



**Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 3**

Jesus is Tempted

Matthew 4:1-11

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like a Medieval Castle. It is the Palace of the King. There is a curtained opening center stage, a ramp stage right and an upper level where characters can enter. There is a window stage left for puppets and a hinged stained glass window stage right that opens to reveal the Bible. For added interest, build windows and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Sir Praisealot is a brave knight and the Captain of the Castle Guard. He praises God all the time. His weakness is that his pride some times gets in the way. Squire Goofus, the Gallant, is a young man who wants desperately to be a noble knight in the King's guard. He is very naïve and a bit clumsy. Rufus is a dragon puppet that thinks he is a dog. He delivers messages from the King.

Plot: Sir Praisealot tells Goofus how Satan tempted Jesus and Jesus resisted him with God's Word. We learn that, like Jesus, we must live by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Costumes: Tunics, black beard, boots

Props: Sword, stick horse

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestions: familiar castle/battle themes from movies such as *The Lord of the Rings*, or *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, or *Productiontrax.com – The Price of Freedom*, *Iron Lore*, *Prepare for Battle*, *Rain of Fire* -: 80; (i-movies: *Timely*, *pursuit*, *heroes*, *flurry*, *saber*.)
2. Horse galloping
3. Trumpet fanfare
4. Stained Glass Window suggestion: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" or other royal song clip. Music plays when this window is opened during each episode to reveal the Bible.

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Hinged, stained glass window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
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3. Scripture Slide: Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4
4. Closing Slide: "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover: (VFX: Video intro)

In ancient days noble knights roamed the land doing good deeds and acts of service for their king. Many of those brave squires served the greatest Lord of all, the King of Kings! Travel with us now as we ride with these mighty men of God on their quest for Kingdom Adventures!

Praisealot (SFX: Fanfare horn; horse galloping)

Tally ho, tally ho! Stay Shadow! Good boy! Hello children, I am Sir Praisealot, praise God! Captain of the Castle Guards! I've been given the task of training a young squire to become a Royal Knight. Being a knight is the noblest job in the entire kingdom. And, of course, there is no knight nobler than I, Sir Praisealot! The bravest, the boldest, the strongest, the humblest...oh, no...oh no...once again I have become prideful! A knight must never let his pride take over or else before long, he'll be praising and serving himself more than he praises and serves God. The Bible says: *Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.* I must be sure to remember that!

Gus (offstage)

Sir Praisealot? Sir Praisealot?

Praisealot

Ah! I believe I hear my young protégé approaching.

Gus

Are you Sir Praisealot? I am Goofus the Gallant! I am ready for my lesson. (Bows and falls forward)

Praisealot

On your feet, Goofus, you are late!

Gus

I'm sorry, Sir.

Praisealot

A knight must always be on time. It is our duty to protect the kingdom. Suppose we were to be attacked by my evil nemesis, Robespierre?

Gus

Who is Robespierre?

Praisealot

He is an evil, no good, trouble-making rascal and should he appear, I would chase him away like the coward he is!

Gus

Is he strong?

Praisealot

Robespierre? He is a master swordsman, but he is no match for me. I am a knight of the King. Brave and powerful, noble and true and...and...oh no, my pride. Forgive me, Father! *Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.*

Gus

Are you all right?

Praisealot

Of course, I just had a moment of pride. Now, where was I? Oh yes, a knight must always be on time and prepared to defend the Kingdom!

Gus

I shall defend the Kingdom against Robespierre!

Praisealot

Robespierre! Where? Where?!

Gus

He's not here. I was just saying *if* he shows up!

Praisealot

Oh, don't do that!

Gus

Did I scare you?

Praisealot

Who me? I am Sir Praisealot, praise God! Captain of the Castle Guard and servant to the King, praise God! I fear no man! I am fearless, courageous, valiant, dauntless and... and...I'm afraid I am full of pride. *Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.*

Gus

Why do you do that?

Praisealot

I can't help it. I hate my pride. I just want to be the best at serving God but my pride keeps rearing its ugly head.

Gus

No, I don't mean the pride thing. I mean the other thing. Why do you keep repeating those words?

Praisealot

Oh that, those words are from the Bible. Whenever I feel tempted to take the credit for how wonderful God has made me, I fight that temptation by quoting God's Word.

Gus

Does that really work?

Praisealot

Oh yes! There is power in the Word of God! I learned that from King Jesus.

Gus

You did?

Praisealot

Yes, I shall show you. Fetch the Word of God right now!

Gus

The what?

Praisealot

The Word of God, it's another name for the Bible.

Gus

Aha! I shall fetch the Word of God right now! (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" Handel's Hallelujah Chorus) (VFX: Window is lighted) Here is your word, my liege.

Praisealot

Oh no, it is *His* Word. Let us learn from Him. In this report, Jesus had given up food and had gone into the desert for forty days to spend time with God when who should appear but Satan himself?!

Gus

Ooh, I hate that guy!

Praisealot

We all do. But on this occasion Satan, that evil trickster, tempted Jesus.

Gus

Jesus was tempted like we are?

Praisealot

Yes, remember Jesus came as a man just like we are. Jesus faced the same temptations we face.

Gus

Was Jesus frightened?

Praisealot

No, we have nothing to fear from Satan for we have the most powerful weapon!

Gus

A light saber? Did Jesus pull out his light saber and use the force against Satan?!

Praisealot

No, Jesus used a sword that was greater than any weapon made by man. He used the Word of God as His sword!

Gus

You mean the Bible?

Praisealot " (VFX: Scripture slide) **Yes, when Jesus was very hungry, Satan tempted Him to make bread from stones. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"**

Gus
What happened?

Praisealot
Jesus refused to do what Satan suggested, so Satan tempted Him with something else. Satan told Jesus to prove that He was God's Son by throwing Himself off a high place. Jesus answered with this Bible verse: "*Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*"

Gus
Did it work?

Praisealot
Yes, Jesus stood strong! Finally Satan tempted Jesus to worship him instead of worshiping God. But *Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'*"

Gus
And Satan went away?!

Praisealot
Of course, He did! You can't argue with the truth of God's Word.

Gus
I want to do what Jesus did! I want to live by every word that comes from the mouth of God!

Praisealot
Now you're talking like a true knight!
Together we shall worship the Lord our God and serve Him only! After all...

Both (crossing swords)
Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing Slide!) (SFX: Intro/Outro music) (SFX: Horse galloping)

Praisealot
Well children, we must ride. Remember to study God's Word!

Gus
And use it to fight temptation!

Praisealot
I'm so proud of you, my student!

Gus
I'm learning from the best!

Praisealot
God is the best! Worship Him only! Tally ho! (They exit.)