



# What's the Story?

## Aim:

that young people explore ways in which conflicts happen and how they can be solved.

## Age:

6 years and older

## Time:

25 minutes

## Materials:

Copies of the story, paper, crayons/ markers

## What to do:

To begin, sit the group in a circle and read out the story. Ask the following questions:

Who are the main characters in the story?

How did they behave in the story? Was it fair of them?

How did they solve their problem?

Can you think of any other ways they could have solved the problem?

Can you remember any occasions when you may have behaved in a similar way? How did you resolve the situation?

Give out paper and crayons or markers. In pairs or small groups ask the children to illustrate the story. Display all the drawings. Ask if the young people know any other stories about conflict situations. Make a note of the suggestions. Examples include Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Pigs and Goldilocks.

## Warm Up

### Knots

Participants stand in a circle, shoulder to shoulder. Everyone places their left hand into the centre and takes hold of someone else's hand. They repeat with the right hand, but with a different person. When the leader says go, the group has to unravel themselves without letting go.

## Hay Hay We're the Donkeys

Once upon a time a farmer had two donkeys. The donkeys were called Mandy and Sandy. They went everywhere together. Well they had to, they were tied to each other by a rope! One day the farmer led them into a field in which there were two piles of hay. Mandy made straight for one of the piles of hay but just before she reached it she was pulled back. Sandy too rushed towards a pile of hay but before he reached it he was pulled back.

Mandy and Sandy stretched and strained, but to no avail. The harder they tried the greater the resistance. They sat down exhausted.

'I'm hungry', said Mandy. 'Why won't you let me eat?'

'I'm hungry too', said Sandy. 'You won't let me eat.'

They sat for a while and thought about it. 'Why don't I eat first and then you can eat', said Sandy. 'Yeah, right', said Mandy. 'Do you think I was born yesterday? As soon as you've eaten your pile you'll go to sleep on the spot and I won't get near my pile.'

Finally Mandy had an idea and told Sandy. Both donkeys went to the same pile of hay and ate it. Next they went together to the other pile of hay and ate it too. When they had both eaten their fill, they lay down and went to sleep.

