



Story sheet

The Story of Zeb

Zeb was born on the planet Dee. He was a Dee-lite. Dee was a bit like Earth apart from 2 things. Everything there was made of plasticine (including the people who lived there) and all the Dee-lites were completely blue.

PAUSE – children complete box 1

However, Zeb was different. He was blue but had a bright red nose! No one else in his family or street looked like this. He didn't know he was different when he was very small. He just knew that his parents and family loved him. As he grew older, he noticed that people would stare at him when he was walking down the road. Some even pointed, laughed and said rude things. His parents told him that he was special and to take no notice. They told him to let them know if he was ever feeling down or upset.

Then when he was 5 years old, he went to school.

PAUSE – children complete box 2

After a while the children in school got used to him. The teachers did lots of assemblies and lessons on people who were different in some way.

PAUSE – children complete box 3

When new Dee-lites came to school and stared at Zeb, it was the other children who put them right. They would say "Zeb is Zeb, so don't be mean."

PAUSE 4 – children complete box 4

When Zeb was 12 years old, he was given his own tablet. He was so excited and loved playing games on it, making videos, doing his homework and research. One day he looked up red noses. He found out that all over Dee there were other Dee-lites with red noses. He wasn't the only one!

PAUSE 5 – children complete box 5

With his parents watching what he was doing, he got in touch with some other Dee-lites with red noses, joined a chat room and made some online friends. There were parent groups too, so his parents could meet others who had children with red noses. Sometimes they all got together for a picnic or to go to the cinema. Zeb had great fun being with Dee-lites just like him.

PAUSE 6 – children complete box 6



One day, Zeb turned on his tablet and saw a really rude and offensive email. It said “Dee-lites like you are not normal and should be got rid of.” Another one popped up. “You are spoiling the planet Dee. Get lost!”

PAUSE 7 – children complete box 7

He contacted his online red-nosed friends and the news got worse. Some had found clips on DeeTube of Dee-lites holding down those with a red nose and painting it blue. It was really scary.

PAUSE 8 – children complete box 8

Some of Zeb’s friends at school had seen the clips and hateful abuse too. They were very upset.

PAUSE 9 – children complete box 9

They decided to do something about it. They decided to show they would not put up with this sort of behaviour.

PAUSE 10 – children complete box 10

At school, they got the Headteacher and all the staff involved. The pupils did assemblies with all the year groups; parents were invited to join them, and learn about how this online prejudice was wrong. They made videos of the assemblies and put them on DeeTube. Thousands of Dee-lites watched them and liked them. They made a list of what red noses could do if they were being bullied or abused.

PAUSE 11 – children complete box 11

Most of all, they made sure that their red-nosed friends felt loved and accepted. They even came up with a slogan.

PAUSE 12 – children complete box 12

What do you think happened on the planet Dee because of this?

(Discuss this last question as a class).