

ANIMATED VIDEOS FOR SOCIAL LEARNING

Recommendations for Older Students & Young Adults

Recommending YouTube videos for older students is a hit or miss proposition. Social cognition and developmental levels are on a broad continuum. Tastes vary widely, as do interests. These are some of my “best guesses” – as with all video recommendations, preview these to select those you think will be appealing to your older student and/or young adult.

The humor of a good video can make it easier to share a YouTube that otherwise might be labeled immature or “babyish” by young people. I have found that sometimes if I just start watching a video, without a particular instruction, older students and young adults will pretty obligingly watch along. Afterwards, it’s usually easy to ask them their opinion and take it from there. These are listed from least to most mature (more or less). Happy Viewing!

**CGI Animated Short Films HD: “Verstaubt” by Steffen Kuderer,
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The little vacuum that could – well, until there’s a problem. Great material to jumpstart a discussion about mistakes, our reactions to them, and problem solving.

Ormie the Pig

One of the first YouTube videos I used, Ormie is good for just about any feeling. Excellent for young and old alike.

Sesame Street: Robin Williams: Conflict

The appeal here for older students is Robin Williams. In this wonderful classic, Robin Williams and the Two-Headed Monster show us what conflict looks like. Use this to talk not just about anger and frustration,

but what not getting along can look like.

Pixar Short Films Collection - Mike's New Car 2002

A favorite for all ages! Mike has a new car and can't wait to show it off. But every new car has its challenges, and things just don't go according to plan. Lots of opportunities for perspective taking practice.

Scavenger Hunt.mpg One of my current favorites by Ringling College of Art & Design. This poor raccoon just wants to cross the street to get into the tasty dumpster. A terrific example of frustration and creative problem solving. Everyone loves this one!

Catch It - ESMA 2015 LOVE this one! Great example of righteous indignation as those poor meerkats struggle to get back the tasty fruit the vulture took. Great animation, great feelings, great story. For more info on this one, check out my YouTube channel.

CGI 3D Animated Short HD: "The Small Shoemaker" - by La Petite Cordonnier Team

A little shoemaker has to deal with some competition to his business. Again, another great video about resilience in the face of continuing problems.

CGI Animated Shorts: "Runaway" by Susan Yung, Emily Buchanan and Esther Parobek

This poor refrigerator feels he is going to be replaced, so off he goes! But wait, was he wrong? Does his owner still care? Great material for feelings and discussing those times when we misinterpret the intentions of others.

CGI 3D Animated Short: "The Wishgranter" - by Kal Athannassov, John McDonald, & Echo Wu

A wishgranter living under a magical fountain problem solves to bring two sad wishers together. Also a great example of resilience

and not giving up!

CGI Animated Short HD: "Space Invader" - by Ian Cooke-Grimes

Everything is fine on this small planet until a bully shows up. Let's you discuss not just sad feelings, but different perspectives as well. In the end, the bully is left alone – will he feel sad now?

"Bridge" by Ting Chian Tey | Disney Favorite

Crossing a narrow bridge has its challenges, especially if you are a bit large. Sometimes no one wants to back up. Enough said.

The Best Recipe - Digital Animation Showreel

It's true, chefs sometimes have the reputation of being a bit touchy, as this poor visitor is about to find out. Well, he has a temper as well. But no worries, it's a happy ending!

"Hubert" by David Jurine | Disney Favorite

Frustration is always part of being in the hospital. Especially if you can't even get to the hospital food.

Darth Vader Being a Jerk by Doomblake

It's exceptionally hard to find a video that demonstrates “jerky” behavior that is appropriate to show students. This one is great! We can all probably relate to both characters. The guard's reaction reminds us that you can't always say what you think! Enjoy!

Finders Keepers by edbertha

A classic in my practice! A short video in which two aliens compete for domination of a planet. Great to start conversations about our competitive nature and the choices we make.

Animal Instincts by GooRooAnimation

We all feel mad sometimes, but hopefully don't take it to the extremes that these two do! Once you stop laughing, great to start conversations about expressing anger.

CGI Animated Short Film HD: "Johnny Express" by Alfred Imageworks

Not for the super anxious viewer, but a good video to use with older students to raise the subject of anxiety and worries. It's never good to be super small when a large delivery person arrives with a package. I often have students illustrate some feelings from this video, then bridge to personal experiences when they felt worried.

CGI 3D Animated Short HD: "Selfie Cat" - by ArtFX

A good view for those students into social media. I use it to jump start conversations about social standing, competition with peers for popularity, etc.

The T-Mobile Dance by lifesforsharing

My very favorite flashmob video. I love showing this to see how students respond affectively. Do they feel the great energy of the dancing and music? Or do they think it's silly? Or are they confused? Some great conversations about our individual reactions to life have started after watching this video.

Email in Real Life by Tripp and Tyler

Lots of the Tripp and Tyler videos are great for young adults, addressing lots of typical social situations. This one is about email, a great humorous guide for students learning to use this form of communication. Preview carefully and enjoy with students ready for this type of information and humor.

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