

Temptations of Christ

(Based on Mark 1:12-13, Matthew 4:1-11,
Luke 4:1-13)

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The Holy Spirit led Jesus to go out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus was in the wilderness with the wild animals and for 40 days and 40 nights he didn't eat any food.



During those 40 days Satan harassed and tempted Jesus, but Jesus did not fall for his temptations. When the 40 days were over, Jesus started to get really hungry. Satan thought this was his big chance.



“If you are the Son of God,” said Satan, “Command that these stones become bread.”



Jesus answered, "It is written man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God."

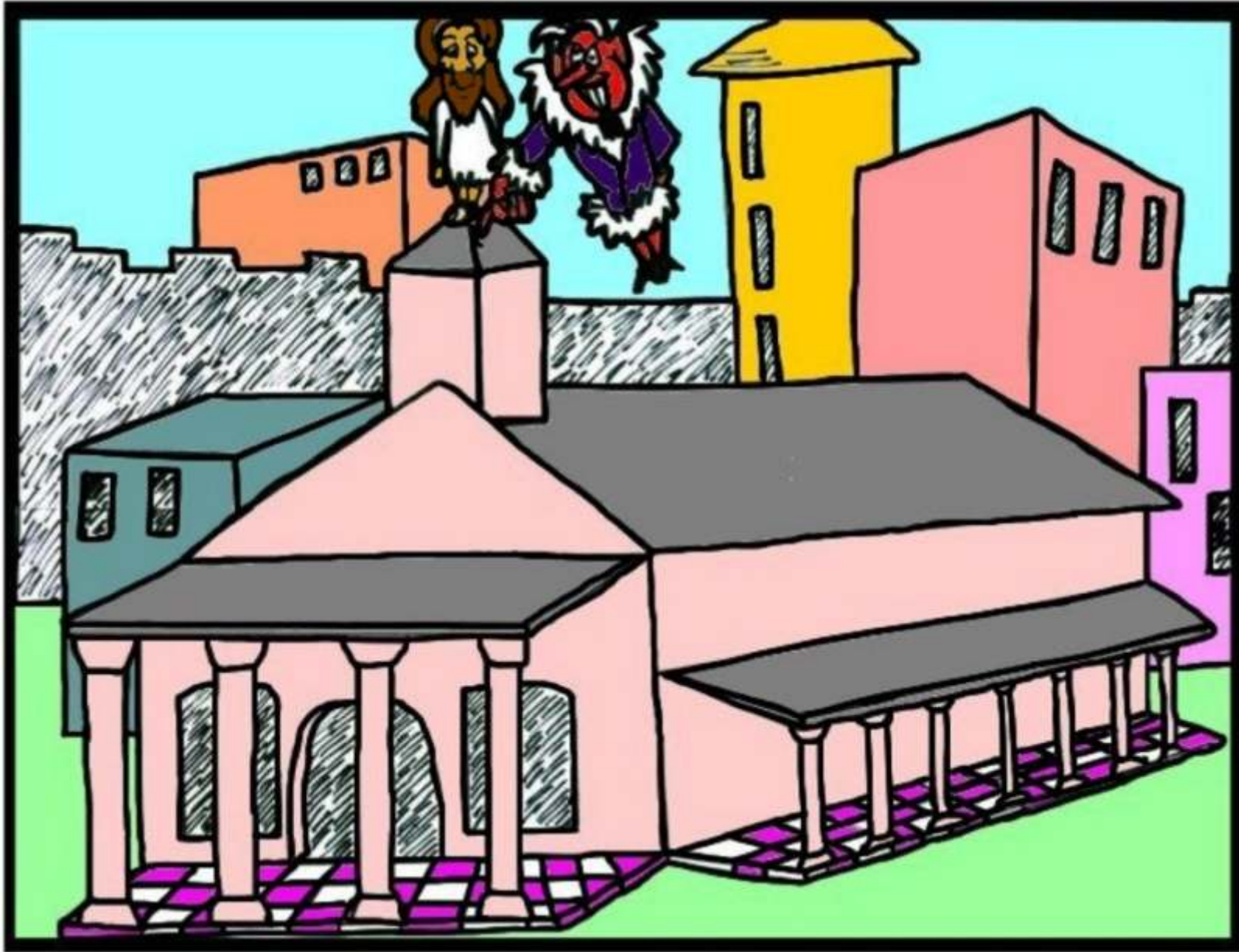


Then the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their riches in a moment of time. “I will let you be the boss of all these kingdoms if you will fall down and worship me. It was all given to me and I can give it to whomever I want,” promised Satan.

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“Get out of here Satan!” answered Jesus. “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only you shall serve.”



Then the devil led Jesus to the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God then jump off, because the Bible says that God will tell his angels to take care of you and they will pick you up in their hands so you won’t bump your foot against a stone.”



“It is written,” answered Jesus.
“You shall not put the Lord your
God to a Test!”



At last Satan gave up. There was no tricking Jesus! Satan left Jesus alone for a while, but he planned to come back when it looked like he might have a chance to trick Jesus.



Lord, help me to want to obey you, more than I want anything else then I won't fall for Satan's temptations. Thank you for your Word so I can fight back.