

# We Love our Differences

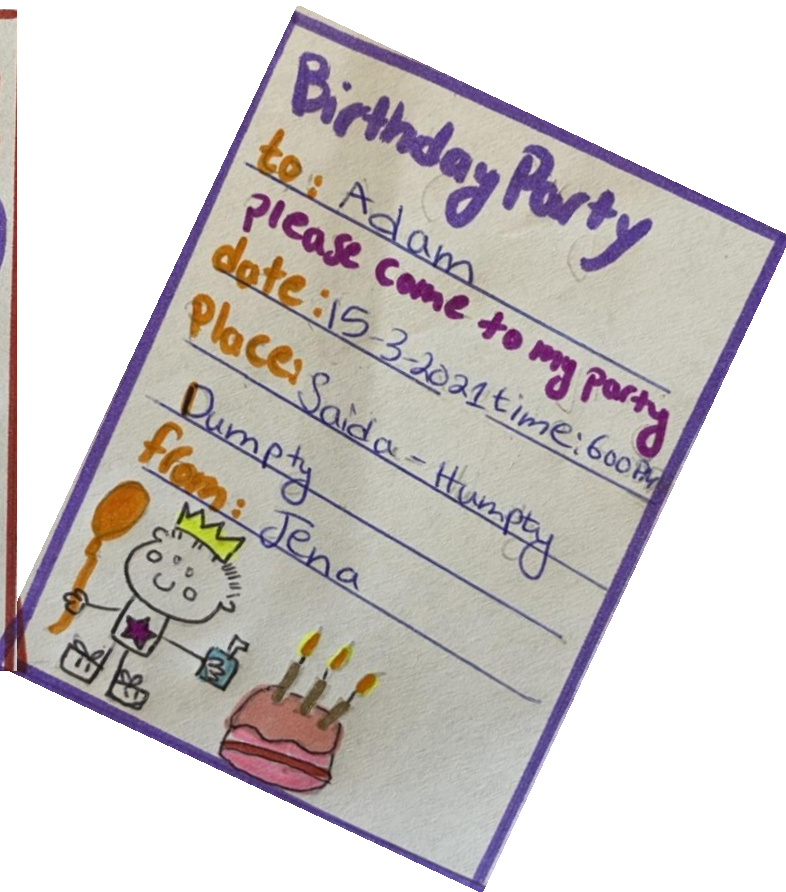
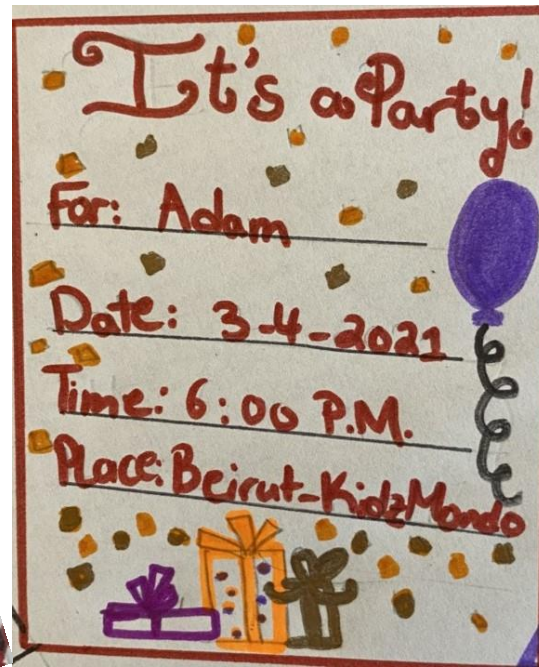
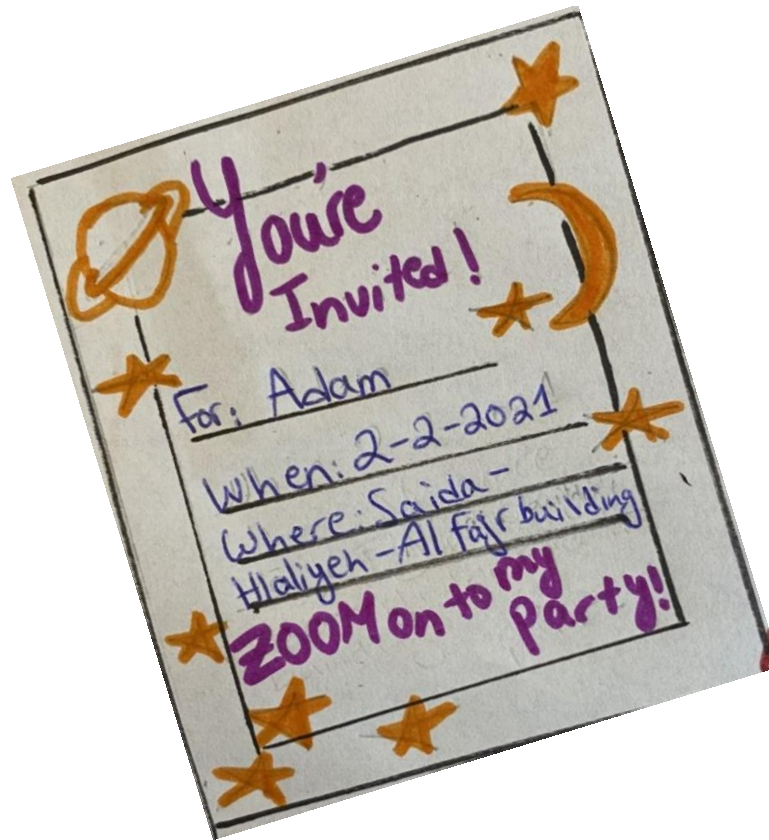
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This book is dedicated to  
all the children with disabilities. Your  
differences are what make you beautiful.



My classmates always invite me to birthday parties.



But whenever I go, I never see Batul there although I know she was invited too!

If you are wondering who Batul is, she is my

**BEST  
FRIEND**



**FAVORITE  
FRIEND**

**AND THE SWEETEST, KINDEST FRIEND OF ALL TIME!**



I love Batul because she is different in her unique way!

Batul has what I call "Special Features" that I think make her look beautiful! These features are



Single Palmar Crease



A short neck

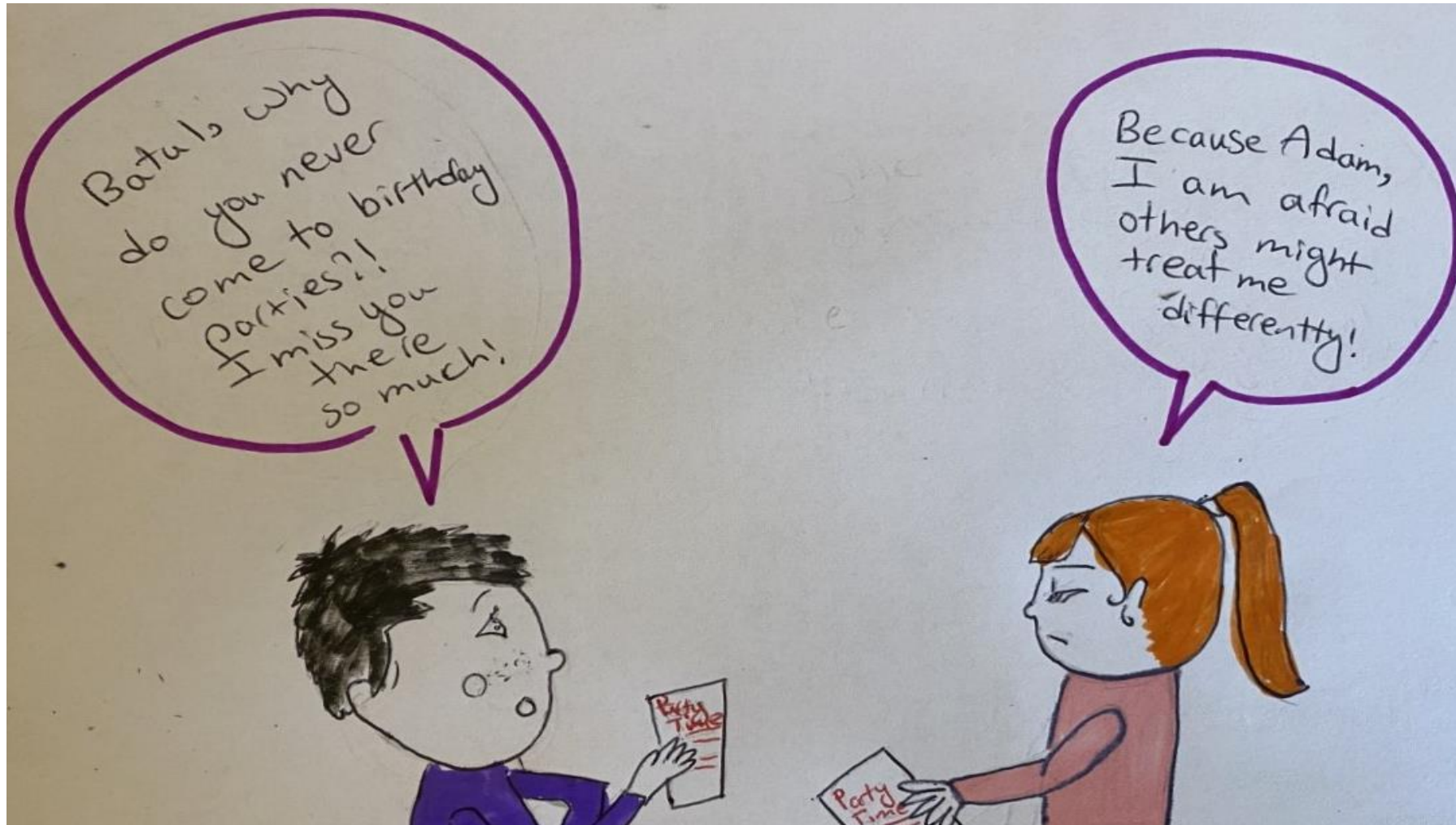


Almond-shaped eyes

Batul shares these special features with people who have  
**Down Syndrome**

I know that because my cousin, who has Down Syndrome, have these special features too!

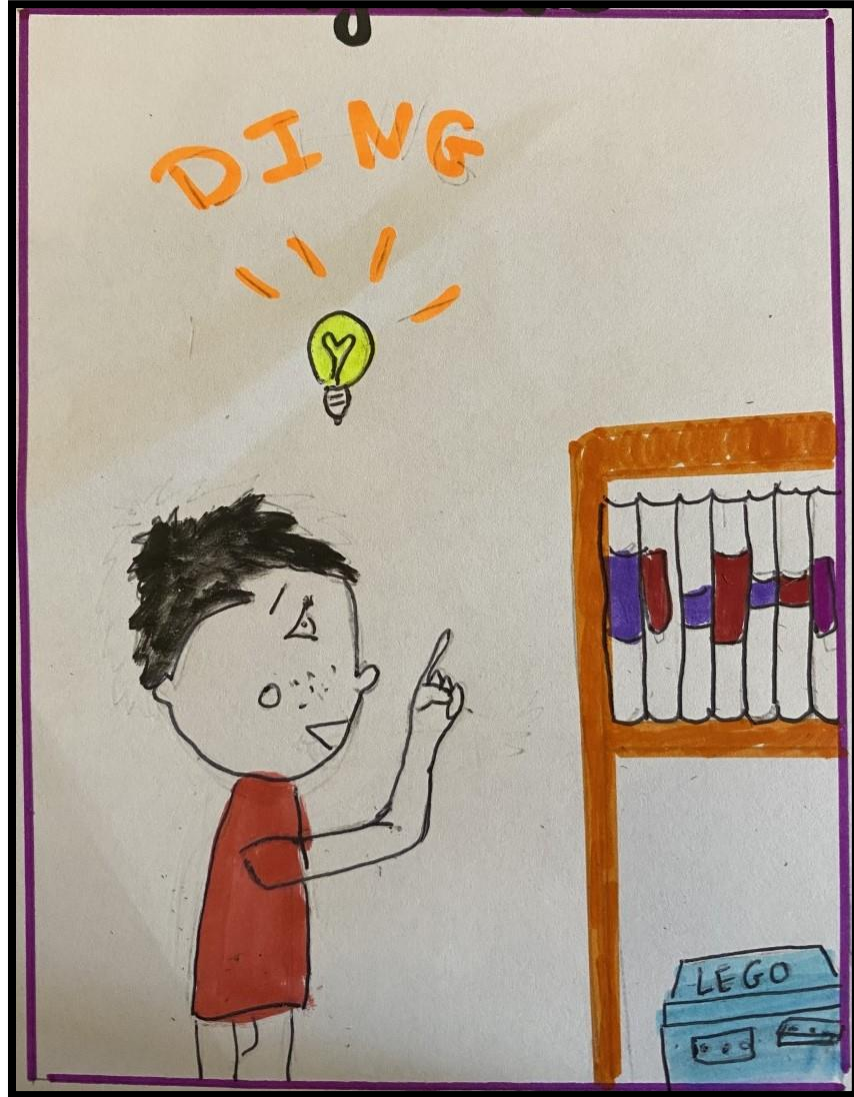
One day at school, Batul and I were holding Jad's birthday invitation when I asked her



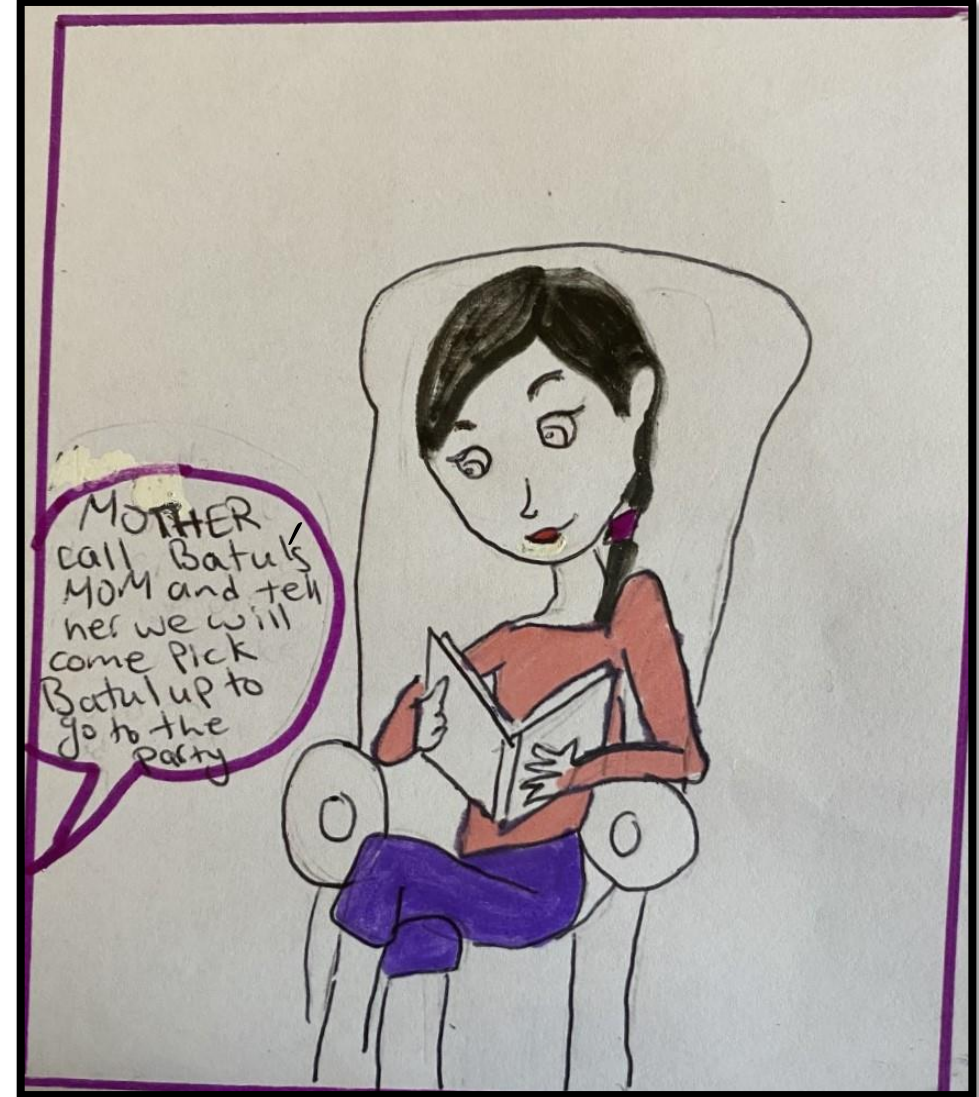
That night, I slept at a late hour because I was wondering about what Batul has said



The next day while I was getting ready to go to Jad's birthday party, an idea POPPED into my mind!



I ran to my mother yelling





When we arrived, Batul was waiting for us in front of the building where she lived. Batul was wearing a pink dress with flowers on it.



I smiled a wide smile and yelled

JUMP  
IN LET  
US GO!

We stood outside of Jad's house when Batul held my hand strongly and said

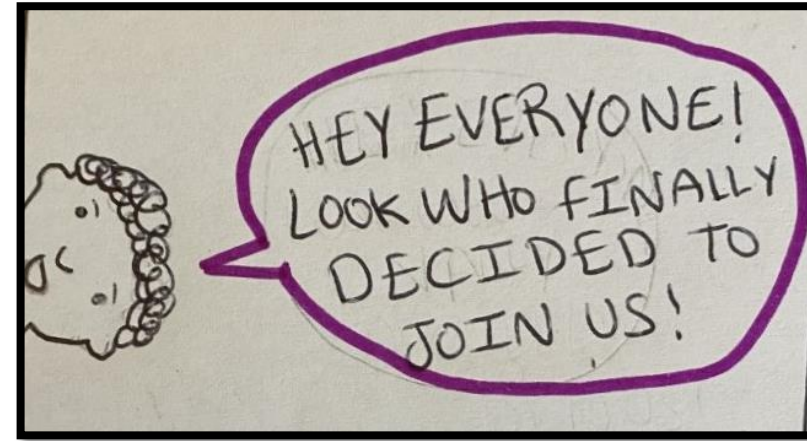


I rang the bell, and it was  
Jad who opened the door.



He looked so surprised when  
he saw Batul!

He turned his face towards the  
house and yelled



Then, everyone came **SPRINTING** to the  
door to see who the mystery person Jad  
was talking about is!!



Everyone stood there looking at Batul with shocked faces when suddenly...



THEY ALL RAN AND HUGGED HER SO HARD!

HA HA HA



HA HA

I then decided to join them, and we started giggling and laughing!

Batul had the wrong idea about our classmates.

The rest of that day was amazing!

I am glad I took Batul with me because since then, she promised to always come to parties!!



I never sat alone at parties ever since because I had my best friend with me.

We are lucky when we find beauty in our differences



# What is Down syndrome?

**Down syndrome** is a genetic condition that happens when a **child** is born with an extra chromosome. The extra chromosome affects the way the **child's** brain and body develops, can lead to developmental delays, intellectual disability and an increased risk for certain medical issues.





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