

Sixth Grade, Session 13

Knowing What to Say

Scenario 1

Every day the boy students play soccer after lunch. A few girls want to play with the boys. When they pick teams the girls are chosen last and they don't get passed to. Boys sometimes say things like "you aren't good 'cause you're a girl" or "girls just aren't as fast as boys." One of the girls is really good friends with one of the boys, and he knows the other boys aren't passing to her because they don't think she can help the team. They say bad things about her when she's not there.

- What can the boy say to the other boys to support the girl when she isn't there?
- What can the boy say to the other boys to support the girl when she is there?
- If you were the girl in this situation, what could you say to the boys who were saying bad things about you?
- Would any of your answers change if the boy and girl weren't friends?

Scenario 2

A boy has a sparkly backpack, like a lot of the girls in his grade do. Some people in the grade tease him about it but don't tease the girls. If you were the boy, what could you say to the kids who were teasing you?

- Should the boy ask his friend to say something to the other kids?
- Is there a difference if a girl defended the boy rather than another boy?