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Civics 4 Kids!

Good Citizenship



A good citizen is a person who follows their community's laws, respects property owned by others, and is concerned about their family, friends, and neighbours.



It's important to have a positive attitude and behave in a way that shows you care about your community. You can be a good citizen by following the rules in school, respecting your family, friends, classmates and teachers, and taking care of the people you love.

Attitude: A personal feeling of one's self-worth, abilities, and expectations that is influenced by society, community, family, and friends and may be reflected in your behaviour.

Behaviour: An action that is taken by an individual. Your behaviour is a choice.

Ownership: The person or business to whom property belongs. It is also a way to show you care about your community, by keeping it clean and caring for the people in it.

Try thinking about what a good citizen would do in the following situations and circle the actions below that you think they would do.

Situation 1 – *In the bathroom at school, you see your classmate drawing on the wall.*

- Tell your teacher
- Draw with them
- Ask them nicely to stop
- Pretend you didn't see

Situation 2 – *On the street near your house/apartment, you see your neighbour fall on the ground.*

- Tell your parent/family member
- Ask them if they're okay or need help
- Ignore them

Situation 3– *On the playground at school, you see a student bullying another student.*

- Tell the playground supervisor
- Tell them it's not nice
- Ask them nicely to stop
- Pretend you didn't see

Situation 4– *In the hallway at school, you see an empty juice box on the floor.*

- Leave it there
- Pick it up and throw it in the garbage
- Pick it up and throw it in the recycling bin



Discussion Points

- It is important to be a good citizen because...

Answer Key

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It is okay if the child does not know the answers, and you can help them by talking through the answers below.

Situation Selection:

Situation 1 - Answers may vary. It is best if students tell the teacher or ask them politely to stop if they're comfortable doing so. Students should not draw with them or pretend they didn't see. Explain that writing on the walls at school is vandalism and should not be done, and keeping your school clean is part of being a good citizen.

Situation 2 - Answers may vary. It is best if students tell their parent/family member (or anyone who is home). If their family knows the neighbour and it is safe to do so, they may ask the neighbour if they are okay and let them know they are going to get help. Students should not ignore them because they may be injured and need medical assistance. Explain that caring for your neighbours is part of being a good citizen.

Situation 3 - Answers may vary. It is best if students tell the playground supervisor (or teacher) and ask them nicely to stop if they're comfortable doing so. Students should allow the adults to deal with the bully after they have intervened and told the playground supervisor and they should never pretend they didn't see. Explain that bullying is more likely to stop if someone intervenes (gets involved) and we should not accept bullying. If you are uncomfortable intervening when it is happening, tell an adult who can help you. Explain that bullies have often been bullied themselves (are victims of bullying), and it is important to help stop the cycle of bullying (if you are bullied, it is important not to take that anger and then bully others, instead, you should seek support from friends, family, teachers, community supporters, counsellors, and so on).

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Situation Selection:

Situation 4 - Answers may vary. It is best if students pick it up and throw it in the recycling bin. Explain that a juice box is made of paper and plastic and is recyclable, so it should not be thrown in the garbage or left on the floor, which encourages more littering. Explain that even if it is not your juice box, keeping your school clean and leading by example are part of being a good citizen.

Discussion Points:

It is important to be a good citizen because...

Answers will vary but may include because it's the right thing to do, it's important for everyone to do their part to make the world a better place, if we all do our best we can make a difference, it's important that our friends, family and community are taken care of.