

Kelso's Choices Conflict Resolution

3rd Grade
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Big and Small Problems

Sometimes YOU can handle a problem or conflict.

Other times you need an adult's help.

How can you tell the difference?

Small Problems

These are problems that you are strong enough and smart enough to handle on your own.

These conflicts you can solve without an adult's help.

Small problems often happen when an adult is not around (bus stop, bathroom, at home).

Big Problems

Problems or situations that are dangerous or scary need adult help to solve.

Big problems can result in someone being hurt.

Big or Small Problem?

- Small: hold your fingers one or two inches apart
- Big: hold your hands far apart



A student is ...

- Making noises when you are trying to work
 - Small
- Passing notes about you
 - Small
- Playing with matches
 - Big
- Cutting in line
 - Small
- Writing on the walls
 - Big

A student is ...

- Whispering during a movie
 - Small
- Not sharing a toy
 - Small
- Carrying a knife
 - Big
- Being hit or kicked at recess
 - Big
- Calling you silly names
 - Small

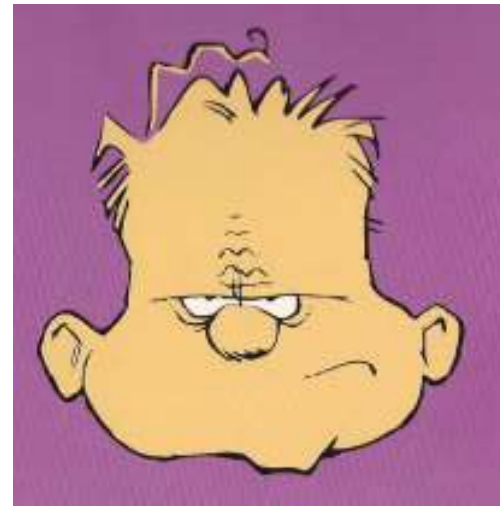
A student is ...

- Taking your pencil without asking
 - Small
- Stealing from a teacher's desk
 - Big
- Using bad words (cursing)
 - Big
- Spreading a rumor
 - Small
- Taking too long at the water fountain
 - Small
- Throwing rocks
 - Big

Feelings give clues

How do Small Problems Feel?

- Distracting noises
- Passing notes
- Cutting in line
- Whispering during class
- Calling you silly names
- Not sharing a toy
- Spreading a rumor
- Taking your pencil without permission



Feelings give clues

How do Big Problems feel?

- Playing with matches
- Writing on the wall
- Carrying a knife
- Hitting or kicking
- Stealing from teacher's desk
- Using curse words or bad language
- Throwing rocks



Tattling or Telling?

- “Tattling” is:

when a student tries to get someone in trouble and doesn't really want to solve the problem.

- “Telling” is:

when a student asks an adult to help resolve a BIG problem.

BIG Problems

- Which adults can you tell?
 - Parent
 - Bus driver
 - Relative
 - Principal
 - Teacher
 - Counselor
 - Friend's parent
 - Coach

BIG Problems

- What can you do if there are no adults around to share your problem with?
- Questions about handling BIG problems?

**Small Problems:
Try Two
of Kelso's
Choices
Before
Telling
an
Adult**

