Fact verses Values Scenario Skits

Cut the scenarios into strips and put them in a hat. Let the students choose one for each pair. Give them three minutes to come up with a skit around it, and ask them to perform it.

- Cindy is furious at Jane because Jane was boasting to the whole school that she was a faster runner than Cindy. While Cindy competes regularly on the track team, Jane has never raced.

- Oil companies began to drill in a deserted stretch of artic wilderness. Four people with “save the caribou” T-shirts snuck up to the giant structures, strapped some dynamite on the structures, snuck away, and lit the fuse.

- Hannah is outraged at Tim. Hannah is Muslim and doesn’t eat pork. As a joke, Tim gave her a spring roll full of chopped pork.

- Vincent stands outside an abortion clinic with a sign reading, “Abortion is Murder.” Heather walks through the picket lines and yells at Vincent, “Keep your laws off my body!”

- Andrew has found dead fish on the beach below his house for several years now. He is convinced that it is a result of the tailings from an old, historic copper mine up stream. Andrew confronts Dina, the head of the historical society, and claims that her dedication to protecting the site “as is” is polluting the stream. Dina argues, just as vehemently, that the fish die because of other pollutants in the stream and that the mine is not to blame.

- Sally and her family have been invited to a commitment ceremony of her childhood friend, Jenny. Jenny and her partner, Laura, have been dating for five years. Although Sally’s mother thinks Jenny is wonderful, she refuses to be present at “a gay marriage.”

- Zach and his coworker always argue over the size of their offices. Zach is convinced that his friend, Pet, has a bigger office. Pete maintains that it is the same size or even smaller than Zach’s.

- Ali had to stop and get out of his truck to call the police before he could continue clear-cutting a stretch of old growth trees. Lindsey had built a tree house in one of the trees as a protest so that it could not be cut down. When Ali arrived she refused to come down from the tree.

- Britney was walking down a busy street in her new fur coat when Tom and Kenny, wearing Animal Liberation T-shirts, jumped out of an alley and threw red paint on her fur. “Can’t get the blood out, can you?” they asked.

- At the town meeting in a little Vermont town, people were furious about the significant increase in taxes demanded by the local elementary school. The principal argued that the increase in taxes was almost solely due to the high cost of special education.
• Joey, an elk hunter, hates the new program reintroducing wolves in Idaho. He argues often with his friend Tina, who works for the Park Service, about the stupidity of reintroducing wolves when they’ve been absent for as long as anyone can remember. He’s afraid that the elk will suffer and that the wolves will simply become another large and sometimes dangerous pest.

• Sandra and her mother always argue after dinner. Sandra is convinced that everything should be recycled religiously to help save the planet. Her mother, Barbara, isn’t sure that there is, in fact, a global crisis at all. Even if there was, she is fond of saying, what would her small amount of trash or recycling really matter?