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FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

*recognizing tricky people
& your own value*



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Human trafficking is the exploitation of the vulnerable, and no one is as vulnerable as children who have not been prepared to recognize and avoid the wiles of “tricky” people. The concept of “tricky” people comes from Pattie Fitzgerald and the *Safely Ever After* program. She describes that “stranger danger” is not enough to equip children. Often children know those who are hurting them.

Because children need to be aware of danger, we developed the Prince/ss Not a Product discussion guides. These guides are a tool to aid parents and educators in discussing safety rules and how to recognize “tricky” people with elementary and pre-school children in a non-threatening way with age-appropriate concepts.

A “tricky” person is someone who tries to get a child to break safety rules that govern their body. A “tricky” person doesn’t see how valuable a child is as a person, they only see what they can get from the child. They see a product they can use in any way they like. A “tricky” person can be someone a child knows well, doesn’t know at all, or knows just a little bit, such as a mail carrier or ice cream man. A “tricky” person might give a child the “uh-oh feeling”. Children need to know it is important to listen to that feeling.

The Prince/ss Not a Product discussion guide introduces some of the tricks that “tricky” people use to get children to break their safety rules in order to hurt them. These guides also affirm children’s value, showing them that they have dignity and worth.

Even young children can grasp these concepts.

“You have dignity” means that you respect yourself and you expect other people to respect you. You like yourself and treat yourself well, so you can expect others to treat you well.

“You have worth” means you are valuable and important just for being you? Worth doesn’t come from anything you do, how you look, how smart, or how talented you are. You have worth because you are a human being.

Because children have dignity and worth and because they are valuable, they should respect themselves and expect others to respect them. Additionally, children can choose to be kind and have courage. They can learn to treat others with the respect they can expect to be shown. By reinforcing these concepts, the Prince/ss Not a Product guides prepare children for “tricky” people by helping them understand their value and the tricks that can harm them.



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Aladdin

Empty Promises



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Aladdin

Empty Promises

Scene:

Jafar disguises himself as a prisoner to trick Aladdin into going to the Cave of Wonders for the lamp.

Discuss:

What did the old man offer Aladdin?

What did the old man really want?

Why do you think Aladdin wanted to trust the stranger?

Explain:

Jafar is a “tricky” person. He recognizes Aladdin's deepest wish and his weaknesses, and he uses them to manipulate Aladdin into doing what he wants. His promises are empty, so instead of getting the treasure that was promised, Aladdin ends up trapped.

Apply:

Who could you trust to help you out of a difficult situation - and not expect anything in return?

Who could help you reach your dreams if you shared them with that person?

Whose could you listen to and encourage so they don't feel like a tricky person is the only one who listens?

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Beauty & the Beast

Coercion



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Scene:

Gaston plots with the asylum master to throw Maurice in jail if Belle refuses to marry him.

Discuss:

What does Gaston want in exchange for helping Belle?

What does Belle use to get out of the trap?

What happens when she reveals the truth?

Explain:

Gaston is a tricky person. He made a difficult situation for Belle so that he could pretend to save her in exchange for her promise to marry him. Belle was too courageous to fall for that trick though. She showed everyone the truth, even though it meant more danger for the Beast.

Apply:

Which of your friends would help you stand up for the truth? What adults care about you enough that they would help you reveal the truth even if it was difficult or dangerous?

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Frozen

False Love



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False Love

Scene:

Hans orchestrates "bumping into" Anna and "discovering" that they have so much in common. Elsa refuses their engagement.

Discuss:

Why did Anna want to marry Hans?

Why didn't Elsa want her to marry him?

Was Elsa right? What did Anna think of Elsa's response?

Explain:

Prince Hans is a "tricky" person. He pretended to love Anna so that she would give him what he needed to get power. If someone really loves you, there is no need to rush. Take time for you and your family and friends to get to know him or her. If your family or friends have a problem with your new friend, they might be seeing more clearly than you are. It's not fun, but it keeps you safe.

Apply:

Who could you trust to tell you if someone you like seems "tricky"? Would you listen to them if they told you?

Would you be honest with a friend who had a new boyfriend/girlfriend that you thought was a "tricky" person?

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The Little Mermaid

Unhappy at Home



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The Little Mermaid



Unhappy at Home

Scene:

King Triton destroys Ariel's grotto. Ariel goes to the sea witch for help.

Discuss:

Who did Ariel go to when she was upset with her father?

Was that a good idea?

What did her friends tell her to do?

Why didn't she listen to her friends?

Explain:

Ursula is a "tricky" person. She offers to help people who are in pain and in need, but her exchanges always give her more power and leave those she is pretending to help helpless.

Apply:

[Note to use for children in foster care or settings when a child's home situation is unknown: Most parents want what's best for their kids, but some parents need help in their own lives before they can be the parents they want to be, so their children live with guardians who care for them.]

Which of your friends would encourage you to trust your parents or guardians even when you don't understand them? Would you listen to them if they did?

What adults could you trust for guidance when you feel like you're not being heard by your parents/guardians?

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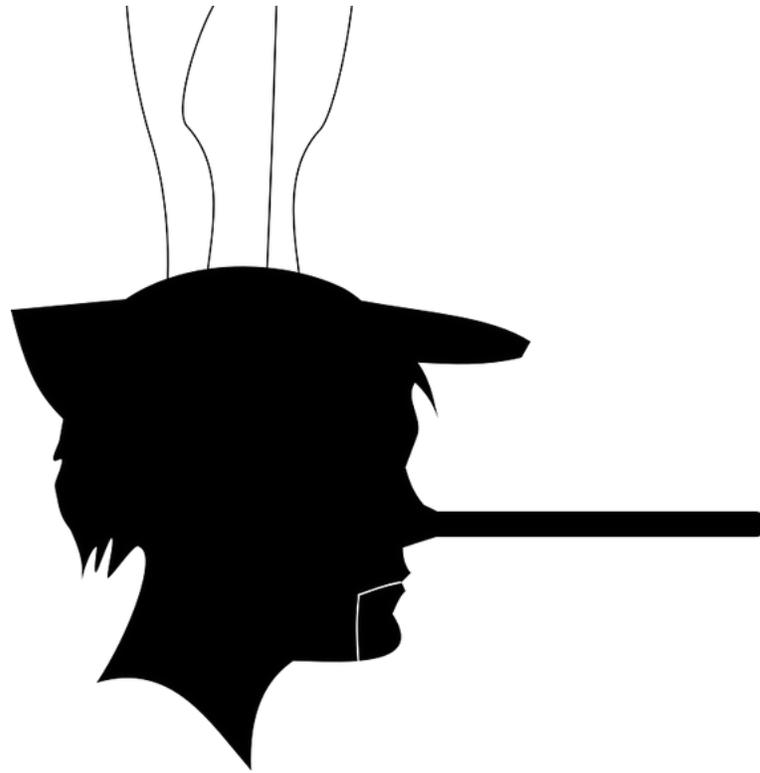
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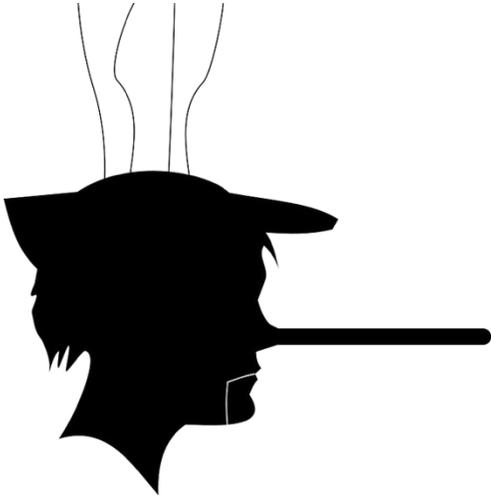
Pinocchio

Temptation



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Pinocchio

Temptation

Scene:

The Fox offers Pinocchio a life of fun only to turn him into a donkey.

Discuss:

What did the Fox offer Pinocchio?

What did the Fox really want?

How could Pinocchio have known this was a bad idea?

Why did he ignore Jiminy Cricket?

Explain:

Sometimes something sounds really good, but we have a feeling that it's wrong to do - our conscience helps us. When others encourage us to make bad decisions, it's easy to ignore our bad feelings. The Fox is a "tricky" person. He offered something really fun, but he only wanted to use Pinocchio and the other boys to sell them as donkeys.

Apply:

Which of your friends would encourage you to follow your conscience?

Which would help you ignore it to do something fun?

Which adults would help you (without making you feel guiltier) if you ignored your conscience and found yourself in a bad situation?

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Tangled
Isolation



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Tangled

Isolation

Scene:

Rapunzel wants to see the lights. Mother Gothel convinces her not to go by singing "Mother Knows Best."

Discuss:

Can Rapunzel trust Mother Gothel?

Does Rapunzel have anyone she can trust?

Do you think Rapunzel and Mother Gothel have a healthy relationship?

Why or why not?

Explain:

Mother Gothel is a tricky person. She pretends to love and care for Rapunzel - even giving her lots of cool stuff! - but she is using Rapunzel for the power she's getting from her hair. Isolation is her strongest tool: she keeps her from her true family, and from making any friends who could have helped her see what was really happening.

Apply:

What friends can you trust to stand up for what's right and to tell you the truth?

What adults do you have in your life that you can trust?

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