

Bullying Case Studies

The following case studies are based on real-life situations. They may be helpful in the classroom or with clients for educational and demonstrative purposes.

Case Study Number Three

Jonathan is constantly losing his cool in the classroom and has been picking fights with students in the playground. His parents have been to the school on numerous occasions and have complained that teachers do not do enough to stop the bullies from harassing their son. As one of his classmates, you know that he sets himself up to be bullied by taunting others in the class, being rude, taking part in silly actions such as tripping girls who pass his desk, etc.

You do not condone his behavior, but you do not condone his classmates' reaction, even though you also find him annoying, untrustworthy, and difficult. In addition, you know that fighting often occurs in his family.

Discussion Questions

- What could you do as a student to assist Jonathan, yourself, and/or the classmates he deals with daily?
- Who is the bully? Who is the victim?
- How could Jonathan's family environment affect his behavior?
- Do you think it would hurt or help to get other students involved in understanding Jonathan's behavior? Why?