

# WAY PAST JEALOUS



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## LIBRARY LESSON PLAN

### PRE-READING IDEAS

**Photo Shoot:** Pretend you are all superstars and a photographer has come to class to take pictures. What could you do to get the photographer's attention and make sure the photographer takes pictures of you? (Let kids share ideas: make loud noises, whistle, jump up and down, make funny faces, etc.)

When the photoshoot ends, how would you feel if the photographer took pictures of everyone but you? Why?

**Discuss:** Do you like getting attention? What do you like getting attention for?

**Pre-Reading Question:** In *Way Past Jealous*, the main character Yaz, feels jealous when her friend Debby is getting all the attention for her awesome dog drawings. What do you think Yaz is going to do about it?

**Action Item:** As we read, try to find what Yaz does when she feels jealous.

### POST-READING IDEAS

**Respond:** What are some ways Yaz "thinks ugly or acts mean" when she's feeling jealous?  
How would you have felt if you were Debby?

**Discuss:** What do you do when you feel jealous?

What could Yaz have done differently?

What can you tell yourself to feel less jealous if someone else is getting all the attention?  
(I am still special; it's okay that someone else is getting attention or a chance to shine; someone else getting attention doesn't mean that I'm not good enough or that I'm not a star, etc.)

**Wrap up:** How can you remind yourself that you are a star? Let's have another photo shoot. This time, instead of trying to get the photographer's attention, try to have fun! Be proud of your cool poses! Maybe even let someone else know if you like their poses. Cheer them on!

**Extension Activities:** REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE A STAR BY JUST BEING YOU!!!

*Star Shades:* Let's make your own star shades so you can remember that you are a star by just being you.

*Draw the Star You Are:* Draw some things that make you a star...things that you love about yourself... maybe you'll draw something to show that you are kind?? Nice? A great artist?

**Try This:** Make up a cheer to either 1) remind yourself that you are a star or 2) to cheer on a friend for being a star!! Here's an example to get you started:

I'M PROUD OF ME BECAUSE I'M KIND  
I TRY TO LET MY SMILE SHINE  
AND IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T SEE  
I'LL SHINE THIS LIGHT INSIDE OF ME!