

It's Your Choice!

What's your favorite pizza topping? What makes that the best choice?

Read Joshua 24:1-33.

1. Joshua gathered the people of Israel to:

- A. Talk about fighting.
- B. Share land.
- C. Remember how God helped.
- D. Plan a party.
- E. Say he's retiring.
- F. Decide what to do with Rahab.
- G. Make trade deals.
- H. Discuss farming tips.
- I. Other.

2. What choices did Joshua give the people?

- A. Follow God who saved them from Egypt.
- B. Follow the gods their families worshiped.
- C. Follow the gods of the people around them.
- D. Follow both God and other gods.
- E. Forget all gods.
- F. Make up their own religion.
- G. Do what Moses said instead of Joshua.
- H. Do whatever they wanted.
- I. Other.

3. After Joshua declared, "Choose you this day whom will you serve . . . As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," how did the people respond?

- A. Everyone left and went home.
- B. The people made a strong promise to serve the God,
- C. They had a big feast to celebrate.
- D. The people decided to follow other gods.
- E. They stared at Joshua in awkward silence.
- F. Some people argued with Joshua.
- G. They immediately went to battle against another tribe.
- H. Joshua left Shechem in disappointment.
- I. Other.

4. Why is it hard to make good choices?

- A. Sometimes the right choice isn't the easiest or most fun.
- B. Our feelings mess up our thinking.
- C. It's hard to fit in with friends.
- D. People give us different advice, and it's confusing.
- E. Being scared of messing up or getting rejected stops us.
- F. It's not hard to make good choices.
- G. Other.

5. Complete this statement: A value or something important that guides the choices I make is:

- A. Honesty—It helps me have good relationships.
- B. Ambition—It makes me work hard for success.
- C. Popularity—It's important to fit in.
- D. Kindness—It helps create a positive atmosphere.
- E. Family—It influences what I think is important.
- F. Independence—It makes me want to decide for myself.
- G. Other: _____

6. Circle a number on the scale to show how excited you are about each of these choices you may face after high school from 1 (you're really not excited at all) to 5 (you're really excited).

	REALLY NOT EXCITED	A LITTLE EXCITED	SOMEWHAT EXCITED	QUITE EXCITED	REALLY EXCITED
Making my own rules.	1	2	3	4	5
Picking my dream job.	1	2	3	4	5
Figuring out where to live.	1	2	3	4	5
Learning to manage money.	1	2	3	4	5
Making new friends and keeping old ones.	1	2	3	4	5
Travelling wherever I want.	1	2	3	4	5
Having my own relationship with God.	1	2	3	4	5

7. What's one small step you can take to make sure you're making good choices, even when it's tough?

8. How can you make choices today that show you're following God, even when there are many other things trying to get your attention?