

## ALBERT THE RAT

I have a friend here with me in my pocket that comes with me and his name is "Albert the Rat". And Albert likes cheese. How many of you like cheese, raise your hands. He loves cheese.

One day Albert was coming home from Rat School and he saw something that was very scary. It was a Mouse Trap. (Pull this from your pocket). But he liked cheese and so he went up to the Mouse Trap and put his nose real close to the cheese and said, "I like cheese!" and he put his nose up as close to the cheese without it going off. He said. "Oh, I like cheese and this is a temptation, but I have the ability to resist." Everybody say that with me, he had the "ABILITY TO RESIST" (put your right hand as a fist on your heart). Everybody repeat that and move your hands like this, Albert had the "ABILITY TO RESIST".

The next day after Rat School, Albert was walking back around the house again and he saw the cheese again. So he went up to the Mouse Trap and put his nose real close to the cheese and said, "I like cheese!" and he put his nose up as close to the cheese without it going off. He said. "Oh, I like cheese and this is a temptation. Maybe if I get real close, (move up real close to a child with the trap ready to pop) it .....won't .....go.....POP! (children will jump). Yesterday, Albert had what?..... that's right the "ABILITY TO RESIST" (put your right hand as a fist on your heart). (Have the children repeat this a few times). But today as he was real close to the cheese he had ..... "A WAY OF ESCAPE", (move your right hand flat across in front of your chest and then around and away, showing a way of escape) when he saw his girlfriend rat walking by. He said, "I'll go with her". Everybody repeat that and move your hands like this, Albert had the "A WAY OF ESCAPE"!

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able".....God gives us FIRST, the Ability to Resist. .... "but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." ..... and SECOND, a Way of Escape.

After school on the third day, Albert was walking in the house and he again saw the Mouse Trap. So he went up to the Mouse Trap and put his nose real close to the cheese and said, "I like cheese!" and he put his nose up as close to the cheese without it going off. He said. "Oh, I like cheese and this is a temptation. The first day God gave me the "ABILITY TO RESIST" and on the second day God gave me "A WAY OF ESCAPE", but the Bible doesn't say anything else. Just then his friend rats came in the room behind him and said, "Albert, of all the rats, you are the fastest. If anyone can take the cheese out you can. RUN! Albert you can take the cheese out! RUN and you can do it!". Albert said, "Maybe I can, if I go real Fast!" And he got ready and was shaking and then he tried it, but "POP!!!!". He didn't make it.

**How many of you boys and girls want to die like this? .....No, we don't BUT the Bible says to resist temptation and God will give you ....What? .....First the "ABILITY TO RESIST" (put your right hand as a fist on your heart). and then secondly "A WAY OF ESCAPE" (move your right hand flat across in front of your chest and then around and away, showing a way of escape). But boys and girls, Do NOT go back to temptation the third time, because you might sin. And to sin IS TO DIE .....spiritually and break our relation with our Father in Heaven. And also boys and girls, don't listen to your friends to say that it's OK to sin. No, they are just lying and that we can't win if we go back to temptation again. So, boys and girls, don't forget the story of ALBERT the RAT. He teaches us that God will give us .....First the "ABILITY TO RESIST" (put your right hand as a fist on your heart). and then secondly "A WAY OF ESCAPE" (move your right hand flat across in front of your chest and then around and away, showing a way of escape).**