



## What “Should We” Do? Reflecting on a big decision.

LE # 5.A1

In this activity, your family will get to know what “should we” questions are and reflect on all the daily decisions you make. Asking and making decisions about “should we” questions is something that all people do as a part of their everyday lives, but we might not always think about them very much. In this activity use the following prompt to explore some big decisions. You can just have a conversation about each question or write one decision on a piece of paper and then compare them afterwards.

### Example Decision

<b>Big decision or event that has impacted your family.</b> <i>Having grandpa move in with us.</i>					
How did the need to make the decision come to be? What led up to it?	What values guided your decision?	How did the place you were or lived when you made this decision impact it?	What were the different options considered? Why was this the best decision to make?	Who else was impacted by the decision and how?	How did the decision impact you in the future? What did it change in your life?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandpa was getting old and needed help doing his daily things.</li> <li>• Grandpa was feeling lonely because grandma passed away.</li> <li>• Parents were worried about him and so were our aunts and uncles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family responsibilities are very important to us.</li> <li>• Being kind and taking care of elders is important.</li> <li>• Having multiple generations in one house strengthens our identity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had enough extra space so grandpa could have a room of his own.</li> <li>• We lived far enough away from him that daily trips to check on him and help him was expensive, time consuming, and used too much gas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We considered different family members grandpa could go live with.</li> <li>• We considered having grandpa move closer to us so he could keep his own place.</li> <li>• We considered a place where grandpa would live with other people his own age.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our aunts, uncles and cousins because they come to our house more, but they have to travel further to see him.</li> <li>• Grandpa used to visit with neighbors in his old neighborhood and he can't anymore. They miss him.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have grandpa as part of our everyday life and he is happier.</li> <li>• We hear stories about his life.</li> <li>• We have a garden now because grandpa loves plants.</li> <li>• We spend more money on and eat different foods.</li> <li>• Our energy use has increased.</li> <li>• We keep our toys off the floor more so grandpa won't trip.</li> </ul>
<b>How did the natural world shape this decision or is impacted by this decision?</b> We didn't really think about this when we decided. We realize though that now grandpa has more places to walk but also our energy impacts are different. Also, our food and water consumption is different. Grandpa also notices birds and plants more than we did so we pay attention more too.					

