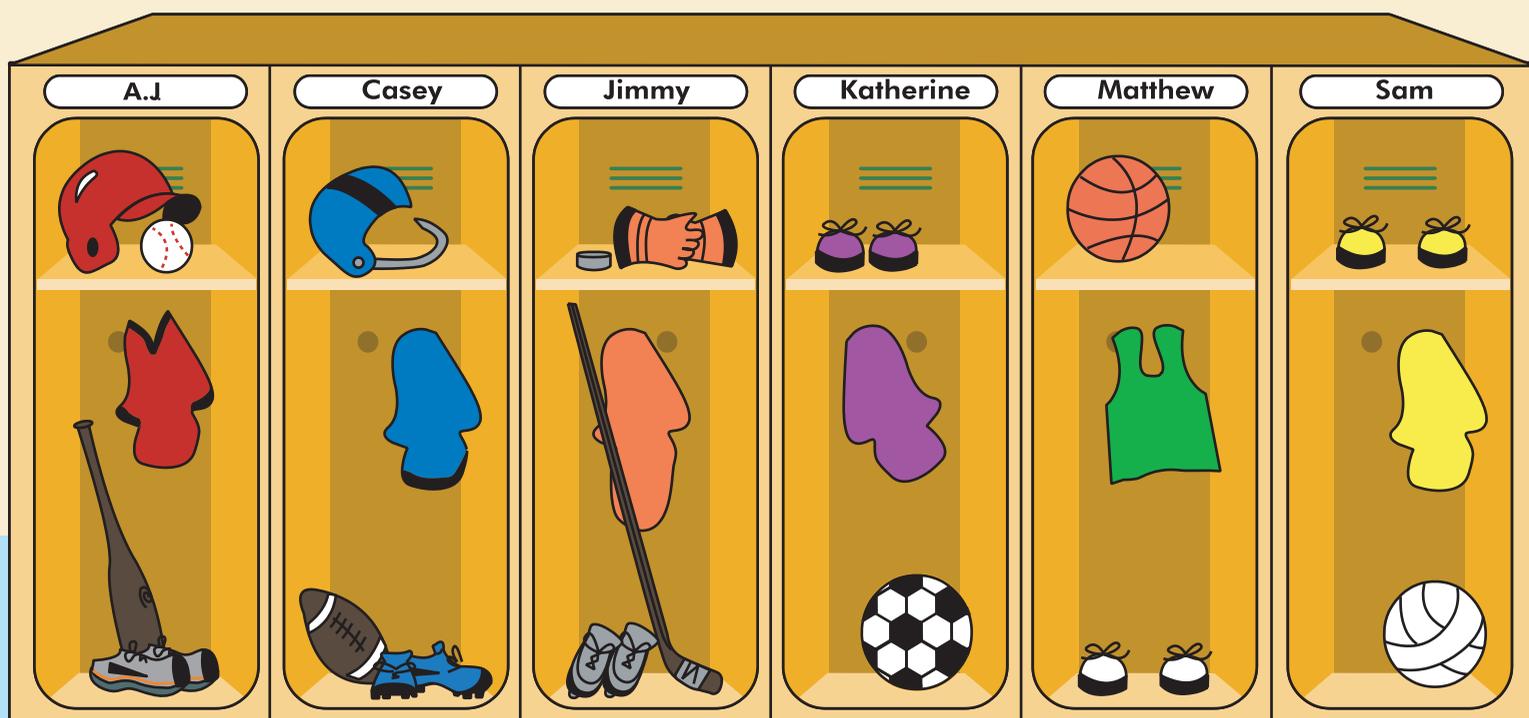


The Adventures of the P.E. GANG



P.E. GANG



Story #5

Hi! My name is Jimmy and I think the best sport in the world is ice hockey. In Physical Education class, Mr. Fitter taught us how to be a responsible person by not making excuses, not blaming others and getting your work done in school.

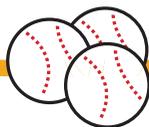
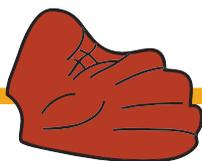
Our next story is about being responsible. Aaron my older brother, is not very nice. When my friends and I play against Aaron, he makes up his own rules and doesn't play fair. Let's just say... Aaron learns some important lessons on fairness and I learn why it's important to be more responsible in school.



Being Responsible

Aaron, my older brother, is an awesome hockey player, but not always a good sport. He plays for the best hockey team we have in town and he leads the league in scoring every year. Although Aaron and I are brothers, you'd never know it by the way we argue all the time. I think it's because Aaron wants to always win at anything we and do together.

Aaron and his friends challenged us to a hockey game. At first, we said no because we knew from the last time we played them what would happen. They like to make up the rules. Aaron's friend Kyle made the rule that if you score, you get the puck back and can start again. Of course, when they play by their rules, they always beat us.



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A few days later, we decided to play them anyway. What were we thinking? In the beginning, we were all playing well together and everything seemed to be going okay.

Our passing was right on and we were actually scoring goals. The score was 5 to 4 and they were winning. Normally, before we end our hockey games, if the score is close someone will shout out, "Next goal ends the game!" Since the score was 5 to 4, we knew we had no chance of winning but for the first time ever, we had a chance to tie. Since we hadn't beaten them before, a tie would have been super sweet!



Aaron had the puck and, as usual, he tried to score without passing to anyone on his team. We call him a "puck hog" because he tries to control the puck and do everything himself. He started at his goal and was stick-handling right past everyone. The only person he had to beat was the goalie - J.D.

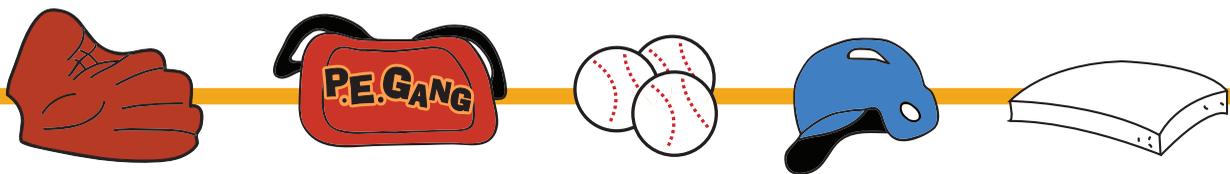
J.D. knew exactly what Aaron was going to do because he does the same move all the time. He fakes a shot to the right, dekes to the left, and then tries to lift the puck up over the goalie's pads.

As Aaron approached the net, he faked his shot J.D. then slid with his legs raised up in the air and the puck bounced off of his pads and went sailing into the neighbor's yard. No goal!



I ended up scoring the last goal to tie the game. This made Aaron furious. Aaron is obsessed with hockey and cannot stand to lose or even tie to me. It was getting dark and very difficult to see the puck. Aaron kept trying to keep the game going, but it was impossible to see. The score was 5 to 5 and we all agreed earlier that the next goal would end the game. Aaron, being the poor sport that he is, grabbed me by the coat and said, "This isn't over. We'll finish this game on Saturday."

On Monday, we told Mr. Fitter about what had happened and how excited we were about the tie. In P.E. class, we were working on hockey skills, which gave us a great opportunity to continue practicing. All week, Mr. Fitter stressed the importance of working together when playing hockey.

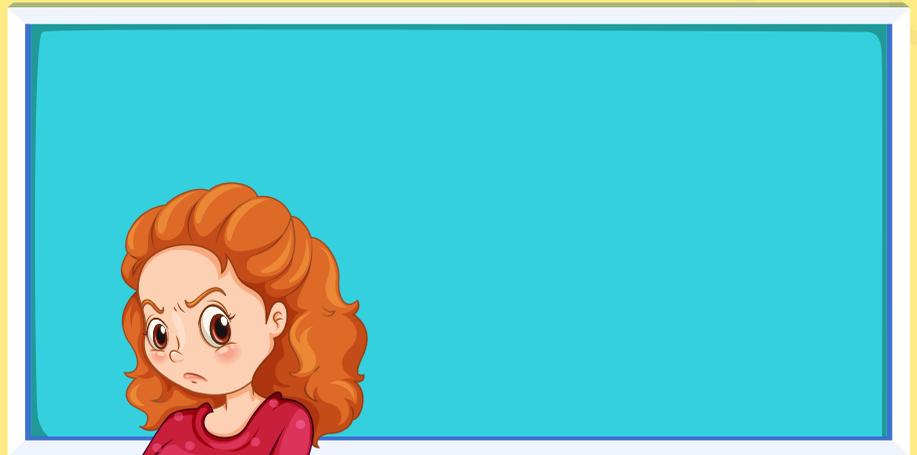
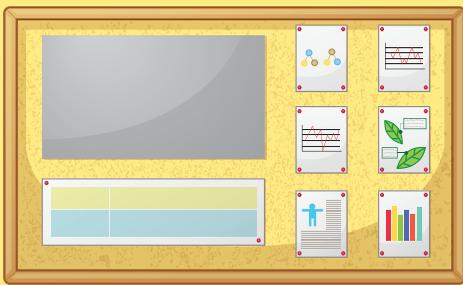


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Thursday morning at school, our classroom teacher collected our homework just like she does every day. I left my homework at home. I was too busy practicing for our hockey game on Saturday. Now, if you forget your homework in Mrs. Smith's class, she calls home.

My dad has this rule: If your schoolwork is not finished, you don't get to play sports. I wouldn't be allowed to play on Saturday because I didn't do my homework.



"What were you thinking Jimmy?" scolded Katherine. "You know we can't win without you playing!"

"I'm so sorry," I said sadly.

"I really thought my dad would understand when I told him about our game on Saturday, but he said my school work is just as important as playing sports. You know my dad doesn't let things like this slide because he believes it will eventually teach me to be more responsible.

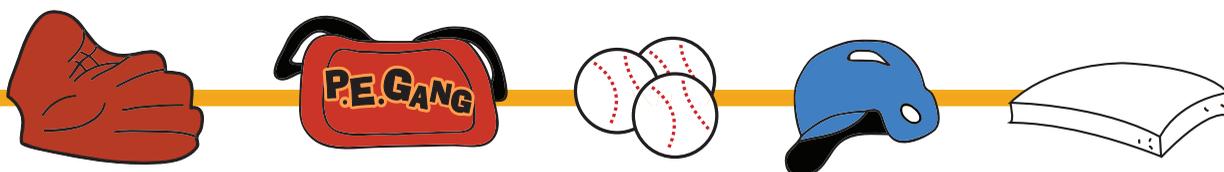


I'm really sorry I let you all down. I promise it will never happen again."

"That's okay," said Matthew. "Do you mind if we ask Patrick to play in your place?"

"No," I said. "I think that's a great idea."

On Monday, they filled me in on the results of the game. Even though we didn't win, we still played great together. After the game was over, Aaron actually came over and said "Good game!"



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Then we all gave one another high-fives! Can you believe it? I said that we'd never have to worry about me not playing again because I'd make sure my homework was always done in the future. Letting my team down again was something I was not going to let happen...

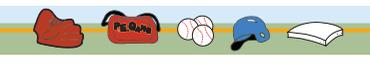
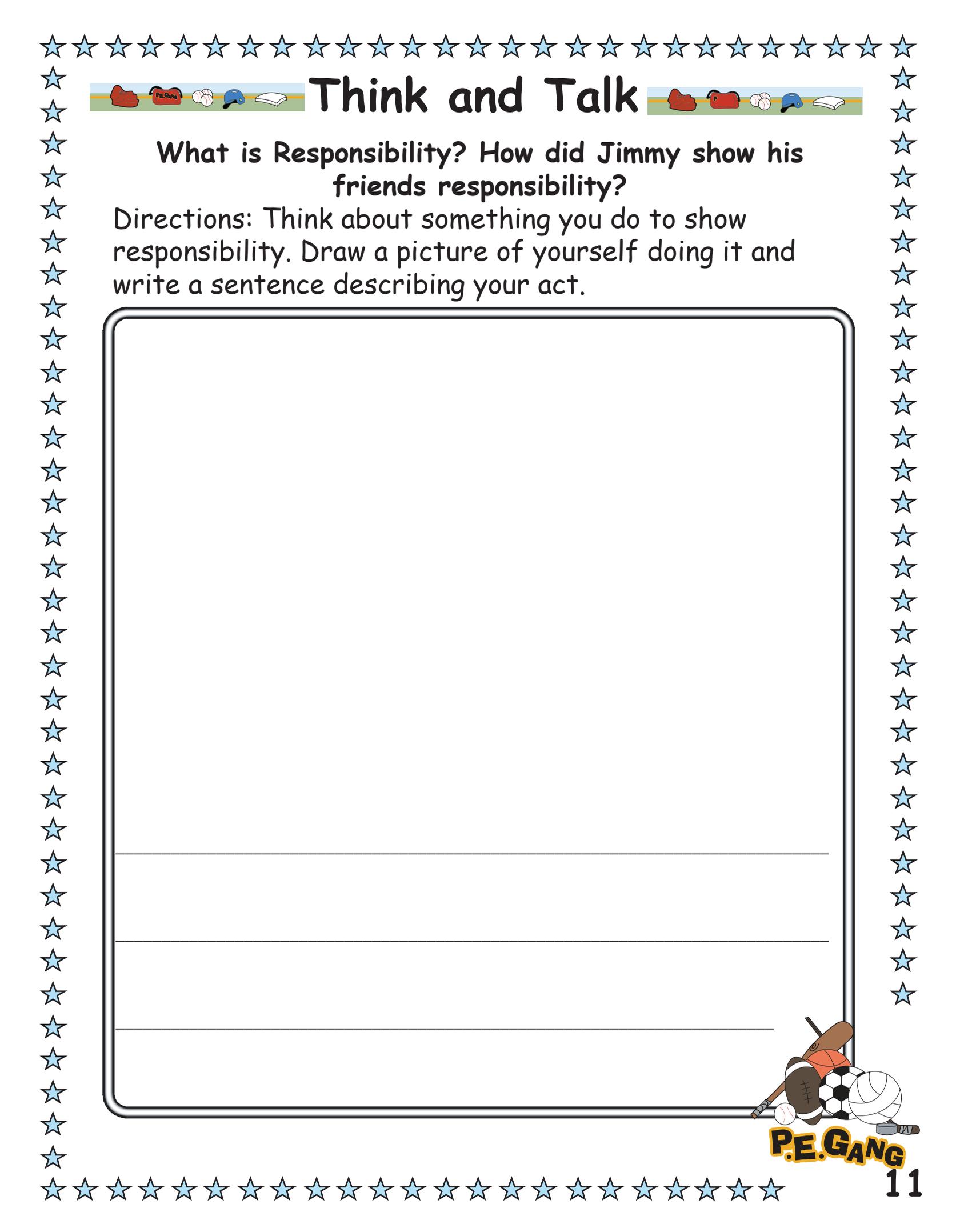


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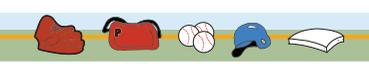


-  **Be reliable and dependable.**
-  **Take care of your own business.**
-  **Don't make excuses or blame others.**
-  **When you agree to do something, do it.**
-  **Think before you act; imagine the consequences.**





Think and Talk



What is Responsibility? How did Jimmy show his friends responsibility?

Directions: Think about something you do to show responsibility. Draw a picture of yourself doing it and write a sentence describing your act.

