



THE PERNICIOUS POISON OF PORNOGRAPHY

PURPOSE

To illustrate the deadly effect of pornography upon individuals and families

MATERIALS

- A package of ant bait (can be purchased at department stores) or a sign that reads “Ant Bait”
- Clip art of ants (below)



LESSON IDEAS

1. Hold up the picture of ants. Explain that ants can be both annoying and destructive.
 - a. Ask, “Does anyone know the most effective way for killing ants?”
2. Hold up the ant bait (or the sign that reads “Ant Bait”).
 - a. Explain that “worker ants” (which comprise about 20% of the colony) leave the colony to search for food. They eat the food and bring it to the nest to feed colony members by a process known as trophallaxis (the exchange of regurgitated food).
 - b. Explain that scientists have come up with an ingenious idea of how to kill them. They created a food that ants love and then put a gentle poison in it. Ants eat the bait. The gentle poison does not kill them immediately. They live long enough to take the food back into the colony. The poisoned food is then shared with other ants, including the queen. Once the queen is dead the surviving ants leave the colony in search of a new queen.
3. Explain that pornography is very similar to ant bait. When a person “feeds” on this type of poison, the effects may not be seen immediately. But that poison is taken into that person’s marriage and family, damaging or destroying that relationship. An entire family can be damaged or destroyed by the pornographic poisoning of one person.
4. You may want to share the following :
 - a. President Gordon B. Hinckley: “You live in a world of terrible temptations. Pornography, with its sleazy filth, sweeps over the earth like a horrible, engulfing tide. It is poison. Do not watch it or read it. It will destroy you if you do. It will take from you yourself respect. It will rob you of a sense of the beauties of life. It will tear you down and pull you into a slough of evil thoughts and possibly of evil actions. Stay away from it. Shun it as you would a foul disease, for it is just as deadly. Be virtuous in thought and in deed. God has planted in you, for a purpose, a divine urge which may be easily subverted to evil and destructive ends” (Ensign, Nov. 1997, 51).

5. Challenge all to exercise faith in Jesus Christ by turning away from pornography in all of its forms.

