

**GUIDED READING: Early Learners (age 2-5)**  
**Scripted Suggestions for “Different is Just Different”**

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**THIS IS SHOO BEAR.**

**SHOO BEAR LOVES ANYTHING DIFFERENT.**

Look at that hat! Have you ever seen a hat like that?

How is Shoo Bear different? [ a bear; funny name; wearing cowboy boots;]

**SHE LOVES TO EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT THINGS.**

Look at that sandwich! What is in there? [fish tail; bone; sock]

Have you ever eaten a sandwich like that? Could a bear?

**SHE KNOWS THERE ARE SHOES FOR DIFFERENT PLACES.**

Point to flip flops--- what kind of shoes are these?

Point to snow shoes--- what are these shoes for? Has anyone ever used them?

**SHE KNOWS THERE ARE DIFFERENT SHOES FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE.**

Who is wearing shoes? Is anyone else wearing the exact same shoes as you?

Have you ever had to change your shoes to do a job or go somewhere?

**SHE KNOWS THERE ARE DIFFERENT PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT NEEDS.**

**SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP WALKING.**

Do you know anyone that wears AFO’s (ankle-foot orthotics or braces on their legs) or uses a wheelchair or walker?

**SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP SEEING.**

Is there anyone at your house that uses glasses to see better?

What is this cane for? Does anyone know?

**SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP EATING.**

When I was very young, my parents needed to cut my meat for me.

This little bear can’t swallow food at all so Mom is putting it right into his stomach.

**SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP TALKING.**

Has anyone here ever used sign language? What signs do you know?

**DIFFERENT IS JUST DIFFERENT.**

**EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT.**

**HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT?**

Is that true? Is everyone different? That’s pretty amazing.

Do you think it’s a good thing or a bad thing that everyone is different?

I know there are sometimes that I wish I was NOT different... especially if someone has something I don’t have or if someone can do something I can’t do. Then, I feel sad. But, I try to remember that Different is just Different... it’s not a bad thing... and that helps.

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Look at that sandwich! What is in there? [fish tail; bone; sock]

What is the strangest thing you have seen in a sandwich?

#### **SHE KNOWS THERE ARE SHOES FOR DIFFERENT PLACES.**

How many places or activities can we think of that need a specific type of shoe?

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#### **HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT?**

Do you agree with that? Is everyone different?

Do you think it’s a good thing or a bad thing that everyone is different?

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