



SILLINESS, CLUMSINESS, TEMPTATION OR SIN?

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Do you know the difference between **Slide 2** silliness, **Slide 3** clumsiness, **Slide 4** temptation, and **Slide 5** sin? Do you find your way through all of this? It's not always very easy, so I suggest **Slide 6** you listen to Françoise who will now bring us food **Slide 7** for thoughts by answering Paul and Leah's questions. **Slide 8**

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Slide 10 - Hello, **Slide 11** - Hello Paul **Slide 12** - Hello **Slide 13** - Hello

Slide 14 - Welcome to the studio. Everything is ready, Elisio is at the sound desk, everything is fine, we are happy to see him. So we will answer right away the questions of the day.

Slide 15 - Can you tell us what is the difference between doing something silly and sinning? Is it the same?

- Do you have an example of having done something silly?

- Yes, one day **Slide 16** I was playing football in the garden and I shot very hard, the ball went to the neighbours' house.

Slide 17 - Did you break something?

- No, but the ball hit **Slide 18** the hood/bonnet of the neighbour's brand new car very hard.

Slide 19 - So what happened?

- I went to see him and explained what happened, **Slide 20** he was very angry and I was very upset, I asked him **Slide 21** to forgive me.

Slide 22 - Yes, it was a mistake. You didn't do it on purpose; you didn't send the ball on purpose to damage the car. When you do something stupid, **Slide 23** you apologize and when it's possible, you repair the damage. Doing something silly is a bit like making a mistake ... **Slide 24** We don't do it on purpose, we don't intend to hurt, to injure, to do harm.

Slide 25 - So it's not sin? **Slide 26** - No.

Slide 27 - And when we are tempted, we sin?

- Do you have an example?

- Yes, a friend of mine told me to look **Slide 28** at a website where there's a lot of weird, rather disgusting things. Almost everyone in the class looks at it. **Slide 29** The other day, I was home alone, so I felt like looking, **Slide 30** I was really tempted.

Slide 31 - Did you watch?

Slide 32 - I hesitated for a while and **Slide 33** finally did something else to take my mind off it. I really wanted to watch so **Slide 34** that others wouldn't make fun of me, but I knew that you shouldn't, it's images that stay in your head and then it's hard to get rid of them, it even **Slide 35** comes back at night.

Slide 36 - You were tempted but you resisted.

Slide 37 - So I didn't sin?

Slide 38 - No! You didn't sin.

Slide 39 - So, what is sin?

Slide 40 - Have you ever heard that little voice telling you "*it's wrong*"? It's a bit like a red light that comes up and tells you "stop", "*don't continue*", it's our conscience. It warns us that there is danger but it's up to us to listen to it or not.

Slide 41 - It is God speaking to us?

Slide 42 - Indeed, it is as if God is warning us about what is wrong, and will make us and others unhappy. If we do not listen to this voice, **Slide 43** we sin because we refuse to obey God who tells us what is best for us and for others.

Slide 44 - If we say things that are not true about a friend, for example, we are not hurting God, are we?

- Well, we hurt the friend and we sin against God: we say **Slide 45** "no!" to what He tells us, we place ourselves above Him. God tells us not to lie, not to spread wickedness, but to love, so if, voluntarily, we decide to disobey Him, we rebel, **Slide 46** it is as if we turn our back on Him. God knows the consequences for us and for others of our bad deeds, our bad choices, our evil intentions, he warns us to avoid them.

- If we don't obey, **Slide 47** it puts a distance between God and us, doesn't it?

- Yes, just as there will be **Slide 48** a separation, an uneasiness, a distance between friends. What is needed for them to be friends again?

Slide 49 - For them to ask for forgiveness.

Slide 50 - Yes, you have to tell them **Slide 51** that you've done wrong and ask for forgiveness. You also have to commit not to do it again. We must also tell others that what was told was not true.

Slide 52 - Is God sad when we sin?

- Yes, He is saddened, our relationship with Him is broken. To restore the relationship,

Slide 53 we must ask for His forgiveness and **Slide 54** decide to do everything we can to avoid doing it again. Tell me, when you disobey your parents, what happens?

Slide 55 - They get angry and sometimes punish me.

- Is it right or wrong? **Slide 56**

Slide 57 - I think it's fair, I deserve it.

Slide 58 - If someone steals, **Slide 59** he must return what he has stolen. **Slide 60** If someone is sentenced to prison, he pays society for the evil he has committed. **Slide 61** This is justice. But how do you **Slide 62** pay God, how do you make amends? It is not possible. That is why Jesus came, he is the one **Slide 63** who was punished in our place.

Slide 64 - Is that why he died on the cross?

Slide 65 - Yes, He took our punishment **Slide 66** so God can forgive us.

Slide 67 - What if I do wrong again?

Slide 68 - Doing what pleases God is not always easy, **Slide 69** but God sees our desire to please Him, and do what He wants. **Slide 70** He loves us, He is not going to reject us, but on the contrary, **Slide 71** He is going to help us, to journey alongside us. We continue to learn, we grow and **Slide 72** God is patient with us, like **Slide 73** a good father. Did we answer all your questions?

Slide 74 - Yes, thank you, **Slide 75** we better understand now.

Slide 76 - Thank for coming **Slide 77** and see you soon for another episode and new questions!

Slide 78 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*After these exchanges between Françoise, Paul and Leah, I suggest that **Slide 79** you take some time to think quietly about all this and why not listen to the program a second time. **Slide 80** Also take time to pray, to talk to God.*

*Soon we will hear the story **Slide 81** of a rebellious child who has voluntarily decided to turn his back on his father. One day he decided **Slide 82** to come back but will his father welcome him?*

Will he forgive him? That is what we will see. So let me say/

Slide 83 See you soon on "1,2,3 STORY TIME"

Slide 84 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

*Beyond deeds, beyond words, we are invited **Slide 85** to carefully consider our intentions, our secret thoughts. It is not always easy to see clearly, but the stories of the Word of God help us because we often find situations similar to those we are living. **Slide 86** Let us help our children examine their hearts, without **Slide 87** dramatizing or exaggerating minor or imaginary faults,*

Slide 88 and let us encourage them to trust Jesus.

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