

Making Choices: Exploring Moral Dilemmas with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the concept of moral questions and reflect on how values, beliefs, and consequences influence the choices we make.

Read each scenario carefully. Use your reasoning skills to consider the perspectives of everyone involved, then answer the questions using full sentences. Remember to think about what 'doing the right thing' really means.

Leo the Lion is a wise leader who often helps his friends think through tricky problems. A moral question is a question about what is right or wrong, fair or unfair, and how we should treat others. Sometimes, two good values might clash, creating a dilemma where there isn't one simple answer.

Word bank: Consequence · Integrity · Dilemma · Perspective · Responsibility · Values · Empathy · Justice

1. Leo finds a shiny gold coin worth £2 in the playground. He knows it belongs to a classmate who was unkind to him yesterday. Explain why Leo might feel torn about what to do. Use the word 'integrity' in your answer. (2 marks)

2. If Leo decides to return the money, how might that action change the classmate's perspective on friendship? Justify your reasoning. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the difference between a 'rule' (like not running in the corridor) and a 'moral choice' (like being honest when you have made a mistake). (2 marks)

4. Imagine a situation where telling the truth might hurt someone's feelings. Is it always right to be completely honest? Explain your thoughts. (3 marks)

5. What might happen if everyone in the world decided that they only had to follow rules when someone else was watching? Discuss the impact on society. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Decision Tree' for Leo. At the top, draw the dilemma of the £2 coin. On the left branch, draw what happens if he keeps it, and on the right branch, draw what happens if he returns it, including the emotions of the characters involved.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem from Leo the Lion's point of view about how difficult it can be to make a fair decision. In your poem, explore the idea that 'doing the right thing' is not always the easiest path.