

Dinner Dilemmas

To create family discussions that promotes Character Education.

<p>June</p> <p>Courage</p> <p>Being brave in difficult situations, challenging yourself.</p>	<p>Week 1</p> <p>Situation: It's field day at school. Sam's class is involved in a tug of war contest. Sam is first in line on the rope. His hands feel hot and hurt.</p> <p>Dilemma: On one hand, Sam could hold on to the rope to help his team even though his hands hurt. On the other hand Sam could let go.</p> <p>Discussion: Do you have any advice for Sam?</p>	<p>Week 2</p> <p>Situation: Sue is walking in the hallway by herself. She sees a school bully picking on another student.</p> <p>Dilemma: On one hand Sue could have the courage to speak out and tell the bully to "STOP," then report the incident to an adult. On the other hand Sue could walk away and not report to anyone what she saw.</p> <p>Discussion: Do you have any advice for Sue?</p>
	<p>Week 3</p> <p>Situation: Sue notices his grumpy neighbor changing the oil in his car and the used oil is running into the street gutter. Sue learned in school that oil is not good for the environment.</p> <p>Dilemma: On one hand Sam could try to explain to the grumpy neighbor what he learned in school. On the other hand, Sam could keep quiet; what his neighbor does is not his concern.</p> <p>Discussion: What advice would you give Sue?</p>	<p>Week 4</p> <p>Situation: Sam and some buddies are doing a Service Learning Project in the community. Some of his buddies start throwing rocks at what appears to be a homeless person.</p> <p>Dilemma: On one hand does Sam have the courage to speak up against the others and tell them it is wrong. On the other hand does Sam give in to peer pressure, join in and throw rocks.</p> <p>Discussion: What advice could you give Sam?</p>

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to be sent home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality applies to each family member.