

Jackson's Story



Jackson was a 16-year old student. He had met Mariah, a friend of his sister's at a football game. There had been some romantic attraction between them the first time they met. Jackson asked her out on a date and she accepted. They talked, shared and had a good time.

The talking was more satisfying than he could have ever imagined. She listened to what he had to say and he did the same with her. They shared a few of their hopes and dreams with each other, both being encouraging and attentive. It was a new experience for Jackson, and he enjoyed it greatly. It wasn't a lot, but it was a great start.

Jackson and Mariah dated for a couple of months. Some of his close friends did a lot of teasing. They didn't understand how he could be friends with a girl, and even date her for a couple months and not try to have sex with her.

Jackson felt very lucky to have a friend like Mariah. He ended up telling the guys who pressured him about the sex issue that it was none of their business.

What could have happened if Jackson gave into the peer pressure and tried to get Mariah to have sex with him?

What could happen with friends who are pressuring us to do things we don't want to do, if we tell them it's none of their business?

Have you ever felt your "radar" go on alert when someone made you feel uncomfortable? What was the situation? How did you handle it?
