

## **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAY SCRIPT**

Younger Group 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

*(Faithful to Scripture – with added angel taunts)*

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#### **Characters:**

- Narrator
  - Jesus
  - Satan
  - 3–6 Satan’s Angels (whispering/taunting voices)
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### **SCENE 1 – THE WILDERNESS**

#### **Narrator:**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

*(Jesus kneels or sits quietly, looking tired.)*

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### **FIRST TEMPTATION – BREAD**

#### **Satan (smoothly):**

If You are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

#### **Satan’s Angels (whispering, overlapping):**

- “Take the bread...”
- “You’re hungry...”
- “No one will know...”
- “Just a little bread...”

#### **Jesus (firm but calm):**

It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

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## SECOND TEMPTATION – THE TEMPLE

**Narrator:**

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple—

**Satan:**

If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

“He shall give His angels charge over You,”

and, “In their hands they shall bear You up.”

**Satan’s Angels (taunting):**

- “Prove it!”
- “Show them!”
- “Let everyone see!”
- “Make a scene!”

**Jesus:**

It is written again,

“You shall not tempt the Lord your God.”

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## THIRD TEMPTATION – THE KINGDOMS

**Narrator:**

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

**Satan (boldly):**

All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.

**Satan’s Angels (more intense):**

- “It’s easy!”
- “No cross!”
- “No suffering!”
- “Just bow!”

**Jesus (standing now, strong):**

Away with you, Satan!

For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.”

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## FINAL SCENE

### Narrator:

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

*(Optional: Add real angels in white to enter quietly and stand behind Jesus.)*

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## TEACHING MOMENT AFTER THE PLAY

You could ask:

- Was Jesus really hungry? (Yes.)
- Was the temptation real? (Yes.)
- Did Satan quote Scripture? (Yes!)
- How did Jesus fight temptation? (With Scripture.)
- What does that teach us about knowing God's Word?

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DRAMA

### “The Wilderness: The Battle of Truth”

Based on the Gospel of Matthew 4:1–11

This is for older students, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

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#### Tone for This Age Group

- Jesus is calm, steady, and resolute.
- Satan is persuasive, intelligent — not cartoonish.
- Satan’s angels are whispering pressure — like social media, peer pressure, inner thoughts.

You can tell the students:

“These angels represent the voices we hear when we’re tempted.”

## SCRIPT (EXPANDED FOR 6TH–12TH)

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### SCENE 1 – THE FAST

#### Narrator (slow, serious):

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

*(Pause. Silence. Let it sit.)*

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### TEMPTATION ONE – PHYSICAL NEED

#### Satan (measured):

If You are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

#### Angels (soft, overlapping whispers):

- “You deserve it.”
- “You’ve suffered enough.”
- “Just meet your needs.”
- “God wants you fed.”
- “Why wait?”

*(Let them circle slowly.)*

**Jesus (quiet strength):**

It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

**Narrator:**

The first temptation was about appetite — need — physical survival.

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**Teaching Pause Option**

Ask:

- Is hunger wrong? (No.)
  - Was Satan tempting Jesus to sin by eating bread? (Not exactly — but to distrust the Father.)
  - What physical desires tempt us?
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**TEMPTATION TWO – PROVE YOURSELF**

**Narrator:**

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple—

**Satan (challenging tone):**

If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down.

For it is written,

“He shall give His angels charge over You.”

**Angels (more intense):**

- “Prove who you are.”
- “Make them believe.”
- “Go viral.”
- “Make God show up.”
- “If He loves You, He’ll catch You.”

**Jesus:**

It is written again,

“You shall not tempt the Lord your God.”

**Narrator:**

The second temptation was about pride. About forcing God to act.

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### Teaching Pause Option

Ask:

- When do we test God?
  - When do we say, “If You’re real, prove it”?
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## TEMPTATION THREE – POWER WITHOUT THE CROSS

Lights slightly darker.

### Narrator:

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

### Satan (smooth, confident):

All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.

### Angels (strong, persuasive):

- “No suffering.”
- “No cross.”
- “No rejection.”
- “Skip the pain.”
- “Take the shortcut.”

### Jesus (now standing, authority in voice):

Away with you, Satan!

For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.”

### Narrator:

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

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## DEEPER DISCUSSION (6TH–12TH LEVEL)

You can frame it this way:

### Appetite

Physical needs.

Food. Comfort. Pleasure. Escape.

### **Approval**

Prove yourself. Get validation. Make people notice.

### **Authority**

Power without obedience. Success without sacrifice.

And here's the powerful part:

Satan tempts Jesus to get good things the wrong way.

That's a very Anglican, very classical moral framework.

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### **Strong Closing Tie-In for Lent**

You could connect this to:

- Fasting
- Prayer
- Scripture memory
- The Lenten Collect (from the 1928 BCP)

You might say:

Jesus defeated temptation with Scripture.

If we do not know Scripture, what will we fight with?