

# WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

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## Purpose of this story

*Whatever you have to do, do it well.*

*Do what you do.*

*In all things do the will of God*

*What counts before God is not what you do but how you do it*

## Target audience

*Primarily, children and youngsters.*

*With proper adaptations, all audiences.*

## **1. Start:**

Meet the Participants

Sing some hymns

Lead them in a short prayer time.

## **2. Starter**

## STORY

It is reported that when some youngsters were engrossed playing on the grounds, some one asked them to stop for a minute, and answer a question he would ask them:

**“Imagine that you are told for certain, that you are to die in two or three hours’ time. in that case, what would you do?”**

- A boy replied: “I would run straight away for confession so that I may die as a friend of God”
- Another youngster said: “I would go home and tell this to my parents and beg pardon from them for all the wrongs I did to them!”
- A third one said: “I would quickly, gather all the money I have, and blow it out as fast as I could!”
- Still another added: “I would go around and meet those I love and say good bye to them!”
- Finally, another remarked: “What would I do? It’s very simple. I would carry on playing and enjoying my game until the last second. This is what God wants me to do now!”

**Moderator:** - *Asks the Audience,*

**Reflect:** And you my dear friends, in such or in a similar situation, what would you have answered?

*Give the audience some silent time for personal reflection and put their thoughts down in writing.*

### **3. Personal Examination Time**

**In writing, honestly answer to yourself the following questions:**

1. When do you **play**, how do you play?
2. When do you **pray**, how do you pray?
3. When do you **study**, how do you study?
4. **Whatever you have** to do, how do you do it?
5. What answer Jesus - at your age - would have given to the questions above?

### **4. Group Sharing.**

- ✓ Request the Participants to share their replies with their companions
- ✓ Personal questions should not be asked. Clarifications will be encouraged.
- ✓ Discuss ways and means of improving our performance in all we do: Praying, Working, Playing, Helping at home, whatever

### **5. Discuss the following maxims:**

- Holiness is not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing all things - big and small - extraordinary well.
- Do what you do.
- Live the present moment..
- Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not ours yet ours. All we have is only the present moment. Make the best use of it! .
- Serve God in the here and now, otherwise, you will never serve Him.
- The present moment is the sacrament of God's continuous presence in our life.
- Eternity is not made of seconds, minutes, or hours. It's just God's total presence in one unchanging moment.
- We cannot please God either in the past or in the future, but only the present in here and now!
- This is all God expects of us:
  1. When it's time to play God wants us to play well and enjoy it.
  2. When it's time to pray, God wants us to pray well and thank and praise Him.
  3. When it's time to study, God wants us to study well. and learn.
  4. Whatever you have to do, do it well.

### **6. Short input by the Moderator**

Base your input on the ideas that emerged during the sharing.

### **7. Closing Prayer.**

#### **YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY**

For doing your level best  
For being courteous to all  
For being kind to the poor  
For hearing before judging

For thinking before speaking  
For stopping your ears to gossip  
For standing by your principles  
For playing your games honestly  
For being generous to an enemy  
For asking pardon when in error  
For studying seriously.  
For being honest in business dealings  
For conscientious working.  
For promptness in keeping your promises  
For putting the best meaning on the acts of others.  
For pleasing God in all you do, not just to please others.  
For doing all you do, as if that would be  
the last thing you will in your life.