

## DARE YA!

Would you take a dare? Liz and the gang face a close call as they take on Skink's dangerous challenge!

#### Let's Get Started

**Episode Theme:** Stand up for God.

- 1. Romans 12:2 says that we should not be like the people of the world. Is it possible to live in the world but not live in the way of the world? How can we do that?
- 2. Daniel was a Jewish teenager. When King Nebuchadnezzar defeated the Jews, Daniel and his friends were taken to Babylon as prisoners. They were going to be trained to serve the king. The king ordered that they should eat the same food that he did. Daniel knew the king's food was unclean according to God's laws. It would have been easy for him to eat the food and stay out of trouble. But Daniel made the wise choice to stand for what he believed. He asked that he be given just water and vegetables (Daniel 1:8-16). The king's official was afraid that Daniel and his friends would be weak and that he would get in trouble. But God took care of the Jewish young men. At the end of the ten days, they were healthier than the servants who ate the king's food. As you listen to this episode, think about the importance of making wise choices instead of taking the easy route.

## **Memory Verse**

<sup>2</sup> Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

Romans 12:2

#### After You Listen

In this episode, Liz and his friends get carried away giving and taking dares that turn out to be dangerous.

The Bible is full of stories of people who were given a choice and made the wrong one. When Eve was given a choice, she made the wrong one and ate the apple in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:6). When Esau was given a choice, he made the wrong one and sold his birthright for a bowl of soup (Genesis 25:29-33). When Peter was given a choice, he made the wrong one and denied knowing the Lord(Matthew 26:69-75). Their choices seemed like the right one at the moment, but they quickly proved to be the wrong ones.

The Bible is also full of stories of people who made right choices. We've already looked at Daniel. Another person who made the right choice was Moses. He could have stayed in Pharaoh's palace and maybe even become the next Pharaoh. But he chose to stick with his people and lead them out of slavery (<u>Hebrews 11:24-26</u>).

Want to dig deeper and learn about making smart choices? Check out <a href="Psalm 37:7">Psalm 37:23</a>, and <a href="3 John 1:11">3 John 1:11</a>.

### Challenge

The next time a friend or classmate asks you to go somewhere or do something and you aren't sure if it's right,, think about what you learned in this lesson. Write down a list of questions you can ask yourself to make the right choice. Here are two to get you started. Is this something that the world enjoys but God doesn't want you to do? Is it something you would do if your parents were watching?

# **Take the Episode Quiz**

Question 1: What does Liz dare Morrie to do?

**Answer:** Swing as high as he can and then jump off the swing.

Question 2: What is Spike dared to do?

Answer: Eat hot sauce.

Question 3: What does Skink dare Liz and the others to do?

Answer: Cross the river on the railroad tracks.

Question 4: What does Skink threaten to do if they don't take his dare?

**Answer:** Put posters up at school that call them cowards.

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