

A12, B14, and C14 Skit Jesus Says No to the Devil

First Sunday in Lent

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Gospel from Cycle A12 First Sunday in Lent

Matthew 4:1-11 New American Bible

Matthew 4:1-11 Bible Gateway New International Version

Gospel from Cycle B14 First Sunday in Lent

Mark 1:12-15 New American Bible

Mark 1:12-15 Bible Gateway New International Version

Gospel from Cycle C14 First Sunday in Lent

Luke 4:1-13 New American Bible

Luke 4:1-13 Bible Gateway New International Version

(All three of the above scriptures were used in developing today's skit.)

Characters:

Narrator

Jesus

Devil

2 Angels

1 Snake

Sadie

Bruce

Bob

Laura

Crowd (the congregation)

Narrator

The Holy Spirit led Jesus from the River Jordan out into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing for 40 whole days and nights. Now he is very hungry.

Jesus

(Talking to himself)

Boy, I sure am hungry. It's been 40 days and 40 nights since I have eaten.

Devil

If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.

Jesus

It is written, "One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Devil

(Agitated, the Devil stomps up and down until he gets an idea.)

Narrator:

The Devil took Jesus by the hand and dragged him up on top of a mountain.

Devil:

(Devil snapping his fingers and then spreading arms out wide)
Out there you see all the kingdoms of the world. I will give to you all this power and glory. It has been given to me. I can give it to whoever I wish. All this will be yours, if you get down on your knees and worship me.

Snake

I worship you. I worship you.
(Devil looks at the snake and he slithers off stage)

Jesus:

It is written: "You shall worship the Lord, your God and you shall serve him alone."

Devil:

(Very agitated, he stomps up and down until he gets another idea.)

Narrator:

(The Devil takes Jesus by the hand and drags him to Jerusalem, and made him stand at the very top tower of the temple.)

If you are the Son of God, jump down from up here.
It is written: "God will command his angels to guard and protect you. With their hands they will hold you up, so you won't hurt your foot against a stone."

Jesus:

It also says, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to a test.

(The devil is ticked off so much, he stomps about 10 times. Then he looks at Jesus, goes over and looks Jesus right in the eyes.)

Jesus:

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to a test.

Devil:

(Devil stomps, throws his hands up in the air and walks away leaving Jesus alone.
Turns around and says)

I'll be back.

Narrator:

Then the angels came and ministered to him.

Angel 1

Drink this water.

Angel 2

Eat this bread.

Jesus

Thank you. Now I must go.

Angels together:

We'll help you down.

(Angels help Jesus down from the temple.)

Narrator

Jesus went to Galilee to proclaim the Gospel of God where a crowd had gathered because John the Baptist had been arrested.

Jesus

(to the crowd)

This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

Narrator:

At St. John Neumann Catholic Church children are discussing what happens when the devil tempts them.

Bob

When you choose to do good things, God smiles at you.

Bruce

If you choose to do bad things, then God says: "Stop. Repent. Tell me you are sorry. Make plans to choose to do good next time."

Laura

God gives you everything you need, the brains, the power, the control, and the money to do his will.

Sadie

Not always. I get these awful temptations to hit my sister.

Bruce

What do you do?

Sadie

I hit her. Then I feel bad because she is hurt and bruised. What can I do when the devil tempts me?

Bruce

I open my front door and said, "Out devil, in the name of Jesus Christ."

Bob

If that doesn't work, I pray, "God, I am sorry. Please forgive me. Help me say, "No" to evil.

Sadie

Then what happens?

Bob

God says, "My child, go in peace. I forgive you. Because my Son died on the cross, your sins are erased."

Sadie

What about my sister? I really get mad with her.

Bob

It would be good if you could forgive her.

Sadie

It's hard to forgive her. She keeps breaking my toys. I know hitting my sister is not right but I keep on doing it. I get very mad with myself, too.

Bruce

God forgives you, so forgive yourself.

Sadie

Knowing God forgives me makes me feel better.

Bob

What could you do when you get angry, instead of hitting your sister? You need a plan to help you choose God's way next time. What's your plan? What are you going to do next time?

Sadie

I will probably hit him.

Bruce

You really need help, don't you?

Bob

(Asking children and adults in congregation)

What could Sadie plan to do when she gets angry, instead of hitting her sister?

(Ideas are written on poster board and brought forward)

Number #1

Say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Number #2

Pray for yourself and your sister.

Number #3

Take a walk.

Number #4
Read the Bible.

Number #5
Draw a picture.

Number #6
Clean out your closet and give 3 things to the needy.

Number #7
Save money to buy a new stuffed animal to give to a child who has been in a fire or car wreck.

Number #8
Take out the trash.

Number #9
Make up a new blessing and say it at supper.

Number #10
Talk with your sister. Ask her to forgive you. Forgive her for what she did that made you very angry.

Sadie
Those are great ideas. Now I have a plan. Now I see how I can forgive myself and my brother, too. Look out, devil, I am ready for you now.

Narrator
May all of us have the power and courage to say, “No” to the devil and “Yes” to you, God.

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