

Bullying and Cyberbullying Resources

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Useful Websites

www.preventbullying.org
www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids
www.safekids.org

Diocesan Media Center Resources

Call Donna Pieper at 715-234-5044 or email dpieper@catholicdos.org

Please contact your designated parish resource person to order. There is a fee for parishes that do not have a subscription.

Ages recommended for ps = pre-school, p = primary, i = intermediate, jh = junior high, sh = senior high, a = adult. We always recommend resources be previewed before showing to others. The USCCB also has a movie guide and should be adhered to before using for the classroom. A-I (General Patronage), A-II (Adults & Adolescents 13 and up), A-III (Adults Only)

2695 BULLIES STAND TALL – BE STRONG

Safety Net Kids

Teaches children the importance of building good friendships, how to respond to threats, physical abuse and name calling by instilling confidence, fun games and high energy content. 32 Min DVD Ages 4-11. 2005.

3057 BULLYING PREVENTION: EXTINGUISHING THE FUEL BEHIND SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Omni Publishing Co.

Educators will learn about direct and indirect bullying. This DVD provides specific discipline examples that could be applied at school or modified for religious education. Note: Kim Nardone briefly mentions bullying and same sex attraction. Please reference the Catechism of the Catholic Church if you are unclear about the church teaching on homosexuality or need further clarification about unchaste living (Cf. CCC 2357-2359; CCC 2351-2356). 58 Min DVD. Adult. 2006.

2712 BULLYING

Paraclete Video Productions

Educates adults about what bullying is and what they can do to help the young people in dealing with it. 30 Min VHS & DVD. Adult. 2003.

2713 STOP BULLYING – STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Paraclete Video Productions

Gives students concrete steps they can take to respond to bullying.

20 Min DVD jh, sh 2003.

2796 BULLY ESCAPE

Kidescape/John Hall

Defensive and controlling skills that won't put children in more danger. 52 Min DVD. i, jh, sh, a 2007.

2805 FILM CLIPS FOR CHARACTER EDUCATION: EPISODE 4

Film Clips Spirit of America

See video 2803. "Episode 4" deals with knowing yourself, facing peer pressure and understanding bullies. Film clips from: Dead Poets Society, Back the Future, Teen Wolf, A Walk to Remember, Skyhigh, Mean Girls, Drumline, A Christmas Story, Hoot, The War, The Ant Bully and Cheaper by the Dozen. Each "clip" less than 3 minutes. Guide, DVD jh, sh, a 2007.

3058 A PARENT'S GUIDE TO MYSPACE.COM

Omni Publishing Company

Sgt. MacDonald, Esq. discusses the dangers of social networking. He gives parents tips to keep track of their child's online profile. These suggestions could easily be applied to other social media including Facebook, Twitter and more. 38 Min DVD. Adult – Parent focused. 2006.

3056 BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

Disney

The story of two fifth graders, who are both outcasts in school and together they create a magical world – Terabithia – where they can escape their real-life troubles. Mature thematic elements, including the death of a child, some minor peril and bullying. 94 Min DVD PG/A-II, i, jh, a 2007.

Movies with Bullies

Looking for a youth friendly lesson plan that relates to a bullying? The following movies all have bullying content. Recommendations come from the USCCB. Several of these movies are also books which could be incorporated into English curriculum. Themes may relate to peer pressure, power conflict or racial prejudice.

ANT BULLY

Whimsically entertaining computer animated fable about a young boy (voiced by Zack Tyler Eisen) who, in response to havoc wreaked on an anthill in his front yard, is magically shrunk to bug size by an ant wizard (voiced by Nicolas Cage), put on trial and sentenced to remain miniaturized until he makes amends, which he does by saving the lawn's insect population from annihilation at the hands of a gung-ho exterminator (Paul Giamatti). Written and directed by John A. Davis from the John Nickle children's book, the pixilated parable wraps its might-doesn't-make-right moral and agreeable life lessons in vibrantly imaginative visuals, though the performances of the A-list voice talent (including Julia Roberts and Meryl Streep. A few instances of mildly crude language and humor and a menacing sequence that may be scary for very young children. **A-I (PG) 2006**

EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE

Wonderful animated feature in which the cocky emperor (voice of David Spade) of a mythical South American kingdom is turned into a lowly llama by his wicked advisor (voice of Eartha Kitt) and must rely on a good-hearted peasant (voice of John Goodman) to regain his empire. With its simple message that kindness is best, director Mark Dindal's sprightly film tickles with crisp animation, bouncy music and an excellent ensemble cast of voices. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is

A-I. (G) -- general audiences. **2000 (Disney)**

FRIED WORMS

Loose adaptation of Thomas Rockwell's children's book about a weak-stomached boy (Luke Benward) who, desperate to fit in as the new kid at school and silence a bully's (Adam Hicks) taunts, agrees to eat 10 worms within the span of a Saturday afternoon. With a yuck factor that may disturb some parents, director Bob Dolman's film sends a misguided message about peer pressure that undermines charming performances and themes of friendship, honesty and standing up for oneself. Mild crude language and humor, some bullying, gross-out images and a scene of breaking into a shop. **A-II. (PG) 2006**

SKY HIGH

Fun-filled and smartly crafted coming-of-age comedy about an adolescent superhero (Michael Angarano) attending an elite academy for the children of costumed crime fighters, who must live up to his parents' (Kurt Russell and Kelly Preston) world-saving reputation while navigating the equally trying teen trials of high school. Director Mike Mitchell strikes the perfect blend of campy humor, visual finesse and honest emotion while exploring themes of self-esteem, peer pressure and parental expectations. **A-II. (PG).**

TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD

When a Southern lawyer (Gregory Peck) undertakes the defense of a black man (Brock Peters) accused of rape, he has to help his young children cope with the town's racial hostilities and their own fears of a retarded neighbor (Robert Duvall). In this fine adaptation of the Harper Lee novel, director Robert Mulligan evokes a nostalgic picture of small-town life as seen mostly through the eyes of a youngster whose father is a reassuring figure of integrity in the confusing world of adults. Excellent for discussions of racial prejudice. **A-II. (NR).**

Generic Discussion Questions that Relate to Bullying:

- What does the word bully mean?
- Who do you see as the bully in this film? Why?
- What types of behavior do we see the bully portray?
- How do you think the person/character felt when he/she was treated like that?
- Have you ever seen someone get bullied? How do we respond when we see someone else getting hurt?
- What does our faith teach us about bullying?

Content could be related to the following religious education curriculum:

- 10 Commandments
- Beatitudes
- Respect Life
- Social Justice