## Real World Skit

You and two assistants will read a skit about making new friends. Bring props to add interest! Start with two friends together and the neighbor across the room.

- **Friend 1:** Your cul-de-sac is the best for riding bikes! I'm glad my mom let me bring my bike over today.
- **Friend 2:** Yeah, it's fun to have more room to ride than just our driveway. Our neighbors have kids, too, so they're careful when they drive in here.
- **Friend 1:** Wow, it must be great to have so many friends around!
- **Friend 2:** Yeah! We play in each other's yards and ride bikes together, except the kid in the house on the corner. He's mean! We always take off and hide when he comes outside.
- Friend 1: What does he do?
- **Friend 2:** He yells at us and calls us names. One time he even threw rocks at us when we rode past his driveway!
- Friend 1: Seriously? That's terrible! I wonder why he acts like that.
- Friend 2: I don't know, and I don't plan on asking him either!
- Friend 1: Maybe he's lonely.
- Friend 2: What? If he wants friends, he shouldn't yell and throw stuff.
- **Friend 1:** Hey! Is that him walking down the driveway now?
- **Friend 2:** It's him! Let's get back to my house, quick! (Hurries away)
- **Friend 1:** (Walk over to the Neighbor and wave) Hey!
- **Neighbor:** (Look surprised then frown) Who are you?
- **Friend 1:** (Smiling) My name's \_\_\_\_\_. I'm visiting my friend, who lives a few houses down from you. Over there. (Points)
- **Neighbor:** Yeah? So? Go play with your friend then and leave me alone.
- Friend 1: Wait. I think the kids here may have the wrong idea about you.
- **Neighbor:** What do you know?
- Friend 1: I know that it's right to be kind to others. Have the kids been mean to you or

something? Is that why you yell at them? They're afraid of you, you know.

Neighbor: Good!

Friend 1: I don't think that's good. I think it'd be great if you played with us.

Neighbor: No one's ever asked me to!

Friend 1: Well, I am. Want to ride bikes?

Neighbor: I don't have a bike, okay? So just go away!

**Friend 1:** We can take turns riding mine, or we can play a different game without bikes. You like hide-and-seek?

**Neighbor:** Uh, yeah. But I don't think the others will want to play.

**Friend 1:** Sure they will! You can show them you've changed! (Wave toward Friend 2) Hey! Come here!

**Friend 2**: (Nervously comes to join them) Uh, hi.

**Friend 1:** Your neighbor said he'll play with us. He just doesn't have a bike right now. How about we get the other kids and play hide-and-seek?

**Friend 2:** Really?! Okay, we can do that.

Friend 1: Let's get to it then!