



# EXPLAINING AUTISM TO YOUNG CHILDREN

## A FEW HELPFUL TALKING POINTS



**It's ok to be curious about people different from you.**

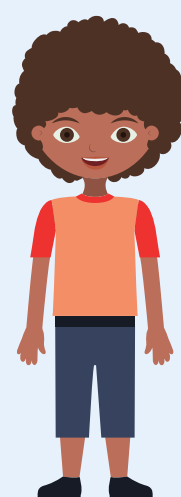
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We are all made differently. No one is the same. Isn't that neat?

**(Child's name)'s brain works differently than yours.**

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Your brain is like the boss of your body. It's what makes you **you!** The brain has an important job: it helps you make sense of the world around you.



**Your brain lets you understand everything you see, hear, smell, touch, and taste.**

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The brain of a person with autism works differently, and that can make it hard to talk, listen, understand, play, and learn in the same way that others do. Many autistic people are good at remembering videos, drawing, reading, and so many more things.

**Everyone with autism is different, the same way all children have differences.**

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Some children do things differently than others, and that's ok.



**People have other ways besides talking to tell us what they know and want.**

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When you see your friend hand flapping, rocking, or repeating noises, they may be trying to tell you something or trying to calm down.

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