

Scripture for Lesson 4

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Jesus in the Wilderness

Focal Passage: Matthew 4:1-11

Background Text: Same

Purpose: To claim the power of Scripture to combat temptation in our lives

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Temptation of Jesus

4 Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. ² After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*"

⁵ After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, ⁶ "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, *I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"

⁷ Jesus replied, "Again it's written, *Don't test the Lord your God.*"

⁸ Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*" ¹¹ The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.