

Using the 4-Way Test During Recess

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My story I want to tell you about is that at school during recess, we always argue about the teams and who is going to be on which team for basketball. Me and my friend Jakey want to be on the same team because we both are really good at basketball. My other friends get mad because me and Jakey are on the same team each recess. Me and Jakey don't care and we always decide to be on the same team and always win. This kind of makes other friends mad at us.

My mom says that I should learn about The 4-Way Test and use it during recess so there is no arguing with my friends and this will help me be a good person and friend. The first step is "Is it the truth?" The second step is, "Is it fair to all concerned?" The third step is "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" The fourth step is, "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" I will be using the 4-Way Test in my story.

Step 1- Is it the truth?

Yes, Jakey and I are good at basketball. We play on a Page Youth team together and we are undefeated. Yes, my classmates don't want me and Jakey on the same team. Yes, our classmates get mad when me and Jakey win.

Step 2- Is it fair to all concerned?

No, it is not fair that me and Jakey are on the same team because we are really good and make lots of baskets. No, it is not fair to others because Jakey and I always win. Everyone should win sometimes.

Step 3- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

No, it is not goodwill that Jakey and I are on the same team because it does not show that we are friendly or that we cooperate with others. No, it will not build good friendships with my other classmates if Jakey and I are always on the same team and always win. No one will want to be our friend if this continues.

Step 4- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

No, there will not be a good result if Jakey and I are always on the same team and always win because our other friends will never win and do not want to play with us anymore. No one will benefit or be happy except for me and Jakey and that isn't the right thing to do.

In conclusion, when I use the 4-way test on my story about arguments at recess it makes me realize that Jakey and I need to be on different teams sometimes so that the games are fair, we make good friendships with everyone and so everyone gets a chance to win. Winning is fun and everyone should get a chance to win. I want to be a good friend and not make any of my classmates mad so I will use the 4-way test in the future.