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CJ was playing with his friends when the school bully walked up and started pushing everyone around.

CJ stood up to the bully courageously, but the bully didn't stop.

CJ said assertively, "Please stop pushing everyone around!"



The bully replied, “Why don’t you stop me then?”

CJ did not want to fight the bully, so he told his friends, “Let’s get out of here.”

As they walked away, the bully ran up from behind and pushed CJ to the ground.

CJ’s elbow started bleeding and his pant leg ripped at the knee.



CJ got up, brushed himself off, and just walked away.

The bully then ran from behind to push CJ again, but a teacher came out, so he didn't.

The bully just snickered and walked away with his friends.



Vikash and Blake asked, “Why didn’t you stand up for yourself?”

CJ answered, “I did not want to get into a fight. It wouldn’t have solved anything.”

“You were scared,” they teased.



CJ knew in his heart that he was not scared. He was simply doing what he felt was right.

Then, a few months later, he proved it.

Once again, CJ was playing with his friends and the bully walked up.



This time, he walked right to CJ and tried to push him.

Instead of falling to the ground, CJ used Aikido to divert the bully's energy, and the bully went flying.



This made the bully so angry. He just got up and ran at CJ with fury.

Again, CJ threw the bully even farther.

CJ then walked up to the bully as he lay on the ground hurt.

The bully cried out, "Please, don't hurt me! Please, don't hurt me!"



CJ could have punched and kicked the bully, but he didn't.

He just walked away.

Everyone was shocked, especially the bully.



Vikash and Blake walked up to CJ and asked, “Why didn’t you hurt that turkey for what he did to you?”

CJ then explained, “I showed mercy on him and forgave him because he is a human being. It wouldn’t have done any good if I hurt him. However, by showing *mercy*, I showed him that real power comes to you when you choose to help people rather than hurt them.”

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