



Classroom and Small Group Discussion for "You're Not the Boss of Me!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use some or all of the following questions to stimulate a discussion about bullying and school safety with small groups of children.

"YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME!"

1. Who is yelling at the beginning of the script? Why? Why is Stephen so upset?
2. Where was Clare expecting Stephen to meet her? Why wasn't he there?
3. What does Stephen tell Clare about Jason? Why does Stephen feel guilty about Jason? How would you feel if you were in Stephen's place?
4. At one point, Stephen says he'll fly over to Robbie's house and beat him up. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?
5. Clare tells Stephen he should talk to an adult. How does Stephen respond? Clare goes on to tell Stephen about "reporting." What does Clare say is the difference between "tattling" and "reporting?"
6. Stephen tried "reporting" to Mr. Taylor, a teacher at school. How did Mr. Taylor respond? Do you think it's common for adults not to take reports of bullying seriously? Why or why not?
7. Stephen tells Clare that "girls don't get bullied." Is his statement true? What does Clare tell Stephen about her experience with bullies?
8. When a group of girls bullied Clare, what did she do at the time it was happening?
9. Clare says the bullying she experienced in the 5th grade bothered her for a long time. What did she do recently to deal with her bad feelings? How do you think writing an article for the school paper might be helpful?