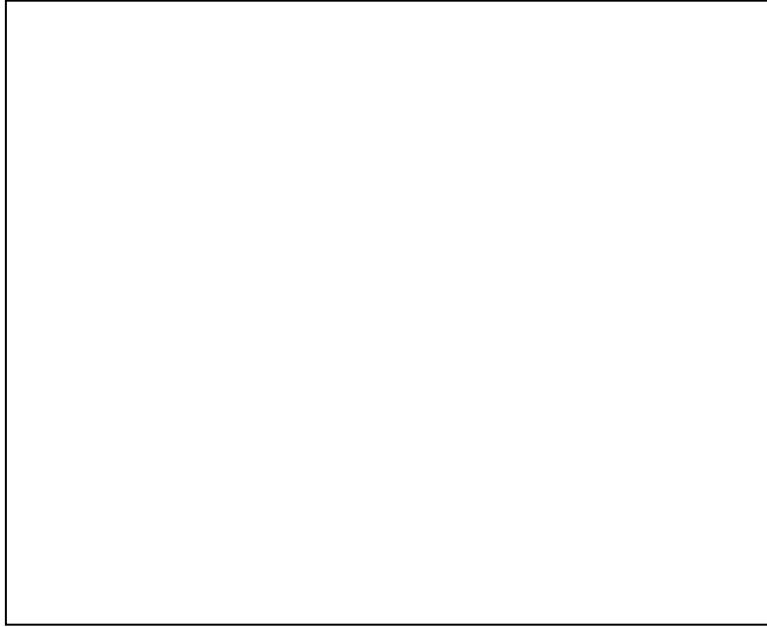


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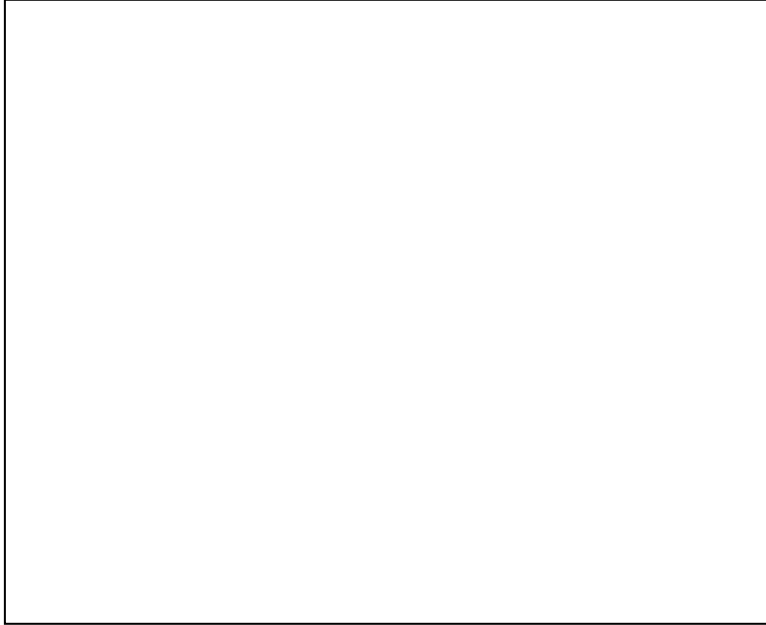


Joey

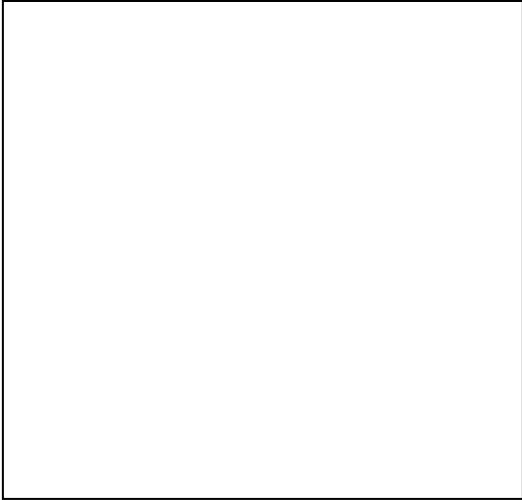
This is Joey's family. Joey has a Mom named Susan, a Dad named John, and a brother named Jacob.



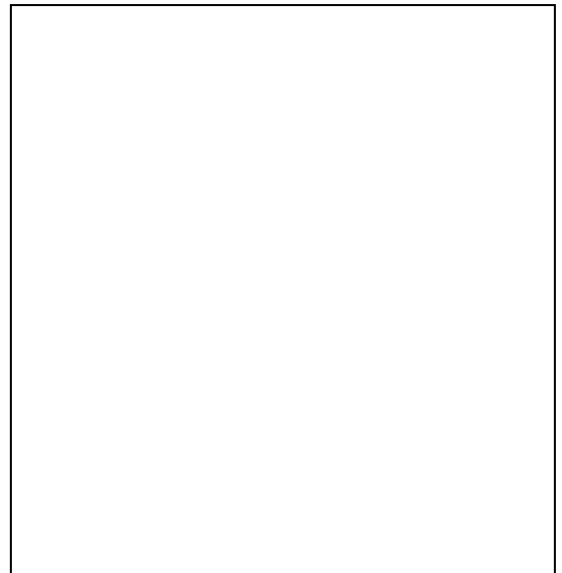
When Joey was 2 years-old, he was diagnosed with autism. Even though Joey has autism, he likes to do the same things that other kids like to do!



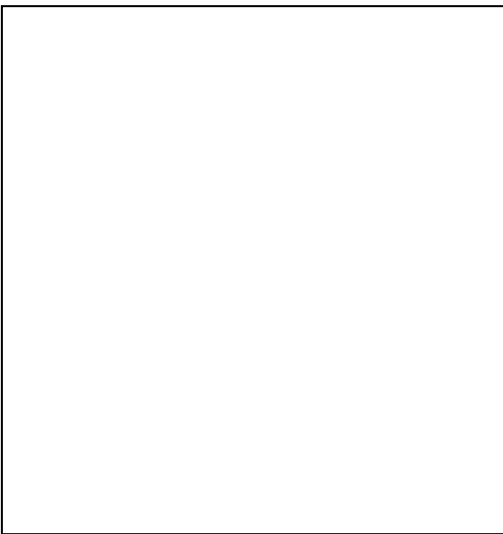
Here are some things that **Joey** likes to do...



**Eat at McDonald's.**

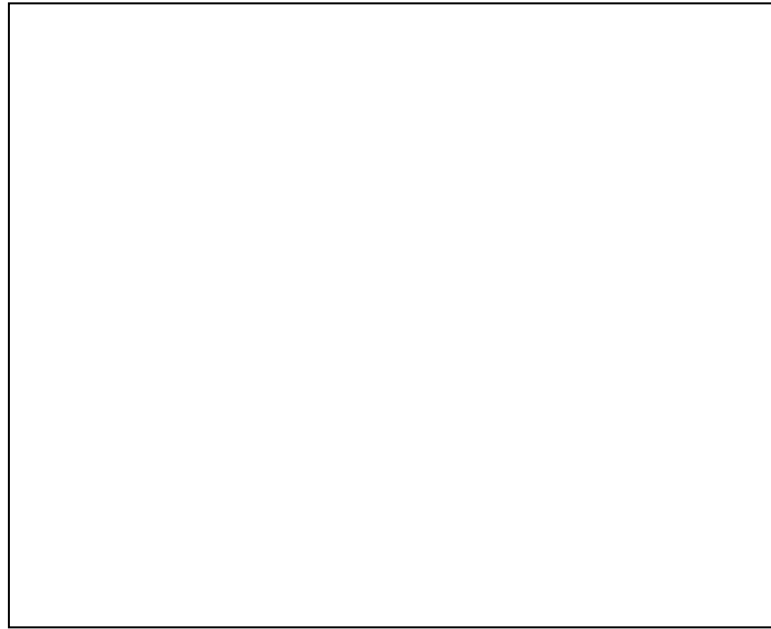


**Go to the park.**



**Hang out in the backyard.**

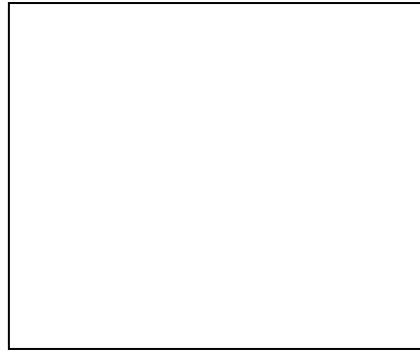
Joey also likes to take VCRs apart using tools. He likes to look at what's inside and then puts everything back together again. Maybe when he gets older he'll have a job fixing electronics!



He also likes supplies like glue sticks, pencils, post-its, and markers. When we run errands, we sometimes stop at Staples.

Because **Joey** has autism, he is different from you and me in a few ways.

He has a hard time **finding words to express what he wants or how he feels.**



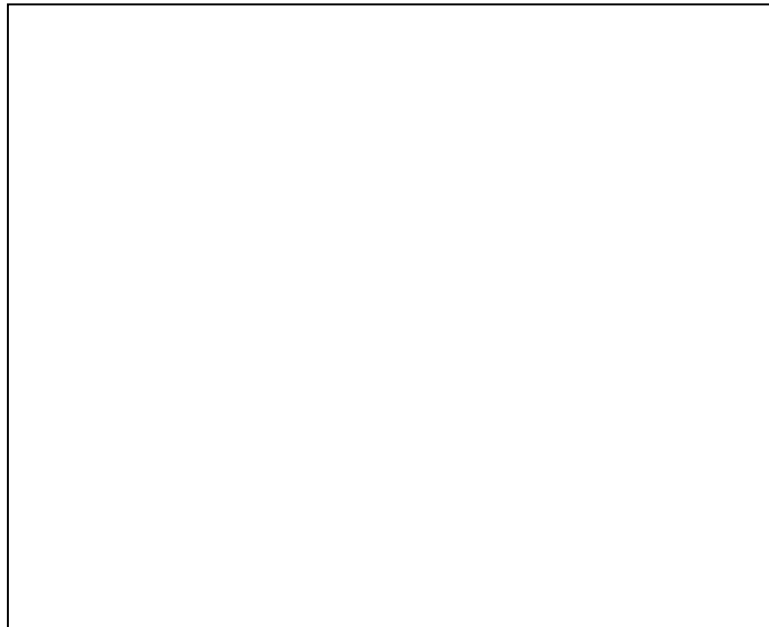
He has some difficulty **understanding everything we are saying to him.**



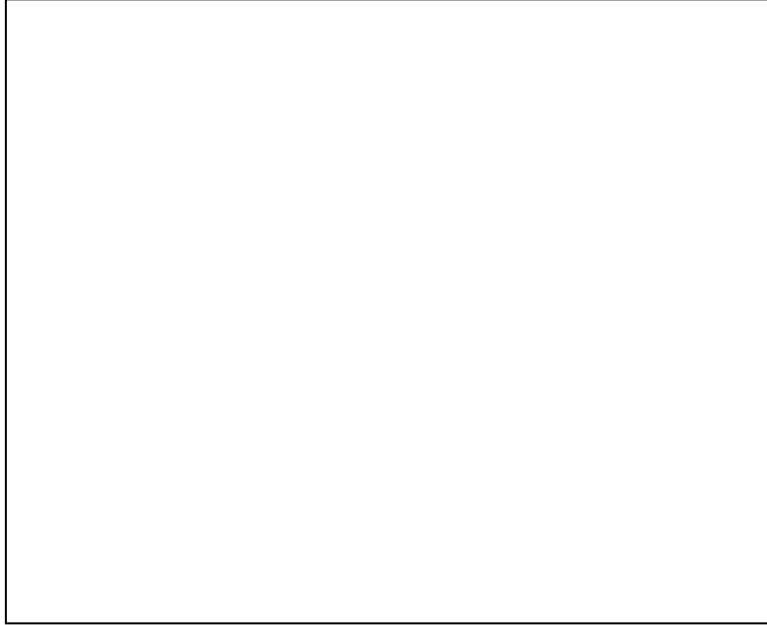
Learning new things is hard for him. He does best when he practices a lot.

Joey sometimes has difficulty behaving appropriately and making friends.

Sometimes it is hard for Joey to tell us what is wrong. That is why he may scream or hit his hand on his chin. This could mean that he is upset or excited.

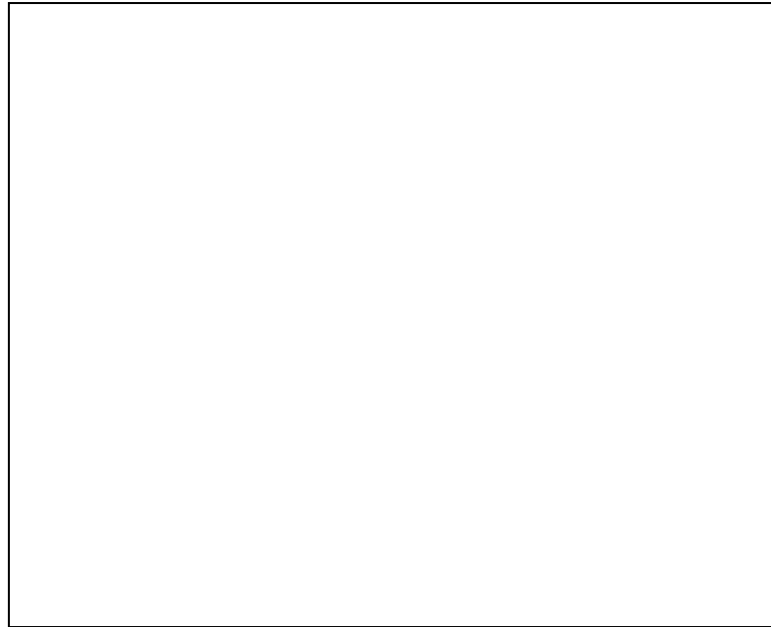


When **Joey** laughs, it is contagious! He thinks a lot of things are funny, especially **when kids make jokes!**

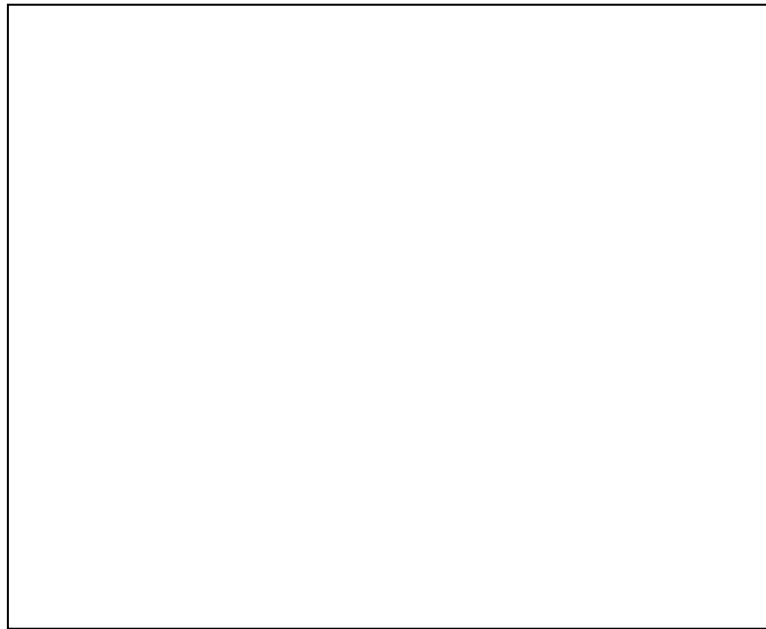




In school, **Joey** works very hard. He works independently on some things and needs help with new things. He really likes **math** and is good at **using the computer and internet during break times.**



You can be a good friend to Joey by asking him to play at recess, sitting next to him at lunch, and saying “hi” to him in the hallway. He may not always say “hi” back, but he appreciates you being friendly.



When **Joey** feels comfortable, he will show you what  
a great friend he can be!

