

Teddy Joins the Team is a children's book written with the underlying theme of Adaptive Sports and Inclusivity. Adaptive Sports, commonly referred to as para sports, are sports that are for people with disabilities. These sports often mirror traditional sports games or recreations, but allow the necessary adaptations, changes, and adjustments for people with disabilities so they are able to play, whether it be recreationally or competitively. For more information visist www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us.html.

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Every day Taylor goes to school, and brings her favorite toy Teddy.

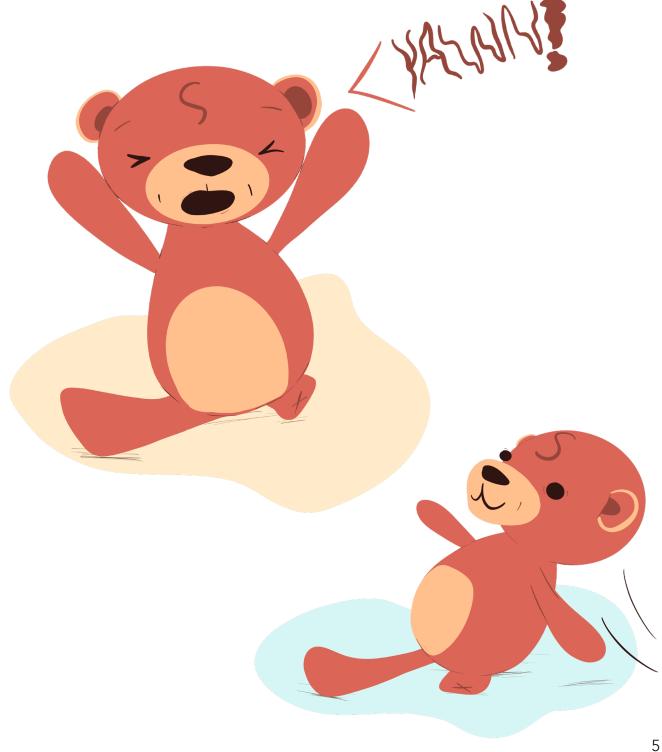
It's time for lunch.

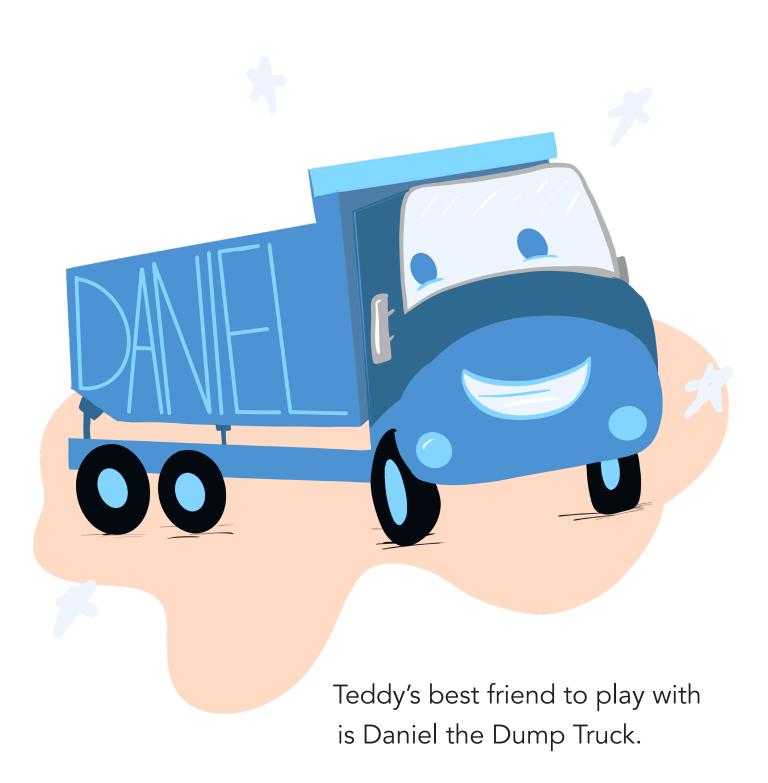
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Lunchtime is Teddy's favorite time of the day because it is when all the toys come alive and play games with each other while their kids are in the lunchroom.









Pat the Patriotic Superhero and Daisy Doll stand on the table and announce that the game for today is

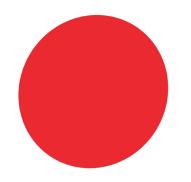
KICKBALL

The bases are set up, and Teddy is kicking first. Captain Carrie is pitching and rolls the ball fast towards Teddy at home base.









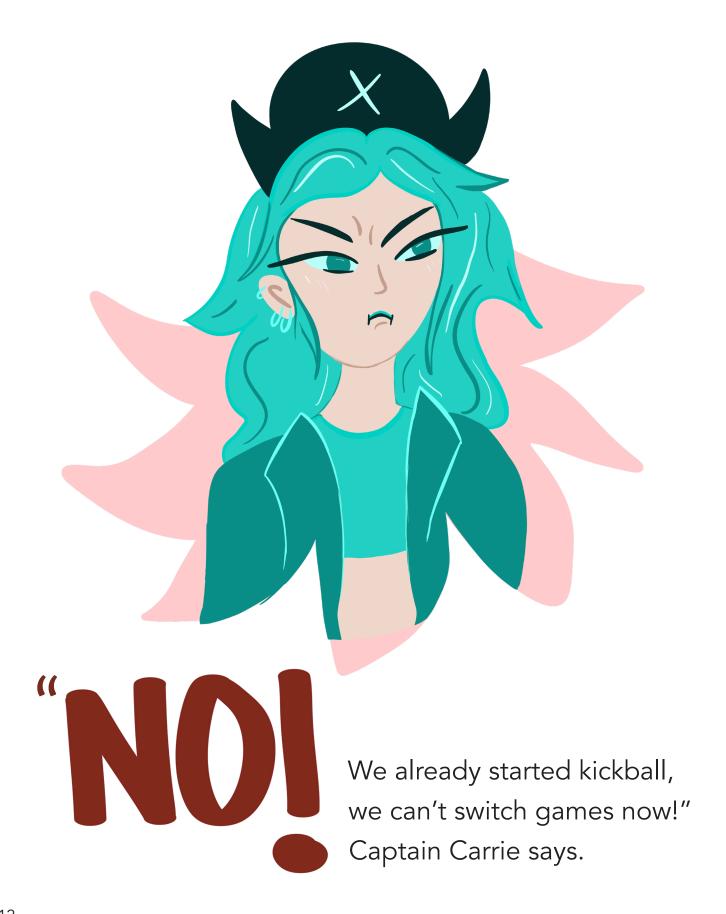
Teddy goes to kick the ball and falls backwards and lands flat on the classroom floor.

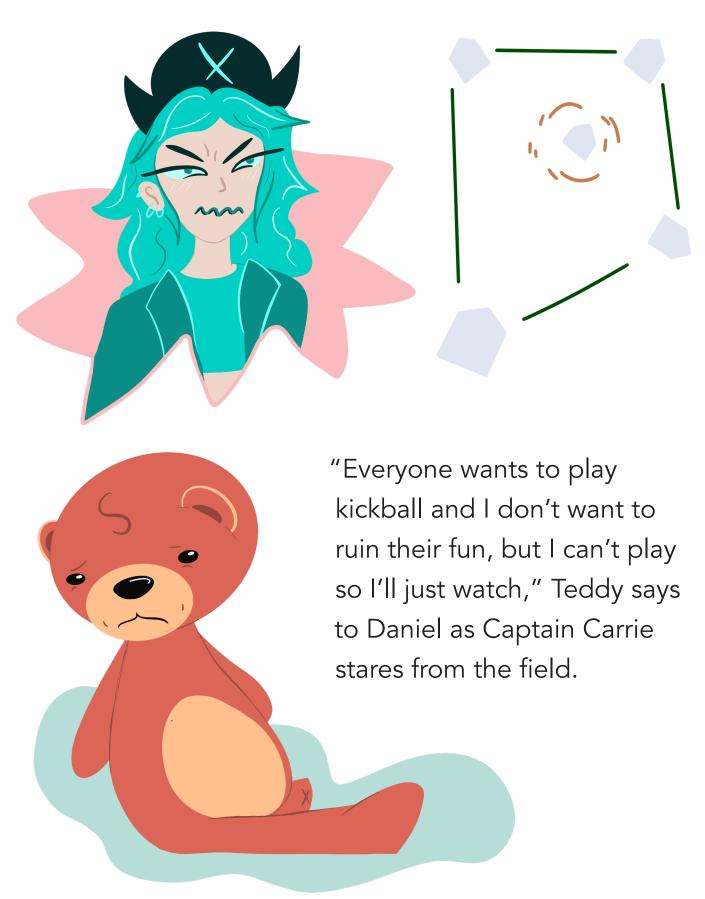


Teddy is very upset. Daniel speeds over to Teddy.

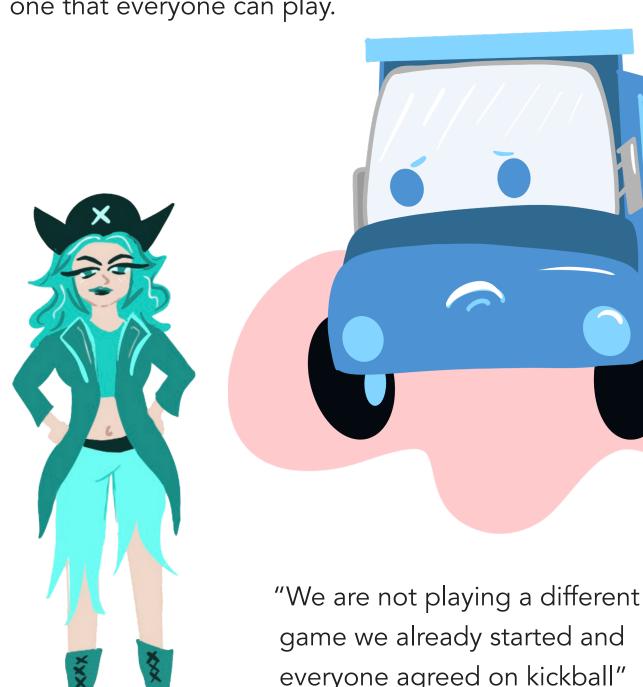
"It's ok Teddy, we can play a different game" Daniel says, trying to make Teddy feel better.







It's not fair to Teddy if they continue to play kickball. Daniel insists that all the toys play a different game, one that everyone can play.

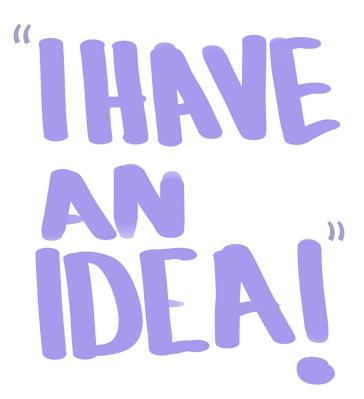


game we already started and everyone agreed on kickball" Captain Carrie says.

"Just because it's fair for you Captain Carrie, doesn't mean it's fair to everybody else!
We are changing the game!" Pat says.



They brainstormed many ideas, but none seemed to include everybody.





Pat shouts, as he climbs up on top of the table.



"Guys! What if we just have
Teddy be the all time pitcher?
That way we can still play
kickball and Teddy can play
too!" Teddy is super excited
about this idea, because all
the toys can play the game
they want, and play it together.

"Teddy can't be the pitcher, I want to be the pitcher, I am always the pitcher, it's not fair to just let somebody else be the pitcher!" Carrie complains.



Pat the Patriotic Superhero says "You can still play, you will be a kicker instead Captain Carrie."

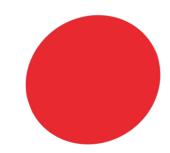
Daniel and Daisy agree.

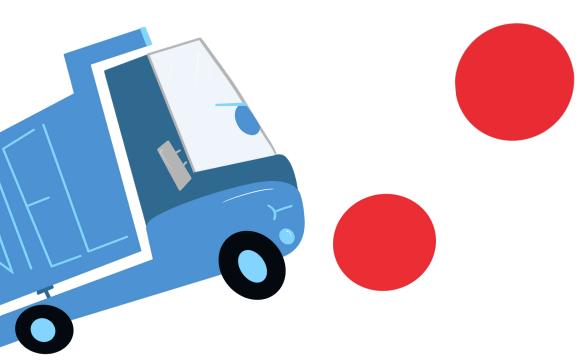
Teddy has never pitched before.

Nervous, Teddy steps up to the pitching mound. Daniel is at home plate ready to hit the ball head on.



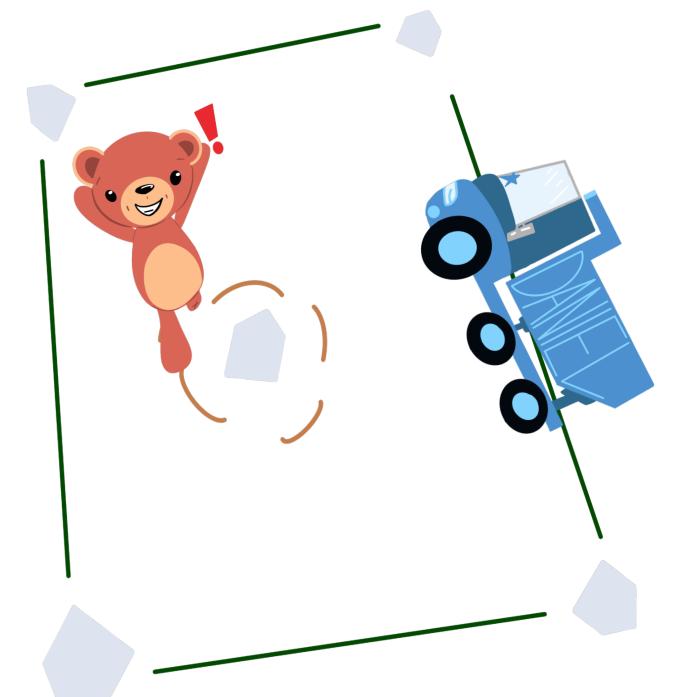
Teddy pitches the ball, rolling it super fast right down the middle of the field to Daniel. Daniel hits the ball head on, and the ball goes flying.







Pat screams!



Daniel scored a home run, drove around the bases celebrating his

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They set Teddy down.

"Thank you everyone for finding the perfect spot for me in the kickball game" Teddy says.



"Of course Teddy, there's a spot for everyone in our game" Daniel says.





From that day on, all the toys made sure there was always a way that Teddy could play the games at lunchtime.



The End



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