

Situation Cards

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What would you do...?

One of the top reasons that new teachers leave the field of education is problems with classroom management. As the writer of a bestselling book on management, *You Can't Teach a Class that You Can't Manage*, I answer many questions a year related to this topic. One component of children learning self-control is how they react in specific situations. What would you do... situation cards were created to start conversations about everyday occurrences that young children may find challenging. They can be used for whole group or small group discussions, as writing cards or with individual children. Ask children to expand on the situation written on each card. Ensure that children know appropriate responses to situations that they may encounter and are not sure what they should or can do. These cards can be a valuable activity for Character Education programs along with creating opportunities to discuss "what should you do"...with young children.

The cards are formatted to print on Avery or compatible Business Cards (2"X3 1/2" - #8371). When printing the cards choose the "Actual Size" option in the Page Size and Handling section of the Print... properties to ensure proper alignment. You can also print on paper, cut them apart and then laminate or glue them onto index cards for more durability.

A friend left a toy at your house and it is one that you really want...

You break a toy that doesn't belong to you...

You find money in your grandmother's house...

You find money at the park...

You go to visit a relative and you think that their house smells funny...

You go shopping with a friend and you see gum that you really want but you have not money...

Your parents say, "No television on school nights" ...

A friend asks you to sneak food out of your house for him...

Dad left the keys in the car...

Your aunt gives you a sweater and you really don't like it...

Someone on the
playground is crying and
you don't know why...

A student in the class has
a mess all over the floor
and it is spreading to
your space...

You lose the adult you
are with in a store...

You love going in the car
with your older sister
/brother but they always
drive way too fast...

Someone cuts in front of
you while you are
waiting in line...

You want to play with a
friend, but they are
playing with someone
else...

You agree to play catch
with someone but they
can't catch the ball...

Other students tease you
about the way you look...

You find candy on the
playground and it is still
in the wrapper...

Your uncle leaves his
motorcycle in the
driveway and you want
to sit on it...