

## MARIGOLD AND MELVIN BOOSTER SEAT OR BABY SEAT?

### Learning Objectives: Students will

1. Explain the need for protective equipment such as safety belts.
2. Listen critically to interpret and evaluate a story.
3. Participate in a discussion about booster seats.
4. Create a song to express an idea.

**TEKS:** SS 1.11A, 1.11B, 1.18A; ELAR 1.27A, 1.27B; Health 1.2A

**Materials Needed:** Puppets, script, songs

**Vocabulary:** Booster seat, safety belt, equipment, protection

### Teaching Strategy:

1. Introduce the lesson by enacting a puppet show utilizing the attached script.
2. Check for understanding by asking the students to identify what the puppets were trying to teach.
3. Engage the students in a discussion about their experiences with booster seats.
4. As a culminating experience, have students learn a song about booster seats to a familiar tune such as *Jingle Bells*.

Booster Seats  
Booster Seats  
Protect you in the car  
They raise you up so you can see  
And make your safety belt fit, Hey!

Booster Seats  
Booster Seats  
You need them; it's the law  
You'll sit in them till you are 8  
Or 57 inches tall.

5. Students may make up their own songs, if desired, using the concepts described in the puppet script.

### Extension for Gifted/Talented:

Students will investigate how much booster seats cost, where they can be purchased, and what different styles are available.

## MARIGOLD AND MELVIN SCRIPT BOOSTER SEAT OR BABY SEAT?

- Melvin: Marigold, did I see you getting out of a car in front of school today? Does your mom drive a red car?
- Marigold: Yeah, that was us.
- Melvin: That was you, Marigold, sitting in a baby seat? HA HA HA! Marigold's a baby, Marigold's a baby!
- Marigold: Hey, cut it out! That wasn't a baby seat. It was a booster seat!
- Melvin: So, what's the difference? It looked like a baby seat to me. You'll never catch me in one of those.
- Marigold: All a booster seat does is get me up a little higher, so the safety belt fits better. No more of that awful shoulder belt rubbing on my neck!
- Melvin: Yeah, I hate that. Feels like it's trying to hang me or something.
- Marigold: And you can see out the windows better, too, sitting up a little higher.
- Melvin: Is that so? And you're not strapped in with five different straps like a baby seat? It takes my mom five minutes to get my kid brother strapped in.
- Marigold: No, you just use the regular car safety belt. If you're shorter than 4'9" the law says you have to sit in a booster seat. Tell your parents. Some booster seats have backs and others don't. They're cool!
- Melvin: OK, if you're sure it's not a baby seat.
- Marigold: It's not a baby seat! It's a lot more comfortable than a baby seat OR a regular safety belt. Kind of like a throne in the back seat. Besides that, it's the law! Make sure you follow the rules!