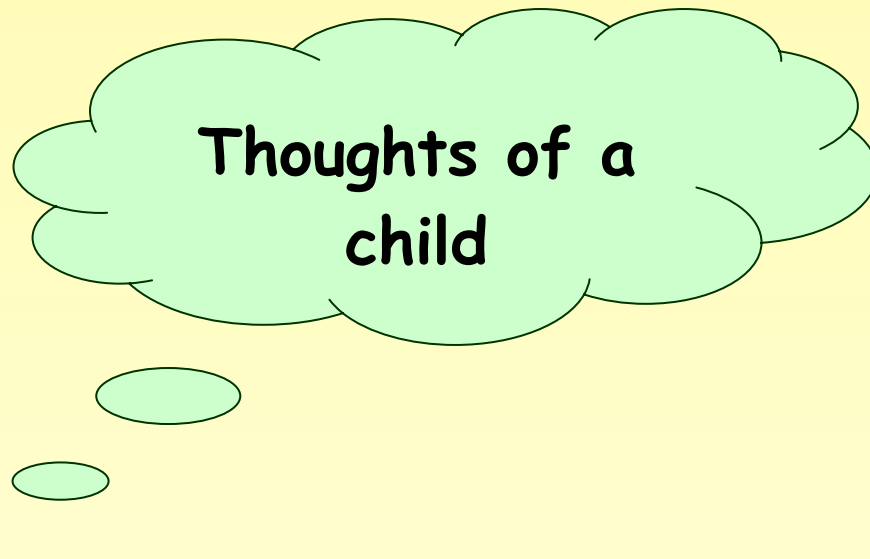


Breaking the Cycle

Activity 3



I can't wait to get to school. I know it's going to be great. Oh!, look, here come some other children. I think they must be going to my school. They are waiting for the school bus. I will join them. (Pause) what are they looking at? (Pause) Me? They seem to be smirking and laughing at me. Why are they doing that? - I haven't done anything to them.

RIP RIP

They are talking about me. What are they saying? Ugly? They're saying I'm ugly. Why are they saying that? - I haven't done anything to them.

RIP RIP

Here come some other children. Maybe they will stop those children making fun of me. What are they doing? Oh!, they're ignoring me and pretending not to hear. I wish they wouldn't just stand there and do nothing. I guess they must feel the same way as me.

RIP RIP

I'll just look at the ground and stay quiet. I'm too ashamed to meet anyone's eyes. Oh!, the bus has come, the driver is shouting at me to hurry up. Everyone is laughing.

RIP RIP

In the math's class I was daydreaming and the teacher drew a red line through my work. The rest of the class sniggered.

RIP RIP

At break-time the children from the bus surrounded me and pushed me back and forth. The playground supervisor thought we were having fun. I wanted to tell her I wasn't, but they told me to shut up or 'I'd get worse'. I didn't tell.

RIP RIP

At lunch they told no one to sit with me. But... I never did anything to them - why are they doing this to me?

RIP RIP

I went to the toilet and was washing my hands in the sink, when they came in. 'Why are you washing your hands? "You need to wash your whole body... you smell". Do I?

RIP RIP

In science we were studying monkeys. When I left the class, some of them were standing outside and they started making monkey noises and gestures as I walked by. It was the last straw - I screamed at them, tears running down my face. "WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME - WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU?"

RIP RIP



The teacher heard me screaming. They said I'd been bothering them all day. I got into trouble. I feel like I'm in shreds.

RIP, RIP

RIP, RIP, RIP.....