

Discussion Ideas



Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

Connecting Activity

Ask each person to share a time they saw something—big or small—and felt they just *had* to have it. What was it?

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think Riziki knew it was wrong to keep the change and buy the necklace? Explain your answer.
 - *Yes; she shows signs of guilt.*
2. How do people of good character influence Riziki in this story? How do people of bad character influence her?
 - *Malaika encourages her to do the right thing; Pendo tempts her to do the wrong thing.*
3. ► Perseverance means continuing on a course of action even when it's hard. How does Riziki (or other characters) persevere in this story?
 - *She follows her conscience, is honest, and makes amends even when it's hard.*
4. How does Riziki's conscience help her in this story?
 - *Her conscience tells her what's right and wrong; it helps her mend her mistakes and make good choices.*
5. ► What do you learn from the story of Jacob and Esau?
 - *Don't trade character for things you want; listen to your conscience.*
6. ► When have you ever been tempted to do something wrong like Riziki? How did you respond to the temptation? How did you feel about your choice?
 - *Everyone is tempted to make wrong choices; what matters is how you respond.*

Personal Growth Activity

Talk with a respected parent, guardian, or friend about a temptation in your life. Discuss ways you can face this temptation as a person of character.



☞ Spiritual Application

Read Luke 8:15. If time allows, read the entire parable of the sower from Luke 8, and discuss the different types of soil. Then ask: Based on this verse, what does it mean to have good soil in your life? What happens when a seed is planted in good soil?

☞ Prayer Point

Lead the group in a prayer asking God for his wisdom, guidance, and courage in the midst of temptation.

☞ Encouragement

Remind group members that we are all tempted at times to trade our character for something we want badly. In the end, though, we lose more than we gain when we don't listen to our consciences. You may want to share an example of this from your own life. Consider reading part of Grandma's Wisdom to close the group time.

Grandma's Wisdom

It takes courage to say "no" to something that's wrong, even though we want that thing so bad we can taste it. Riziki still wears her necklace these days, but she doesn't see it as just a pretty thing anymore. She says it's a reminder to her to be a person of good character, to make good choices when faced with a temptation. It takes courage to be honest, especially when no one is looking.

