

Sample Solution-Focused Questions for Nicole Adams Activity

Questions for Nicole Adams:

- Exception: “Tell me about a time when you felt that you were pretty.”
- Scaling: “On a scale from 1 – 5 (1 being really sad and embarrassed and 5 being really happy and excited), how do you feel when your TSS is in the classroom with you?”

(NOTE: Use a smaller scale of numbers when dealing with a younger child.)

- Miracle: “Suppose that while you are sleeping tonight and the entire house is quiet, a miracle happens. The miracle is that you and your siblings returned back home to live with your mother. However, because you were sleeping, you don’t know that the miracle happened. When you wake up tomorrow morning, what will be the first thing you notice that would tell you that a miracle has happened?”

Questions for Nicole’s mother, Mrs. Adams:

- Exception: “Before the children were placed, what did a good day in your home look like? In what ways were they good?”
- Scaling: “On a scale of 0 – 10 (0 being not pleased at all and 10 being completely pleased), how pleased are you with the visitation schedule that we have established for you and your children? What can we do to raise that number up one step?”
- Miracle: “Suppose that while you are sleeping tonight and the entire house is quiet, a miracle happens. The miracle is that you and your children returned home to live with you. However, because you were sleeping, you don’t know that the miracle happened. When you wake up tomorrow morning, what will be the first thing you notice that would tell you that a miracle has happened? How can we work together to make this miracle happen?”

Questions for Nicole's teacher at school:

- Exception: "When do you notice a change in Nicole's behaviors at school?"
- Scaling: "With 0 being the worst day Nicole had in school and 10 being the best day that Nicole had in school, what would today be? What could Nicole have done to make that number go up one step? What could you have done to help support a change in Nicole's behavior? How can we make that happen?"
- Miracle: "Suppose that while you are sleeping tonight, a miracle happens. The miracle is that Nicole becomes the perfect student. However, because you were sleeping, you don't know that the miracle happened. When you arrive in the classroom, what will be the first thing you notice about Nicole that would tell you that a miracle has happened? How can we work together to make this miracle happen?"

Questions for Nicole Adams' TSS:

- Exception: "What is different about the days that Nicole starts fights with other students?"
- Scaling: "On a scale of 0 – 10 (0 being completely compliant and cooperative and 10 being absolutely out of control), how cooperative was Nicole at school today? Describe the times that she is in more control, what is different?"
- Miracle: "Suppose that while you are sleeping tonight, a miracle happens. The miracle is that Nicole is no longer "shut down". However, because you were sleeping, you don't know that the miracle happened. When you arrive in the classroom, what will be the first thing you notice about Nicole that would tell you that a miracle has happened? How can we work together to make this miracle happen?"