Big and Devestating Illustrations

Smash It!

Show your students John 10:10 and discuss with them this "thief" whose plan is to destroy them. Then show them Romans 16:19-20. When you are walking with Jesus, you can overcome evil and crush Satan underneath your feet. Uncover a watermelon. Write on it ways that the devil tries to tempt you, ways that he tries to get you to walk away from Christ. These are his plans but you don't have to fall for them. Pull out a sledge-hammer. (NOTE: This will make a huge mess. Cover your stage area well. You might even want to have a paint sheet that covers the bodies of the front row of students, especially if you are in a small room. Practice this beforehand to know how the melon will explode.) Say, "The next time you are tempted to lie, crush Satan's plans." Hit the watermelon. 'The next time you are tempted to..." With each situation, keep hitting the watermelon until it is thoroughly smashed.

Spiritual Application: Do not give Satan a place in your life. Also see Romans 12:21.