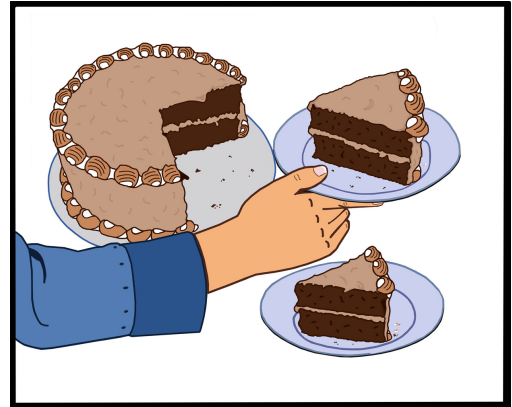


Creating TeRRiFiC Youth

Fairness

Fairness Guidelines to Live By:

- Treat all people fairly.
- Play by the rules.
- Be open-minded. Listen to others and try to understand what they are feeling and saying.
- Think before you decide.
- Clean up your own messes.



Our Fair Share

To demonstrate how to share, make a batch of cookies. Now ask your children to count the cookies. Discuss how to fairly divide up the cookies. For instance, a dozen cookies can be equally divided among 2, 3 or 4 children. However, what should they do if:

- There are 5 children and only 12 cookies; or
- Not everyone in the family is at home. Should they save some?

Quote

"It is not whether you win or lose,
it's how you play the game."

Unknown

Which of these Examples Shows Fairness?

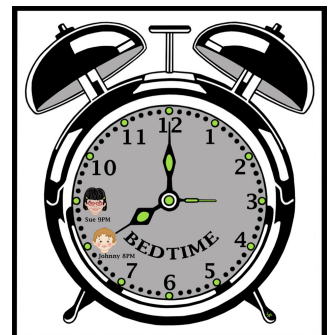
Yes No There are six cookies left. Sue is older so she decides to take four cookies.

Yes No Sue is 10 and Johnny is 7. Sue has a later bedtime.

Yes No Before playing a new game, you review the rules so that everyone understands how to play.

Yes No Sally wasn't paying attention so Jill decided to cut in line at the playground so she could go down the slide sooner.

Yes No When jumping rope, you let everyone have a turn before someone gets a second turn.



Fairness Activity

Egg Hunt - The Golden Egg

Depending on the size of the group, you will need at least 5-10 eggs for each person participating. Prepare at least five different colors, with one being golden (use glitter, paint, foil, etc.) Hide all the eggs, and give each person a bag or basket to place their eggs they have collected. Do not give any instructions, except to go ahead and find the eggs.

At the end of collection time, show a paper chart with the following points (or create your own point system):

Golden egg- Minus 1 point

All one color- 1 point

Most eggs- 1 point

5 of one color- 1 point

One of each of the 5 colors- 5 points

Least eggs - 10 points

Add up each person's points. Sit in a circle and discuss the following questions.

- Would you have collected eggs differently had you known ahead of time what the point value was for each color?
- Do you think it is important to know rules for what is expected up front?
- Did you think that a certain color or the golden egg would be of more value than the other eggs? Is that based on assumptions from other things you've learned in life?
- Do you think this activity is fair? Why or why not?

Lessons to learn:

- If you don't know the rules, you should ask what they are before playing a game.
- Make sure everyone knows the rules.
- Do NOT make up the rules as you go along.

Books to Read



- "Katie Did It" by Becky Bring McDaniel
- "It's Mine" - By Leo Lionni
- "No Fair" - By Carmen Holtzman and Marilyn Burns



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