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Once upon a time...
There was an Itty Bitty Lion.
The Itty Bitty Lion was so small,
To him the grass
Looked tall-e-tall!

The Itty Bitty Lion
Had a problem, you see.
The others lions treated him
As mean as could be.

When the Itty Bitty Lion
Was walking around
The others would push and shove him
Down to the ground.

Then they would laugh
And even roar!
They had done this
Many times before!

The Itty Bitty Lion
At first would run.
He did not think
That shoving was much fun.

Then one day
They pushed him down.
Then they stood around him,
Expecting the Itty Bitty Lion to frown.



**The Itty Bitty Lion
Looked up with an Itty Bitty Grin
And said to all of them
“I don’t care if you do it again.”**

**“I’m so much smaller
Than any of you.
And I really don’t like
The mean things you do.”**

**“I can stay down,
Down in the dirt.
I can pretend
Your meanness does not hurt.”**

**“OF COURSE your actions
Do bother me.
It hurts,
As anyone can see.”**

**“But after a while
It doesn’t hurt as much.
I’ve learned to accept
All your teasing and such.”**

**“Someday, sometime,
Lions bigger than you
Will think YOU are small,
That you are Itty Bitty, too!”**

**“They will shove YOU
And then kick dirt in YOUR face.
You won’t know why
They treat you with disgrace.”**



**“Being a bully
“Can’t be much fun.
“It just proves you are weak
“When you start picking
“On another Itty Bitty One.”**

**“I’m just a lion
“Who is Itty Bitty, too.
“I want to be your friend.
“But that is up to you!”**

**The bullies soon decided
That Itty Bitty Lion was right.
Now they all play together.
WOW! What a wonderful sight!**

And he lived happily ever after...



LESSON PLAN

What did the other lions do to the Itty Bitty Lion?

Did the Itty Bitty Lion like being bullied?

Do you think we should bully someone just because they are different from us?

What are some of the rhyming words in the story?

Have you ever been bullied or teased?

Is it better to say or do something nice?