

“BrainMinder Buddies Ban Bullying” Puppet Show

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Introduction:

Wise Old Owl (addressing audience):

Bullying is never nice

Someone always pays the price.

It can happen to anybody

So let's avoid it by being a buddy.

Don't be afraid to stand up and say,

"Stop! Help! Get away! "

Let's listen to our BrainMinder friends

To see how we can put bullying to an end.

Scene 1 – Don't call names! (puppets: Bob Beagle, Tulip Pig, Martin Monkey)

Bully :

Look at these two!

I'll make their day blue. [Laughs maliciously]

Bully (addressing Bob the Beagle):

Hey you beagle with the big floppy ears,

They don't have to be so big for you to hear!

Bully (addressing Tulip Pig):

And look at that pig! All you do is squeal and shout;
No wonder you have a big old snout that sticks out.

Martin Monkey (addressing Bully):

Hey bully, you have no right to call them names!
You should be so very ashamed!

Wise Old Owl (addressing audience):

Stop a bully from calling names.
If it hurts feelings, it's not a game.

Transition (bully addressing audience):

Oh, well! I didn't win there;
Maybe I can go give someone else a scare.

Scene 2 – Don't push or shove or threaten harm! (puppets: Penny Panda, Hero the Horse)

Bully (addressing Penny Panda):

Look at that panda; I'll go push her down!
That will make her cry and frown!

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Hero (addressing bully):

Don't you dare pick on my friend!

I'm here to make your violence end.

Wise Old Owl (addressing audience):

Stop a bully from causing harm.

Stand up for a friend; it works like a charm!

Transition (Bully addressing audience):

That horse is nothing but a jerk!

Maybe I'll go tell some lies! That'll work!

Scene 3 – Don't spread rumors! (puppets: Gerald Giraffe, Captain Kitty)

Bully (addressing audience):

Did you hear about Gerald the Giraffe?

I could tell you a story that would make you laugh.

It isn't true, but who really cares?

It will make all his friends stare! [Laughs maliciously]

Captain Kitty (addressing Bully):

Oh Bully, you shouldn't tell made up stories!

Lying about someone never brings glory.

Wise Old Owl (addressing audience):

Always stop a bully from spreading rumors.

That's not having a sense of humor.

Transition (Bully addressing audience):

Gosh, things don't seem to be going my way.

Let me target someone alone at play.

Scene 4 – Never Play Alone!

Bully (addressing audience): (puppets: Danny Deep, Martin Monkey)

Look at that fish, Danny Deep,

Playing all alone; he looks like a creep.

I know I can make him sad.

I'll say something really bad!

Martin (addressing Danny Deep):

Hey Danny, come over here.

Play close to friends and have no fear.

Wise Old Owl (addressing audience):

Stop a bully by not playing alone.

Play close to friends or adults who are full grown.

Transition (bully addressing audience):

These animals are trying to bring me down.

In the end, though, I'll wear the bully's crown.

Scene 5 – Don't keep it to yourself (puppet: Hero the Horse)

Bully (addressing audience):

I can do anything I please

They are so easy to tease.

I can bring them under my spell

Nobody will dare to tell.

Hero the Horse (addressing audience):

Oh bully, you're so wrong

Your spell will not last long.

Wise Old Owl (addressing audience):

Stop a bully by letting everyone know,

So their power will weaken instead of grow.

Tell a teacher or mom and dad!

When bullying stops, we'll all be glad!

All puppets (addressing audience)

Being a bully will get you nowhere,
Don't be mean, show you care.
Let's try to make bullying something rare,
So we can all play together, fair and square!

Wise Old Owl: Okay, boys and girls. Let's review the rules for stopping bullying!

First, can you repeat after me, (each sign is held up): **"Don't call names!** (allow children to repeat)

Next: **"Don't push, or shove, or threaten harm!"** (repeat)

Also: **"Don't spread rumors!** (repeat)

Next: **"Don't play alone!"** (repeat)

Finally: **"Tell an Adult!"** (repeat)

Very Good! Can you say after me: **"I am a Brainminder Buddy!"**

"Brainminder Buddies Ban Bullying" Puppet Show Instructions:

(Note: This script uses one human, and 9 of the Brainminder Buddies puppets. It is a bit more complex than the other puppet show scripts, so we have added these suggestions.)

1. Make signs with the 5 anti-bullying rules stated clearly on the front (See last page of script). Each sign will be held up during its respective scene. On the back, the sign should have the script that is designated for each scene. For example, the first sign should say: "Don't Call Names!" and the script on the back should be Scene 1.
2. The backs of all of the signs should include the last four lines of the finale. These lines should be read in unison.
3. Note: The Bully is an actual person. We felt it was important not to have any of our Brainminder Puppets play the role of the villain, since they are the role models! The person playing the Bully should memorize the lines and be comfortable acting out the part.
4. Make sure there is at least one person per "hero" puppet. The puppets used include **Wise Old Owl, Martin Monkey, Hero the Horse, and Captain Kitty** as the heroes, and **Bob Beagle, Tulip Pig, Penny Panda, Danny Deep and Gerald Giraffe** as victims.
5. People may work two "victim" puppets.
6. Each scene should have only the characters in the scene on center stage. Wise Old Owl may stand slightly off to the side or step back. All other characters should be "backstage" or far off to the side, if there is no stage, when it is not their scene.
7. In the end, all characters must come out holding the signs and repeat the rules.

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