



Welcome to My World: Writer's Insights for Teachers, Parents and Guardians

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It is often our first response to look a person over and focus on what we see rather than discovering who they are and what plans God has for them. Let's face it, we are sinners and can be unaccepting and narrow-minded. The good news is that God loves us dearly. God forgives our weaknesses and provides us with his truth and guidance in his Word, the Bible.

You, as a teacher, parent or guardian are blessed with a fabulous opportunity. God has designated you to nurture his children. God has entrusted you to share his Word, guiding little ones to love and accept everyone in his entire family, the Body of Christ.

This coloring book was made to help you with classroom and family discussions regarding disability awareness and acceptance. The text purposefully does not point out how we are different. Rather, the book is designed to emphasize *we are all children of God*.

- The main character of the story, Jack, may or may not have a disability. It honestly does not matter—he, like all of us, has a story to tell.
- The wheelchairs used throughout the book are obvious, but also included are listening devices, braille, sign language, leg and arm braces, and other supports.
- Look to further your discussion by finding glasses, a cane, orthopedic shoes and a broken leg.

The *Welcome to My World* worksheet is a follow-up activity to the *Welcome to My World Coloring Book* and the PDFs found online. Have students write and illustrate a day in their life, acknowledging their God-given abilities.

The author and illustrators' ultimate dream for the next generation is that they will be unable to find anything wrong with the pictures they are coloring. They will just see a child at school, church and home ... no differences, just life. Sounds like heaven to us!

To enhance the *Welcome to My World* lesson, Bethesda recommends these free disability awareness materials:

- [Welcome to My World](#) follow-up sheet
- [We Are All Part of God's Family](#) lesson and activity for Early Childhood
- [We Are Meant to Be Part of God's Family](#) lesson and activity for Elementary Age based on the story of King David - Including 1 Samuel 16:7
- [Face2Face](#) lessons and activities based on 1 John 4:19, Genesis 33:10, Acts 9
- Coming 2014: Called by Name based on Isaiah 43:1



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Welcome to _____'s World!

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a thick black border, intended for a drawing or illustration.

Four sets of horizontal handwriting lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.