



SPOTTING TRAPS

AVOIDING TRAPS

ESCAPING TRAPS

SETTING TRAPS

Kid Picture:

We don't have to get trapped by evil—we can overcome!

Kid Idea:

Setting Traps

Kid Answer:

Through Christ we can overcome ANY trap

Kid Word:

With God's help we will do mighty things, for he will trample down our foes.
Psalm 60:12 (NLT)

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Message: Through Christ We Can Overcome ANY Trap!

Main Text: Ephesians 6:10-20 (NLT)

Supporting Verses: Psalm 60:12; 1 John 4:4; Isaiah 54:17; Romans 16:20; Leviticus 26:8

Supplies: Giant box drop, jail cell, giant mouse trap

Wow! This is the last week of our series called *It's A Trap!* I hope you have enjoyed this experience. More than enjoying the experience, I hope it has helped all of you parents and children in overcoming traps that the devil tries to set for us. Over the past few weeks we've talked about *Spotting Traps*, *Avoiding Traps* and *Escaping Traps*. This week we're talking about how we have the power in overcoming traps before they're even set for us. We're talking about *Setting Traps*.

(Personal story of setting a mouse trap.)

In many sports you have an offense and a defense. We have been talking a lot about defense, but did you know that God wants us to be on the offense as well. He wants us to beat up the devil and overcome traps before they are set for us. Our God is so big and extremely strong. We have greater power than anything in the world. In fact the Bible states:

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

1 John 4:4 (NLT)

God is the spirit who lives in us and 1 John states that God in us a greater than the spirit who lives on this earth. God also gave us some tools to defend ourselves from and to attack the trap maker—the devil.





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Here's a passage in the Bible that talks about the armor of God. Perhaps you've heard it before, but I doubt you've heard it with the one and only Timmy helping...
(Timmy comes out on stage with his box of props)

■ **Ephesians 6:10-20 says,**

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. ¹⁹ And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. ²⁰ I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

That passage means that we have real power and authority to overcome the devil and all his trickery. One of the devil's traps is leading us to believe that he is stronger and more clever than we are. However, this passage clearly talks about the power, weapons and authority we have over the devil.

OBJECT LESSON

I will be referring to all the traps (3) that we used the previous three weeks...



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Here are three things you should know about God:

■ **No weapon or trap is bigger than God!**

The Bible states that...

But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken! – Isaiah 54:17

It doesn't matter what the enemy tries to throw at you—it's not too big for God! Because it's not too big for God—it's not too big for you. You can do it.

■ **God will crush Satan under your feet!**

What's the first thing you think about when you hear the word "crush"? I think of something getting smashed or completely destroyed. The Bible states that God will actually crush Satan, but not *just* crush—crush him under *your* feet!

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. – Romans 16:20

■ **Doing life together defeats the devil!**

Sometimes we think that being a good parent means that we should parent by ourselves and not ask others for help. Sometimes, as kids, we choose to not allow others to help us because we're scared of what they will think of us. We were not created to do life alone. That includes parenting and figuring out this whole growing up stuff. When we do life together, pray together and agree together that we have victory through Christ, look what happens...

Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand! All your enemies will fall beneath your sword. – Leviticus 26:8

