

JĀNIS

Age: 4 years old

Gender: Male

Physical characteristics: Jānis has bright skin, short hair, and brown eyes.

Structure of the family: father, mother and two 4 years old twin sisters.

Cultural context: lives in Daugavpils city with his family: father, mother and two twin sisters. Jānis's father works as a driver; mother is a housewife. Jānis and his sisters attend the general education preschool for the first year.

Janis and his family moved from England to Latvia a half year ago and now are living in a usual flat in the centre of the Daugavpils City. Jānis and his sisters were born in England but

3 years later their parents decided come back to their homeland. Language in the family is Latvian.

Difficulty: a boy has verbal communication problems, he doesn't speak.

Likes and dislikes: he likes playing with toy cars; he doesn't like when there many people around and noise.

Fears: he is afraid of new people, people speaking with him, different loud noises.

Current situation: Jānis doesn't play or communicate with children in his group in the kindergarten even with his sisters; he doesn't have friends and he is very isolated.

Story: When Jānis is frustrated or wants to say something, he shrieks at full blast. One day he began to scream wildly. Teacher couldn't understand why boy is so frustrated. Turns out that the boy lost his little toy car. Unfortunately, to tell others what happened he couldn't. Teacher searched for a long time but could not find the toy car. Unexpectedly the group children took all their toys and gifted them to Jānis. Jānis stopped to scream and smiled.

