

I Need Help

Target age group: Grades two through five, small group of children with autism

Objective: To reinforce the concept of asking for assistance when needed.

Materials needed:

- Simple jigsaw puzzles with one piece missing
- Other games or toys with missing parts

Instructional strategy:

1. Begin by explaining the concept of asking for help. Model the appropriate language: "I'm having trouble. Would you please help me?"
2. Explain that you'll be playing games and putting together puzzles. Tell the kids that when they need help, they can ask for it.
3. When a child asks for help, present him or her with the missing piece of the game or puzzle.

Accommodations for nonverbal children: Teach the children to raise their hands for attention and then use a picture or gesture to ask for assistance.