

TRUTH OR DARE

Pass out two 3x5 cards and a pencil to each kid. On one set of cards students put questions about the Christian life-one per card that they would like answered, fold them in half, and mark them with the letter T These cards are placed in a box marked TRUTH. On the other set of cards they put Christian dares- one thing they dare another student to do for Christ during the next week (dares should be specific and possible). These cards are folded in half, marked with the letter D, and put in the DARE box.

Now, each participant chooses one card at random from the Truth box, answers the question, and tells why she thinks her answer is correct. No one else can speak until the person has answered. Then others can discuss whether they agree or disagree and why.

After the discussion, the participant draws a card from the Dare box, reads it to the group, and keeps the card to remind her to do the dare for Christ that week. Proceed until each person has answered a Truth question and chosen a Dare card. You can usually handle between six and nine questions in an hour, depending on how much discussion there is. For larger groups, divide into small groups of five or six.

It lets you know what the kids are thinking, it gives them a chance to ask questions anonymously, and it challenges them to do something positive that week. o Dare Box. You may want to challenge your kids to find creative ways to put their faith into action with the dares on page 29. Put each dare in a numbered envelope and seal it if you want to add a surprise element.

Then students read their dares, but they must keep them secret from the rest of the group until they've completed their dares. When a dare is completed, students can tell the rest of the group about the experience. If a dare is too intimidating to a student, allow that student to trade for a different one.

possible dares:

1. Read Philippians ch.1. Write a letter to your parents expressing your thankfulness for their support .
2. Pick a secret pal from the youth group & do something special for them every day for one week.
3. Bake a batch of cookies for one of the leaders in our church, with a note that says "Thanks!"
4. Wash your parent's car. Accept no money for doing it.
5. Empty all the trash cans in your house and scrub them all with soap and water.
6. Make a phone call to someone who was not @Relig this week but should be.
7. Send a funny card to someone who needs encouraging.
8. Give one of your parents a back rub.
9. Choose a favorite Scripture passage and share it with the class. What does it mean to you?
10. Ask our priest the following questions: When did you join our church? What was your most moving experience at our church? What do you think have been the three greatest events in the history of this church? What is the funniest thing that ever happened in our church?
11. Ask the oldest member of our church the following questions: When did you join our church? What was your most moving experience at our church? What do you think have been the three greatest events in the history of this church? What is the funniest thing that ever happened in our church? When you were my age, what was your youth group like?