

Devotion 1 Jesus: The Promised

Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Question for everyone: What is a promise that you made to someone? Did you keep your promise or was it hard to keep and so you didn't follow through? Have you ever made a promise you knew you couldn't keep?

Say: In our Bible reading today, we hear about a promise that God gave to each one of us. What is a promise that God has made us? (Ultimately, say that Jesus is the promise God made to us if it isn't brought up.)

Say: We are going to hear about Jesus going into the wilderness. What would've the wilderness looked like for Jesus to be there only with wild animals? (Have everyone describe something about what they think the wilderness would have been like)

Read Mark 1:12-15 (Reminder: we've included the New Living Translation but you can use whatever version you'd like)

After reading the verses, say: Being in the wilderness for 40 days with only wild animals would probably be pretty lonely! (Families with children from 2 years old through 2nd grade, count to 40 together to help them understand how long 40 is). To help Jesus in His time in the wilderness, God sent angels to be with Him. It was important that Jesus went into the wilderness and didn't sin because it showed that God kept His promise to us!

Next, go through the discussion questions. If you're a family with multiple age groups, do a mix of the questions to help everyone learn together.

When you're done with the discussion questions, pray together as a family. Thank God for keeping His promise and sending Jesus. Pray for any requests members of your family have and have each member in your family pray for another one.