

Our Influences

Who do we listen to? Who are the people who influence our thoughts, actions and behaviour? Who influences what we wear, what we watch on TV and the music we listen to? Are the people we choose to follow always the best influences? How do we decide who we are going to follow? Many of the people who influence our lives are actors, musicians, footballers or people who have become famous for being famous. Other influences may be our parents, siblings, friends and maybe even teachers!

Christians are people who have decided to follow Jesus because they have decided that he is a good influence and in that they try to follow his actions and advice. Why have you chosen your heroes to admire? We can often look at someone's life and see money, fame, power and assume their life must be great to live. But if we take a closer look, are we so sure that these people have happy lives?

We also have influence over other people, how do we use that influence? Many of us have younger brothers or sisters who look up to us, or friends who follow our example. How do we be somebody that other people think of as a positive influence on their lives?

Discussion Ideas:

1. **Inspirational Speeches:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Er8UQDVuAE0>

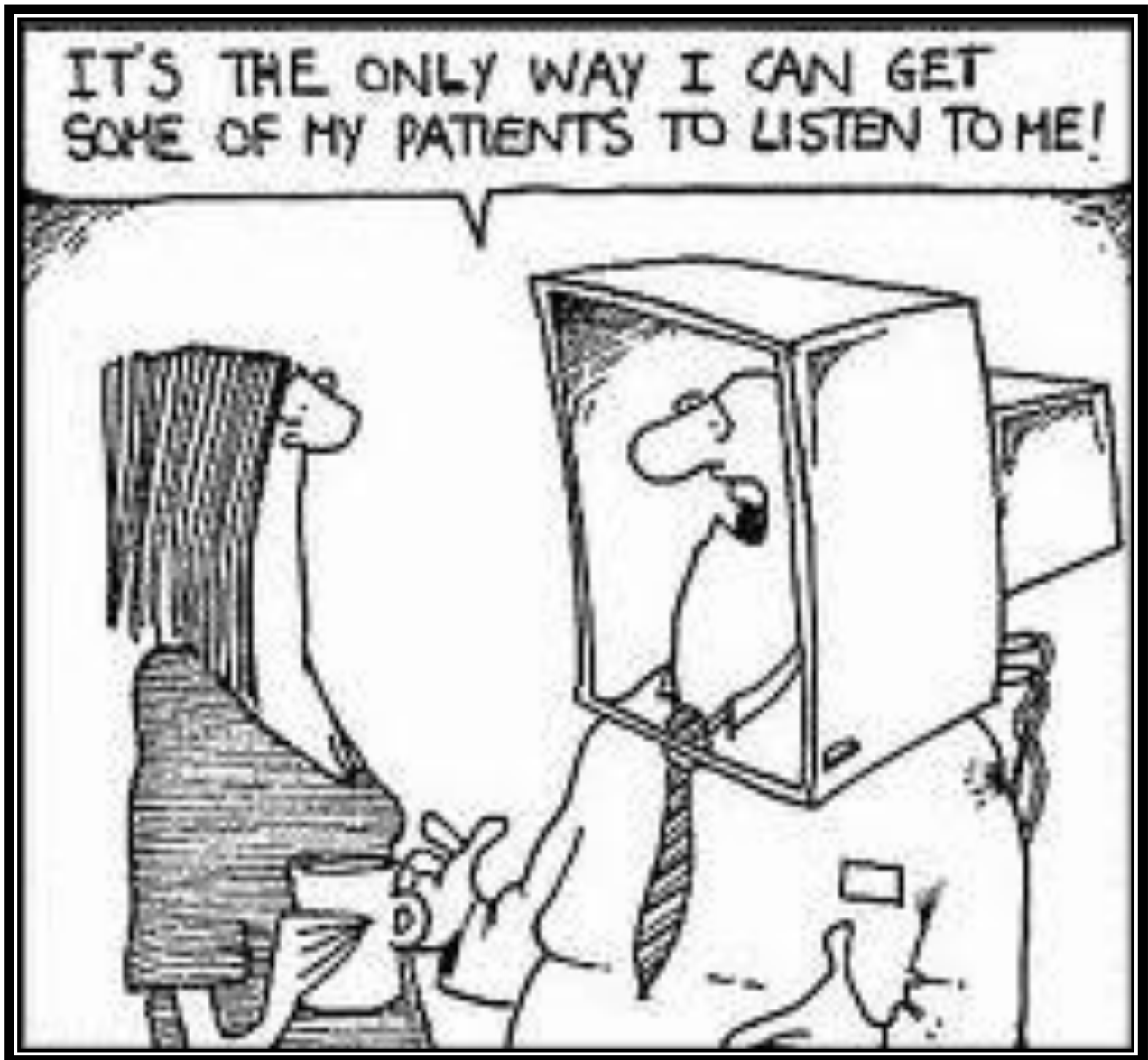
This is a clip of great inspirational speeches from movies melded together. A good introduction to the idea that we follow and are influenced by others. How do we decide who it is who we listen to? The leaders in our society tend to be celebrities, are these always the best people to listen to? Why do we admire their actions? Is it just because they are famous? Or have lots of money? Is it important whether or not they have good values?

2. **X-Men Leadership:** (this is a 12 so yr8+ only)

On TrinityTube, in the Chaplain section is the X-Men First Class film, I have chaptered the right section which is entitled 'Influences'. This is a clip showing Charles Xavier using his special talents and leadership skills to help other develop their talents. How do we influence people? Are we always a good influence? How could we use the power we have to influence others? This is a good chance to follow on from last week and think how you can support your house charities and raise awareness about them.

3. **Chelsea's Story:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00zgm9g>

This is one of the winners from this year's Teen Awards, after a troubled start to her teenage years, Chelsea has chosen a new path in life and is an active volunteer in her local area. She is mentoring other young people, encouraging them to follow her example. How can we get involved in our local communities?



**Do we choose who we let influence us
or do we blindly follow the latest trends,
footballer, musician and fads?**

CREATE & MAKE FILM COMPETITION

THE STORYBOARD THEME IS HELPING A FRIEND!
STUCK FOR IDEAS? NEED STORYBOARDING TIPS?
GO TO WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK/CREATEANDMAKE

FILM TITLE: _____

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YOU CAN PHOTOCOPY THIS SHEET
(MAXIMUM 3 SHEETS PER ENTRY)



CREATE YOUR STORYBOARD AND YOUR IDEA COULD BE A REAL FILM!

HOW MANY OF YOUR FAVOURITE FILMS SHOW PEOPLE OVERCOMING THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE HELP OF THEIR FRIENDS?

IT'S GOOD TO BE THERE FOR YOUR FRIENDS WHEN THEY NEED YOUR HELP. THINK OF THE SPECIAL TALENTS YOUR FRIENDS HAVE THAT COULD HELP SOLVE A PROBLEM. THEY COULD BE A STRONG, INSPIRATIONAL, UNDERSTANDING FRIEND... OR A HERO WITH SUPER POWERS... OR BOTH!

THE WINNING IDEA WILL BE MADE INTO A FILM. IT COULD BE A LIVE ACTION FILM OR AN ANIMATION - IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR IDEA.

SO **CREATE** YOUR STORYBOARD AND LET'S **MAKE** A FILM!

HOW TO ENTER

1. COME UP WITH A BRILLIANT IDEA ON THE THEME OF **HELPING A FRIEND**. STUCK? TAKE A LOOK AT OUR CELEBRITY FRIENDS' STORYBOARDS FOR SOME INSPIRATION: www.childline.org.uk/storyboards.
2. **CREATE** YOUR STORYBOARD - ANY WAY YOU LIKE! DRAW, SKETCH, GLUE, STICK, PHOTOGRAPH OR DESCRIBE YOUR STORY ON THE SHEET.
3. FILL IN YOUR DETAILS BELOW. MAKE SURE YOU FILL IN ALL OF THE GAPS AND GET PERMISSION FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
4. SEND YOUR ENTRY TO: CREATE AND MAKE COMPETITION, CHILDLINE, 45 FOLGATE STREET, E1 6GL BY 11 NOVEMBER 2012

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COMPETITION, GO TO www.childline.org.uk/createandmake

ABOUT YOU

YOUR NAME: _____ AGE: _____
SCHOOL: _____
ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DON'T WORRY, WE WILL ONLY CONTACT YOU IF YOU HAVE WON!

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

_____ THE (PARENT/GUARDIAN) OF _____
AGED ____ CONSENT TO HIS/HER ENTERING THE 'CREATE AND MAKE COMPETITION', AND IF APPLICABLE, THE USE AND/OR DISCLOSURE OF HIS/HER FULL NAME AND AGE ON www.childline.org.uk IN THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMPETITION RESULTS. IF MY CHILD IS SELECTED AS OVERALL WINNER OF THIS COMPETITION, I AGREE TO THE USE OF HIS/HER PERSONAL DATA AND STORYBOARD AS FURTHER SET OUT IN THE COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY (www.childline.org.uk/createandmaketerms).

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND THE ABOVE CONSENT CAREFULLY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS MEANING AND IMPLICATIONS.

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YOU CAN CONTACT CHILDLINE ABOUT ANYTHING - NO PROBLEM IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL. GO TO www.childline.org.uk OR CALL **0800 1111**.

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IF YOU LOVE FILMS, TV PROGRAMMES OR VIDEO GAMES, THEN BAFTA KIDS' VOTE IS FOR YOU. PLAY GAMES, TAKE THE KIDS' VOTE QUIZ AND WATCH VIDEO INTERVIEWS WITH CELEBS. GO TO www.baftakidsvote.org TO CAST YOUR VOTE!