

Swimsuits and Watermelons

A boy named Bobby asked his mother if he could go play ball with his friends. She consented, but she knew that the boys had to pass their favorite “swimming hole,” so she told him not to go swimming.

When Bobby left the house, however, he took his bathing suit with him, just in case! Well, you know what he did when he saw his friends enjoying themselves in the pond. Bobby invited temptation by taking his swimsuit with him.



Contrast that story with this one about the youngster who said, “When I go past a watermelon patch, I can’t keep my mouth from watering, but I can run!”



We live in an age when temptations come at us from many directions. Be assured, however, that God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able, as He promises in 1 Corinthians 10:13. With the temptation, He will make a way of escape that we may be able to bear it.

When temptation comes, God will do His part. He will provide the way of escape, but it’s up to us to run.

“Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22).

--Beecher Hunter