

Decision Making – What would you do?

“What would you do?” problems focus on principles of faithful decision making. They can be introduced into almost any Sunday school lesson with any age group. Give your students practice with well-chosen examples. And be sure to give the children time to think about a problem before telling you what they would do. Teach them to think before they act.

“What would you do?” problems also make good Bible learning center activities. Let the children work on one or two, individually or in small groups, after the main lesson has been taught. Monitor their progress.

The Little Crook! What would you do?

Your sister wants to get a new video game but does not have enough money. She sneaks into your room and takes the money from your wallet.

- 1 – What will you say to her when you find out what she has done?
- 2 – How do you expect her to respond?
- 3 – How will this affect your relationship with her?

Your sister denies that she took your money and lies to you about how she got the game.

- 4 – Will you drop the matter or will you pursue it further? Give reasons.
- 5 – If you pursue the matter further, what steps will you take? Justify your actions.

Look at the biblical principles of forgiveness below. How do they apply?

Principles of Forgiveness

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 5:23-26

Matthew 5:43-45

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Matthew 18:15-18

Matthew 18:21-22

Matthew 18:23-35

- Take action right away to address the issue.
- Do not judge (condemn) the offending person, but show your concern for them.
- You can and should judge the action that occurred.
- You can and should expect repentance on the part of the offending person. This means an acknowledgement of the wrong and a promise to do better in the future. The issue can end here.
- You must be ready to forgive again, if necessary.
- You must be ready to overcome evil with good.