

Don't Drink! Think!

- A My mom and dad showed me a video about drinking last night.
- B What kind of drinking?
- A The bad kind.
- B Like alcohol and stuff?
- A Exactly. The movie showed how dangerous drinking is.
- B I know some grown-ups get drunk. But why is it dangerous?
- A Because they don't know what they're doing.
- B Well ... they know they're drinking.
- A That's all they know. They can't control themselves, so it gets dangerous.
- B You mean drinking and driving.
- A Sure, but even other stuff. When grown-ups drink too much, they can make bad mistakes at their work. And people can even get hurt.
- B So why do they do it?
- A My mom says people drink because they feel sad and lonely.
- B That's dumb!
- A I know!
- B If they get drunk and hurt someone, they'll be even sadder! And lonelier!

- A They could even go to jail.
- B I would hate to go to jail.
- A Duh! Everyone hates going to jail!
- B Don't be so sure. Maybe people do bad things and go to jail because it's the only place they feel comfortable.
- A But it's horrible!
- B It's horrible to us. But to them ... maybe it feels like that's where they belong. Maybe it feels like going home.
- A Well, I think drinking is stupid.
- B Then why do so many grown-ups do it?
- A Maybe they're not as grown up as they think.
- B If they drink, they don't think.