

Sola Publishing Children's Message Lent 1 – Year C		SOLA
Temptation		
Readings	1) Deuteronomy 26:1-11 2) Romans 10:8b-13 3) Luke 4:1-13	
Scripture Focus	Luke 4:1-13	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message A story about a boy called Nolan. One day, Nolan’s mom made his favorite cookies. He could smell them all over the house! He asked his mom, “Mom! Can I have some cookies?” His mom said, “Not this time, Nolan. These are for the kids at church on Sunday. You can have one then.” Nolan went outside to play. He played with his friends in the neighbor’s backyard until his neighbor’s mom told him it was time to go home. When Nolan walked in the door he could still smell the cookies. He remembered what his mom said, but he wanted a cookie. The devil was tempting Nola to do something wrong. What do you think he should he do? [If the kids are old enough, try saying, “It’s only a cookie.”] Jesus was tempted too. When he hadn’t eaten anything for many days and was very hungry, the devil tempted him. He said to Jesus, “If you’re the Son of God (and Jesus IS the Son of God), tell this stone to become bread so you can eat.” Jesus told him NO with a Bible verse: Man will not live by bread alone. The devil tempted Jesus again. He took Jesus to a very high place and said, “If you serve me instead of God, I’ll let you be in charge of all the lands you can see.” Jesus told him NO with another Bible verse: You should only worship and serve the one true God.” Then, the devil tempted Jesus AGAIN! He took Jesus to the very highest point on the temple, higher than the tallest tree you’ve ever seen, and said, “Throw yourself down onto the ground from way up here. God will tell his angels to save you and you won’t even get hurt.” Again, Jesus said NO with a Bible verse: Don’t tempt the Lord. Then the devil went away. When we’re tempted we’re being pushed by the devil or someone that wants us to do something wrong. Whether it’s to eat a cookie your mom says you shouldn’t, say NO to your teacher, take a toy or anything from somebody else, or use bad language, we are all tempted to do things we shouldn’t. What should we do when that happens? Say to yourself, “NO! I won’t do it! I love Jesus!” Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, We are always tempted / to do things / God doesn’t like. Help us say NO. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	





