

THERE'S A WAY OUT

SCRIPTURE:

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it (1 Corinthians 10:13).

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Mouse trap

MAIN MESSAGE:

The temptation may seem too much. But it's not. God will not allow you to be "overly tempted." He will give you a way out!

SONG: "The Lord Has a Will"

LESSON:

Mouse traps are genius! They're cheap, easy to set and they have an element of excitement to them! You put some bait (peanut butter or cheese) on the end on the trap, set the trap, and put it in the corner of the garage. The odds are fairly good that, if you have mice, you are going to catch one. Typically, the mice cannot resist the bait. They love to eat too much, and late at night...SNAP! You caught one!

Here's the lesson: if they wanted to, the mouse could just resist. There is a way to stay alive! The mouse could say (if mice could talk) "No, this is suspicious. I'm not going to try this," and then run away. We can resist too! There are thousands of temptations in this world: temptations to cheat on a test, lie to your mother, or steal music online. You need to remember, God always provides a way of escape! That's why He said, "...with the temptation will provide the way of escape" (1 Corinthians 10:13). For example, Eve could have turned around and went home to Adam. David could have gone back inside his house and avoided Bathsheba. Judas could have rejected the 30 pieces of silver. There is always a way out! We know this because God is faithful! He wants the very best for us. He loves us and does not tempt anyone (James 1:13).

Is it hard to resist temptation? Yes, or it would not be a temptation! However, there are some things your family can do now to make it easier for you later. First, predetermine. Make the choice before you are tempted to resist. That means your family needs to discuss sin and temptation openly in your home! Secondly, keep your heart in the Word. Solomon said, "Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11). Thirdly, plan an escape route. Discuss how you are going to handle it when you are tempted by your buddies to do something sinful. Fourthly, pray continually for God to reign in your heart and keep you from evil.

God is faithful. There is a way out! Look for it!

PRAYER: Help our family to continually seek the way of escape when temptation is in front of us.