

The Devil Tempts the Lord Jesus Christ in Three Diabolical Ways

About 2 minutes, from Matt. 4:1-11

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Devil. Hiss when you pronounce the s.

Voice (of Jesus).

Prompter. Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes. Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Voice. The Holy Spirit led me out here to fast and pray for forty days.
Now I am very hungry. Oh! Here comes my adversary;
the one who disguises himself as an angel of light.
Ezekiel said he was perfect in beauty when he came to Eve
in the Garden of Eden! He is a master deceiver.

Prompter & Echoes. Father of lies!

Devil . Listen to me.
If you are the Son of God,
then tell these stones to become bread.

Voice . It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

Devil . Come now to Jerusalem the holy city, to the top of the great temple.
Ah! Here we are. Now, if you are the Son of God,
then throw yourself down; for it is written,
"He will command His angels concerning you,
and on their hands they will bear You up,
so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone."

Voice . It is also written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

Prompter & Echoes. Do not test God!

Devil . Come with me to this high mountain.
You know I am the ruler of this world.
Look! See all the world's kingdoms and their glory.
All this I will give you. Just fall down and worship me.

Voice. It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God,
and serve Him only."

Prompter & Echoes . Worship God alone!

Voice . Satan leaves Me, for a while.
I am weak, but angels come to strengthen Me.
I begin to proclaim the good news to all who have ears to hear.
"Repent and believe."

Prompter & Echoes . The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!