

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Making Wise Choices” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for September 17, 2017. The lesson is found on page 17 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



Lately the term “poor life choice” has been used to describe what we used to call in the old days “stupid things to do.”

As in, the guy who decided it would be a good idea to jump on the treadmill while holding his giant exercise ball.

Or the guy who spent his life savings trying to win an Xbox at a carnival game.

Or the teens who decided to try drinking hand sanitizer.

Or the girl who decided to take a selfie on the way to a funeral, commenting on the various elements of her #cute outfit.

We all make stupid decisions sometimes. Thanks to the Internet, we now have the potential of being known for our stupid decisions throughout the whole world and for all time.

Come to think of it, it might be time for me to go off the grid. How about that for a life choice?

*As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the article. Then discuss in this way:*

**Have you ever had a “poor life choice” of yours caught on camera? What happened?**

**Why do we enjoy laughing at others’ poor life choices?**

**What do you do once you’ve realized you have made a stupid decision? What do you do to avoid making those kinds of mistakes in the future?**

**Today we’re going to evaluate the way we make decisions. We’ll come up with a kind of checklist, based on Scripture, to help us make wise choices.**