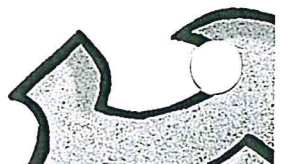


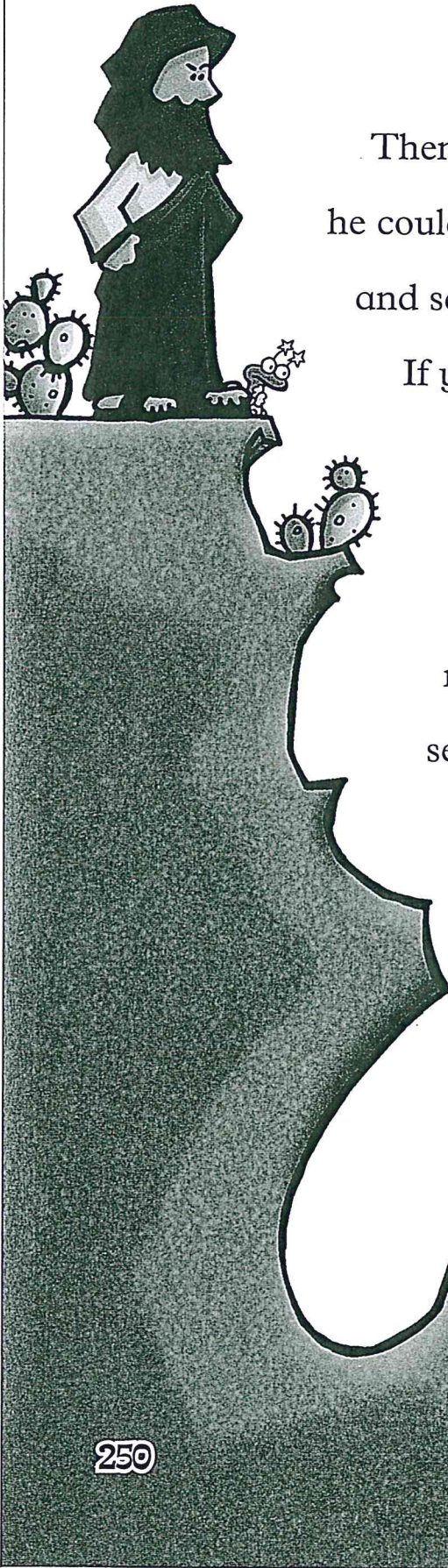
# Tempted

After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, God led him to the desert. Jesus was all alone without any food for 40 days. He prayed to God for help, but it was still really hard to be in the wilderness.

Jesus got very hungry. His stomach was rumbling! The devil came to Jesus and tried to tempt him. "If you are God's Son, tell this stone to turn to bread for you to eat." Jesus remembered God's words and answered, "No one can live on food alone."







Then the devil led Jesus up to a place where he could see all the kingdoms of the world and said, "I can give the world to anyone.

If you turn away from God, you could be king with power over all of these lands. People would worship and honor only you." Jesus remembered more of God's words, "Worship and serve only God."

Lastly, the devil tempted Jesus to jump off the roof of the temple.

"If you are God's Son, jump! God will send angels to protect you.

They will catch you so you will not get hurt."

But Jesus knew the word of God also says, "Don't test God." Jesus was tempted three times to go against God's word. Each time Jesus knew God was with him. Each time Jesus said, "No."

Jesus was in the desert and hungry for a long time. He was happy that God was always with him, especially when he was tempted to do wrong.

★ Practice saying, "No!" with someone. Have them tempt you to do something you know is wrong. Then say, "No!"

