

Boomer, Be Nice!

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Discussion questions

- 1) In the beginning of the story, how was Boomer feeling when he went to the park to play with his friends?
- 2) What was the first thing that happened to Boomer when he arrived at the park?
- 3) What did the boys playing basketball say to Boomer when he asked, “Can I play?”
- 4) What did Boomer do that caused others to say something about his behavior?
- 5) When Boomer teased Bill about missing his tooth, did Roscoe stand up for Bill?
- 6) What are some ways we can stand up for our friends if they are being bullied?
- 7) How did the other kids act towards Boomer when he was mistreating others?
- 8) How do you think Boomer felt when he realized no one wanted to play with him?
- 9) What did Boomer’s mom tell him when he left the house to go to the park? Why do you think she said this?
- 10) What advice did Boomer’s mom give to help him make up for how he had acted toward his friends?
- 11) How did Boomer make up with his friends?
- 12) When Boomer apologized to Bill and Roscoe, he asked to play with them and they said yes. Would everyone respond this way?
- 13) Do you think Boomer had more fun on the playground once he decided to change his behavior and be kind to his friends?

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