## Let's Talk About Consent

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Consent Lesson

#### Questions This Lesson Will Answer

- What are boundaries?
- What is consent?
- What is bodily autonomy?
- How can I ask for consent?

#### Boundaries

- Boundaries are limits you set for yourself.
- It's about doing what you're comfortable with!
- It's also about respecting other people's boundaries.

## Examples of Boundaries

- How close people can be to our bodies
- What body parts are OK to touch
- What activities we want to participate in
- What information to share
- The words and phrases we use

# Why do you think boundaries are important?

## Why are boundaries so important?

- Boundaries show others how we want to be treated
- Respecting other people's boundaries show that we care
- We don't want to do things that make other people feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Boundaries and consent go together

Get Ready

OHave you heard of "consent"?

OHave you heard of "bodily autonomy"?

OWhat do you think they mean?

### Consent for Kids Video



OWhat did you think of the video?

ODoes consent seem like an easy thing to do?

Reflection

## **Bodily Autonomy**

- Bodily autonomy means that you're in charge of your body
- No one else can tell you what to do with your body
- Consent is all about bodily autonomy!

#### Consent

- Consent means agreeing to do something.
- In relationships, we give consent and ask for consent every day!

## How do you ask for consent?

- Ask
- Wait
- Watch and listen for the answer
- Respect the answer

## Examples of How to Ask for Consent

- "Would you want to...?"
- "Is it okay if we...?"
- "Is this alright with you?"
- "Can I...?

## How to Tell if Someone is Consenting

#### Words

- "Yes!"
- "Let's do it!"
- "Alright"
- "Sure!"
- "OK"

#### **Body Language**

- Nodding
- Giving a thumbs up
- Motioning toward an activity

## How to Recognize a No

#### Words

- "Stop"
- "No thanks"
- "Not right now"
- "Please stop, I don't like that."
- "I feel uncomfortable."
- "Maybe another time."
- "I don't know"

#### **Body Language**

- Shaking head
- Pulling away
- Stillness
- Emotional/facial cues
  - Embarrassment
  - Sadness
  - Anger
  - Fear

# Activity

# Why is consent so important?

## Consent is Important

- Consent is one way we show respect for people
- Without consent, you risk hurting another person
- Consent is important when building healthy relationships

#### Trusted Adults

- A trusted adult is someone you can talk to about things that are important to you
- You might talk to a trusted adult about consent
- A trusted adult is someone who would help you solve a problem, get help, and work to make you safe
- Can you think of a trusted adult in your life? Maybe several?

#### Homework

- Talk
  - Talk at home about the scenarios we discussed in class
- Share
  - Share your thoughts and feelings
- Answer
  - Answer the questions for at least one scenario

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