

The Golden Rule

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Matthew 7:12 or Luke 6:31

Preparations: Print out True or False cards in light yellow card stock. Print P's or Q's in blue card stock.

Introductions: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. What does this mean? It means we should treat others the same way you want them to treat you. That is easier said than done. Do you respect everyone and treat them kindly at all times? During our daily contact with others we can show compassion and generosity by treating them with respect and courtesy. This dignified and respectable behavior that we give to others is part of what Jesus was talking about. Try your best to treat others as you would like to be treated and you will find that it will help you so much in everyday life with getting a long with others.

Directions: Put the colored Game Cards in two different small baskets and set near the game board. Place your markers on START. Roll the die and move that many spaces. Follow the directions on the space you land on. If the space has a Roll Play activity on it, perform it to the best of your ability. If needed, the teacher will help you understand what to do and coach you how to do it correctly. If the space has True or False or P's & Q's on it, draw the corresponding card and read it out loud. Answer the question to the best of your ability (the teacher can coach the student if necessary).

*As you play the game, take advantage of natural opportunities to highlight behaviors that facilitate or impeded getting a long with others and treating them with respect. Discuss with the students why someone would use proper manners and etiquette. You could also ask, "What do you think of Kelly's answer?" or "What else could you say or do?" or "What is the worse thing someone could say or do in this situation?" When appropriate, reinforce a variety of ways to say or do things properly. You can also continue the roll playing activities to include more conversation and action.

Continue game as time permits or until the student's attention wanes.

NOTE: While playing this game be sure to respect individual differences and preferences.

For younger students, give the children Golden Rule or heart stickers for trying or doing well.