

# CAUTION! IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE! QUICKSAND BLACKOUT PUZZLE:

To Make: Print the following pattern. See lesson #33 in Young Women Manual 2 for lesson ideas. Color.

**Activity:**

1. Tell young women that the quicksand in the jungle of life is not easily seen. Satan camouflages evil, making it appear good and right. He sets traps and pits, like quicksand, all around us. If we get too close we can fall into them. Sometimes youth want to try something for themselves to see what it feels like, or they feel they can handle a situation and just go in partway. But even putting a toe into the deadly sand—letting down one's guard—can pull them in deeper until they are trapped in Satan's powerful quicksand.

2. Have young women color and complete the puzzle to avoid Satan's traps and stay on the right trail. ANSWERS starting top to bottom: Quicksand Traps: masturbation, necking, dirty jokes, staying out late, petting, pornography, impure thoughts, immodesty, fornication, homosexuality, unwholesome movies.

Chastity Trail: Enjoy group activities, uplifting music, have virtuous thoughts, say prayers, seek true friendship, read scripture, say no, use clean speech, obey parents, and listen to leaders' counsel not listed specifically in For the Strength of Youth.

3. See the following It's a Jungle Out There! Quicksand Traps activity.

## IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE! QUICKSAND TRAPS:

Set up a jungle scene with brown paper in the center to represent quicksand. Place a nice lounge chair with an umbrella with an intriguing drink on top of the quicksand. Take young women through the jungle scene and end up focusing on the lounge chair scene. Tell young women that below the chair is quicksand. They would naturally stay away from quicksand if they knew it was there. But Satan's traps are often disguised by trees in the jungle or in our lives by attractive objects or words that entice. Talk about Satan's quicksand traps to pull you under into necking, petting, intimacy, and sex. If we put our toe in the quicksand, we are tempted to go further until our feet and legs are stuck, and soon we are sitting in the quicksand. Before we realize it, we are up to our necks in Satan's trap. Have young women sit down and write questions on slips of paper and place them in a box. Have leaders and young women talk about questions and how to avoid quicksand traps. Plan what to say in situations where it may be difficult to say no (e.g., at a party if alcohol is offered). Heavenly Father reads or knows our thoughts but Satan does not have that power. Satan can only read our actions. If we give in a little, he tempts us further. Don't give him control by letting go of your values.

