



Personal Responsibility

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Puppet Role Play, Point of View

By: The 4Rs



Puppet Role Play: Point of View

Note to the teacher:

This activity is an excerpt from The 4Rs™ [Reading, Writing, Respect & Resolution] Teaching Guide for Grade 1, Unit 3, Listening, p.38.

Time: 15 minutes

Materials: pair of puppets

In this activity, the puppets help the children apply the concept of point of view to real life situations.

Use the puppets to present a simple skit such as the following:

Jason: It's my turn to play with the Legos.

Carlos: No, I'm building something.

Jason: That's what you said yesterday. You play with the Legos everyday. It's not fair. I want a turn.

Carlos: Can't you see? I'm making a city. I've done all this work. But I'm not finished yet.

Pause the action. Ask the class, what's happening here?

Elicit that the two boys are having a conflict over the Legos. Explain that each has his own **point of view**.

What is Jason's point of view? How does he see the situation?

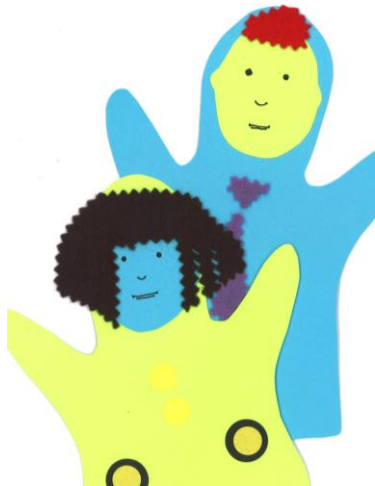


Puppet Role Play: Point of View

What is Carlos' point of view? Who do you think is right?

Elicit children's thinking. Point out that there isn't a clear right or wrong in this argument. Each character has a legitimate reason for his claim that he should get to play with the Legos. That's true in many conflicts.

Ask the class to give the boys suggestions about how they can solve their conflict. Let the characters mull over the ideas, discuss the pros and cons of several, and then choose one to act on. Complete the dialogue between the boys. Ask the class if they think the boys decided on a good solution.



Use the puppets to present other situations where the characters have a conflict and different points of view about the situation.

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