

Bullying and Violence Prevention

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Grade Level: PreK-2

Use this reflection page to explore the thoughts and ideas expressed by Jeff Sprague in the Deeper Look Video on bullying.

1. Dr. Sprague describes how 80% of all instances of bullying are witnessed by a bystander and that bystanders can both positively and negatively affect bullying situations. What has been your experience with bystanders during incidents of bullying at school?

2. Dr. Sprague says that when “minor bullying behaviors are under control, the real bullies stick out like sore thumbs.” Discuss this statement in terms of your school and your own experiences.

3. When the victim of bullying tells a teacher, often teachers consider it tattling and do not intervene, while when a bystander reports an incident of bullying, the teacher will more often snap to attention. What are your experiences with these situations?

4. The video ends by telling us, “Bystanders are a huge part of the solution (to bullying).” How do you help students understand possible strategies and actions they can take when they witness bullying?
