

Ethics Scenarios

Instructions: Read the following ethics scenarios, and jot down what you believe is the right or wrong thing to do and why. Discuss your answers with those sitting around you.

Scenario #1

You are hiding an innocent group of people in your home who are fleeing some gangsters. Gangster Leo knocks on your door, and when you open it, he asks if the group is in your house.

What should you do? Should you tell the truth or lie?

Scenario #2

You are passing through a country carrying a large amount of money. In this impoverished country, you know that if you are found to have valuables, you will be killed and your valuables stolen. However, if you disguise your money in a worn out backpack, you can get away with carrying it as you pass through.

Is it wrong to disguise the truth to save yourself? Should you just be honest and trust God to protect you?

Scenario #3

You and a partner are working on a project at school. Your partner approaches you two days before the project is due and shows you that he has completed it on his own. The guidelines were that the two of you work on the project equally. He tells you not to worry about it and to just go along because, "no one will ever know."

Are you wrong to skate by, letting your partner do the work, even if he is okay with it? Is it still the right thing to do?
