

Mateo Is My Hero

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My Grandson Had to Fight for his Life

When my grandson Mateo was born, he got infected with bacteria that made him very ill. He had a bad cough, and his body became black when he couldn't breathe. He stayed in the hospital for a long time. Mateo fought so much for his life. And finally, he felt a little better, and he was able to leave the hospital.

He Has Some Brain Damage

The bacteria affected his brain. Mateo's doctors ran a lot of tests. They said he would never walk or speak. However, now the doctors say Mateo is a miracle. He walks, runs, and rides a bicycle. He can talk with very little difficulty.

He Is Strong and Happy

Mateo is my hero because he is a strong child. Now he is learning to read and write. He attends school every day. Mateo is happy because he has a lot of support from his parents and sisters.

He Faced More Challenges

Recently, Mateo had another condition. He got very sick in his stomach. He needed surgery. He went to the hospital and the surgery was successful. Mateo could not eat anything for three days. He was hungry, but he didn't eat. Finally, thank God, Mateo is healthy again and does not have any problems with his stomach. Now he can eat anything without any pain.

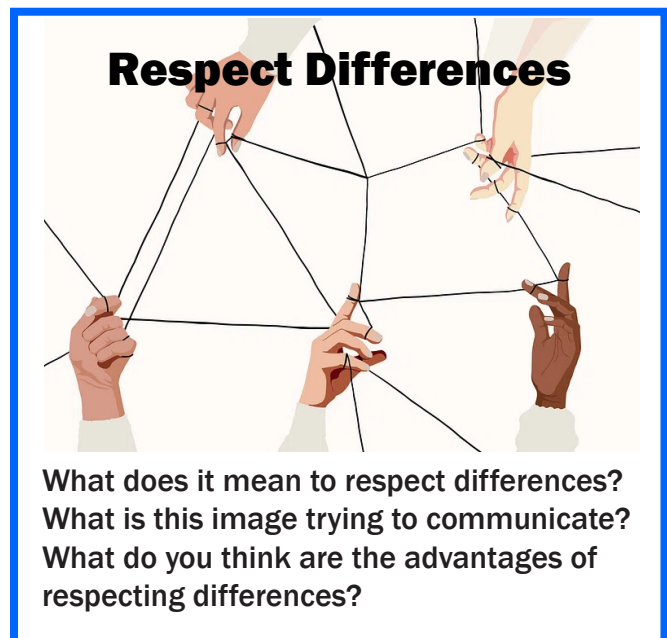
He Is My Hero

Mateo is my inspiration. When I feel bad, I remember everything that happened to him. I think to myself, "I need to be strong like Mateo."

AFTER YOU READ: According to the author, why is Mateo her hero? How does respecting how he is different help the author grow?



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Respect Differences

What does it mean to respect differences?
What is this image trying to communicate?
What do you think are the advantages of respecting differences?