

Interactive story

Session Three – Jesus in the Desert

Bold text – Narrator

(Bracketed Italics) – everyone to join in

This interactive story works best with big groups. Start by teaching the group the interactive bits in brackets. When you get to them in the script, repeat them 2 to 3 times.

Have fun and be creative; you may wish to teach some volunteers ahead of time to help you tell the story. It's up to you. You're in charge!

Jesus had been led into the desert by the Spirit. The desert was hot, and dry and the sun was bright and scorching.

Jesus said

Everyone: (Everyone wipes their forehead) Phew it's getting hot out here.

Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, while he was there, he didn't eat anything. His tummy began to grumble.

Everyone: (Everyone rub their tummies and make a grumbling sound)

Now, it was about this time that the Devil came to Jesus to tempt Him. The Devil taunted Him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread."

But Jesus said

*Everyone: (Everyone put their hand out and shout)
"Stop! For it is written in the scriptures that..."*

**"A person does not live only by eating bread.
But a person lives by everything the Lord says."**



But the Devil didn't give up, so he led Jesus to the Holy city of Jerusalem. He took Jesus up to a very high part of the Temple.

The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off. It is written in the Scriptures, 'He has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you with their hands.

And you will not hit your foot on a rock.'"

But Jesus said

Everyone: (Everyone put their hands out and shout) "Stop! For it is written in the scriptures that..."

"Do not test the Lord your God.'"

But the Devil gave an evil smile as he had one more trick up his sleeve. Or so he thought.

He led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. And said "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things."

But Jesus said

Everyone: (Everyone put their hands out and shout) "Stop! For it is written in the scriptures that..."

"You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!"

The Devil had been defeated!

Everyone: Hurray! Christ has won!

