

## Bullying and Peacemaking

### *Welcome to Talk Time!*

How are you? How was your week?

Discuss the picture on the right. What is happening?



### Let's get started

Discuss these questions as a group.

- What is bullying? What is a hate crime? Give some examples.
- Do you know any stories about bullying or hate crimes? Did you hear a story from a friend? Did you hear a story from the news?

Read the story as a group.

### Daoud's Story



Daoud Abudiab is a Muslim American. In 2001, he helped build a mosque in Tennessee. His family and friends worshipped at this mosque. In 2008, three men burned down the mosque. These men hated Muslims. They were sentenced to several years in prison for committing a hate crime.

After the fire, some Christians helped Daoud and the Muslim community. Pastor Bill Williamson shared his church building. He gave the Muslims a place to worship and pray. Daoud and Bill have different religions, but they have become good friends.

Daoud often worries about Muslims in America. He says, "We see our kids bullied in schools over their faith..." Daoud wants people to learn to be friends.

Source: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2011/03/24/my-faith-after-my-mosque-was-torched/?iref=allsearch>

Discuss these questions in pairs. Then, share your answers with the group.

- What happened to Daoud? Tell the story to your partner. Use your own words.
- Why is Daoud worried?
- Can people who have different hobbies or different religions be good friends? Why or why not? Do you have a friend who is different than you?

### Conversation skills

As we discuss, let's ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let's also use the phrase "Tell me more." The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

**Discussion**

Bullying happens in schools, in workplaces, and in the community. There are many types of bullying.

Read the words in the “No Bullying” sign. Then, do the following:



- In small groups, think of examples for the different types of bullying. Think of an example of a rumor, gossip, leaving somebody out, threats, and teasing.
- Share your examples with the whole group.

Discuss these questions as a group.

- 1) What should you do if your child is being bullied in school?
- 2) What should you do if you see bullying in your neighborhood and community? For example, what should you do if you see people fighting? What should you do if your property is damaged?
- 3) Is bullying a problem in your native city? Explain.

Discuss the questions as a group.

- 1) Why do people become bullies? Why do people commit hate crimes?
- 2) How can we prevent bullying and hatred?
- 3) What are human rights? What rights do you think every human has?
- 4) How can people in the world build better relationships among themselves?
- 5) What is your country's relationship with the United States these days?
- 6) How can we create better relationships between countries in the world?



**Group Reflection** What did you learn today? What do you want to talk about next week?