

Discussion Ideas



Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

Connecting Activity

Riziki is a good friend, but she struggles with math. Share with the group one thing you do well and one thing that is harder for you (for example, bad in math, can't sing or play an instrument very well, scared to talk in front of people). Then ask for volunteers in the group to share some of their strengths and weaknesses.

Discussion Questions

1. Pendo says, "Everybody needs to cheat, just to survive in this world"! Do you agree with her? Why or why not?
 - *Allow group members to express their opinions without judgement. Point to the consequences of cheating.*
2. Riziki and Bahati are tempted to take shortcuts to their dreams in this story. What do you think would happen to Riziki and Bahati if they took these shortcuts?
 - *They want to shortcut their educations, which would limit their future opportunities.*
3. What are the results of the good choices that Riziki and Bahati make?
 - *They receive the blessing of working in Juma's store as well as the benefits of learning.*
4. ► Grandma says, "Keep your eyes fixed on excellent things". What might this mean in your own life?
 - *Doing your best, following God, studying hard, being honest at work, serving in your community, being committed to friends, etc.*
5. ► Let's dream together. How might hard work and a commitment to excellence change your future?
 - *Working hard in an area that isn't easy could result in achievement, success, personal growth.*

Personal Growth Activity

What excellent things can you set your eyes on? On a piece of paper, draw a picture of something that you think is excellent.

☞ Spiritual Application

Ask the group what they learnt from the story of Moses. Read these words from Elder Baraka: *And just as God delivered the Hebrews out of the house of bondage in Egypt, so he wants to deliver us from our sins. It is the blood of the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) applied to the door of our hearts which washes away our sins.* Then ask the group: What is God's promise to you when you sin or take shortcuts in life?

☞ Prayer Point

Encourage the group to talk to God about the shortcuts they have taken in life. Pray that they would receive the love and acceptance of God as they open these areas up to Him. Ask God for his strength in making choices each day for excellence.

☞ Encouragement

Share one of the shortcuts you made in your life and what you learnt from the experience. Read the quote in the Notes section, and remind group members that they shape their destiny one positive choice at a time.

Grandma's Wisdom

The Hebrew children in Egypt were finally freed from their bondage by the strong hand of God. Freed from the slave drivers with their chains and whips. But we're still in bondage today. In bondage to bad examples of living such as lying, stealing, cheating. In bondage to alcohol, immorality. How long will people be in bondage to the easy way? It takes courage to throw off the easy way. Yes, it takes courage to stand up to those who want to use us. But this is the lesson I wish each child could learn: Taking the easy way isn't really the easy way at all.

