

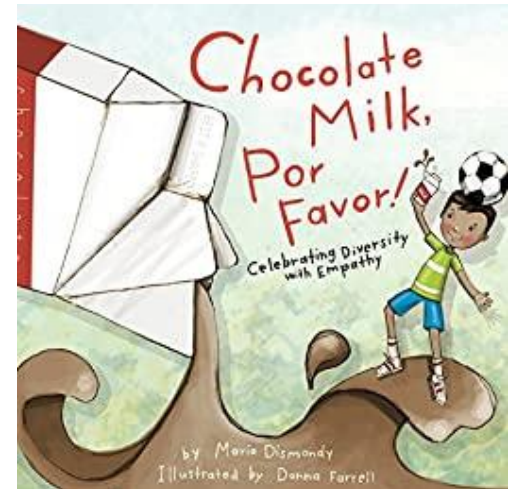


# CHOCOLATE MILK, POR FAVOR!

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## SUMMARY

When Johnny sees a new boy outside of school, he immediately thinks he won't like the boy because he's crying. He thinks the new student is just a crybaby and not someone he wants to be friends with. Should Johnny give the new student a second chance? Is it okay for boys to have feelings and to cry?



## Questions:

1. Is it okay for boys to have feelings? Is it okay for boys to cry? Why would telling boys that it's not okay to cry be a bad thing? Does that mean that they will never feel sad or frustrated, or does it just mean they won't have a healthy way to show it?
2. How would it feel to not only be a new student at a new school, but to not even speak the language? Would that be easy or hard? If someone new came to your school who didn't speak English, how could you help them feel welcome?
3. How do you think Gabe felt when someone helped him ask for what he wanted? Even if it's something as small as chocolate milk, does having something you want or need in that situation feel big?
4. How do you think Johnny feels when he first sees Gabe do the soccer trick? Is it okay to feel jealous? Yes! Is it okay to be mean because you feel jealous? No!
5. How do you think Johnny feels when he has tears in his eyes but he can't cry? Does stopping himself from crying make him feel any better?
6. How do you think Johnny felt when he was alone at the table and Gabe had so many friends? Could he have been sitting with everyone too?
7. How do you think Johnny felt when Gabe showed him how to do the tricky move? How do you think Gabe felt when Johnny finally played with him?
8. When Johnny was frustrated and couldn't do the soccer move, what did Gabe do? When Gabe was frustrated and scared to be in a new school, what did Johnny do? Who did the right thing? Even though Johnny did the wrong thing at first, can he fix it now?
9. When Johnny brought Gabe chocolate milk, how do you think Gabe felt? How did Johnny feel now that he was being kind and making a friend? How does it feel when you do the right thing?
10. "To have a friend is to first be a friend" What does that mean? Do you think that's true? Can you have lots of friends even if you aren't nice to them? To have friends do you have to be a good friend?

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