Lesson 21: Scapegoating

Scapegoat: a person or a thing made to take the blame for something which is the fault of another.

READ THE STORY:

Joan forgot to set the alarm clock. Her mother had already left for work when she woke up and Joan realized she had forgotten to get her uniform ready to wear to school. She arrived at school late and angry. She had an argument with her friends, was rude to her teacher, got a detention, went home, hit her younger brother and argued with her mother.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? With whom was Joan really angry? Is it possible that what happens to us is sometimes our own fault? Who were Joan's scapegoats? If you were Joan's mother, what would you say or do to Joan?

I REMEMBER WHEN: someone made me a scapegoat. (Describe).

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I made someone a scapegoat. (Describe)

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YOUR CHALLENGE!

What problems do you see being caused by scapegoating. Discuss with a small group of classmates.

As a peacemaker I learned

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