


CONNECTING WITH THOSE WITH AUTISM AT CHURCH



"I say unto you, **BE ONE**; and if ye are not one ye are not mine."

Doctrine and Covenants 38:27

AUTISM IS A **SPECTRUM DISORDER.**

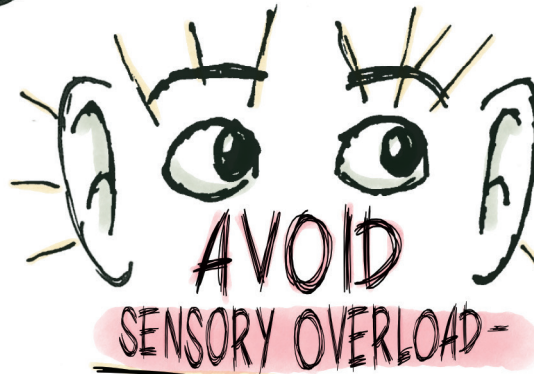
WHEN YOU HAVE MET ONE PERSON WITH AUTISM, YOU HAVE MET ONE PERSON WITH AUTISM.



WHEN **SPEAKING**, TRY TO BE LITERAL AND CONCISE WHILE AVOIDING **SARCASM** OR SLANG

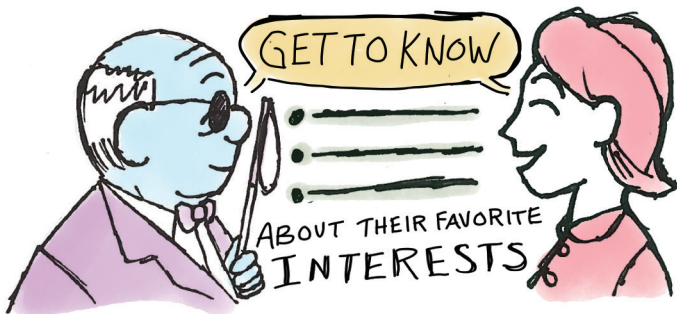


SEEK TO SUPPORT THEM, NOT CONTROL THEIR ACTIONS.



AVOID SENSORY OVERLOAD-

PREPARE THE ENVIRONMENT, ASK ABOUT COMFORT, AND ALLOW FOR SENSORY ACCOMMODATIONS.



ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE INTERESTS

WHEN **POSSIBLE:** GIVE ADVANCE NOTICE FOR CHANGES AND KEEP THINGS PREDICTABLE WITH A WRITTEN SCHEDULE.

