

A
Bad Case
of
Tattle
Tongue

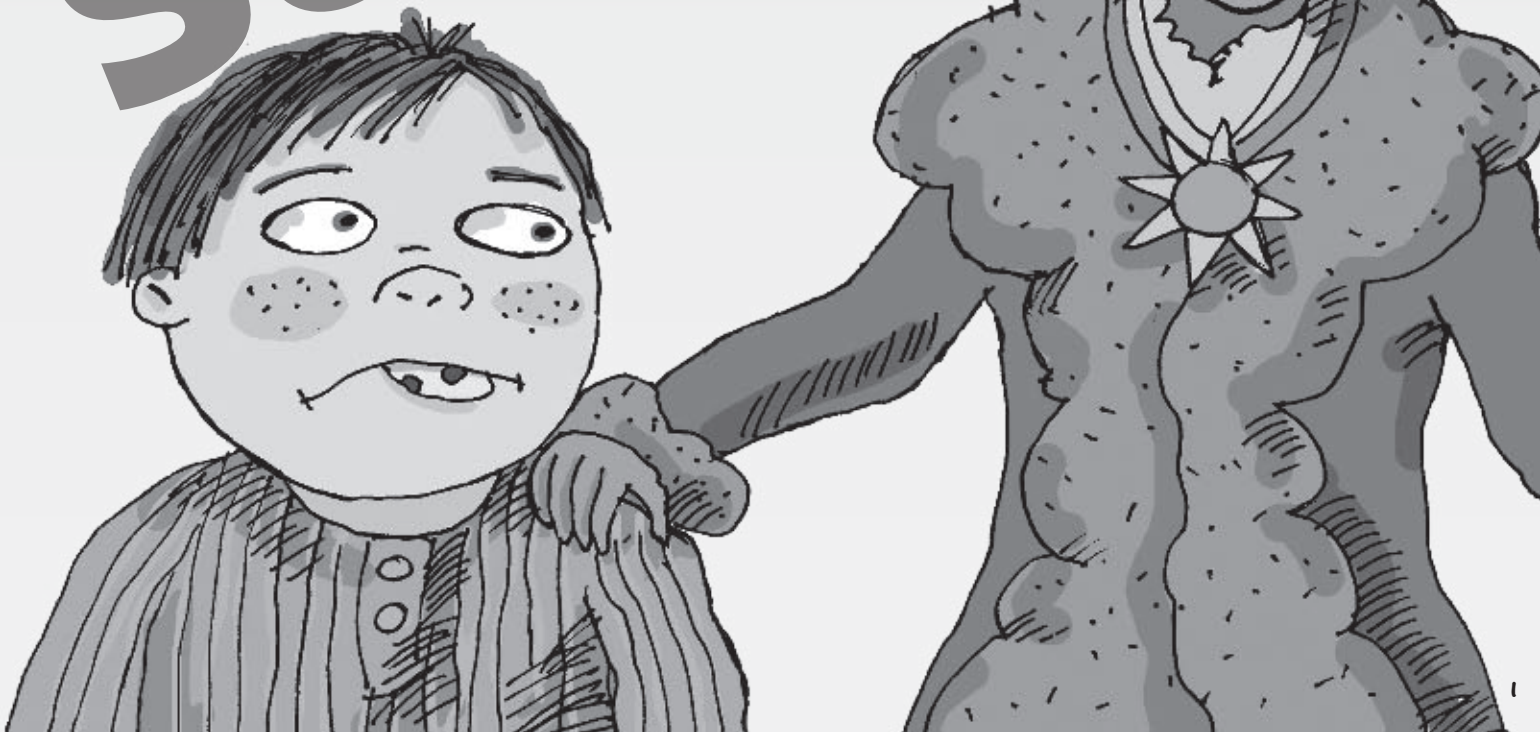
Activity and
Idea Book

published by



**National
Center for
Youth Issues**

Practical Guidance Resources
Educators Can Trust



A Note To Educators

Tattling is a common problem in many classrooms. It takes away from teaching time, causes conflict and discomfort, and can socially disable many of your students. When a child's perception of right and wrong combines with their need for attention and "duty to inform," tattling is often the result.

The purpose of this activity book is to give students a "hands on" opportunity to apply and process the four tattle Rules:

Rule #1 Be a Danger Ranger – If a person or animal is in danger, you must warn someone!

Rule #2 Be a Problem Solver – If the problem involves you directly, take charge and try hard to solve it yourself first.

Rule #3 Now or Later – Is the problem a "Now" problem or a "Not Now" problem? Can your problem be solved at a later time?

Rule #4 M.Y.O.B. (Mind Your Own Beeswax!) – If the problem is not dangerous and it does not involve you...Do Not Tattle!

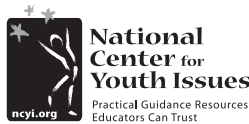
The Tattle Rules offer students effective strategies to help them understand the differences between tattling and warning. They also can empower students to become more effective problem solvers and improve their social relationships with peers.

I hope you enjoy using this book as much as I enjoyed writing it!!

– Julia

Duplication and Copyright

No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopy, recording or otherwise without prior written permission from the publisher except for all worksheets and activities which may be reproduced for a specific group or class. Reproduction for an entire school or school district is prohibited.



P.O. Box 22185
Chattanooga, TN 37422-2185
423.899.5714 • 800.477.8277
fax: 423.899.4547
www.ncyi.org

ISBN: 978-1-931636-92-6

© 2009 National Center for Youth Issues, Chattanooga, TN

All rights reserved.

Summary: A supplementary teacher's guide for *A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue*. Full of discussion questions and exercises to share with students.

Written by: Julia Cook

Illustrations by: Anita DuFalla

Published by National Center for Youth Issues

Printed at Starkey Printing

Chattanooga, TN, USA

October 2009

Tattle Rocks

Introduction:

A "Tattle Rock" is a small rock that you can decorate and set on top of your desk to remind you not to tattle. Use different colored paint to represent your feelings that are associated with tattling.

Here is your paint color code:

Red—Anger
Blue—Sadness
Orange—Anxiety
Yellow—Happiness
Green—Guilt
Purple—Loyalty/Honor

Be Creative!!

Materials Needed:

- 1 small rock per student
- Tempura paint
- Stick on eyes (optional)

sample



The Tattle Tongue Comes To Life!

Supplies:

- Various Craft Materials (Glitter, Yarn, etc.)
- Crayons/Markers
- Plain White Paper Plates (2 per student)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Wooden Craft Sticks (1 per student)

Teacher Directions:

Make copies of the Josh face for each student. Trim each copy and glue it to a paper plate. Carefully cut a tongue opening at the base of Josh's smile that is wide enough for the craft stick to slide in and out of. Have kids decorate Josh and his tongue with markers, crayon, yarn, glitter etc.

