



Making Decisions

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OUR MORAL COMPASS

Morals are ideas and behaviour that relate to what is right or wrong.

A moral compass is a feeling within us that tells us which direction we should take when we need to work out what's right and wrong in a situation.

**Our moral compass is our guide.
It helps us to make decisions
that we think are right.**



ETHICS

When a person is ethical, it describes what kind of person they are – what makes them a good person.

Having ethics is not just something you think about. It means having to make the best decision.

Ethics help people to work out:

- what's right and wrong
- what's good and what's bad
- and then do the right thing.

MPASS

Honest

An ethical person is someone who is:

"I always tell the truth."

Fair

Responsible

"I follow and obey rules."

"I take turns and share."

Kind

Respectful

"I'm polite to everybody."

"I help others."

Caring

"I care for animals and the environment."



I wonder how I can use my moral compass.

I wonder how I know what the right thing to do is.

I wonder why not everyone is ethical.

MAKING AN ETH

Matt and Luke are playing with the soccer ball in the front yard. Matt kicks the ball too far and breaks the neighbour's window. The neighbours are not home and nobody else sees the broken glass. Matt decides not to tell his parents or the neighbour. He doesn't want to get into trouble.

Luke doesn't want Matt to get into trouble either. He feels bad for the neighbour. It was an accident, but Matt should do the right thing and say sorry.



What should Matt do?

What should Luke do?

What is the right thing to do?

What would your moral compass tell you to do?

If you don't know what to do, follow what feels right in your heart.
What rules have I broken? How did it make me feel?
How did it affect other people?
How does helping someone in need affect you and them?

ETHICAL DECISION

How to make an ethical decision

STOP AND THINK

- Get all the information you can about the situation.
- Ask for advice from someone you trust.
- Think about the consequences. Ask yourself, 'What will my action or decision mean to others?' 'How will it affect others?' 'Am I being fair to everyone?'

If someone teased another about how they looked, what would you do?

BE STILL

- Ask God for help and to stay with you while you are working it out.
- Ask, 'What would Jesus do?'
How does the decision make you feel?

If your brother or sister told you to do something against the rules, would you?

TAKE ACTION

- How do you feel now?

Would you let someone join your group if your friends didn't like them?



I wonder why people cheat.

I wonder why people lie.

I wonder why some people don't tell on people who are bullying others.