

## Hurtful Words Story Template

**[Figure name]** was pretty new to **[group]**. As **[name]** walked into the meeting space and looked for a place to sit, a long-time member came up to **[name]** and said, "We don't want you at our table." **[Name]** continued to look around and then walked to a table on the other side of the room. **[Name]** said hello to the children sitting there, who said hello back.

During the activity time, **[name]** did things a little differently than the other children. One of them came over and said, "We don't like people who are different from us." **[Name]** moved to another part of the room and sat watching the others work.

Later, **[name]** went up to a group of kids and said hello. Some said hello back but one said, "Your hair is such a mess." The group then returned to talking about a party they had all attended a few weeks earlier. **[Name]** stood a little off to the side of the group.

When it was time to leave, children headed out the door in twos and threes. **[Name]** slowly got **[name's]** jacket and backpack and walked toward the exit. A child looked back at **[name]** and called, "Why don't you hang out with people more like you, **[name]**? We don't want you here." **[Name]** waited until everyone else was gone and then left as well.

## Hurtful Words - Sample Version

*Greenie was pretty new to the Nature Club. As Greenie walked into the meeting space and looked for a place to sit, a long-time member came up to Greenie and said, "We don't want you at our table." Greenie continued to look around and then walked to a table on the other side of the room. Greenie said hello to the children sitting there, who said hello back.*

*During the activity time, Greenie did things a little differently than the other children. One of them came over and said, "We don't like people who are different from us." Greenie moved to another part of the room and sat watching the others work.*

*Later, Greenie went up to a group of kids and said hello. Some said hello back but one said, "Your hair is such a mess." The group then returned to talking about a party they had all attended a few weeks earlier. Greenie stood a little off to the side of the group.*

*When it was time to leave, children headed out the door in twos and threes. Greenie slowly got Greenie's jacket and backpack and walked toward the exist. A child looked at Greenie and called, "Why don't you hang out with people more like you, Greenie? We don't want you here." Greenie waited until everyone else was gone and then left as well.*