

DILEMMA

Imagine you are walking to a store with your friend Gia. She tells you that Kayla, a student at your school, stole money from the cafeteria and blamed Gia for it. As a result, Gia was suspended for two weeks and had to pay the money back.

As you and Gia walk into the store, you see Kayla. Gia pushes Kayla slightly and drops a pair of earrings into Kayla's purse. The alarm sounds once Kayla tries to walk out of the store. She is pulled aside by security for shoplifting, and they call the police. Kayla tells them that she is innocent, and that Gia dropped the earrings in her purse. Gia calls Kayla a liar and asks you to back her up.

If you tell the truth, Gia will get in trouble again and will face consequences from the law and her parents. Kayla will go unpunished for originally stealing money from the cafeteria. If you do not tell the truth, Kayla will finally be punished for stealing, and Gia will have her revenge. However, you may be committing a crime by lying to the police officers, and Kayla's punishment will be more severe than it would have been for stealing money in the cafeteria. The police arrive and ask for your version of the story. What do you say?

VALUES AT PLAY: loyalty, honesty, rule of law, compassion