## Saying Sorry and Changing

Helping Stop Racism



#### Using this story

- This story addresses that someone may say something racist inadvertently.
- This story teaches how to recognize if someone is offended.
- This story teaches how to ask if someone is offended and apologize.
- This story teaches that listening is important.
- This story teaches that mistakes are ok and we should learn from them.
- This story is targeted for use with white people who are looking to become better allies.
- This story can be used with any age.

### There are many people in the world.



### Some people look like me.







### Some people do not.









It is ok for people to look different than me because we are all people.



I am a good person, so I treat everyone with kindness and respect in how I act and what I say, no matter what they look like.



By being kind and respectful to people who look different than me, I am making sure I am not a racist.



Sometimes, I make mistakes. I may say or do something that is not nice or respectful. I may even say something that is racist. That is not OK.



# Someone may say, "You hurt my feelings." They may say, "That was not nice."







### They may make a sad face, or an angry face.





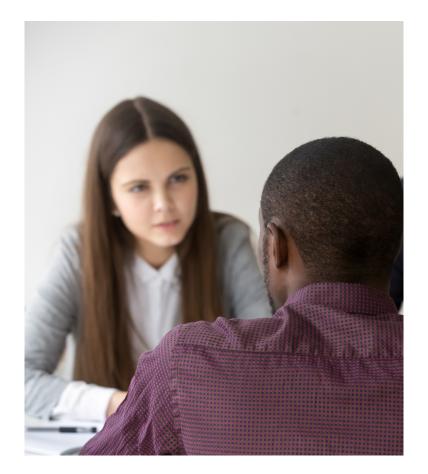
If they do this, I should say, "I think I did something that made you upset. Can you tell me what it is so I don't do it again?"



# Then I need to listen. I should not interrupt while they tell me what they are feeling.



When they are done telling me what I did that hurt them, I should say sorry, I did not know, I won't do it again.



If I make a mistake, I did not do it on purpose. I can learn from that mistake.



Learning from my mistake is important. Learning shows I care because I do not make the mistake again.



# Learning from my mistake makes me a better person.

