

EFC Safe Sanctuary Training Discussion Scenarios

Channing's dad never has much to say when he comes to the program. He seems very guarded and private. When you ask the children to bring in pictures from home for a project, Channing's dad gets very upset that you are violating the family's privacy. Channing says he is not allowed to work on the project or talk about his family.

Sally comes to youth group for the first time. She is overly friendly to everyone and seems to put up with disrespectful behavior from the group members. Some of the girls are whispering about her in the background. When you approach Sally to try and talk about the situation she is less than forthcoming.

Violet, age 11, is having a hard time walking. When she sits down, she acts like it hurts. You ask her what is wrong. She just looks down and says, "Nothing." A few days later, she is playing soccer with the other children. She rolls up her pant legs stretches on the ground when she gets warm. You notice dark purple bruises on her inner thighs. She seems to remember the bruises are there and rolls the pant legs back down below her knees.

When eight-year-old Jesse sits down at his desk in your classroom, you notice that he's trying not to cry. When you ask him what's wrong, he tells you that his dad gave him "a whoopin'" last night. You ask him what "a whoopin'" is, and he says that's when his dad hits him for being bad. When you ask, he says he was hit on his butt, that it doesn't hurt to sit down, and the bad thing he did was push his four-year-old sister down. Jesse says his dad told him to apologize to his sister, and he did, and his dad was happy he did, but sometimes he still feels sad when he thinks about it.

Bryce has been out of the program for a few days. His parents had called in to report him sick. On his first day back, though, you notice fading bruises on various parts of his body.