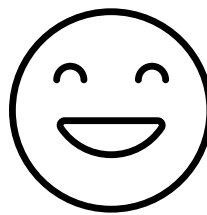
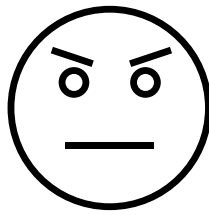
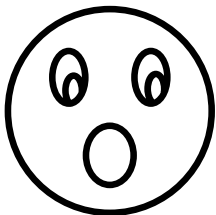
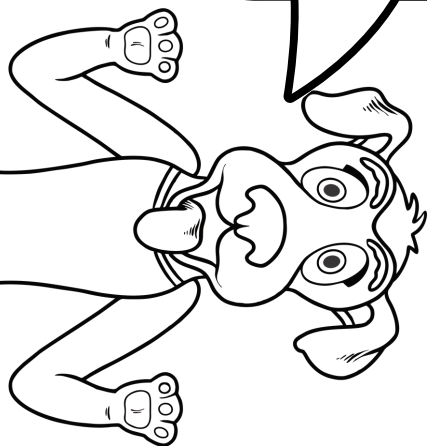


APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH!

WHAT IS AUTISM?

- Autism affects your brain and how you see the world around you
- Autism is something you are born with just like hair or eye color
- Having autism means you might have a different way of
 - Saying what you want
 - Saying how you feel
 - Playing with others



WHAT CAN AUTISM LOOK LIKE?

Someone with autism has the same feelings, just like you!
Their feelings might look different from yours.

Happy might look like:

- Flapping hands
- Rocking
- Clapping
- Laughing/Yelling

Upset might look like:

- Covering ears
- Yelling
- Pushing on their body
- Crouching

QUALITIES AND STRENGTHS

Helpful

Someone that has autism still has so many strengths. They could be:

creative

FUNNY AND SILLY

SMART

friendly

Kind

ADVENTUROUS

a really great friend!

Some people may not understand what autism is or the different and unique ways someone with autism thinks or acts. they might make fun of how someone with autism:

- Looks or dresses
- Acts
- Likes certain things
- Talks
- Thinks

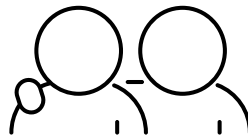
BULLIES?

Bullies often focus on the limitations and don't see the similarities or celebrate the wonderful differences!

HOW TO BE A FRIEND?

As someone that is a friend to others, you have a very important job: being an ADVOCATE.

BEING AN ADVOCATE MEANS:

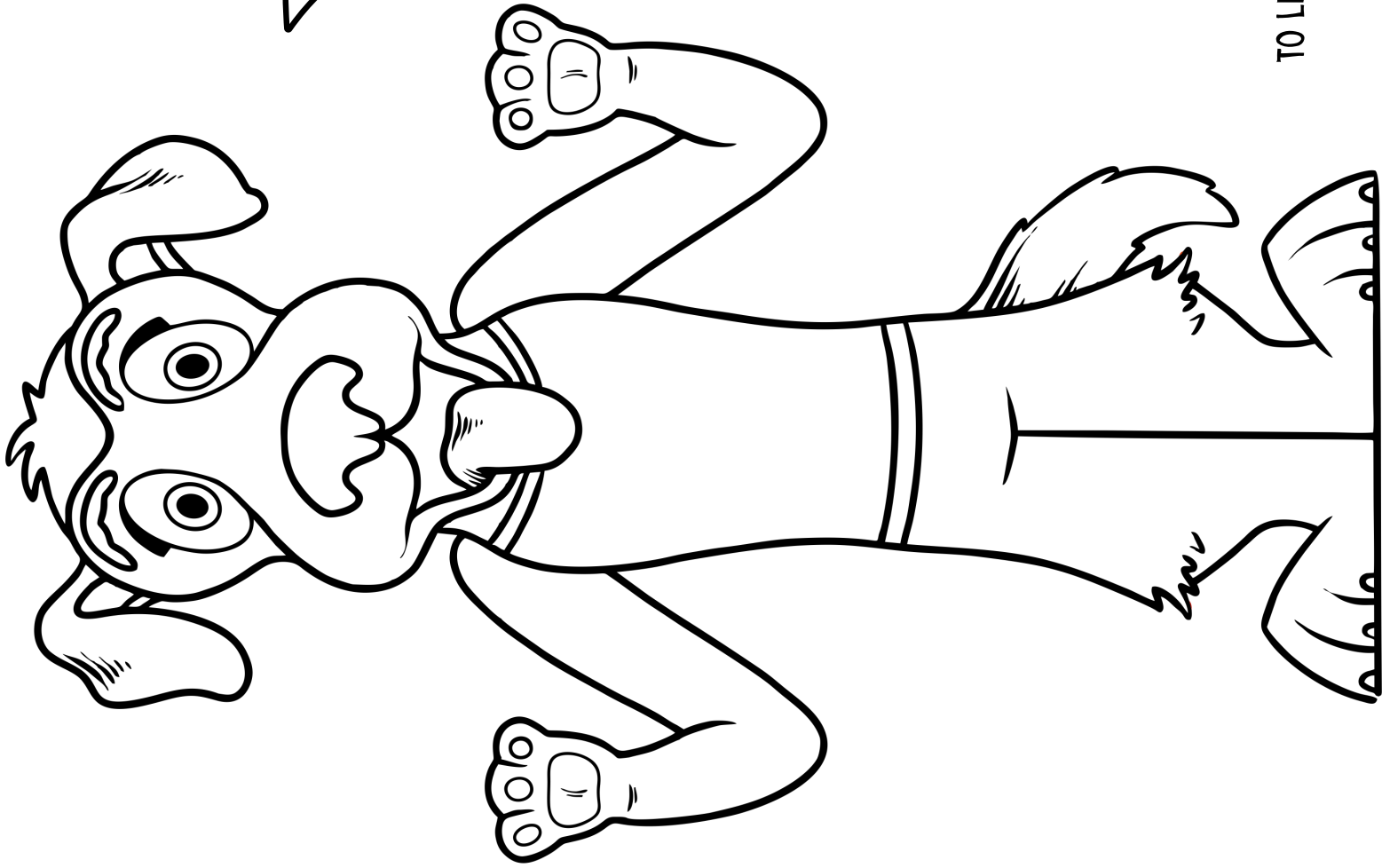


YOU STICK UP FOR YOUR FRIENDS



You can be a friend to anyone, especially to those that have autism, by getting to know them, asking them about what they like, and giving them a chance!

EVERYONE WANTS TO HAVE FRIENDS, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR ABILITY!



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AND POST A
PICTURE OF
WHERE YOU
TOOK HIM ON A
WALK!

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