

Bible Story 30: JESUS' BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION

SCRIPTURE: Baptism: Mathew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11
Temptation: Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 2:18

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS IS BAPTIZED

When Jesus was thirty years old, He went to the Jordan River for John the Baptist to baptize Him. John the Baptist baptized Jesus. As Jesus came out of the water, the Spirit of God came down in the form of a dove. God spoke from heaven saying, ***“You are My dear Son in whom I am well pleased.”***

JESUS IS TEMPTED

Then Jesus left and went to the desert. He stayed there fasting and praying for forty days and nights. He was very hungry. Satan came and tempted Jesus three times.
(Temptation is a desire to do something that God says is wrong.)

- 1st Satan said to Jesus, ***“If You are the Son of God, turn these rocks into bread.”***
Jesus replied, ***“The Holy Scripture says people do not live only by bread, but on God’s Word.”***
- 2nd Satan took Jesus to the highest part of the Temple and said, ***“If You are the Son of God, jump off the top of the Temple. The Word of God says that God will protect you.”***
Jesus replied, ***“The Holy Scripture says not to test God.”***
- 3rd Satan took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all nations of the world. Then Satan said, ***“If You bow down and worship me, I will give all of this to You.”***
Jesus replied, ***“Leave, Satan! The Holy Scripture says to worship and serve only God.”***

Satan left. Then Jesus returned to Galilee.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Who baptized Jesus? What happened when Jesus was baptized?
2. What does baptism mean?
3. Who can be baptized?
4. Jesus fasted forty days and nights. What does it mean to fast?
--- After Jesus did not eat for forty days and nights, Satan tempted Jesus.
--- What does it mean to be tempted?
--- Tell how Satan tempted Jesus three times.
5. What are some temptations that you face?
6. What did Jesus do when He was tempted?
7. What did Jesus quote? What is the Holy Scripture?
8. What are some ways to help you resist temptations?