

## Year 5/6 Lenten Liturgy

### *Turning away from sin towards God*

*Time: Morning Prayer (5-7 minutes)*

*Place: Gather children in a circle on the carpet, sitting around the sacred space.*

*Sacred Space: Purple cloth laid out on the floor decorated with:*

- *Purple candle (lit to symbolise God's presence)*
- *Loaf of bread*
- *Large stone*
- *Bible open to Luke 4:1-13*
- *Large bowl*
- *Each child is given a small stone*

### Gather

#### **Welcome:**

We are gathered together today during this season of Lent to recall the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert and saying no to temptation. By our sin we turn away from God. Lent is a time of turning back to God. We ask God now to give us strength. Let us begin with the sign of the cross.

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Let us pray.  
Father, as we hunger for your love, help us to be sorry for our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Listen

#### **Reading:**

Luke 4:1-13 The Temptation of Jesus

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be

yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## Share, Reflect, Respond

### **Reflection:**

Jesus rejected sin by saying no to the temptation that faced him and turning to God his Father. During his 40 days in the desert, Jesus would have:

- Felt...
- Seen...
- Thought...

*(Prior to the liturgy the class would have discussed Mark 4:1-13 and considered how Jesus would have felt, what he would have seen and thoughts he may have been thinking. Children would have brainstormed responses in groups. Each child now shares one of these responses with the class in turn, led by the teacher)*

### **Action:**

Following the example of Jesus, we turn away from sin by...

*The bowl is passed around the circle of children. Children place their stone in the bowl as they suggest a way that believers might turn away from sin and follow the way of God (for example: saying no when we are tempted, being inclusive, showing compassion)*

## Go & Tell

### **Dismissal:**

Our prayer has ended. Let us always remember to turn to God for all our needs. Strengthened by God, go now in peace. *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **Concluding Hymn:**

Turn Back to God – *Michael Mangan*