

■ PARTY TIME

Owen's parents saw nothing wrong with drinking. In fact, they saw nothing wrong with Owen drinking, as long as they were with him when he drank. They felt that their presence in the room would keep their son from abusing alcohol. That's why Mrs. Karras was so upset when she unexpectedly came home early and found Owen cleaning up beer cans around the house. It was obvious that he had cut school to host an impromptu party with a group of friends. "I can't believe you would do this, Owen. You can drink anytime you want to when we are home. Wait until your father gets home. You are on restriction."

While cleaning up the mess, Owen could overhear his mother on the phone. She was calling the parents of his friends who had been at the party. His friends were going to hate him.

- ▶ Do you agree with Owen's parents about letting Owen drink in front of them?
- ▶ What did Owen do wrong, if anything?
- ▶ If you were one of Owen's friends, how would you feel if his mother called your parents?
- ▶ If you were Owen, what would you say to your mother?
- ▶ If you were Owen's father, what would you say and do to Owen when you got home?

● Scripture Guide: Proverbs 20:1 Ephesians 5:18
 1 Corinthians 6:12 1 Timothy 5:23
 1 Corinthians 6:19–20