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BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

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October is set aside to recognize the importance of Bullying Prevention. Carpenter's Press And Media, Inc. will address this heartbreaking issue by identifying the different types of bullying through their Christian characters, Hunter and the God Squad.

Hunter, the leader of the God Squad, and his friends are about to face one of their most difficult challenges. With the help of the Almighty God and His Angelic Angel watching over them. Hunter and the God Squad can face their fear of "bullying."

Ephesians 6:10-12 says, 10: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and the power of his might. 11: Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

HUNTER AND THE GOD SQUAD



BULLYING

Bullying is an ever-increasing curse in society, and hardly a society exists which is not stained with the evil of bullying. It can be found in many different forms. Now deeply rooted in every modern society, thousands of people are being subjected to bullying every year. Like slow poisons, it gradually destroys the lives of innocent people and the peace of their respective families.¹

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education, "What is bullying?", <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/bullyingresearch/fastfact.html>, accessed on 11.09.2022.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF BULLYING

There are many different types of bullying that children, and adults alike, might experience. The types of bullying that most of our children face at the school level include physical, verbal, social, financial, and religious bullying.

PHYSICAL BULLYING

This is the most known type of bullying in school. Behavior includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching, and pushing others. These behaviors may also include damaging property. It causes both short-term and long-term damage to people and property.



VERBAL BULLYING

Verbal bullying includes name-calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse. This is usually used in combination with physical bullying.

SOCIAL BULLYING

Social bullying is designed to harm someone's social reputation or cause them humiliation among their peers.

Social bullying can include:

- Spreading rumors
- Negative facial or physical gestures
- Making nasty jokes to embarrass and humiliate
- Unkind mimicry
- Humiliating someone's social reputation or social acceptance

Financial Bullying

- Humiliating someone because of a lack of finances
- Name-calling because of the lack of affording popular items



Religious Bullying

- Harassment for trying to walk like Jesus Christ every day
- Harassment for being a Christian, Jew, Catholic, etc.
- Harassment for wanting to go to the house of God for worship
- Harassment for praying in public
- Harassment for reading the Holy Bible in public places
- Harassment for singing Christian or gospel music in public

I CYBERBULLYING

The use of electronics to harass or embarrass individuals on social media. Cyberbullying is the most popular form of bullying nowadays, and that is why it is more harmful than any other kind of bullying. The conditions of kids who are bullied online are, in particular, extremely miserable because they face serious problems such as eagerness, nervousness, hypertension, hunger for approval, and resultantly develop constant fear of going to school. Cyberbullying is done through different social media platforms and electronic devices and is hard to detect than other forms of bullying. About 40 percent of students suffering from online bullying accepted that they became dull during class due to the aggressive behavior of other people.²



Cyberbullying is most common among the youth and includes insulting texts, emails, posts on various social media platforms, and leaked personal information. Online bullying can occur at any time and anywhere. It is important to note here that almost 90 percent of the victims of cyberbullying also reported facing other traditional forms of bullying.³

I DIRECT BULLYING

This form of bullying includes directly harming and abusing the other person. School children are the most common victims of direct bullying. Some children face direct bullying at school because of a group of other students trying to harm them in many ways. The victims of direct bullying bear extreme teasing and blackmailing through their nasty nicknames and physical abuse.

CONSEQUENCES OF RECKLESS BEHAVIORS

A crucial factor when it comes to bullying is to make sure as a parent, teacher, or a responsible adult can visually recognize the red flags about this matter. Many times bullying issues are not addressed because individuals are not wanting to be responsible for filling out the paperwork, not wanting to be held accountable for the outcome of telling on the individual that is causing the problems because they are being threatened, and they are scared to speak up and identify the perpetrator because of the saying, “snitches get stitches.”

Nowadays the victims end up in a worse situation because of not informing the proper authorities. We must speak out against bullying and try to keep everyone safe.

I RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Informing a responsible adult.
2. Keep written documentation of any information that will validate your case of abuse.
3. Parents please talk to your children and ask them what’s going on in their world. Please take an interest in their interests.
4. Set some time aside to have Bible and prayer time with the family at home every day.

² Unicef, *Cyberbullying: What is it and how to stop it?* <https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-to-stop-cyberbullying>, accessed on 11.09.2022.

³ Stopbullying.gov, “*Facts about bullying*”, <https://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/facts>, accessed on 11.09.2022.

CLOSING REMARKS

Parents, teachers, and leaders, please let our children know that regardless of what's going on in the world today, there is still someone who can still calm these vicious storms such as bullying, wars, sickness, etc. and His name is Jesus Christ! Will you give Him your life today? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Becoming a Christian is the best decision of your entire life. Having a personal relationship with God our Heavenly Father, His Son Jesus Christ, our personal Savior. Another great part is that God Himself, which is the Holy Spirit, lives inside of every born-again believer. We can talk to God at any time through prayer. How great is that? We will get to live in heaven with them forever, and we would never die, get sick or cry. If you don't have Jesus as your Lord and Savior, now is a great time to ask Him to come into your life. Please pray this prayer with me. Lord, I need you to come into my life. I do things wrong, and I need you, Jesus to forgive me when I don't make the right choices. I know that you are the only one that can make me clean, I accept you as God's only Son and the Savior of my life. I need you now to cleanse me and to come into my life right now. Amen. If you prayed this prayer and believed, welcome to God's Great Big Family.

Remember God loves you and so do we at Carpenter's Press And Media, Inc.!

