

We can make every
young person

VISIBLE

PRESENTATIONS

Overcoming: You Can Write a Different Story

Most appreciated by adults and students

May be combined with other presentations for longer workshop

Length: one hour

There is, of course, the script; the one handed us at birth and cemented by our struggles. Wounds, disabilities, bullying and mistreatment, rejection, the trials of family – all these provide very good reasons for aggression or self-imposed isolation. But we can write a different story. Our unique challenges can become assets, our curses can turn to blessings – if we let them, if we recast our pains in a different story. Filled with uplifting examples from Jonathan's life, this talk leaves young and old empowered to break free from the script and embrace their severe mercies.

Bullying Revealed

Educator and student versions available

Often-requested in-school talk, particularly for younger children

Length: one hour

Educators know the statistics. Bullying, in a culture of perfectionism and during the ages of self-doubt, can kill. Our knee-jerk response is to identify the perpetrators and educate the masses. Yet information alone can't stop this problem. We must touch kids where the problem takes root. This talk goes to the heart, showing how the abused and those who abuse have exactly the same needs. But Jonathan doesn't stop there. He shines his experienced light on ways we can address the core heart cries of all our youth. This talk just may save a life.

Growing Up Different: a Life with Tourette Syndrome

Most appreciated by educators and students

Helps listeners understand Tourette Syndrome

Length: one hour

Every young person feels it at some point – that nagging sense they are alone in this world. Jonathan shares a powerful story of how Tourette Syndrome, and the multiple tics associated with it, placed him on an island. Beyond the mocking of classmates and the silence of well-meaning teachers, there was the belief that life could not improve: he would be trapped in the fishbowl forever. Hope intervened. Learn firsthand about the isolating condition of Tourette Syndrome. More than that, learn how every youth, whatever their struggle, can come out of hiding.