

Hot Topics

LEADER GUIDE

ghosts

Note to the Leader: *The supernatural is a topic of great interest to our culture. This discussion is meant to shed some light on the subject of ghosts from a biblical perspective. It might be easy for the girls to take over the conversation by telling their own personal stories about ghosts, but try to keep them focused on the question before them. All girls are different in what they can handle when it comes to scary stories, so out of respect for those who get really affected, politely ask the girls to keep their responses on the topic at hand.*

Have a girl read the dictionary definition for ghosts.

The soul of a dead person, a disembodied spirit imagined, usually as a vague, shadowy or evanescent form, as wandering among or haunting living persons.

How does this definition line up with what you see in movies and hear about in ghost stories?
What do you think about ghosts?

Have a girl read Hebrews 9:27 and Matthew 25:46.

What do these verses say happens after someone dies?
What happens when someone who believed in the Lord dies? What happens to someone who did not believe in the Lord?
Do these passages give any indication that some of our souls will wander the earth for a period of time before we go to our final destination?

Have a girl read 2 Corinthians 5:8.

What does this verse say happens when we as Christians pass away and leave our earthly bodies?
How does this contradict the dictionary definition of ghosts as it relates to wandering the earth or inhabiting places?

Have a girl read 2 Corinthians 11:14,15.

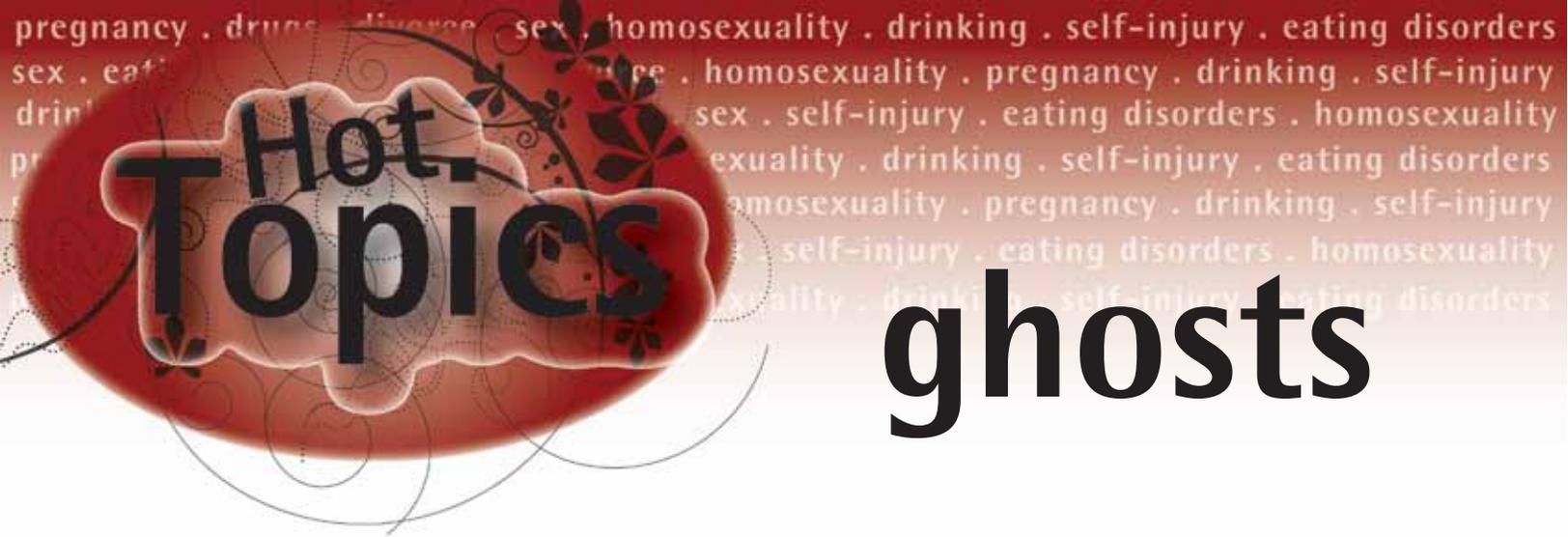
If Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light and his demonic followers can disguise themselves as out to accomplish good, what else are they capable of disguising themselves as?
What could explain the supernatural phenomenon people experience – seeing moving lights in old buildings, hearing strange noises, seeing objects move, etc.?

Have a girl read 2 Corinthians 4:4.

What does Satan gain by deceiving people?
Why would it be beneficial for him to deceive people when it comes to ghosts, hauntings, and talking to people who have passed away?
(possible answers: Satan can enslave people because of fear; he can taunt and intrigue people as he sees their growing interest, which could lead to more involvement with the supernatural; he doesn't want people to know the truth ... that he's behind the menacing occurrences)

Have a girl read Proverbs 4:23.

Why do some people seem to have more stories or encounters with ghosts than other people?
What are some of the things we do that could be actually be opening us up to Satan's control?
(possible answers: lots of scary movies, fortune-telling/light as a feather games, visiting supposedly haunted places in search of a rush, reading scary books, etc.)
How can we guard our hearts as it relates to ghosts and the supernatural?



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