



Jesus and the Devil

January 9

Luke 4:1-13

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Talk about how each of the temptations was a temptation for Jesus to abandon His mission and do things the way that looked 'easy' but was actually wrong.
- Two people: one comes in 'starving,' the other asks how long it has been since they have eaten. The answer is earlier that day, compare that to 40 days
- Grab bag of exciting things (Save your Halloween candy?) Which is your favourite? Even do a poll for the best thing. If you could have anything in the world, what would it be? What do you think Jesus wanted most in the whole world?
- Who would be able to have this treat with them for the rest of the service and not eat it? How about if I told you that if you could wait till the end, I'll give you another one? Its really tempting to eat it. ... Jesus was tempted but he was able to resist because he knew that there was something better, even if it was hard.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- How did Jesus respond when tempted to do something wrong?
- Why is it important to know what the Bible says?
- What are things we are tempted to do? How can we respond to those things?
- Jesus as victor – who is this Jesus who can triumph over the devil?
- Jesus was human – he was hungry, still did not give into temptation
- How did knowing the Bible help Jesus resist the devil's temptations?

At Home Connections

- Talk about one specific temptation your child or family is easily distracted by. Find a verse to help resist it and make it pretty to post in your home.
- Talk about how it is not a sin to be tempted to do wrong things, and that God gives us the ability to say no to doing them.
- Discuss with your family what things take up lots of your family time – are they good for you? Do they bring you closer to each other and to God? How might life be lived differently?