

Father's Day

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Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

Following Instructions

Aim

- To recognise that adults who care about us will give us instructions
- To reflect on how we respond to following instructions

Point to consider

Father's Day can be a particularly sensitive time. Some children may not have a father or a male caregiver, or the relationship with their father may be complicated or even distressing. You may wish to adapt the language of this assembly to reflect this, eg, 'adult who is important to you'.

Introduction

Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.

Slide 1 Ask for a selection of volunteers and play a quick game of 'Simon Says'. Be as playful and silly as you wish!

Let's make this game a little bit harder. You may wish to change volunteers. This time instead of saying 'do this' or 'do that', I want you to follow what I say, follow my instructions, and not copy my actions. *Play a few rounds, till a few pupils have made errors.*

Following instructions can sometimes be a little tricky.

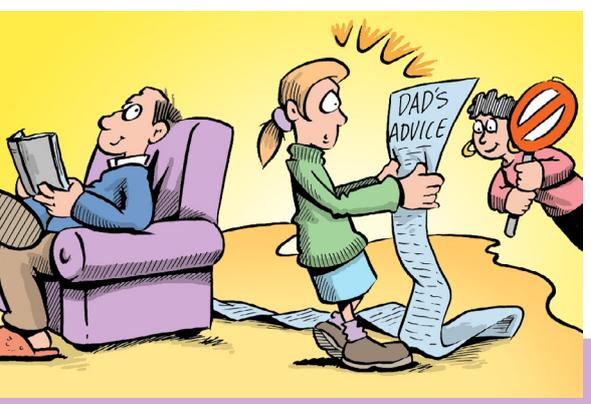
Main Talk

Slide 2 Every day we are being told what to do, and how to do it. What do these signs tell you to do? *Refer to images on slide. Take a variety of responses.*

Slide 3 Here are some instructions that you might hear. Who might say these things to you? **Click to reveal each phrase.** Take a variety of responses.

- Don't run.
- Hang up your coat.
- Tidy up.
- Eat your food.
- Go to sleep.
- Stop moving.
- Shh!

Most of the people who seem to tell us what to do are our parents or guardians, members of our family, and teachers. *Adjust if required to reflect the pupils' comments.*



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Slide 4 It might feel that every day all you hear is a list of things to do, or things to not do. And how do we feel when we are given these instructions? Refer to images on slide. Are we happy to do them? Or sometimes do we pull a face and don't feel like doing it? Are we angry? Or confused? Or can't be bothered!

Slide 5 But why do adults say these instructions to us? *Take a variety of responses.*

These adults give these instructions to you because they care about you, and want you to be safe, healthy, and happy. It might not always feel that way to you, especially if you'd rather be doing something else, but these instructions come from a place of love and care.

Christian Perspective

Slide 6 When Christians read the Bible, one reason is because they are looking for help to guide them through their lives. There are lots of instructions and advice in the Bible on how to live a better life. One part of the Bible has a message for children about the importance of listening to parents. 'My child, pay attention to what your father and mother tell you' (Proverbs 1:8 GNT). Why do you think it is important to listen to your parents or guardians? *Take a variety of responses.*

Challenge and Reflection

Slide 7 This Sunday is Father's Day. This is a good opportunity to think about and appreciate all the ways that adults care for us. Just remember that one way adults show they care is by giving us instructions. So the next time you are given an instruction - even if it's one you've heard hundreds of times before - what would be a good reaction to it? What face will you show? *Refer to images on slide.* Imagine how your adult will feel if you show them a positive attitude to their instruction - if you show a smile instead of a frown, or if you followed the instruction straight away instead of waiting till the last minute. How would they feel? *Take a variety of responses.*

As Father's Day approaches, take a moment and think of what you will do the next time you are given an instruction. What will you plan to do? How will it make your adult feel if you make it easier for them to give you an instruction? Wouldn't that be a nice way to help celebrate Father's Day?

Pause for a short reflection time.

Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.