

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.

Tooth And Nail! What would you do?

Trisha gets under your skin, and she has for a long, long time. Last week she got into a big argument with your girlfriend in front of everybody, and you jumped in to defend your girlfriend. It turned into an ugly scene.

- 1 – Suppose your girlfriend was in the right. Does this justify what you did?
- 2 – What could you have done differently?

During the week Trisha sends a short note of apology to your girlfriend, and your girlfriend tears it up.

- 3 – Why?
- 4 – What is going to keep this problem from coming up again?

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.