

GUIDED READING: Early Learning (age 2-5)
Scripted Suggestions for “Different is Just Different”

BOLD indicates actual text.

[---] indicates answers you are soliciting from the group

THIS IS SHOO BEAR.

SHOO BEAR LOVES ANYTHING DIFFERENT.

Look at that hat! Have you ever seen a hat like that?

How is Shoo Bear different? [a bear; funny name; wearing cowboy boots;]

SHE LOVES TO EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT THINGS.

Look at that sandwich! What is in there? [fish tail; bone; sock]

Have you ever eaten a sandwich like that? Could a bear?

SHE KNOWS THERE ARE SHOES FOR DIFFERENT PLACES.

Point to flip flops--- what kind of shoes are these?

Point to snow shoes--- what are these shoes for? Has anyone ever used them?

SHE KNOWS THERE ARE DIFFERENT SHOES FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

Who is wearing shoes? Is anyone else wearing the exact same shoes as you?

Have you ever had to change your shoes to do a job or go somewhere?

SHE KNOWS THERE ARE DIFFERENT PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT NEEDS.

SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP WALKING.

Do you know anyone that wears AFO’s (braces on their legs) or uses a wheelchair or walker?

SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP SEEING.

Is there anyone at your house that uses glasses to see better?

What is this cane for? Does anyone know?

SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP EATING.

When I was very young, my parents needed to cut my meat for me.

This little bear can’t swallow food at all so Mom is putting it right into his stomach.

SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP TALKING.

Has anyone here ever used sign language? What signs do you know?

DIFFERENT IS JUST DIFFERENT.

EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT.

HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT?

Is that true? Is everyone different? That’s pretty amazing.

Do you think it’s a good thing or a bad thing that everyone is different?

I know there are sometimes that I wish I was NOT different... especially if someone has something I don’t have or if someone can do something I can’t do. Then, I feel sad. But, I try to remember that Different is just Different... it’s not a bad thing... and that helps.