

# Lent 1

## Luke 4:1-13

4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...

**Name:** Good morning, everyone! Well, it is great to be here this morning. Today we move into a whole new season of the church year. I wonder if Robbie knows what it is? Let's ask him. 1, 2, 3...*Robbie!*

**Name:** Good morning, Robbie. Today is the beginning of a new church season; do you know what it is?

**Robbie:** Ah? Pancake season.

**Name:** No, Robbie. Pancakes are what we sometimes eat before the season starts.

**Robbie:** Sausage season?

**Name:** No, Robbie this season has nothing to do with food.

**Robbie:** Then I guess it's not maple syrup season.

**Name:** No, Robbie, it's Lent.

**Robbie:** Oh, I'm afraid I'm not going to like this season.

**Name:** Why not?

**Robbie:** Well, remember last year I had a lot of leaves to rake up and I didn't have a rake?

**Name:** I remember, Robbie. Last year I lent you my rake.

**Robbie:** And remember last winter when a tree fell down on my castle and you lent me your chainsaw?

**Name:** I remember going to the hospital with you!

**Robbie:** Well, I'm afraid I'm not very good at lent because I forgot to return your rake and your saw.

**Name:** Well, Robbie, it would be great if you returned my rake and my saw, but that's not what the season of Lent is about.

**Robbie:** It's not?

**Name:** The season of Lent is the six weeks or 40 days where we remember Jesus being led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**Robbie:** Why would the Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness?

**Name:** Well, Robbie, sometimes we need to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

**Robbie:** Like a vacation?

**Name:** Kind of, but a very *special* type of vacation. A vacation where we have time to think about our lives, about our relationships with one another, and about who God is calling us to be.

**Robbie:** And that's what Jesus did?

**Name:** It sure was. Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness, and in the wilderness Jesus had time to grow closer to God. His Spirit was refreshed so that he could come back to the world to preach and teach the Good News of God's love.

**Robbie:** Wow, that sounds great! But my mom won't let me go into the wilderness on my own.

**Name:** Well, Robbie, maybe we can create our *own* wilderness. We can spend time each day quietly thinking about who God is calling us to be.

**Robbie:** Can I make a tent in my room?

**Name:** Uh, sure, Robbie. And maybe in that tent you could invite God to be with you.

**Robbie:** Can I take some crayons in the tent?

**Name:** Sure, and maybe you could draw or write some of ways God is in your life.

**Robbie:** You know, (Name), Lent doesn't sound too bad; it actually sounds like a special time to be with God. But I have a favour to ask.

**Name:** What's that, Robbie?

**Robbie:** Can you lend me a red crayon? I can't find mine.

**Name:** Sure thing, Robbie; it's a lot less dangerous than a chainsaw!

**Robbie:** Amen.