

Making It Better



Grades 2-3

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A Note from Mikey and Leah

Dear Girls and Boys,

Being safe at home, at school or in your neighborhood means knowing and making good choices.

People may try to convince you to do things you know are not right. Even someone older can make a bad decision and try to talk you into doing something unsafe or unkind.

It is important that you listen to the voice inside you that tells you if something doesn't feel right. Then you can stand up for yourself, and say "No".

To "play safe and stay safe", here are some things to remember:

- Always tell your parents where you are going.
- Go places with someone else – not by yourself.
- If you get separated from your family or friends, find someone to help you – like a store clerk in a mall or a police officer.
- Pick friends who make good choices and like to have fun!

Remember, if you ever feel unsafe, get help right away!

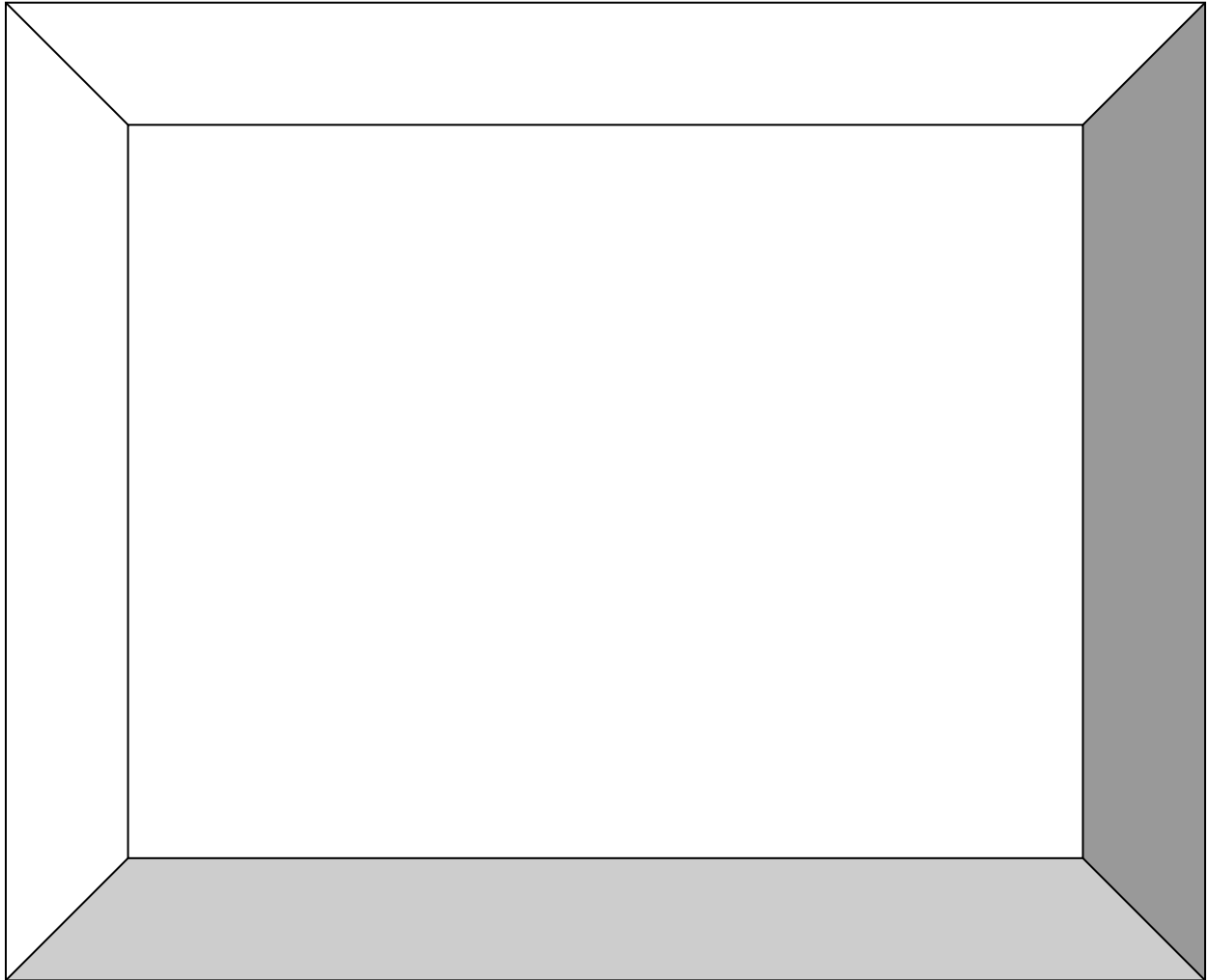
Together we can make our schools and neighborhoods safe places for everyone. We did!

Your friends,

Mikey and Leah

A Look Back

Draw an example from the story that shows children making a good choice. Write about why it is important.



What Would You Choose?

The Martin children know how to stay safe!
Now it's your turn. Circle the BEST choice.

1. You are at the park, and a group of children leaves behind trash. What would you do?

- A. I would stop and watch them walk away.
- B. I would pick up the trash before I leave.

2. You are walking home, and a stranger asks you to help him look for his lost dog. What would you do?

- A. I would run home and tell my parents right away.
- B. I would help the stranger.

3. Outside of school, a gang of students wants you to help steal a bike. What would you do?

- A. I would say, "No," and get myself to a safe place.
- B. I would help them take the bike.

4. In your neighborhood, a group of kids is making fun of a new girl on the block. What would you do?

- A. I would join the group and make fun of her.
- B. I would be her new friend.



Mikey's Safety List



Mikey just got back from visiting Officer Nickerson and can't remember all the safety rules he talked about. Help Mikey remember by checking the box next to each sentence that tells him what to do to stay safe.

- ☐ 1. Tell your parents where you are going.
- ☐ 2. Be a leader, not a follower.
- ☐ 3. Never get in a car with a stranger.
- ☐ 4. Know your address and phone number.
- ☐ 5. Be unkind to others.
- ☐ 6. Run away if a situation is safe.
- ☐ 7. Do the right thing only when others see you.
- ☐ 8. Return home before dark.
- ☐ 9. Don't tell your parents when you feel unsafe.
- ☐ 10. Play or go places with at least one friend.

True or False?

Circle T if TRUE or F if FALSE.

1. Mikey and his friends helped Officer Nickerson clean the park.	T	F
2. Chad and the gang wanted to help clean the park too.	T	F
3. Mikey tried to help Drew make a better choice.	T	F
4. Officer Nickerson wanted to punish the gang.	T	F
5. Mrs. Martin was proud of her children for making good choices.	T	F

Who am I?

Match the character from the story.

Mikey	Officer Nickerson	Mrs. Martin
	Leah	Drew

1. I asked the children to clean the park.	
2. I made the children take my cell phone.	
3. My brother plays nicely with me.	
4. I told my brother to give back the equipment.	
5. When I grow up, I want to be a police officer.	



Word Wizard!



How many words can you make from the letters in

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1.	6.	11.
2.	7.	12.
3.	8.	13.
4.	9.	14.
5.	10.	15.

Super Search

Find WORDS from the story. Look left, right, up, down and sideways.

RULES
PARK
WORK
TRASH
TRUTH
RIGHT

H	O	E	W	O	R	K	E
S	N	E	F	S	T	P	R
E	R	T	R	A	S	H	U
L	H	O	N	E	S	T	T
U	E	U	D	P	H	R	U
R	L	E	A	L	P	U	F
T	P	R	I	G	H	T	R
A	K	Y	A	L	P	H	S

PLAY
FUTURE
SAFE
HONEST
PROUD
HELP



What's Missing?



Leah needs help finishing her homework so she can play in the park. Help her find the missing digits.

1)

$$\begin{array}{r} 62 \\ 101 \\ + 325 \\ \hline \square 8 \square \end{array}$$

2)

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 26 \\ + 35 \\ \hline 9 \square \end{array}$$

3)

$$\begin{array}{r} 52 \\ 35 \\ + 24 \\ \hline \square 11 \end{array}$$

4)

$$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ 43 \\ + 13 \\ \hline \square 8 \end{array}$$

5)

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 344 \\ + 251 \\ \hline 2 \square \end{array}$$

6)

$$\begin{array}{r} 351 \\ 26 \\ + 424 \\ \hline \square 0 \square \end{array}$$



Write Right!



Drew decided to write to Officer Nickerson to say he was sorry for taking the equipment, but he needs help with spelling! Every sentence has a mistake. Find and circle the mistakes. Spell the words correctly in the boxes.

Dear Officer Nickerson,

I apologize for what I did at the prk today. I was wrong to tak the equipment. I did not make a gode choice. I wanted to tell you that I am sory. To make it beter, I will help you clean up the park next time. I hop to make you proud of me from now on.

Your friend,
Drew

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |