

# Bully Banter Scenario Sheet

For use in Outing #4 of *Grace Against the Machine: Ten Perfectly Planned Outings to Help You Raise a Graceful Girl in a Not-So-Graceful World*

*Directions:* For each scenario listed, discuss all the possible negative consequences of the situation, discuss at least one way the situation could have been handled more gracefully, and discuss and practice what you would say to the speaker in each scenario if they had confided this in you.

## Scenario #1

Mariah and I had been best friends since kindergarten! But one day she said some really awful things about me to Bobby. She really embarrassed me and I was so mad at her! So three times that week, I told my friend, Katelyn, that my phone had died and I asked to borrow hers to text my mom. But instead of texting my mom, I sent some pretty mean texts to Mariah. I deleted the texts after I sent them so Katelyn wouldn't know why I had really used her phone. And since Mariah doesn't know Katelyn, she won't know who the texts were from. I hope Mariah likes how it feels to have someone be mean to her!

## Scenario #2

My dad lost his job this year, so money has been kind of tight. And he tried really hard to find a new job in the same city, but the only job he could find was three hours away. So right in the middle of the school year, we had to move to a new town and I had to start at a new school. Everyone at my new school dresses kind of different than we did at my last school, and I haven't made any friends yet. I tried to sit with several different groups of girls in the cafeteria, but every time I tried, they told me their table was full even if it really wasn't. Making new friends sure isn't easy.

## Scenario #3

Everyone has been arguing about which girl in our grade is the prettiest. This one girl, Desiree, is so mean and always brags about how pretty she is and how rich her parents are. She makes everyone feel bad and gets on everyone's nerves, even her so-called friends. Of course, Desiree insists she would win if we ever had a real vote about who was prettiest. The truth is, she is really pretty and always dresses nice, so most people are jealous of her. But she's so mean that my friends and I decided to get back at her. We set up a fake PicstaGram profile under her name and posted all these pictures of her that we edited to look really ugly or embarrassing. And in her bio, we wrote that she still wet her bed every night. Everyone in school saw it and laughed at her the next day, and she was crying in the Principal's office. Maybe now she won't be so mean to everyone!