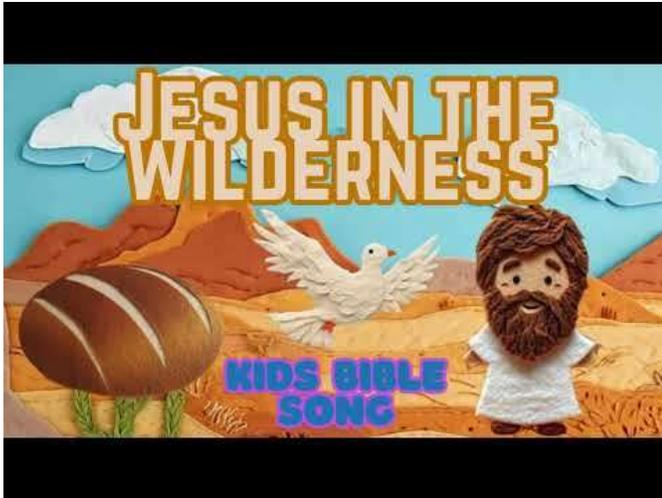




**PEBBLES**  
**FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2026**  
**LENT WEEK 1**



Our focus for this week is about Jesus saying no to temptation.

We read about it in **Matthew 4:1-11**

But you can listen to the song by clicking on the triangle.

Lent is the 40 days before Easter. It isn't like Christmas when we we're happily waiting for Jesus to be born, it's the opposite because we know that on Good Friday Jesus dies on the cross, and is resurrected on Easter Sunday.

## **WELCOME TO PEBBLES 2026**

Well, it's been a while since the last time you received a Pebbles.

I hope you had a really wonderful Christmas Celebration and your New Year holiday was lots of fun. It's great to be back and I hope you find some fun things to do this week.

We've had a long time off with school holidays and I had some time off as well. But now it's back to school and work for all of us.

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## **TIME FOR LISTENING AND PLAYING**

Do you remember how to play the game "Simon Says?" If Simon says to do something, you do it, but if Simon doesn't say to do it, you don't do it. Find someone else you can play the game with and have some fun carefully listening to the instructions.

### **Now it's time to play.**

Simon says, "Raise your hand."

Simon says, "Raise your other hand."

"Okay, put your hands down."

Did Simon say, "Put your hands down."

Simon says, "Put your hands down."

Simon says, "Flap your elbows."  
 Simon says, "Clap your hands."  
 Touch your nose.  
 Simon says, "Touch your nose."  
 Pull your ear! Good

In the game of Simon Says, we do what Simon says to do, but in real life we do what the Bible tells us to do as well as our mums, dads, teachers, etc. There was a time in the Bible when God's enemy, the devil, tried to trick Jesus into doing something He knew was wrong, but Jesus didn't fall for it because Jesus knew what the Bible says.

Sometimes the devil wants to trick us, too. Like if someone hurts us...the Bible tells us not to hurt others back, but the devil wants us to think it's okay because they hurt us first. We can tell the devil, "I don't hurt back because I follow the Bible!"

Or if we accidentally break something...the Bible says to tell the truth, but the devil might want us to think it's better to hide it so we don't get into trouble. We can tell the devil, "I tell the truth because I follow the Bible!"

When the devil tried to trick Jesus, He told the devil, the Bible tells me to do something different! I follow the Bible!

## The Temptation of Jesus

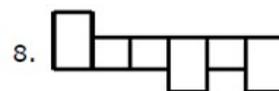
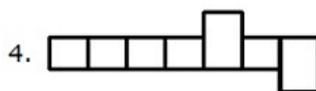
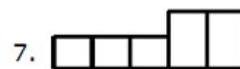
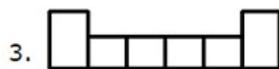
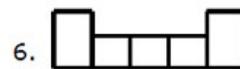
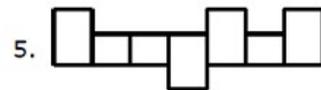
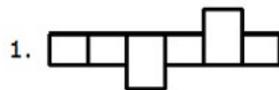
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

### It's time to pray:

Dear God, help us do what Jesus did. Help us do what the Bible tells us to do instead of listening to what the devil wants us to do. In Jesus' name, amen.



desert	hungry	bread	world
tempted	stone	worship	angels



## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Matthew 4, Luke 4

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### **Matthew 4:10**

**Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only’”**

### Word Tiles for Jesus' Temptation

Cut the tiles along the dotted lines, shuffle the tiles, and have the student reassemble them to make the phrase.

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ANSWER: JESUS WAS TEMPTED, BUT NEVER SINNED.

## THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST JESUS

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

