Learning with the Club Crew
A great activity to think about how the Club Crew handles bullying situations.

First:
Read or ask someone to read you the Club Crew member introductions below.

Then:
Pick one or more Club Crew members who they feel most connected with and answer any or all of these questions:
• Which Club Crew member did you choose?
• I feel connected to this Club Crew member because ______________.
• How does this Club Crew member feel about bullying?
• What advice would you give to the Club Crew member about bullying?

Next:
• Read the questions below for each Club Crew member.
• Pick one or more of the Club Crew members and answer the questions.
Brad

Hi, I’m Brad! I used to call little kids names and mess with them all the time. I didn’t think it was a big deal. I thought it was funny! That is, until my mom asked me how I would feel if someone did that to me. That really made me stop and think. I don’t want to act that way anymore. Now, I try to treat people with respect!

- Brad bullied because he thought it was funny. What are other reasons that kids might bully?
- Brad says that now he really tries to treat people with respect. What does the expression, “Treat someone like how you want to be treated,” mean?
¡Hola! I’m Carmen. I don’t like it when I see kids picking on other kids. Me parece mal. I know how it feels because it happened to me. I have epilepsy, sometimes I stare off in the distance, or my body looks like I’m doing dance moves. I can’t control those things, so I take medicine for it. Kids at school used to make fun of me, and I felt sad and lonely. Talking to my dad and a teacher at school about it really helped me feel better. I don’t want anyone else to ever feel that way. ¿Me ayudas? Will you help me speak up about bullying?

• Carmen told her dad about being bullied. Why is it important to tell someone, especially an adult?
• Carmen was bullied and it made her sad. What are other ways kids feel when they see bullying?
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Chandra

Hey, I’m Chandra. I’m new at school. My little brother has autism and is the sweetest person, but sometimes other kids bully him because he does some things differently and can take longer to do them. That’s not okay. When that happens, I tell my teacher about it, and she helps me get the bullying to stop. I want to stop bullying in my school because no one should ever be bullied. Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness!

• Chandra’s little brother gets picked on for his differences. Can bullying happen to anyone?

• Chandra is new at school. What are ways to make someone feel more welcome?
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Jay

Hi. My name is Jay. I wear hearing aids. They help; but I still can’t hear like other kids, so I read lips and use sign language, too. Sometimes people make fun of the way I talk. That makes me feel sad, especially when they don’t include me in games just because I do things differently. I’m really good at kickball though. Want to be on my team?

• Jay uses hearing aids. What are good ways to celebrate everyone’s unique qualities?

• Jay is really good at kickball. What are some ways to help everyone explore what they do well?
Matt

Hey, I’m Matt. I’m really good at lots of things. I’m even captain of our math team. My whole team jokes and teases each other – it’s just what we do – I didn’t think it was hurting anybody. But one day my joking around did hurt someone. Coach told me that a joke is not funny if it makes someone else feel bad. I learned that good leaders don’t act the way I did. Now, I do my best to make sure everyone on the team feels like they belong.

- Matt thought his joking around wasn’t hurting anyone. Are there times when someone doesn’t realize their actions are hurting others?
- Matt is captain of his team. What qualities make someone a good leader?
Mickey

Hello, I’m Mickey. I was born with Down syndrome. I don’t always say a lot, but I like it when you talk with me. I really like baseball and funny dog videos. The school playground is fun, but sometimes I don’t have anyone to play with. If you see me at recess, ask me to join you!

- Mickey says he likes it when someone talks to him. What is a good question to start a conversation?
- Mickey likes the school playground. What are ways to include others during recess?
Hi, there. I’m Molly. My friends and I like to have fun together, but sometimes other kids pick on them. I really don’t like that, and I don’t want that to happen to anyone else. So, I’m going to talk to my friends and come up with a plan to help kids get to know each other better. It’s way more fun when we include each other! Want to sit with us at lunch?

- Molly says that she doesn’t like when she sees kids being picked on. How do you think kids feel when they are bullied?
- Molly wants to include others. Why is important for everyone to feel like they belong?
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Nick

Hi! I’m Nick. I see bullying sometimes, but I’m never sure what to do. It’s really frustrating. I mean, I know bullying is not okay, but what am I supposed to do about it? I’m afraid that if I do or say something, I might make it worse. Or what if it happens to me, too? I have ADHD, and I’m afraid I’ll get bullied because of it. Friend stuff can be confusing. I wish we could all just play and get along. Hey, do you want to play foursquare?

- Nick wants to help but isn’t sure how. What are some ways to safely help someone being bullied?
- Nick wants everyone to get along. How could kids work together to help stop bullying at their school?
Hello, my name is Mrs. Bridge. I teach at the school that the Club Crew attends. I’m glad you’re here and want to learn how to prevent bullying. I encourage all my students to speak up, reach out, and be a friend. My students know that I am an adult they can trust. So, feel free to come talk to me anytime. Together, we can use kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to create a world without bullying!

- Mrs. Bridge is a trusted adult who students can talk to about bullying. Why does it help to talk with an adult?
- Mrs. Bridge encourages kids to speak up. Is it tattling to tell a teacher about bullying?
- Mrs. Bridge wants to prevent bullying. How can students work with their teacher to stop bullying at their school?
Pip

(Squeak!) Hi, I’m Pip! Before I got adopted, I was in a shelter with so many other hamsters. They chased me and called me lots of silly names because I was the littlest one. I don’t know why they did that, do you? I don’t think anyone should be called mean names. Just call them by their own names—mine is Pip!

- Pip lived in the pet shop, and he was teased and called names. How do hurtful words make kids feel?
- Pip was bullied and wasn’t sure what to do. What could someone do if they were being bullied?
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Sally

Hello! My name’s Sally, and I get around school in this cool red wheelchair because I have cerebral palsy. Sure, my muscles don’t always do what I want them to, but I play sports, ride horses, go swimming, and even code my own computer games! Oh, and I love music. Carmen and I wrote a song about speaking up and reaching out if you see people being bullied. Want to hear it?

• Sally has cerebral palsy. If someone was bullied because of their differences, what could they do?

• Sally does lots of activities. What are ways to prevent bullying on teams and in groups?
Shannon

Hey, I’m Shannon. My friends and I like fashion and have all the latest accessories. Everyone wants to be friends with us because we’re so popular. Once we pretended to be someone else on the internet and started rumors about some girls. I was having fun until I saw one of the girls crying about it at school. She was really hurt. My friends and I all felt bad, so we told her we did it and that we were very sorry. I don’t want to make anyone cry again.

• Shannon and her friends started some unkind rumors. How could someone who bullies change their behavior?
• Shannon saw how her bullying hurt someone. How can someone show they are sorry for their behavior?