



The Golden Rule: Situation Cards

Students will listen to information read to them from Situation Cards in order to evaluate the stated behavior. They will decide if the behavior conforms to the Golden Rule or not, and will record their decision on a "Yes or No" worksheet using tally marks.

Give each student a Tally Marks worksheet (page 10). Read one of the situation cards to the class, and ask each student to place a tally mark in the correct section of the worksheet—Yes, if the action reflects the Golden Rule, and No, if the action goes against the Golden Rule. (Be sure the students can't see the back of the card when you read it since it contains the answer.) Discuss any issues that cause disagreement.

If you are using the cards with younger students, select the cards ahead of time. You don't need to use all of them, and some of the behaviors are more appropriate to older students than younger ones. (Let's not put any inappropriate ideas into little heads!)

Preparation:

1. You may want to set your printer to a fast print mode in order to conserve ink.
2. Run page 1 off on photo paper (for best results), cover stock, or heavy white drawing paper. (The image at the top of this page is the title page for the cards.)
3. Run pages 2-9 off on photo paper (for best results), cover stock, or heavy white drawing paper. Run pages 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, and 8-9 double sided, back to back. Be sure to feed them through the printer so both sides are aligned in the same direction.
4. Laminate, and cut apart.
5. Store in a zippered baggie.
6. Run "Tally Marks Worksheet" on page 10 off on copy paper, 1 copy/2 students. Cut in half.



After the Lesson:

- Review the cards from time to time throughout the year.
- Place the cards in a center for independent sorting work.
- Give a card to a small group. Have them plan a skit to act out the scenario.
- Allow students to write their own scenarios. (Use the included Microsoft Word® Template for this.)



**On the way to school,
you helped someone
pick up their backpack
and all the things that
spilled out of it.**

**This morning everyone
at the bus stop laughed
when you dropped your
back pack and every
thing in it fell out.**

**You laughed along with
everyone else when you
dropped your back pack
and everything fell out of
it.**

**You were so angry when
everyone laughed at
you for dropping your
back pack, that you
yelled ugly words at
them.**

**Some children were
looking for a place to sit
on the crowded bus.
You said, "I'll scoot over
to make more room for
you."**

**The bus was crowded
this morning. You were
stuck in between two
big kids. "Get out of my
way," you yelled at
them.**

**You saw that the bus
driver looked sick this
morning. You said, "Let's
be very quiet since the
driver doesn't feel good."**

**You didn't notice that
the bus driver wasn't
feeling good today. You
sat right behind her and
yelled in her ear.**



Your teacher greeted you at the door this morning. You smiled and said, "Good morning," to her.



When you walked into your classroom today you frowned, and said, "I hate this place."



You hung your back pack up carefully so that it was off the floor and out of everyone's way.



You dropped your back pack on the floor and left it there. Your friend tripped on it and hurt his knee.



When everyone said you were out at four square, you didn't agree, but you said, "Well, okay, since you all say so."



When everyone said you were out at jump rope, you didn't agree. You said, "I am NOT going out, no matter what you say."



There is a new student in your class. You told her your name and showed her around the school.



A new student in your class was wearing funny looking shoes. You and your friends pointed at them and laughed.





At lunch you shared your cookies with everyone at your table. By the time you broke them into enough pieces they were just little chunks.



You had 3 cookies in your lunchbox. You gave one to your friend and told everyone else, "Too bad! You don't get any!"



You didn't have any snack today, and you were very hungry. You said, "It's okay. I can make it to lunch. I won't worry about it."



You were hungry but you didn't bring a snack. You know someone who always has one so you took it out of her backpack and ate it.



You saw somebody stuffing paper towels into the toilet. You told them to stop it. You said, "You need to make things better, not worse."



You and your friends thought it would be funny to plug up the toilets with paper towels. You plugged up two of them.



One of the teachers was carrying a bunch of books. It looked like she was going to drop some, so you ran over to help her.



You ran across the playground without watching where you were going. You ran into a teacher carrying a bunch of books and knocked her down.



During recess you and your friends pulled weeds out of the planters on the playground.



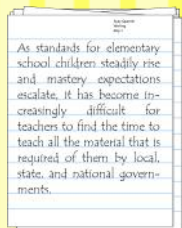
You heard someone call another person a name. You said, “That’s not a nice thing to say. You should be more careful with your words.”

One of the girls who is always picking on you fell down and cut her arm. You helped her to the bathroom and washed her cut.



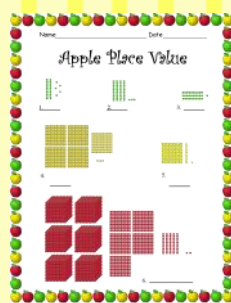
Someone ran into you and didn’t even say they were sorry. You told yourself, “I know it was an accident—he didn’t mean to hurt me.”

Your teacher asked you to collect some papers today. You were very careful to make sure you got everybody’s.



When it was time to go home, you were in the right spot at the right time, so your mom wouldn’t have to wait for you.

One of your classmates lost his math page. You helped him find it.



The teacher asked you to take a paper up to the office. You went there quickly and quietly, and came back without playing around.



Name _____ Date _____

Tally Marks ~~||||~~

Did the children follow the Golden Rule?

YES ☺

NO ☹

