



Activity sheet

Behave Yourself – part 1



Characters: Jack, Ben, Ashley, Tyler, Scott, Chris

The 6 boys are playing football in a corner of the park near to some houses. Jack is in goal. Ben runs up to shoot, kicks the ball and it sails over the goal right into the garden of one of the houses.

Ashley: Oh, well done Ben!

Ben: Shut it, Ashley. I didn't mean to kick it over. And anyway, Jack was in goal – he should have caught it before it went over the fence.

Jack: But it was too high, Ben. I couldn't reach it.

Ben: You could have jumped, couldn't you? What's wrong with you? I knew you'd be rubbish in goal. [Jack falls quiet and looks down at the ground].

Chris: Well, somebody needs to go and get it back. That's my ball.

Ben: Good idea. Jack – you let it go over your head! Climb over the fence and get it back.

Tyler: Yeah, Jack! Climb over and get it back.

Jack: I don't want to. That fence looks too high and I don't want to get in trouble with whoever lives there.

Ben: Oh, don't be so wet, Jack. Chris, will give you a leg up and you'll be back in no time.

Jack: But look at all those plants. I can't climb the fence without damaging them.

Ben: Oh, who cares about stupid old flowers. Just get over that fence quick.

Tyler: Yeah, be quick, Jack. I want to get on with the game.

Jack: *[Quietly]* But it's too risky.

Ben: Are you scared, Jack?

Tyler: Scaredy-cat!

Ben: *[Firmly]* Just do it!

Discussion questions:

Why is Ben blaming Jack when it was Ben who kicked the ball over the fence?

How do you think Ben is making Jack feel?

Have you noticed what Tyler is doing? Why do you think he is doing that?

What do you think would help Jack in this situation?



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Ben: *[Firmly] Just do it! [Jack says nothing but just stares down at the ground helplessly].*

Ashley: *[Going over to where Jack is standing].* He doesn't have to do it if he doesn't want to.

Ben &
Tyler together: Yeah, he does.

Ashley: No he doesn't. It's up to him. If he doesn't want to get the ball, you can't make him.

Ben: Shut it, Ashley. You're wasting time. Jack – get over that fence straight away. I'm going to count to ten and if you're not climbing that fence by then you'll be in trouble. 1...2...3...*[Tyler starts to join in].*

Discussion questions:

Why did Ashley speak up for Jack?

Would that have been easy or hard for Ashley to do? Why?

How do you think Jack is feeling now?

Why do you think Ben isn't backing down?

Why do you think Tyler is still going along with Ben?

What do you think the other two boys – Chris and Scott – are thinking or feeling?

What do you think would help Jack in this situation?



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Behave Yourself – part 3

- Ben & Tyler: 1...2...3...4...
- Scott: Leave him alone, Ben.
- Chris: Yeah, leave him alone. You're always picking on Jack.
- Scott: If you want the ball so much you go and get it yourself.
- Chris: You're calling Jack scared but I bet you don't want to go and get the ball either.
- Ben: Oh, you lot are pathetic. I don't want to play any more stupid football with you guys. I'm off! *[Ben stomps off away from the other boys].*
- Tyler: Yeah, pathetic. See you, losers! *[He follows Ben].*
- Scott: *[To Jack]* Don't worry about those two, Jack. They'll get over it.
- Ashley: Maybe we could play another game for a while and if the guy who lives in that house comes out we could ask him to throw the ball back over the fence.
- Jack: *[Cheering up]* Good plan. What shall we play?

The boys start discussing other games they can play.

Discussion questions:

Why do you think Scott and Chris spoke up for Jack?

How do you think Ben felt when all the boys started saying to leave Jack alone?

Why do you think Ben stomped off?

Why do you think Tyler stomped off after Ben?

How do you think Jack and his friends are feeling now?