



Games or Tools for Deciding

When you have to decide between "This" or "That" and they both look good, how can you tell which one to choose? Do you use the old playground rhymes to decide who is IT?

— Point to each choice and say, "

Eeny, meeny, miny, moe,

Catch a tiger by the toe.

If he hollers, let him go,

Eeny, meeny, miny, moe!"

Then do it again and again until only one choice is left?

Or have you used this one? Everyone stands in a circle, sticking out their fists, and one person taps each fist as they say;

One potato, two potato, three potato, four,

Five potato, six potato, seven potato o'er.

The fist that got "o'er" is OUT. Or sometimes IN. It depends on how you use it to decide.

Do you know some other Counting-Out games or rhymes?

But what if you have to choose between doing something bad like playing a trick on the teacher, or lying to someone, or telling the truth? What can you do to decide then?

What if some kids invite you to come steal with them, or break things at a neighbour's house. Other kids invite you to come to Bible Club after school. How will you decide now? Which invitation will you accept?

The rhymes to choose "It" for a game will not work here.



Jesus said, "*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth.*"

If you have asked Jesus to be your Saviour, then Jesus has prayed to the Father to give you a special Counselor or helper forever. This is the **Spirit of Truth**. So whenever you need help to decide what to do

in a hard situation, you don't have to remember a nursery rhyme. Just whisper a prayer, "Lord, help me to see which is the truth; what is the right choice?"

Think over your choices and ask yourself; Is there a lie or a sin in one of the choices? - Then that one is OUT.

Is there another choice that has a bit of sin in it? - Then that one is OUT next.

Is there a choice left that has only truth and peace in it? - That's the one you ought to choose!

This is a very reliable Tool or help for making all your decisions. (Save the rhymes for deciding whose turn it is to be IT in your games on the playground).

The Gift Jesus asked the Father-God to give you is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings Jesus, and God into your life. When they are in your heart, you have a desire and longing for TRUTH and PEACE.

The Holy Spirit will help you to recognize what is true and what is not in the decisions you have to make. You must stop and become still so you can hear what the Holy Spirit is telling your heart when you must make hard decisions. Just try it and see!