

The Genius Golden Rule

Discussion Questions

The following questions were written for a middle/high school audience but can easily be adapted for use with elementary aged students.

1. **Why do you think the Golden Rule is considered the number one skill to promote peace?**

Possible answers: If we treated everyone like friends, it would solve many conflicts. It uses love to conquer hate. It has the power to turn enemies into friends.

2. **What would your life be like if you lived by the Law of Reciprocity (treating people the way they treat you)?**

Possible answers: You would be unhappy because other people would be in control of your emotions. You might make more enemies than friends.

3. **Why is it important to treat your enemy like a friend?**

Possible answers: If you treat your enemy like an enemy, they will like you less.

Follow up questions:

If you treat your enemy like an enemy, will they want to...

- ... Hate you OR like you?
- ... Be nice to you OR fight you?
- ... Leave you alone or mess with you?

If you treat your enemy like a friend, will they want to...

- ... Hate you OR like you?
- ... Be nice to you OR fight you?
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The following are sample questions from [Jeff's Live DVD Program](#).

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