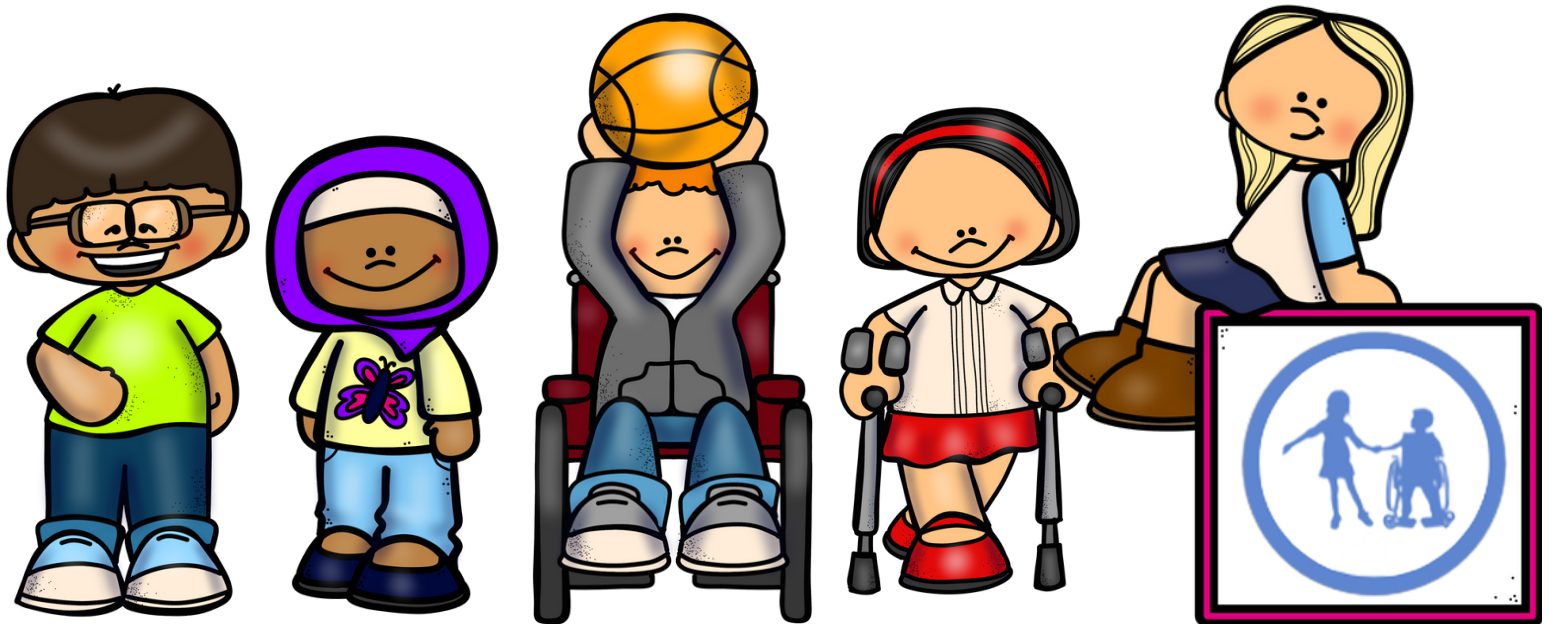


Friends of All Kinds: Diversity Includes Disability



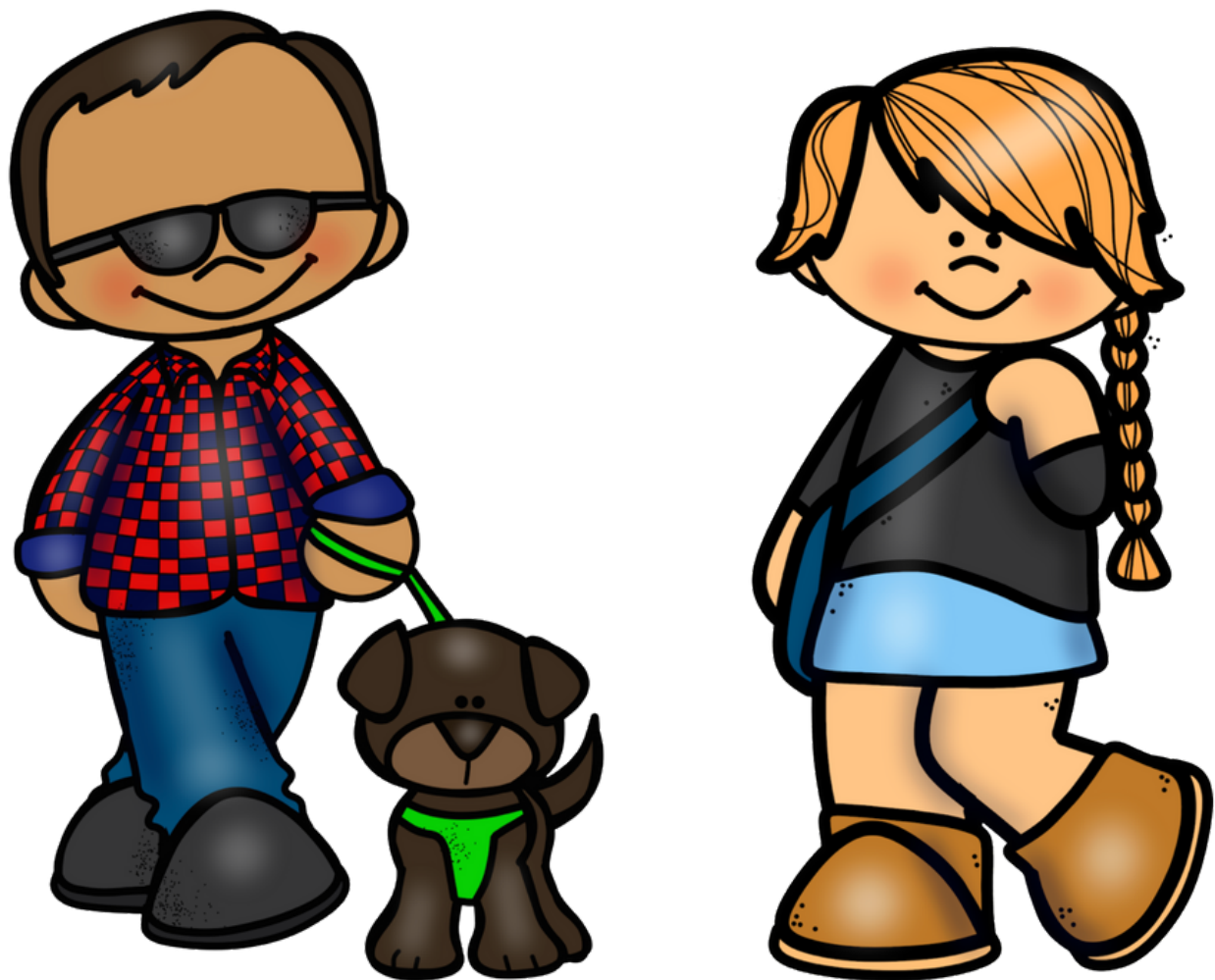
It's important to learn to be a good friend. It is also important to learn about what makes us alike and different.



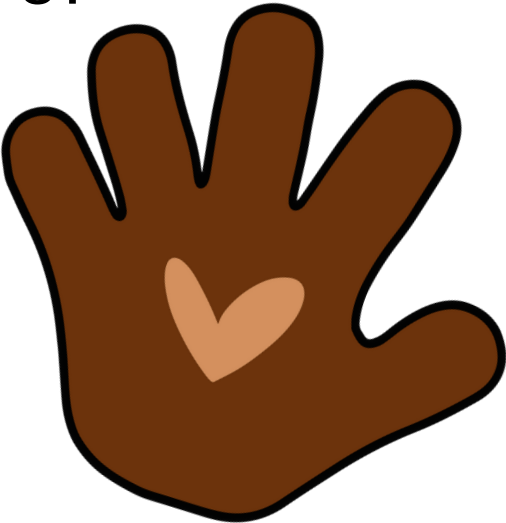
We are all made up of lots of different parts. Some differences stand out more to other people and some are hidden.



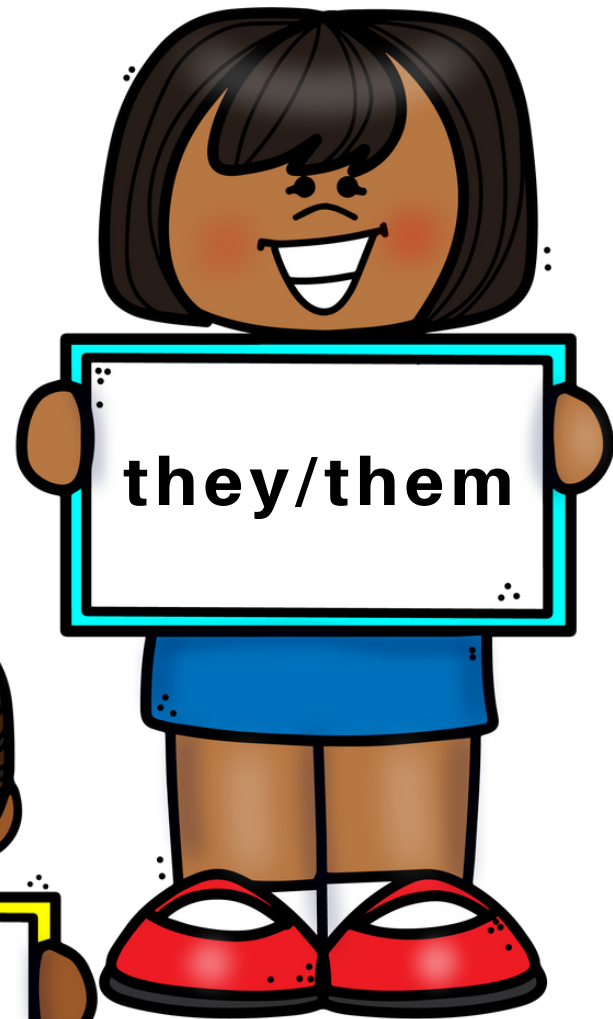
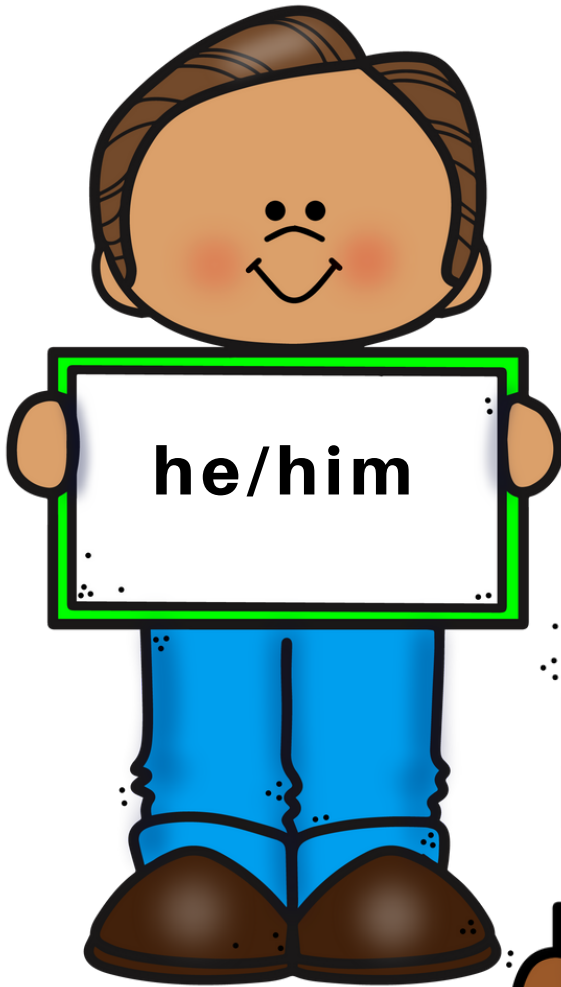
Remember when we talked about different types of diversity? Different things that make us who we are? Let's review some different kinds of diversity!



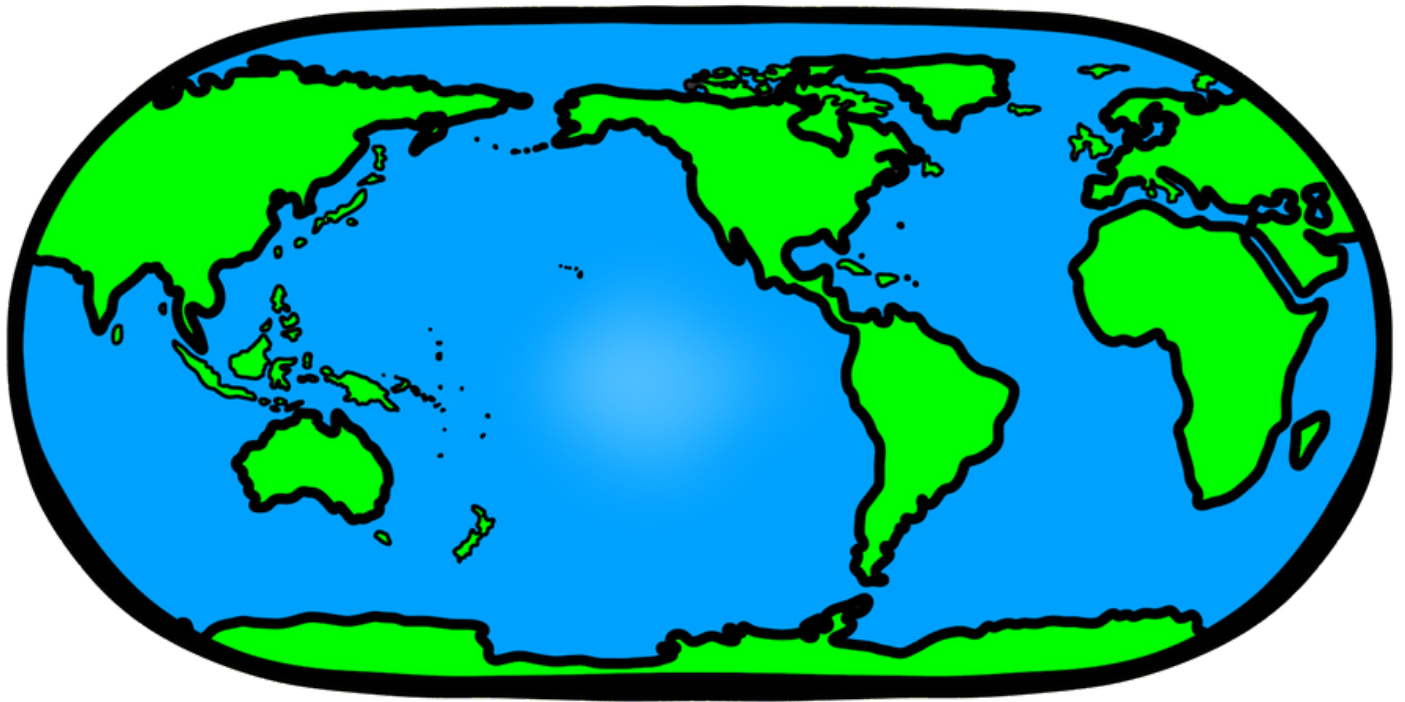
People can have different skin colors.



People can identify with
different genders.



People can come from different places all over the world.



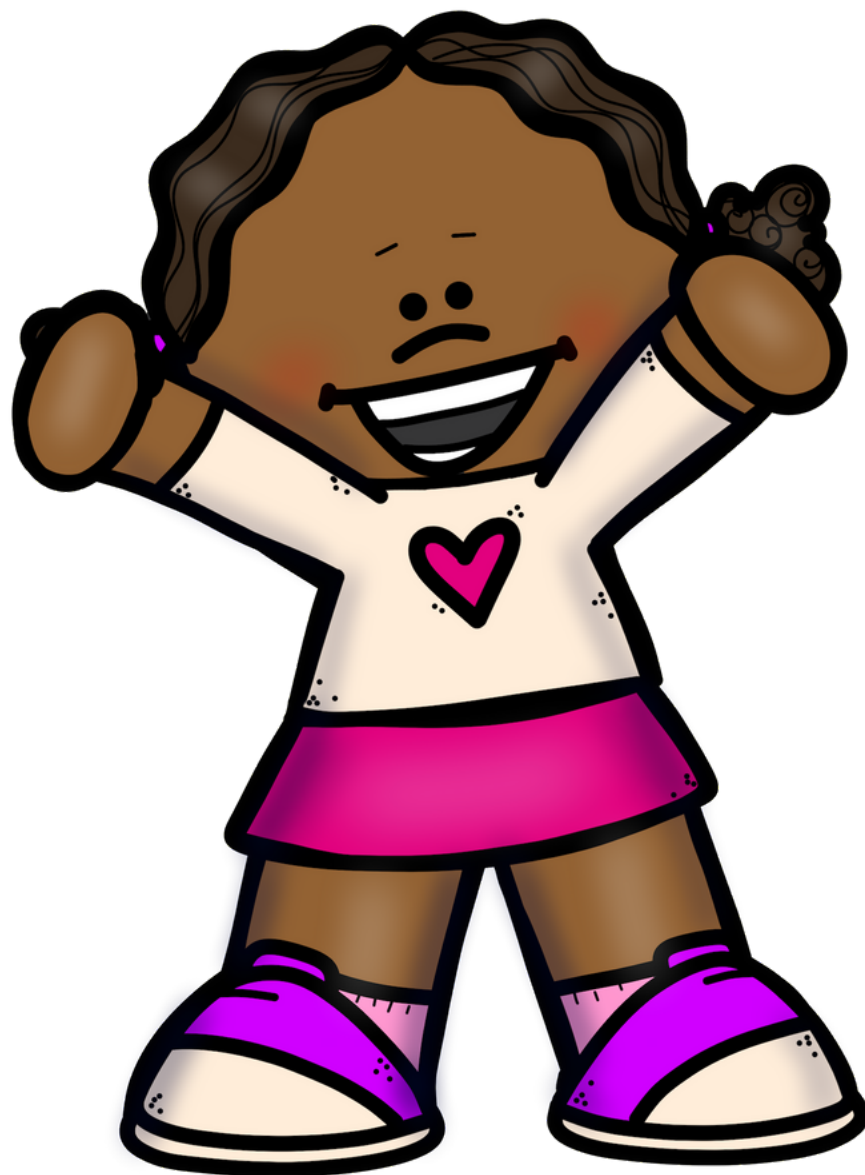
People can have different beliefs and values.



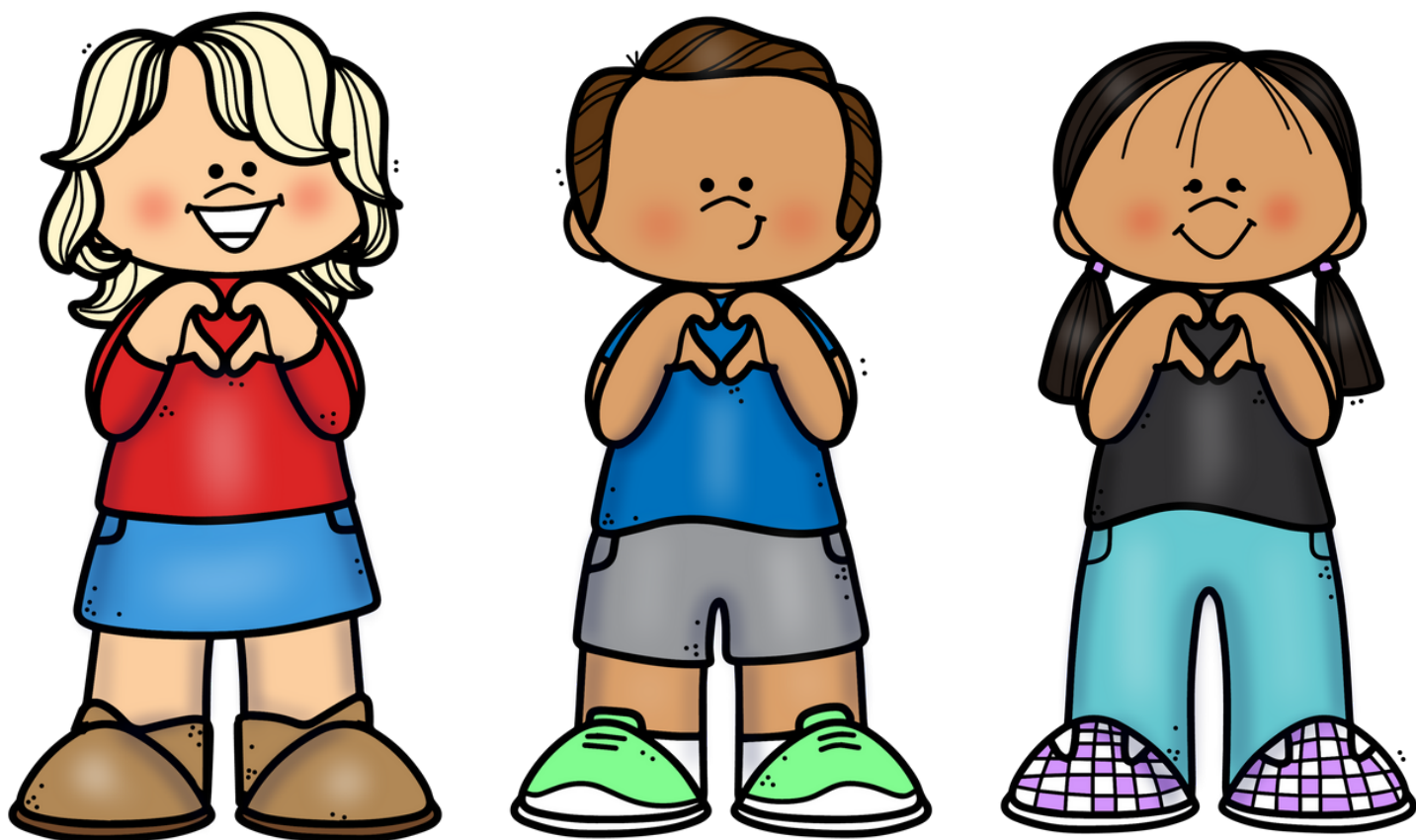
Another type of difference is called disability. A disability may impact the way a person looks, moves, communicates, or how they process information.



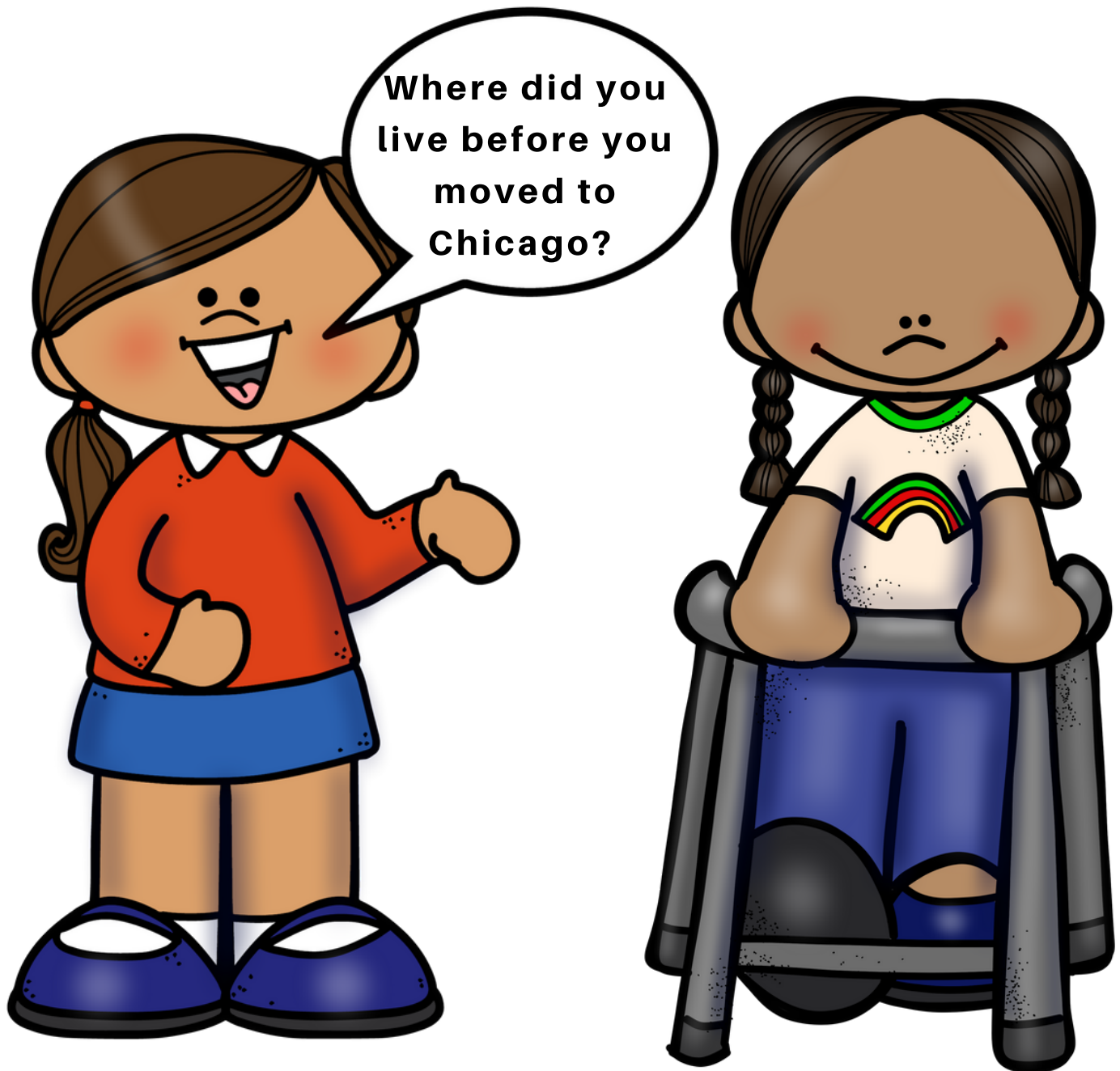
Our differences aren't good or bad, and none are better than the others! All of our parts, including disability, are okay. They make us human.



We can see and celebrate a person's disability and also see and celebrate their other identity parts. It's important to be a good friend to everyone, including people with disabilities.



In order to be a good friend to everyone, we must get to know what makes a person who they are - we must learn their stories!



Lots of people don't know a lot about disability. When people don't understand something, they might think it's strange or weird or scary. But disability is NOT sad or strange or scary - it's one part of diversity, just like all the others. And just like all the others, it's something to celebrate, because it's part of what makes a person who they are.

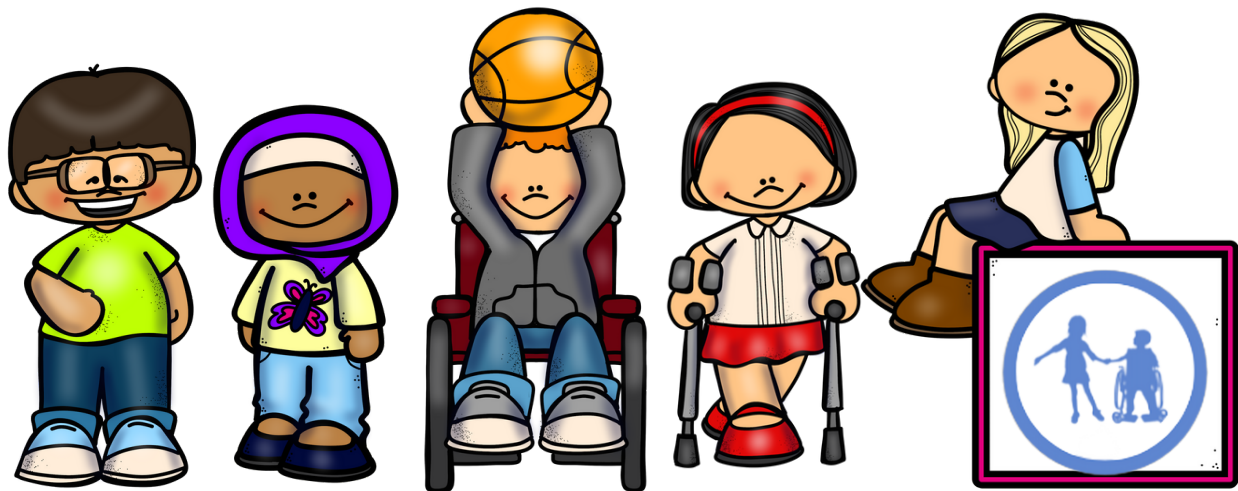


Additional Reflection Questions:

How can we show empathy to others?

What is one important thing that people should know about disability?

Share a part of your diversity that you are proud of!



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