

## Story: Luke 4: 1-13

**Jesus is tempted by the devil, but the Holy Spirit helps him to resist and stay strong.**

Watch the story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc-x4qKY6Wc>

### FAMILY TIME

#### Tug of war

An activity exploring the need for tension to make us strong.

*You will need: a length, or lengths of rope; a piece of cloth or a scarf*

- Have a length of rope long enough for two teams to hold at either end. The teams need be no more than one or two, depending on group size and space available.
- Hold a tug of war competition, or rounds, just for fun. Please note health and safety issues: make the teams as equal as possible; if mixed ages, talk to the older ones about sensible use of strength; and remember, the danger comes not from being pulled forward, but by falling back if the other team lets go!
- Explain that the next challenge is more difficult. Tie a piece of cloth/a scarf to the middle of the rope and place a chair directly under it. The two teams have to work together to keep the cloth directly above the chair, but it must not drop down and touch it.
- Talk about how Jesus had the devil pulling at him, but he also had the Holy Spirit, and that gave him the balance and strength to stand firm.

#### Pray

Tug of war prayer

*You will need: The rope/s from the Tug of war activity.*

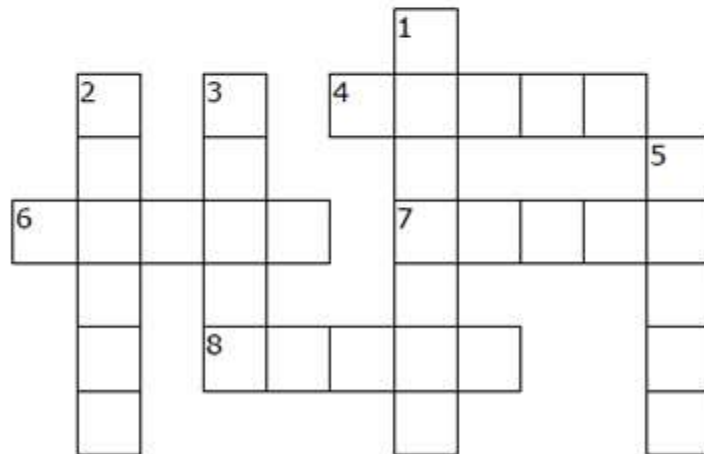
- Divide the group into two teams again and encourage each team to work together, to steady the cloth.
- Ask them to think about something they are struggling with at the moment – a difficult decision or pressure to do the wrong thing. Imagine that they are pulling against it with the help of the Holy Spirit, and pray: Holy Spirit, give us your strength to make the right choices, go the right way and pull in the right direction. Help us to stay strong, and to help each other. Amen.



# The Temptation of Christ

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13 (NIV)

Based on Luke 4:1-13



## ACROSS

4. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
6. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
7. A small rock
8. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

## DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
5. To try to get someone to do wrong

DEVIL	WORSHIP	HUNGRY	WORLD
BREAD	ANGEL	STONE	TEMPT