

## Dinner Dilemmas

To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

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| <p><b>July</b></p> <p><b>Patriotism</b></p><br><p><b>Demonstrating<br/>allegiance to<br/>one's country.</b></p> | <p>Week 1 Situation: Sam and his friends are riding their bikes in the neighborhood. Many of the neighbors have American flags placed on their lawn for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Sam sees his friends knock over flags with the wheels of their bikes.<br/>Dilemma: On the one hand should Sam be offended, but say or do nothing? On the other hand should Sam tell his friends the significance of flying the American flag?<br/>Discussion: What advice would you give Sam?</p> | <p>Week 2</p> <p>Situation: Sue's classmates are standing for the Pledge of Allegiance during morning announcements. Sue sees a new student not standing with the others.<br/>Dilemma: On the one hand should Sue say something to the new student? On the other hand should Sue say nothing and let it go?<br/>Discussion: What advice would you give Sue?</p> |
|   | <p>Week 3</p> <p>Situation: There is a patriotic parade marching down the main street on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The crowd is cheering for the local heroes. Sam hears his friends booing the heroes.<br/>Dilemma: On the one hand should Sam boo with his friends? On the other hand should Sam stand up for the heroes and cheer anyway?<br/>Discussion: What advice would you give Sam?</p>  | <p>Week 4</p> <p>Situation: Sue hears her friends singing a patriotic song, but they change the lyrics to be funny and disrespectful.<br/>Dilemma: On the one hand Sue is offended, should she say something? On the other hand should Sue say nothing about what they were doing?<br/>Discussion: What advice would you give Sue?</p>                          |

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to be sent home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.