



Listen To Your Conscience

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 24:16, "So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Listen to your conscience.

I feel we spend too much time teaching our children to obey us and not enough time teaching them to make wise choices. Please don't misunderstand me. It is good for children to obey their parents, but it is better for children to hear from God for themselves and obey God because they choose to.

It is vital that we teach our children to follow their conscience.

Every child has a conscience and they know right from wrong. But we continue to train our children to always check with mom and dad to find out what is right or wrong. We should be training them to listen to that red and green light on the inside of them.

When a child says, "My mom won't let me watch that movie," that tells me that he is still depending on mom to make decisions.

A child is beginning to grow up spiritually when he can say, "I don't want to watch that movie because it's not good for me." We want to give our children confidence to hear from God for themselves.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic	Adventures of the Masked Hero #10
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-up	
_____	7. Bottom Line	Listen to your conscience.
_____	8. Memory Verse	Acts 24:16, "So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man." (NIV)
_____	9. Drama	Joey: "What Will Joey Do?"
_____	10. Object Lesson	I Didn't Order This!
_____	11. Short Film	Conscience Searing Fireballs
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	13. Inter-Active Lesson	Stop - Now!
_____	14. Altar Call	
_____	15. Digital Review Questions	
_____	16. Small Groups	



MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Choices: Episode #10

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

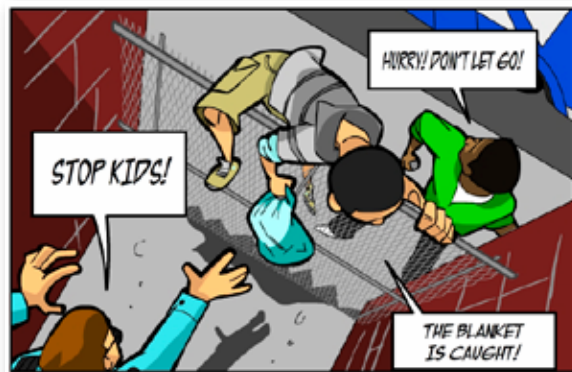
- It looks like Johnny made a bad choice.
- Who is talking to Johnny telling him to get out of here?
- Have you ever made a bad choice?
- Did it bug your conscience?
- How do we know the right thing to do when we are presented with a choice?
- We need to listen to our conscience.
- Let's look at the bottom line for today.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Joey: “What Will Joey Do?”

TAKE HOME POINT:

CHARACTERS:

Joey, Austin (friend of Joey, new Christian), Spencer (cousin of Austin, not a Christian)

PROPS:

TV, several DVD’s, video games, bag of candy, pillows.

DRAMA SCRIPT:

(Joey arrives at Austin’s house. Austin and his cousin, Spencer, are playing with their video games. Joey knocks on the door.)

Austin: Joey! Finally! I thought you’d never get here.

Joey: Yeah! I know. You know how moms can be. She made me pack and re-pack. Look what I brought over (holds up a huge bag of candy). My dad gave this to me.

(Joey looks up and sees Spencer.) Oh, hi.

Spencer: Hi.

Austin: Oh, Joey, this is my cousin, Spencer. He’s spending the week with us.

Joey: Well, let’s get started. After all the tests this week I am ready to play!

Spencer: Oh, hey. Guys. Look what I brought over.

(They all begin to settle down in front of the TV and start sorting through the DVD’s.)

Austin & Joey: (Both gasp!) Wow! “Legend of the Eternal Death Slayer 6!”

Austin: How did you get this?

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Joey: "What Will Joey Do?" Drama Script — Continued

Joey: Yeah! It hasn't even started in the movie theater yet.

Spencer: Well, I have a friend of a friend of a cousin of a friend of a neighbor who picked it up in New York.

Joey: Wouldn't that make this illegal then?

Spencer: Not really. Not the way I look at it. Those movie guys make lots of money off these movies. It isn't hurting them if we preview it before it's in the theater. So, come on, let's get this started.

Austin: Well, okay.

Joey: Hey, guys I don't know about this.

Spencer: What?

Joey: Well. I'm not sure about this movie.

Spencer: What? Mommy's boy has to call his mommy and check if it's okay.

Joey: No. I don't need to call my mom.

Austin: (Concerned.) Then what is it?

Joey: I just don't think this is a movie that I want to watch.

Spencer: Hey, look kid. If it's about it being a bootleg, everybody does it. I mean, come on. The FBI isn't gonna come in and raid Austin's house.

Austin: What is it, man?

Spencer: You are just a wuss.

Joey: Well, maybe so. I don't want to watch this. There are lots of movies we can watch. I just don't want to watch this one.

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Joey: "What Will Joey Do?" Drama Script — Continued

Spencer: (To Austin) Hey, Austin. C'mon. This is your house. You're not gonna let this whimp boss you around in your own house. Let's watch it. I got it just for us, for tonight. He can go take a hike.

(Spencer and Austin turn and look at Joey.)

Austin: Listen, Joey. Spencer did bring it over for us to watch. He went to a lot of trouble to get it. So, c'mon. Watch it with us.

Joey: No. I don't want to. Uh, I think I'll go back home tonight. I still have homework to finish. You guys watch it, okay?

(Joey begins to grab his stuff to leave. As he is doing so, Spencer is monopolizing Austin's space. He doesn't want Austin to cave. Austin is going along with Spencer, but looking at Joey. Joey turns and gives Austin a nod and then leaves.)

Spencer: Finally! Now that choir boy is gone we can have some fun! C'mon, Austin. Forget about him. This is gonna be great!

(Austin and Spencer sit down and begin to watch the DVD.)

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

I Didn't Order This!

TAKE HOME POINT:

You already know the right thing to do.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Fast food sandwich container (ex. Big Mac) & sandwich wrapper with part of sandwich in it.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Hold up the sandwich container in your hand and talk about how good it will be to eat it -build it up big- then open it.)

If this happened to you, what would you do? (Allow for response.)

Would you eat it? No! You wouldn't eat it.

You wouldn't call mom and ask her if you should eat it. You already know something is wrong. You wouldn't do it. How many of you think you could figure it out all by yourself, without calling mom and dad, that you shouldn't eat garbage? You already know what to do.

You can apply this to spiritual things too. Imagine you are at a friend's house and they want to watch a movie that you don't feel right about. How do you respond? If you say, "My dad won't let me watch this movie" that tells me you obey your parents (that is good), but you haven't learned how to listen to God for yourself.

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I Didn't Order This Object Lesson — continued

When you can say, "I don't want to watch that movie because it's not good for me," or "I don't want to feed my spirit man garbage," then you are beginning to grow spiritually.

There are many choices and decisions you can make because you already know what to do. But some kids rely on their parents for every decision, and then they begin to think thoughts like "I'm missing out on all the cool movies," or "I can't do anything." These are lies from the enemy. All that you are missing out on is a bunch of garbage.

You have a conscience on the inside of you. You know right from wrong. You don't have to ask your mom's permission to do something when you already know that God doesn't want you to do it.

Learn to listen to your conscience and depend on your own relationship with God.



**SHORT FILM
APPLICATION:**

“Conscience Searing Fireballs”

Let’s talk about the short film today.

What did the scientist invent?

Conscience Searing Fireballs.

Why did he invent the Conscience Searing Fireballs? He wanted to get rid of the yucky feeling when you sin.

What happened to the test subjects?

All of the test subjects went crazy.

Your conscience is your friend not your enemy. Your conscience is how you know right from wrong. If you get a yucky feeling about something you are thinking of doing, that is your conscience telling you not to do it.

How do you know what is the right choice when you are faced with a decision? Listen to your conscience. It always knows the right choice.

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON*****Stop - Now!*****WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

Your conscience will lead and guide you.

WHAT YOU NEED:

3 contestants, 3 small bags of chips, 3 pudding cups, 3 small sandwiches, 3 cans of soda, a minute timer

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose 3 contestants.
- Place chips, pudding cups and soda in front of Contestants on a table in front of room.

GAME RULES:

- Once you say go, they have to eat the chips, pudding cup, small sandwich and drink a can of pop as fast as they can.
- Set the timer.
- The one who eats and drinks the most wins.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Wow! That food did look good at first. The alarm saved the day. We have all kinds of alarms around us, to alert us. Our morning alarm signals for us to get up in the morning. If you have a security system in your home and you come in your home and while it is set, it alerts you that it is on. In my car I have several alerts. There is one that tells me if I have my seat belt on, and there is another alert that tells me that my gas tank is low. These are all good and will help us everyday. Did you know that you have your own built in alarm/alert system in your spirit man? It is your conscience or the inward witness. We have been talking about choices and how your life is a product of the choices you make. How do you know what the right choice is? Is there a way to know for sure what God wants you to do? There is a way you can know for sure what God's will is. God talks to you through your heart. The voice of your heart is your conscience. In other words your conscience tells you right from wrong. Your conscience can alert you when there is something you shouldn't do. It can also alert you when it is okay or the right thing to do. The Bible says that your conscience is a "still small voice." Your conscience is an inner voice.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. How do I make wise choices?
 - a. Flip a coin
 - b. Ask my friends
 - c. Listen to my conscience**
 - d. Eenie, meenie, minie, moe
2. The apostle Paul always listened to _____.
 - a. his conscience**
 - b. his friends
 - c. his mom
 - d. his wife
3. Your conscience is _____.
 - a. a booming voice from Heaven
 - b. a still, small voice on the inside**
 - c. my pet caterpillar
 - d. my puppy dog
4. The inward witness is like _____.
 - a. a stoplight**
 - b. a football
 - c. a merry-go-round
 - d. a small blanket
5. How old do you have to be before you get a conscience?
 - a. 12
 - b. 18
 - c. 30
 - d. Everyone has a conscience**



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Drama: **Joey: "What Will Joey Do?"** — Pages 4-6

Characters

_____ Joey

_____ Austin (friend of Joey, new Christian)

_____ Spencer (cousin of Austin, not a Christian)

Props

_____ TV

_____ Several DVD's

_____ Video games

_____ Bag of candy

_____ Pillows

Object Lesson: **I Didn't Order This!**— Pages 7-8

_____ Fast food sandwich container (ex. Big Mac)

_____ Sandwich wrapper with part of sandwich in it.

Inter-Active Lesson: **Stop - Now!** — Page 10

_____ 3 small bags of chip

_____ 3 pudding cups

_____ 3 small sandwiches

_____ 3 cans of soda

_____ Minute timer

Small Group: **Stop And Go**

_____ Picture of a stoplight

_____ How many needed?

Special Edition: **Pastoring Your Kids**

_____ How many needed?