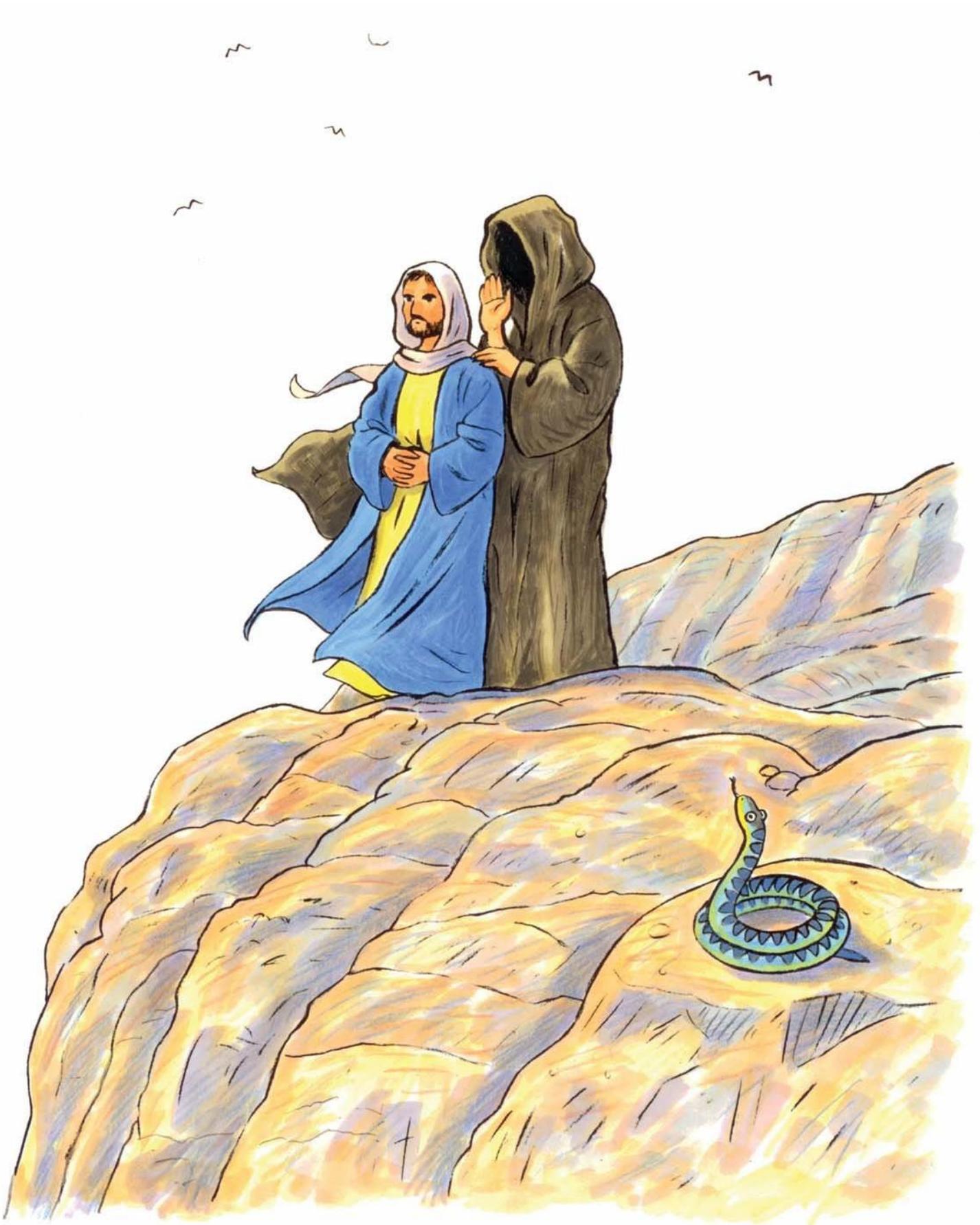


JESUS IS TEMPTED

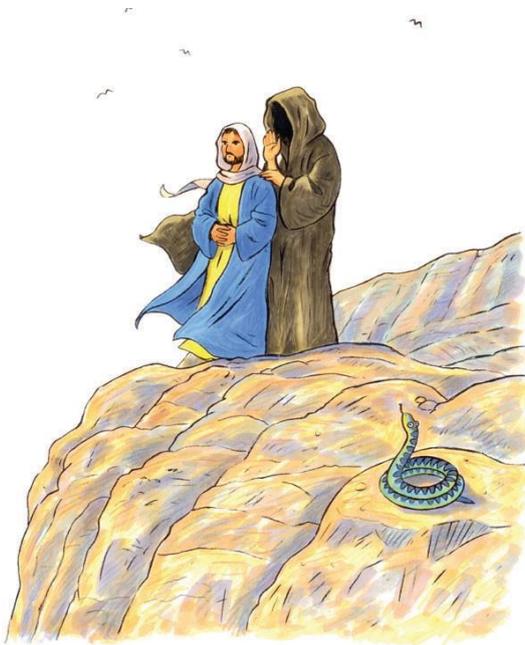
Matthew 4:1-11



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Devil tried to tempt Jesus to sin, but Jesus resisted the temptations.■ God knows we are tempted every day.■ God will help us resist temptation, if we ask Him when we pray.
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Jesus is Tempted



After His baptism, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. In the desert, Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights.

The Devil knew Jesus was hungry and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, why not turn these stones into bread?" Jesus could certainly do that, but He recognised the voice of Satan.

Jesus said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

The Devil then took Jesus into Jerusalem, and on the top of the temple, he said to Jesus, "If You are the Son of God, jump down! God will order His angels to carry You on their hands. You will not get hurt!"

Jesus answered, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord, your God.'" The Devil failed a second time.

The Devil then took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. The Devil said to Him, "I will give You all these treasures, if You will fall down and worship me!"

Jesus answered, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Then the Devil left Jesus, and angels came to take care of Him.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, stones, put a chair on a table and let a child stand on the top.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- How is Jesus tempted?
 - Jesus is very hungry and the devil asks Him to turn stones into bread.
 - Jesus is on the top of the temple and the devil asks Him to jump down.
 - Jesus sees all the kingdoms of the world. The devil wants Him to fall down and worship him.
- How does Jesus react?
 - He does not give in to the temptations of Satan.
 - Jesus chases Satan away.

Have the children repeat...

- The Devil tried to tempt Jesus to sin, but Jesus resisted the temptations.
- God knows we are tempted every day.
- God will help us resist temptation if we ask Him when we pray.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Satan tempted even Jesus.
- The devil can also whisper bad thoughts to us. What examples do you know?
- Do not let bad thoughts or wrong friends influence you. How would that be put into practice?
- Test your thoughts: What would your parents or your ministers do?

<p style="text-align: center;">Repeat the Message Jesus resisted temptation and we should try to resist temptation too.</p>
