

## **LEARNING ACTIVITIES:** ©GayeAdegbalola **SONG #8 ~~ STOP THAT BULLY**

### **FLAVOR: ROCK & ROLL**

- Bullying is often very scary and usually involves 3 or more people -- the bully, the one being bullied, and the person or persons who observe the bullying. Talk with an adult about what bullying is and then write a "pledge" that you will not be a bully. Listen to the song to hear what you can do if you see someone being bullied.

- You may be very surprised at the number of people who have been bullied. Take a survey of your classmates.

On a sheet of paper, you can ask these questions and leave space for the person to give answers:

Have you ever been bullied?

How did it happen?

How many times have you been bullied?

How did you handle it?

Add up your results and take them to the principal or guidance counselor or a teacher. See below for another way of doing a survey.

- Some schools have an ANONYMOUS BULLY BOX. When someone is bullied or when someone sees a bully in action, the incident can be written down and placed in the bully box. The box must be in a place that is very private and the one who writes the action up remains anonymous. This is just an idea, but one that can be shared with guidance or a teacher. If one person is written up several times, guidance and teachers can take note. Care must be taken that the box is not used as a source for bullying.

- Have a poster contest in your school. The poster should be about "How to Stop That Bully." This might be a good project for the student government to sponsor or maybe the art department. It would also be great if some prizes could be awarded for best poster or most creative poster. The prizes could be awarded in an assembly program so that there is a lot of publicity about how to stop that bully.

- Aside from the poster contest, there could be contests for other kinds of media -- a magazine ad, a radio spot, a cartoon, or a TV ad. Any of these forms can be used to draw attention to the topic.

- A simile is a way to use words to compare two things that don't usually go together. It is usually introduced by "like" or "as". For example, "Her smile is like sunshine." Or, "She is as pretty as springtime." Many similes are visual. In other words, you can see "sunshine" and you can see "springtime." Now, to go in the opposite direction, what is

a bully like? For example, "A bully is like poison ivy." Come up with 5 more similes to describe a bully.

### **SPECIAL LINKS:**

- **THE ORIGINAL WOOLY BULLY BY SAM THE SHAM & THE PHARAOHS**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uE\\_MpQhgtQ8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uE_MpQhgtQ8)

- **AN AD AGAINST BULLYING**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1j6YA03hm4k&feature=related>

### **SPECIAL VOCABULARY WORD: CYBERSPACE**

"Cyber" basically means "computer." When one computer sends images and texts to another computer, they are carried from one to the other by electricity. This electronic space in which computer communications take place is called cyberspace. Because of cyberspace many messages can be carried to many different computers rapidly and at the same time. This can be a very good way to communicate. Or, as with bullying, it can be a terrible way to hurt people.