

CROSS THE LINE

Tell everyone to stand along a straight line. Tell them that they will be crossing the line in response to the things on your list

Cross the line if you have ever been laughed at and made fun of

- because of the clothes you were wearing
- because you made a mistake or broke something
- because of who you were friends with
- because of your height or body build
- because you were too smart, or not smart enough
- because of your nationality or ethnic background
- because you were afraid to do something
- because of your name
- because you stood up for someone
- because you stood up for what you believed in
- because of the kind of music you liked to listen to
- because a teacher was friendly to you

Cross the line if you were ever the one who laughed at or made fun of someone for any of the reasons above.

1. How did it feel to cross the line today?
2. What did you learn from this activity?
3. Tell how it feels to be laughed at or made fun of.
4. Tell how it feels to laugh at or make fun of someone else.
5. How do you usually respond when someone laughs at you or picks on you?
6. Tell about a person you have laughed at or made fun of. Do you know why you did (or do) this? Do you know how the person feels about it?
7. What is the difference between fun teasing and mean teasing? How can you tell which is which?
8. What do you do when you see someone else being laughed at or made fun of? What can you do?
9. Think of one person you should apologize to because of how you have treated him/her in the past. Will you apologize?
10. Think of one person try to whom you should be more respectful and kind in the future. Will you be?