

Decision Making

Summary

Activities to be used in a lesson on decision making.

Main Core Tie

FCS Exploration

[Strand 5 Standard 1](#)

Time Frame

1 class periods of 45 minutes each

Group Size

Individual

Life Skills

Thinking & Reasoning

Materials

Worksheets for students.

Background for Teachers

Share this story with your students to help prepare them in making wise decisions.

PERSONAL WORTH

An Internet story

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked who wanted the \$20 bill. Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value: dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE. You are special--don't EVER forget it." Count your blessings, not your problems. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that amateurs built the Ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

Student Prior Knowledge

Information on self-awareness and personal values.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Students will learn how to make wise decisions.

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