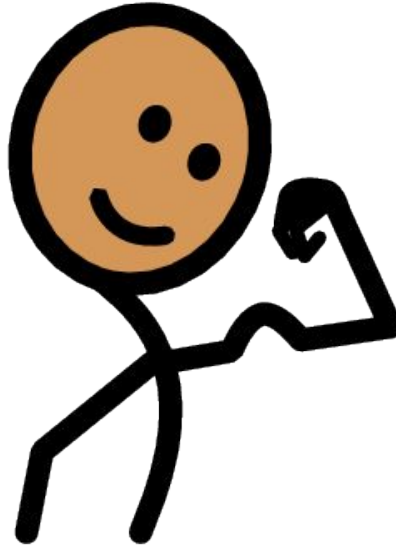


The Coronavirus Vaccine



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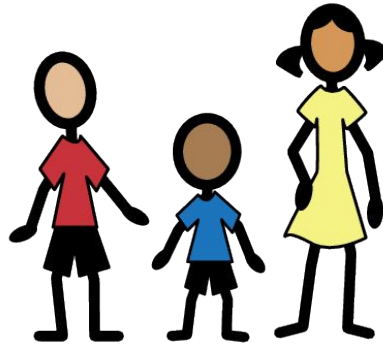
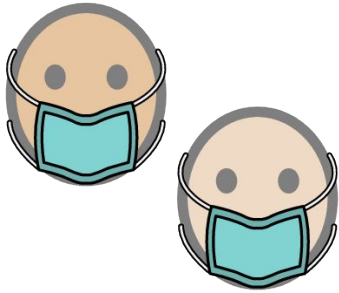
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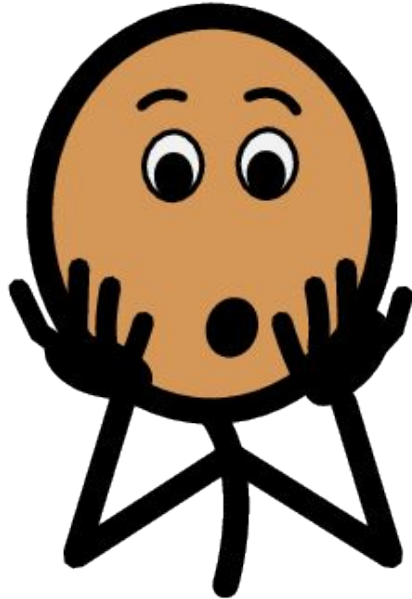
I remember when my school building was closed because of the Coronavirus. We were staying home to help keep everyone healthy!



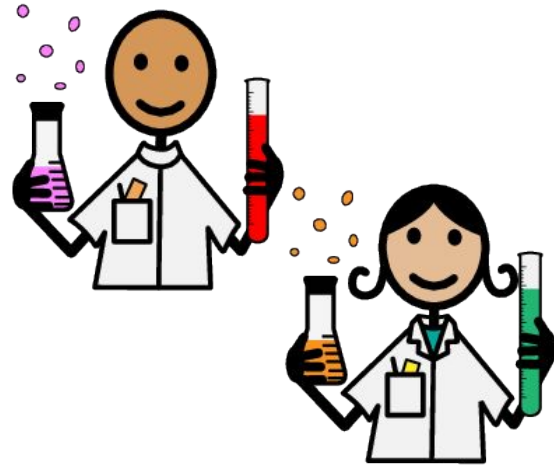
Now I am back at school! I am so happy that I get to see my teachers and friends, even though it's a little bit different than before. There are still some things we need to do to help keep everyone healthy, like wear masks and wash our hands A LOT!



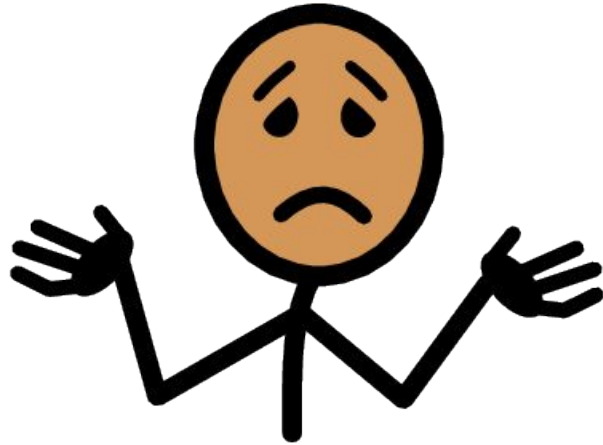
Now, my grown-ups say there is one more thing we need to do. We need to get shots! I did not know I was going to have to do that. I do not like getting shots.



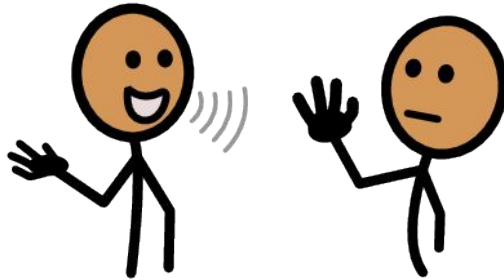
The grown-ups call the shots “vaccines”. While we were all staying home, the doctors and scientists were working hard to make a vaccine so that people wouldn’t get so sick from the Coronavirus.



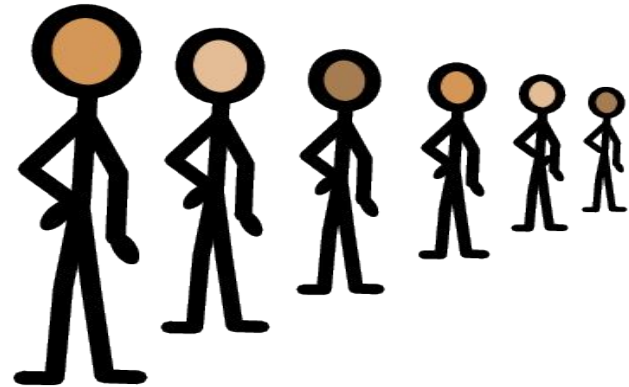
Getting the Coronavirus vaccine is one more important thing I can do to help make sure people don't get sick. But I've already done so much! And nobody *likes* to get vaccines!



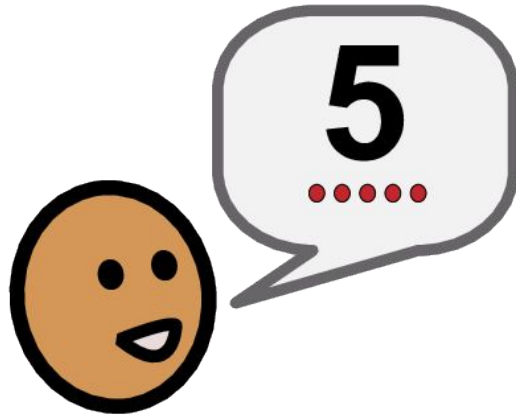
I have gotten other vaccines before, but this one feels different. The grown-ups are talking about these vaccines a lot and they seem excited. But I feel kind of nervous!



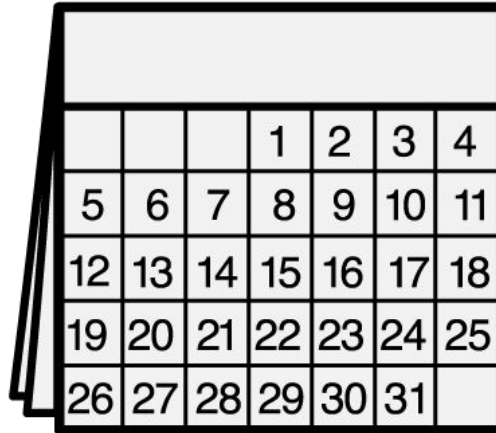
I usually get vaccines at my doctor's office. I know what the office looks like, and I know the people who work there. This time, I might go to my doctor's office, but I might go somewhere else. Wherever I go, a doctor or a nurse will give me my vaccine. They are experts at giving vaccines.



Getting the vaccine might hurt for a second. I can take a big breath and count to 5 and then it will be all done. Before we go home, my grown-ups and I will sit for a few minutes with all the other people who got the vaccine. I can relax, look at a book, play a game or tell jokes with my grown-up.



My arm might feel a little sore after the vaccine. I can tell my grown-ups if it hurts and they can help me feel better. In a few weeks, I will get one more Coronavirus vaccine so we can be sure it is working. I might still be nervous, but now I know just what to expect.



I still don't like getting vaccines, but I do like knowing that I am helping everyone stay healthier. I feel very brave! Now I can tell other people all about getting the Coronavirus vaccine.

