

Luke 4:1–13

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

2 Timothy 3:16–17

MEMORY VERSE

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
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In the early part of the movie, *Star Wars™*, R2-D2 runs away from the homestead. Luke Skywalker and C-3PO arise early the next morning to search for R2-D2, using Luke's landspeeder to travel the vast desert wilderness. This wilderness, a dry and rocky terrain, is similar to the desert or wilderness that Jesus was led to by the Holy Spirit following his baptism. And in this desert, Jesus endured some pretty intense tempting by the devil.

Read Luke 4:1–13. The temptation Jesus faced was not a casual temptation, such as our temptation to cheat on our diet. This was a real life changing temptation.

Jesus was coming off the spiritual high of His baptism experience, where the voice of heaven spoke out and claimed him His son, in front of everyone. He was then

led by the Holy Spirit to an arid wasteland to be tested. For 40 days, Jesus did not eat. Have you ever wondered what it feels like not eating for 40 days? Weakness had to set in, leaving Jesus very vulnerable. In need of comfort, Jesus could have bailed at any moment. But he did not. He did not settle for a quick end to his ordeal, but trusted God, using the words of the Lord to defend the attack.

Hebrews 4:15 says Jesus was tempted like us in every way. In essence, Jesus knows the struggle we face. Like Jesus, we can resist Satan's schemes. By depending on the Holy Spirit and trusting in God's Word, we are able to stay strong in the face of the devil's tempting.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

Connect . . .

For each person in your family, list some temptations that are unique to your life stage. (For example adults may be tempted to lie to a boss or supervisor; teens may be tempted to cheat on a quiz.) Share your answers. Read: **No matter what form it takes, Satan tempts every believer. Let's take a look at how Jesus resisted Satan's temptations.**

Explore . . .

Read Luke 4:1–13. Read: **Jesus faced real temptation from Satan. But using the Word of God, Jesus was able to resist Satan's temptation. Like us, Jesus knows what it means to be tempted. Unlike us, Jesus remained free from sin.**

Transform . . .

Read aloud Psalm 119:11. Discuss: **How can we make Scripture memorization a part of our daily lives in order to be fully equipped to resist the temptations of the enemy?**

Pray together that God will give you a passion for His Word, storing it in your heart and mind. Ask Him to help you understand how the enemy tries to compromise that identity as a child of God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give you the power to resist Satan.