



Why Tease?!

Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts

Read the Girl Scout Promise and Law aloud and pass out a copy to each girl. See copy ready version on last page.

- Look at cover/title page. Why do you think they named the book “Why Tease?!”

After reading page 2, ask the following questions:

- What do you think could have happened to make this day turn out well?

After reading page 3, ask the following questions:

- Raise your hand if you have ever been left out.
- How did it feel? What did you do?
- What do you think the character in this book, Mouse Kid, will do?

After reading pages 4-5, ask the following questions:

- What do you think the child in the red sneakers is thinking about?
- What do you think will happen? Do you think that the child in the red sneakers will make any friends?

After reading pages 6-7, ask the following questions:

- In the Girl Scout Promise, it says “to help people at all times.” Would you help the child in the red sneakers? How?
- If you were the child in the red sneakers, would you say anything to the boy teasing you? Would you cry?
- Do you think the child in the red sneakers will cry? Why or why not?
- If you were the girl in the pink skirt, would you have said anything to the teaser or would you be quiet?
- If you were playing Dodge Ball with the bully, what would you do?

After reading page 8, ask the following questions:

- In the Girl Scout Law it says that you promise to be a “sister to every Girl Scout.” Does this apply only to other Girl Scouts? What would you do to make sure that you are being a sister to everyone on the playground?



- We learned that the child in the red sneakers' name is Chris. Do you think Chris is a boy or a girl? What could Chris' real name be? ***NOTE: Leaders, do NOT come to a decision. Leave this question open-ended!***

Christopher	Christina	Christine	Chrissy
Christof	Krista	Christian	
- Do you think the other children will tease Chris or not?
- What would you do if you were Chris? What would you do if you were Chris' new friend?

After reading page 9, ask the following question:

- Why do you think the mean child does not want to play with the boy in the red sneakers?

After reading pages 10-12, ask the following questions:

- Do you like the new rule for the playground?
- Do you think the boy who was teasing the kid in the red sneakers will like the new rule?
- What do you think will happen now that they have this new rule?
- In the Girl Scout Law it says that we promise to "show respect for myself and others." What would you do if someone broke a playground rule? How does following rules show respect?
- Would you tell a teacher if someone broke a rule? What would you say, and how would you be respecting authority?

After reading page 12, ask the following questions:

- What would you do to include someone who was left out?
- If they play Dodge Ball tomorrow, do you think anyone will be left out?
- What would you do if you were the kid in the red sneakers and you were left out two days in a row? Would you tell a teacher? Would you sit by yourself or would you try to play with the other children?
- As Girl Scouts, we pledge to "show respect for myself and others through our words and actions." Name ways that you can show respect for other people.

Activities to be completed for the patch:

1. Draw a picture of your friends. Name one person NOT IN YOUR PICTURE that you will try to include during recess or free time.
2. Make a friendship bracelet. Give it to a girl in your Girl Scout Troop that you don't know very well.
3. Make a poster to hang in your school that shows why teasing isn't cool.
4. Act out ways that you can include people at different times throughout the day:
 - before school
 - lunch room
 - after school
 - gym class
 - Girl Scout Meeting

The "Why Tease?!" Program was developed as a Gold Award project in 2002 by Annemarie Kelly, Erin Lappe, Molly Lappe, and Julie Piwowarczyk.

When you have completed the requirements, you can purchase the patch at any of our six regional offices, www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org or our online shop, www.shopgirlscouts.com and go to "Uniquely Ours".



The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

* The word "God" can be interpreted in a number of ways, depending on one's spiritual beliefs. When reciting the Girl Scout Promise, it is okay to replace the word "God" with whatever word your spiritual beliefs dictate.