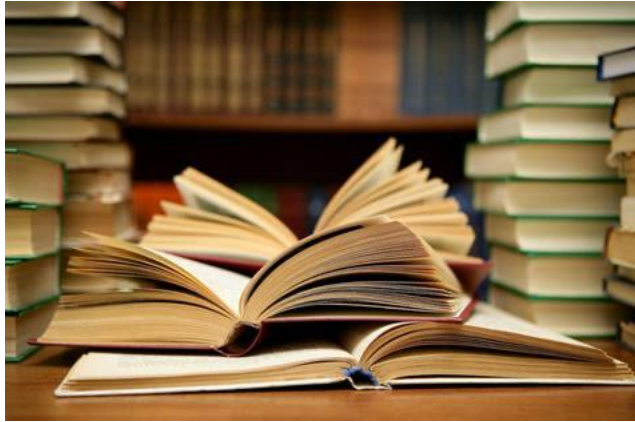


Responsible Decision-Making For Elementary

Read Aloud & Literature Responses



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After reading a short story or chapter book together, discuss the main character's thoughts and motives using any of the following questions:

- Did [character] make the best decision under the circumstances? Why?
- Did [character's] emotions affect their decision making?
- What was [character's] motivation for making that decision?
- Do you think the outcome was what [character] hoped for?
- Did [character] think about the consequences of their decision?
- Could [character] have made a better decision? Why?
- What should [character] have thought about before making such a decision?
- Will the results of [character's] decision have an impact on the other characters or the environment?
- Who could [character] have discussed their idea before making a decision?
- Will this decision help [character] reach their goal(s)?
- Is this a decision [character] can be proud of?

Little Shop



**pinterest.co.kr*

Create a "store" at home, complete with price tags of varying amounts. Starting with a set amount of money, give your child the option of selecting items for purchase.

Bag Trading



**moosequilts.blogspot.com*

Gather several children to play this game! In advance, prepare brown lunch bags with hidden prizes, one per child and then one extra. Each prize should be different.

Close the bags and place them before the children, leaving one bag untouched while giving each child one bag. The children are able to shake, touch, and guess the item – but not open the bag!

Ask each child whether he or she would keep the current item, trade with another child, or choose the untouched bag. Once all trades are made, discuss the decision-making reasoning each child used and reflect on whether anyone would have done anything differently.

Planning a Menu



**makeandtakes.com*

Guide your child in planning a simple meal. Provide ingredient options and discuss choices that might make something extra appealing. Shop for the ingredients, if necessary, and help your child prepare the meal!

Making Donations



**thecadreupe.com*

Review ideas about saving, spending, and donating. Discuss the motivation to donate philanthropically.

As a family, use a four-step decision-making model: a) select choices, b) rate importance, c) evaluate, d) decide.

Identify needs within the community as well as how to best use limited resources. If the goal is to benefit others, rate suggested options on the degree to which the choice would benefit another.

Once suggestions have been offered, rate the effectiveness of each potential donation. Compare the number of positive responses, then make a joint decision about how to put resources to use!

Downloadable Game

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Teachers Pay Teachers

Print this free downloadable game for several scenario cards to help students think through choices!

[Responsible Decision-Making Free Activity](#)

(TeachersPayTeachers.com)

Ideas from...

<https://childrenslibrarylady.com/decision-making-resources/>

<https://howtoadult.com/fun-activities-teach-children-decision-making-skills-4658.html>

<https://www.learningtogive.org/units/you-can-bank-me/decision-making-model>

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