



SEEING AND HEARING DIFFERENTLY

Some children cannot see or hear as well as other children. Do you know anyone like this? How would you feel if you could not see or hear very well?

Here are two games to play to help you understand what it might feel like not being able to see or hear.

BLINDFOLD PARTNERS

Play this game in pairs. One person wears a piece of cloth over their eyes so they cannot see. The other person is their guide.

The guide then takes the blindfolded person for a walk, letting them feel different things and taking care of them. The guide needs to make sure the person with the blindfold does not trip or walk into anything.

Afterwards, talk about how it felt not being able to see.

- What did your guide do that was helpful?
- What could they have done better?
- Did you trust your guide?
- How can you help people who cannot see very well?



Adapted from the *Hesperian Guide* Disabled village children. See page 22 for more details.

TALKING WITHOUT WORDS

Children who cannot hear sometimes cannot speak. This game will help you to understand what it is like not being able to speak, and will also help you to know how to communicate with people who cannot hear or speak well.

Take it in turns to explain something by acting only, without words. Everyone else needs to guess what you are trying to say.

Here are some ideas:

'I want a glass of water'

'I want to go to sleep'

'Pass me the ball'

'I had a bad dream'

'I cannot find my house'

Afterwards, talk about what it was like.

- How easy was it to explain something without talking?
- If people could not understand you, how did that make you feel?
- Did your friends help you explain what you wanted to say? Could they have helped you more?
- How can you help children who cannot hear or speak very well?



BIBLE VERSE MEMORY CHALLENGE!

The Bible tells us that God created everyone, and that each person is different and special. God loves all of us and he wants us to love each other.

Can you learn this Bible verse?

Jesus said, 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'
(John 13:34)