

# Virtue Cards

## Attitudes and Actions of Excellence Games

### Virtue Talk

**Virtues Talk is really a general category of games that promote talking about the Virtues detailed on the Virtue Cards and everyone gaining a common understanding of them. Here are the general rules, followed by specific “versions” of the game.**

- Determine how long you want to play, depending on where you are, who is playing, and how much time you have. For best results, 30 - 45 minutes is suggested. You can always cut it short or keep going longer if you want.
- Determine what role each player will have. Many versions designate one person as the Leader and the others as Participants. Roles may rotate during play.
- Everyone agrees to respectfully listen to each other as they talk. Emphasis is on understanding each other’s perspectives and discussing them, not on challenging or proving someone “wrong”.
- Prepare ahead of time. Depending on the version being played, you may need to remove some cards from the deck(s). Also, Players may need other items like a Bible, pencil, or paper.

### Virtue Talk : Random Virtue

**This is great game for the dinner table or while driving in the car, when you want to have a meaningful discussion, but haven’t had time to prepare something ahead of time.**

**Players:** 1 Leader, 1 or more Participants

**Items:** 1 Deck (remove Supporter cards)

The Leader draws a random card from the deck and reads the Virtue name. Starting to the Leader’s left; Participants take turns, each choosing to say something from one of the following categories about the Virtue:

- Give their best definition of the Virtue
- Name the Aspect and/or Focus of the Virtue

- Give an example of the Virtue from the Bible (a character, event, story, etc)
- Describe an example of the Virtue being used (or not) in their own life. If the Participant is a child, it should preferably something that happened recently. Adult Participants may wish to share something from their childhood.
- Give a made up (but realistic) example of the Virtue in action.

To make it a little harder, the Leader may require each Participant to choose a different category of thing to say.

Participant’s responses may or may not be correct. “*I don’t know*” is a perfectly legitimate response! After each Participant finishes what they have to say, the Leader can comment, clarify, or make suggestions about the Virtue and what the Participant has said. He may also open it up for all players to comment.

Once everyone has had a chance to contribute, the Leader begins again by drawing a new random card.

### Virtue Talk : Bible Search

**This game is good for a child who wants/needs some practice finding verses in the Bible, especially as they relate to the Virtues.**

**Players:** 1 Leader, 1 Participant

**Items:** 1 Deck (remove Supporter cards)

The Leader draws a random card from the deck or finds a specific Virtue card(s) as desired.

The Leader hands the card to the Participant, who must read the Virtue name, definition, and Bible reference out loud, then quickly find the verse in the Bible. Upon finding the verse, the Participant reads the verse out loud.

Additionally, the Leader can require the Participant to perform one or more additional steps, such as writing some or all of the details of the Virtue using paper and pencil, finding additional verses about the Virtue on their own, etc.