Try It

What Would You Do?

How would you handle unfair, hurtful, or unaccepting comments in your program?

Read the three scenarios and answer the questions with each, below.

1. You are reading aloud a book about children of a different culture. As you discuss the book, a child says, “They don’t have nice clothes like we do.” Another says, “That’s a funny-looking house.”

   How will you answer the comments?

   How might a pre-reading discussion better prepare children for this cultural experience?

2. A boy says, “No girls in the block corner. Girls can’t build big towers.”

   What will you say to the boy?

   What will you say to the girls?
What might you discuss at circle time following this incident?

How will you solve the problem?

3. In one of the learning centers, a child comments, “Her hair is ugly. It’s not pretty like mine.”

What would you say to the child?

What would you say to the recipient of the comment?

What might you discuss at Circle Time following this incident?