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Level: Second Grade

Lesson: Lesson of 'The Temptation of Jesus' ~with use of drama.

Your objectives in this lesson:

- a.) Students will realize that Satan knew exactly who Jesus was and where His strength/power came from.
- b.) Students will grasp the 3 times that Jesus was tempted
- c.) Students will realize that even though Satan urged Jesus to detour the cross and seize the throne immediately, Jesus chose to obey His Father's will and defeated Satan by using the Word of God.

Materials needed:

- a.) stone, picture of the temple (or a model of a church), & a globe, used in telling the story.
- b.) copy of the skit for acting out the story.

Idea:

In teaching the children about Jesus' temptation, we have a discussion on what temptation means to them and how they are faced with temptation today (cheating, stealing, watching bad shows, playing pad games, etc.). They need to understand that Jesus was truly tempted but he never did sin. Our discussion will show that if Jesus gave in to Satan he could no longer save us from our sins because he would no longer be perfect. So we need to remember God's Word-like Jesus did when we are tempted and we need to pray for God to help us from being tempted to do wrong. After this discussion, we break up into small groups and practice reading and then acting out this story. Once during the year, my class will act out 3 or 4 Bible stories for our K-2 chapel. They love this way of culminating a story.

# THE TEMPTATION

Based on Matthew 4: 1-11 by  
Marion Schoeberlein



## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jesus

Satan

Angel

Narrator

Props: Two stones

Scene: A desert scene ... Jesus walks in the sand alone for a few moments. Then Satan (dressed like an old man in a black cloak) enters. In the background is a pinnacle where Jesus stands as Satan enters.

Narrator: Jesus was in the desert fasting and thinking. He saw no one except the wild animals there. Because he hadn't eaten anything for forty days, He was very hungry. Satan thought this was a good time to come to Him. This is the story of Jesus' temptation.

*(Satan moves stealthily toward Jesus, two stones in his hands.)*



Satan: You've been wandering out here a long time. You must be very hungry by now. Here, I have two stones. They say You are the Son of God. Well, if You really are, why don't You make these into bread?

Jesus: It is written in the Scripture, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God.

(Jesus walks to the center of the stage where the pinnacle is and puts His feet on it. Satan comes up behind Him, laughing softly)

Satan: If You really are the Son of God, cast Yourself down from here. You have plenty of angels. They will keep You from falling.

Jesus: Do not tempt me, Satan!

Satan: I know something better. Look down from this pinnacle and see all the glories of this world. I have them all—the kingdoms of this earth. Everything down there belongs to me. If You will fall down and worship me, I will give them all to You.

Jesus: Get behind me, Satan. It is written, you shall worship only the Lord, Your God. (Satan leaves stage muttering. Angel comes and stands on pinnacle above Jesus and touches Him on the shoulder.)