

Lesson 21



1-24-2021
LEADER GUIDE

THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST JESUS

MATTHEW 4:1-11; MARK 1:12-13; LUKE 4:1-13

GOAL

- ▶ To help children understand that Jesus lived a sinless life, despite being tempted by the same types of temptation we face.
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CHARACTERS

- ▶ **Jesus:** Led by the Holy Spirit, He spent 40 days fasting in the desert; during this time, Satan tempted Him to sin; He never committed a single sin.

Satan: Tempted Jesus to sin, but he was not successful.

MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Matthew 4:10:** Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"
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MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **Matthew 4:10:** When Jesus faced temptation, He looked to Scripture to help Him resist. We should do the same. The Word of God is the divinely inspired instruction manual for life.
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OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read Matthew 4:1-11:** After John the Baptist baptized Him, the Holy Spirit led Jesus to spend 40 days in the wilderness to fast. While He was in the desert, Satan came and tempted Him three times: once to make food for himself, a second time to test whether God would let Him be hurt, and a third and final time to gain power over the world. Jesus resisted each temptation by reciting Scripture.
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QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What did Jesus do while in the wilderness?

A1: He fasted, prayed, and prepared for His ministry.

Q1b: Which environment is better for reading: a rock concert or alone in a quiet room?

TN: It would be very hard to concentrate and understand the concepts being discussed in a book while at a rock concert. All the noise and people would be very distracting. Sometimes our lives get so hectic, that it's hard for us to concentrate and focus. Fasting can help us to remove the noise and needs of our daily lives so we can focus on God and strengthening our spirits.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: How long had Jesus gone without eating?

A2: Forty days



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: How did Satan suggest Jesus get food?

A3: Satan said Jesus should turn stones into bread.

Q3b: What food could tempt you to disobey your parents' request to not eat anything before dinner?

TN: This is an easy way to get students thinking about temptation. We know we should obey our parents, but it's hard to do when we're hungry and staring at a pack of fresh Twinkies!

SLIDE 4



Q4a: Where did Satan take Jesus next?

A4: Satan took Jesus to the highest spot on the temple.

Q4b: If you trust someone to do something for you, do you need to double check their work?

TN: No, to trust a person to do something means that you know this person can and will do it right without having to check their work. Jesus quoted Scripture saying we should not test God. When we are tempted to test God, it's not God we are unsure of, it's our faith that is uncertain.

SLIDE 5



Q5a: What did Satan offer Jesus?

A5: Satan offered Jesus power over all of the kingdoms if He would worship him.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 6



Q6a: What did Jesus' death on the cross defeat?

A6: Jesus' death defeated sin and death.

MEMORY
VERSE

▶ **Matthew 4:10:** Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

BIG IDEA

▶ Jesus used the Word of God to reject temptation, and we can do the same thing.

CLOSING
PRAYER

▶ Dear God, thank You that Jesus experienced temptation. Thank You for the example His life is for us. Help us to be like Your Son. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

**ANSWER KEY
THE TEMPTATION**

Across

- 2. How many days did Jesus stay in the wild? (**Forty**)
- 5. On the mountain, Jesus told Satan to "Be (**Gone**)."
- 6. What high building did Satan take Jesus to the top of? (**Temple**)
- 8. Jesus said that man should live by the (**Word**) of God

Down

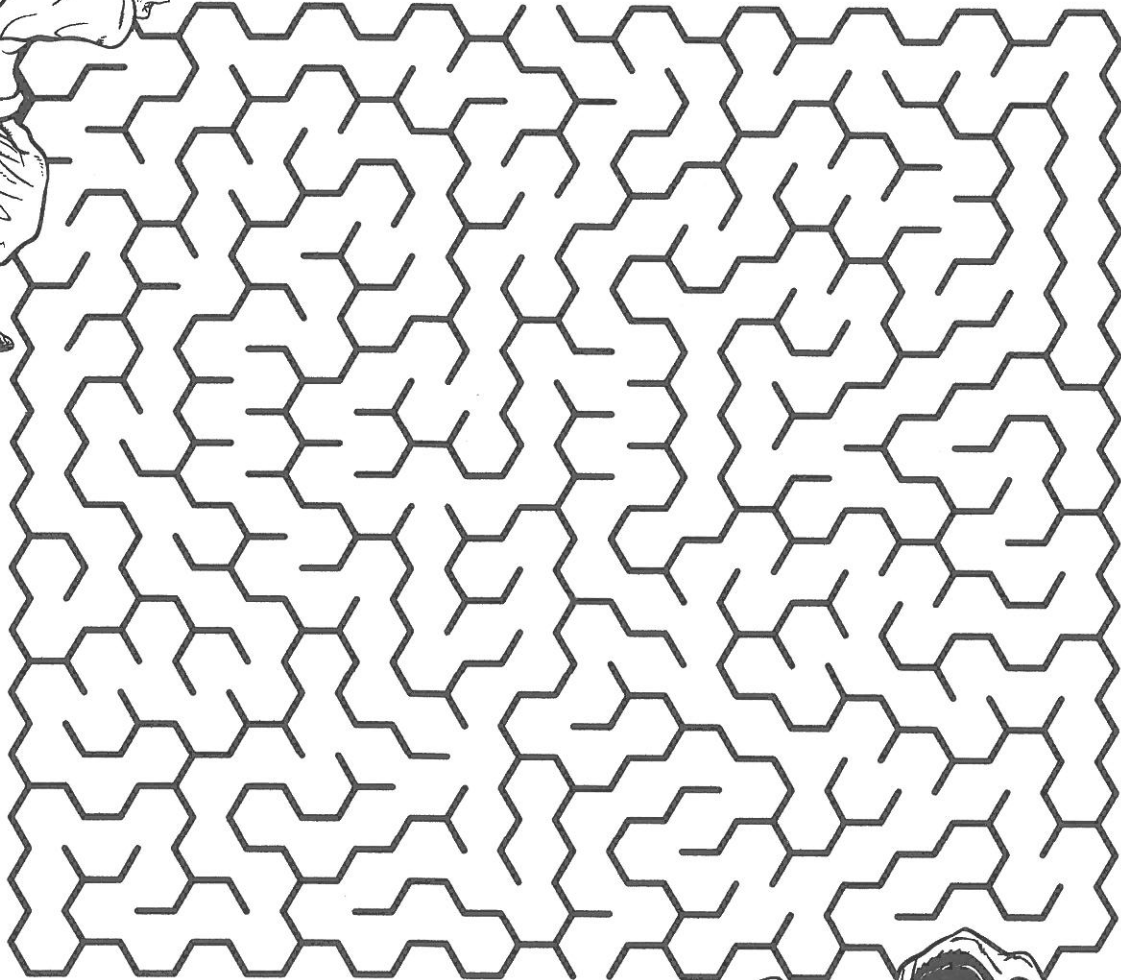
- 1. On the mountain, Satan wanted Jesus to (**Worship**)
- 3. Who did Satan say would take care of Jesus if he jumped off the temple? (**Angels**)
- 4. Satan asked Jesus to turn the stones into (**Bread**).
- 7. Jesus was focused on (**God**) instead of himself, to resist temptation by Satan.

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Help Jesus pass all of Satan's tests and rebuke him.



START

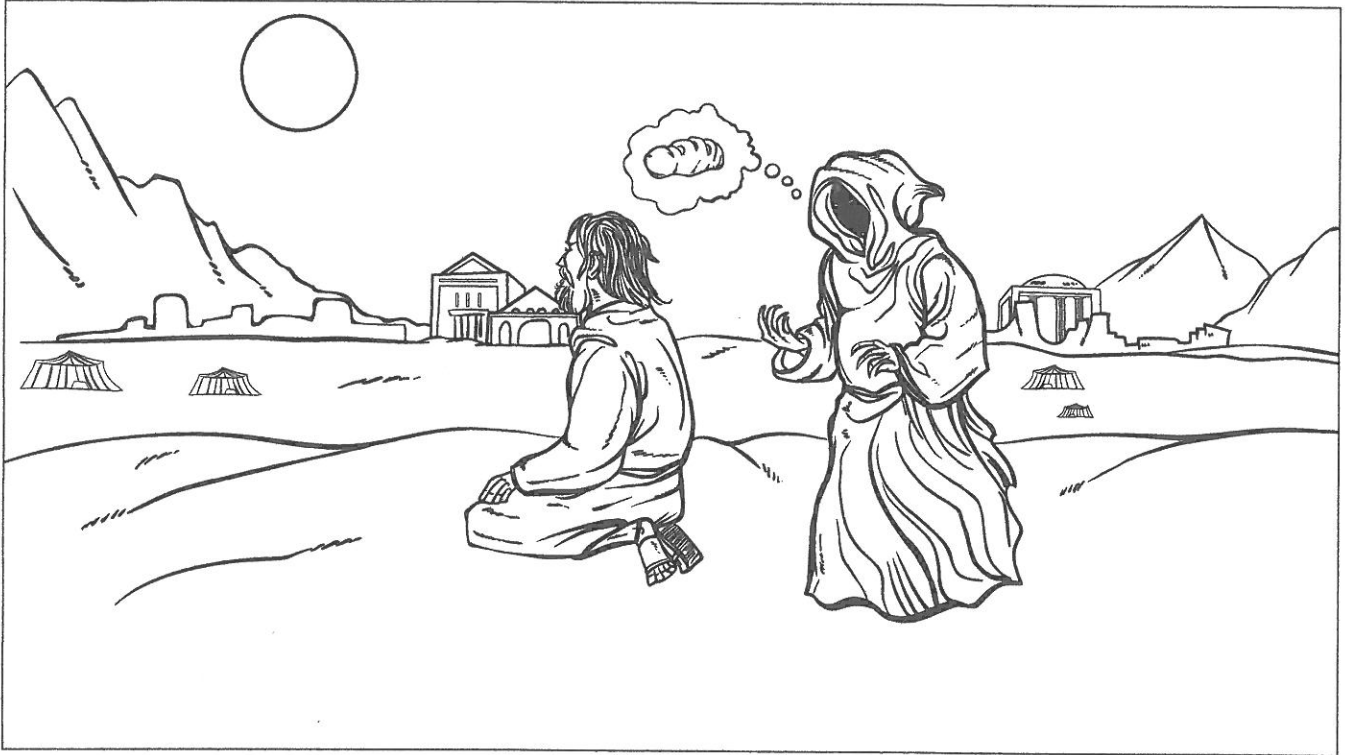


FINISH



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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

FORTY

MOUNTAIN

SATAN

WORD

GOD

TEMPLE

WORSHIP

ANGELS

BREAD

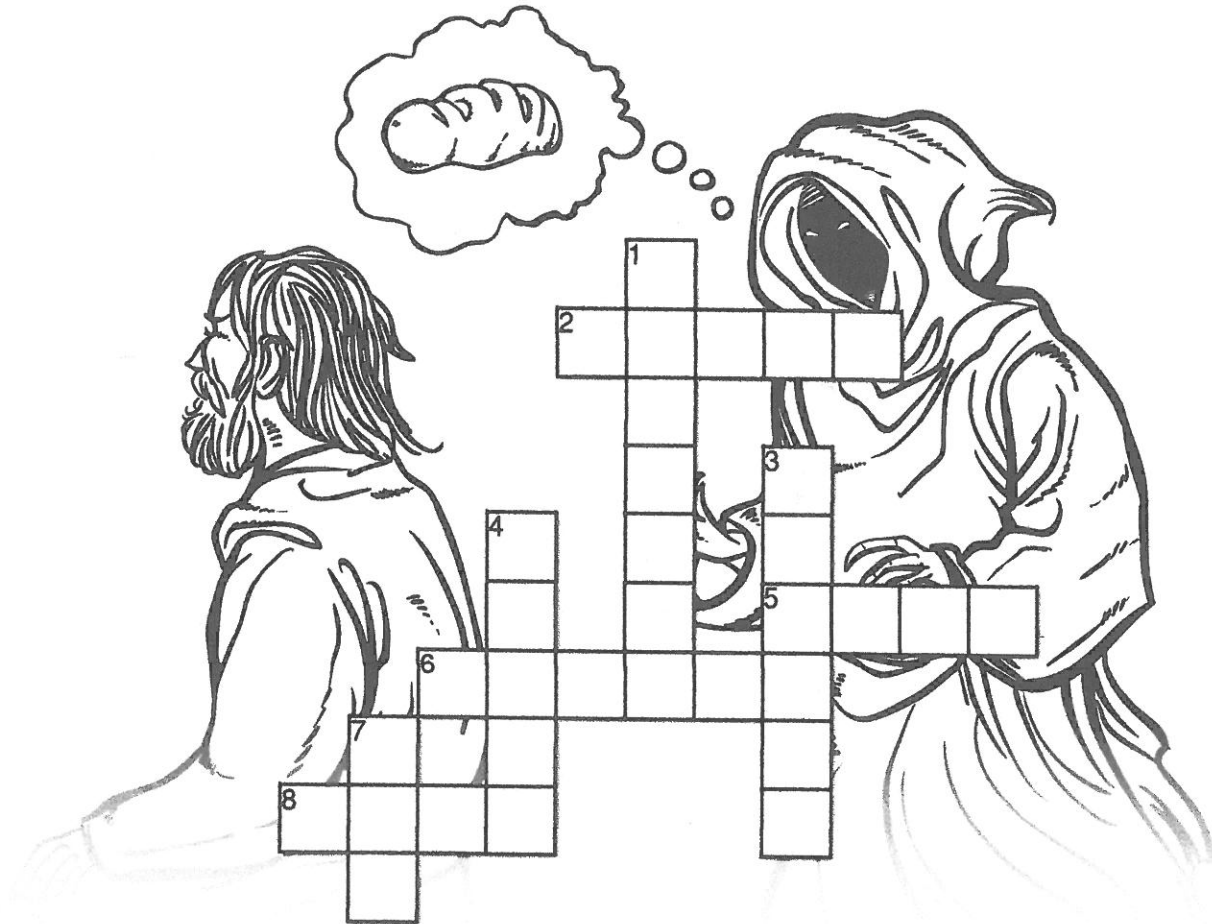
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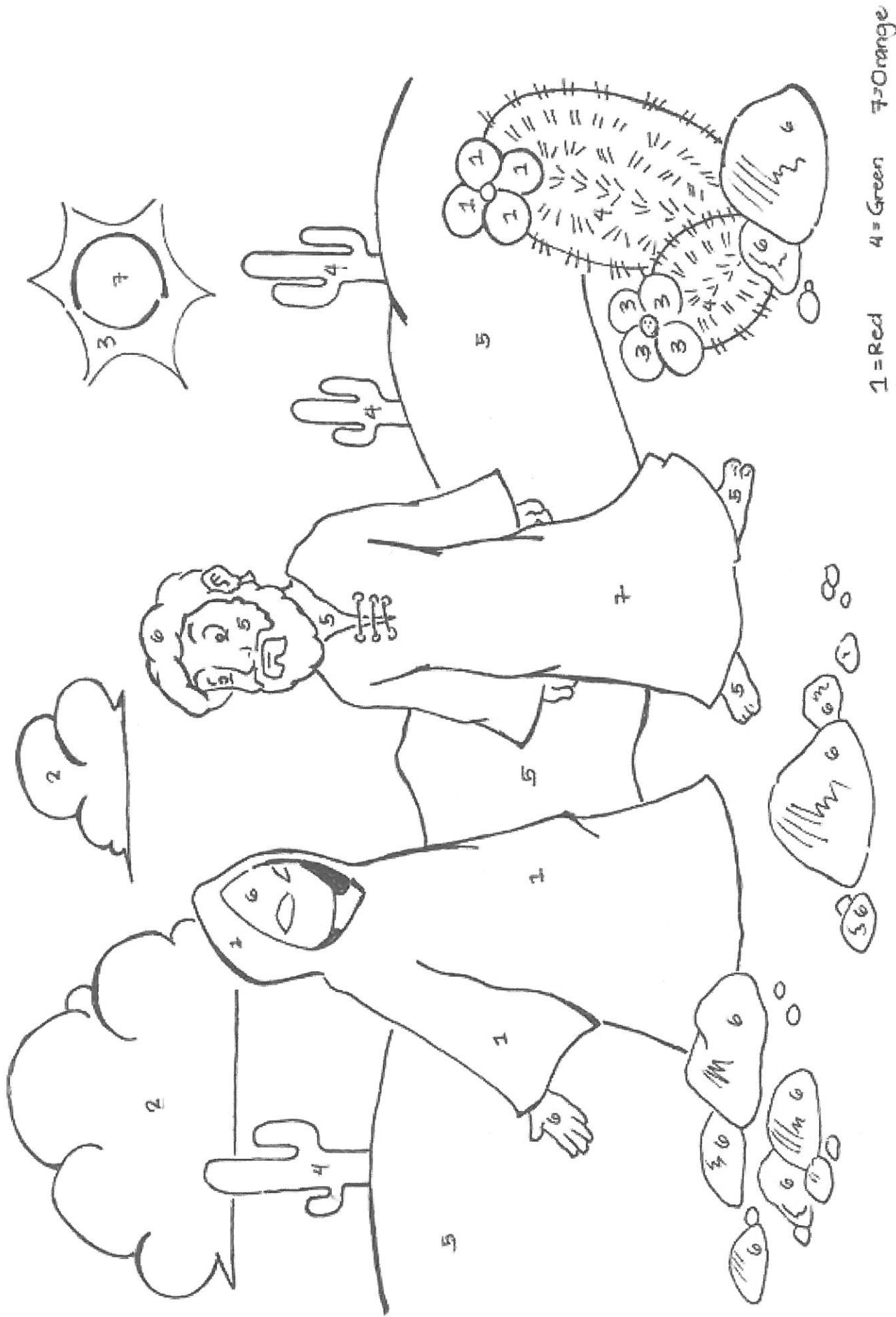
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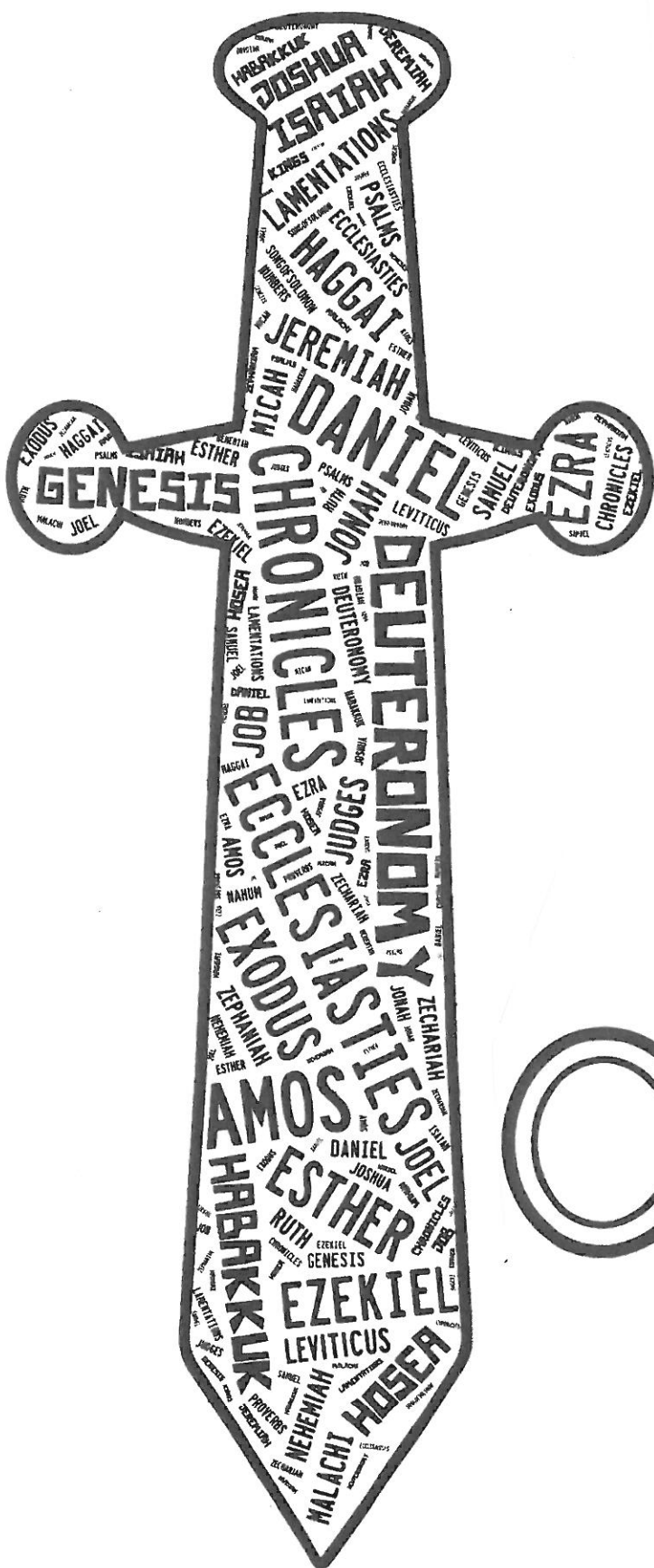
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1 = Red 4 = Green 7 = Orange
 2 = Blue 5 = Brown
 3 = Yellow 6 = Grey

Jesus is Tempted



**"FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE,
SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD..."
HEBREWS 4:12**

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE BOOKMARK: Cut out both sword pieces. Tape or glue the smaller one to the back of the larger one. Decorate with markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Use to mark your place as you read and study your Bible.