



Mark 1:12-13a (NIV)

“The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan for forty days.”

After Jesus is baptized by his cousin John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the desert wilderness for forty days. Jesus spends this time, more than a whole month, praying and fasting- that means not eating. By now, Jesus is feeling hungry and lonely and weak, like we are sometimes.

So what do we want when we’re hungry? Something to eat, of course. And that is the first temptation for Jesus. The Bible tells us temptation comes to Jesus as a devil. The devil tells Jesus to use his power to turn stones into bread so he can eat. But Jesus does the right thing. He tells the devil that he needs his power for more important things, like doing God’s work.

And what do we want when we’re lonely? We want to feel loved and cared for. The devil takes Jesus up to a high place and tempts Jesus to jump off and call his angels to save him, to prove that God cares for him. Again, Jesus does the right thing. He reminds the devil that we shouldn’t demand God to show His love and care in that way, God shows his love and care in God’s way.

And what do we want when we’re feeling weak? To feel strong and important. The devil shows Jesus a whole world of kingdoms. The devil offers to make Jesus the earthly ruler of them all, if he will worship the Devil. Jesus refuses to honor the devil. Jesus knows that real strength comes from God. He says “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

The Gospels tell us that after these temptations, the devil went away, and angels appeared to take care of Jesus.

The story of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness reminds us that even when we are feeling hungry or lonely or weak, we can do the right thing. God and his angels and Jesus will help us.

THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST JESUS

Discover the hidden words.

B	M	N	S	W	F	S	W	D	F	J	O	M	R	T
R	V	I	Z	E	A	U	E	H	T	O	R	C	Z	E
E	C	Z	F	T	X	T	S	X	E	C	R	J	F	M
A	F	D	A	R	P	T	P	W	M	G	N	T	U	P
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Z	N	Q	U	W	L	K	I	N	E	J	G	G	N	I

Word Bank

FORTY	GOD	BREAD
MOUNTAIN	TEMPLE	TEMPTATION
SATAN	WORSHIP	JESUS
WORD	ANGELS	STONES