

Problem scenario – boys

Gang Culture

Jason is 15 and is a member of the Hijackers. The gang was formed over 15 years ago and he joined because his older brother was a member and it was just something that was expected of him. The gang got their name because at first they used to steal cars – they would joy-ride and dump them and sometimes sell the parts to dealers – especially BMWs and Audis. But more recently they've been into drugs. Jason doesn't do drugs as he's seen the effects but he does deal in them. Every member of the gang does – that's how they make their money. Just recently other members have been putting pressure on him to get his little brother, Ellis, involved. Ellis is 8 and small for his age and quite cute looking. The others think he would make a good go-between between the dealers and their clients. Jason feels uneasy about this but is too scared to say so.

Questions

- ▶ Do all gang members tend to join because it's 'in the family'?
- ▶ How did the gang originally make money?
- ▶ How has their income stream developed?
- ▶ What do you think of people who supply or deal in drugs?
- ▶ What would happen to Jason if he got caught dealing by the police?
- ▶ Why is he so concerned about his little brother?
- ▶ What do you think will happen next?
- ▶ How would you feel in Jason's shoes?
- ▶ What advice would you give to him if he was your close friend?



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