

YOUNG TWIGS

year 3, week 5

Matthew 3–4:17

Jesus faced temptation and fought it with God's Word. You are being tempted, too. Do you know God's Word well enough to fight off temptation?

Observation: What does it say?

1. *Review:* What is the theme of Luke 3? Write it on the chart on p. 1709.
2. Read Matthew 3:1–4:17. Mark key words: *God/pronouns, Jesus/pronouns, preach/preaching, baptist/baptism, repent/repentance, devil, "it is written."* Do you have others?
3. Both John and Jesus preached the same message. What was it?
4. What did John say to the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to be baptized?
What did John say to Jesus when He came to be baptized? What did God say when Jesus was baptized?
5. Why was Jesus hungry in Mt 4:2?
6. What Bible verses does the devil quote in Mt 4?
7. Where did Jesus move to in Mt 4:13? Why did this happen?

Interpretation: What does the author mean?

8. John uses agricultural references to explain truth. Explain these verses: Mt 3:8, Mt 3:10, Mt 3:12.

9. Why do you think that John did not want to baptize Jesus?

10. How did the devil tempt Jesus?

11. How were Jesus' responses to these temptations similar?

Application: therefore, what shall I do?

12. Jesus fights the devil saying "It is written..." What temptations do you face?
Find a verse that you can use against the devil when you are tempted.

13. Have you been baptized? You read about Jesus' baptism. Write about your baptism in your journal and be ready to share your story.