

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.

Feeling Snubbed! What would you do?

You and Brendon are in the same Sunday school class, but for several weeks you have not spoken to him. All of sudden he blows up at you in class: “You think you’re so good. You don’t even know I exist!”

- 1 – What can you say to him right away that will be helpful?
- 2 – What should you *not* say or do at this point? Why?
- 3 – What will you do if other people jump in to defend you?
- 4 – What will you do if other people jump in and side with Brendon?

You apologize, but Brendon refuses to accept your apology. He gets up and walks out of class.

- 5 – What will you do now? 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.