



Consequences

MEMORY VERSE: **Deuteronomy 30:19**, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life..." (NKJV)

BOTTOM LINE: My life is a product of the choices I make.

An important aspect of teaching our children to make wise choices is allowing children to experience the consequences (good and bad) of the choices they make.

Too many times well meaning parents will "rescue" their children from experiencing the negative consequences of wrong choices. Eli did this with Hophni and Phinehas. He should have fired them because they dishonored the Lord and caused God's people to transgress, but instead he continued to keep them employed as priests in the temple. The end result was that Eli and his sons died and most likely are in hell. The Bible says, "their sins will never be forgiven." (I Samuel 3:14)

We need to allow the law of sowing and reaping (Galatians 6: 7-8) to operate in the lives of our children. The positive side of sowing and reaping gives children a sense of control over their life. (If I study for my test I will get a good grade.) The negative side of sowing and reaping gives them a healthy respect for bad things. In other words, when we allow God's law of sowing and reaping to operate, it transfers responsibility from the parent to the child.



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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 #9
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-up	
_____	7. Bottom Line	My life is a product of the choices I make.
_____	8. Memory Verse	Deuteronomy 30:19, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life..." (NKJV)
_____	9. Drama	Martha Stewie: "Super Mom To The Rescue"
_____	10. Object Lesson	Making The Grade
_____	11. Short Film	The Prodigal Skittle
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	13. Inter-Active Lesson	Let's Make A Deal
_____	14. Altar Call	
_____	15. Digital Review Questions	
_____	16. Small Groups	



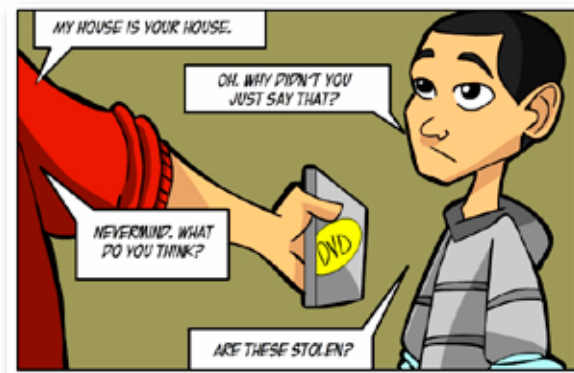
MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Choices: Episode #9

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

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

- Johnny has found himself in a difficult situation.
- Do you think this guy is a good guy or a bad guy?
- What is he asking Johnny to do?
- He is asking him to sell "pirated" or stolen DVD's. What do you think? Good idea or bad idea?
- Have you ever been bullied into a corner by a friend who said, "You don't have a choice?"
- What does that make you feel like? Don't listen to him. You always have a choice.
- That brings us to the bottom line, "Your life is a product of the choices that you make."





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DRAMA

***Martha Stewie:
"Super Mom To The Rescue"***

TAKE HOME POINT: You can choose what you will do.

CHARACTERS: Martha Stewie, Stevie, Adrian, (Stevie, Adrian, are all adults dressed like kids)

PROPS: A blanket, a basket full of kid stuff to make a messy room

DRAMA SCRIPT:

(Martha Stewie and Stevie enter, having just finished dinner. Martha Stewie has a dishcloth in hand and Stevie has a video game controller.)

Stevie: Gee, Martha Stewie. That was great! Pizza three times this week, and with no cheese or sauce!

Martha Stewie: Oh, honey. I know it's your favorite.

Stevie: Well, I gotta go now. See you later. ...

(Stevie finishes sentence as he runs out the door.)

Martha Stewie: Stevie, hey, where are you going? You need to clean your room.

Stevie: Oh, Martha Stewie. Do I have to? I want to play video games with my friends. Why don't you clean my room?

Martha Stewie: Okay, I will clean your room. Just this one time, now.

(Martha Stewie walks to designated area where Stevie's room is a mess.)

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Martha Stewie "Super Mom To The Rescue" Drama Script — Continued

Martha Stewie: Oh, my. This will not do.

(Martha Stewie works on picking up clothes and junk for Stevie.)

(As Martha Stewie is finishing up, Stevie and his friends come home in an argument.)

Stevie: That was awesome! I never got to level 6 before. It's the farthest any of us have gotten.

Adrian: What are you talking about - you used a cheat code!

Stevie: I did not.

Adrian: Yes, Stevie, you did. I saw you.

Stevie: No. I Did Not!

Adrian: Yes, You Did!

Stevie: Moooooommm!

(Martha Stewie comes running in from other room, in a panic.)

Martha Stewie: Stevie, Stevie, oh my, what is the matter?

Stevie: Martha Stewie, guess what?

Martha Stewie: What, honey?

Stevie: We have all been playing our new video game "Weapons Of Rage in a New Land of Tomorrow" and guess what?

Martha Stewie: What, what?

Stevie: I got the farthest! I made it to level 6!

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Martha Stewie "Super Mom To The Rescue" Drama Script — Continued

Adrian: No, you did not. Stevie, you didn't.

Martha Stewie: Adrian, what are you trying to say here?

Adrian: Well, nothing, Mrs. Martha Stewie.

Martha Stewie: Boys, I think that you are trying to say that Stevie is lying. Is that what you are trying to say?

Adrian: Well, I saw him use a cheat code to make his Winged Warrior into a Super Neutron and then finish the level. You can't do that, Mrs. Martha Stewie.

Martha Stewie: Stevie, is this true?

Stevie: No, Martha Stewie, it's not. I beat all of them fair and square ...

Martha Stewie: Boys, boys, boys! Stop this clammering right now.

(Everyone quiets down.)

Martha Stewie: If Stevie said he beat it then he did.

(Martha Stewie puts arm around Stevie.)

Martha Stewie: That is the end of that. Adrian, you should be ashamed of yourself. Here, Stevie worked so hard and you want to take the joy of winning away from him.

Stevie: (Smiles real big.)

Martha Stewie: Stevie did really good today. Adrian I think you should go home now. If you are going to treat Stevie this way, you should leave.

(Martha Stewie and Stevie leave.)

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

Making The Grade

TAKE HOME POINT:

If you study you will get good grades in school.

WHAT YOU NEED:

2 Math tests, 1 with an "A" on it, 1 with an "F" on it

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

One of God's laws that is always working is called the law of sowing and reaping. We find it in the book of Galatians.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7 & 8.

The law of sowing and reaping works in life. For example, if I study hard for my Math test, I will get good grades. (Hold up the test with the "A" on it.) If I want to reap good grades, I have to sow some study time. It feels good to study hard for a test and get an A, doesn't it?

On the other hand, if I spend all my time watching TV or playing video games and I choose not to study, I will get a bad grade. (Hold up the test with the "F" on it.)

It doesn't feel good when you flunk a test, does it?

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Making The Grade Object Lesson — *continued*

Sometimes when we get bad grades we want to blame the teacher or someone else but, if you are honest with yourself, you will admit that you made a choice to not study.

You can't reap good grades by sowing time into video games. If you want to reap good grades, you have to sow some study time.

So remember, you reap what you sow. Your life is a product of the choices you make. If you choose to study when tests are coming you will have good grades. If you choose not to study you will not have good grades.

**SHORT FILM
APPLICATION:*****“The Prodigal Skittle”***

Did the short film remind you of a story in the Bible? I love the story of the Prodigal Son because it shows us the consequences of our choice - good or bad.

At first the prodigal son made a lot of bad choices. He asked his father for his share of his inheritance, then he left his father's house. However, there was another bad decision. He then spent all of his money on wild living and parties. When his money ran out, all of his friends deserted him.

With nothing left, no money, and no friends to help him, he persuaded a pig farmer to hire him. But he wasn't even paid enough to buy food.

It's interesting that his father didn't try to rescue him from the pig pen. He let him suffer the consequences of his bad choices.

This is how God is with us. He won't rescue you from bad choices because he wants you to learn how to make smart choices.

Deuteronomy 30:19 says it like this, “I

have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life ... ”

If you want the blessings of God in your life you have to choose life. God loves you, but he cannot bless you if you choose death.

After many bad choices the prodigal son made a smart choice. The Bible says, “He came to himself when he thought of his father's goodness.” The prodigal decided to go home to his father's house and, when he did, his father received him with open arms and blessed him with a huge party.

Your life is a product of the choices that you make. If you don't like your life, then make different choices.

If you are not getting good grades at school, don't blame your teacher. Ask yourself these questions:

- How do I spend my time?
- Do I do my homework?
- Do I study for my tests?

If you want to raise your grades, then make different choices.

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON*****Let's Make A Deal*****WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

You life is a product of the choices that you make.

WHAT YOU NEED:

4 candy bars, 4 boxes wrapped with bad gifts in them (example: dirty sock, pickle, old candy wrapper and a crumpled newspaper)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose 4 contestants.
- Place 1 candy bar and 1 gift wrapped box on a table in front of the class.

GAME RULES:

- Give each contestant a chance to pick a candy bar they can see or what is in the beautiful gift wrapped box - that they can't see.
- It should be obvious that choosing the box is a bad choice by what is inside of it.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

The Bible says, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life." The right choice is usually pretty obvious in life. We shouldn't have to ask someone else about the choices we make because we have the Holy Spirit on the inside of us. It's kind of like this game we are about to play. (Have the first contestant stand in front of you.) I have put before you two choices: Do you want what is inside of the box or do you want the candy bar? Okay, our first contestant picks the box. Let's see what is inside the box. Oh, bummer. It's a candy wrapper. This reminds me of the devil, he tries to make his choices look good, but they are always disappointing. (Repeat this game four times using the sock, pickle and newspaper. After a while it will become obvious to the kids the "box" is a bad choice.) Real life is the same as this game. After a while it is obvious which choices bring life and which choices bring death. If you want the blessing of God in your life you have to choose life. It is amazing how many Christians will make choices that they know will bring the touch of death in their life and still expect the blessing of God. It doesn't work that way. Make wise choices. The blessings of God are available to everyone, however, your life is a product of the choices you make - so choose life.



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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. My life is a product of ____.
 - a. the food that I eat
 - b. the movies I watch
 - c. the choices I make**
 - d. the choices my Mom makes
2. Deuteronomy 30:19 says, “I have set before you ____.”
 - a. life and death**
 - b. Nintendo and Play Station
 - c. peanut butter and jelly
 - d. good and bad
3. What caused the prodigal son to return home?
 - a. When things got really bad
 - b. When things got really good
 - c. When he thought about his father’s goodness**
 - d. When he thought about his mom’s spaghetti
4. One of God’s spiritual laws is ____.
 - a. the law of gravity
 - b. the law of sowing and reaping**
 - c. the law of obeying the speed limit
 - d. God doesn’t have any laws
5. If I want to get good grades in school what should I do?
 - a. Do my homework
 - b. Listen to my teacher
 - c. Study before my tests
 - d. All of the above**



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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: Martha Stewie: "Super Mom To The Rescue" — Pages 4-6

Characters

_____ Martha Stewie

_____ Stevie

_____ Adrian (friend of Stevie's)

Props

_____ Martha Stewie Costume

_____ A blanket

_____ Basket full of kid stuff to make a messy room

Object Lesson: Making The Grade— Pages 7-8

_____ 2 Math tests, 1 with an "A" on it, 1 with an "F" on it

Inter-Active Lesson: Let's Make A Deal— Page 10

_____ 4 candy bars

_____ 4 boxes wrapped with bad gifts in them (example: dirty sock, pickle, old candy wrapper and a crumpled newspaper)

Small Group: How To Make A Friend

_____ Picture of "Best Friends" necklace or picture of one

_____ How many needed?

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?