

What Would You Really Like To Do?

Situation Sheet

Print one copy for your use during class. Read each situation and the responses, then discuss.

SITUATION ONE

Two brothers are home alone. They were told to sit and do their homework while Mom went to the grocery store. That didn't last long. The older brother threw paper wads at the younger one, and that started something! Eventually they end up wrestling, as brothers often do. While tackling each other, they roll into the table, knocking over the lamp and breaking it. The party is over! The family dog, Fido, has been known to get very happy wagging his tail and sometimes knocks over that very lamp.

What would the brothers REALLY like to tell their mom when she gets home?

- a. The truth, knowing they will pay the penalty for disobeying and will have to pay with their own money to replace the lamp.
- b. A lie, blaming Fido for breaking the lamp.

SITUATION TWO

The ice cream truck is coming down the street. You are ready with your money to get an ice cream. Your friend runs in the house to see if she can get money from her mom. Her mom is sleeping—but there are a couple of dollars and some change on the counter. What would your friend REALLY like to do?

- a. To pass on the ice cream because mom is sleeping.
- b. To grab the change on the counter thinking Mom won't miss it.

SITUATION THREE

Mary is with a group of girls chatting at church on Sunday morning about the birthday party they were all at yesterday. They are looking at pictures from the party, laughing, and having a great time. Someone comes in the door. She looks about their age and she doesn't look familiar. This could be her first time visiting the church. What would Mary REALLY like to do in this situation?

- a. Ignore the girl. She doesn't know her and she isn't looking their way. Besides, Mary didn't see all the pictures yet!
- b. Forget the party and the fun yesterday. Go over to her and ask the new girl about herself—What is her name? What grade is she in? Where does she go to school? Where does she live?

SITUATION FOUR

Sarah's room is a mess! She wants to go over to her friend's house to watch a movie. Dad tells her she can go but not until everything is picked up in her room. That will take hours! She will miss part of the movie. What would Sarah REALLY like to do?

- a. Clean her room the way Dad wants her to and miss the beginning of the movie.
- b. Shove some stuff under the bed and in the closet and tell Dad the room is all clean.