■ EYE FOR AN EYE

Kimberly was angry. In elementary school, she was always made fun of because she was overweight. Remarks were never made to her face, but there were numerous times when she overheard her so-called best friends making fun of her. It didn't stop in junior high school either. Her best friends still had plenty to say behind her back.

The summer before she started high school, Kimberly stayed with her aunt in Canada. She lost thirty pounds. The change in her was unbelievable. When she started school in the fall, everyone was surprised. The plump, overweight Kimberly had suddenly become a slim, attractive long-haired blonde that all the boys wanted to be around. Now her best friends wanted her friendship, but she basically told them to get lost. She became a loner. Kimberly still had plenty of dates, but she considered all of her friends phony.

- ▶ What would you have done if you were Kimberly?
- ▶ What if Kimberly's best friends apologized?
- ▶ What if Kimberly's best friends began to call her stuck-up and aloof and tried to keep boys from dating her?
- ▶ What if Kimberly's youth director at church told her that no matter what her best friends had done to her, she had to forgive them and be friendly to them?

● Scripture Guide: Proverbs 24:29, Matthew 10:28, Matthew 18:21–22, Romans 12:17–19, 2 Thessalonians 1:6–8