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Responding to Personal Violence

Read the following scenario and write an ending based on the prompts below:

You are in class at school, working with your friend Jamie on a lab. Another student, Chris, who is known to be a bit of a bully, asks to borrow a pencil. Jamie hands Chris the good mechanical pencil that his aunt had given him as a Confirmation gift. Chris holds it and says: "Wow, this is really nice! I'm keeping this." Jamie is upset but doesn't want to make a big deal about it. You turn to Jamie and say, "Chris is such a jerk!" Class ends, Chris walks out with Jamie's good mechanical pencil, and you head to your locker. Suddenly, Chris is in your face, pushes you against the locker, and threateningly growls, "Did you call me a jerk?"

1. How do you think you would respond to Chris?

2. If you were to put into practice Jesus' teaching to "turn the other [cheek]" (Matthew 5:39) in this situation, how might you respond?

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