



## \$2 on the Ceiling & 2 Minutes to Write

*[getting inside their brains without their knowing it]*

As the kids were coming into my junior high class, I was standing on the table taping two dollars to the ceiling. *(That was the day that a couple of the guys made a folding table collapse in the middle of class and nearly crushed Russell's knee.)* The lesson was on sin and temptation. I wanted them to identify common temptations and plan methods to anticipate and avoid them.

I passed out pieces of paper and had them list every letter of the alphabet in a column on the left. "When I say, 'Go' write the name of a sin which starts with that letter. Work with a friend. The duo with the most sins gets the money."

"Go!"

(Two minutes passed quickly.)

"Stop! Now read some of your answers."

There weren't any surprises, but when three friends in the back read their list, I realized that I was going to have to address an area I had never discussed with them. I forget what sin they mentioned for "A," but "B" was bad language; "C" was cursing; "D," dirty talk; "F," filthy stories; "G," girl jokes; "J," jokes about sex; "S," swearing; and so on. Sometimes it takes a little ingenuity to get kids to admit their own personal sins in a Sunday School classroom, but this time it worked big time.

I also had to come up with another dollar.