**Not In Our School Upstander Skit**

**A Bullying Story**

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*Grade Level:* Middle and High School

*Scene:* Home room, school yard, hallways

*Actors:* Jessica, Ashley, Zoe, their teacher, and three or more bystanders

Jessica: Hi, I’m Jessica, and THIS is my bullying story.

**Scene 1**

*(Flashback)*

It all started on the first day of school. At first I was really excited to start school because Ashley would be right by my side at all times. Ashley is my best friend. We met in kindergarten and have been inseparable since. We thought that starting middle school together would just make our friendship grow even more, but instead the exact opposite happened.

**Scene 2**

*(Homeroom)*

Jessica: Hey Ashley! I saved you a…*(before she can finish Ashley sits down next to Zoe) …(whispers to herself)*…seat.

*(Zoom in on Jessica looking upset)*

Jessica: On the first day of school, Ashley met a new friend named Zoe. I didn’t mind so much at first. I thought that maybe Zoe would just join our friendship group. Like all three of us would just become best friends.

**Scene 3**

*(Lunch)*

Ashley: *(comes with Zoe and they sit together with Jessica)* Hey Jessica, this is my new friend Zoe. Zoe, this is Jessica.

Jessica: Hi! Nice to meet you!

Zoe: Uhh…hi?

Ashley: Hey Jessica, I really like your shirt! Is it new?

Jessica: Yeah! Thanks my…

Zoe: *(Interrupts Jessica)* Where’d you get it? Your grandma’s closet? Hah!

*(Jessica looks upset)*

Zoe: God, calm down, it was just a joke. Come on, Ashley, let’s go.

*(Ashley and Zoe start walking away together) (Jessica tries to catch up)*

Jessica: Zoe started being really mean to me and I didn’t know why. And she was trying to get me out of the picture. It kind of hurt me how Ashley seemed to not care how Zoe was treating me.

**Scene 4**

*(By lockers)*

Ashley: *(sees Jessica walking, holding a math test)* Hey, how did you do on your math test?

Jessica: Not very well. I forgot to study.

Zoe: *(Takes paper out of Jessica’s hands)* You make think you’re so smart, but you’re not.

*(Zoe throws paper on the ground and walks away)*

Jessica: Do you, by any chance, want to hang out this weekend?

Ashley: Oh, well, Zoe and I already made plans but maybe some other time.

Jessica: Oh…ok… *(to audience)* I slowly started seeing less and less of Ashley. The only times I would see her would be during lunch. And even then, Ashley and I wouldn’t talk. She would just be talking to Zoe the whole time about how fun their last sleepover was or they would be saying all these inside jokes I wouldn’t understand.

**Scene 5**

*(Outside of bathrooms) (Jessica over hears Zoe and Ashley talking)*

Zoe: Why do you still hang out with Jessica?

Ashley: I don’t know…

Zoe: Well, I don’t really like her. I mean she’s so clingy and she always copies us in everything we do. I feel like she stalks me you know.

Ashley: *(Laughs)* I know, right!

Zoe: She needs to go find other nerds like her to go hang out with.

*(They both start laughing and they walk away)*

*(Jessica starts crying and walks home)*

Jessica: I never thought Ashley would do that. I felt like Ashley had become a whole new person. It’s weird how someone you think you know so well can become a total stranger.

**Scene 6**

*(Ashley and Zoe are sitting at the lunch table together)*

*(Jessica comes and sits with them)*

*(Ashley and Zoe start giggling and leave the table)*

Jessica: *(Runs up to them)* Hey! Why are you guys so mean to me?

Zoe: Oh look! The loner can talk.

*(Ashley gives a nervous laugh)*

Jessica: What did I ever do to you?

Zoe: Sorry, I don’t talk to losers…like you.

Upstander 1: Hey! Why are you being such a jerk?!

*(Zoe rolls her eyes)*

Upstander 1: This is not okay. Not in our school!

Upstander 2: Yeah. Not in our school.

Upstander 1 & 2: Not in our school.

More upstanders: Not in our school.

*(Suddenly a big group of students starts forming. All are saying “Not in our school.”)*

Zoe: Okay, fine, whatever, come on Ashley let’s go.

*(Zoe starts walking away but Ashley doesn’t follow)*

Ashley: Umm…I think I’m going to stay here with Jessica.

Zoe: Ugh, whatever.

Ashley: Hey…uh…Jessica…I’m sorry for being a complete jerk. I didn’t realize I was hurting your feelings. I really hope things can go back to how they used to be.

Jessica: Yeah…it’s okay. I understand. I just felt hurt when you didn’t stand up for me when Zoe would say mean things.

Ashley: Yeah. I know what you mean and I feel so bad for all of it.

Jessica: Thanks. Your apology really means a lot to me. *(To audience)* Suddenly, the old Ashley I knew came back. We become closer than we ever were. A few days later Zoe actually came up to me and apologized. It turns out that she was jealous of my friendship with Ashley and she felt like I was competition. Because of that one upstander, Zoe never bullied me again. In fact, underneath Zoe’s mean skin, she actually has a very warm heart. Ashley, Zoe and I have become really good friends. We spend most of our weekends together and we have some of the best sleepovers. Hopefully, I’ll never be bullied again—at least not in our school.