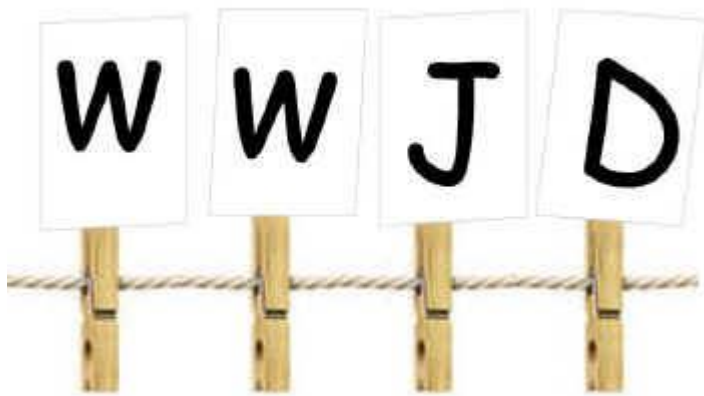


WWJD? - WWJS?

Bible Lesson and Game: "What Would Jesus Do *and* Say?"



Suggested Scripture Memory Verses

Matthew 7:12

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..."

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

DISCUSSION Before Playing

WWJD? is a popular slogan worn and displayed by Christians of all ages on bracelets, t-shirts, tote bags, bumper stickers, and various other products. However, have you ever seen these worn or displayed by people who have not acted as a Christian should behave? What do you think of someone who says he believes a certain way, but then acts differently? Can you trust someone like that? Why would someone your age wear the slogan WWJD, and NOT act like a Christ follower, a Christian? None of us are perfect. In fact, we all blow it sometimes by acting in ways that are not Christ-like. But, we all need to examine our hearts daily and see if our actions and our words are consistent with Christ's teachings. If they aren't, Jesus tells us to repent, which means to turn from our sin and turn to him. When we do this, Jesus promises to forgive us and cleanse our hearts. The Holy Spirit will help us to faithfully follow our Lord when we ask him for help.

The primary way we learn about God is by reading his Word and studying it. God's Word says, "Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me. . ." Psalm 25:4-5. In other words, we must first know *What Jesus Would Say?* (WWJS?), before we can know *what he would do*. We learn what God says, by reading his Word and going to church, listening to our teachers and our pastors. However, it is very important to know that what you are being taught, is consistent with what the Bible says. The Bible is ALWAYS the final authority. God says in his Word, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man (woman, boy, or girl) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Let's play WWJD now to remember these truths!

Set Up

You'll need at least 4 index cards, string, clothespins, and rubber bands. On one side of each of your index cards write the letters, "W", "W", "J", and "D". (Make more of these WWJD card sets for team play or for large groups.)

On the reverse side of each card write a discussion question such as:

"What does it mean to do to others as you would have them do to you?"

"What is your natural response when you have been treated wrong by others? Explain how you can change your natural response into a supernatural response."

"How can you make your actions and words match your beliefs about God? Explain."

"Is it easy to follow Jesus when you're with friends that don't believe in God? Why or why not?"

"When might your right actions (kindness, generosity, fairness) give you the opportunity to talk about Jesus?"

"Is it more important for a young person or an adult to do what Jesus would do? Explain."

"Could someone's wrong actions or unkind words ever turn someone off from believing in God? Explain."

"When is a time kids your age might NOT want to love and obey God? Explain."

"What can kids your age do to help others learn about Jesus?"

How To Play

Tape the index cards to the end of each of the clothespins (the part that you pinch). Attach the string in your room to hang across one end of the room (not against the wall). Clip the pins holding the index cards onto the string with the WWJD letters facing the players. Determine a shooting line 2-4 feet away). Players take turns shooting a rubber band at the cards. If a player hits a card, turn it around and discuss the question with the group. If you're playing in teams, that team must respond. If a player doesn't hit a card, play passes to the next person or team. Play continues like this until all the cards are turned over and discussed. If you're playing on teams, the team to hit all the cards and discuss them, is the winning team! However, even if you're playing on teams, give everyone the opportunity to participate in the discussion time.