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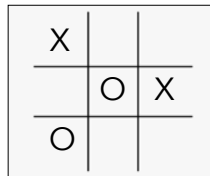
TRADE - OFFS

[WISE CHOICES]

Have you ever come to a fork in a road? Once you decide which path to take you have to live with your decision. Every decision is a trade-off. Doing one thing means you can't do another. It's an important reminder for life: you can do anything, but you can't do everything. In deciding what you'll do, you also choose what not to do. That's why taking time to make a wise choice is so important.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Host a family tournament using a decision-making game of your choice (e.g. tic-tac-toe, "The Game of Life," Chess or Yahtzee). Anytime a crucial decision needs to be made, stop and discuss the best process for making the decision. Challenge each family member to consider the benefits and consequences before making their choice. Decide together on a prize for the winner.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What makes "trade-offs" so difficult for people? How do you make difficult decisions?
2. How will learning to make wise decisions help us in our current situation in the world?
3. Think about many state's decision to close schools. What are the trade-offs of that decision?



MAKING DECISIONS

Monday March 16th started the beginning of a [historic decision](#) by New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio: He was going to close the nation's largest school system. Even though there were hundreds of COVID-19 cases in New York City, Mayor De Blasio said that it was "a decision I have taken with no joy and a lot of pain." NYC wasn't the first school system to close, and the situation seemed to warrant such a decision; so why was the Mayor in pain over this decision? It's because the decision was a trade-off. There are costs to closing schools.

Did you know that thousands of students in NYC schools depend on the schools for breakfast and lunch? How about that 114,000 students are homeless and will have no where to go if schools close? What's more, if thousands of kids are suddenly home full time, how do their parents manage work and care for their kids? To put it simply, the decision to close schools trades a health crisis for a childcare crisis. Of course, this doesn't mean that the wrong decision was made, it just means that every decision has consequences. So, how often do you consider the consequences of your decisions?



Stay at Home Picture

Medical professionals are asking people to stay home as a wise decision. Take a [Stay at Home](#) photo of you and your family to show your support of wise decisions, and post it with the hashtag

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