The Need
As part of their common childhood activities, children are exposed to others who act, think, and communicate in different ways, including those with autism.

The information and presentation methods of Friends Like You. Friends Like Me help children understand autism in an age appropriate manner, reinforces everyone’s desire to be accepted and have friends, highlights similarities rather than differences, and encourages inclusion, respect, and friendship between children of all abilities in all aspect of their lives. The resources support acceptance, increase empathy, and work to reduce intimidation and bullying.

The Objective
Using these tools helps to build awareness and encourage inclusion, respect, and friendship between children and teens of all abilities.

Components
Resources include a colorful child-friendly book full of information about autism and friendship; a booklist with children’s books to help them learn more about autism and discover new friendships; a list of videos, articles and websites; and tips to facilitate inclusive friendships among children in common interactions. Teachers will find a list of classroom activity ideas including ideas for student discussion, research topics, and public service projects.

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