



Small talk - bullies

Come on, you're getting through childhood bully-free?

Yup.

That's amazing. You're so lucky.

Yeah, they know not to mess with me, cos I'll tell on you!

Have you ever been bullied?

Uhhhh, yeah.

Yes!

There has been a time.

My whole life is a bully.

I was playing tag with a friend and then they poured a juice box on my head.

One time when I went skiing in a class, and these people, they called me mean words.

You don't have to say the mean words.

Yeah, good.

I have a kid in my school and he wants me to be his servant, but I don't want to.

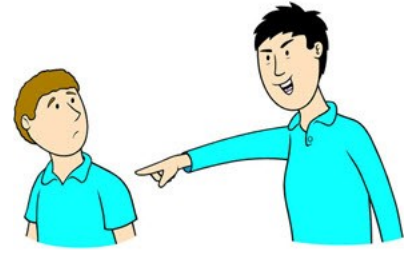
He was like, 'Look, you're the short little girl in the class.' Because, you know, I'm not the tallest.

Sure.

And he'd call me short stack of pancakes.

Ha, ha, ha!

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So what are you going to do?

I'm gonna tell my parents.

Yeah! What are they gonna do?

They're gonna cry to their mommy.

I was, like, six. I thought, 'OK, I gotta be mean back.' So I bit him. He left the school.

He left?

Yes.

I'm sorry for laughing at him calling you a short stack of pancakes.

That's OK.

Why do you think people do that?

Ummm.

Cos ... hmmm.

I think it's because I'm different.

I think they're jealous sometimes.

Bullies are bullies cos they were hurt too. So then hurt people hurt people, right?

Cos they feel bad about themselves.

Wow, interesting.

Deep.



I think maybe things are tough at home or maybe they're in a fight with their brothers or something.

It makes them feel better than them if they see what's wrong with the other person.

What do you think we could do to prevent bullying?

Do not engage.

Tell the teacher.

Tell, like, an adult about it.

Ignore them. They're only trying to get a reaction out of you.

There's also one bully at school who says, 'Get a life.' I'm like, 'I already have one.'

Totally.

'And I don't care what you say.' And then I just keep saying it and then I just ... walk away.

What makes you different?

Ummm, my glasses, my personality, my sense of humour, the way I do stuff. You know, everything.

I think it makes you you, and I like it.

Thanks.

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