

## **VISION OF THE TREE OF LIFE GAME INSTRUCTIONS** by Rachel Woods, About LDS Guide, [lds.about.com](http://lds.about.com)

**Directions:** After teaching a lesson about the Vision of the Tree of Life (using the clipart) use the questions below to teach about choosing the right. Place two clipart images of children holding onto the iron rod in between the polls that hold up the rod. For example place a boy in the first space (between polls one and two) then place a girl in the second space (between the third and four polls). Split the class into two teams, one to move the boy and one to move the girl. Have the teams take turns drawing a choice (below) to read. If it is a good choice they get to move the child holding to the iron rod two spaces forward, towards the tree of life. If the choice is a wrong choice then they move the child holding to the iron rod back two spaces. When each child reaches the tree of life give them one of the extra fruits from the tree.

**Choices: Print and cut out each choice to be individually selected and read.**

There's a new boy in your class, and he's standing alone on the playground. You choose the right and soon he is playing with you and your friends.

You know some of the other children are cheating on the test at school, but you choose the right and do your own work.

Your father asks you to mow the lawn, but you forget.

Your mom asks, "Who's been eating these cookies?" and you thought that they tasted great. You could keep quiet, but you choose the right and admit that you ate some.

True or False: Every time you choose the right you get stronger. Every time you choose the right it will be easier to choose the right the next time you are faced with a difficult choice.

At the store you find your favorite candy bar, and no one else is in the aisle to see you take it. You might be tempted for a minute, but you choose the right and leave it there.

You help pick up money that has spilled and are tempted to take some. What do you do?

Your mother asks you to read a story to your little sister, and you do.

You play with your brother's new toy without asking permission and break it.

Your grandmother comes to visit. You let her sleep in your bed, while you sleep on the couch.

You ate the last two pieces of dessert after your mother said that the last piece was for your father.

True or False: Making a choice is like picking up a stick. When you pick up one end of a stick, the other end always comes with it. When you make a choice, a consequence always comes with it.

True or False: When you disobey the commandments or hurt others, the Holy Ghost cannot be with you and you may feel sad, guilty, lonely, or afraid.

You took a job weeding a neighbor's garden, but when a friend asked you to play you went with your friend.

True or False: Heavenly Father loves you and wants to help you make good choices. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to show you how to make right choices.

True or False: Satan does not want you to be happy, and he tries to make you choose the wrong.

You remembered your baptismal covenants and tried to listen to the Holy Ghost when making a choice.

You fought with your brother.

You and your sister had a fight and you didn't say you were sorry.

You seek good friends and treat others kindly.

You choose to dress modestly to show respect for your body and Heavenly Father.

You only read and watch things that are pleasing to Heavenly Father.

You are at the grocery store and want some gum but have no money, so you put the gum in your pocket.

You only listen to good music that Heavenly Father would approve of.

You reverently use the names of Heavenly Father and Jesus reverently. You don't swear or use crude words.

You keep your mind and body pure by not partaking of harmful substances, like drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

You did things on the Sabbath that made you feel far away from Heavenly Father.

You repented for a mistake you made.

You are living worthy to someday go to the temple and serve a mission.

You are following Heavenly Father's plan.

You know Heavenly Father loves you, and you love him.

You pray to Heavenly Father at anytime, and anywhere.

You didn't go to bed when you were supposed to and in the morning you were tired.

What can you do when those around you use God's name irreverently?

What can you do when you are tempted to say bad words or irreverently use God's name?

When you hear bad words on T.V. what should you do?

True or False: When you make a choice, a consequence (good or bad) always comes with it.

You didn't eat your dinner but later you ate junk food before bedtime.

You paid your tithing to the Bishop.

True or False: Some consequences come quickly after you make a choice. Other times consequences don't come for a long time later, but eventually there is always a consequence (good or bad) for our actions.