

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Take Charge of Your Example” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for September 30, 2018. The lesson is found on page 29 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

This week, many Americans were riveted by the hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, in which sexual assault allegations from an incident that happened in high school were allowed to be heard. The alleged victim, Christine Blasey Ford, was able to give her testimony against judge and Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, before the committee, and millions of viewers listened. Millions more didn't bother to listen, but just read the headlines later and formed their own opinions.

But whether you are supporting the testimony of Kavanaugh, or whether you believe the testimony of Ford, the one thing you can be sure about is that people are also watching you. People are watching how you react to this story, what you say about it, what you post about it, what you Tweet about it. They are listening for your tone. They are examining your behavior, and whether or not it seems to be consistent with the rest of your life—whether or not you have integrity as a Christ follower, or whether you seem to fall into the rather large category of “hypocrites.”

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

What do you think about this story that's been in the news lately? Do you think it should be given as much attention as it has?

What does one's private behavior tell us about how able that person is to hold a position of leadership?

How do you decide whether or not a person is telling the truth? What clues do you look for?

There are many admired people in our society—some are worth imitating and some aren't. Let's take a look at three principles we can develop in our lives so that we are good spiritual role models for others.



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