



# Choices

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## AIMS AND OUTCOMES

- To consider where God has the most influence in our lives.
- To use the Swedish Method of Bible Study
- To explore the idea that Worship is about everyday life, expressed through our words and actions as individuals and as a community of faith.

## RESOURCES.

- Signage, 'God's the boss' and 'The World's the boss'
- Bibles
- Resource 1
- Resource 2 a copy for each participant.

1 Designate one end of the room 'God's the boss' and the other end 'The world's the boss'. *(If you have only a little space, perhaps designate one end of a table for each statement and have the statements on "Resource 1" cut out)*

2 Input: The Bible says that something is in charge of our lives. Christians ask God to be the 'boss' of their lives. But everyone has a 'boss' of some sort and a shorthand for the boss of wrong choices, of bad ways of living is sometimes called 'the world'. You might call it 'society' or 'everyone' or 'me, me, me'.

3 Call out each of the statements on "Resource 1" and invite the young people to choose which boss the speaker belongs to by running to that end of the room. *(Those with less space: Ask the young people to discuss together and then choose which side to place the slip of paper with that statement on it.)*

4 Read Colossians 3:1-17 together.

5 Give out a copy of Resource 2 to each YP and ask them to spend time filling in the 3 sections.

6 Feedback and discuss together.



7 Using a flip chart and pens ask the YP to wordstorm the word WORSHIP. Note down all the words and phrases mentioned.

8. Read the following to the group and then discuss what that might mean for them today when they have to make choices.

Romans 12:1-2 The Message (MSG)

Place Your Life Before God

‘So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.’

9. Ask the YP any words or phrases they would now like to add to the wordstorm. (use a different colour pen)

- What difference would it make to those around us if as a community of faith we lived every day mindful of these verses and the verses from Corinthians we read earlier?

10. Conclude the session by summing up what you have discovered together and using the discoveries to worship God through song and prayer.



## RESOURCE 1

I really want that top she's wearing.

What does it matter what he looks like? It's what he's like inside that counts.

Yeah, you owe me 50p, but I'll let you off as you can't pay me.

Did you know, Simon's got BO?

Phwaw, her skirt's like a belt!

He is one fit lad - let me at him.

Don't cry. Look, you can borrow mine.

Just one more doughnut - I've only had 16.

I hate your guts!

Yes, I might have got into the first eleven, but Dave's much better at tennis than I am.

Look, it's only a spider. I'll just pick it up and pop it outside without hurting it.

I could slap him.

Would you like me to help you with your geography again?

She really, really winds me up.

You do know everyone thinks your trainers are soooo last year?

You can come in our team!




I was walking down the [censored] road when this [censored] girl walks past with a [censored] poodle.

I forgive you.

Oh yes, I have done my homework, Miss. Honest.

You're a wonderful person and God thinks you're fantastic.

## Bible Study Worksheet

Symbol	Verse	Details
 <b>What's new to me</b>		
 <b>Key Point</b>		
 <b>What I'm not sure about</b>		