

You will need

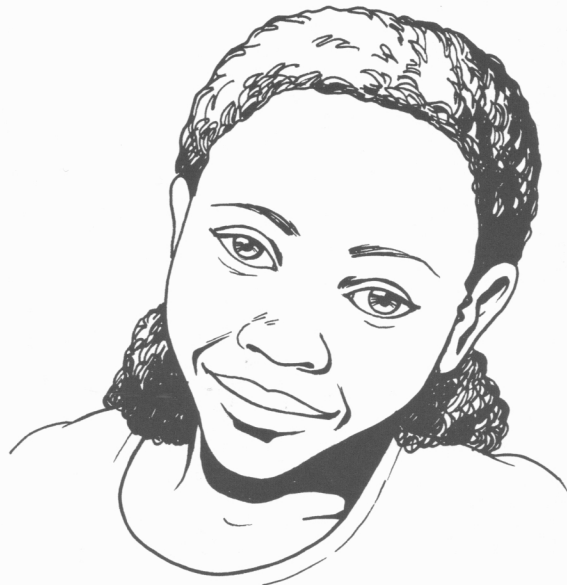
Christ in the Wilderness

by Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoy

Imagine you can change the world around you to suit your mood. If you are happy, the world could be all beaches, soft gentle hills and bright sunshine. If you are miserable, it could be dark, brown, muddy fields and pouring rain.

Activity 1

Choose one of the faces below. Draw it, then draw a landscape behind it that reflects its mood. You can do this on the computer and keep changing the background until you have colours you feel are right for the mood.



Activity 2

Look at the painting. Has the artist used the landscape (the rocks and sky) to tell you about the mood of Jesus? What could you say about Jesus' mood by looking at the landscape?

Read/listen to the story of the Temptations. What is the reason for this mood?

Christian Belief

Christians believe that Jesus faced a difficult choice about using his powers. Should he use them to make life easier for himself, or to force people to believe in him? Or should he live as a human being and experience life as other people do, and use his powers for others? Jesus chose only to use his powers for others.