



CURRICULUM RESOURCES 5

REASONS WHY GAME

The REASONS WHY game is intended to help students better understand the many reasons why girls around the world are denied an education. The game works best when students are grouped into teams of four to five students per team. In advance, determine how many teams you will have when you divide your students into groups of four to five; then create a complete set of game cards (found below) for each team.

Divide the class into teams of four to five students.

Instruct each team to create a circle that will represent school. The circle (school) could be a hula-hoop, long piece of yarn, string or a jump rope in the shape of a circle. The circle should be big enough for three to four students to stand in.

To play the game, each team member must select a card, read the card out loud, and follow the directions GO TO SCHOOL or STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.

GO TO SCHOOL! – students step into the circle, or stay inside the circle

STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL – students step outside the circle

Have students continue passing the cards around their team until all the cards have been read. When each team is finished, encourage students to stay where they are, either in or out of the circle. When all the teams are finished, have students look around. How many students are in school and how many are out of school? As a class, discuss the questions outlined in the curriculum.



Great job! You just earned a scholarship!

GO to SCHOOL!

There is no money for the required uniform.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

In school you received immunizations and
learned how to stay healthy!

GO to SCHOOL!

Your little brother is sick and you need to stay home
to care for him while your parents work.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

Your mom found a new job and there is money for your
school fees.

GO to SCHOOL!

Your dad lost his job and there is not enough money for
both the girls and boys in your family to go to school this
term, so only your brothers can attend.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

Your village just built a new well and has plenty of water
close by.

GO to SCHOOL!

You are responsible for gathering the family's daily water.
You need to make the long trip several times a day to
meet the family's water needs.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

The government just built a new school only two miles
from your home. It is open to everyone.

GO to SCHOOL!

The government said girls are no longer allowed
to go to school.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**



Your older sister finished school and is now helping to support the family with a good job. There is enough food, she knows how to help keep everyone healthy, and she can pay your school fees.

GO to SCHOOL!

Both of your parents have AIDS. Your older sisters need to work to earn money, and you need to stay home and care for your sick parents.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

An NGO (non-government organization) helped to build a school in your village.

GO to SCHOOL!

The closest school is more than two miles away. Your parents know this is an unsafe walk for girls.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

Your country is at peace.

GO to SCHOOL!

Your country is at war with a neighboring country, and it is unsafe for girls to be alone walking the long distance to school.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

You have a clean, reliable water supply that helps to keep you healthy.

GO to SCHOOL!

Your water supply has become unclean, and you are sick.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**

Women in your village have learned how to grow sustainable family gardens, so there is enough healthy food.

GO to SCHOOL!

Your village has suffered a long drought, and your family must find a new place to live in the city.

**STAY HOME
from SCHOOL**