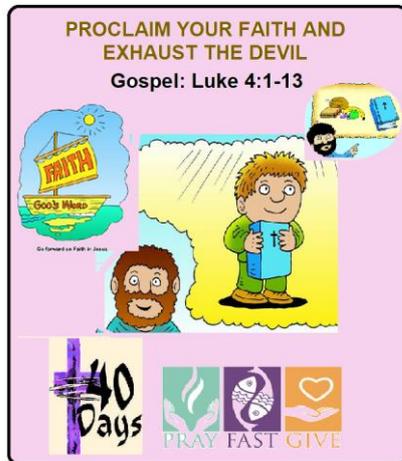


# “PROCLAIM YOUR FAITH AND EXHAUST THE DEVIL.”

## First Sunday of the Lent

### Children’s Liturgy Activity March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022



The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is lord and if you believe in your heart that god raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.

- Romans 10:8-9

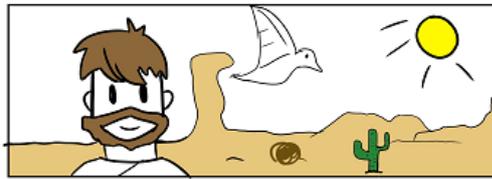
#### Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

In the gospel today, we see Jesus is led to the wilderness by the Holy spirit. Jesus was there in the wilderness for 40 days tempted by the devil. He did not eat anything in the wilderness and at the end Jesus was hungry. The devil tempted Jesus to trap him. The devil asked, if you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then the devil asked Jesus to worship him in order to receive all the power and the glory of the kingdoms. But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: you must worship the Lord your God, serve him alone.' Thirdly the devil asked Jesus to throw himself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you guard you, and again: they will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: you must not put the Lord your God to the test.' The devil was exhausted and left Jesus.

Why do you think the Holy spirit led Jesus to the wilderness? Wilderness is a tough place to live with No food, No water, Scorching heat and wild animals around. Jesus came to the world for a great mission of salvation and victory over evil. The spirit led Jesus to train him to be strong in faith to conquer the evil. Have you been trained for a competition or a test? Have you experienced temptations, especially towards the end of a fasting or commitment? What did Jesus do? Did He fail or did he conquer it? Jesus overcame the temptations by proclaiming His faith by the Living word. 1) Jesus was tested for to use his power as son of God to feed himself rather than trusting in God's providence, Jesus conquered the temptation by proclaiming his faith by the Living word of truth from Deuteronomy 8:3. Jesus is revealing to us that, Lord is our provider. Our life is not restricted to worldly food. We live eternally in God and feeding his word. So, hunger must not tempt us or trap us. 2) Jesus was tempted to worship Satan for power and glory of world: - Jesus overcame it by proclaiming his faith through Deuteronomy 6:13. Jesus is revealing to us: God is the creator and authority of everything We are His children. Satan has no authority, and he flatters. The power and glory of the world will perish. But God's kingdom and power is eternal. We must not live for the perishables but for the eternal. Only serve the Almighty ever-living God. The power and glory of this world must not trap us. 3) Jesus was tempted to test God's protection and presence with Him by throwing himself down from the parapet of the Jerusalem temple. Jesus conquered the temptation by proclaiming His faith through the word of God: Deuteronomy 6:16. Challenges in our life are not times to test God but to seek his help and pray for his will to be done. Testing God for our wish to be done will lead to faith crisis. In times of crisis, we must have Jesus' attitude: to trust in our loving father and pray 'let your will be done. 'Our creator and lord know what is good for us.

Satan was exhausted and conquered by proclaiming faith through the word of God. The word is the faith that we proclaim. Lord's word is truth and sword of our spirit. Jesus came to witness the truth. He has given us the spirit of truth. The truth will set us free. When temptations come, let us not be trapped by the lies but let us think with Jesus, the conqueror living inside us and conquer it by proclaiming our faith through Living word. Let us live in Spirit. In this 40-day Lenten time, the church is inspired by the holy spirit to train the children of God to be stronger in faith, to be strong in Jesus to overcome evil and to be like Jesus and reach heaven. Prayer, Fasting, penance and alms giving along with the Word of God and Sacraments equips us to follow Jesus. Let us Follow Jesus, the way the truth and the life by denying our self and the world, taking the sword of our spirit, the word of God, proclaiming our faith, overcoming the traps and temptations set by evil and journeying to our home in eternity.

Cut and paste the story strips in the right order to complete today's Gospel.



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Can you circle what all we need to overcome temptations?



Match the correct Word of God Jesus used to overcome each temptation.

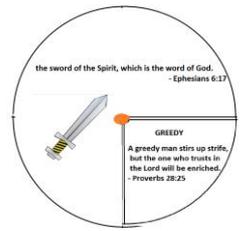
Temptation	Word of God
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## Word of God spin wheel.

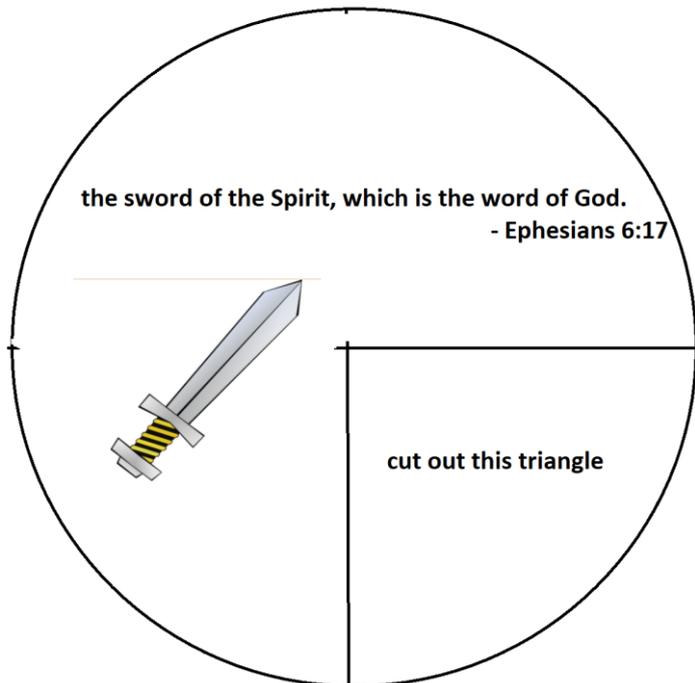
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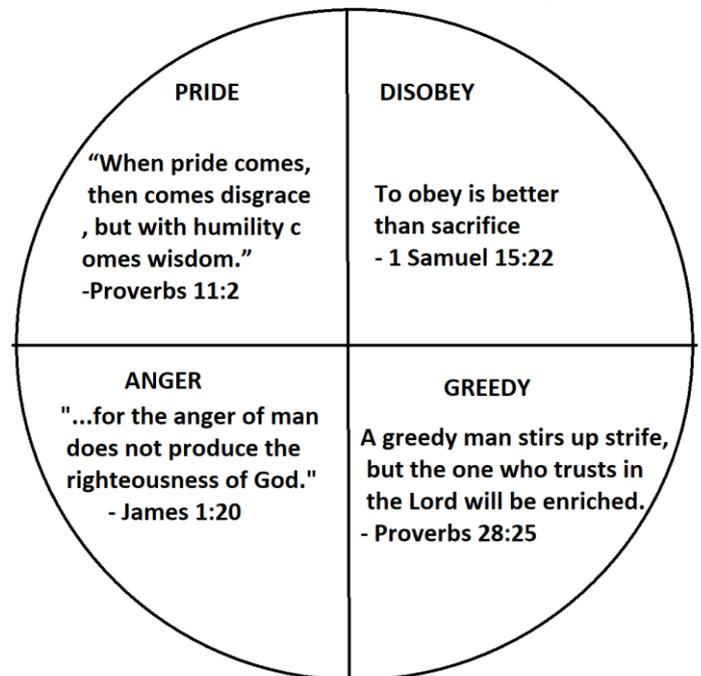
Rotate accordingly and proclaim the word of God to overcome the temptation.



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template 2



Let us pray, 🙏

Thank you, Jesus, for showing us the way of truth and life. Thank you for conquering and delivering the world from the evil. Thank you for giving us yourself and your strength by dwelling in us to overcome the evil. Lord your word is truth and the sword of our spirit. As we enter the Lenten time, train us by your holy spirit to be stronger in faith in You. Open our senses to the truth of your living word. Empower us by your spirit of truth to proclaim our faith in you by the word of God. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from all the evil.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.