

# Moral Dilemmas (card game)

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**Preparation:** Game Cards placed in a small basket, pencils and paper for each player.

**\*Use only the Game Cards that are age appropriate.**

**Introduction:** Write a moral dilemma on the board. Example: Your best friend wants to borrow \$20 to buy his girlfriend a present, but you know he gambles regularly. Would you give him the money?" Try to draw out some responses from the students.

Explain to the students that they are going to play a game based on answering similar questions that are about moral dilemmas.

Say: What are moral dilemmas? A moral dilemma is a problem a person must face and there is no clear or wrong resolution. There are many choices that the person can have to solve his/her problem, but which one is the best?

Example: If all your friends are cheating on a test, you are faced with a moral dilemma: Should you tell the teacher or keep quiet so that you do not lose your friends?

**Directions:** Place the Game Cards on a table. Toss a coin to find out who goes first. The player then draws a card and reads the moral dilemma, but does **NOT** say what he will do. The players then write down **what they would do and why** on their piece of paper (a sentence or two should suffice). Each player then shares what they wrote with the group. Discuss the answers that they have written. You could ask, "What do you think of Steve's answer?" or "What is the worse thing someone could say or do in this situation?" or "Why do you think that answer is the right thing to do?" Etc. You can also have the players relate each issue to a commandment to help them decide what to do. When appropriate, reinforce a variety of ways to say or do things properly.

Have them vote on which answer(s) is the best. The player(s) with the best answer receives a point (token). The player with the most points wins the game.

Continue game as time permits or until the student's attention wanes.

NOTE: While playing this game be sure to respect individual differences and preferences.