

# KidCoachApp Case Study

## SUZY DAVEY



### Tell us about yourself?

"Hi! I'm Suzy, mum of 10 year old autistic ADHDer Jack and 8 year old Harry.

We home educate since we think it is important to do project-based learning and meet our children's needs where their interests are."

### Why did you download the app?

***"Much of our home education is done through conversation which is why I jumped at the chance to try the KidCoachApp!"***

My kids are very open-minded, but sometimes I'm not as creative as I could be. I find the app helps me think of questions to ask.

It takes a lot of pressure off me.

Sometimes I can feel overwhelmed being in charge of everything. So anywhere I can outsource things, like with the KidCoachApp, helps me facilitate home education for my kids!"

### What has been the impact of using the KidCoachApp?

"Child raising can sometimes be task-orientated and not relationship-orientated. But if you get the connection and relationship right, then everything else flows from there.

***I see the KidCoachApp as a tool to help us parents reconnect with their children. It's helping us loads with connecting as a family.***

With my autistic son it has also helped him with perspective-taking. It's helpful for him to realise that other people might have different views to him and to become comfortable with this. All the questions in the app are open-ended with lots of possible ways someone might think about them, so this helps him think of those other opinions."



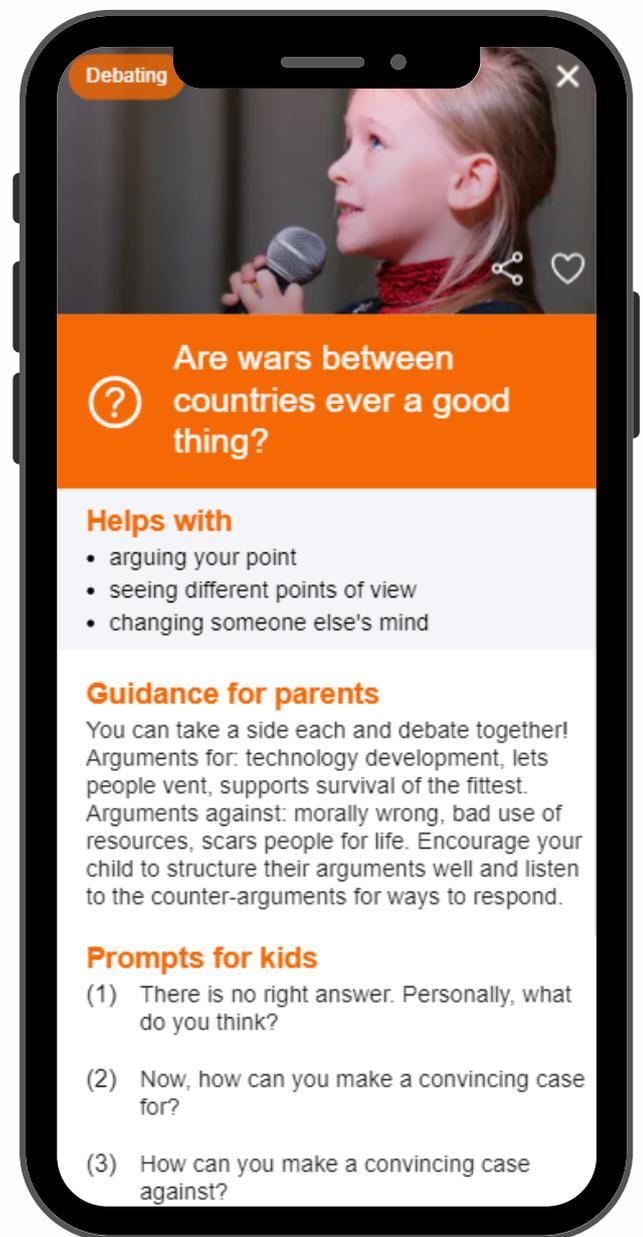
## What was a memorable conversation you had?

"We were covering World War Two and my son had lots of questions about this at the time. So we did the question "Are wars between countries ever a good thing?"

The KidCoach question got us talking about how sometimes war has to happen to protect others but also that it normally ends up worsening the situation. My eldest son then went on to say he wants to work in government and make sure that we never go to war!

***I like that the app doesn't shy away from raising tricky topics like this.***

I feel there are no topics you have to avoid, you just have to approach everything in an age-sensitive way."



## How do you use the KidCoachApp?

"I tend to log on in the evenings when the kids have gone to bed. I don't normally get past the first page since I'm so busy.

***I nearly always find something that will work for us and can easily implement the next day, for example at the dinner table or in the car.***

When using a KidCoachApp conversation starter we find that more questions tend to pop up naturally. It's like pulling on a thread. We just see where each discussion leads us, and this is quite natural for a home educating family like ours."



## Why do you love the KidCoachApp?

"Having the follow-on prompts are just so useful. It lets me enjoy the question, rather than getting bogged down in the research and planning. We can all just have an authentic conversation."

***It makes learning fun. Half the time my kids don't realise they are learning.***

Playing games, visits to the zoo and a KidCoachApp conversation are all the same type of learning."



## What would you say to any parent thinking of subscribing to the app?

"A lot of parents leave education at the school gates and feel it is covered. But it is not. The curriculum is so skewed towards attainment and teachers simply don't have time to cover the things that actually matter."

***It falls to us parents to nurture an environment of questioning and exploration. When something as simple as a conversation can help parents take part in their education like this then why would you not give this a go?***

Don't think of it like homework. It's not.

Its about me taking 5 minutes before I go to bed, favouriting a few questions from the KidCoachApp, and bringing it up when the opportunity arises.

This might be when we are driving to the supermarket, or when I'm cooking and kids are drawing, or while watching TV and something comes up in the news or in a movie."

***"It's just amazing value. The price per month is the same as what you would spend on two hot chocolates when you go to the park!"***

