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T: Can I understand the story of the temptations of Jesus?



Our new unit is called...
Lent: Living as followers of Jesus today

But 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?

Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness. If you have a Bible at home, you can find this story in **Matthew 4:1-11**.



Don't worry if you do not have a Bible. You can read the story on the next few slides.

Jesus Goes into the Wilderness

Before Jesus began his teaching, he spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, to be with God. During this time, he had no food. Whilst Jesus was in the desert, the Devil appeared, trying to tempt Jesus.



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The Devil knew that Jesus was hungry, so he told him that if he was indeed the Son of God, to turn the rocks nearby into bread. The Devil knew Jesus could do this, but Jesus knew it was a trap and told him 'No!'.



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Next, the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City and to the top of a temple. He told Jesus to throw himself off the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he told Jesus, "then the angels will save you." But Jesus knew it was a trick and he told the Devil that he was not to test God.



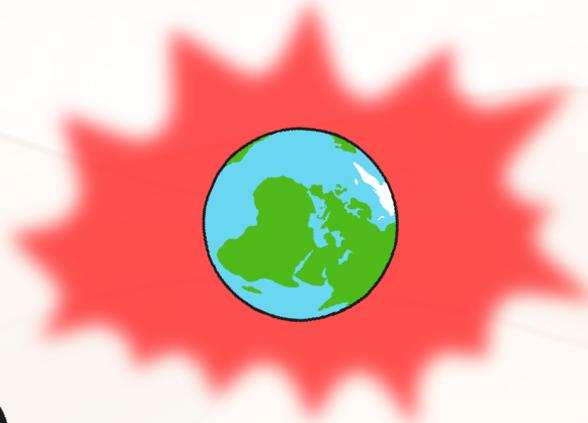
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Finally, the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and told him “All the kingdoms of the world will be yours if you worship me.”

But Jesus told him to leave and that he only worshipped and served God.

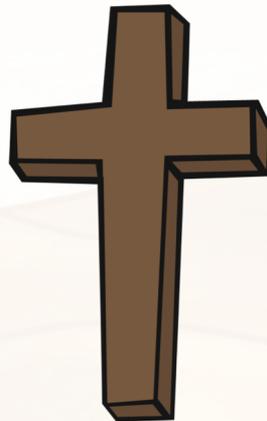
God was very pleased with Jesus and how he resisted the Devil’s temptations.



Jesus Resisted Temptation

Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. He had no food. Whilst he was in the desert, the Devil tried to tempt him with food. 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.



Today's Task

Please complete the worksheet available. There are three options of worksheets to choose from, one star, two stars and three stars. The more stars you choose, the more challenging it will be answering questions about Jesus being tempted in the desert.

If you get stuck, you can always watch the video again or look through the PowerPoint to help you.

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How did the Devil tempt Jesus? Draw a picture	What did Jesus say to the Devil? Circle your answer	If you were Jesus, what would you have said to these temptations? Write your answer.
<u>Temptation 1:</u> The Devil told Jesus to turn the rock into bread.	Yes or No?	
<u>Temptation 2:</u> The Devil told Jesus to jump off the top of the temple.	Yes or No?	
<u>Temptation 3:</u> The Devil told Jesus to worship him.	Yes or No?	

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How did the Devil tempt Jesus? Write a sentence.	Do you think it was difficult for him to say no to the Devil? Circle your answer.	Give a reason for your answer.
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Extra challenge:

Can you think of a time when you have been tempted? Write a sentence explained what happened and what your response was. Was it a difficult decision or not?

Here is my example:

At Christmas, my presents were under the tree and I was very tempted to unwrap them to see what was inside. Although I was tempted to open them, I did not give into temptation and I waited until Christmas Day. This was a difficult decision, because I was very excited for Christmas.

Reflection

Lent is a time for Christians to remember Jesus' sacrifice and how he resisted temptation.

**If you were giving up something for Lent, what would it be?
Why would it be difficult for you to give it up?**

