Today I’m going to talk to you about how to be safer while you’re having fun online and offline.

You’ll learn:
- What to do when you or a friend is dealing with a cyberbully
- How to protect things about yourself that should stay private
- How to spot online information that might not be trustworthy
- What to do if you find something online that makes you feel sad, scared, or confused, and
- What to do if someone acts inappropriately online.*

Note: you may need to check younger students’ understandings of the words "trustworthy" and "inappropriate" by eliciting a definition or examples.

And the best part? We’ll be learning all of this by watching cartoons! We’ll be watching a new web series from NetSmartz called “Into the Cloud”. We’ll watch one episodes at a time, then discuss what we saw, what we learned, and answer any questions you might have. Before we watch each episode, I’ll show you the questions we’ll be discussing after the episode so you know what to be watching for during the videos.

Let’s take a look at our first set of discussion questions.
In the first episode of "Into the Cloud", Nettie and Webster have just arrived in this strange new place they’ve never been before. But they realize not everyone is very welcoming. As we’re watching, think about these three things.

• What is one example of cyberbullying that you saw in the episode?
• How do you think Nettie and Webster felt when they saw they were being cyberbullied?
• Why do you think people cyberbully others?

Now that you have an idea of what to be watching for, let’s start the first episode!

• Answers: People send photos of Nettie and Webster around that they’ve changed to look silly. People send mean messages about their "big feet." People send other mean messages about Nettie and Webster. People whisper about them on the street as they pass.

Note: We will discuss bystanders and upstanders and reporting to a trusted adult in episode 3. If students mention bystanders or upstanders, acknowledge their understanding and tell them to look out for more about them in the next episode.
How do you think Nettie and Webster felt when they saw they were being cyberbullied?

• Answers: Sad, angry, confused.

Why do you think people cyberbully others?

• Answers: Maybe the bully is being bullied themselves. Maybe the bully is jealous. Maybe the bully doesn't know what they've done is hurting someone.

Great job! You all know a lot about cyberbullying. Let’s take a look at the discussion questions for episode 2 and see how much you all know about online privacy.

In the second episode, “T.M.I”, Nettie and Webster meet Zion, a friendly kid on a field trip who is keen to share all kinds of information with his new friends.

As we watch, think about:

• What information about himself did Zion need help keeping private?
• What were some of the ways Nettie and Webster stay safer online?
• What are some of the reasons people may try to trick you online?

Now let’s watch.
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Ask:
What information about himself did Zion needed help keeping private? Remember, private means something that's only for you to know.

• **Answers:** His name, his pictures (and of his friends), potentially the name of his school, his buttons and badges about his life.

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What were some of the ways Nettie and Webster stay safer online?

• **Answers:** They only share online with people they’ve met face-to-face. They keep their accounts on private so that people must send a request to see their information.

  • Remind kids that when Nettie says “we only share with people we’ve met face-to-face”, she means people that they know from a context other than an online interaction, such as from school, a sports team, etc.

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What are some of the reasons people may try to trick you online?

• **Answers:** Sometimes people do it to bully. Sometimes people you meet online try to meet you face-to-face. Sometimes people online will try to get you to send them some pictures.

Explain:

It may seem like no big deal to have an open profile. Like Zion said, it feels good to get lots of likes and good comments on your pictures or posts, but it’s definitely safer to only share your digital life with people you have met face-to-face; people from school or a team, or the neighborhood.
When we share with people we have never met in-person, there are risks. Sometimes those users turn out to be cyberbullies. Sometimes they turn out to be people looking to hurt you or get something from you. That could be anything from trying to get you to give them special in-game money or items, to asking you to send pictures of yourself to them. In cases like that, the person might offer something in exchange for the pictures; an e-gift card or in-game credits, etc. If this ever happens, you should report the user to the website/app/game as soon as possible, and also tell a trusted adult about what happened. Even if your privacy settings weren't setup correctly, if something like that ever happens, know that it is NOT your fault, and you can ask for help. There are lots of people who can help you.

We’ll learn about some of the different types of helpful adults who you can go to if you are in a hard situation online in the next two episodes. We’ll watch them both before we pause for some more discussion questions again.

In the next episode, Nettie and Webster head to the Badromeda Museum of Technology where they help a young Badromedan, Celeste, with a cyberbullying problem she’s having, and pick up some useful tools for their journey.

Think about these questions as you watch the next episodes:

- What's the difference between a bystander and an upstander?
- What are Nettie and Webster's suggestions for dealing with a cyberbully?

Also think about:

- What are some examples of trusted adults?
- How does Nettie check to make sure Ash is an adult she can trust?
- Why do Nettie and Webster go to the library?

Ready? Let's watch.
The first episode touched on cyberbullying, but in “Rocket Bike”, we get into that subject more.

When Nettie saw Celeste and Stella were dealing with a cyberbullying situation, she wanted to go over and help, but Webster wanted to “mind his own business”. Which one, Nettie or Webster, was being the upstander in this scenario? (Nettie)  Who was being the bystander? (Webster).

Ask:
What are Nettie and Webster’s suggestions for dealing with a cyberbully?

- **Answers:**
  - Block the user
  - Report the bullying to the website or app
  - Save the messages
  - Tell a trusted adult about what’s happening
What are some examples of trusted adults mentioned in this episode?

- **Answers: A coach, a teacher, parents.**

Stella is hesitant to tell her parents about what's happening because she thinks they might get mad at her for being on her phone so much. That's why Webster suggests some other trusted adults she can talk to. You always have options when it comes to finding help.

Speaking of trusted adults, who noticed what Nettie did to check whether the person who approached them at the museum, Ash the docent, was an adult they could trust?

- **Answer: She checked her identity badge with her face and the location.**

Many of us have probably heard at least once or twice “Don’t talk to strangers” or “Stranger danger”, but in reality, there are lots of adults who you may not have ever met before, but who could help you in an emergency. People like employees with name badges, parents with children, and security or police officers are good examples of “strangers” who you should feel pretty safe talking to in case you’re lost, separated from a parent or guardian, or another situation where you need an adult’s help.

Speaking of Bruce, who recalls why Nettie and Webster head to the library in the first place?

- **Answers: The map fell out of Webster’s pocket and they need to redraw it, but all of the information around them is conflicting and they don’t know what to trust.**

Libraries are wonderful places. In fact, the next episode takes place in the library as well. Nettie and Webster need to do a few more things there before they hit the road in the sixth and final episode when they hit the road to find Doctor Vera Tas! We’ll watch both episodes together before we pause for discussion questions, so let’s preview those questions, and then we’ll get to the videos!
In the final two episodes of the season, Nettie and Webster try to check in with their trusted adult Clicky before heading to Sector Seven to find Doctor Vera, but they encounter some shady characters along the way.

Think about:
- Why does Webster ask Bruce the Librarian to help him on the computer?
- What are some of the ways Renard the Biker tries to “make friends” with Nettie and Webster?
- What were some of the things that made Nettie and Webster uncomfortable about Renard?
- What did Nettie and Webster do after leaving Renard and the bikers?

Are you ready for the finale!? Alright, let’s watch.
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What a cliffhanger, huh!? I can’t wait for the next season! But those last two episodes have some really important lessons in them. Let’s take a look at our discussion questions.

In the beginning of episode 5, something happens while Webster is on the computer and he goes to Bruce for help. What happened?

- **Answer:** He misspelled something online and accidentally saw something that he didn’t want to see. He needed help getting off the site and getting to the right page.

It’s easy to make mistakes while typing online. Sometimes those mistakes lead us to pages that we didn’t mean to end up on. There might be content on that page- pictures, or videos, or words- that make you feel bad. This can be unsafe for young kids.

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Unsafe- that’s a good word to describe Renard the Biker. What did he do to try to “make friends” with Nettie and Webster and get them to join his biker crew?

- **Answer:** He tried to make them feel like they’d had the same experiences travelling. He complimented them. He promised them they’d have fun.

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After Nettie and Webster leave Renard and the bikers, they realize that there were some things that just weren’t quite right about Renard and his crew. They gave Nettie a bad feeling. What were some of the things about Renard that made Nettie and Webster uncomfortable?

- **Answer:** The bikers had only known Nettie and Webster a short time before asking them to join their crew. They were all a lot older than Nettie and Webster.
And what did Nettie and Webster do after they left Renard and the bikers?
• **Answer: They told a police officer about what happened.**

Like Detective Armstrong says, it’s not always easy to tell an adult when something uncomfortable happens to you. Sometimes people think that by not telling, it’ll just go away. But in reality, that just lets the person who made you feel bad to do that to others. Even if it’s something that happened in the past, you can always tell a safe, trusted adult about your experience. They might be able to help you feel better if it’s something that still bothers you. It’s never too late to ask for help. And if that first trusted adult can’t or won’t help, look for someone who will.

Take a moment and make a mental list in your head of three safe, trusted adults you think you could go to if you needed help about a tough topic. When you’ve got your list, show me a thumbs up.

We’ve covered a lot of information today! To help you remember what we’ve talked about, I want to leave you with four rules of safety.

1. I will tell a trusted adult if anyone or anything makes me feel sad, scared, or confused.
2. I will ask my trusted adult before sharing information like my name, address, and phone number.
3. I won’t meet face-to-face with anyone from the internet.
4. I will always use good manners and be kind online.

I hope you all enjoyed going on that journey with Nettie and Webster through Badromeda! I had a great time talking with you all today, and I hope you feel like you’ve learned something new about staying safer online. The internet and technology is always changing, and that means we too have to change the ways we behave and protect ourselves online. I hope you’ll check in with Nettie and Webster next season to learn more about being safe! You can catch the new episodes, and re-watch the episodes we’ve seen today, play the “Cloud Chaos” game, and print fun activities at NetSmartzKids.org.