

## Conflicts and Problems

This is Michael. Just like you, Michael is learning a lot about how to resolve conflict. Michael has just learned that making a conflict wheel is one way to solve a problem. Now Michael will put the conflict wheel to use.

You see, Michael has a problem. Alex took his favorite toy dinosaur. Michael is sad and angry.  
**What should he do?**

Michael uses his conflict wheel to figure out what to do.

Michael doesn't think saying "stop" will do anything. Alex already took the toy. He isn't continuing to do something to Michael.

Michael doesn't choose to go to the teacher. He sees that Mrs. Peacock is busy with another student.

Michael finally decides to talk it out with Alex and see if they can work together.

Michael explains to Alex that the toy dinosaur is his favorite toy and that he feels sad and angry because Alex took it.

Alex listens carefully. He feels bad. He didn't know that the toy dinosaur belonged to Michael. He likes the dinosaur a lot, but he knows he should give it back to Michael.

Michael is happy. He has his dinosaur again. Alex finds another toy, and together the boys play, laugh, and have a fun time.

What did Michael learn today?

Being prepared and using a conflict wheel helps when you have a problem.

What other ways to resolve conflict can you put on your conflict wheel?

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