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BULLYING

WHAT TO DO:

Bullying occurs in many different ways, but is always ultimately harmful. To better understand what happens when a bullying event takes place, it's helpful to look at the "who, what, and why" of the event. Start by deciding who the "bully" is and who the "victim" is. Then, examine what the bully does to the victim that makes it unfair.

Read the scene below and see if you can determine: Who is the bully? Who is the victim? Who are the bystanders?

"What's this?" Jayne asked in her fake surprised voice. "Did I say you could stand in line with us?" Four girls in the cafeteria line behind Jayne looked to see what the new kid, Stacy, would do now. The cafeteria line was moving slowly; there was plenty of time for Jayne to do something. What would it be this time?

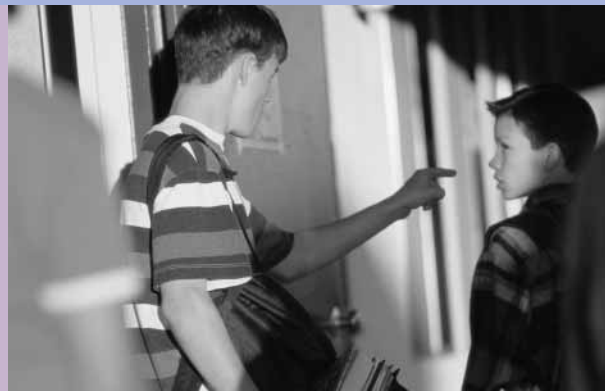
Stacy Ringhoff stood there in the line in front of Jayne, with a confused look on her face. She had already taken a red plastic tray and held it out as if Jayne were going to put something on it. Jayne grabbed the tray and pulled Stacy toward her.

She spoke slowly as if she were talking to a first grader. "In the cafeteria we go first," said Jayne. She pointed to the other girls on line. "Get it?" She yanked the tray out of Stacy's hands and said, "You are now going to apologize to us and go to the back of the line." She smiled, and the four girls giggled.

Stacy didn't say anything.

Jayne said, "We're waiting." She and the other girls stared at Stacy, who was holding back tears.

Finally Stacy mumbled, "I'm sorry."



QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the bully?

2. Who is the victim?

3. Who are the bystanders? How do you think they were affected by what happened to Stacy?

4. If you were in the cafeteria line watching this scene, what would your choices be? What would you choose to do?

Explain your answer.

For example: *I would do nothing because... ; I would find an adult and report Jayne's bullying because... ; I would back away because...*

