## **TEACHING TOLERANCE**

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## You Be the Judge

Review the definitions for biased, prejudiced, stereotype and discrimination in the lesson. Then choose and circle one of the examples below and:

● Explain how it illustrates prejudice, stereotyping or discrimination.

●Explain how it is harmful.

OWrite what you would say to the person who is responsible for or the victim of the offensive behavior.

- 1. Christopher says, "I don't like people in wheelchairs." He has never actually met a person in a wheelchair but is scared when he sees one.
- 2. Kim broke her arm skiing. A female doctor tried to treat her at the hospital but she asked to be treated by a male doctor. She does not trust female doctors, even though she has never been treated by one.
- 3. Carly is a skilled soccer player and better than most of the boys on the team. She wants to play on the boys' soccer team. The coach won't even let her try out. He believes that girls should not play on boys' teams.
- 4. Troy owns an apartment building. He will only rent to married couples. If a single person asks for an application, he says that there are no openings in the building.
- 5. Dave is nervous when he enters his math class and sees all Asian students because he knows that Asians are excellent at math. He thinks he might need to transfer out of the class because he doesn't think he's as good as they are at math.
- 6. Tracy opened a trendy jeans store. She will only hire young, skinny girls to work there since the jeans fit their bodies best.
- 7. Jackson owns a restaurant. He has an opening for a waiter but will only hire a white person for the job because most of the customers are white.

Example number shows (circle one or more: prejudice, stereotyping, discrimination) because: