

A Little Help Here!

Jesus is the mediator between God and human beings. A mediator is a type of go-between who helps individuals who have grown separated become connected again. Because he is fully God and fully human, Jesus is able to overcome the separation between us and God caused by sin. We can be mediators, too. Here are five situations in which individuals have become separated by someone's words or actions. How would someone following Jesus' example effectively mediate these conflicts? Write your ideas in the space below each situation.

1. Two students are arguing over who gets to use the school supplies. One student claims that he was there first, and the other student claims that he was only there first because he pushed the second student out of the way to get there. Jesus, we need you!
2. Two students are arguing over how a game is played. One claims that she knows how to play because she has played the game before. The other student says that, according to the instructions, the way the other student played it was wrong. Jesus, we need you!
3. A group of students has formed a club, and their club is at maximum membership capacity. Two students are left out and are told they cannot join. Those students get very upset and complain that the club is just trying to keep them out! Jesus, we need you!
4. The basketball game is intense! Both teams want to win, but it's getting pretty ugly. There are a lot of fouls, a lot of complaining, and a lot of bad language and unloving action. Jesus, we need you!
5. The teacher says it has to be done one way, but you really want to do it another way. You think the teacher is picking on you and it shouldn't make a difference which way you do it, but the teacher will not listen to you. Jesus, we need you!

