

INTRODUCTORY INCIDENTS: PAIRING

Incident No. 1 -

Six-year-old Megan came home from school and seemed upset. Sensing something was wrong, her mother asked her how her day was at school. Megan said it was a terrible day and she was too embarrassed to go back to school. After a few more questions the story unfolded like this. Several of Megan's friends all "loved" Robbie--they enjoyed teasing each other and playing during recess each day. Today Megan was upset due to the fact that Robbie found out that she was one of those who loved him. When Mom asked how he found out, she said, "Well, he knew it was me that put the pine cones in his hood!"

Mom still didn't understand so Megan explained, "That's how you tell if someone likes you--they put pine cones from the playground in the hood of your jacket. Gol, Mom, don't you know anything?"

Follow up questions:

- When did you have your first crush on a girl/boy?
- How did you act?
- How long did the attraction last?
- Had you ever talked to the person before you decided you "liked" them?

Incident No. 2. -

Keven called Jessica's home three times in one night. Each time he hung up as she answered because he was too nervous and afraid to talk to her. He was afraid she wouldn't know who he was, or she would laugh at him for calling her. He worried so much about it that he stayed home from school the next day with a stomachache.

Follow up questions:

- Why was it so frightening for Keven to call Jessica?
- Have you ever experienced such a situation?
- How is the best way to handle phone calls?
- What can you talk about to ease the tension?