

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



1st Sunday of Lent

18 February 2024 - Year B

**“This is my Son, the beloved;
listen to him.”**

Something to Think About

The readings we hear during Lent help us to think about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. To have a mission is to have a special job. What do you think your special job from God could be?

The Story

In today's gospel, God's spirit tells Jesus to go in to the desert. In the desert, Satan tests Jesus and tries to trick him. Jesus does not fall for Satan's tricks and eventually Satan goes away. Jesus stays in the desert for 40 days with the wild animals, but angels look after Jesus.

After leaving the desert, Jesus travels to Galilee and tells the people the good news that God loves everyone! Jesus tells the people to turn their hearts back to God and believe the good news.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:12-15

Right away God's Spirit made Jesus go into the desert.
He stayed there for forty days while Satan tested him.
Jesus was with the wild animals,
but angels took care of him.

After John was arrested,
Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God.
He said, "The time has come!
God's kingdom will soon be here.
Turn back to God and believe the good news!"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Video

Click to watch the video: [The Temptation of Jesus](#)



Group Discussion

Part of Jesus' struggle in the wilderness was to work out his priorities – what was most important to him.

What things are really important to you? To your family? To your friends?

Do you think you value the same things that other young people value? Why or why not?

Praying For Others

Leader: Gathered as one with all creation, let us pray for the needs of the world.

Reader 1: We pray for the people of God all over the earth. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for peace in our world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for all who are hungry. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for those who need a safe place to live. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray we will turn our hearts to God and believe the Good News. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



God our Father,
Help us to listen more closely to you this
week and to turn our hearts to you.
Thank you for walking with
us each day.
Amen.

Group Activity

You will need: A4 sheets of paper and coloured pencils, coloured markers or crayons.

While Jesus was in the desert, he was able to pray and think and listen to God.

God speaks to us in many different ways – in the silence of our hearts, in the beauty of creation, through other people.

There are 2 choices for this week's activity:

1. Draw a picture of what you think God sees or hears when we pray.
2. Draw a picture of what you see or hear when you listen to God.





Wild animals that
live in the DESERT

CAMEL

WALLABY

GOANNA

DINGO

BILBY

EMU

THORNY DEVIL

Write their names
under the pictures

DRAW JESUS IN THE DESERT WITH THE ANIMALS



JESUS WITH THE WILD ANIMALS IN THE DESERT: A TIME OF PRAYER.