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WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Teachers: use the following scenarios to help students practice their empathy and communication skills.

You are in class and the teacher passes out a handout. You don't get one. You raise your hand to ask for a handout. The teacher doesn't see your hand. You don't get a hand out.

You did all your homework last night, but you open your folder and it's not there. You left it at home. Now, you will have to miss part of free time to do your homework.

During dismissal, you have extra free time. You are talking to your friend and you see that another student is getting teased by someone else. She looks very sad.

You are about to finish your favorite book. You decide to read it in your social studies class. You are so focused on your book, you don't notice that the teacher is trying to give you directions. He has called on you multiple times. The teacher tells you can't go to recess since you weren't listening.

After school, you decide to do your homework right away. You get to a problem that you don't understand. You decided to ask your dad for help. He keeps saying hold on because he is cooking dinner. You keep waiting and asking, but he keeps telling you to hold on.

Today is spirit day at school. Your teacher told everyone to wear orange, but you can't find your only orange shirt. Your dad says the shirt hasn't been washed. The orange shirt is too dirty to wear without washing it, but you also will be the only person who is not wearing orange.

You didn't clean your room. Your mom starts loudly asking why you don't have your room clean. Even though you said you'd clean it after dinner, your mom keeps yelling at you.

In art class, you have a painting project. Just as you are getting ready to turn it in, your friend trips over your book bag and spills paint all over your project. There is no more time to fix your project and you must turn it in.

After working hard in math class, your perseverance has paid off! You got a 100% on the last test. Great job! You turn to your friend to share your good news, but you see your friend did not do well.

You are writing an assignment for class. You get to a word you can't spell. You try and try and try, but no matter what it doesn't look right. You want to get a dictionary or ask the teacher how to spell it, but the teacher keeps telling you, "Do your best."

Your friend comes to your house after school. You both decide to play a board game. You see that your four-year-old sister is in the corner crying. She wants to play with you, but the board game is too hard for a four-year-old.

You get to school. You realize that your class is going on a field trip to the movies. The teacher asks for your permission slip, but you never turned it in. You ask the teacher if you can call your grandma for permission. The teacher says school policy says it must be a signed permissions slip. This means you can't go.