

GOOD News

A Kids Newsletter from The Gospel Accessible



Color your
own crazy
socks

On World Down Syndrome Day, March 21, we wear crazy, colorful, mismatched socks to celebrate how special and unique everyone is—just like people with Down syndrome!

Kind Curious Questions

Q: Can kids with Down syndrome learn and go to school?

A: Yes! They can learn many things and go to school. Sometimes they just need a little extra time or help.

Q: Are kids with Down syndrome different from other kids?

A: In some ways, yes — **but in most ways, no!** They enjoy playing, laughing, learning, and making friends just like other kids.

Q: Why does someone with Down syndrome look different than me and why do they often look like each other?

A: People with Down syndrome don't all look exactly the same, but some features are common because of the extra chromosome (chromosome 21). That extra chromosome affects how the body grows.

Every person with Down syndrome looks different, just like everyone else. It's important to remember that their personality, talents, and interests are much bigger parts of who they are than their physical features.

MEET A

friend



Paul

Paul has something called Down syndrome. Down syndrome is when someone's body has 47 chromosomes instead of 46 (you can ask an adult to explain more about chromosomes!).

Paul has been one of my best friends since we were little kids. When we were younger, we played football together, explored in the woods, swam in his pool, and played lots of video games. Paul was extra good at video games! I think every kid deserves a good friend like Paul.

Paul loves fishing, singing, texting, and talking on the phone. Do you like any of those things too?

Kids and adults with Down syndrome can make great friends. They bring a lot of joy to the people who get to go to school with them and play with them. I think their **extra chromosome** makes them **extra awesome!**