

JESUS GIVES US LIFE

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of a wilderness.
- > Dead and live plants.
- > Cross 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 Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus set off from the banks of the
River Jordan, where he had been
baptised by John the Baptist. Filled
with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led
into the wilderness. He was in the
wilderness for forty days and forty
nights, and all that time he had
nothing to eat. It was during this

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?

By giving into temptation we
become like dried up, dead sticks
instead of healthy, leafy plants.
Our lives become a wilderness.

SHARING

Show the children the two sets of
plants, and encourage them to
discuss the difference between the
dead plants with withered leaves
and the live ones with fresh green
leaves.

Show them how the dead branches
are brittle and break if you bend
them; but the green ones are supple.

We are like plants. But unless we
look after ourselves, we become
withered, and we could easily be
broken.

time that the devil came and
tempted him:
'If you are the Son of God you don't
need to go hungry; just tell this stone
to turn into a loaf.'

Children: **No! Don't listen!**

Don't do it, Jesus!

Next the devil said,
'Worship me, Jesus, and I'll give you
the whole world.'

Children: **No! Don't listen!**

Don't do it, Jesus!

Then the devil said,
'Prove to me that you're the Son of
God by throwing yourself from the
highest tower of the Temple, and see
if the angels catch you.'

Children: **No! Don't listen!**

Don't do it, Jesus !

The devil went away and left Jesus
alone.

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
they are tempted, ways they resist
temptation.
- > Give out the cut-outs.

- > Have the children write or draw
on them ways they want to grow
in new life by being more
generous, etc.