

Drew Learns About Autism Discussion Points by the Author

Did you enjoy the book and why? If not, why not?

Who is your favorite character and why?

Which character can you identify with and why?

Did you notice Drew's new friend, Gene, cannot talk?

Do you know anyone who has a challenge similar to Gene?

Do you know that not all differences can be seen? Some may not be obvious but they are there and you need to treat differences with kindness.

Do you understand that differences in people makes us each unique and interesting? People are special all over the world.

The world would be boring if everyone was the same.

Can you see the students in the book each making different kinds of artwork?

The different colors and pictures are pretty.

Do you understand it is impolite to stare or make fun of people who are different from you?

Do you know it is never good to judge other people for being different from you?

Did you notice there are girl scouts in this book? Girl Scouts expect the girls in their troops to help people, be kind and take care of the earth and animals. I hope you help people, take care of the earth and are kind to animals, too.

Good people never make fun or bully other people.

Do you understand that Drew makes friends because he never judges people he meets and accepts everyone's differences.

By embracing and accepting differences you make more friends and are happier.