

GOD MADE ME IN HIS IMAGE

VISUAL AIDS

- > Lumps of clay; pots or ornaments made of clay or china.
- > Picture of a potter.
- > People shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

**Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour.
We do not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour.**

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was hungry. The devil came and said 'If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread.' Jesus said 'It's more important to be hungry for

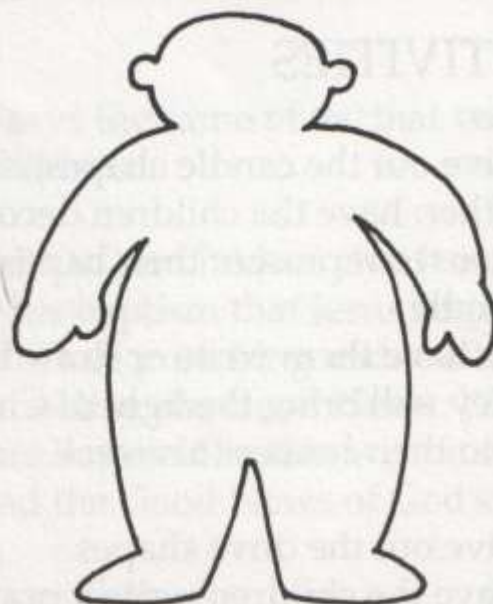
DISCUSSION

What happened to Jesus in the desert?

What were the three temptations?

- food . . . security
- power
- wealth

How, when and where are the children tempted?



YEAR A
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SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about clay, and making things from clay. How do they feel about the things they make?

When the potter has finished making a nice pot, how does he feel?

- pleased and proud of what he has made

- he will not want it to be broken, damaged or spoiled in any way.

God is like the potter, we are like the pots he has made. God is proud of us, and doesn't want us to be damaged, hurt, broken or soiled in any way.

God hasn't just made us, he has made us to be like him, and to be happy with him. To do this, we follow Jesus in saying no to anything that would harm us.

God's word than to worry about bread.'

The devil then took Jesus to the top of the Temple at Jerusalem and said, 'If you are the Son of God, jump off, and God will send angels to support you.' Jesus said

'Scripture says, don't put God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a high mountain, the devil showed Jesus the whole world and said to him,

'I'll give you all this, if only you fall at my feet and worship me.' But Jesus said,

'Go away! Scripture says, worship God alone, and serve him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children mime the Gospel.
- > Have the children mime ways in which they are tempted, and the ways they resist temptation.
- > Give out the cut-out shapes.
- > On the shapes have the children write or draw how they want to grow in the image of God, the kind of person that God wants them to become.

