



'It's all about behaviour' scenarios

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The church youth club is holding a film night. Four young people, who are not regulars, stroll in and they are welcomed at the main door. As the film begins the four young people sit at the back of the room as the leaders hand out bowls of popcorn. After a few minutes the four young people start flicking popcorn at the other young people. One of the leaders politely asks them to stop, the four young people apologise and the popcorn flicking momentarily stops. However, a few moments later they start flicking the popcorn again. The Leader approaches once more stating that if they continue, the popcorn will be taken away and put in the bin. The four young people snigger amongst themselves and start making silly noises and throwing popcorn at the screen. The leader removes the popcorn as warned but as they turn around from the bin the four young people are now confronting the leader and begin to shout offensive language at them.

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The popular Easter Holiday club is in full swing. The children have just taken part in a messy craft activity and four girls have asked to wash their hands. A volunteer sends them off to the recently refurbished toilets and several minutes later they return back to their groups giggling with wet sleeves. Moments later a scream is heard. Two leaders rush out to find a child lying on the floor outside the toilets with water around them. Upon inspection the leaders discover that one of the taps in the ladies' toilet has been left on and water is gushing over the basin due to a paper towel blocking the plug hole.

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At the after-school club a gang of year 6 girls are dominating the karaoke machine. After they finish singing several songs they encourage another girl to have a go. She is reluctant at first but the girls encourage her to sing an Adele song and feeling affirmed she wonders over and picks up the microphone. As the girl begins, the group quickly notice that the girl has a really good singing voice and begin to mock her voice, appearance and size chanting 'Adele the whale' repeatedly. The girl bursts into tears, runs off and locks herself in the toilets. The gang of girls laugh and quickly move towards the toilets.

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Sunday School regularly meets in the village hall located 100m down the High Street from the church. At the beginning of the service, leaders escort the children along the main road in convoy. The children see this as an exciting part of going to Sunday school because they all wear hi-visibility bibs. On this particular occasion two boys run ahead of the group, a leader shouts at them to come back but the boys only goal is to reach the hall before everyone else. At the hall, a leader warns the boys that if they run off again they will not be able to attend the next Sunday school group. Despite the warning, on the way back to the church the boys race off again pursued by one of the leaders and one of the boys is knocked off balance by a passing double-decker bus.

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Indoor hockey is one of the most popular activities at youth group. The young people get really excited every time it appears on the programme and during the match a heated squabble suddenly breaks out. The youth leaders' conversation is interrupted by the commotion, they turn around and notice a young person lying on the floor with a bloody nose. The leaders hurry over, break up the argument and ask what has happened? Two young people then begin to shout at each other claiming that the person on the floor tripped one of their team members on purpose and they were punched as a result of their foul play.



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As part of the church's outreach to young people in the community a residential has been organised to build relationships with a group of challenging teenagers who live on the local estate opposite the church. On arrival the youth leaders and the young people agree some ground rules. After a non-eventful night, at lunchtime the following day the leaders reward the young people for their good behaviour and take them to the seaside town nearby. The young people are given an hour to spend on their own and a meeting point. The leaders disappear into a coffee shop confident that the young people will not cause any trouble in an old-fashioned seaside town. An hour goes by and the leaders wonder back to the meeting point and are greeted by the young people boasting and showing off their new piercings.



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It is a typical morning at Sunday School. The children are packing away all the craft materials and arranging themselves into a circle for the bible story. Two brothers (aged 7 and 9) who have been annoying each other all morning, choose to sit next to each other. They have been warned a few times already about their behaviour but continue to be disruptive as the leader starts the story. As the brothers persistently push and pull faces at each other, the other children have become distracted and stop listening to the story. The boys happen to be the new curate's children.



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The Church youth group are visiting the local youth worship event held in a church in the city. Before the event begins large visuals continually remind everyone to switch off mobile phones. The event starts and most of the young people are engaged with the opening worship. One of the youth leader's notices a few of their young people pointing at a teenage girl from another group. During the talk, the youth leader hears sniggering from some of their group and notices a mobile being passed around. The youth leader steps in and confiscates the phone catching a glimpse of an image of the teenage girl on the screen in a compromising position.



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The Christingle workshop is a well-supported event that many families attend from in and around the local community. Whilst everyone is enjoying making their Christingles an unhappy parent approaches the organiser complaining that an unsupervised child is stabbing other children with the cocktail sticks. They point the child out which the organiser quickly recognises as one of the children from a notorious family that have recently been relocated into the community.



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During family communion a special area is prepared at the back of church for parents to entertain their children during the service. However, parents often leave their children unattended whilst they go off to take communion and leave their children with an elderly volunteer and a young helper. On this particular Sunday a three-year old child wanders over to the other side of the church and begins to cut the tassels off the centenary banner with a pair of scissors. The young helper notices what is happening and asks one of the elderly people what they should do.