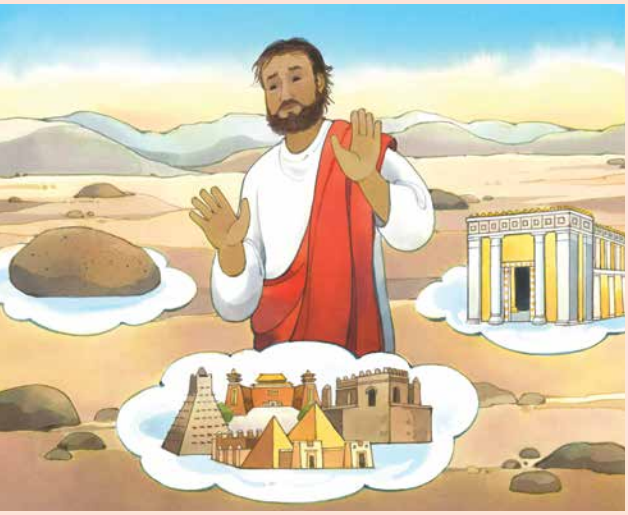
Jesus Proved He Is Our Deliverer

Matthew 4:1–11



After Jesus was baptized, He went to the wilderness to be alone and pray. He thought about what God wanted Him to do. He is God's Son, but He had also become a man. He got tired and hungry just like we do. He did not eat for forty days. He did not want to stop praying and thinking about God.

Satan wanted to stop God's plan for people to go to Heaven by believing in Jesus. He wanted to make Jesus sin so He could not be the Savior. He said to Jesus, "If you are God's Son, turn these stones to bread."

Jesus would not obey Satan. He did not have to prove Who He was. Jesus said to live by God's Word (the Bible) and not by food.

Satan tried again. They went to the top of the temple. Satan said, "If you are really God's Son, jump off the temple. God said His angels would catch You."

Jesus didn't need to prove Who He was. He said, "The Bible says not to tempt the Lord your God."

Satan had another idea. He took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him all the richest kingdoms in the world. "I will give You all these things if You worship me," said Satan.

Jesus was not tempted. To worship Satan is sin. "Get away from Me," He said. "The Bible says to worship and serve God."

Jesus defeated Satan. Jesus proved He is the Son of God by not giving in to Satan.

Theme

Jesus is qualified to be our deliverer because He is God's Son.

Measurable Response

The student will acknowledge the deity of Christ.

Memory Verse

"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (John 20:31).

Bible Story Questions

Ask your child these review questions.

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Satan want Jesus to sin?
- Who is the only One we should worship?
- Tell about the three temptations Jesus faced.

Julie Says No

Julie and Nicole were walking home from the park with Nicole's big brother, Robert. The girls were skipping down the sidewalk and singing songs. They turned the corner and walked down a street that had some fun little shops.

"I'm so hungry," said Julie. "I hope my mommy has lunch ready when I get home."

"I'm hungry too," said Robert. "I was running a lot at the park."

"Me too," said Nicole. "Let's walk faster."

They passed a little ice cream and candy store. "Look, they put snack machines out here on the sidewalk," said Robert.

"I wish I could have a piece of candy. I'm so hungry," said Nicole. "But we have to have money to put in the slot of the snack machine or it won't work. We don't have any money."

"I do," said Robert. He pulled some coins out of his pocket and put a couple coins in the machine. The girls watched as he turned the knob and a small bag of candy dropped down to a shelf at the bottom. He picked up the candy and opened the bag.

"I'll share with you," he said as he put some candy in his mouth and poured some pieces into Nicole's hand.

"Mmmmm," Nicole said. "That is so good."

"Julie, put your hand out," Robert said.

Julie looked at Robert and Nicole. She knew the candy would taste good. But she also knew her mommy would not want her to eat candy just before lunch. She knew Mommy would have a cookie for her later.

Julie shook her head. "My mommy doesn't want me to eat sweet things before meals. I will obey my mommy," she said.

"That's silly. Your mother won't know if you eat one little piece, and we won't tell," said Nicole.

"No, thank you," Julie shook her head again. She felt happy she had obeyed.

"Thank You, God, for helping me obey my mommy and You," she whispered. ■

Life Application

- What was Julie tempted to do?
- What did Julie remember?
- Who did she thank for helping her?
- Tell about a time when you were tempted to do something wrong.
- What should you do when you are tempted?

Understanding Temptation

Secure bubble solution and a wand. Tell your child you are going to blow some bubbles, and he may pop as many as he can before they pop on their own. Let him count the ones he breaks. For the second activity, have your child sit down. Blow bubbles over him. Tell him you do not want him to touch or break the bubbles. For the third activity, have him stand. Blow bubbles over him. Tell him to do whatever he has to do to stop them from touching him.

Explain there are different kinds of temptation. Sometimes temptation is being told you can't do something you really want to do. Sometimes temptation comes from things; sometimes temptation comes from people. Talk about avoiding temptation by getting away from it and asking God to help you.

Candy Match

Just for fun, match the circles to the pieces of candy they complete.

Measurables

Look for the following indicators that your child is learning to trust God for help in times of temptation.

1. My child recognizes temptations.
2. My child asks God for help in resisting temptation.
3. My child knows that Jesus is God's Son and has the power to resist Satan.

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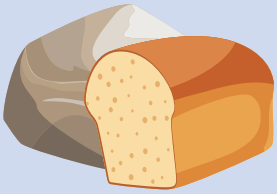
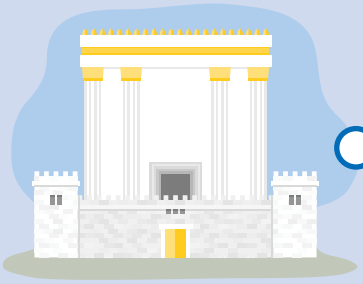
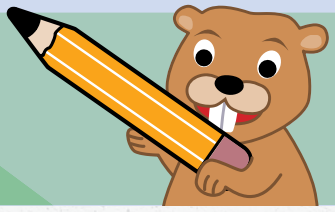
Satan vs. Jesus

Directions: Look at the pictures. Read the sentences. Draw a line from the sentence to the picture it is telling about.





- Satan wanted Jesus to bow down to him to get things.
- Satan tempted Jesus to make bread from stones.
- Jesus did not sin. He is God's Son.
- Satan tempted Jesus to jump off the temple.



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