

£20 Note

Hold up a £20 note – (photocopy of one will do)

To the Scouts gathered around, ask **“Who would like this £20 note?”**

Hands will go up...

Say **“OK, I am going to give this to one of you, but first, let me do this.”**

Proceed to crumple the bill up. Then ask, **“Who still wants it?”**

Still the hands will go up in the air.

Say **“Well, what if I do this?”** Drop it on the ground, and start to grind it into the floor with your shoe. Pick it up, now crumpled and dirty.

“Now, who still wants it?”

Still hands went into the air.

Say **“Well, you all have learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it, because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth £20.”**

Lesson:

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way, and also by bullies.

We feel that we are worthless, but, no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value, dirty or clean, crumpled or creased; you are still priceless to those who love you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do, or who we know, but, by who we are.

You are all special, don't ever forget it!

TEMPTATION

Start by placing a piece of chocolate in everyone's hands. Make sure you give a clear instruction that they are **not allowed** to eat the chocolate but hold it.

Now ask the Scouts to put their hands up if they have enjoyed the weekend.

Tell all the Scouts to put their tongue out and place their piece of chocolate on it. Again they are **not allowed** to eat the chocolate.

Now ask the Scouts to put their hands up if they have ever been tempted to do something that they shouldn't.

The Scouts can now eat the chocolate.

Your input....

'Temptation means having the desire to do or have something which you know you should not do or have'....

Say **'Put your hands if you can think of anything people may be tempted to do?' Ask them what...**

(Responses maybe things like: Steal, Bully, Drink Alcohol, Take Drugs, Skip Homework....)

Say **'I guess most of you was tempted to eat your chocolate; those of you who didn't give in to the temptation WELL DONE'.**

Final thought - **'There are many things to tempt us in life and sometimes people give into temptation. This can lead to mishaps and people doing the wrong thing'.**

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA – STICK TO IT.

A young Indian brave was busy at work carving a canoe out of a log. As he worked, members of the tribe passed by. Everybody had a piece of advice to offer the young man.

"I think you are making your canoe too wide," one of them said. The young brave, wishing to show respect for the advice of an elder, narrowed down the canoe.

A little later, another warrior stopped by. "I'm afraid you are cutting the stern too full," he said. Again, the young brave listened to his elder and cut down the stern.

Very soon, yet another member of the tribe stopped, watched awhile, then said, "The bow is too sheer." The young brave accepted this advice as well and changed the line of the bow.

Finally the canoe was complete and the young brave launched it. As soon as it hit the water, it capsized. He hauled it back onto the beach. Then he found another log and began to work again.

Very soon, a member of his tribe stopped by to offer advice, but this time the young brave was ready. **"See that canoe over there?"** he asked, pointing to the useless craft. **"That is everybody's canoe."** Then he nodded at the work in progress. **"This one," he said, "is my canoe".**

Moral: Don't always be lead by other people's opinions – try your own out first THEN if it fails take other people's advice.