

Don't Play With Satan

PURPOSE

To help listeners understand the danger of toying with Satan's temptations

MATERIALS

- Food coloring
- A paper towel

LESSON IDEAS

1. Prior to the lesson:
 - a. Pour dark food coloring into a small glass of water.
 - b. Cut up the paper towel into 2 inch (5 centimeters) pieces, one for each person.
2. Invite each person to touch the edge of the piece of paper towel *barely* into the water for only *two seconds* and watch what happens. (The colored water is quickly absorbed into the paper towel)
3. Ask, "What does this object lesson teach us if we consider the paper towel as our lives and the colored water as sin?" (Whenever we touch it, sin will quickly stain our lives)
4. Read 2 Nephi 28:21-24. Point out that:
 - a. The word 'pacify' means to soothe and calm.
 - b. Satan pacifies us into thinking that it doesn't hurt to sin just a little. As we become comfortable in sinning, he carefully leads us into greater sins.
5. Share the following quote from President George Albert Smith's grandfather:
"You are perfectly safe as long as you stay on the Lord's side of the line. But ... if you cross onto the devil's side of the line, you are in his territory, and you are in his power, and he will work on you to get you just as far from that line as he possibly can, knowing that he can only succeed in destroying you by keeping you away from the place where there is safety" (quoted by George Albert Smith in Conference Report, Oct. 1945, p. 118).
6. Testify of the importance of staying on the Lord's side.

