

## Smitty Tackles Bullying

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### Discussion questions

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1. In the beginning of the book, how do you know Smitty and Luke are good friends?
2. Why did Luke say the classroom was stinky? Was it really stinky?
3. Why didn't Luke go back to class after lunch?
4. Was it easier for Luke to run away and avoid reading in class than to ask for help?
5. How did Luke feel the next day when he got called on to read?
6. If you see someone who is nervous or embarrassed, what could you do to make him or her feel better?
7. What did Georgina do when she saw Luke struggling to read? Do you think her behavior was bullying?
8. When Smitty saw Georgina making fun of Luke, how did Smitty feel? If you have seen someone being bullied or made fun of, how did that make you feel?
9. How do you think Smitty felt when he told Georgina to stop bullying Luke? Do you think his actions were helpful?
10. How did Smitty respond to Georgina after he talked to her about what happened? Was he respectful of her feelings?
11. Why was it a good idea for Smitty to talk to a grown-up about what was happening in school?
12. Who can you talk to when you see someone being bullied?
13. Smitty's dad said, "You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar." What does that mean?
14. At the end of the book, what was Smitty's idea to help his classmates get along better?
15. What are some things that you could do to help stop bullying?

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