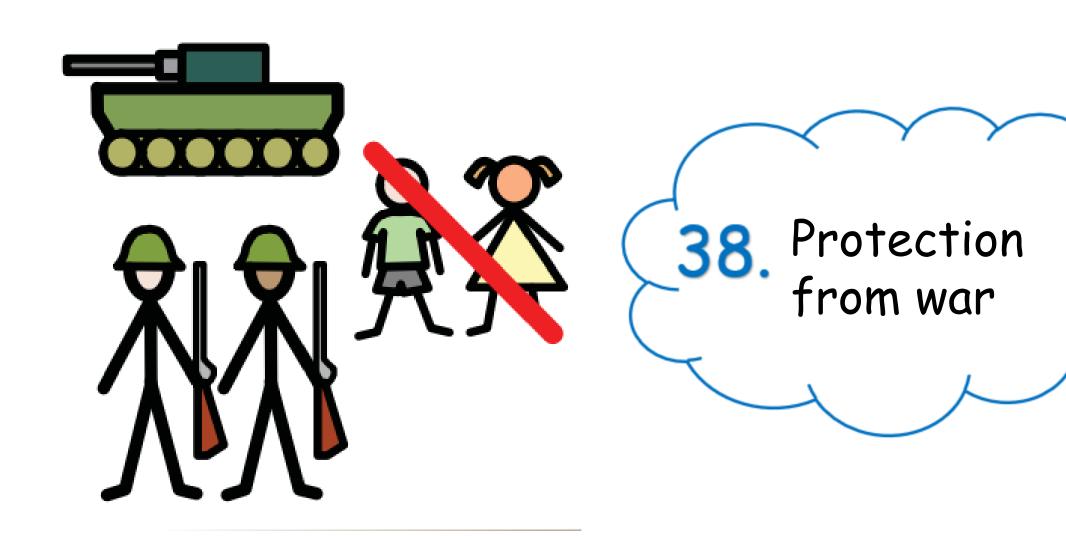
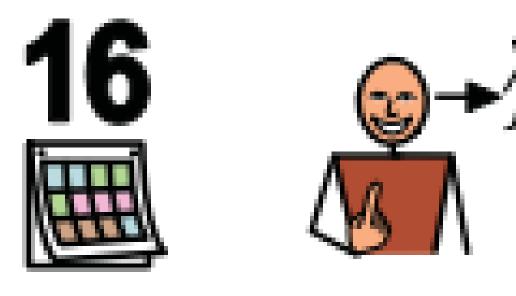
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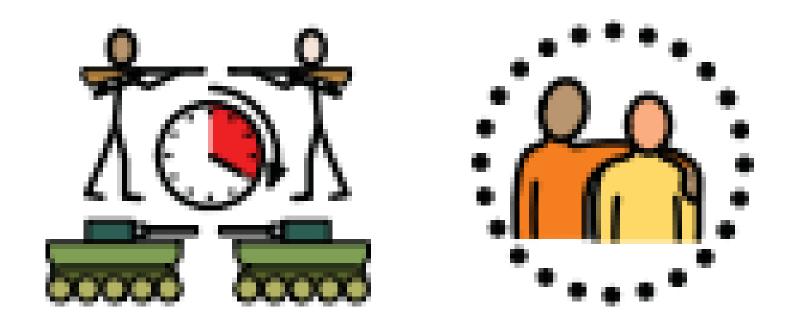




I am not allowed to join the army until I am 15.

This is the same in Ukraine at the moment

## If my country is at war, I should get special protection.



# Can you think about why children should be protected from wars?

#### **DID YOU THINK OF THESE?**

- They should have all their rights in the Convention and war will impact on their ability to enjoy many of these rights.
- War is dangerous. You can be seriously injured or killed and participation in war can have a life-long impact on a person. It's wrong to make children and young people take part in wars, particularly if they are forced to do so.
- Adults make wars happen, why should innocent children be affected?
- If children see fighting and war as the answer to problems this may affect their whole lives.

- They may be too young to understand what the war is about.
- Adults choose to join the armed forces as a profession, and they receive training and support to do their work.
  Child soldiers are often coerced or forced to take part and receive no training or support.
- They are still growing and may not have the physical or emotional maturity to cope.

What else did you think of?

#### REFLECTION

You may like to reflect as a class or in an assembly.....

When there is war and conflict we often try to think of peace.

- What makes you feel peaceful and calm?
- How can your thoughts, words and actions bring a sense of peace to your friends and family?
- What does it take to be a peace maker?

#### Reflection

## Take some time and find some space to be still and to think



- Think about those who have lost their lives in war and conflict helping to bring freedom and a better life for others
- Think about and appreciate all those people around you who help to keep you safe
- Take some time to think about what peace means to you