

Day 2

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WITH IT**

I'm not proud of this, but when I was in junior high I went through a little season of doing all kinds of stuff that I knew I shouldn't do—stuff that would get me in tons of trouble if I ever got caught. But the reality is, I never got caught! At the time, I thought I was getting away with stuff so I just kept right on doing it. But eventually I learned that just because I had never technically been "caught" didn't mean I was getting away with it either. My behavior was causing all kinds of problems for me and my friends. Because I had never read today's verse, I had no idea that God's wisdom and truth were being played out in my life!

2 MINUTES

An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him (Proverbs 5:22).

5 MINUTES

- Has there ever been a time in the past when you got caught doing something wrong? What was the punishment?
- Just because you get away with something (don't get caught) do you think there is a different kind of consequence? What are the consequences for a kid who DOESN'T get caught?
- What's one thing in your life that you know isn't what God wants for you? Why do you think it doesn't make God happy? What are some of the consequences he wants to protect you from?

3 MINUTES

Hanging out with God

Spend a few minutes talking to God about what you just learned. If you need to, use the ideas below to get started:

- The Bible says that God's power working through us is greater than any temptation or bad habit. Is there an area of your life that comes to mind? Ask God for his help.
- Usually part of the way God helps us get out from bad choices is through the help of other people. Ask God to show you one person who could help you—one person you could talk to about the area where you're struggling.
- Remember that no matter what you've done, God unconditionally loves you. Thank him for always being with you no matter what.

THOUGHTS

This space is here for you to jot down some thoughts, write out a prayer, draw a picture, or do whatever you want to help you remember your 10-minute moment.