

The Hidden Virtue (Part 1)

Name: _____

We need prudence to live all the other virtues. Prudence helps us know what is right so that we can choose the good and make good decisions.

Remember, these are hypothetical situations.

1. You were invited to a sleepover. You heard that one classmate was left out on purpose. That classmate was very sad. So you are not sure if you want to go to the sleepover.

- What virtue are you striving to live out?

Justice or charity

- How can you use prudence to know what the right thing to do is?

Ask your parents what to do; pray.

- What do you think the prudent choice would be in this situation?

Answers may include not go to the sleepover, ask the classmate to include the one who was

left out, and talk to the parent.

The Hidden Virtue (Part 2)

2. You are always making bad decisions, so things are not going well for you. You are getting bad grades, being punished, losing everything, and not getting along at home or with any of your friends.

- What virtue do you need to trust that things really can turn around for you?

Hope

- How can you use prudence to know what is right and to trust that God will help you?

Answers may include pray to God so that I will know how to change things and talk to a priest

or my parents about the hope that I need.

3. You are always standing up for what is right and telling others about God. But some kids in your neighborhood are making fun of you. They are even persecuting you by not including you in neighborhood games.

- What virtue do you need to help you persevere?

Fortitude

- How can you use prudence and know what the right thing to do is so you can make a good decision about how to handle the situation?

Answers may include ask parents for advice, discuss with others, and read stories about the

saints who were persecuted.

Look at the Virtue Tree on page vi of the Student Text. Why is prudence the center trunk of the tree?

We need prudence to know what is right in living out the other virtues.
