

“SCRIPTures: Jesus’ Temptation”

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- What** Ron and Bob talk about what it means to be tempted and tell the story of how Jesus overcame temptation.
- Themes: Temptation, Tempter, Overcome, Say No, The Power of Know, Knowing Scripture, Duet, Kids Church, Children’s Ministry, Bible Story
- Who** Ron
Bob
*can also be 2 women
- When** Present
- Costumes and Props** Actors wear all black or black shirts and jeans.
Broccoli in a fanny pack
Candy bar (from backpack or pocket)
Backpack if needed
- Why** Matthew 4:1-11
- How** For the Bible story part, Bob serves as the narrator as Ron switches sides of Bob to go from Jesus’ lines to Satan’s lines. To make it less monotonous, Bob can also cross Rob when he speaks so that Bob isn’t doing all the movement.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Lights up

Bob enters gnawing on a huge cluster of broccoli, looking bored or unimpressed maybe even cow-like. Broccoli stuck in his teeth would be great.

Ron: What are you eating? *(squint, getting close to investigate)* Is that a shrub from your yard?

Bob: *(still chewing, emotionless)* No. It's broccoli.

Ron: *(surprised)* Broccoli? You don't like broccoli.

Bob: No...I...don't. *(Take a bite)*

Ron: *(confused)* Why are you eating it?

Bob: It's good for me. At least that's what my mom told me.

Ron: *(laughing)* Better you than me pal. *(Pulls out a candy bar and unwraps it)* I eat what I want. *(Takes a bite)*

Bob: *(peering in)* Wha...what do you have there, Ron?

Ron: Oh this? This is my candy bar. *(Takes a bite, mouth full)* Would you like some? *(Waves it in Bob's face)*

Bob: *(as he takes a bite of his broccoli, glassy-eyed)* No...I'm...I—ya... *(Snaps out of it, frustrated)* Hey, wait a minute here. I see what you're doing. You're tempting me. You are a tempter!

Ron: *(offended)* What? No, I'm not. Where did you get that idea?

Bob: *(proud)* From the Bible. *(Starts to take a bite of the broccoli, then stop. maybe fake gag)*

Ron: What? No way.

Bob: Yes way.

Ron: Oh, yeah? Prove it.

Tell the Story

Transition to story mode. Address the audience, high energy, work off of each other.

Bob: *(upbeat)* In Matthew chapter 4 verses 1-11, Jesus was in the wilderness, alone, fasting and praying.

Ron: Fasting is when you don't eat anything.

- Bob:** Then, after forty days, when Jesus was super hungry, Satan shows up. He's like...
- Ron:** Hey, I know who you are, but I'm the boss here on earth. Obey me and do what I say, and I will give you power here and now.
- Bob:** Which doesn't make sense when you think about it.
- Ron:** Yeah, how would obeying Satan be good?
- Bob:** It wouldn't. But Satan thought he had something great to offer, so he kept trying. Satan realized Jesus was physically weak...you know, since he hadn't eaten in forty days. So, he tempted Jesus with something he needed...food.
- Ron:** *(in a deeper voice)* Since you're super hungry, why don't you prove you are the Son of God by turning this stone *(gesture to the ground)* to bread...you know... if you really are the Son of God and all. *(Cross behind Bob after you say bread)*
- Bob:** But Jesus knew Satan was up to no good. Instead of falling for his scheme, Jesus quoted a Bible verse to Satan that said...
- Ron:** *(calm tone, confident but meek)* Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *(Cross in front of Bob)*
- Bob:** Then Satan tempted Jesus with His identity and God's protection. He took Jesus to the highest point of the temple in the Holy City. He said...
- Ron:** Jump and see if the Angels will catch you. "For it is written, He will command His angels concerning you and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against the stone." You know, SINCE you're the Son of God and all. *(Cross behind Bob)*
- Bob:** Whoa, Satan knows the Bible. That's crazy. But Jesus wasn't scared. Not one bit. He said...
- Ron:** Do not put the Lord your God to the test. *(Cross behind Bob)*
- Bob:** Then Satan tempted Jesus with power and possessions. He took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their beauty. Then he said,
- Ron:** *(gestures around)* Look at all this. Isn't it beautiful! If you worship me, I will give you all the kingdoms of this world. *(Cross in front of Bob)*

Bob: Jesus already owned everything because He is God, duh! So, Jesus said to him...

Ron: Get away for me, Satan! For it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."

Bob: Satan left, and Angels came and took care of Jesus. Jesus proved He is the Son of God by saying no to temptation.

Ron: And He showed us that using what you KNOW (*point to head*) from the Bible will help you say NO to temptation. Because...

Together: SAYING NO IS THE WAY TO GO!

Lights out.

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