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Title: Satan’s Trap

Theme: Satan often makes evil look good, so don’t be fooled.

Object: Rat trap, cheese, pencil with Mickey Mouse head on end.

Text: 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) 8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Did you hear what the Bible says about the devil?

It says he prowls around like a lion looking for someone to eat.

What if you came home from school one day and saw a roaring hungry lion in your front yard.

Would you go up and try to pat him? Say “Here kitty, kitty,… nice kitty.”

No!! you’d get out of there as fast as you could.

And the devil knows that!

So when the devil comes and tries to tempt people to sin and turn away from Jesus he doesn’t look or sound like a roaring lion.

Instead, he disguises himself as a sweet little lamb.

And he makes sin look like it’s good for people so they’re not afraid.

Did you ever see any beer commercials on TV?

Everybody looks like they’re having a great time, right?

Do they tell you what alcohol really does to you?

No! They make it seem like it’s good for you!

They don’t show you the homeless alcoholics in the gutter.

They don’t show you the people in the nursing homes with “wet brain” from drinking alcohol.

They don’t show you the thousands of people killed on the highways from drunk drivers.

No, Satan always tries to make sin look good for you, but in the end, sin destroys us.

So I brought something with me in the bag today to show what Satan’s temptations are really like.

When Satan tries to get you to sin and turn your back on Jesus, it’s kind of like this mouse trap. [Demo]

But Satan never just puts a mouse trap out w/ no bait in it.

He always puts something in here to make it look good.

What do you think would look good to a mouse? (Cheese.)

So we’re going to put some cheese in this trap and set it.

That’s just the way Satan does with us: wherever we have a weakness, that’s what Satan uses to bait the trap for us.

Now let’s pretend this trap is in the kitchen and it’s late at night.

Who should come out of the woodwork, but a mouse! [Pull out stick or pencil with Mickey’s head on the end.]

[Describe mouse smelling, licking, nibbling cheese w/o triggering the trap. Rationalization “It’s good for me.” Then big bite: SNAP]

You know kids, that’s the way Satan works.

He tries to make sin look good for you.

He tells you everybody else is doing it: you can get away with it too.

Be careful! Don’t get caught in Satan’s trap.

If we fall for his lies and turn our backs on Jesus, you and I will end up like poor Mickey here.

The Bible says that the end result of sin is death.

How many would like to ask Jesus to help them keep away from Satan’s traps?