



GROUP 1

Collaborative short stories

Topic: Solidarity

Subtopic: Helping disabled

Title: Leo's story

My childhood was full of stress and pain. Every day I faced discrimination. I have autism. My communication and social skills were bad so I was alone all the time.

I was seven years old and it was my first day of elementary school. Other kids and parents were looking at me like I was a freak. It was the first time for introducing ourselves and I panicked. I started to stutter and everyone started laughing, later nobody wanted to sit next to me, they isolated me. They made groups and I was the only one who was alone. The situation was getting worse with every day. They were bullying me verbally and physically. In the third grade we got a new student, it was a girl named Mia. She was kind to me and later we became best friend. We did everything together and she helped me with my communication and social skills and she helped me to gain my confidence and to forgive my classmates. In 6th grade we started hanging out with other classmates because of her.

I wanted to share my story to show gratitude to Mia and to show an example to young people. I also wanted to say thank you for every single person who helped people like me.

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