

A Story of Bullying

Lesson 2, Student Activity 1

One afternoon Johnny, a student at Monroe Middle School, was hanging out with a group of friends in the school yard after lunch. A boy named Mohammed walked by. Johnny broke off from his group of friends to follow the boy across the yard.

“Hey”, Johnny yelled. “You, Mohammed. What kind of a name is that? Why don’t you go back where you come from? We don’t need your kind of stupid, dirty, ugly people round here.”

Johnny’s friends joined in. They taunted Mohammed and threw other insults at him. One boy shoved Mohammed. Another grabbed his backpack and threw it on the ground.

Mohammed, a slender, quiet boy whose family didn’t approve of violence, took the abuse as long as he could. Then he ran off into the school building to escape. A teacher found him a few minutes later, hiding in the boys’ room.

Questions

1. What do we call what is happening here? _____

2. What types of people are likely to be targets of bullies? _____

3. Make a list of three to five things bullies do to others. _____

4. Have you ever been bullied? When and how? _____

You can use the back of this sheet to take notes on the three different types of bullies.