

Ally Swag Scenarios

Scenario 1

It's another day for Peter. He was fearful of lunchtime and, as the morning passed, he became more and more anxious. Peter was often bullied at lunch by one of the eighth-graders because he was quieter than the other kids. Peter was small, and he liked to play with the girls at recess. He often wore a pink backpack and Hello Kitty sneakers. Peter is skinny but super-smart. He tries to keep to himself most days because the boys in his class make fun of the fact that he is different. One day Peter was waiting for his chicken nuggets when Stan came up and pushed his tray out from under him and yelled, "MOVE FAGGOT." Peter's lunch splattered to the floor, and his eyes began to water as the other kids began to laugh.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- Why was Peter afraid of lunchtime?
- Why do you think Stan was so mad at Peter?
- As an ally, what would you do to help Peter feel safe?

Scenario 2

One morning Diego saw Julio's two moms dropping him off at school. One mom handed Julio a lunchbox, and the other mom handed him his jacket. As soon as Diego and Julio got inside the school, Diego said to Julio, "You are so weird! You have two moms! They are gay! And you are gay!" Julio tried to ignore Diego, but Diego followed Julio as he chanted, "You are so gay! You are so gay!"

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- Why did Diego start bothering Julio?
- Why do you think Diego cares about who is in Julio's family?
- How do you think Julio felt when Diego made fun of his family and then made fun of him?
- If an ally doesn't intervene, how might this scenario end?
- What will your ally do to ensure that this scene ends with everyone feeling included?