Illustration: Which Voices

Discussion: Making Right Choices

YOU WILL NEED: Something small to hide.

Which Voices

<u>Choose 3 volunteers</u>—and choose a small object in your room. (This object can be anything you desire, but make sure it's small—something about the size of a quarter.) Tell your volunteers that you are going to let them step outside for a minute and you are going to hide the object. Then you will bring them back in one at a time and let everyone else tell them where to look to see who can find it the fastest. After your volunteers step outside, find a good hiding place for the object. Then tell the other students that this is not a fair competition.

Before bringing in the first person, quietly assign only one person to reveal the object's true location. Everyone else is going to try to trick the volunteer by yelling and pointing at anything they want—at the opposite wall, the air vents, up their neighbor's nose, etc. Bring in your first volunteer. Give him the rules: He will have only ten seconds to find the object and all he needs to do is listen to everyone else in the room. Ready...set...go!

After the time is up, ask your first volunteer what was wrong. Then tell him that this wasn't a fair competition because only one person told him the truth. Give him a hand and let him have a seat.

Before bringing in the second volunteer, assign about 10-20% of your group to tell the truth and assign other sections of your group an object to use to misdirect the next volunteer—i.e., this row is going to point to the cabinet and yell out, "It's in the cabinet;" this row will point to my shoe and say, "It's in his shoe," etc. Call in the second volunteer, go over the rules and then give him a turn.

After the time is up, ask your second volunteer what was wrong. Then tell him that this wasn't a fair competition because only part of the group told him the truth. Give him a hand and let him have a seat.

The last volunteer has a 50-50 chance. Half the group will tell the truth. The other half will all point to some other place. Bring the last volunteer in and see if he listens to the right people.

SAY: In this game the volunteer had to choose who he was going to listen to. In life you have to choose to whom you are going to listen as well. In life when you listen to and follow what God wants you to do, you'll never go wrong. God will never misdirect you and when you follow Him and you'll find everything you've been looking for in life—because real life is only found in Christ.