



Children are curious about what is going on in the world. About 50 percent of 10-12 year olds say that following the news is important to them, according to a recent study by Common Sense Media. But current events can be confusing, scary and difficult to navigate. That's why there is *NewsDepth!*

*NewsDepth* is Ideastream Public Media's award-winning interactive digital series for children ages 8 through 12 that explores current events in a child-friendly way! The show airs every week on WVIZ and is available on demand through the PBS Video app.

Parents and caregivers play an important role in helping children navigate the news. That's why we encourage you to watch *NewsDepth* with your child and talk about it together!

### Follow these easy tips to get the discussion started:

- Ask how the news makes your child feel and what they already know. You might be surprised by what your child has already heard and how it impacts their emotions. Be prepared to offer support when needed.
- Give your child context and facts. You may have to explain the background of a story, or better yet, research the story together!
- Answer any questions honestly and briefly. Tell the truth, but share only as much as a child needs to know.
- Each week *NewsDepth* provides a writing prompt for children. Work through the question with your child and then help them submit it to the show. Then check next episode to see if your answer made it into the show!
- Take positive action together. If a particular story resonates with your child, find a way to be a part of it. Write a letter to a congressperson about that new law. Pick up litter at a local park to protect endangered animals. Teach your child that what's happening in the world involves them too.

We know that not all news stories are appropriate for all children or families. You can preview *NewsDepth* before your child watches — episodes are posted online early Thursday — or skim through the weekly episode guide that posts beneath the show on [newsdepth.ideastream.org](https://newsdepth.ideastream.org), or sign up for our newsletter to receive a preview of the show each week.

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