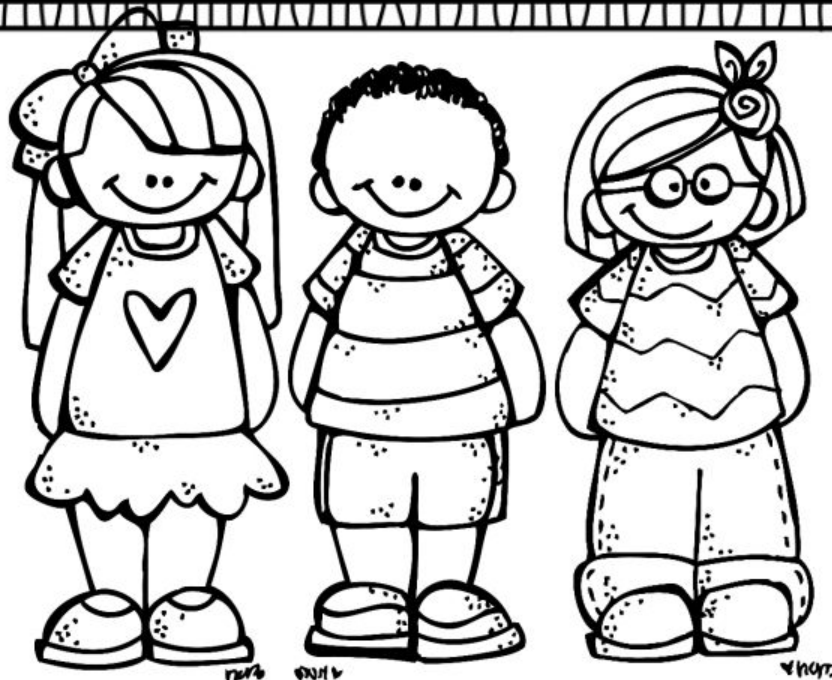


ALL ABOUT



Down Syndrome

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Guess what? One of our best friends has Down syndrome! We didn't know anything about it before, but being friends has taught us so much! We want to share what we have learned with you!

Kids with Down syndrome may seem different from you at first. But, once you get to know them you'll see that you have more in common than you thought!



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Our friend is different from us in some ways. He can use both sign language to talk and his voice (he is working hard each day to say more words). He takes a little longer to learn something new, but has help and extra practice from therapists and teachers!



"I Love You"

We're the same in some ways too! We both love the movie Frozen and sing the songs together! We also both like to act silly and make people laugh!

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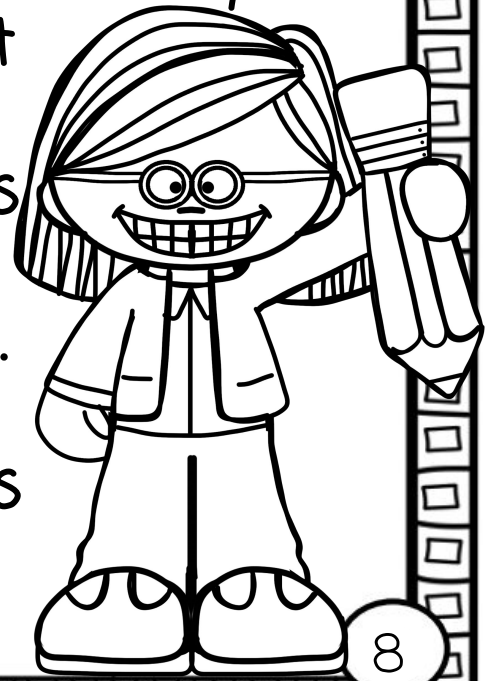
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Sometimes my friend with Down syndrome leaves the classroom. I was curious about

where he goes, so I asked him one day.

His para helped him explain that he leaves to go to other classrooms with special teachers and therapists. He works on things he needs extra help with.

My friend told me all of his other teacher's names. He knows so many people in this school!



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He sees therapists that work with him to learn all sorts of skills like Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, and Physical Therapists.

He has so many awesome people on his team that help him work hard to learn and grow. He invited our whole class to take a tour of some of his other rooms he goes to. I can't wait to see them.



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Can I Get Down Syndrome Too?

Down syndrome is something you're either born with, or you're not.

You cannot "catch" or "get" Down syndrome from someone. Down syndrome is just part of who that person is. It's like saying you can change your eye color from looking at someone else.

That's silly!

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So, you're probably wondering...
what is Down syndrome?

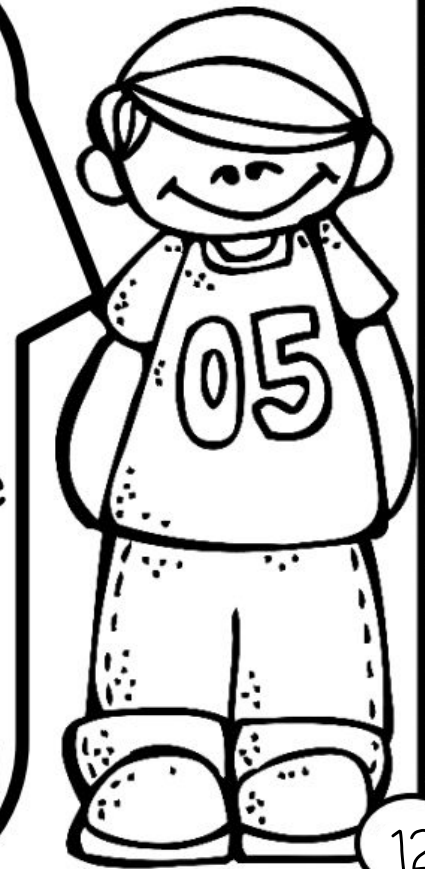
You were born with 46 chromosomes. Think of chromosomes as little instructions. When you were created, your body followed those instructions to make you exactly who you are today. How cool is that?! They decided things like your hair color, eye color, skin color, and even how tall you would be!

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Kids with Down syndrome were created with 47 chromosomes, or instructions. That's one more than you! Sometimes having an extra set of instructions gets a little confusing, and the person may have a harder time doing things that come easy to you. But don't worry, they'll get it in their own time!

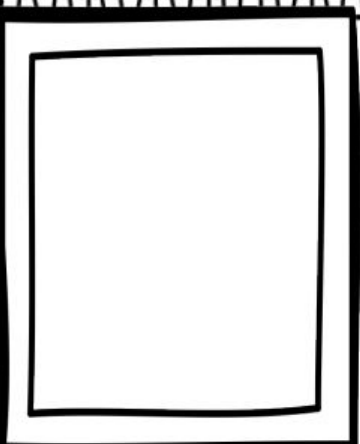


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Just like we are all different, each person with Down syndrome is different too. They may share some of the same characteristics and traits, but they are each unique and special individuals!



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This is all about our friend with Down syndrome _____!

Age: _____ Hair Color: _____

Eye color: _____ Birthday Month: _____

Pets?: _____ Sibling(s)?: _____

Favorite...

Movie: _____

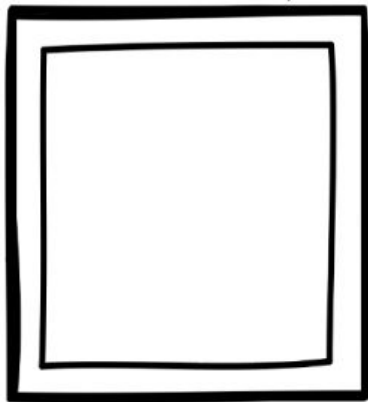
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Really Good At: _____

Needs More Practice : _____

We want to learn about you too! Tell us about yourself on this page, and when you're done see if you have anything in common with our friend!



All about YOU!

Age: _____ Hair Color: _____

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Pets?: _____ Sibling(s)?: _____

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