

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

In the heart-wrenching documentary film **BULLY**, by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Lee Hirsch, you will watch as Alex is subjected to some very cruel treatment by other students. Sadly, Alex is so accustomed to being bullied that he seems not to recognize it for what it is.

After an especially disturbing incident on the school bus, Alex has a conversation with his mother, who tries to explain that these kids are not his friends and what they are doing to him is wrong. His response: "If these people aren't my friends, then what friends do I have?"



Bullying exists in many forms. Sometimes, like what happened to Alex, it occurs in the open for everyone to see. Other times it is more subtle. The following four scenarios provide some examples of what bullying can look like. Use the back of this paper to write your thoughts about each example: How would you feel if you were the victim? What could/would you do if you knew about the bullying or were a witness to it? And, finally, what is the common thread that appears throughout each scenario?

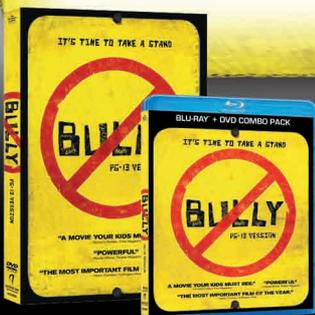
Scenario 1: A group of boys has been intentionally bumping into another boy in the hallway, and now the behavior is escalating to shoving and even tripping. There are always other students around, and some students even laugh when it happens.

Scenario 2: A group of girls has targeted one particular girl who has recently come out as gay—like Kelby, featured in **BULLY**. They routinely spread rumors and gossip about her character. Pretty much everyone in school has heard and/or talked about the rumors, and most students do their best to make her feel like an outcast.

Scenario 3: Someone has been tweeting and posting some very mean comments about a student on Facebook, and the comments have been making the rounds of the school. This student's only crime is that she looks very young for her age and wears thick glasses. A friend of yours just sent you a link to some of the comments with the message: "LOL!!"

Scenario 4: There's a kid in school who seems shy and is a little bit different—just like Alex in **BULLY**. Not only is he having difficulty making friends, but most students seem to ignore him. A few make mean comments and snicker when he walks by. This kid walks to class alone, eats by himself in the cafeteria, and often sits alone on the school bus.

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Look for **BULLY** on Blu-Ray™ and DVD™ in a store near you on February 12, 2013. To learn more about what you can do to combat bullying, go to www.THEBULLYPROJECT.com



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