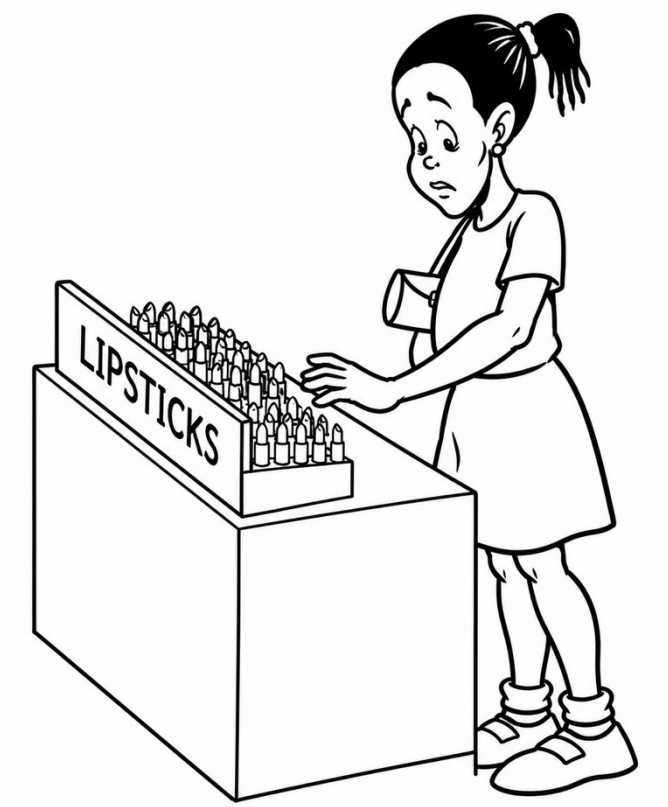
Lesson 20: What Should I Do?

Love and friendship are such important needs that they sometimes cause people to do foolish things. Read the stories and complete the charts.

"CAUGHT"



Joan is twelve years old and feels that no one pays attention to her. It is not that her parents do not love her, but her Dad works long hours and the three little ones at home seem to take up most of her mother's time. Joan is the oldest and mom expects her to come home from school and help her do the housework. Her mother always seems too bus... busy to talk to her.

It is a hot day and Joan feels restless. As she walks home from school alone, she decides to go into a store and just look around. On her way out, she stops by the cosmetics counter. She opens some of the lipstick cases and thinks how pretty they all look. Suddenly, she puts one in her bag and walks out of the store. A store security man comes up to her.

What Do You Think?

How could Joan get along better with her mother and make friends at school? What do you think is a fair punishment for Joan's theft of the lipstick?

"COWARD"

Gary and his friends are playing cricket in the open lot. They are having fun when Errol suggests a better game. The boys are interested and ask, "What kind of game?" Errol says that they will have to go on the road. The boys begin racing towards the street. When they get there Errol says, "Okay. Let's see who can stay in the road for the longest when a car is coming."

Some of the boys think it is a "great" idea. Gary is not so sure. He says, "Boy! That's a dangerous game. Me not in it. I'm going home." Errol then yells "Coward! Coward!" and the other boys join in.

What Do You Think?

What can Gary do to save face and remain friends with the other boys without risking his life in a dangerous game?

YOUR CHALLENGES!

1. You heard that your friend was caught shoplifting. Write what your advice to him/her would be. How would you treat him/her afterwards?
2. Your friends are urging you to take part in a dangerous activity. What would you tell them?

As a peacemaker I learned

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