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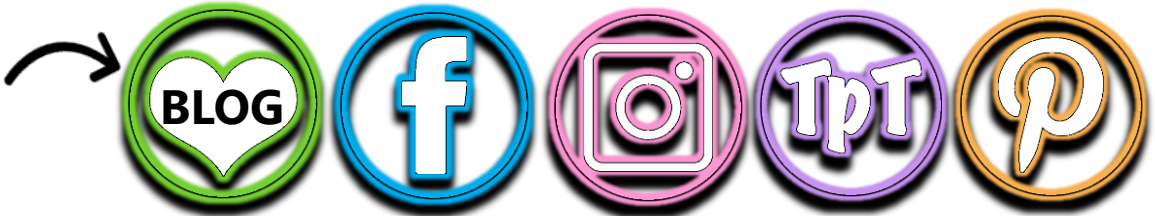
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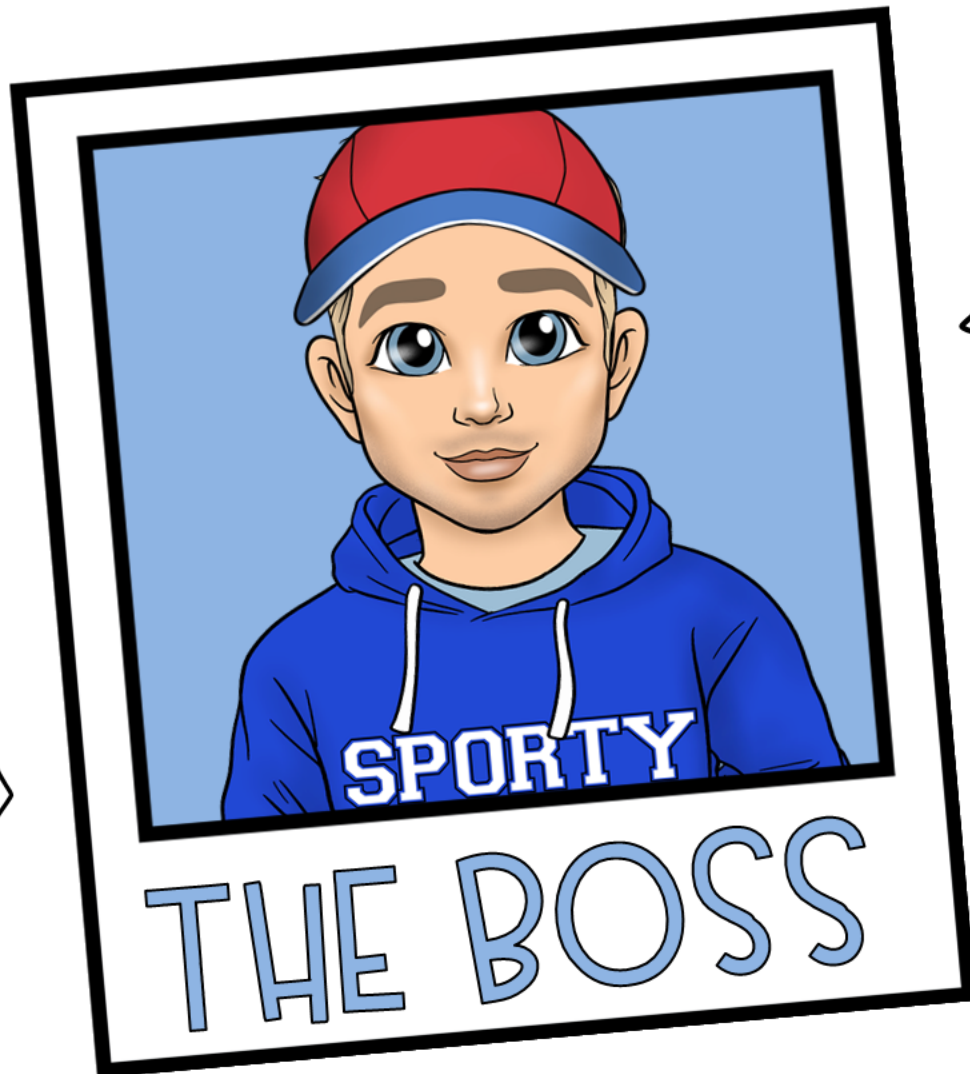
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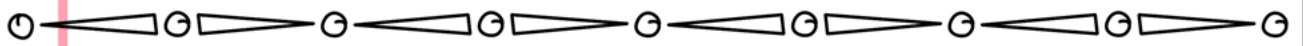
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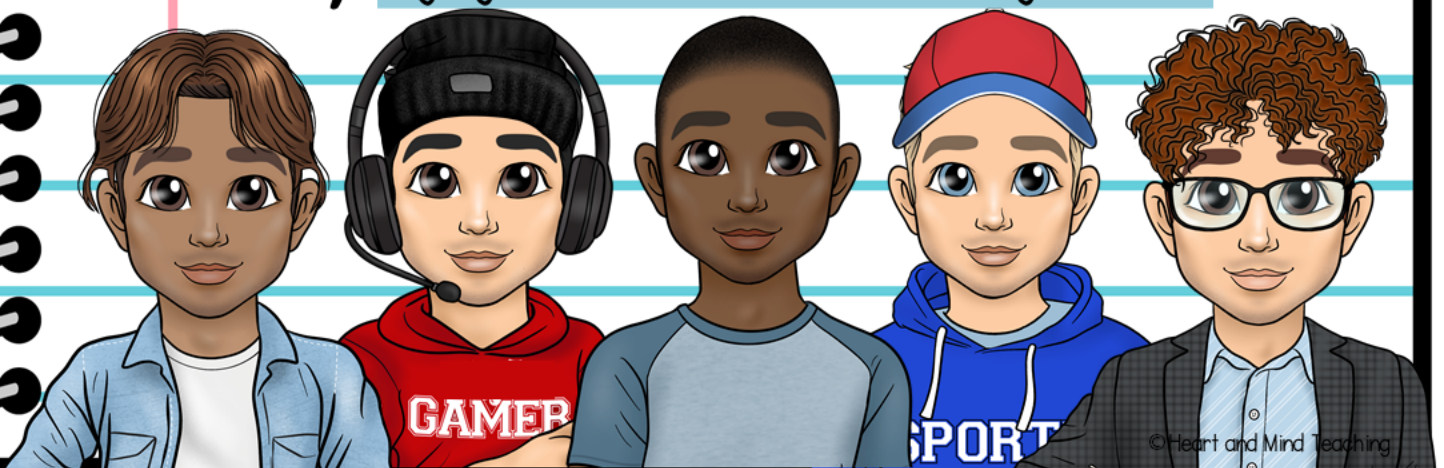
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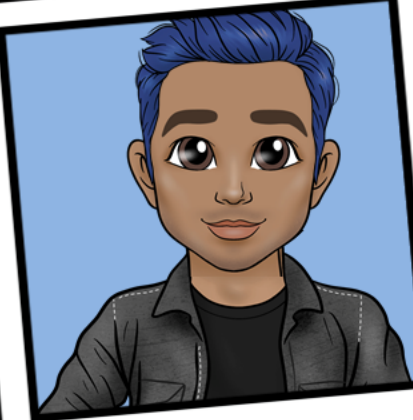
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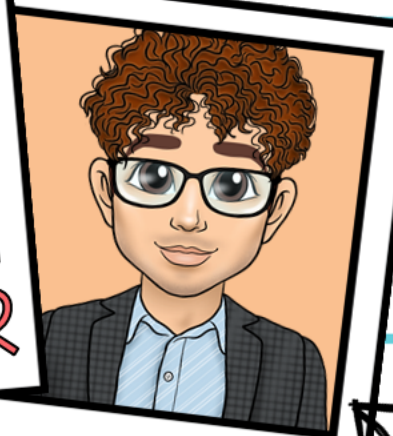
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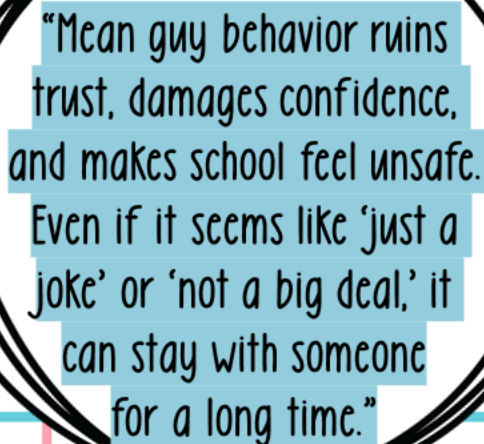
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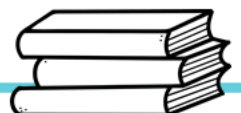
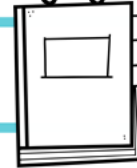
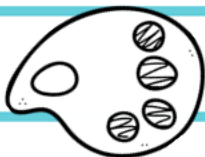
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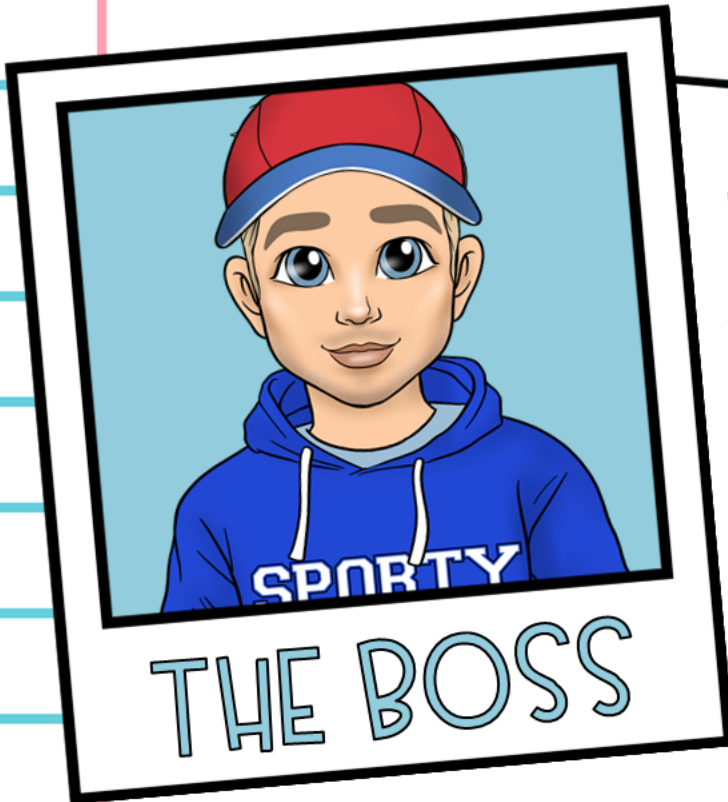
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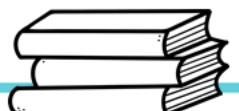
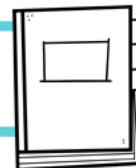


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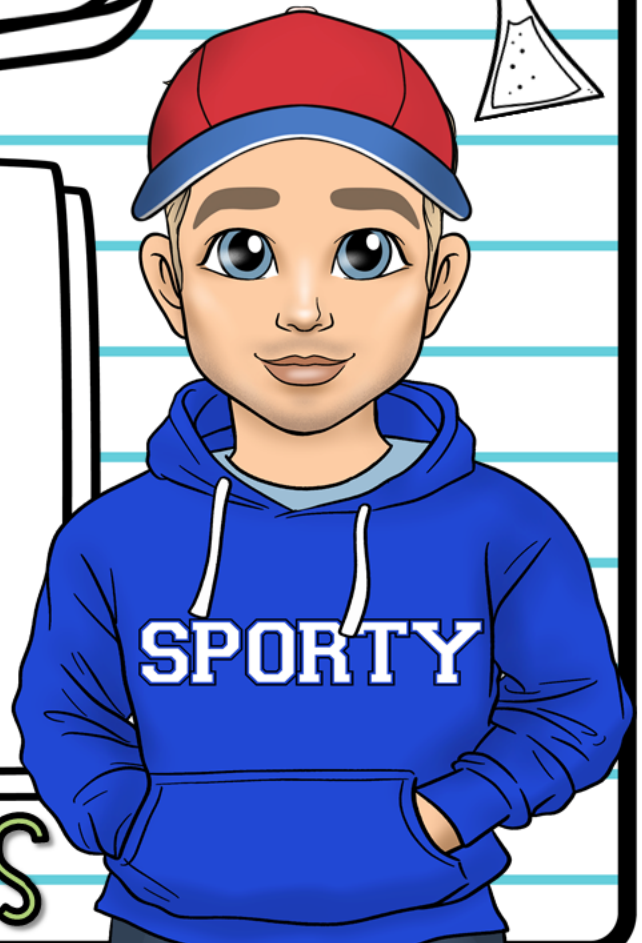
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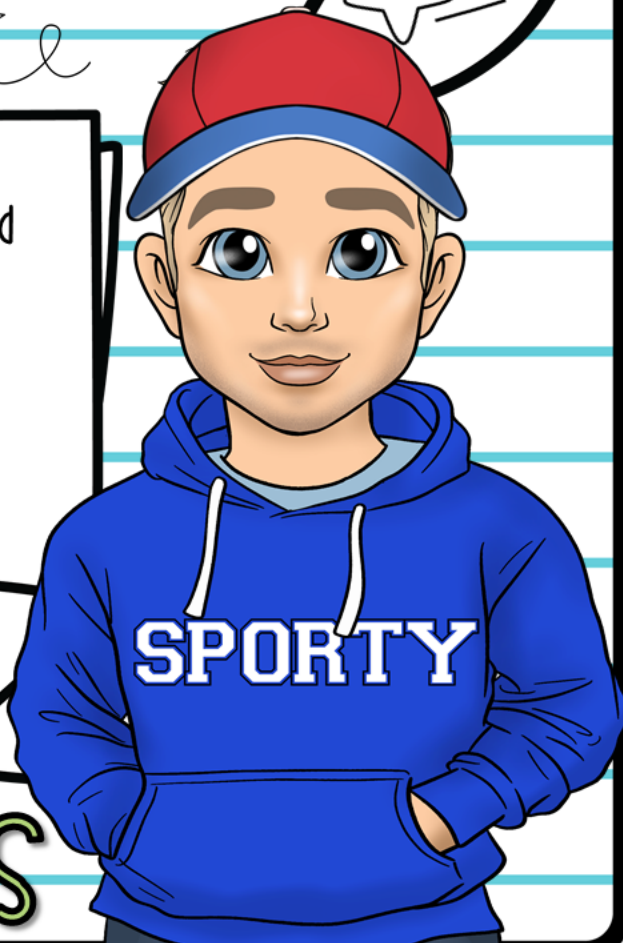
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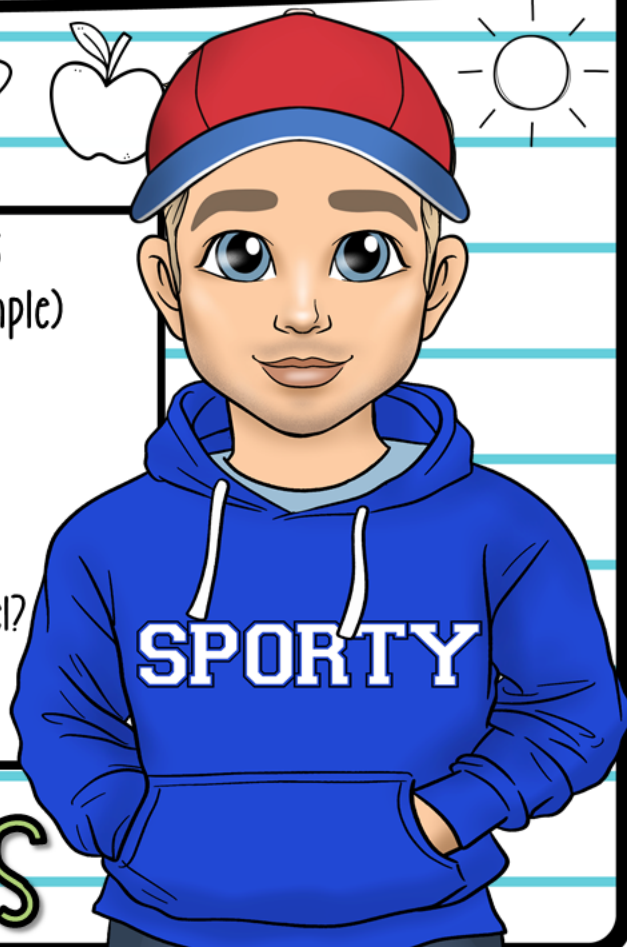
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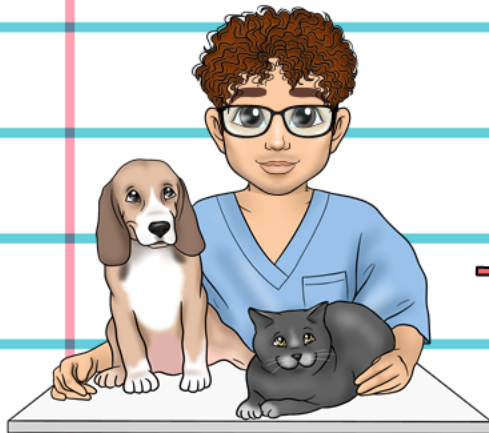
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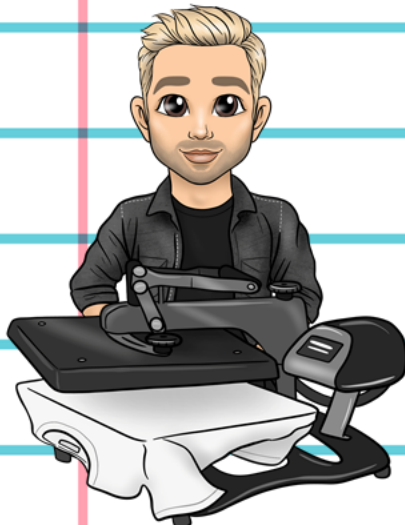
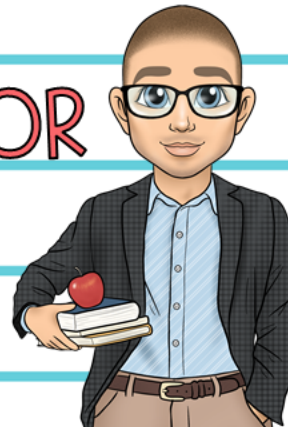


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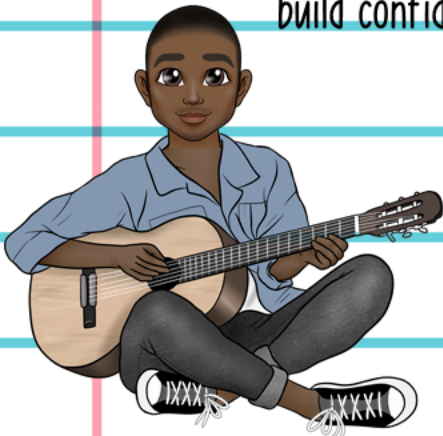
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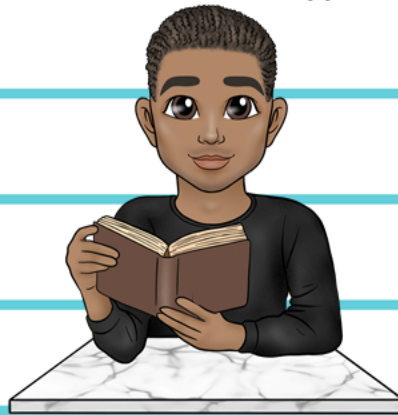
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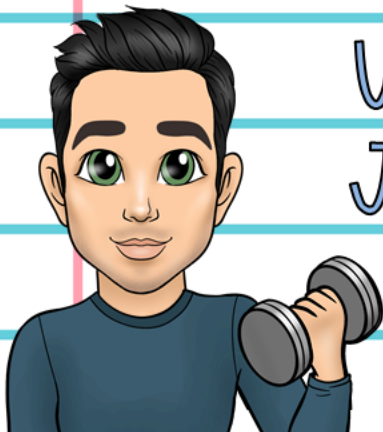
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Play an instrument.
Write/journal.
Start a business.
Volunteer/help others.
Go Hiking.
Exercise/Work out.
Join a team/club.
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EX-MEAN GUY ETHAN



I channeled my aggression into sports. I started playing baseball and joined a team. I'm now the team captain, I help recruit players and resolve disputes.



Changing the focus of your attention from an undesirable behavior to a positive one is called Redirecting.

What are some positive activities that you like to do?

THE TEAM CAPTAIN

KIND GUYS

I can be a kind guy by:



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bounce

BACK

FROM MEAN BEHAVIOR

KIND GUYS

INSTEAD OF THIS...

Leaving someone out.

Making fun of
someone's clothes

Spreading rumors

Acting nice but
gossiping later.

Giving mean looks or
ignoring someone

Being the boss of
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TRY THIS...

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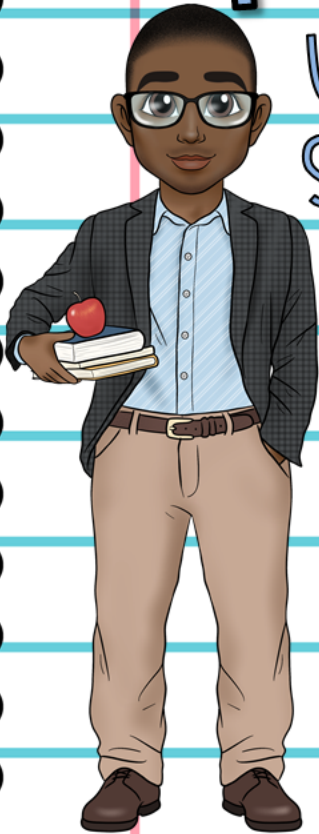
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even if you're not
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Taking turns and
include others' ideas.



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Instructions: Circle the ones you've seen, or even done.



Left someone out of your group



Teased someone or made a "joke" that hurt



Gave someone the silent treatment



Talked about someone behind their back



Rolled your eyes or gave a mean look



Acted nice but weren't being real



Other: _____

WHY DO PEOPLE ACT MEAN SOMETIMES?

Check any that might be true for you.

☐ I felt jealous

☐ I wanted to fit in

☐ I was mad or hurt

☐ I didn't know how to say what I felt

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☐ Other: _____



KIND GUYS PLAN

I plan to be a kind guy! Here's my plan:

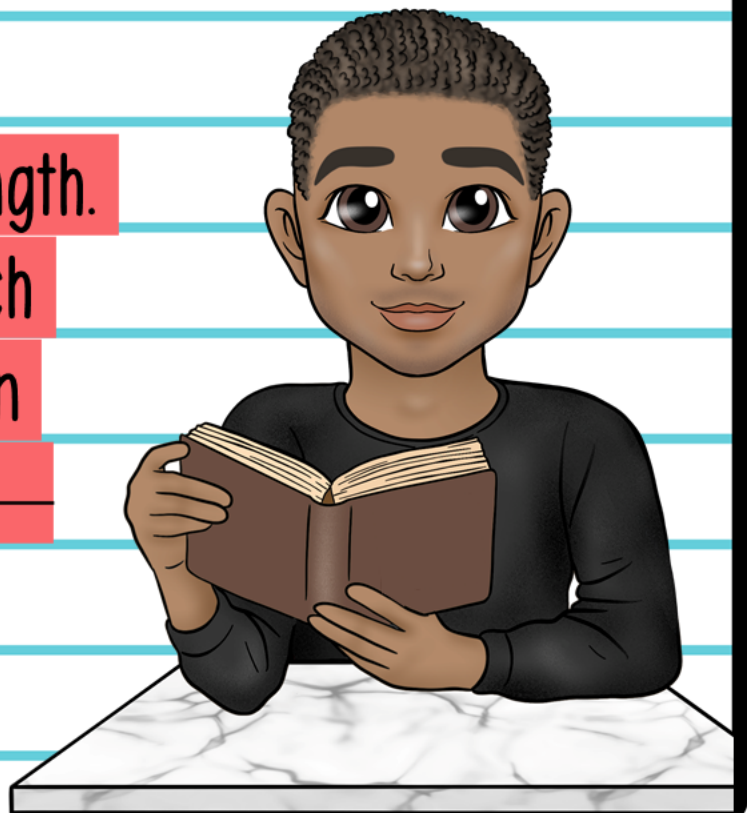
One thing I will stop doing:

One kind thing I can say to someone this week:

One way I'll help someone feel included:

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Real guys lift each
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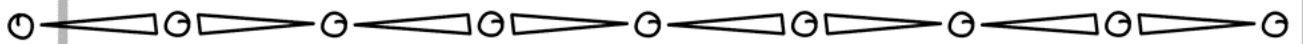
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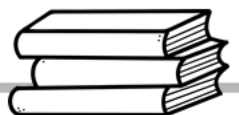
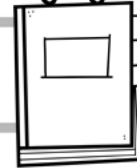
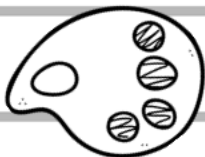
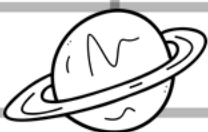
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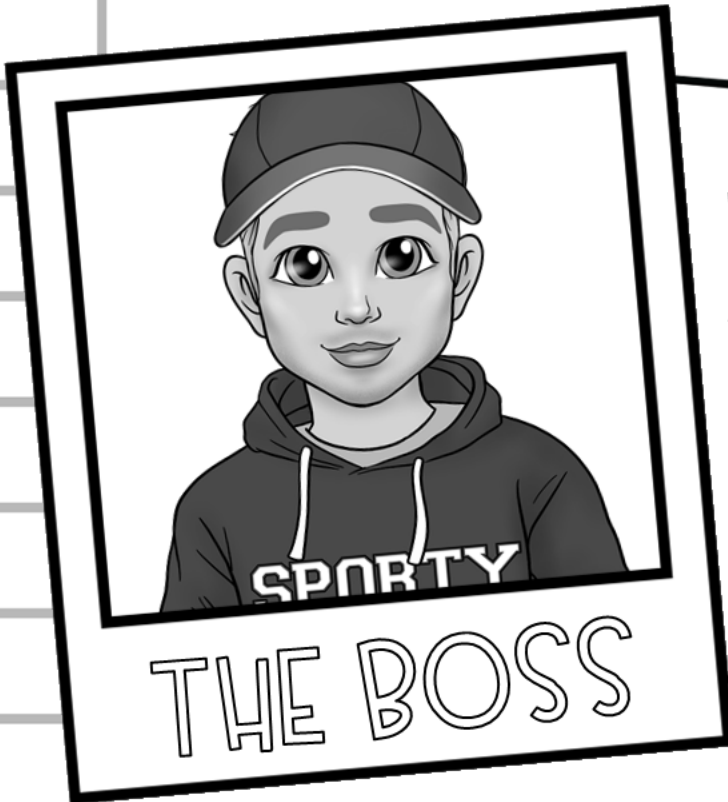
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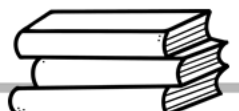
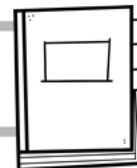
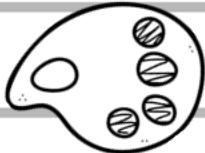
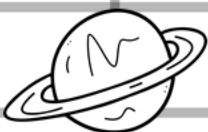


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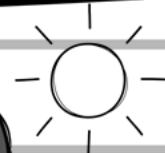
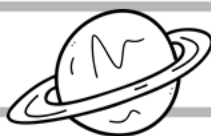
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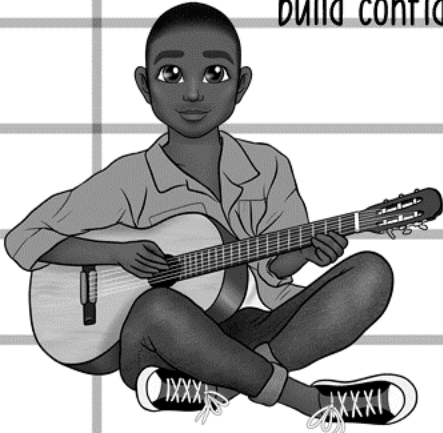
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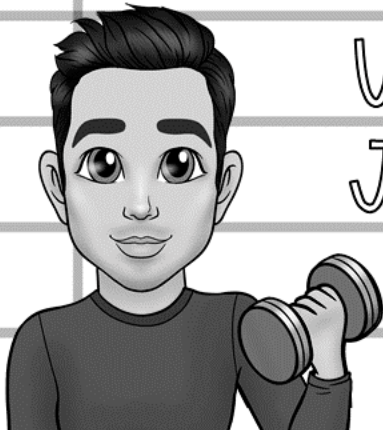
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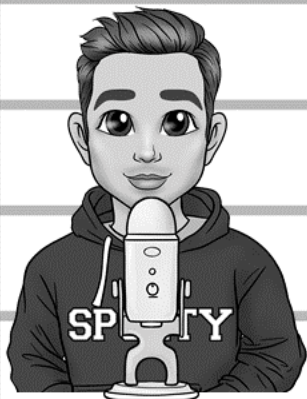


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THE BOSS

EX-MEAN GUY ETHAN



I channeled my aggression into sports. I started playing baseball and joined a team. I'm now the team captain, I help recruit players and resolve disputes.



Changing the focus of your attention from an undesirable behavior to a positive one is called Redirecting.

What are some positive activities that you like to do?

THE TEAM CAPTAIN

KIND GUYS

I can be a kind guy by:



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BACK

FROM MEAN BEHAVIOR

KIND GUYS

INSTEAD OF THIS...

TRY THIS...

Leaving someone out.

Invite them to play or sit with you.

Making fun of someone's clothes

Give a real compliment or say nothing at all

Spreading rumors

Say something kind about that person

Acting nice but gossiping later.

Be honest and kind to everyone—even when upset

Giving mean looks or ignoring someone

Smile and say "hi"—even if you're not close.

Being the boss of the group.

Taking turns and include others' ideas.



KIND GUYS



WHAT ARE WAYS PEOPLE SHOW MEAN BEHAVIOR?

Instructions: Circle the ones you've seen, or even done.

Left someone out of your group

Teased someone or made a "joke" that hurt

Gave someone the silent treatment

Talked about someone behind their back

Rolled your eyes or gave a mean look

Acted nice but weren't being real

Other: _____

WHY DO PEOPLE ACT MEAN SOMETIMES?

Check any that might be true for you.

☐ I felt jealous

☐ I wanted to fit in

☐ I was mad or hurt

☐ I didn't know how to say what I felt

☐ I thought it was funny

☐ I didn't mean to hurt anyone

☐ Other: _____



KIND GUYS PLAN

I plan to be a kind guy! Here's my plan:

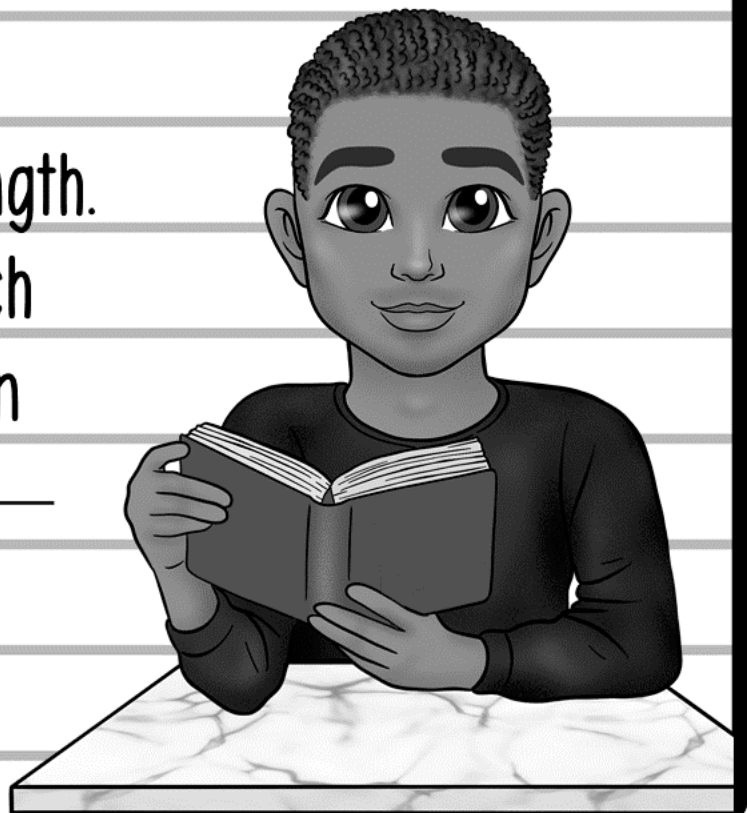
One thing I will stop doing:

One kind thing I can say to someone this week:

One way I'll help someone feel included:

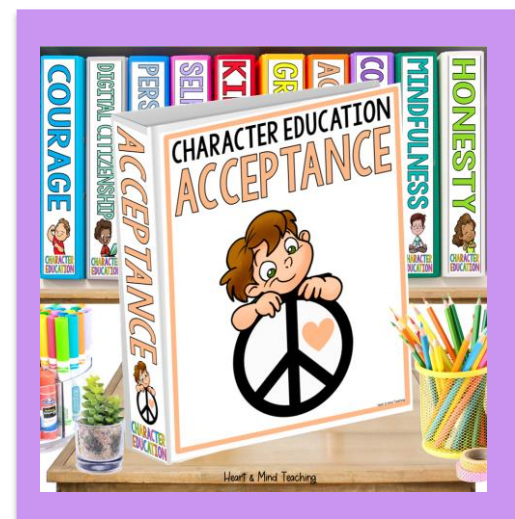
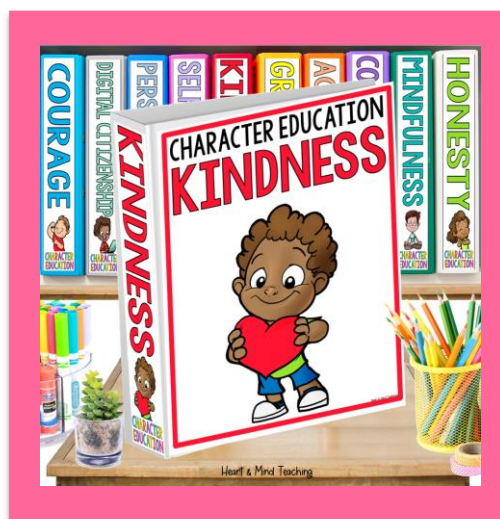
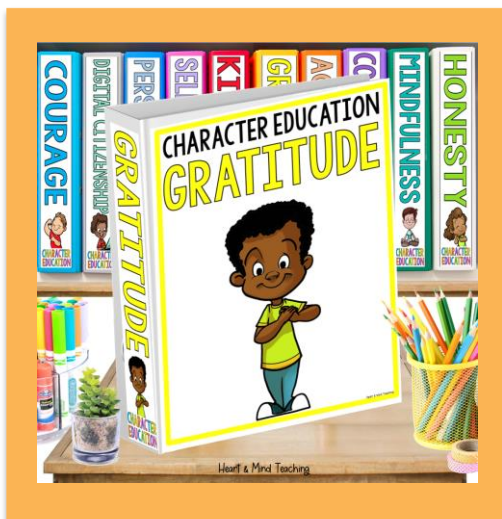
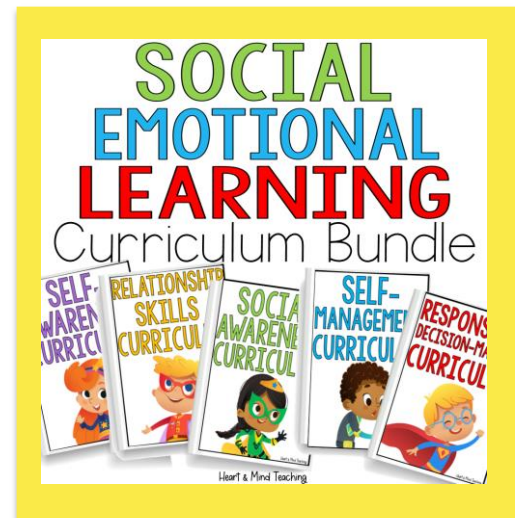
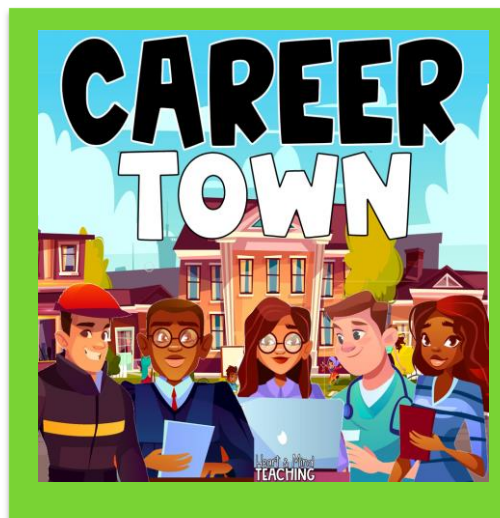
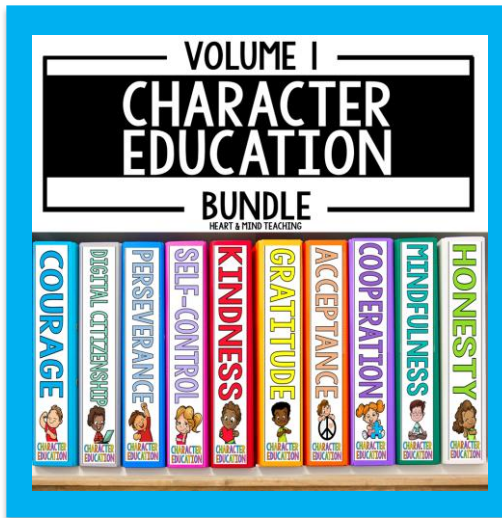
Kindness takes strength.

Real guys lift each
other up. You can
change the story—
starting today!



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