

IT IS WRITTEN SCRIPT

Dress a volunteer as Jesus and give him an “It Is Written” script (TRP). A puppet will read the lines of Satan. Draw a mountain on the board. Lay a rock on the ground. Set two chairs at the front of the room.

After Jesus was baptized, He was full of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit led Him into the wilderness, where He fasted for forty days.

Even though Satan recognized Jesus as the “Son of God,” Satan did not realize Jesus was actually God manifest in the flesh. Satan still thought Jesus was just another human who could be tempted to sin, and after forty days of fasting, Jesus was weak. Satan saw this as the perfect opportunity to tempt Jesus to make a mistake.

SATAN: Hey, Jesus, I know You’re hungry. Why don’t You turn that stone into bread? Puppet points to the rock and gives a sinister laugh.

JESUS: It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

TEACHER: Satan was not happy, but he had another idea. He took Jesus to the top of a mountain. Jesus stands in front of the mountain drawn on the board.

SATAN: Fine then. Look around. I will give it all to You if You worship me.

JESUS: Get thee behind Me, Satan! It is written that you shall only worship the Lord your God.

TEACHER: This really frustrated Satan. He had one more trick up his sleeve though. He took Jesus to the top of the Temple in Jerusalem. Have Jesus stand on a chair.

SATAN: Last chance, Jesus. Jump off the top of this Temple and let the angels catch You. You know they will protect You.

JESUS: It is written, you shall not tempt the Lord your God. Satan shrinks away defeated.

To rebuke Satan, Jesus used God’s Word that He had learned as a child. Satan knew Jesus was human, just like you and me. He tried to appeal to human weaknesses like pride and hunger to tempt Jesus into doing something He knew He should not do.

Satan will do the same to us. He tempts us with things we want or things that might feel good in the moment but are not good for us in the long run. That is why it is so important to hide God’s Word in our hearts. We can use it to overcome temptation and defeat Satan.