

Try this activity with your child(ren) to help them think about the fact that there is a surprising degree of difference in how we ALL process information and that different does not have to mean wrong. It's important for kids to understand this because many times children are teased or bullied because of the way they learn or perform in school.

You'll need at least two people to draw. Give them each a blank piece of paper and a pen or pencil. Have them sit so they can't see each other's papers.

Read the directions:

- 1. Draw a square in the middle of the page.
- 2. Draw three circles above the square. One circle should be bigger than the other two.
- 3. Draw a triangle to the right of the square
- 4. Draw a circle inside the square
- 5. Draw three rectangles below the square
- 6. Draw an oval under the triangle

Ask these questions to get kids thinking and open up a discussion about our differences:

Why were the pictures not exactly the same?

Is one picture more right or wrong?

Have you ever been told to do something and you did it in a different way than someone else? How did that feel?

Do you think people with some types of disabilities might do things a different way if their brains work differently? How are they treated when that happens?

Would it be better if we celebrate everyone's uniqueness instead of judging or making fun?

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