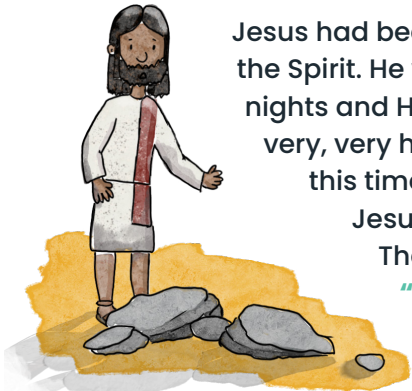


Jesus in the Desert



Jesus had been led into the desert by the Spirit. He was there for 40 days and nights and He ate nothing. He became very, very hungry. 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 was strong and He answered, **"It is written in the Scriptures, '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 still Jesus was strong and replied, **"It also says in the Scriptures, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'"**

The Devil had one more trick up his sleeve. He led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. After he had shown off all the great kingdoms, the Devil said; **"If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things."**

Jesus was strong once more, and He said to the Devil, **"Go away from me, Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only Him!'"**

So, the Devil left and some angels came to Jesus and helped Him.

