

The Snowman Uprising on Hickory Lane Discussion Guide

Although a whimsical story, *The Snowman Uprising on Hickory Lane* includes a theme of bullying. Below are some suggested questions that can be used to start a conversation about bullying. Possible answers are included.

1. What is a bully? (Emphasize that a bully may harm someone physically or may do something that intentionally hurts someone else's feelings.)
2. Who were the bullies in this story? (Franky is the obvious answer along with his gang, but Buster is also a bully.)
3. What did Franky do that makes you think he was a bully? (He hit Buster with snowballs, caused him to fall, called him names, went to Buster's backyard and destroyed his snowmen.)
4. What did Buster do that suggests he might be a bully? (He created the snow people that went to the houses and wouldn't let the families inside.)
5. Sometimes people do not like each other, such as Franky and Buster. Instead of bullying each other, what could they have done? (Ask an adult to help them and work on a plan to stop the behavior.)
6. Have you ever been bullied? What did you do?
7. Who could you ask for help if you are bullied?

A good resource for helping children discuss bullying is
<http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/bullying101.pdf>.