

IMPACT OF DECISIONS

Sometimes decisions are made very quickly without thinking of the consequences that may take place afterward. Our choices do not just impact ourselves. When we choose to do or not to do something, it can have an impact on people around us. It can be helpful to take a step back and look at the results of our decisions.

Go through this scenario with your Little and analyze the situation, reflect, and discuss ways to repair the damage:

1. Tommy is sitting in class and while his teacher is talking he thinks of a question. Tommy can choose to raise his hand and wait for his teacher to call on him, or he can shout his question out while his teacher is still talking.

Analyze the situation: How will Tommy's decision affect his teacher? His classmates? Himself?

2. Tommy chooses to shout his question while his teacher is still talking. Because Tommy has done this several times, his teacher gives him a detention.

Reflect: Did Tommy make the responsible decision?

Repair damage: What can Tommy do to take responsibility for his decision? What can Tommy do next time to make a responsible decision?

Discussion questions:

1. Do I take time to think through how my decisions will impact those around me?
2. What are some everyday decisions I make that are impacting others?
3. What are some ways I can improve how I make decisions?
4. Do I need to repair damage anywhere right now?