

Testing in the Wilderness

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE **K I N G**

While the children of Israel were in the wilderness, traveling from Egypt to Mount Sinai to the Promised Land, we read a lot about them being “tested” or “testing” God. A few examples:

- * When they were _____ and grumbled against Moses and Aaron (Exodus 16:1-4)
- * When they quarreled with Moses about not having _____ (Exodus 17:1-2)
- * When they were at Mount _____ (Exo 20:18-20)
- * When they refused to go into the Promised Land after the spies had been in it for _____ days (Numbers 14:21-23)



When they decided they didn't believe God's promises and weren't going to listen to him, God told them they would have to wander in the wilderness for the next **40 years!** Just listen to how upset the LORD was with them:

“ _____ shall bear your iniquity... and you shall _____ my displeasure.”
(Numbers 14:33-34)

But what does this have to do with our search for our King?

After his baptism (Matthew 3:13-17)...

_____ was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came... (Matthew 4:1-11)

Israel didn't do a great job passing their tests, but our King **DID!** Jesus **fought** against temptation so that he could be **victorious** for **us!** Let's talk about Jesus' temptations, how he defeated the devil, and what we can learn from his tests in the wilderness...

FOUNDATION STONES



KEY WORD Building Blocks:

- What is a “test”? Is there anything GOOD that can come from tests? Can you find [James 1:2-4](#) and [James 1:12](#) in your Bible? How do those verses help us understand the good that can come from tests?
- What did Jesus do each time he was tempted to help him overcome the devil’s temptations?

Matthew 3:17

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

