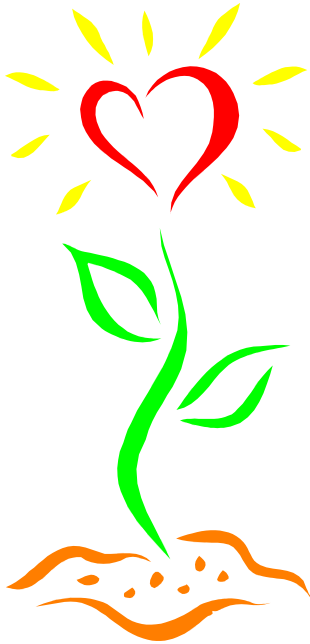


# Listen to your Conscience



## You will need:

Large Black cardboard sheet – background

Cut out a large heart (I have often used yellow for this example though didn't use yellow on my prompt sheet as it isn't a strong colour for printing)

Cut out the pale orange, orange, green and red circles for the Conscience signals

Cut strips of paper (same colour as heart)

Prepare all the paper pieces before you sit down with your children

## Refer to:

Live life with your Kids Newsletter 011 –

- What motivates your Children?
- Conscience Prompt Chart

With the blank background sheet in front of you talk to the children about Ps 119:11 “Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I may not sin against Thee”. Introduce the heart – stick it down. Ask the children what are some of God’s Words that they have in their hearts that stop them from sinning. Write what they say on the strips of paper and stick onto/into the heart.

Introduce their conscience/robot – he searches their hearts to find out if they know what is the right thing to do. Remind them of all the lessons you have taught them is the information so that they know that there is stuff in their heart. I use a small torch beam as the robot, searching up and down, across and around their heart looking for something, when He find it the torch flashes on that one aspect as if to say “this is the way, this is the way”.

This robot is that still small voice that they can hear – if they listen – whenever they have to make decisions.

Pale Orange – Prompting you to do the right thing

Orange – Warns you that you are thinking of ignoring what is right

Green – Commends you for making a good choice and carrying it out

Red – Condemns you (you feel guilty) because you made the wrong choice and did wrong

As I introduce each task of the Conscience I stick down that circle.  
You are now set up to give an example of how this all works. Give your children a scenario where they have to make a decision on how to act.

**Work through what goes on inside their heart – it goes something like this...**

The conscience robot goes searching for the right thing to do –  
It finds it  
(Torch flashes)

It then **Prompts** you to do the right thing  
(Torch flashes on the pale orange Prompt)

You have a choice –  
You can listen to the still small voice – or not...

If you don't listen and you start to ignore the right way,  
your conscience will **Warn** you  
(Torch flashes on the orange Warn)

If you change your mind or choose the right way  
then your conscience/robot will **Commend** you – a little pat on the back  
(Torch flashes on the green Commend)

But if you don't change your mind and  
you go ahead with the wrong choice you  
will feel guilty inside your heart –  
that is because your conscience/robot is  
**Condemning** you  
(Torch flashes on the red Condemn)

Once your children are taught to listen to  
their conscience, there will be times that  
you can point out their internal struggle –  
Will I? / Won't I? Your children' will  
now have something tangible to work  
with. Are they going to listen to their  
conscience? What will it say?

