

Lesson Plan: *What's the Secret Word?*

Introduction

The Teacher or Presenter might say: Today we are going to watch a DVD lesson called, *What's the Secret Word?* It is very important to have a *secret word* when you are approached by someone you do not know. In the video, Matt and his friends are discussing very important topics, trust and the importance of being safe.

Objective

Children will understand that it is necessary to have a *Secret Word* in order for someone to pick them up from school or another place. **NOTE: This exercise is for a class activity ONLY. The children must understand that the Secret Word they have created with their parents is NOT to be shared with anyone.**

Procedure

DVD presentation

Discuss the importance of having a *Secret Word* given to them by their parents.

Role Play: For this activity, the children will create a *Secret Word* which they might use to keep themselves safe. The teacher will role play as a Stranger having each child practice the proper response when the incorrect Secret Word is given as per the story just presented, ***News Report: The Stranger.***

Homework

Speak with your parents about the importance of having a *Secret Word* if you do not already have one. You might practice with your parents using your *Secret Word*. Have your parents pretend they are a stranger and show them what your response would be if the incorrect word is given.

Summary

Someone you do not know is a *Stranger* until you are properly introduced to them by your parents or someone you trust and already know. Strangers are all around us. In a situation where you do not feel safe and do not trust a person who comes near you, ask for the *Secret Word*. If the person gives the incorrect word, you must react quickly and yell, "***Stranger!***" Get to safety quickly as you can. Do not share your secret word with anyone.