

LATE FOR CLASS

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COMEDIC /7 ACTORS FLEXIBLE CASTING

1 John 3:1, Jeremiah 1:5

A new student being picked on at school is used as an illustration for not letting others define who you really are.

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ACTOR 1 and ACTOR 2 talk to the audience ACTOR 2 has his pants and shirt on backwards.

ACTOR 1  
Sometimes people can be super mean.

ACTOR 2  
Yea! They say awful, hurtful things!

ACTOR 1  
Awful!

ACTOR 2  
Like that time you said I had my shirt on backwards.

ACTOR 1  
You did have your shirt on backwards...you still have your shirt on backwards!

ACTOR 2  
*(While trying to fix his shirt)*  
It still hurt.

ACTOR 1  
I'm sorry.

ACTOR 2  
I forgive you.

ACTOR 1  
What's even worse, is that when enough people insult you, you start to believe what they're saying is true.

2.

ACTOR 2

Yea, like that time you said I had my pants on backwards.

ACTOR 1

You did have your pants on backwards...You still have your pants on backwards!

ACTOR 2

Oops!

*(goes to fix them)*

ACTOR 1

*(to actor 2)*

Don't fix them.

*(to audience)*

The words can be especially cruel at school.

ACTOR 2

Yea! School can be the worst!

*(ACTOR 1 and ACTOR 2 can exit or watch from the side but are not part of the ensuing scene)*

#### SCHOOL HALLWAY

A frazzled KID wearing a backpack and holding an orientation pamphlet enters in a nervous rush. The KID is lost trying to use the pamphlet for guidance. KID approaches another student KNOW IT ALL (a know it all type)

KID

Hi, sorry, I'm new, I just got here today and I don't wanna be late for my first class with Mr. Pinto. I struggle with math so I want to make a good first impression. My Mom says, "first impressions go a long way" and I need all the help I can get if you know what I mean.. I'm rambling, sorry. I can't find room 23B. Mr. Pinto's math class? Do you know where it is?

3.

KNOW IT ALL

Yes.

KID

Awesome! Can you help me find it?

KNOW IT ALL

No.

KID

Why?

KNOW IT ALL

You struggle with math and can't read the map on your pamphlet. Obviously you're an unintelligent person. MY MOM says, the only way to help an unintelligent person is to let them figure it out by themselves.

*KID sees two cliquey students walking down the hall.*

KID

Hi it's my first day. Can you help me find Mr Pinto's..

CLIQUEY 1

Look at those shoes.

CLIQUEY 2

Where are you from.. the garbage?

KID

I need help finding..

CLIQUEY 1

The trash can?

KID

No I...

CLIQUEY 2

Ask the Janitor Garbage Girl/Boy

CLIQUEY 1

What a loser.

*COOL GUY strolls by wearing sunglasses*

KID

Hey is room 23B...

4.

COOL GUY  
Shhh! Shame, Shame, Shame. You're  
not wearing shades.

KID  
What?!

COOL GUY  
No specks, No speaks. I don't speak  
with no geek. Freak.

KID  
What is with this place?? I just  
want to find my class! Why won't  
anyone help me?

*Entire School Cast begins circling the kid*

COOL GUY  
Because you're a geek.

CLIQUEY 1  
You come from the Garbage.

KNOW IT ALL  
Unintelligent.

CLIQUEY 2  
You're a Loser.

*They continue to circle him repeating the words (geek,  
garbage,unintelligent,loser) or ad libbing insults,  
continually accelerating the speed and intensity of the words  
until it feels like the KID might really be in trouble.  
(maybe with some staged shoving or roughing up)The KID at the  
climax of fear would shout..*

KID  
Stop!

*School actors freeze.*

*Actor 1 and Actor 2 Enter*

ACTOR 1  
See, people can be mean!

ACTOR 2  
They try to tell you who you are.

5.

ACTOR 1

And it's easy to believe what they say.

ACTOR 2

But don't!

ACTOR 1

Because the most important thing about you is not what THEY say about you.

ACTOR 2

It's what God says about you.

ACTOR 1

He really knows you.

ACTOR 2

He knew you before you were even born!

ACTOR 1

God loves us so much he says we are his children!

ACTOR 2

You can look it up people, it's right there in the Bible.

ACTOR 1

1 John 3:1 and Jeremiah 1:5.

ACTOR 2

Wait. That means me too right? I'm a child of God?

ACTOR 1

Of course!

ACTOR 2

Even if I wear my pants backwards?

ACTOR 1

Even if you wear your pants backwards.

THE END