



THE INVISIBLE BOY

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Brian feels like he is invisible. His teacher pays attention to the louder students, but not the quiet, shy boy. His classmates don't pick him to play at recess or invite him to their birthday parties. They barely even notice him at the lunch table. Then one day, his class gets a new student. Will Justin finally help Brian feel seen?

Questions:

1. Have you ever felt shy before? Were you quiet because you had nothing to say or because you felt nervous about talking and having people looking at you?
2. Have you ever been picked last or left out completely? How did it feel?
3. Have you ever had to play alone at recess? Was it fun?
4. Was there ever a party you didn't get invited to? How did it feel? How do you think Brian feels?
5. Which is worse- being laughed at or feeling invisible? Are either of them good?
6. How do you think Justin felt when he got Brian's note and picture? Is it easy to be a new kid in school? How could you show empathy to a new student?
7. How do you think Brian felt when Justin first came to talk to him?
8. How do you think he felt when Justin invited him to be in his group?
9. How does it feel when you get a compliment? How do you think Brian felt when Justin said that he would do a good job of drawing?
10. Why do you think Brian doesn't like lunchtime? How do you think he feels when Justin and Emilio invite him to eat with them?
11. How many people had to show Brian kindness to help him feel like he wasn't invisible anymore? Could you be that one person for someone else? How could you do it?

