

Violence at Home

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What type of violence might happen in a home?
- What can a person do if there is violence in the home?

Definitions:

- Violence – use of physical force to cause pain or injury
- Deserve – to have the right to something



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Reading

16 Josh is seven years old. He lives with his mom and dad. His parents fight a lot.
He loves his mom and dad. He is sad and scared when they fight.

31 One night Josh heard yelling. He got out of bed and walked downstairs. Then
45 he saw his dad hit his mom. She fell to the floor. She was crying.

60 Josh's dad was yelling. He was calling Mom mean names. Josh began to cry.
74 Dad saw Josh. He told Josh to go back to bed.

85 No one deserves to be hit. No one deserves to be yelled at and called names.
101 We all deserve to live in a safe place. We all deserve a life free from fear.

118 Josh and his mom can get help. They need to tell someone. They can tell a
134 friend or family member. They can tell the police. They can tell a teacher. Telling
149 someone is the first step to safety.
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Understanding

1. How does Josh feel about his mom and dad? _____

2. What woke Josh? _____

3. How does Josh feel about the fighting? _____

4. Why did Josh cry? _____

5. Who could Josh or Mom contact for help? _____

Writing

Option A: Write the story in your own words.

Option B: “We all deserve to live in a safe place; a place free from fear.” Do you agree?

Why or why not?
