

Decision Making Activity

King Saul made a bad choice to sacrifice to the Lord without waiting for Samuel (1 Samuel 13: 1-15). Like Saul, we sometimes face difficult choices. Read the scenarios below. Respond by circling the sentence that reflects your response to the situation. Discuss your response.

A. Your mom worked hard to make a costume for you to wear in a play. To get it finished in time, she stayed up all night. When you see it, it is not what you imagined it would be. You feel embarrassed just thinking about wearing it in front of others. Would you:

1. Wear it and ignore anyone who teases you.
2. Thank your mom for her hard work but explain to her that it just doesn't suit the part.
3. Take it to school as if you're going to wear it but stuff it in the first trash can you see.

B. Your friend is in trouble. A big math assignment is due. Your friend didn't finish it because he was visiting his sick grandfather in the hospital. The morning the assignment is due. He asks if he can look at your assignment. You know that he will probably copy it and hand it in as his own work. You also know that if he misses one more assignment he will fail the class. Would you:

1. Let him borrow it and not worry about what he does with it. It is his own business.
2. Tell him that you don't feel comfortable lending it to him.
3. Make arrangements to talk to the teacher about what is going on in your friend's life.

C. You slept in and missed breakfast. You also forgot to take a lunch to school. By lunch you are so hungry that you feel like collapsing. No one is at home to call for food, and your good friends are absent so you can't ask them to share their food. On your way to the bathroom you see someone's lunch has fallen out of their backpack. You don't know who it belongs to but you see that it has a ham and cheese sandwich and a bag of your favorite type bag of snack. Would you:

1. Leave the lunch where it is. If it's still there after school you'll eat it.
2. Take it to the bathroom with you and eat it in the stall.
3. Give the lost lunch to your teacher and explain that you forgot your lunch.