

Back Talk

Directions: The objective of the game is for the children to honor their parent's requests in the proper way. Have three sets of cards. One set is what a parent would say to their child (these cards are in red). Another set is a disrespectful response from a child to the parent. Another set of cards is what the child should say to their parent. Shuffle the cards and deal them completely out. Have the players put their cards face up in front of them so that others can see and read their cards and help them if necessary. By taking turns, have one child start with what a parent would say and read it out loud. After they have read the card, they place it in the middle of the table face up. The rest of the players then check their cards to see if they have one that says what a disrespectful child would say to their parent in response in this situation. If they have the card, they read it out loud and place it face up next to the first card. Then the players look at their cards to see if they have what a child should say to their parent. If they have the card, they read it out loud and place it face up next to the second card. Players can also play in teams so they can help each other answer the questions.

Discussion:

What are some answers to parents that you should not use?

How would your parents feel if you responded with some of the back talk answers that we heard?

What are some answers that honor your parents?

The next time your parents ask you to do something you don't want to, how will you answer them?

For younger children: (use question sheet)

Read out loud what a parent would say to their child. Then read the two answers provided. Have the students tell you which answer is back talk and which answer honors their parents. Or they can just tell you which answer is the best to honor their parents.