

Following God – Making Choices

God gave us the Ten Commandments and the Greatest Commandment to act as a guide for how we should live. However, He never forces us to obey them. God gives us the gift of free will to follow His laws or not to follow his laws. It is the gift of choice. We are able to choose to love and respect God, ourselves and others.

God has also given us a conscience to help us know what is right and what is wrong. Our conscience helps us to obey God’s commandments. Before we make a choice, we should ask ourselves, “If I do this, will I show love for God, myself, or others? What would Jesus want me to do?”

Sometimes we choose to not follow God’s law – to turn away from His love. Free will allows us to make that decision and our conscience tells us it is wrong but sometimes we do it anyway. Fortunately, God always loves us and is always ready to forgive us if we are truly sorry.

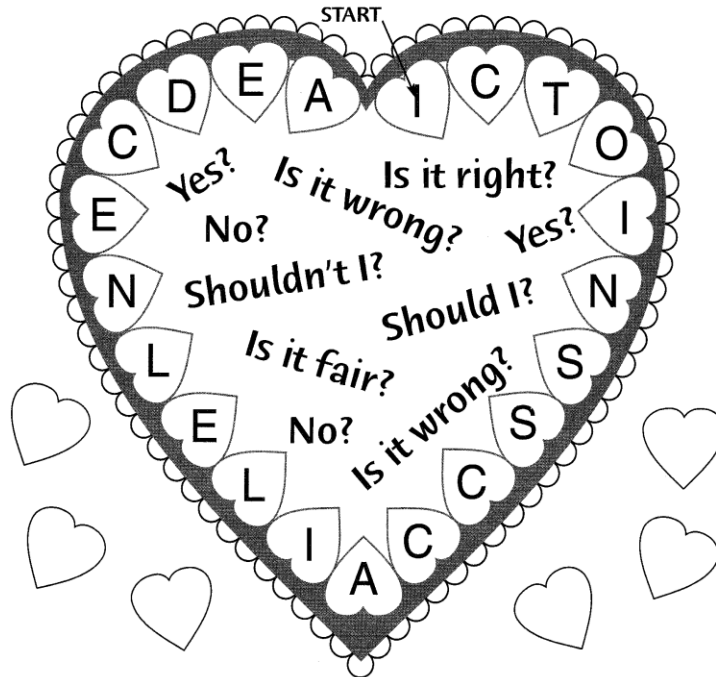
Listen to Your Heart

Learning to choose right from wrong is something we all have to learn. God gave us rules to guide us, and parents and teachers to help us learn when to say yes and when to say no.

But we all have something special inside us that also helps us know how to choose between right and wrong. For instance, when

you are tempted to tell a lie, if you listen deep within your heart, you will hear, “It is wrong to lie. Always tell the truth.” There is a special name for this “little voice” in your heart.

Start at the arrow and write down every other letter until you have used them all. The solved puzzle will tell you what your “little voice” is called.



Prayer:

Holy Spirit, please help us to make the right choices. Help us to take responsibility for our actions and ask for forgiveness when we turn away from God’s love. Amen.