

RELATING TO OTHERS



WHAT SHOULD ISAAC DO?

Who can help you make a hard decision?

Last week, a new boy started in our class. His name is Tod.

Tod looks really shy, and he doesn't talk much.

Yesterday we had sports, and everyone was out on the field.

Jack from Room 9 walked up to Tod.

"They're nice shorts," Jack said. "Did you borrow them from your sister?"

All the kids laughed and Tod walked away.

I laughed a bit too, but I had a funny feeling in my stomach.

Jack called to Tod, "Are they your sister's running shoes, too?"

This time I didn't laugh. I wanted to say something, but I was worried about what Jack would do.

"Maybe I should tell Miss Elms," I said to Frankie.

"Jack is being really mean."

"Don't be a tell-tale, Isaac," said Frankie.

The others were still laughing, but I felt really sad for Tod. What should I do?



The right thing to do

Sometimes it's really hard to know what to do when something bad happens. Isaac laughed at what Jack said to Tod - but the funny feeling in his stomach told him that laughing was a mean thing to do.

Stand by ... or stand up?

- Isaac didn't feel good standing by while Jack was being mean. He really wanted to stand up for Tod instead. Here are some things he might have done straight away:

- Go and tell Miss Elms
- Tell the others to stop laughing
- Tell Jack to stop being mean to Tod
- Go and talk with Tod

Work with a partner. Talk about why Isaac might find each of these things hard to do. What do you think Isaac should do?

- Sometimes, when you really don't know what to do, you can go to someone you trust for help.

If you were Isaac, who would you talk to?

- Draw a circle with a big question mark in the middle.
- Draw three boxes around the circle.
- In each box, write the name of someone you trust.
- What do you think each person would say about Jack being mean and what you could do to help?
- Explain your thinking to a classmate.



Talk with your friends. Good friends can help you make hard decisions.

I trust _____

What would they say?

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