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SITUATION

Jamie's parents found a greater job opportunity with a higher position and salary in Kuala Lumpur, so they decided to move there. As a result, Jamie was transferred to a new school in Kuala Lumpur. In his new school, he met his best friend, Benny. However, Benny makes friends with the higher-grade students who always bully the lower-grade students. Benny felt it was cool, and he threatened Jamie to join him too; otherwise, they would break off their relationship. Jamie did not want to lose his best friend. Therefore, Jamie and Benny join the bully gang together.

QUESTIONS

Based on the situations that you have prepared:

1. In your opinion, are the actions of individuals involved in such situations reasonable? Justify your answer.

From my point of view, Jamie's action is not reasonable. This is because he is not an independent person. In this case, Jamie is afraid to lose his best friend, Benny. His fear caused him to make a wrong decision that would give no advantages to himself, that is joining the bully gang.

Besides, Jamie did not consider the impact of joining the bully gang. He did not know joining the bully gang would spoil his reputation among the peers, teachers, and parents. As a result, everyone fears Jamie, and nobody is willing to make friends with him.

Other than that, Jamie should find another solution beside joining the bully gang. For instance, he should tell the discipline teacher about the bully gang in the school so that the teacher can notice this discipline problem and do some corrective measures to solve it as soon as possible to create a healthy and clean environment for students to study in the school.

2. Describe the values of self-esteem that are lost based on the situation you've stated.

From the above situation, Jamie had lost his integrity. This is because the action of joining the bully gang to bully others had against his religious beliefs. As a result, he would not be respected by everyone because he harms his schoolmates.

Moreover, Jamie also lost his empathy and compassion. When he was bullying the others, he had lost his ability to feel the feelings and difficulties of the person being bullied. Therefore, his humanity has gone.

Other than that, Jamie's liberty had gone. This happens when he was threatened by Benny to join the bully gang. In that situation, he has many options if he refuses to join the bully gang. However, he let Benny make the decision for him to join the bully gang and he did not reject Benny.

3. What are universal values that you must have in order to avoid that?

To avoid the above situation, I must be empathetic. I should try to understand how others feel by putting myself in their shoes. With my empathy, I can avoid doing any action that will make them uncomfortable.

Moreover, I should have courage to stand up for what is right. When faced a critical situation where someone forces me to do something I do not want to do, I should be brave to say “No!” to the person and stick to my plan no matter how fierce he or she is.

Additionally, I must have an elevated level of integrity. For example, I should always be respectful, responsible, honest, and helpful because this could make me happy, confident, and respected by everyone.

4. Do a brainstorming for ideas seeking to prevent that situation based on the individual integrity that you have in yourself.

First, parents should always keep track of their children's performance in school with the teacher regularly, even when they are busy with their work. This is because they can know their children's problems in school, such as skipping class, quarreling with their friends, and submitting incomplete homework. If they notice that their children are not doing well in school, they can pay more attention to supervising their children to prevent things from getting worse.

Moreover, the school should also organize more awareness campaigns about gangsterism in school. With these campaigns, they will know how to protect themselves from bullying when they encounter gangsterism. Also, they will also be the eyes of the teacher as they will report it to the teacher when they see a bully gang.

Other than that, the school should provide a counseling room for students who feel they need it. In this case, students who are facing physical or mental difficulties such as being bullied can talk to the counseling teacher, who will try to help the student to solve their problems.

SELF-REFLECTION & CONCLUSION

Report:

In the above situation, Jamie was facing difficulties deciding whether he wants to maintain relationship with Benny or break their friendship to stand up for the right. At the end, Jamie chooses to join the bully gang with Benny although he knows joining the bully gang is wrong as he does not want to lose his friend.

Respond:

After Jamie joins the bully gang with Benny, he feels unhappy and guilty because he knows what he had done goes against his principle and self-esteem.

Relate:

There must be many people who have gone through the same experience as Jamie. At this age, teenagers are afraid of losing their friends. Therefore, joining a bullying gang with friends is a common decision that teenagers make.

Reason:

After reading the above situation, it is truly clear that having high self-esteem is important for people to make correct decisions.

Reconstruct:

From the situation above, Jamie understands that a good friend will always advise their friends to make the right decision but will not convince their friends to make wrong decisions. The situation also emphasizes the importance of making a good friend who has high self-esteem rather than a bad friend.

In conclusion, the above situation highlights the importance of self-esteem in influencing people's decision-making. Therefore, for people with high self-esteem, no situation will affect them from making the right decisions.

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