

GRADE 1 CHAPTER Fourteen Making Choices

Objectives

- To understand that God gives us the freedom to make choices
- To realize that the Ten Commandments guide us in our choices
- To learn that each choice has a consequence

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Tell about a really good choice you've made recently. What happened as a result? How did you and others feel about your choice?
- Tell about a poor choice you made recently. What happened as a result? How did you and others feel about your choice?
- Make a list of the kind of choices people your age must make? Compare your lists as a family and talk about which ones are easy and which ones are hard.
- Look at your lists and decide if God has given you any guidance about what kind of choice you should make for each one.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Read the scripture on p. 139 and name five things God wants you to do.
- Look at the steps to good choices on p. 140. Compare this to the poor choice you shared above. If you followed these steps would you have made another choice? What would it have been?
- Complete the activity on p. 141
- Write a prayer asking for God's help in making good choices.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Make the sign of the cross
- Share the prayer you wrote
- Choose a special way to end your prayer time.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.