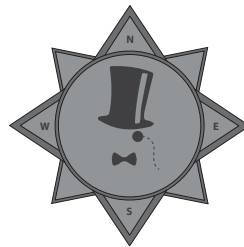


HOW TO REACT TO PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

My cousin Trudy isn't like the rest of us raccoons. She was born with some differences...you know what I mean. She's different from the rest of us and has to use a wheel chair. Don't get me wrong, she's super happy most of the time and a lot of fun to be with. But sometimes the way people treat her makes her sad. Let me tell you about it.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

- Discuss with your parents about responding to those with special needs and try doing some role playing so you know exactly how you should react.
- Over the next two weeks, try to interact with anyone you can that has special needs, be kind, courteous, and respectful.

So, Trudy is just like the rest of us, except she can't walk. But sometimes when someone sees her for the first time they stare, or they act awkwardly. That's silly because really, inside she is just like me and you. It could just as easily be you or me in that wheel chair. So, here are some guidelines that I tell people.

1. When you see someone who is different, don't stare, but do say hello!
2. Smile and get to know them, just like you would with anyone else.
3. It's probably best to not ask them about their condition, except in special circumstances. They'll talk about it if they want to. Instead, just remember, they are the same as you inside, with the same feelings.
4. Don't call the person disabled or some other label.

Thank you for your understanding with this. I know Trudy would really appreciate it.

