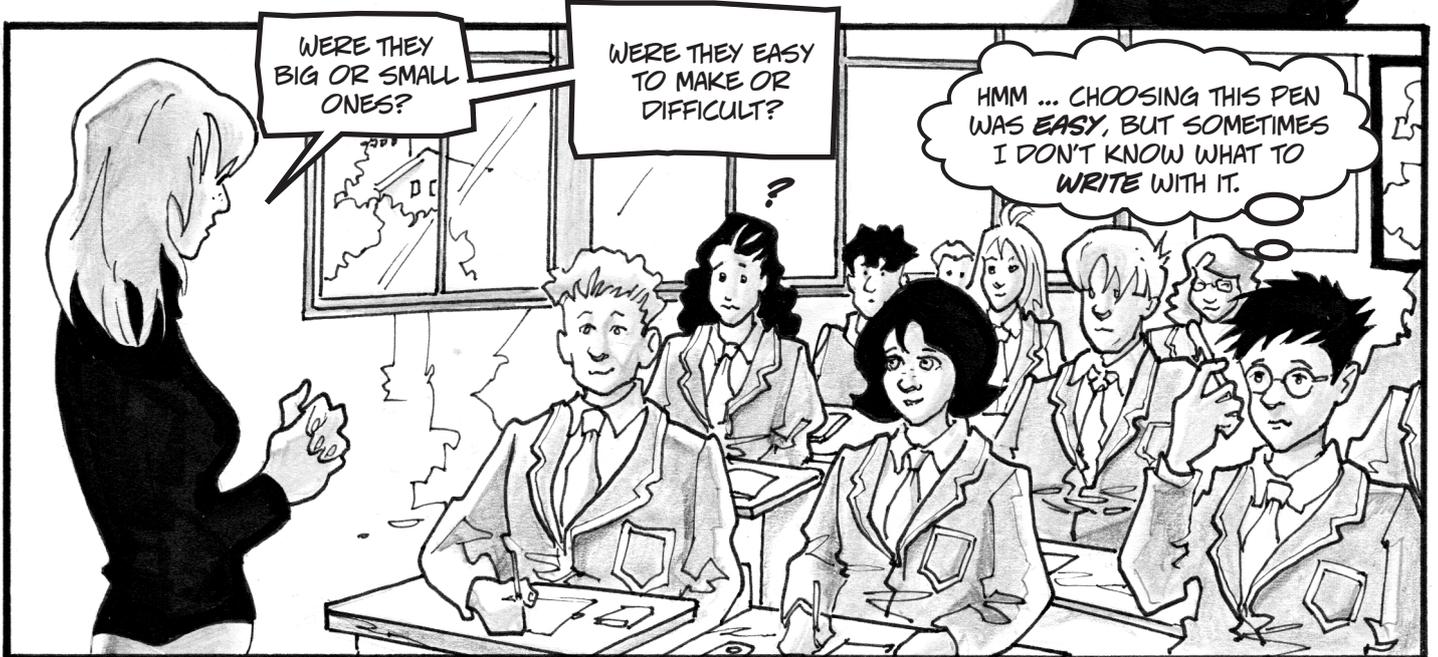


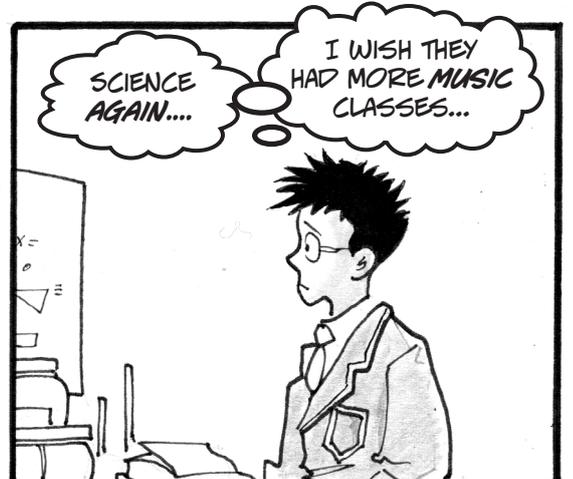
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# We Make DECISIONS and They Make Us

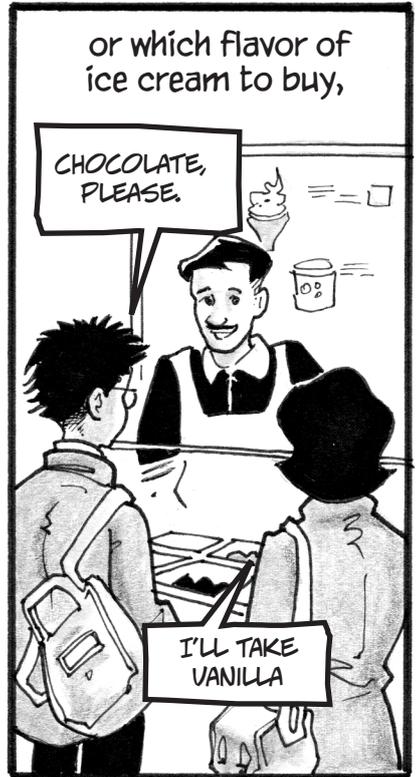
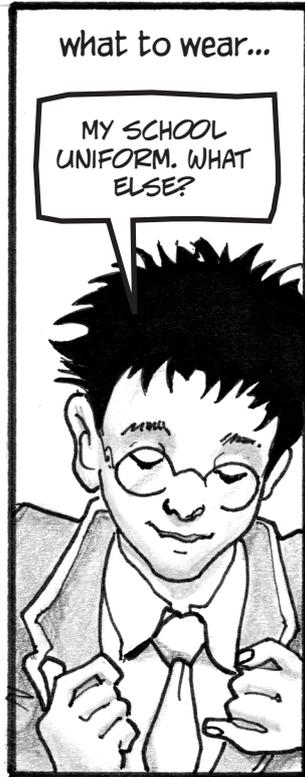
HOW MANY DECISIONS HAVE YOU MADE SO FAR TODAY?



Were there things you had to do today that you didn't have a choice about?



Decisions are part of your everyday life.



...but inevitably you will be faced with decisions that can be difficult to make. Some decisions can be challenging to make,



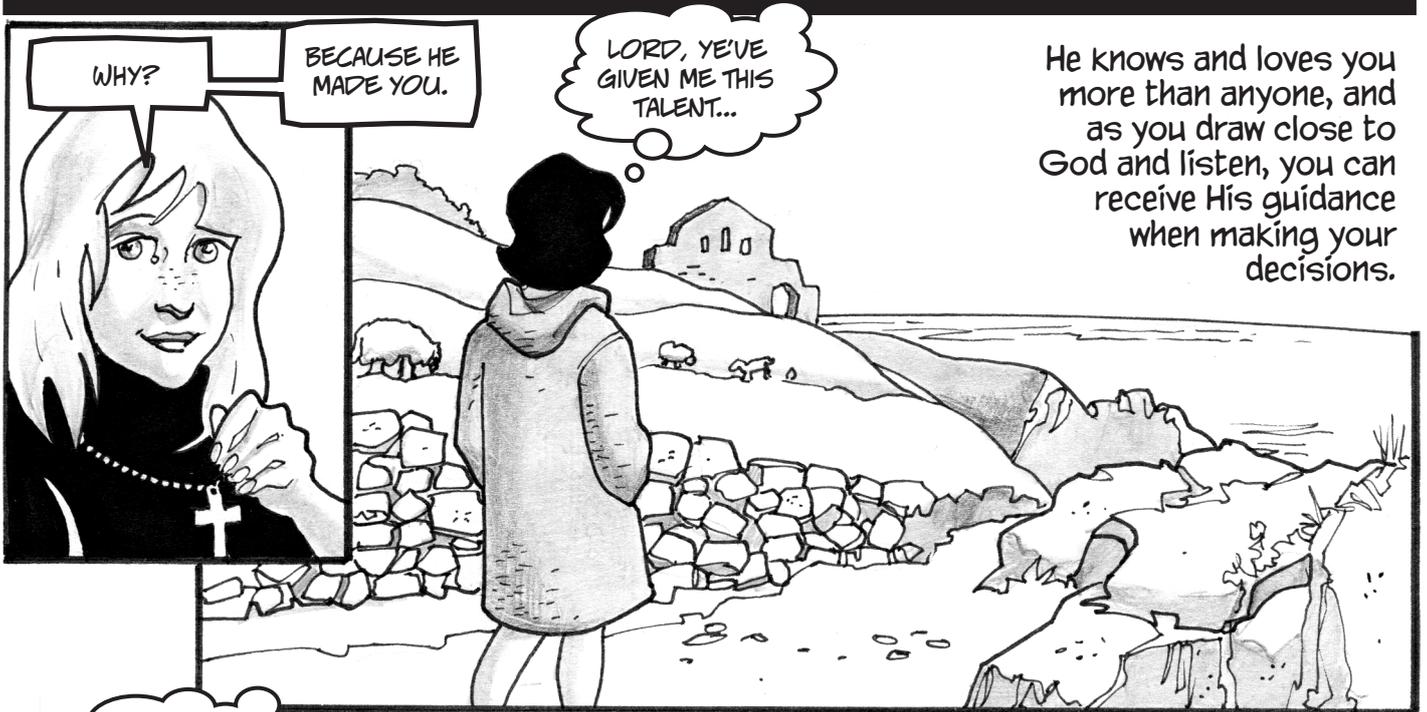
A good decision is one that is ultimately good for you.



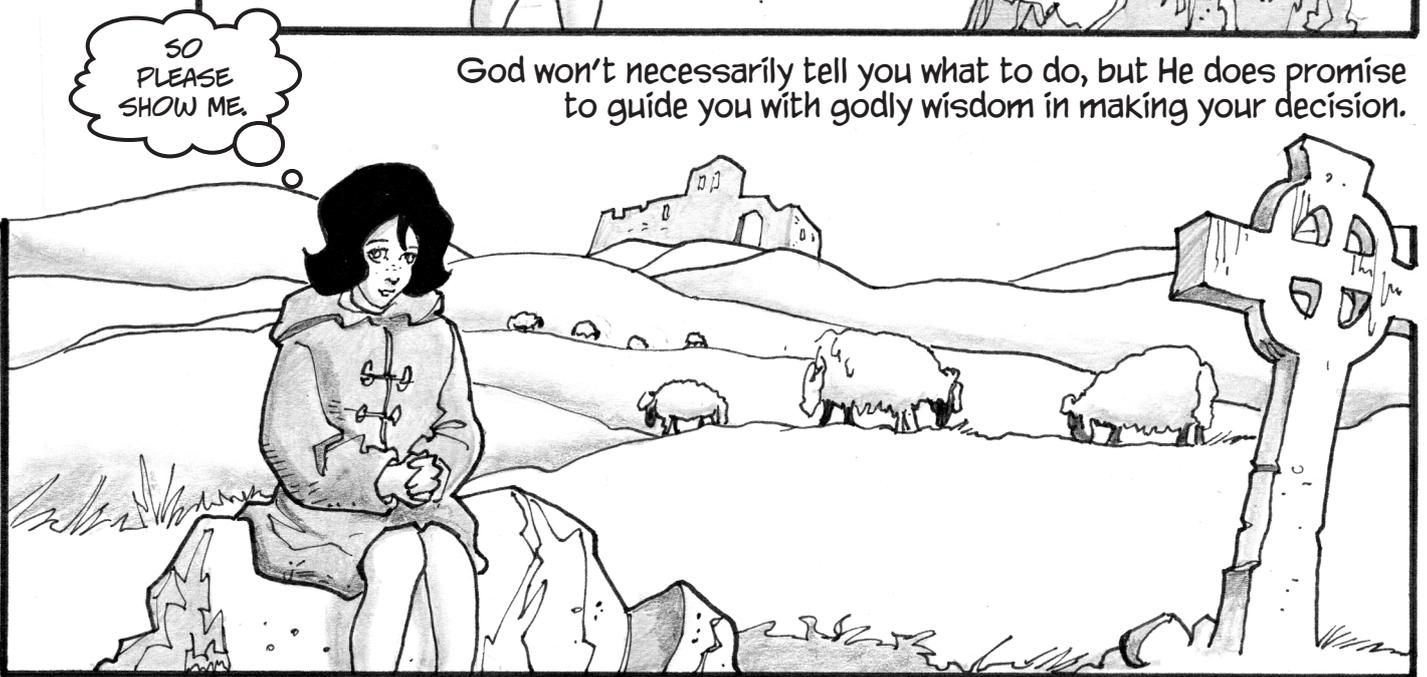
Fortunately, most of us have family, teachers, and friends who have our best interest at heart.



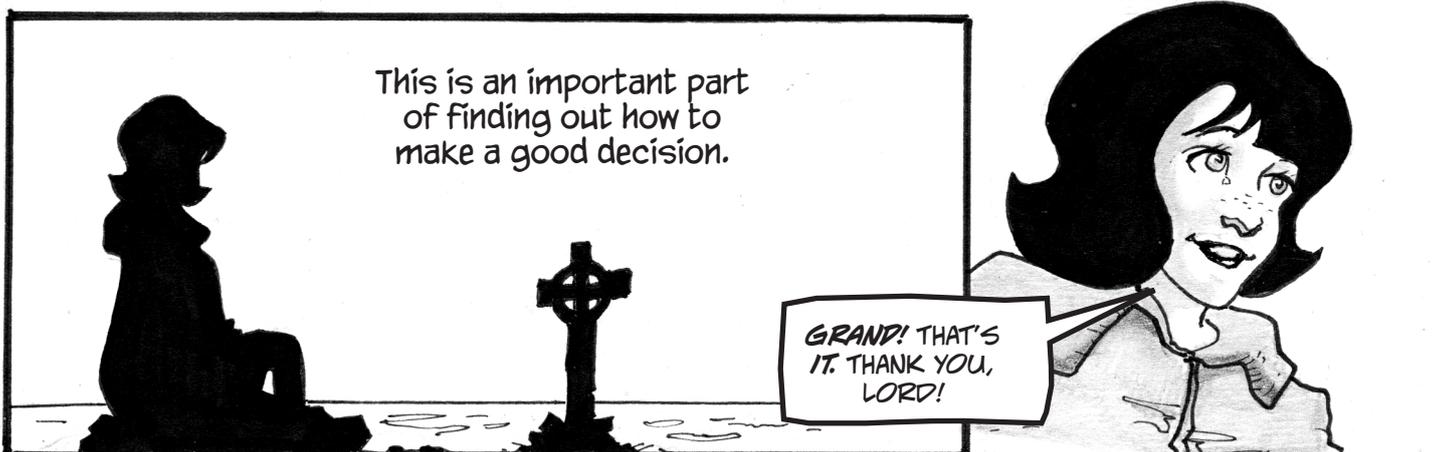
And it gets even better:  
**GOD UNDERSTANDS YOU.**



He knows and loves you more than anyone, and as you draw close to God and listen, you can receive His guidance when making your decisions.



God won't necessarily tell you what to do, but He does promise to guide you with godly wisdom in making your decision.



This is an important part of finding out how to make a good decision.

GRAND! THAT'S IT. THANK YOU, LORD!

There is a lot to learn about decision-making, but for now let's begin with a few steps as the foundation:

## WHAT CAN YOU DO

- Include your parents (or a teacher, a mentor, etc.) in your decisions. Ask them for advice. They have your best interest at heart and will do their best to help you find a solution that is best for you.
- List pros and cons to the options of your decisions. Sometimes seeing the obvious good outweighing the negative can make the right choice easy enough.
- Look beyond the moment. Because it is easy for emotions to play a part in decision-making, try to think of how things might be or what you might need a little bit down the line. If you can step back a little, you can sometimes gain a broader perspective of what decision might be better for you in the long term.
- Your heavenly Father also knows you best. You are important to Jesus. You can talk to Him as you would a close friend at any time, and you can share your thoughts and fears with Him without shame. Ask Jesus for the things you need, show Him your gratitude for what you have, and listen to His guidance.

## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:



"Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength."  
(Proverbs 8:14 KJV).

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."  
(James 1:5 KJV).

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."  
(Jeremiah 33:3 KJV).

### Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> [Frank W. Boreham](#)