

Traveling Through Temptation Town

PURPOSE

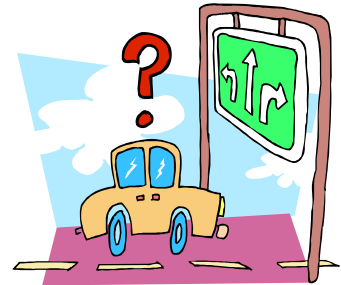
To help family members better understand how Satan tempts us and how to resist his temptations

MATERIALS

- Map of "[Traveling Through Temptation Town](#)"
- A pencil

SONG SUGGESTION

- "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #142 in *Hymns*



LESSON IDEAS

1. **Pre-lesson preparation:** You can print a copy of the map "[Traveling Through Temptation Town](#)" for each family member or save printer ink by printing one copy and completing the puzzle as a family.
2. Ask your family the following questions and then read the references for additional insights:
 - a. What does the name *Lucifer* mean? (see Bible Dictionary, *Lucifer*)
 - b. What does the name *Satan* mean? (see Bible Dictionary, *Satan*)
 - c. What did Lucifer do to become Satan? (see Moses 4:1-4)
 - d. Why is Satan so unhappy? (2 Nephi 2:17-18)
 - e. What is his desire for us? (2 Nephi 2:17-18)
 - f. Can Satan make us obey him? (2 Nephi 2:26-27)
3. Explain that the family will now have the opportunity to see if they can safely travel through "Temptation Town" by answering the questions found [here](#).
4. You may want to share one of the stories (below) by President Spencer W. Kimball.
5. Testify that Heavenly Father can help us have the power to turn away from all of Satan's temptations. As we do so we shall enjoy the peace, joy and safety that come from obedience to God.

ACTIVITY IDEA

- Have a dessert making contest as a family – guys against girls. Invite the neighbors (great member-missionary opportunity!) to be the judges. Here are some fun and easy [recipes](#).

I Made Up My Mind

By President Spencer W. Kimball

“When I was a little boy ... I heard my teachers tell me over and over: ‘We do not drink; we do not smoke; we do not drink tea or coffee...’

“Then as I was out alone, milking the cows, or putting up the hay, I had time to think. I mulled it over in my mind and made this decision: ‘I, Spencer Kimball, will never taste any form of liquor. I, Spencer Kimball, will never touch tobacco. I will never drink coffee, nor will I ever touch tea—not because I can explain why I shouldn’t, except that the Lord said not to.’ He said those things were an abomination. There are many other things that are, too, that are not in the Word of Wisdom. But I made up my mind.

“That’s the point I am trying to make. I made up my mind then, as a little boy; ‘I will never touch those things.’ And so, having made up my mind, it was easy to follow it, and I did not yield. There were many temptations that came along, but I did not even analyze it; I did not stop and measure it and say, ‘Well, shall I or shall I not?’ I always said to myself: ‘But I made up my mind I would not. Therefore, I do not.

“I want to just say that I will soon go into another year and that I have never tasted tea, nor coffee, nor tobacco, nor liquor of any kind, nor drugs. Now that may sound very presumptuous and boasting to you, but I am only trying to make this point: that if every boy and girl—as he or she begins to grow a little more mature and becomes a little more independent of his friends and his family and all—if every boy and girl would make up his or her mind, I will not yield, then no matter what the temptation is: I made up my mind. That’s settled” (*Church News*, Oct. 4, 1975, 16).

Capturing Monkeys

By President Spencer W. Kimball

“I am reminded of an article I read some years ago about a group of men who had gone to the jungles to capture monkeys. They tried a number of different things to catch the monkeys, including nets. But finding that the nets could injure such small creatures, they finally came upon an ingenious solution. They built a large number of small boxes, and in the top of each they bored a hole just large enough for a monkey to get his hand into. They then set these boxes out under the trees and in each one they put a nut that the monkeys were particularly fond of.

“When the man left, the monkeys began to come down from the trees and examine the boxes. Finding that there were nuts to be had, they reached into the boxes to get them. But when a monkey would try to withdraw his hand with the nut, he could not get his hand out of the box because his little fist, with the nut inside, was now too large.

“At about this time, the men would come out of the underbrush and converge on the monkeys. And here is the curious thing: When the monkeys saw the men coming, they would shriek and scramble about with the thought of escaping; but as easy as it would have been, they would not let go of the nut so that they could withdraw their hands from the boxes and thus escape. The men captured them easily.

“And so it often seems to be with people, having such a firm grasp on things of the world—that which is telestial—that no amount of urging and no degree of emergency can persuade them to let go in favor of that which is celestial. Satan gets them in his grip easily” (excerpt from “The False Gods We Worship” *Ensign*, June 1976, 5-6).