

WHAT A LICE DAY

Hair Lice Handout, ages 8-10

One day, a young boy named Squeaky noticed his head was itching at school. He ignored it, but it just kept getting more and more itchy!



Squeaky went to the nurse's office to ask for help---it was really itching.

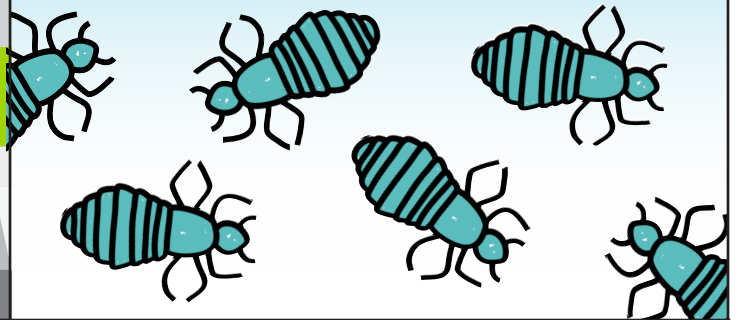


The nurse took a good look at his head and told him he had lice. "LICE! OH NO!!...Wait...what are lice?" he asked the nurse.

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"Lice are tiny bugs that like to live in hair and feed on blood. When they bite you, it itches. Their eggs are called nits. But don't worry! It is easy to treat. You just need to buy special shampoo your mom can help you apply."



The nurse called Squeaky's mom to pick him up so she could treat his lice. While he was waiting, other kids starting asking why he was going home.



When they heard Squeaky had lice, they said, "BUGS! YOU HAVE BUGS IN YOUR HAIR! GROSS. That is disgusting. You are so dirty."



Squeaky felt horrible and did not know what to say. He thought, "I'm not dirty! I take a bath every day."



Finally, Squeaky's mom picked him up. When they got home, she put the special shampoo in his hair and went through his hair with a special comb looking for nits, or lice eggs. She also washed all of his clothes to wash off any lice and nits.



When the other kids went back in the school, the nurse stopped them. "I'd like to make sure you all don't have lice too," she said. The kids looked surprised.



The nurse found one of the boys had lice, and he exclaimed, "But I'm clean!" The nurse explained that it doesn't matter if you are clean or dirty—lice like all types of hair.



The kids realized it was mean and wrong to call Squeaky "dirty" and treat him like they did. When Squeaky returned to school the kids apologized. Squeaky felt much better!

