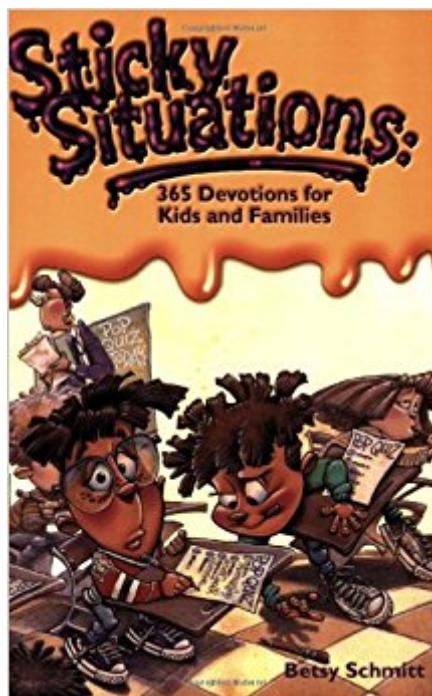


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# Sticky Situations: 365 Devotions For Kids And Families



## **Synopsis**

Sticky Situations is a devotional book for families with children ages 8 to 12 that offers short readings for each day of the year. Each reading begins with a kid who is facing a moral dilemma and ends with multiple-choice solutions for the family to discuss. Often there is more than one acceptable course of action to take. Parents will find tips in the back of the book that interpret the various choices made by the children and offer follow-up questions for further discussion on each topic. Scripture references are provided to give biblical insight into each situation. Sticky Situations is a great discussion starter that will give parents the chance to share their own values with their children.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sometimes life gets sticky, doesn't it? R-rated movies. Cheating on tests. Friends that look for trouble. There are all sorts of temptations that steer kids away from doing what's right. And there are many responses to these situations-some that will get kids in trouble and some that will glorify God. Together, parents and kids can read "365 Sticky Situations" to discuss what kids should do when faced with dilemmas that are not cut and dried. Each day's devotion includes a Sticky Situation, multiple-choice options for how best to handle the situation, and a Scripture reference to show what the Bible says. A separate answer section gives the ideal response and lists discussion questions

that will help you talk with your kids more about the situation. You won't be able to provide kids with all the answers they will need in life, but with "Sticky Situations, " you can give them a good start! Betsy Schmitt is a freelance writer who lives in Naperville, Illinois, with her husband, three children, and assorted critters. In addition to working on other kid-related products, Betsy has lived through many of her own sticky situations.

We really love this family devotion! Each entry is short and to the point, with more detailed questions in the back of the book if you want to divulge further. It has sparked some great conversations with our 7 year olds. I think that the age range for this book would be 6-10 years old. I think older kids would find some of the situations elementary and while a parent could use it as a base and take it further, it would require more prep time. I like that we can sit down and I can open it up and having never seen it before, jump right in.

Love this devotional. The situations presented each day are very realistic and applicable. My 9 year old and I read these every morning at breakfast. Quick, attention holding, applicable. I love how the pages are dated, so if we miss a day, we just keep going to the current date. This is a devotional we can use year after year because the situations are applicable to every age group, even parents! It's a keeper!

Great conversation starters on how to handle those tough choices are kids find themselves in sometimes. Scriptures support topic, and further discussion questions included in back of book.

Has wonderful relatable situations for every kid! Definitely helps me be able to give my son proper feedback when he has trouble at school. Love it!

The devotions are short, which CAN be nice if you are in a rush, but sometimes our children need extra time to talk about issues and what the bible has to say. This gives a scenario and then asks a multiple choice question, most of the time they are ridiculously obvious. My son always knows right away what the answer is. I have some issues with the scenario's in the book, yes, it touches on life issues (being introduced to drugs, stealing) but they are short and not very thought provoking. Even the extra questions in the back of the book are so obvious. I was hoping the stories would be longer and it would be a real conversation starter, instead it takes literally one minute to get done with the devotion for the night. It leaves me, more to be desired. Bedtime for us isn't usually a rush rush go

to bed thing, nor are they just a child only thing, I like to read them with him. I am going to look for another devotional for boys. Maybe a more realistic one. My issue with the book is that scenario-wise the book is for probably young teens/preteens, but the answers in the book are elementary. My son is 9 and when we read a devotion, the answers are so obvious, that even if the scenario's don't fit into his life, he knows what the correct answer is. At 9, thankfully, he hasn't been introduced to drugs, but when asked the question "Should Jerry sniff the whiteout that his friend Scott is sniffing?" A) he should take one sniff and then say he didn't like it b) he should tell Scott that he isn't feeling well, so maybe another time? c) should he should say "no thanks" and go right home to tell his parents that Scott is sniffing whiteout or d) take the whiteout from Scott and use it for correcting mistakes on his next paper. This isn't a quoted scenario from the book, just an example....but you get the jist of it. I think the scenario's could be better & longer (it reminds me of a test you take in elementary school), the questions afterward could be better, too. Will find another book.

We have been using Sticky Situations for a few months now and our kids love it. Our children are ages 6 & 11. The devotions are perfect for older elementary and middle school children, however, my 6 year old also loves to help figure out the solution to the problem. The book always gives one answer to the solution, but sometimes in real life, there may be more than one answer. This is a great opportunity for parents to jump in and guide kids in the way they should go. I love how the book brings up topics (like dating), that may not be on the mind of a parent of a middle schooler, but the kids are already on that page and ready to go. (kudos to the author!) GREAT discussions have come about as a result of this book. One thing to note, this book is a wonderful and fun tool to draw us to scripture to figure out life's sticky situations, but nothing is a substitute for diving deep into the Word of God every day.

The purpose of teaching our children about morals and values is to equip them with the ability to make good choices. The key word here is not "good choices." The key word is "MAKE." How are we to be successful in this if they do not have opportunities to MAKE good choices? This is why I love this book. The book plays out different real life scenarios, and then leaves your child to decide what the best choice to handle the situation is. The multiple choice layout is great. The author not only includes a worse and best choice option, but also choices that may be acceptable, yet not the best. I love how this book gets my children thinking. I gave the book 5 stars with no reservations at all.

We wanted to help guide our children in making good ethical choices and this book has helped tremendously. Pages are divided by days of the year - some relating vaguely with calendar events (school starting, summer camp, etc) most work with any situation. Each day has a short scenario where the child has to make a decision and can choose from the multiple choice items as well as turn to the biblical reference. We follow up the discussion with questions about what might happen next, what impact this situation might have later, and /or (depending on scenario) how might this fictional character keep from getting into this situation the next time. Bottom line - my kids love it, they remember the stories and they are learning to see the world through God's eyes.

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