

TOPIC: *Media*

SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 3:1-17*

SUPPLIES: *list of current popular movies, magazines for teenagers, secular music groups, clothing styles, hairstyles, and jewelry fads*

Have youth form groups of four or five. Instruct group members to sit in a circle on the floor with their legs crossed. Group members should sit close enough so everyone can slap the hands of the people on either side.

Explain that you'll be reading the names of current movies, music groups, and fads aloud. Participants should listen to what you say, then quickly decide if it refers to something Christ would want us to emulate in words, lifestyle, or action. Each time you call out something, youth must be ready to give a hands-up or a hands-down vote to the item in question.

As soon as each group comes to a unanimous decision and can make a convincing case for support or opposition, they should go

around their group's circle and either slap each other's hands facing up in support, or slap each other's hands facing down in opposition. The first group to slap hands around the circle gets to share its opinion. Then the other groups can decide whether they agree by giving a hands-up or hands-down vote to their statements. Continue the game until you've completed the list you composed.

DISCUSSION

- What are some ways we can use the Bible as a guide for determining which movies to see, which groups to listen to, and which fads to follow?
- Why does it matter what choices we make when it comes to media?
- How do our entertainment choices and our personal style affect our relationships with God and others?
- How can our media choices affect the way others see God?