

What did Jesus teach about being generous and greedy?

This term, we have been learning how Jesus' teachings inspire Christians today.

Learning objective:

To think of reasons why some people want to follow Jesus' teaching today.

What would Jesus do?

This week, we are going to be learning how following Jesus might include trying to work out what he would do when faced with any situation that is tempting, difficult or presents a dilemma.

What Would Jesus Do?

WWJD stands for 'What Would Jesus Do?'

Some Christians choose to wear a bracelet with the letters WWJD, so that when they are faced with difficult decisions, the bracelet will remind them to think about what Jesus would do in that situation. The bracelet is a reminder of how to live their life in the right way.



Questions you may consider before making a decision

- What will happen if I do this?
- What will happen if I don't do this?
- Who will it affect if I do it? / if I don't do it?
- What will I need to do?

What is a consequence?

A consequence is..... a result of something

A consequence is.....

something that will happen as a result of a decision you make

A consequence can be changed depending on how you act or behave

A consequence can be good or bad

Making a decision

What are the stages of making a decision?

What do I need to decide on?

What choices do I need to make?

Consequences

What will happen if I do this?

What will happen if I do that?

Alternative choices

What if I did this instead?

What would happen then?

What would you do?

You're doing a lesson , watching children work out problems on the board. The problems have not been difficult for you, but other students are having a harder time. When one person, who is sometimes not popular because he thinks he has all the answers, makes a simple mistake you...

- Choice A: Laugh, point to the mistake, and try to make him feel stupid.
- Choice B: Laugh to yourself but poke people around you so they will see the mistake.
- Choice C: Say nothing, even when others notice.
- Choice D: Raise your hand and offer a correction.
- Choice E: Another idea?

What would you do?

You have a sister who loves to play football, and she is good at it. When your friend Cory says he saw on television that some girls at the nearby school want to join the boys' football team, you...

- Choice A: Tell Cory that sounds like a bad idea.
- Choice B: Wonder if your sister decided to join, would you be embarrassed?
- Choice C: Think, "Why not?" After all, girls like sports, too.
- Choice D: Don't express an opinion either way but decide to find out more about it from your sister.
- Choice E: Another idea?

Read the dilemmas below.

For each dilemma, discuss what you would do in that situation and what Jesus would do.

1. Joe has £10. Should he give it to charity or spend it on himself?
2. Beth sees her enemy fall over. Should she help or carry on playing with her friends?
3. Anya has a new girl in her class. She sees the new girl crying.
4. Connor has no money and no sweets. He is tempted to take some from Ben's. He has loads and no one will notice.
5. Amy's annoying little brother is being annoying. She feels like thumping him, but she decides to speak to him. Should she say something gentle or something angry?
6. Greg promised himself to eat healthier foods. He's doing really well but there are some biscuits left over and he's already had two.
7. Bill hasn't done his homework. When the teacher asks he thinks of saying 'My nan is unwell and I'm too upset.' This is not true.
8. Liam kicked Matt during football. The teacher asks him to apologise. He feels like saying 'Well, you didn't see what he did to me!'

Task: A tree of choices - Draw a tree and on the leaves write examples of good and bad choices. Shade the bad choices in red and the good choices in green.

Extension: Choose one of the dilemmas that we have looked at today. Write two endings for the dilemma, one which shows the consequence of following the teachings of Jesus and another showing what would happen if someone did the opposite.