



**Month Five
Hand out
Fractured Fairy Tale # 7**



Michael and the Bus

Once upon a time there was a sixth grader named Michael. He was overweight and had been teased and bullied all during his school career. One day he got on the bus to go home and two boys began to say mean things to him out loud so other children on the bus could hear the remarks. “Hey Michael, do you need a whole seat for yourself?” “You have to turn sideways to get through the aisle!” Michael turned red in the face with embarrassment.

What should Michael do? What should some of the other students on the bus do?

- Should they get an adult involved? The bus driver? The principal? The dean?
- Should they say something mean back to the boys taunting Michael?
- Have you ever heard of someone “upstanding” in a bullying situation like this? Would that help?

What is the best way to handle this situation?

Together with your classmates, discuss what Michael and the other students on the bus should do to have a happy ending to their Fairy Tale.

Be ready to share your solution with the rest of the class in a debrief.