

Panic Lesson 23



VALUES/MORALS

Anything to photocopy? Yes

Monitoring Your Morals (1 for each student)

Here are the parts of this lesson:

- ◆ **Hovercraft Drag Races** *game*
- ◆ **Monitoring Your Morals** *discussion starter survey*
- ◆ **Values Teasers** *case study discussion starter*

GAME

HOVERCRAFT DRAG RACES

Set out 8 1/2x11-inch sheets of paper and crayons, pencils, or markers. Instruct your students to design their own sports car—a flat, two-dimensional dream machine, colored from a bird’s-eye view. Encourage them to use their imaginations—to name their cars, cover them with “sponsors” names and logos, and number them. Remind them to distinguish the front from the rear.

The drag strip is a table; provide start and finish lines. Owners of the hovercraft dragsters puff lightly on the rear of the vehicles to “float” them down the strip and across the finish line. Leaving the strip (falling off the table) and spin-outs (when the rear of the dragster is farther down the strip than its front) disqualify the “drivers,” who can race the clock or each other in time trials and tournaments.

The final race can be a “Hovercraft 500.” Set a square racetrack with four tables, divide your kids into teams, place some puffers on the inside of the track, then have each team race the clock and try to best each other’s times. *Brett C. Wilson*

DISCUSSION STARTER SURVEY

MONITORING YOUR MORALS

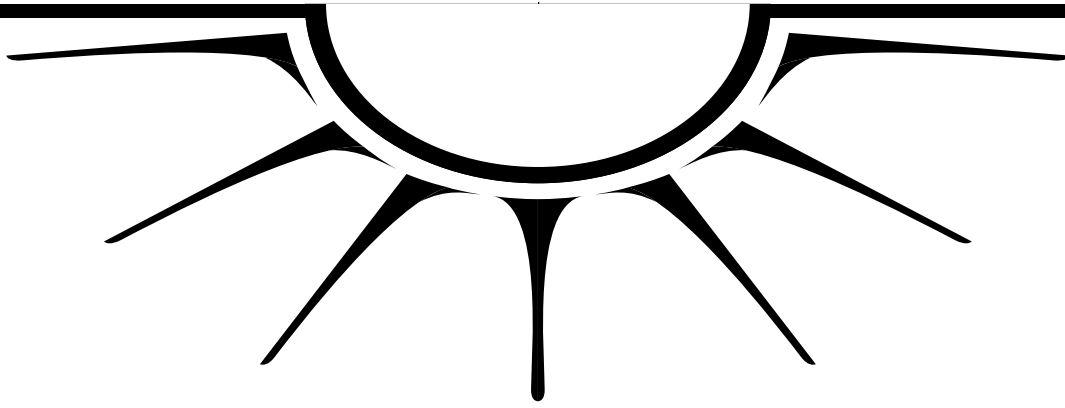
The true-false questions are to be answered individually by the members of the group, then discussed collectively by the entire group. Explain that the answers given should be honest opinions, not answers that might be considered correct by the church or youth director. Be prepared to work through each question thoroughly in the discussion period. *Bob Gleason*

CASE STUDY

VALUES TEASERS

Values Teasers contains stories and questions that can help your youth group think about what they believe. *Jim Walton*





MONITORING YOUR MORALS

1. Overeating is as wrong as smoking or drinking. _____
2. While your father was walking home from work one night, a robber came from the shadows and demanded all his money. Your father gave his wallet to the robber. He looked in the wallet and asked "Is this all the money you have?" Your father said, "Yes." The thief crept away satisfied, but your father had lied to the thief: he had a 20 tucked away in his shirt pocket. This was wrong. _____
3. To goof off on your job is as wrong as if you stole money from your boss. _____
4. There are degrees of sin with God and he won't punish us for the little ones. _____
5. Killing a man is justified when a person is called by his government to defend his country. _____
6. As Christians we are to obey all people who are in a position of authority over us. This means police officers, parents, teachers, youth directors, etc. _____
7. You are late for church so instead of driving at the 45 mile per hour speed limit, you drive at 50. Because you are going to church this is not wrong. _____
8. Going into your history final, you are just squeezing by with a C. Passing or failing this test could mean the difference between passing or failing this course. There are several questions you don't know, so you look on your neighbor's paper, an A student, and copy from him. When you get your paper back you found that you would have flunked without the correct answers from your neighbor's paper. Cheating was justified in this case.

9. You are very much in love with your girlfriend and plan to get married. On a date you get carried away and she gets pregnant. Because you love her as your wife-to-be, the act was not wrong. _____
10. There is a guy at school that really gets on your nerves. If there was ever a person who you hated, it would be this guy. The feeling you have for this guy is as wrong as if you killed him. _____

VALUES TEASERS

THE TALKING FRIEND. You and a good friend are both equally unprepared for a test, and together you cheat and pass. Your friend, however, begins to feel guilty about it and confesses to the teacher. In the process your friend implicates you as well and you both automatically fail the test.

- Should your friend have confessed?
- Couldn't your friend just have confessed to God and not the teacher?
- Should your friend have told the teacher about you?

THE BORROWING BROTHER. You and your brother share the same bedroom. You have made it very clear to your brother that he is to leave your belongings alone. You have a large CD collection and a stereo that you purchased with your own money. You come home from school one day and find many of your best CDs scattered on the floor and your favorite one has been stepped on. You blow up at your brother, and he apologizes and offers to buy a new CD, but you're still furious. You threaten to tell your parents about it and refuse to accept his apology. You tell him to get out of your room. Finally he has enough and says to you, "I know that you have been seeing Linda even though Mom and Dad told you not to. You have been telling them that you get off work at 10:00 but you really get off at 9:00. And if you keep yelling at me and threatening me, I'm going to tell them what I know."

- What's wrong with not wanting to let others use valuable possessions that might be wrecked?
- Which person in this situation is the worst in your opinion? Why?
- Is blackmail wrong?

THE CHANGING PARENTS. One evening a couple of your friends come by and you decide to attend a movie the next weekend. You ask your parents, and although they have never heard of the movie, they give their permission. The next Friday night your friends come to the house to pick you up, and your folks ask where you are going. You remind them that they had given you permission to go to a movie. Your dad responds, "Well, I did some checking, and I was going to talk to you. I forgot you were going tonight. But from what my friends tell me, the movie is no good. It contains a lot of profanity and explicit sex, so I don't think you can see it. Sorry, but you can't go." Your friends look at each other with shock and amazement. They can't believe it. Just as they leave you see them smile at each other like they think your folks are real losers. You are embarrassed, humiliated, and angry.

- Did your parents do the right thing?
- Do parents have the right to change their mind at the last minute?
- If you were a parent, how would you have handled the situation?
- If your parents would have done something like that, how would you have responded?