

## GENDER EXPRESSIONS

# Role Plays

Use the role play examples to help you think about teasing and bullying. Then discuss them with your class.

In math class, most of the students listen quietly and do their best to participate. There are three boys and one girl who often get over excited about what they're working on, and they sometimes call out, act silly and interrupt each other. One day, the teacher allows the students in the class to make their own groups to work on a special math project. The boys are some of the first students chosen by classmates to be in a group, but no one wants to work with that girl, and several classmates tell her she is just too silly and doesn't behave right.

The science teacher gave a really hard test, and several students feel badly about how they did. One boy starts crying hard because he is worried he did badly and his parents will be mad at him. He knows he could have done better, and he feels so terrible that he just can't stop crying. In the hall on the way to lunch, several other students tell him they can't believe he's crying over something like that. Doesn't he know boys don't make a big deal over something silly like a science test? Doesn't he know that crying is for girls?

At recess, the boys are very excited because they're finally allowed to play football on the big field. They can't wait to make their teams and get started—maybe they'll even have a tournament! One boy just isn't interested, though. Who cares about stupid football? He has plenty of other things to keep him busy at recess. The other boys can't believe it. What kind of boy IS he, anyway? They call him a sissy and say they just can't believe he isn't interested in sports.

After school one day, a group of girls is gathered looking at a bunch of fashion magazines. They are strategizing about what outfits they might wear to school for the next few days. One girl sits near them, but she doesn't understand the big deal. She is happy in her sweatpants and t-shirt. When the other girls notice she isn't participating, they start making fun of her unfashionable outfit. She tries just shrugging her shoulders, but the other girls say, "Don't you know girls are SUPPOSED to care about clothes?"