

*Gisterhood Gleanths*

# Outreach Program

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# Chapter 18

## Choices and Consequences (Facilitator Narrative)

### 1. Chapter Overview

In the obsidian chamber, the Sisterhood Sleuths confront a painful dilemma: press forward to stop The Society’s activation plan or turn back to attempt a rescue. With signals pointing toward the Olive House, the team follows carvings and shifting mechanisms deeper underground. They reach a room of rotating obsidian discs—a puzzle that doubles as a trap—while The Society closes in. Chloe balances empathy and resolve, guiding the team through fear and disagreement toward a focused choice: finish the mission to honor the sacrifices already made.

### 2. Core Life Lessons

- Leadership Has Weight: Every decision carries benefits, risks, and moral costs.
- Unity in Disagreement: Teams can argue and still stay loyal.
- Courage with Compassion: Strength means acting while honoring people’s feelings.
- Think Before You Move: Complex problems need calm strategy, not panic.

### 3. Character Focus

Chloe – Leads with empathy and clarity under pressure.

Lily – Voices raw grief, reminding the team of human stakes.

Gil – Strategic anchor; keeps the group grounded.

Mei – Decodes under stress; intellectual courage.

Thalia – Emotional stabilizer, defusing conflict with perspective.

### 4. Learning Discussion Prompts

1. What makes a decision ‘right’ when all choices feel costly?
2. How does disagreement help the team think more clearly?
3. What responsibilities come with leadership in crisis?
4. Why is honoring sacrifice an important part of purpose?
5. How does the rotating-disc puzzle mirror real-life choices?

### 5. Connection to Real Life

Teens often face high-stakes choices—peer pressure, digital ethics, safety for self and friends. This chapter models how to pause, weigh risks, and act with integrity while staying connected to the people affected by the decision.

### 6. Suggested Activities

- Rotating Disc Cipher: Students align three paper ‘discs’ (letters, symbols, numbers) to decode a hidden message about unity and courage.
- Decision Matrix: In groups, list options, consequences, and values; choose a course of action and defend it.
- Signal to Olive House: Create a short encoded direction using coordinates/symbols that a teammate must follow on a classroom map.
- Reflection Journal: ‘Write about a time a hard choice changed your path. What value guided you?’

### 7. Song Connection

Song: “Guardians of the Green”

Lyric tie-in: “When roots are shaken, we hold each other steady.”

The song underscores unity under stress—the team stays rooted in shared values even as the ground shifts beneath them.



# Student Worksheet – Ages 10–12



## Writing / Reflection

1. What hard choice did the Sleuths face in the chamber?
2. How did they show teamwork even when they disagreed?



## Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- Where did the signal point them next? (a) The Olive House
- What was the puzzle with moving parts? (b) Rotating obsidian discs
- What did Chloe do as a leader? (c) Kept everyone calm and focused



## Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Mini-Puzzle: Align these discs (A–Z, 1–26, shapes) so A=1=▲. Decode: 7–21–1–18–4–9–1–14–19  
→ GUARDIANS.



## Song Connection

Guardians of the Green – 'When roots are shaken, we hold each other steady.'

How do friends help you feel steady when life is hard?



# Student Worksheet – Ages 13–15



## Writing / Reflection

1. Why is disagreement a useful part of decision-making? Give an example from the chapter.
2. What does Chloe risk by choosing to move forward? What value guides her?



## Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- What do the rotating discs symbolize? (a) Choices with shifting consequences
- Who solves under pressure to unlock the mechanism? (b) Mei
- What principle keeps the team together? (c) Unity with respect for feelings



## Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Disc Cipher (A=1): 23–8–5–14 18–15–15–20–19 19–8–1–11–5 23–5 19–20–1–25

→ WHEN ROOTS SHAKE WE STAY.



## Song Connection

Guardians of the Green – 'When roots are shaken, we hold each other steady.'

Describe a time your group stayed steady during a challenge.



# Student Worksheet – Ages 16–18



## Writing / Reflection

1. Analyze the ethics of 'mission before rescue.' When is it defensible? Where is the line?
2. How does Chloe balance consequentialist outcomes with virtue-based leadership?



## Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- Why is the decision matrix a powerful tool here? (a) It surfaces trade-offs and values
- What does the Olive House represent symbolically? (b) Peace tested by reality
- How do consequence-aware choices build trust over time? (c) They show integrity and consistency



## Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Riddle Cipher: "I spin with your choices; align me with values and I reveal the path."

→ DECISION COMPASS.



## Song Connection

Guardians of the Green – 'When roots are shaken, we hold each other steady.'

How does shared purpose stabilize leadership during crises?

