



**Be alert and of sober mind.**

**1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)**

"Dad! Let's go fishing!" said Herald.

Herald had a new lure and it was a beauty. He was sure that some big fish wouldn't be able to resist it. Sure enough, when they arrived at the lake it wasn't long until he saw a big fish checking out the lure under the boat, but that fish never took a bite!

"Did you know someone uses bait on us?" asked Dad.

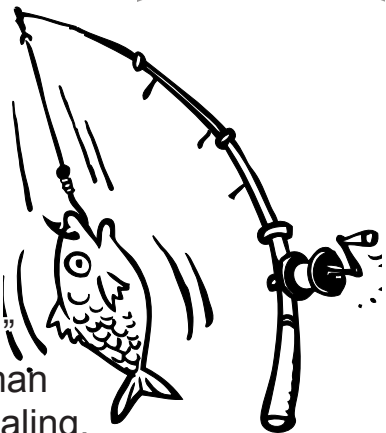
"What?" asked Herald. "I don't chew on things with hooks!"

"We like to think so, don't we!" smiled Dad. "Like a fisherman tempts a fish, people are tempted to do things like lying, stealing, being mean or other wrong things. We think it might get us something we want like money, power, or better opportunities. Trying to get things that way always has a 'hook' of hurt, pain, ruined lives and even death. Getting things that way hurts us and other people."

"The Bible tells us that those temptations or 'bait' come from Satan, but God promises He won't let temptations become too big for us to still do the right thing. When we ask God for help and think about what the results of our actions and decisions will be, we can make good decisions."

"I want to be like that wise, big ol' fish, that doesn't take the bait," said Herald.

"That's right," Dad said. "Ask God for help to use self control and think about what you do, before you do it!"

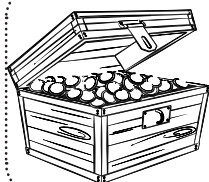


## What did we discover?

- 1) Temptations are like \_\_\_\_\_  
FISH                                      BAIT                                      BOATS
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ may look good at first, but they have a "hook" that hurts us.  
TEMPTATIONS                                      FISH                                      LAKES
- 3) We can trust \_\_\_\_\_ to help us do the right thing.  
GOD                                      MY MOM                                      FRIENDS
- 4) We should think about where our actions will lead us \_\_\_\_\_ we do them.  
AFTER                                      BEFORE                                      WHEN



## What temptations can I avoid this week?



### I will think before I do.

When I'm tempted,  
I can trust God to  
show me a way to do  
the right thing.



**Jesus,  
Help me see  
what's right when  
I am tempted.**

