

Just as they reach the kickball field, everyone is excited about who will be the captains, and what teams will be formed for the game.

Joey's friend, Eli, runs to the pitcher's mound and declares, "I'm the pitcher for our team!"

"No you're not," yells Jamal, "You were the pitcher yesterday. I want to be the pitcher!"

Joey steps in between Jamal and Eli and calmly says, "Please stop, I don't like that. Arguing about who will pitch the game is wasting our recess time."

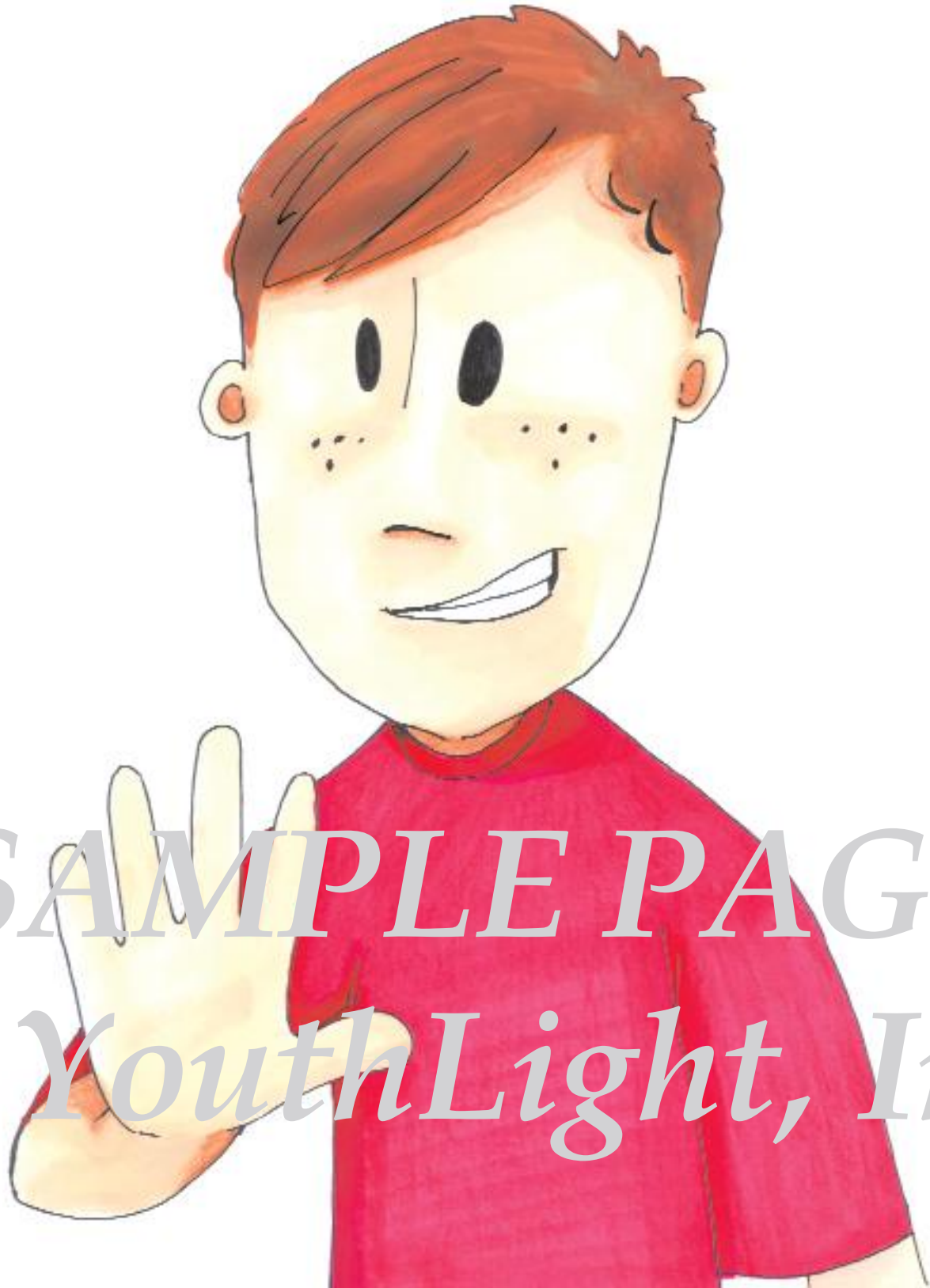


Joey comments back, "You can be part of the problem or part of the solution. Let your friends know that you don't like what is going on by saying, 'Please stop, I don't like that.' It's a way to respectfully stand up for yourself. If you say calmly, 'Please stop, I don't like that,' problems can be worked out easier."

Jamal walks back into class thinking about what Joey said about solving problems. He realizes that saying, 'Please stop, I don't like that,' is a first step to resolve any conflict.



Eli throws the ball out to the pitcher and replies to Joey, "Thanks for not getting mad at me." Joey exclaims, "Let your friends know that you don't like what is going on by saying, 'Please stop, I don't like that.' It's a way to stand up for yourself. If you can calmly say, 'Please stop, I don't like that,' problems can be worked out easier."



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At this point, Joey walks over to second base and says to Amanda, "Let your friends know that you don't like what is going on by saying, 'Please stop, I don't like that.' It's a way to respectfully stand up for yourself. If you calmly say, 'Please stop, I don't like that,' problems can be worked out easier."

Amanda agrees, "I like that Joey, I will remember to say that next time."



Activity 1

In the
story "Please
Stop, I Don't Like That,"

Joey and his friends stood up for
themselves in a respectful way by calmly
saying, "Please stop, I don't like that."

Can you think of five situations where you may
need to use these words?

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As an added activity, role-play / act out these different situations.