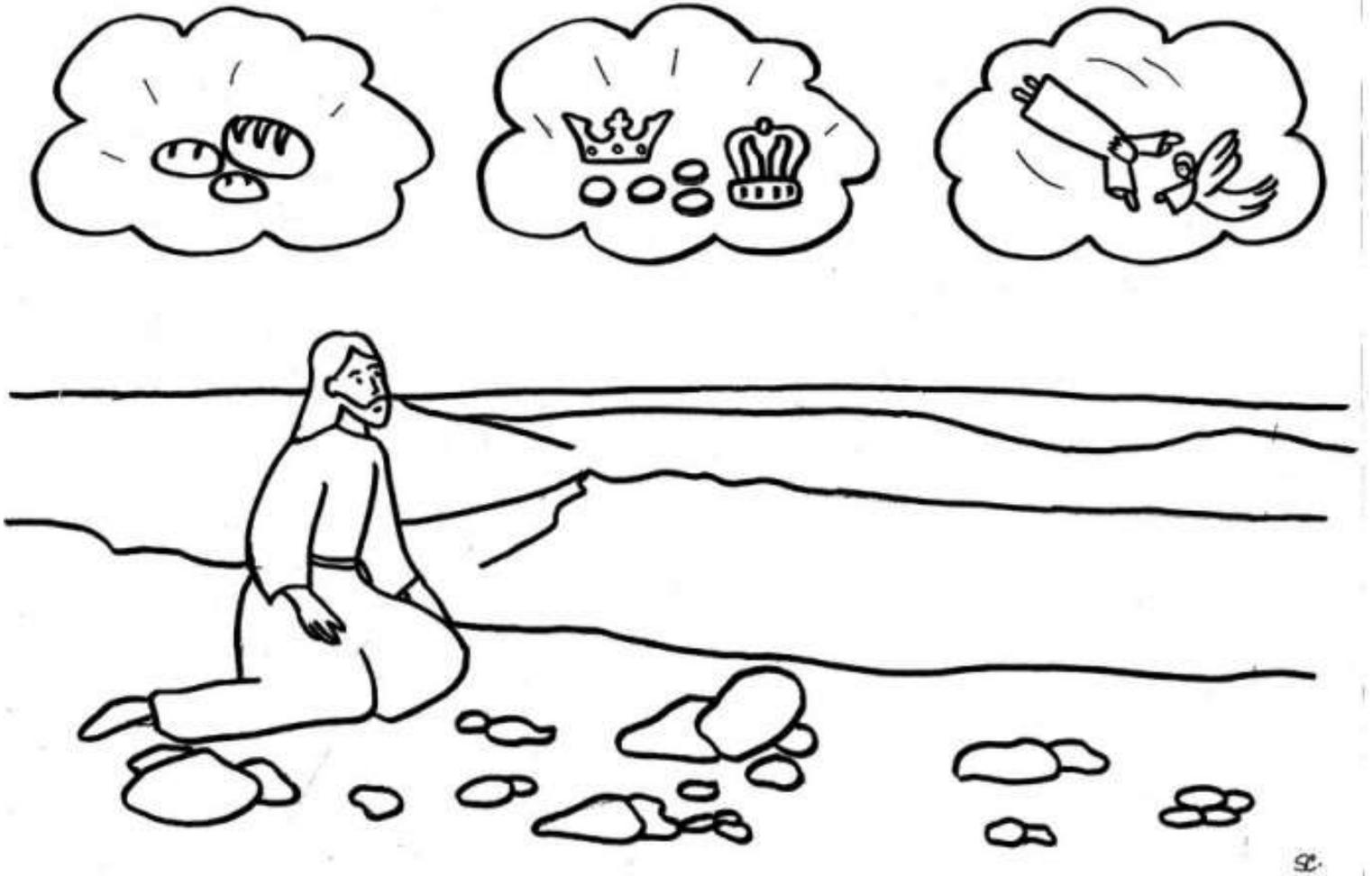


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
MARCH 5, 2017—THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
JESUS IN THE DESERT



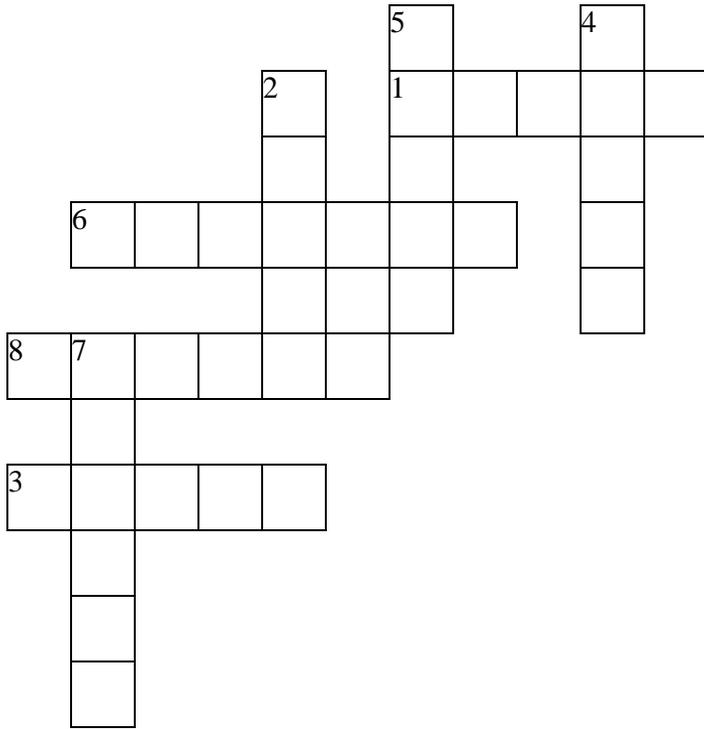
Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

THE GOSPEL AND REAL LIFE

JESUS KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE

Jesus was in the desert, he was, I'm sure, tired, hot, hungry and thirsty. The devil came to him and said "I'll give you everything you want, if you just worship ME." Jesus said that, no matter what, he loved, worshiped and followed only God. Do you ever feel tempted to do something that you know is not right? Jesus knows what that feels like, too.

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across**

 - 1 The world, the planet we live on
 - 3 Messenger from God
 - 6 To show a strong feeling of love for God
 - 8 The feeling of wanting water

Down

 - 2 The son of God
 - 4 A small rock
 - 5 Enemy of God
 - 7 The feeling of wanting food

Angel, stone, devil, thirst, earth, Jesus, worship, hunger

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

All Kinds of Temptation

Jesus "went into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil". You've probably never had such a dramatic experience, but yet we all face temptation every day. Kids certainly do! What kind of temptations do they face? Perhaps not to make bread out of stone, but maybe to steal something, use drugs, skip class, play video games instead of doing homework, to spread gossip or rumors, to pick on a weaker or unpopular kid. These are real temptations that we face every day. Temptations are big and small, some have trivial and some have life changing consequences. No matter what, Jesus understands. He wants us to support each other in good choices, and to always be willing to say we're sorry and try again to do better.

Dinner Table Conversations:

What temptation did you face today? Did you beat it? How?

Some people want you to fall into the same bad habits that they have. Has anyone ever tried to get you to do something wrong? Who helps you resist temptation?

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