

# JESUS WINS HIS FIRST BATTLE!

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The Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending 40 days and nights without food, Jesus was very hungry. Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'"

Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says: 'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'" Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

*Matthew 4:1-11.*

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When do we, as Jesus' followers, try to re-live his desert experience?

What do we do?

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Jesus is called the 'New Adam'. What is the difference between the way Adam and Jesus responded to the devil's temptations?



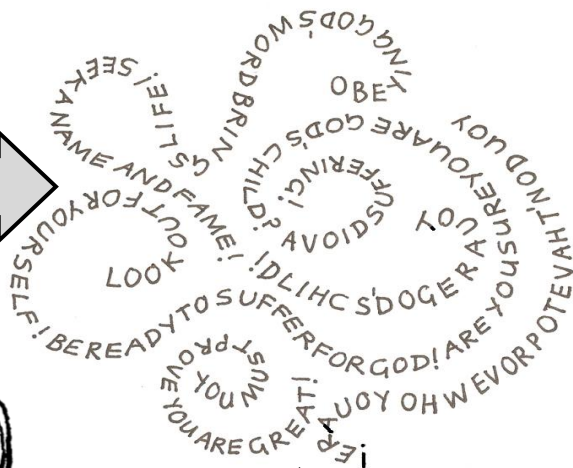
## CHALLENGE!

Find a time when Satan tempted Jesus through one of his friends.

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IN THE DESERT, JESUS COULD HEAR DIFFERENT VOICES. HE WAS ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THEM. CAN YOU SEPARATE THE WORDS OF THE ENEMY AND THE WORDS OF GOD?

GOD'S WORDS:



THE ENEMY'S WORDS:



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Saint Paul said:

'Put on the whole armour of God, so that you will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.' *Ephesians 6:11,17.*

