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“Hi Jonny! Do as I say and I’ll give you *anything* you want.”

Satan whispers things like that, or, “Just cry and mum won’t make you clean your room or make you do your homework.”

How do those ‘horrible’ ideas get into our heads? Do we want them? What are some other ‘things’ that sometimes just pop into your head?

Which ideas pop into your head that Jesus is saying?

How might they get there?

There’s a story about the devil taking Jesus to a very high mountain where he could see all around.

The cunning devil said, “I’ll give you all you can see if you bow down and worship me.”

Talk over with Dad and Mum

What did Jesus do when Satan talked to him? (Matthew 4 gives a clue).

List other things Satan does.

#How do we know who to listen to?

Which friends should we listen to?

How can we be **good** friends?

Riddle

What do you call a moon that’s just eaten a big dinner?

A full moon!

What vitamin helps your eyesight?

Vitamin C (see)!

What do you get when you cross bananas with a necklace?

A food chain

Where are you when you get straight A’s?

Honour Roll

A Bible Quiz about Dreams

Who had these dreams? Work them out, then ask mum or dad to check your answers.

1.He was warned to take his family to Egypt.

2.This ruler dreamed about fat cows eating skinny cows.

3.He saw angels going up and down a ladder.

4.She had a bad dream and said it was because of Jesus.

5.He saw grapes growing on a vine and himself squeezing out the juice into a cup.

6.He saw a huge statue. Its feet were smashed by a stone.

7.His brothers hated his dreams.

For Parents, grand parents and adults

Kids and Growing Up! How do we help our children and pre-teens begin making their own choices and start standing on their own feet?

Some parents seem to have no trouble with this, while others let go the ropes too soon, sometimes with major, even devastating consequences. Other parents again never let go, or they fear allowing some natural consequences do their teaching.

When was the last time you allowed your pre-teen child to ‘fail’ because they’d carelessly neglected to complete some homework requirements?

Most of us recognise that 12 year olds are not ready to make all their own decisions with no further role for parents to play. But this is the beginning of transition time: we as parents must become mentors and friends, guiding our children so that they depend more and more on God, his Word and his standards, rather than our wants.

This is a huge challenge for us as parents!

Much of the basic training - ‘first time obedience’, bed-time routines, courtesy, manners etc - has been done, and generally only needs topping up. Children have observed and experienced our relationships – with God, our partner, family and friends, our neighbours, the environment, that is, **our world-life view**. We have directed our children’s nurture and actions in all these things and with loving parenting they have complied with our family outlook and lifestyle.

But as they grow into their pre- and early teen years it’s important to ease our children into taking more responsibility for spiritual matters. Issues such as church going, or how to organise family and personal devotions can be contentious issues if we simply lay down the law about how we as parents ‘run our family’s spiritual life’.

If we want God to speak into the lives of our children, we must pray for wisdom and patience. God’s Word gives both sides of the coin: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord,” and, “Fathers, do not exasperate your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:1,4).

- Encourage your child to have their own times with God, but ease them into this, eg have a daily time with them, talk about their lives, what to pray about, share from your own life. When your child asks for his/her own time pull back but keep communication lines open.
- Church going can become increasingly important as your child learns to worship, grow in maturity and faith, and develops friendships. When issues arise, listen, talk about them, help and encourage them to find Godly solutions.

Make it easy for your children to be involved in church activities as they explore their faith and their life as God’s children.

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