



# The Red CARD

in the game of Life

Mike is one of the best players in the league, but his temper is less than desirable. They have almost kicked him out of many games, but somehow he has managed to make it to the finals. His teammates are really worried about him. Today could be different.



Today is the championship. We should win the game no matter what!

You have to play clean. You know you have gotten yourself into problems before.



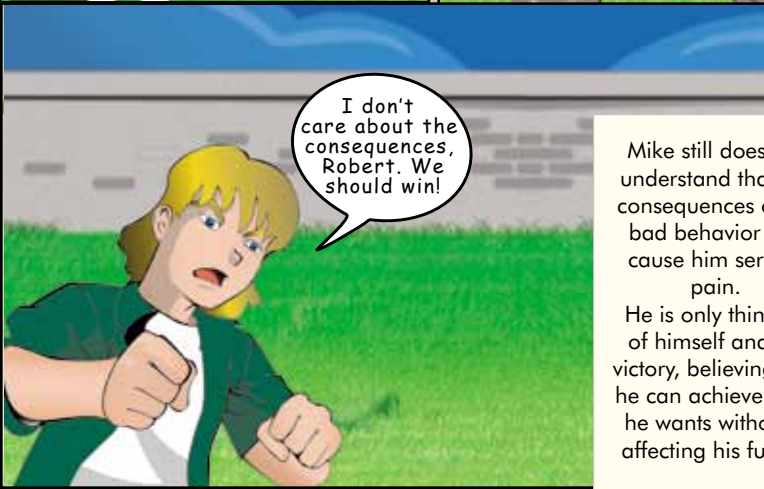


We are just worried about you.

You should calm down and listen to your friends.



It's useless, Anne, he doesn't want to listen to us.



I don't care about the consequences, Robert. We should win!

Mike still does not understand that the consequences of his bad behavior can cause him serious pain.

He is only thinking of himself and his victory, believing that he can achieve what he wants without it affecting his future.



The stadium is full. No one wants to miss the final championship of the Sub-17. The teams are on the field. This is the much-awaited game, so let's enjoy this unforgettable moment.



In the middle of the game, Mike proves why he is considered the best, as he sends the ball into the net with one kick. Without a doubt, the championship is in his hands.



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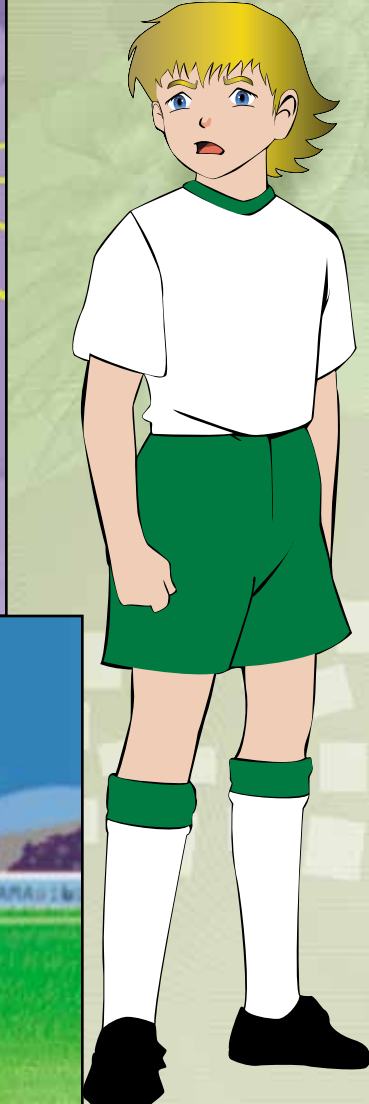
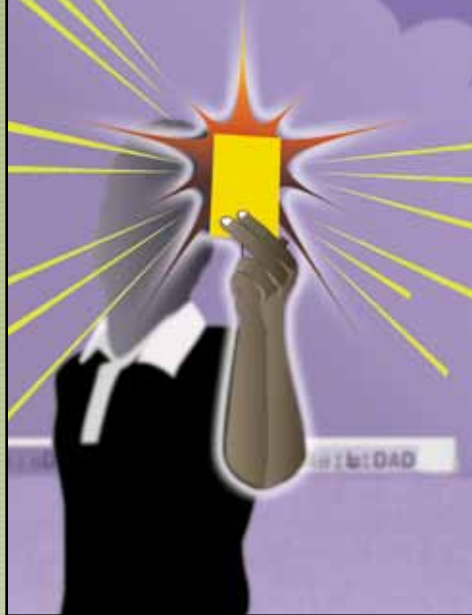




Mike is very excited about the results, but he is playing very rough in order to win. If he is not careful, they will kick him out of the game.



Definitely, that play cost him a yellow card. The referee is going to take it out, and... there it is: Yellow Card for Mike. Everyone is very disappointed, but they continue to encourage him because he is one of the best players right now.



The game is in its final minutes. There is a struggle with the ball on the field. Mike keeps fighting for the ball, and from the look on his face he is not going to let it be taken. OHHHH NO, Mike fouled again. It is really serious this time, and he will probably get a RED CARD and get completely kicked out of the game. The career of this star is over.








There it is, the red card for one of the best players in the championship. The fans are not happy and neither is Mike. Look at his expression of anger. There is nothing he can do. His friends warned him, but he wouldn't play clean.





In life we should play clean. Many diseases exist that can harm us. AIDS is one of them. If you are not careful, and you don't listen to your family and friends, you could end up **BEING TAKEN** out of the game of life.

## What is HIV? What is AIDS?

- The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a very *dangerous germ*. It causes the disease called the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- Unfortunately, there is no vaccine against HIV, and no cure for AIDS. Be careful not to become infected with HIV!
- People with HIV can live longer with medical treatment, and healthy living.



If I had listened to my friends, I wouldn't be off the team, and I would be doing what I like to do.

They always warned me of the consequences, but I didn't listen to them!

In life you also need to listen to the Yellow Card warnings about AIDS.

## How Is HIV Transmitted?

HIV is transmitted by contact with certain body fluids that contain the virus:

### Sexual secretions:

- Unprotected sex (vaginal, anal and oral sex) with someone infected with HIV

### Blood:

- Using a needle that someone with HIV has used, as in IV drug injecting
- Cutting the skin with an instrument that has HIV-infected blood on it
- Receiving a blood transfusion contaminated with HIV
- HIV passing from mother to baby while in the womb or during birth

### Breast milk:

- An HIV-positive woman passing the virus to her baby while breast-feeding



## What Happens in Your Body?

- HIV attacks the body's defense system that fights off germs that cause disease.
- When the defense system is destroyed, germs invade the body. The person develops the disease called AIDS.
- Signs of AIDS include severe diarrhea, fever, weight loss, cough and tuberculosis, fungal infections of the mouth, and skin diseases.
- Other diseases cause these same symptoms. The only way to know for sure is by being tested for HIV.

## How Is HIV NOT Transmitted?

- Shaking hands, touching or hugging
- Kissing on the cheeks or lips
- Using the same eating utensils
- Riding in buses or cars
- Swimming or bathing together
- Insect bites
- Using the same toilets
- Being together in the same room

All of these activities are without risk, because HIV cannot be transmitted by saliva, tears, sweat, urine, etc. HIV is only transmitted through sexual secretions, blood and breast milk.



If you don't avoid Yellow Card actions in life, you will get the Red Card of AIDS.

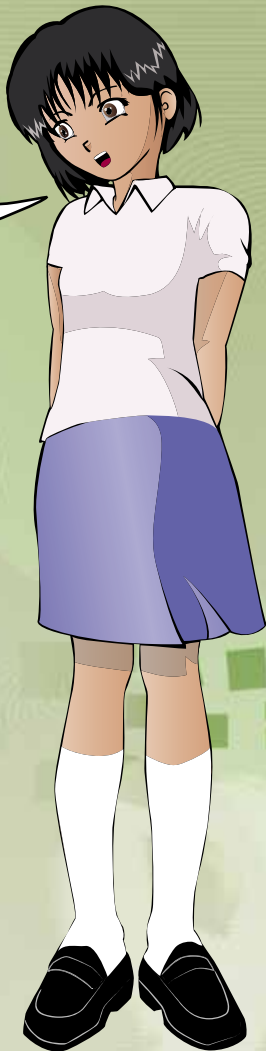
## Prevention

### Sexual transmission:

- Learn to manage your sexual desires! Eliminate the risk of HIV by abstaining from sex before marriage!
- Correctly used, latex condoms can reduce the risk of HIV infection.

### Blood transmission:

- Do not share injecting drug needles.
- Do not cut or pierce the body with unclean instruments.





## THERE IS GOOD NEWS

If you have been given the red card of HIV/AIDS, there is still hope. Jesus cares about you and can give you a new life with peace, hope, and a future. He can help you make good life decisions. The Bible says that Jesus desires a relationship with each of us regardless of what a person has done or has been done to them. He offers salvation and eternal life to anyone who believes in him (John 3:36). Ask God to forgive your sin and make you a new person in Him. And when life on earth ends, you will spend eternity in heaven.





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