

When faced with a problem, some children exhibit anger as their first response. If they do not learn to manage their anger, they can develop issues with family, social, and academic functioning. The following activities will help the child work through three key steps in addressing anger issues:

Identifying Triggers: This activity will help the child to discover what causes them to get angry. Sometimes children become angry and don't realize why it is happening. Self-awareness is an essential first step.

Anger Signs: This activity will help the child to recognize early warning signs of the onset of anger. When they feel the warning sign develop, this can remind them to use an anger management strategy to calm down.

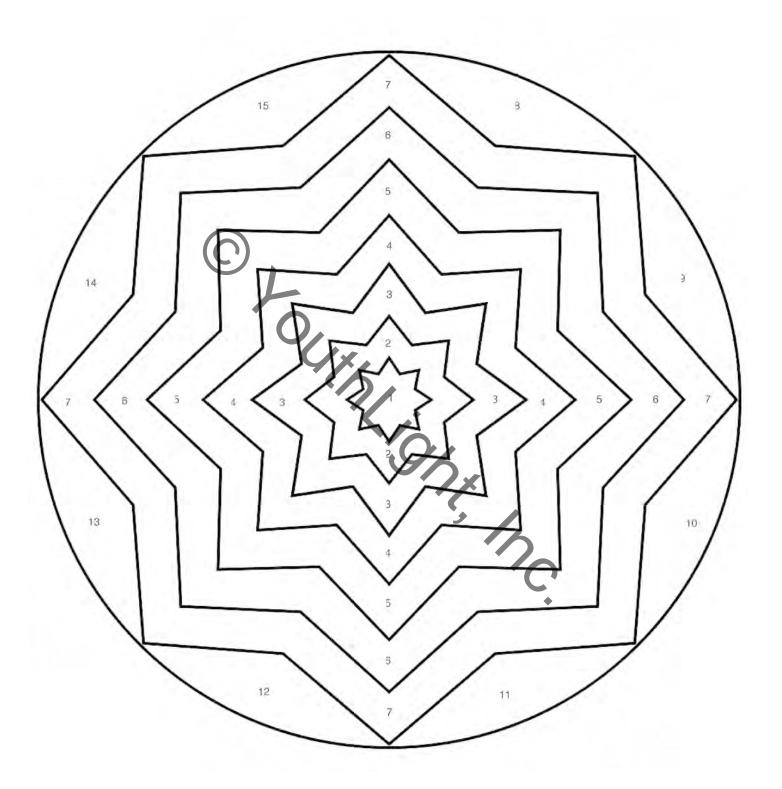
Handling Anger: The purpose of this activity is to help the child discover strategies that can help them to deal with situations in which anger occurs.

Anger Triggers

Directions: What causes you to get mad? Rate how mad you get in each situation. Check the box under the correct heading.

| | | No anger | Annoyed | Mad | Very Angry | Furious |
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| 1. | I get bullied by others | | | | | |
| 2. | Someone tells on me | | | | | |
| 3. | I get a bad grade. | | | | | |
| 4. | I get left out by classmates | | | | | |
| 5. | My brother or sister bothers me | | | | | |
| 6. | Someone says something bad about my family | | | | | |
| 7. | Someone calls me a mean name | , 🗅 | | | | |
| 8. | A family member yells at me | P | | | | |
| 9. | Someone breaks my things | | | | | |
| 10. | I can't do something I want to do | | | | | |
| 11. | Someone hits me or hurts me in some way | | D . | | | |
| 12. | I try to do something but I can't do it well | | | | | |
| 13. | Someone lies to me or breaks a promise | | | | | |
| 14. | An adult tells me I did something wrong | | | | | |
| 15. | I have to do something that I don't want to do | | | | | |
| | | Blue | Green | Yellow | Orange | Red |
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^{*} Color of choice





During the teenage years, adolescents face many life changes and situations that cause them anxiety. Often, adolescents have not learned or implemented strategies to deal with these anxious feelings. In these cases, some teenagers might experience physical symptoms, a lack of self-confidence, or disturbances with their sleep. These are just a few of the many negative consequences associated with unresolved anxiety. The following activities will assist adolescents in learning about their anxiety and how to handle it.

Activity 4: Identifying Stressors

This activity will help adolescents to identify situations that cause them stress. Having an awareness of potential stressors will help them to handle their associated anxiety.

Activity 5: Reactions to Stress

The purpose of this activity is to help the adolescent determine how their body reacts to stress. With this knowledge they can be better prepared to handle their anxiety.

Activity 6: Handling Anxiety

This activity will get the adolescent thinking about ways to handle their stress. They can choose which strategies will work best for them.

Identifying Stressors

Directions: What causes you to worry and stress out? Read each item and decide how often it causes you stress. Check the box underneath the best answer.

| | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Usually | Always | | |
|----------|---|------------|------------------|--------|---------|--------|--|--|
| 1. | Having a test or quiz | | | | | | | |
| 2. | Concern about my future | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Going to school everyday | | | | | | | |
| 4. | My family relationships | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Boyfriend/Girlfriend relationships | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Pressure to use drugs and alcohol | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Being bullied by others | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Physical and emotional abuse by others | | | | | | | |
| 9. | My weight and general appearance | 4 0 | | | | | | |
| 10. | My job | Ď | | | | | | |
| 11. | My teachers and school staff | | | | | | | |
| 12. | Having enough money | | | | | | | |
| 13. | Having the right clothes and possessions | | 7 | | | | | |
| 14. | Fitting in with my peers | | | | | | | |
| 15. | Sports or extracurricular activities | | | | | | | |
| 16. | Lack of time for fun and leisure | | | | | | | |
| 17. | Not living up to expectations of others | | | | | | | |
| 18. | The health and wellbeing of my loved ones | | | | | | | |
| 19. | Lack of freedom to do what I want | | | | | | | |
| 20. | Not being accepted for who I am | | | | | | | |
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