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Dear parents,

Our small groups have begun a two-week series titled “Choice and Consequence.” Each day, we make numerous decisions and choices—some small, some big. While we often strive to do what is best and to make the best choices possible, we often make mistakes.

In this first lesson, our students discussed the importance of making sensible, wise decisions at school. We examined Romans 7:21-25, where the Apostle Paul told Christians in Rome that he felt as if he were enslaved to sin. Paul faced a constant battle, as he desired to do the right thing, but continually fell short and did the exact opposite. This is a familiar struggle for most junior high students.

We told our teenagers that God gives them the ability to make good, wise choices, and God gives the Holy Spirit as the “wise voice” that helps them and encourages them to make good, wise decisions. Making sensible, wise choices—including choices at school—can make life better.

I’d encourage you to find time this week to talk with your teenager about our lesson. Here are some questions you might want to ask:

- If someone continually makes bad or unwise choices at school, what are the typical or likely consequences that person will face?
- What are some examples of specific situations at school where it isn’t always easy to do what’s right—or where doing what’s right may upset friends or classmates?
- What are some God-honoring ways you can handle those specific situations you just identified?
- Why does God love when we make right, good, wise choices?

I pray that this is a blessed, awesome week for you and your family!