

Chapter 38 Activity: How Do I Make Moral Decisions?

When you have a difficult moral decision to make, how do you go about figuring out what you should do? Do you talk with your friends or a parent or other adult, or do you pray about it? For some decisions, your decision making probably involves more than one of these possibilities. Complete the following survey about your moral decision making. Remember that you can check more than one item for each situation.

Moral Decision I'm Facing	Talk to Friends or Parent or Other Adult	Pray about It
Some classmates have been picking on the shy kid in our class. I think it's mean, but if I tell them to knock it off, they may target me for their bullying.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One of my friends seems to be developing an eating disorder. Maybe I should intervene.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a tough math test coming up, and some of my friends are planning a way to cheat. Joining in sure would make my life easier.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A friend of mine dresses inappropriately and provocatively. I'd like to tell her she's attracting the wrong kind of attention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My friends are planning a party with alcohol. I don't want to drink, but I'll feel weird saying so.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I saw a classmate steal from another kid's locker. I'd like to tell, but I don't want to feel like a squealer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone I thought was my friend spread an embarrassing rumor about me. I'd really like to get even.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A friend of mine got into trouble because of something we both did, but he didn't tell on me. I'm glad I didn't get into trouble, but I feel guilty that he took all the blame.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reflect on your responses, and think about how you go about making moral decisions and how you might benefit from relying on more than one source of guidance.

