

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.

A Hurtful Remark! What would you do?

You and Nick do a lot of things together, but he doesn't like having you around when he is with the other guys. He told them that you are not very cool, and you were hurt when you found out.

- 1 – How will this affect your relationship with Nick?
- 2 – Will you say anything to him about it? Give reasons.
- 3 – If you say something to him, what will you say and what kind of response do you hope to get?

Nick and some of the guys get into an auto accident. They end up in the hospital.

- 4 – How do you feel about this?
- 5 – Will you do anything? Why?

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.