



**THE VERY BEST
BASEBALL GAME**
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REMEMBER

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

– 1 Peter 4:10

READ

Disability is a big word and sometimes a confusing word. But the one thing it doesn't have to be is a scary word.

Did you know that a disability is any condition of the body or mind that makes it more difficult for a person to do certain activities? Someone with a disability might walk or talk differently than you, or they might not be able to do those things at all. Someone with a disability might have trouble learning in school or might be super smart and use a wheelchair to get to class. Disabilities look different on everyone.

People with disabilities are all around us: in our schools, at the park, and at the local grocery store. Sometimes it is hard to know what to do around someone who seems so different from you, but here's the cool thing — someone with a disability is a lot like you, too! Bryce couldn't talk, and he often had trouble remembering all the rules to a game, but just like Carson, he loved baseball! Carson was able to talk and remember the rules, and when he shared those things with his friend, they could play *together*. That's God's good design for all the people He made: whatever we have to help others, God wants us to use it to do just that!

Jesus spent His life on earth with all kinds of people: rich and poor, young and old, even people who couldn't walk or see! He was the perfect example for all of us to do things with others, even if they need a little extra help. We've all been given so much selfless love from God, and He loves it when we give that love back to others!

THINK

1. Have you ever met someone with a disability?
2. What do you think it would be like if it was hard for your mind or body to do what you wanted to do because of a disability?
3. Why do you think God made us all with different abilities?
4. What are some things that you are good at? It could be reading or writing, taking walks or playing a sport, cooking or gardening, drawing or dancing. Make a list together with your parents, and think of some ways the gifts you've been given can serve a friend, a neighbor, or maybe even someone with a disability.