

# VIRTUE SCENARIOS SHEET 2

## THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

### FORTITUDE

Jonah was tired when he got home from basketball practice, but he still had a lot of homework to finish. He decided to go to bed instead of finishing his homework. When he got to school in the morning, Jonah copied his friend's homework answers so he would not get a missing assignment. His parents had already warned him that he would not be able to play in his basketball game if he missed another assignment.

- 1) What could Jonah have done differently if he had practiced the virtue of fortitude?

Tamara wanted to be the lead in the school play. She thought she was a great actress so she didn't bother practicing her lines for the audition. Another student earned the lead role because she practiced and remembered the lines. Tamara got a different role in the play. She was upset and decided to quit the play since she did not get the lead role.

- 2) What could Tamara have done differently if she had practiced the virtue of fortitude?
- 3) How can the virtue of fortitude help us to more fully recognize, appreciate and respect the gifts God has given us?

### JUSTICE

Aaliyah was sitting at lunch with her best friends when they noticed another classmate being made fun of by some of the boys in their class. Aaliyah's best friends joined in and laughed at the classmate, too. Aaliyah felt badly for the classmate, but she did not want her friends to be mad at her if she told them to stop. So, she started making fun of the classmate.

- 1) What could Aaliyah have done differently if she had practiced the virtue of justice?

Owen was trying to earn money to buy a new gaming system that all of his friends had. He decided to start cutting grass for his neighbors. They agreed to pay him \$20.00 each time he mowed the lawn. His elderly neighbor, Mrs. Smith, paid him right before he was about to cut her grass. He thanked her and continued to mow her lawn. When he was finished, she came back out to pay him again. She forgot she had already paid him. Owen was about to tell her the truth, but he decided not to. He really wanted a new gaming system, so he thanked her and kept the money.

- 2) What could Owen have done differently if he had practiced the virtue of justice?
- 3) How can the virtue of justice help us to more fully recognize, appreciate and respect the gifts God has given us?