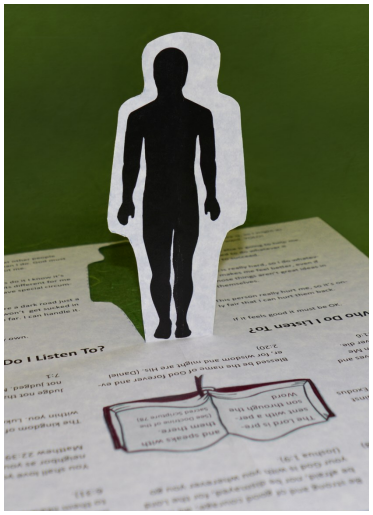
# Who Are Your Advisors?




King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that bothered him. None of his advisors were able to tell King Nebuchadnezzar about the disturbing dream he had. But the Lord revealed the dream and its meaning to Daniel. In this activity, students will think about the different advisors in their own head—their conscience and the sometimes subtle messages that come from evil spirits.

1. When Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that bothered him, he asked his advisors to tell him about it. If they failed, they would be killed. Do you remember what some of the advisors said? ("No one on earth can do what the king asks!") They were right! Daniel could only tell the king about the dream, because the Lord had revealed it to him.
2. In a way, we have advisors in our own minds—voices that suggest what we might think about something or what actions to take. One of these voices is our conscience—our Daniel. It is built of true ideas from the Lord's Word—which is Him talking to us.
3. But there are other voices that try to advise us as well. They don't really have our best interests at heart, but they tell us they can help, and sometimes we want to believe them. These voices are the advisors to our own selfishness, in the same way that the astrologers and sorcerers were advisors to Nebuchadnezzar. They help us to justify things that are not true, kind or useful. But like Nebuchadnezzar, we can choose to listen to the voice of Daniel—to the messages from the Lord.
4. Hand out copies of *Who Do I Listen To?* (p. 2). Have students cut off the bottom of the page along the dotted line. Fold the page in half lengthwise and cut around the figure on the dotted line. Unfold the page and place it face up on the table. Fold the figure to stand up in the center of the page as shown in the picture above.
5. Choose a couple of the messages from other "advisors" to read together. Are there any that seem familiar? Give students a chance to discuss if they wish. Choose some of the messages from the Word to read. Are there any that mean a lot to the students?
6. Who are you going to listen to? Which messages will you turn toward?

## Materials Needed for Each Student

copy of *Who Do I Listen To?* p. 2 printed on stiff paper, scis-sors

## Prepare in Advance

Print Who Do I Listen To? on stiff paper, enough for each student to have one.

Note: YOLO = you only live once

### New Church Concept
### The Lord's Power

*The Word* is the Lord in respect of Divine Truth. Through this Truth all things in heaven and in hell are arranged into order. It is the source of all order on earth too; and all miracles were accomplished through it. In short, Divine Truth holds all power within itself, so completely that it is power itself. *Arcana Coelestia* 8200.1,2

All power in the spiritual world belongs to truth from good. Falsity from evil has no power whatever. That is why all power is in heaven and none in hell. See *Heaven and Hell* 539

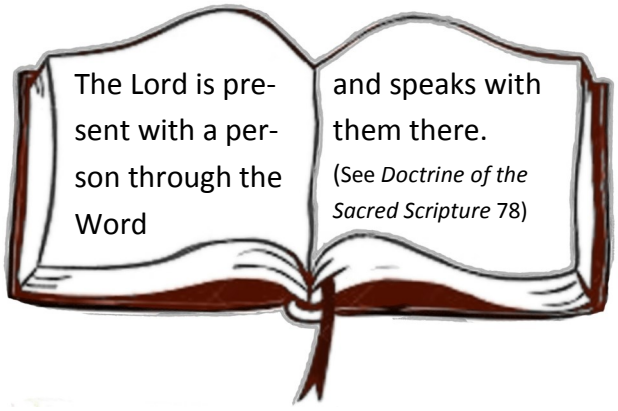
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What does the Lord require of you, but to love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Just as you want others to do to you, you also do to them likewise. (Luke 6:31)

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Exodus 20:16




You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39

The kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:21

Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. John 11:6

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. (Daniel 2:20)

Judge not that you be not judged. Matthew 7:1

## Who Do I Listen To?



This life is all there is, so I might as well live how I want. YOLO!

Nobody else is going to help me, so I need to do whatever it takes to succeed.

Life is really hard, so I do whatever makes me feel better, even if those things aren't great ideas in themselves.

This person really hurt me, so it's only fair that I can hurt them back.

## Who Do I Listen To?

It isn't fair that other people have more than I do. God must not care about me.

When others do it I know it's wrong, but its different for me because I have special circumstances.

I can explore a dark road just a little bit. I won't get sucked in and go too far. I can handle it.

I'm on my own.

If it feels good it must be OK.