

do just as God wished sinful people to do. He wanted us to know that He was making Himself just one of ourselves. John knew that Jesus had no need but he did as Jesus wished, and baptized Him.

*Jesus, God's Son*—When Jesus and John stepped away from the water, they looked up, and lo! the clouds parted, and God's Holy Spirit came floating down like a pure white dove, and rested upon Jesus. Then a voice was heard—God's voice (verse 17). Jesus Himself was then sure, and John was sure, that He was the the One God had promised to send.

*Jesus' Temptation*—When we feel like doing naughty things, it is old Satan tempting us. He does not want anybody to be good. He wants to be greater than Jesus or God and to have more people working for him. He even tried to tempt Jesus. Speak of the different ways he tempted Jesus. He wanted Him to make stones into bread because he was hungry (v. 3). That would have been to not trust God. Then he wanted

Him to throw Himself down from a very high place (v. 5) and said God would keep Him safe. But God does not keep foolish people safe. Then Satan shewed Jesus all the beautiful countries round (verse 9) and said He should be king of all if He would serve Satan instead of God. That would have been shameful.

*Jesus' Victory*—Refer to our soldiers who are fighting for our Queen—when they are victorious, we are glad to think they have beaten their enemies. Jesus gained the victory three times over Satan and over his own human self. After that trial God sent angels to bring Him food to strengthen and cheer Him.

*Practical Thoughts*—Stamp ! stamp ! stamp ! went a little foot in the next room. Mrs. Brown looked in. "What's the matter, Katie dear?" "Oh Mama, old Satan was whispering to me to run out on the street to play and you said I must not, so I was just saying, "get away old Satan! get away." Lesson block—Jesus, the Son of God.

#### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

# TEMPTATION TRUST TRIUMPH

The younger scholars may not fully understand the stress that teacher and superintendent lay upon the perils of temptation and the need of a greater than earthly power to resist. Those who are older know. How few even of those "farthest ben," nearest to the perfect life, can say "I have always triumphed; I have never fallen!" Nay, none can so say. Take the words on the blackboard one by one and seek by every possible means to lead the scholars to feel (1) The awful reality of temptation; (2) The sure refuge, trust in the living, loving Almighty God; (3) The certain triumph of those who stand firm in His strength. We should never make a child's life gloomy, but how cruel it is to let the storm of temptation come upon him without showing him how to ride it out securely.