



## Applying our Shared Values

### The Lot

**“How was the movie?” Joe’s dad asked him as he picked him up in the parking lot. “Ok,” answered Joe. “I’m just sick of going to the movies. There isn’t anything else to do in this town.”**

**“You should try to think of other things to do then,” said Joe’s dad.**

**Joe turned on the radio and began to tap the beat out in his head as he and his father drove home in silence. There wasn’t much for them to talk about; they really didn’t do much together anymore. As they turned onto Hope Drive, Joe stared out the window.**

**“That place is so spooky, I wish it wasn’t there,” said Joe as he and his father drove by the abandoned lot.**

**“It used to be much worse,” said his father. “About 10 years ago, the city tore down the old house that was there. At least now it’s just an empty lot.”**

**“Well,” said Joe, “I still don’t like it. I mean everything else is so nice in around here, that old lot is just a bunch of weeds and dirt. Alonzo said the other day that he saw some scary looking kids hanging out down there.”**

**“Maybe you should stay away from there for now on,” said Joe’s dad as they continued their drive in silence....**

1. What are some problems that have been identified?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you think that Joe or his dad have any responsibility to solve these problems? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are two or three things that Joe and his father could do to help with the problems?