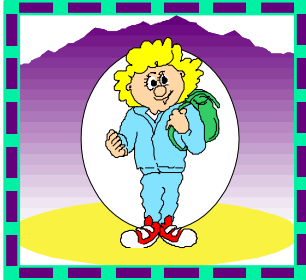


TALES OF TEMPTATION

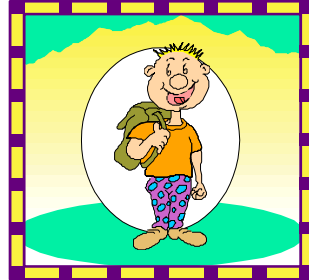
Discuss the three situations below. What do you think each person should do when facing temptation?



Pete's little sister is a pain! Whenever their parents are not around she annoys him and when he fights back, he ends up getting the blame.



Cathy is becoming a TV addict! She has plenty of homework to do each night but as soon as she sits down in front of the TV she is hooked and cannot drag herself away.

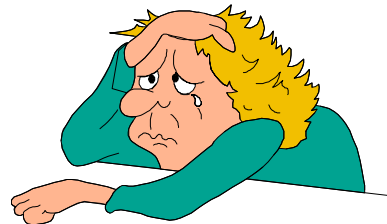


Ryan's closest friends have begun to steal from other kids at school and now are starting to get into shoplifting. They encourage him to join them. He doesn't want to lose their friendship.

IMAGINE THIS...

For the billionth time (or so it seems) you've given into the temptation to do something you shouldn't. Every time you've asked God to forgive you but somehow you don't feel you can anymore - you just feel so bad. In fact you're not even sure you're a Christian any more...

What should you do next?



TAKING GOD'S WORD FOR IT: Genesis 3:1-13

The snake was sneakier than any of the other wild animals that the Lord God had made. One day it came to the woman and asked, "Did God tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?"

The woman answered, "God said we could eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one in the middle. He told us not to eat fruit from that tree or even to touch it. If we do, we will die."

"No, you won't!" the snake replied. "God understands what will happen on the day you eat fruit from that tree. You will see what you have done, and you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God does."

The woman stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. She wanted the wisdom that it would give her and she ate some of the fruit. Her husband was there with her, so she gave some to him, and he ate it too. Right away they saw what they had done and they realised they were naked. Then they sewed fig leaves together to make something to cover themselves.

Late in the afternoon a breeze began to blow, and the man and woman heard the Lord God walking in the garden. They were frightened and hid behind some trees.

The Lord called out to the man and asked "Where are you?"

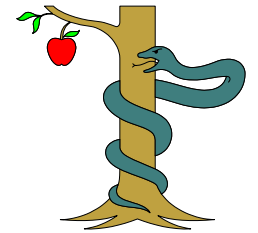
The man answered, "I was naked, and when I heard you walking through the garden, I was frightened and hid!"

"How did you know you were naked?" God asked. "Did you eat any fruit from that tree in the middle of the garden?"

It was the woman you put here with me," the man said. "She gave me some of the fruit, and I ate it."

The Lord God then asked the woman, "What have you done?"

"The snake tricked me," she answered. "And I ate some of that fruit."



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1. What did Satan say in order to get Eve to eat the fruit?
2. What mistakes did Eve make before she gave in to temptation and ate the fruit?
3. What did Adam and Eve do and then say that can be typical of our behaviours after we have done something wrong?
4. What do we learn from Adam and Eve about how **not** to handle temptation?