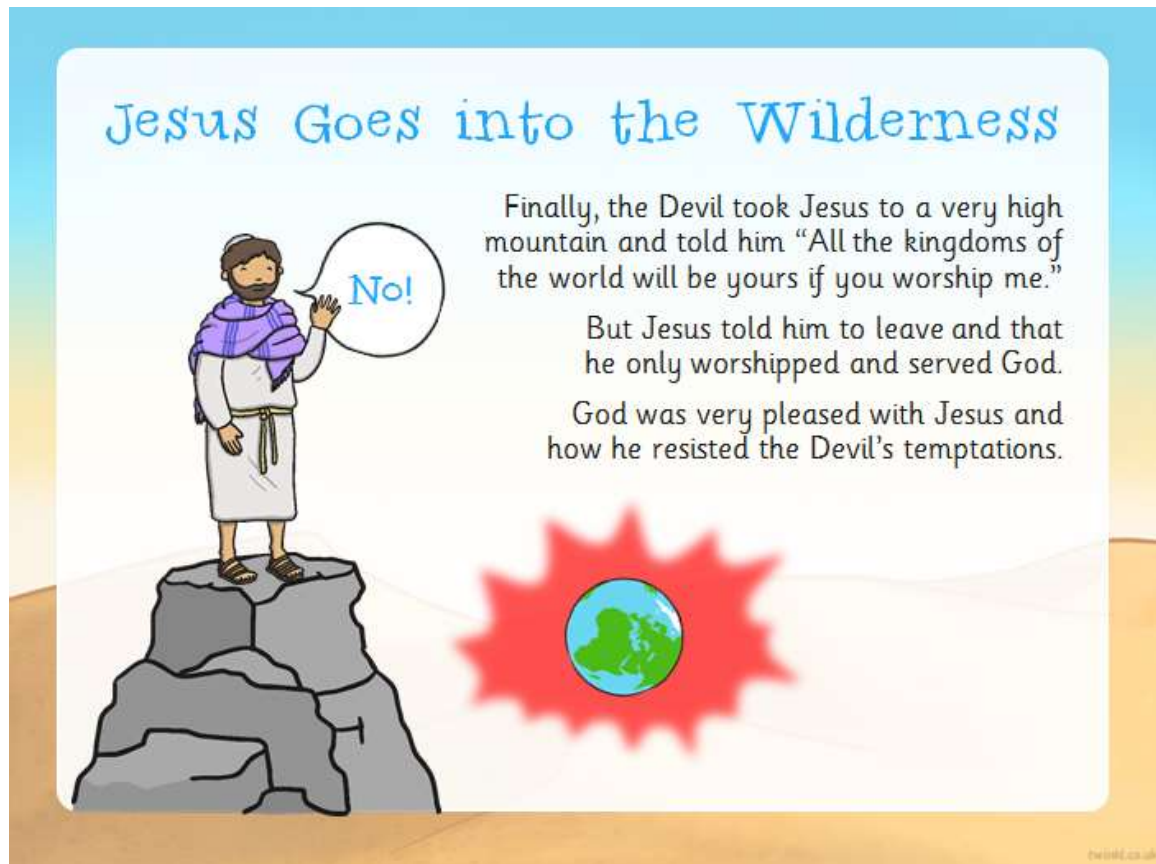
Temptation Two:



Next, Satan took Jesus to Jerusalem to the temple. They stood at the highest point of the temple. Satan wanted to get Jesus to doubt God's power. He told Jesus that he should give God a test to see if his power worked. Satan told Jesus to jump off the temple and see if God's angels would catch him.

But Jesus did not need to give God a test. Jesus already knew that God's power was stronger than anything in the world. Jesus told Satan another Scripture from God's word. "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Temptation Three:



Satan was getting very angry. He had one more thing he could do to tempt Jesus. Maybe this time he could get Jesus to sin. Satan took Jesus to the top of a very high mountain. They could see the whole world from the top of the mountain.

Satan said, "You say you love all the people of the world. You say you want them to go to heaven. How about a deal? I will help all the people of the world go to heaven if you will just do one simple thing. All you have to do is to bow down and worship me instead of God."

Finally, Jesus had had enough. He told Satan to go away. Of course he would never worship Satan! Jesus loved God. He would only worship God. Jesus quoted from the Old Testament one more time, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Jesus Resisted Temptation

Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. He had no food and nothing to drink. Whilst he was in the desert, the Devil tried to tempt him with food and drink. The Devil made Jesus many promises, but each time Jesus told him 'No!'.

Lent lasts 40 days, to remind Christians of Jesus' sacrifices when he was in the desert and also of his refusal to be tempted by the Devil.



Then Satan left Jesus. Angels came and helped take care of Jesus after that.

Do you think Satan gave up trying to tempt Jesus? No, he did not give up. Satan tried over and over to tempt Jesus but Jesus never did wrong.



What Is Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is the day after Pancake Day. It is the start of a very important time in the Christian Calendar.

What does Lent lead up to?

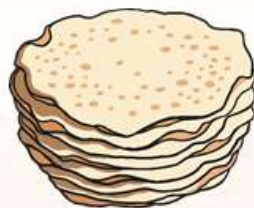
Lent leads up to Easter, the time that Christians remember Jesus' death and resurrection.

Lent is 40 days long (not including Sundays).

Why is Lent 40 days long?

What Do Christians Do During Lent?

In the past, Christians would give up all 'rich' food and drink during Lent. This meant food such as meat, eggs, fats and milk products weren't eaten. People used up their 'rich' foods before Lent began, by making pancakes; this is why we have Pancake Day.



What Do Christians Do During Lent?

Today, many Christians mark Lent by trying to 'give up' something they like. It might be chocolate or something like video games. They do this to remember Jesus' sacrifice when he was in the desert and to test their own self-discipline: to see if they can say no to temptation, just as Jesus did.



Lots of churches hold special Lent services.

When Does Lent Finish?

Lent ends at Easter, when Christians remember Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection.





God is good and wants us to do good things, but the devil is evil and wants us to do bad things.

We cannot see God but we know he is always near us. He helps us and takes care of us. He always wants us to do the right things so we will be happy. He wants us to come live with him in heaven when we die.

We cannot see Satan but he is alive too. He is very bad. He tries to get us to do bad things. He does not want us to go to heaven when we die. Heaven is a happy place where God lives. Satan wants us to go to a bad place called hell. No one is ever happy in hell because God is never there.

Sometimes we want to do the wrong thing. Wanting to do the wrong thing is called "temptation".



Sometimes we know to do something good but we want to just forget about it and not do it. When we feel like not doing something that we know is good that is also temptation.

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Temptation is when bad and wrong things look really good to us. Satan tempts us. He does not like it when we are good so he tries to make bad things seem good to us. Sometimes he makes them look so good that we forget what God says and just do the bad thing.

Sometimes we are tempted to do the wrong thing too. God understands Satan's sneaky tricks and he can help us say "no" to temptation. We need to trust God just like Jesus did.

List 'Good things I do/Bad things I have done'.

Good things I do 	Bad things I have done 

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Make an acrostic (each letter of the word is the first letter of another word) using the letters in the word TEMPTATION. All of the words can be things that are tempting. Examples: T=television, E=evil words, M=money, etc.

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