

EMMA

Age: 3 years old

Structure of the family: father, mother and 2 years old brother.

Cultural context: lives in Medumi village with her family: father, mother and little brother. Emma's father is a local farmer; mother is a foreign language teacher but her brother attends the first year of special kindergarten for children with vision impairment. Emma lives in a big and beautiful house on the shore of the lake in Medumi village. One year ago Emma with her family lived in Daugavpils town where she and her brother were born. Emma's father bought a big farm in Medumi village and so the whole family decided to move to a new place.



Difficulty: a little girl with communication problems.

Likes and dislikes: she likes dancing and singing, she doesn't like people raising their voices.

Fears: she is afraid of different noises, big amount of people, speaking to a large group of people.

Current situation: Emma doesn't have many friends, because she has recently arrived to Medumi and started to attend a new kindergarten. Earlier, she lived in Daugavpils. Emma suffers because in the new kindergarten children do not accept her because she doesn't speak and play with children and slightly emotionally detached from the children and the teachers.

Story: One day, Emma begins crying and tells the teacher she doesn't want go to the kindergarten because the children don't play with her. The teacher calls Emma's parents better understand the situation. She comes to kindergarten with her father because her mother has to look after the little brother. The father says that Emma behaves in this way also in the playground, the playroom and in places where there are many people. Also father explains that Emma misses his old friends because they all stayed in their previous place of living. Also the girl feels sad or depressed all the time because there is a little brother in their family. The parents are very busy with him. After listening the while story the teacher embraces Emma and invites her and all children to sing a nice and quiet song about friends.