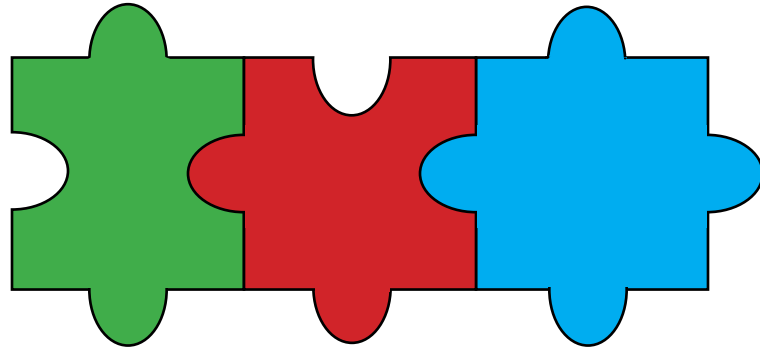


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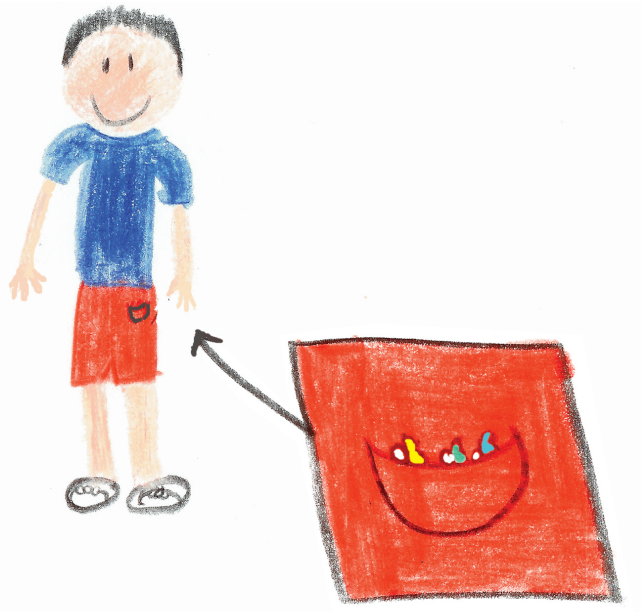
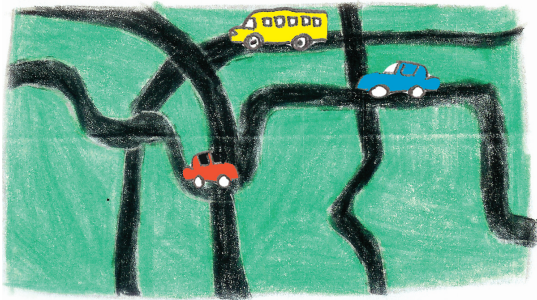


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Dedicated to all the children with Autism,  
because they are children of God.



One day there was a boy named Jake. Everyone knew he had autism. He acted a little different than all his friends and other people.

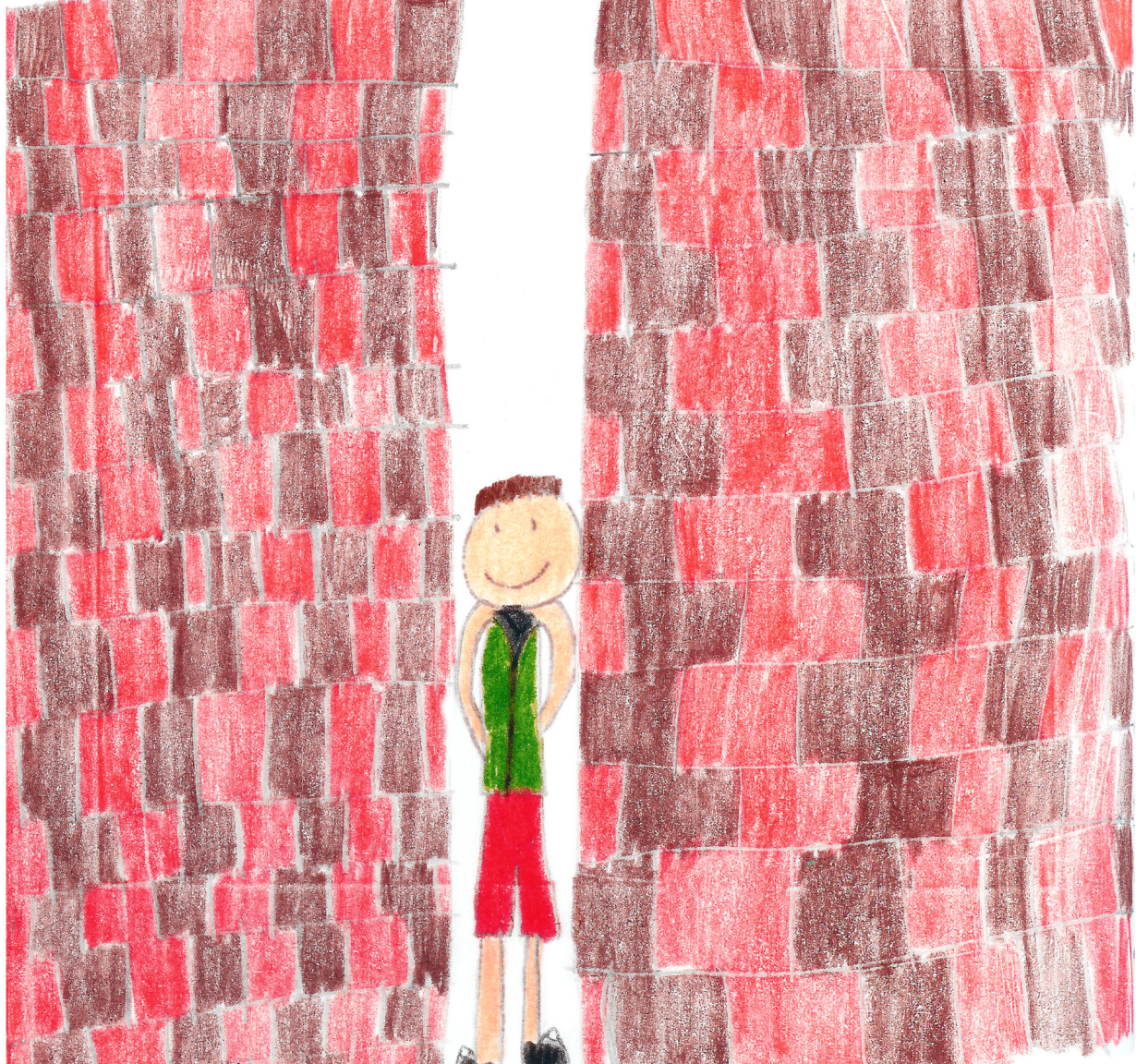
He loves to play with his friends and toy cars. He plays with them at home the most, because he has a car rug. Sometimes he even sneaks them into his pocket to take to school and plays with them on his desk.





He used to sneak them into his pocket to take to school and play with them on his desk. He often got in trouble or his mom saw him sneak them. The teacher or his mom would put him in timeout.

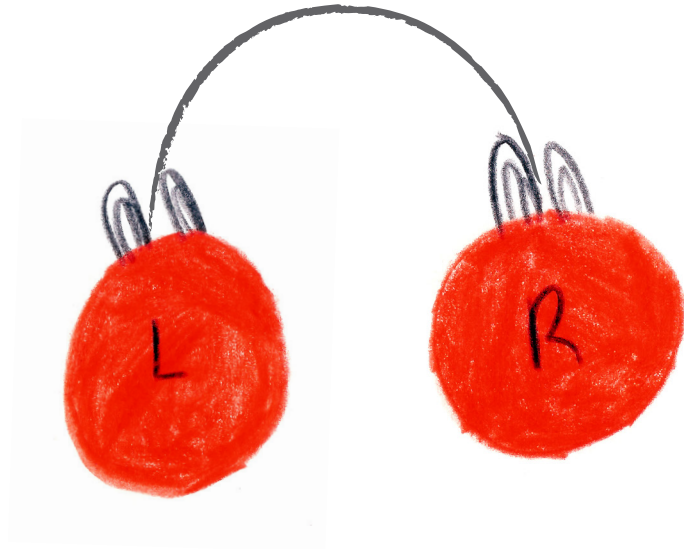
One day he finally learned his lesson, and asked before he brought them in. Most of the time he wasn't allowed.



Jake's best friends are Ryan and Bradyn. They love to talk about cars and trucks. Jake really loves the things him and his friends have in common.

When they play outside at recess, they usually play hide and seek. Jake loves to play at recess with Ryan and Bradyn.

One time they were playing and he found a very small hiding spot. No one could find him. Jake loved to be in tight spots. He finally came out so they could find him. It took him 5 minutes to come out.



Some things that we do, Jake and other kids with autism do differently.

One time Jake went to the movies with his family. Jake had to wear special headphones so it wouldn't be too loud for him. The headphones muffled the sound, but still let him listen to the movie.



Every other day, Jake wears a special shirt. It is very soft and feels like silk. He wears it because it relaxes him and feels good to him. His friends want one too because they say it calms them down.

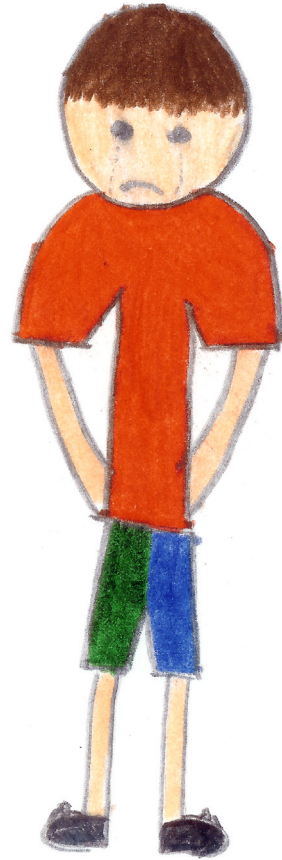
The shirt comes in many sizes and colors. Jake picked his size and color. He loves it very much.





One thing Jake doesn't like, that irritates him, is very high pitched noises.

One high pitched noise that he can't stand, but has to deal with everyday, is the line-up whistle for recess. Every time he knows that the teacher is about to blow the whistle, he covers his ears.



Like most kids with autism, Jake had a hard time communicating with other people and he was getting really frustrated. He is non-verbal, so he can't talk. His parents tried everything to find someone to help him communicate, but it didn't work. Jake was getting even more mad because his parents couldn't find any help.



One day Jake and his parents went to the park. Jake was playing on the play set and saw this boy with a book hanging from his neck. Jake's parents talked to the boy's mom to find out about it. She told them it was a PECS book.

A PECS book is a book that has signs to tell what a kid is trying to say or what he wants.



It wasn't long before Jake got a PECS book of his own and started learning how to use it. He was happy to be able to talk to his friends.





Jake has a small family. He has a dad, mom, brother and sister.

His sister's name is Katy, and his brother is me.

The End

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