

Deciding



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SIDE 1



CHOICES

Introduction

(Remove the two pages from this book and then read the introduction out loud.)

Since this day began, you have made many choices - what to wear and eat, where to go, what to do, what to say, and on and on. Our days are filled with choices.

How do you make important decisions? Is there someone you know who can help you make a decision, or do you usually make it on your own? God gives us the freedom to choose, but God also wants to help us make good choices. May your desire to do what God wants you to do with your life be like a light to guide you when you must choose.



"Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
(Joshua 24:15)

What do you think it means to "serve the Lord?"

List some of the ways that "households" or families can serve God?

What's one thing our family might do together to serve God?

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4. One of my best choices was the time I decided to...
5. Decisions affect the lives of people around us. An example of this was the time I chose to...
6. For big decisions, it can help to talk with others. An important decision I will need to make in the near future is...
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"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."
(John 15:12,14)

Talk about some of the things Jesus did to show his love to others.

When Jesus commands us to love others, what are some things we can do to show our love?

According to this verse, what does it mean to be a "friend of Jesus?"

IF THERE'S MORE TIME...

If you tried to do what Jesus wants you to do for the next thirty days, what are some things you might do differently? Choose a one-week goal based on the experiment.



To "follow" Jesus means that we do what he wants us to do. In each of the following, circle the one that represents what you think Jesus would want you to do and then say why.

SITUATION...

Being honest or
Telling a lie.

Helping around the house or
Doing nothing to help.

Doing nothing for the poor or
Serving them.

Choosing friends who have a good influence or
Friends with a bad influence.

Using illegal drugs/alcohol or
Saying "no!"

Reading the Bible or
Never reading it.

Befriending someone who is unpopular or
Keeping my distance.

Being sexually active before marriage or
Waiting until after marriage.

Being generous with my time & money or
Spending it all on myself.

Never attending worship or
Regular attendance.

Holding a grudge or
Forgiving the person.

Living a healthy lifestyle or
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