

FAITH FORMATION

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 4:1–11 In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray. When Jesus is tired and hungry, Satan tempts Jesus to use his power to make bread of stones, to jump from great heights, and to become a temporal ruler. Jesus says “no” to these temptations and chooses to live as a simple human being. His lesson tells us all that we can use our Lenten experience to straighten our priorities.

Promise (Grades Pre School, K and 1) The class learned about the choices Jesus had to make in the desert. Talk about some of the choices your family has to make. Talk, too, about how all the members of the family can help one another make the right choices. Choose one or two Lenten activities in which the whole family can participate.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Your child learned that they face many choices. As a family, talk about the choices Jesus made in the Gospel story. Choose one or two Lenten activities in which the whole family can participate.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Your child's class used a Lenten calendar to plan activities and prayers for the season. You may wish to go to a weekday Mass together, spend time with relatives, share some food with the poor, or say a family Rosary. Review the Gospel story of the temptations Jesus experienced in the desert. Talk about the many temptations people face in today's world. How can you help one another avoid temptations?

