

# dead ends



Have you ever gone down a stinky alley that dead-ends? It's pretty scary. Well, life is full of lots of dead ends that can be just as scary. Gangs, bullying, trouble-making at school, and it's-only-wrong-if-I-get-caught-stealing.

Though they might seem fun at the time, dead ends can quickly put an end to your dreams. They will get you off track to big time blessings and opportunities. Hanging with a gang now might mean prison later. Causing trouble at school now will only cause trouble for your future. The good news is that your Bible gives you good direction on how to avoid these dead ends. You just have to have the guts to follow it. And, if you ever end up in a place that seems like there's no way out, Jesus will be there to help you. You can never be too lost for Him to find you!



**SHOW ME SHORTIE!** Look up these Dead Ends verses and write them down. Then ask yourself are they worth it?

## GANGS & PHONY FRIENDS PROVERBS 24:1



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## BEING MEAN MATTHEW 7:12



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## STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE AMOS 5:14



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### NO BUTS, JUST GUTS!

THE BIBLE is clear about how your conduct should be. And once you read it, you are responsible to follow it. Don't blame it on a friend, don't blame your actions on anyone. Have the guts to do what's right.



### YOU KNOW IT, DON'T BLOW IT

For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them.

II PETER 2:21



BE WISE. MEMORIZE.



# SHORTIE SHORT ANSWERS

Think about the today's lesson. Write down your own answers and thoughts.



What DEAD ENDS do you AND your friends have a hard time avoiding?

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Some dead ends seem fun for a time but the fun FIZZLES OUT. Name a few that have fizzled OUT on YOU.

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What dead ends make you feel BAD inside?

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Is following the Bible EASY or is it tough? Explain.

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