

Lesson 1: Resistance

Today's Bible Story

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led him out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Because he'd been going without food for 40 days and 40 nights, Jesus was very tired and hungry — and the devil knew it.

The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

In reply, Jesus quoted from the book of Deuteronomy, in the Old Testament. "It is written:" Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God's mouth."

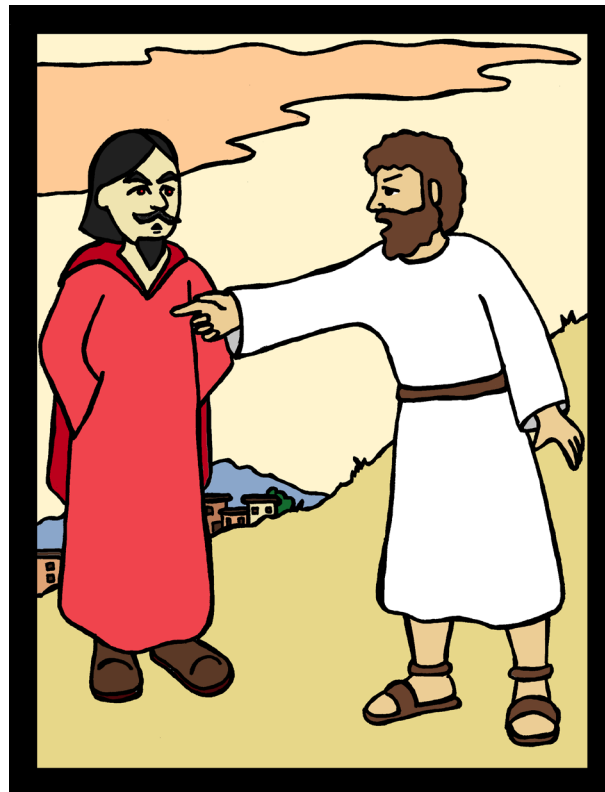
Next, the devil took Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem, and set him on the highest part of the temple. "If you are really God's son," he said, "throw yourself down from here. After all, the Bible says, 'He will order his angels to protect you,' and, 'On their hands they will lift you up, lest you strike your foot on a stone.'" By quoting the Bible against Jesus, the devil was hoping to trick him. But Jesus would not be fooled.

Speaking confidently, Jesus answered, "Again it is written: 'You shall not put God to the test.'"

Next, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain. There, he pointed out the many kingdoms of the world. Each place seemed to glitter with beauty and riches. "All these I'll give you," the devil said, "If you'll just fall down and worship me."

"Be gone, Satan!" Jesus exclaimed. "For it is written: 'You shall worship the Lord, and serve only him.'"

Finally, the devil gave up and left. After that, angels came and ministered to Jesus.



From Matthew 4:1-11

Bible Rhyme

While in the desert, Jesus prayed;
he ate no food for 40 days.
That's when the devil came and tried
to tempt the Lord with pleasant lies.
The devil promised lots of things,
like food and safety, wealth of kings —
but Jesus would not go along
with all the things he knew were wrong.
"Be gone!" yelled Jesus. "Let me be.
Your tempting will not work with me!"
The devil could not beat the Lord
for Jesus stood upon God's Word.

The devil tried to tempt Jesus with many things. Look below in the devil's bag of tricks.
Find some things that the devil used to tempt Jesus:



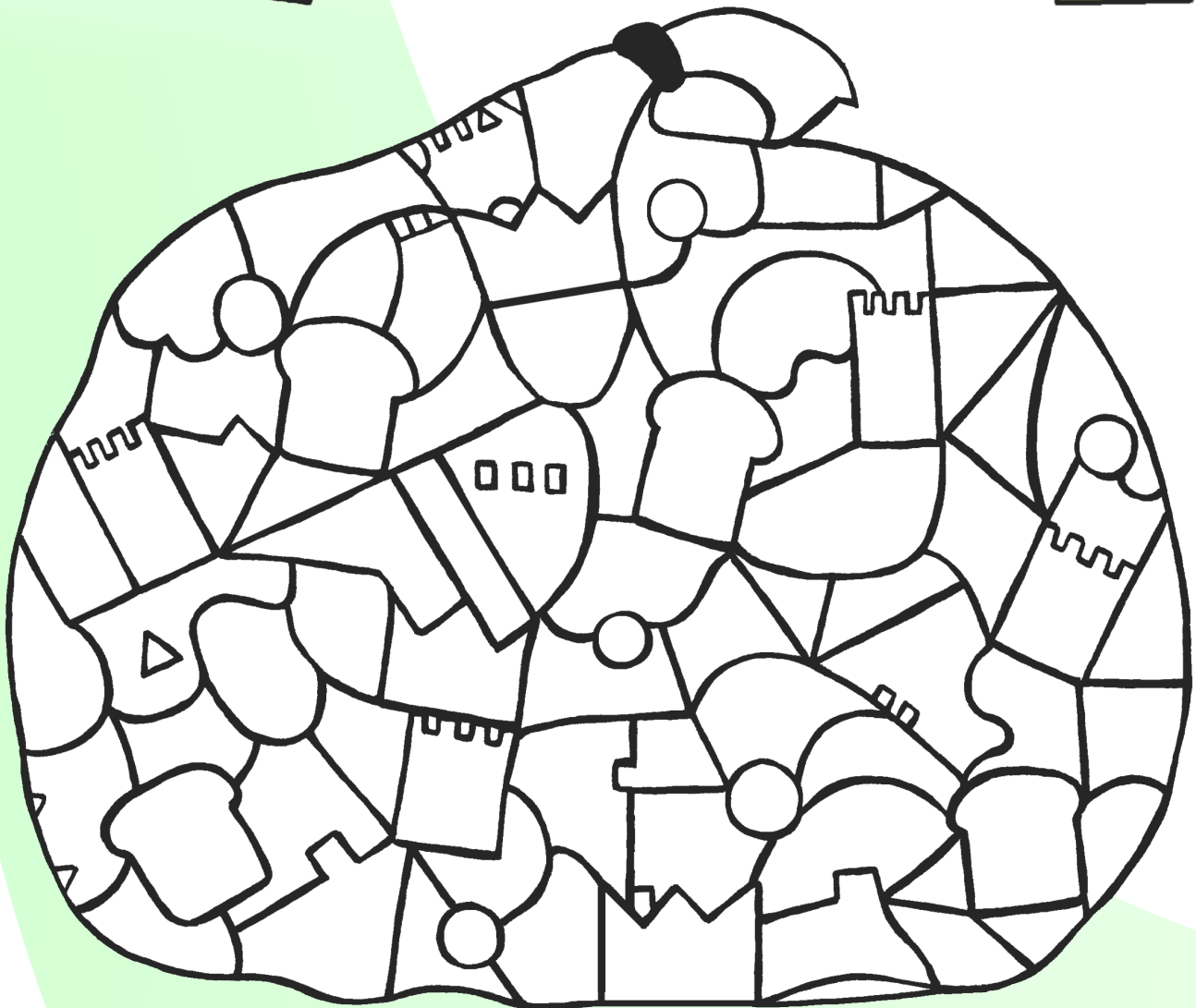
Color each castle tower **RED**

Color each coin **GRAY**



Color each bread slice **BROWN**

Color each crown **YELLOW**



Use the coins as the letter "O" to fill in the missing spaces in the verse below,
to see what Jesus told the devil, in Matthew 4:7:

"Y _ U SHALL N _ T PUT THE L _ RD Y _ UR G _ D T _ THE TEST."