
SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 4.] THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS. [JAN. 28.

Matthew 3. 13 to 4. 11.

GOLDEN TEXT—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—Matt. 3 17.

MEMORY VERSES, 16-17.—And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Jesus came to this earth to be our pattern, and to do the things which were right and good for us to do. Because he must live our life for us, he had to be tempted so that he might show us how to meet and overcome temptation. The Holy Spirit led him into the wilderness and there he stayed forty days and nights, praying and fasting, and learning all he could of God's will concerning him.

At last he began to be very tired and hungry, and then Satan came to tempt him. He did so want to keep Jesus from helping and saving poor sinners. That is just what he wants now when he comes to tempt us.

First Satan tried to get Jesus to make bread out of stones, but Jesus answered him with a verse from God's word. Then Satan tried another way. He wanted Jesus to do something to show his power over nature. But Jesus would not comply. At last Satan tried to bribe Jesus with the promise of great riches, and once more Jesus answered him out of God's word. When Satan went away God sent his angels to feed and comfort his dear Son. Do you find a lesson in this story? God wants us to know his word and to live by it.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where did Jesus go after his baptism?

Into the wilderness.