

Family Fairness Skit

Distribute this skit to the five actors who will participate.

As the story begins, Ray, Kay, Fay and Jay are in a discussion and looking very sad. May comes by, obviously looking for something.

Jay: What are you looking for, May? Have you lost something?

May: Not really, I'm just looking for some fairness. I sure can't find any at my house!

Kay: I know what you mean. There's no fairness at my house either.

Ray: My little sister is my problem. She bugs me all the time! She won't stay out of my room. She's always into my stuff. She won't leave me alone. She follows me everywhere. She wears my clothes when she can get away with it. When she wore my Tweety Bird boxer shorts to the playground, it was the last straw!

Kay: With me, it's my older brother. He gets to do everything. I don't get to do anything. It isn't fair. He goes to the mall with his friends. I stay at home and watch fish swim in the goldfish bowl!

Jay: You think you have it bad? You don't live with my parents! They're so strict. I have to be in bed by 9:30 on school nights. I can't watch TV until my homework's done. They have to know where I am every minute. I have to limit phone calls to five minutes. I might as well be a monk on a mountain in Tibet! I'd have more privileges!

Fay: Parents are awfully hard to figure, aren't they? If my little brothers and sisters bug me and take my stuff, it's okay. But let me try to get back at them and I get in terrible trouble! I was grounded for three weeks for stuffing my pesky little brother's soccer ball into the microwave. I didn't mean to punch the start button!

May: Let's face it! We really have it rough at home. There must be some way we can find a little fairness in our families!

Family Fairness Worksheet

1. What was your group's character (Ray, Fay, Jay, May or Kay) in the skit experiencing? What was he or she feeling?
2. What was irritating him or her?
3. Why?
4. Why were the people mentioned in the skit doing those actions? What might they have been feeling or experiencing that caused them to irritate your actor?
5. What might your character or actor have possibly been doing that was contributing to, or even leading to the problem?
6. How could the fairness "do's" (treat everyone fairly; listen and understand others' feelings and statements; get all the facts; use rules consistently) help here? How would the idea that fairness means equity (applying rules consistently to circumstances that are the same) not equality (applying the same rules to everyone even when the circumstances are different for different people) affect this situation?
7. What can the actor do or say to help family members show fairness?
8. What situations have you experienced that are similar to those faced by this actor?
9. What can you do to help with the problem and show an example of fairness in your family?
10. What are you going to do differently at home this week?
11. Rewrite your character's lines for the skit, to show that he or she is ready to show fairness to others and solve the problem.

Write-Your-Own Skit

Rewrite your character's lines in this new skit. Show that your character is ready to show fairness to others and solve the problem.

Jay: What are you looking for, May? Have you lost something?

May: Not really, I'm just looking for some fairness. I sure can't find any at my house!

Kay:

Ray:

Kay:

Jay:

Fay:

May:

etc....