

## 3 HANDOUT FOR TESTING THROUGH TEMPTATION

### KEY TRUTH

Every Christian faces temptations to disobey God, but the power of God is always greater than the temptation.

### TO THINK ABOUT

Think about the different temptations you face in your life.

- Are you only tempted to do what is wrong?  
Can you be tempted to do the right thing for the wrong reason?
- Where do these temptations come from?
- Are there particular situations that you should avoid?

If you can't avoid being tempted, what steps can you take that will help you reject the temptations when you face them?

While some temptations may be familiar to you, others will come unexpectedly.

- What does the Lord's Prayer mean by "lead us not into temptation"?

Does God ever tempt you?

- Are there things you can do *before* you face temptation so that you will be prepared, even if it surprises you?

It is best to decide in advance that you want to withstand temptation.

Tell God this, and ask Him to give you the wisdom and strength of His Spirit to identify temptations and then reject them.

### BIBLE CHECK

#### **An ever-present danger**

Luke 17:1-4; 1 John 2:15-17

#### **Sometimes our fault**

Matthew 6:13; 18:7-9; James 1:12-15

#### **Often subtle and cunning**

1 Corinthians 6:1-6; 2 Corinthians 11:12-15

#### **Always a way out**

1 Corinthians 10:12-13; James 4:7; 2 Peter 2:9

### POSTSCRIPT

Human will-power is not enough to overcome temptation. We need the Holy Spirit to strengthen our will so that we can resist temptations to sin.

