



## Bulletin Board Idea for the 12 Gardens of Stewardship

# Garden of Decisions

Grades 6 - 8

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### Project

- Title the bulletin board; Making Decisions – Solving Problems
- Title three large sheets with three problem solving approaches; Laissez Faire, Direct Action, Rational (please refer to online lesson plan from LearningToGive; 'Got A Problem? Let's Solve It!')
- Divide the class into small groups and have them identify or choose from a list a real or theoretical problem. (Examples may be; homeless person wandering in neighborhood, noisy dog is keeping everyone awake, bully is picking on kids when they walk to school, etc.)
- Have student groups discuss potential / likely results of trying to solve their problem using each approach.
- Have a leader from each group write these results, along with the name of their problem, on the appropriate sheets. Use different colored markers for each group.
- Post large sheets to board. You may wish to encourage illustrations, such as small drawings, magazine clippings or pictures printed from the internet.

### Suggested Quotes

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### Making Decisions - Solving Problems

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#### Laissez Faire Approach

**Problem**  
Results of using this type of approach to solving the problem, etc.



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#### Direct Action Approach

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#### Rational Approach

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- Create a 'Decision Tree':  
Draw a tree trunk on a large paper and post to the bulletin board.
- Have students cut out various leaf shapes and write on their leaf a way they may go about making good decisions. Examples may include: praying prior to making a decision, research books and articles on the subject of their decision, talking to people who have experience regarding this decision, getting advice from parents or teachers, etc.
- Have students apply their leaf to the tree.
- Have students write an essay on the process they used regarding a recent they have made, or on the process they plan to use for an upcoming decision.

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