THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

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15 activities

5 questions/ chapter

Special Needs for Special Kids



These novel units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were non-readers. They were the best thing I ever did, and my students LOVED them.

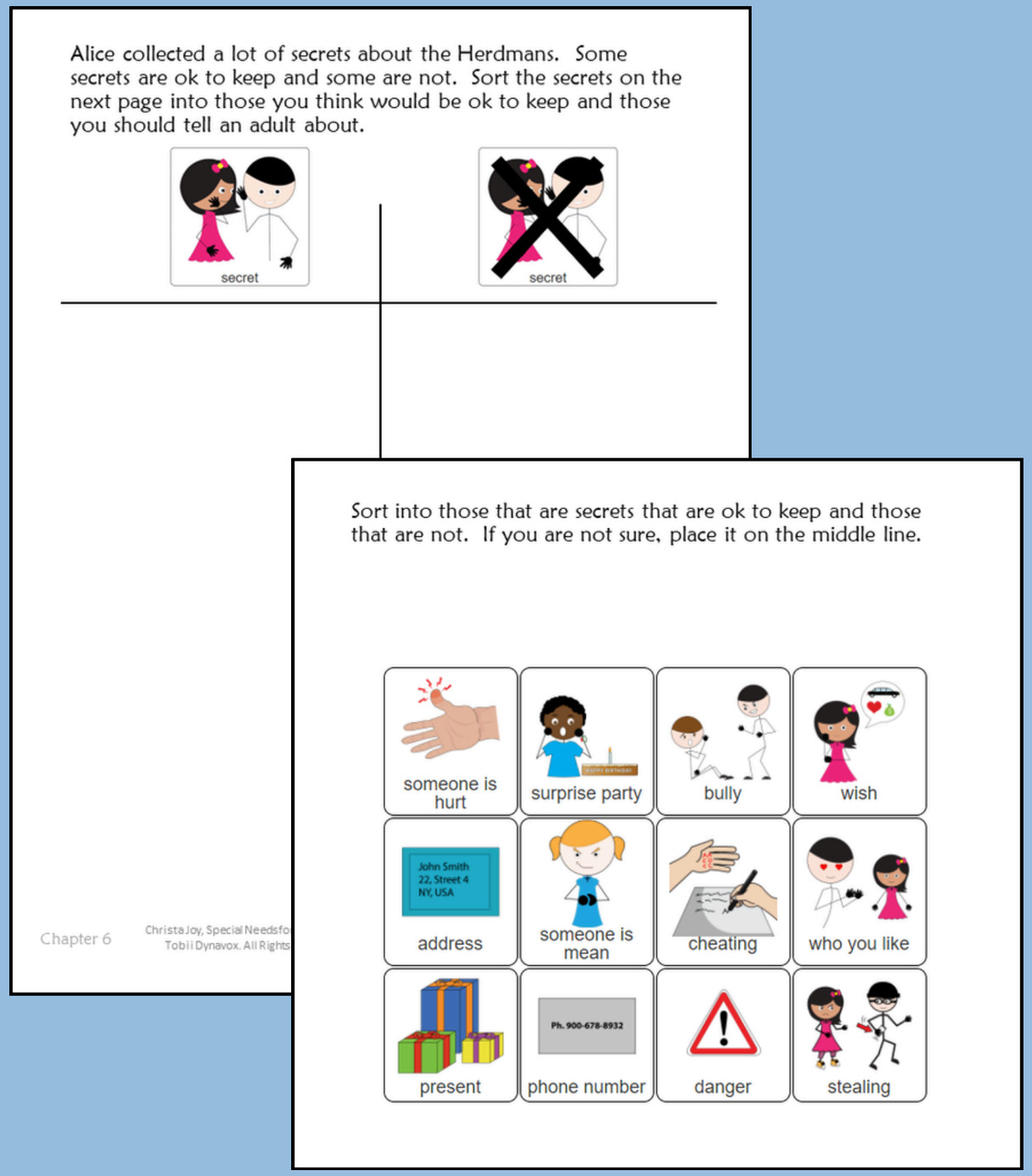
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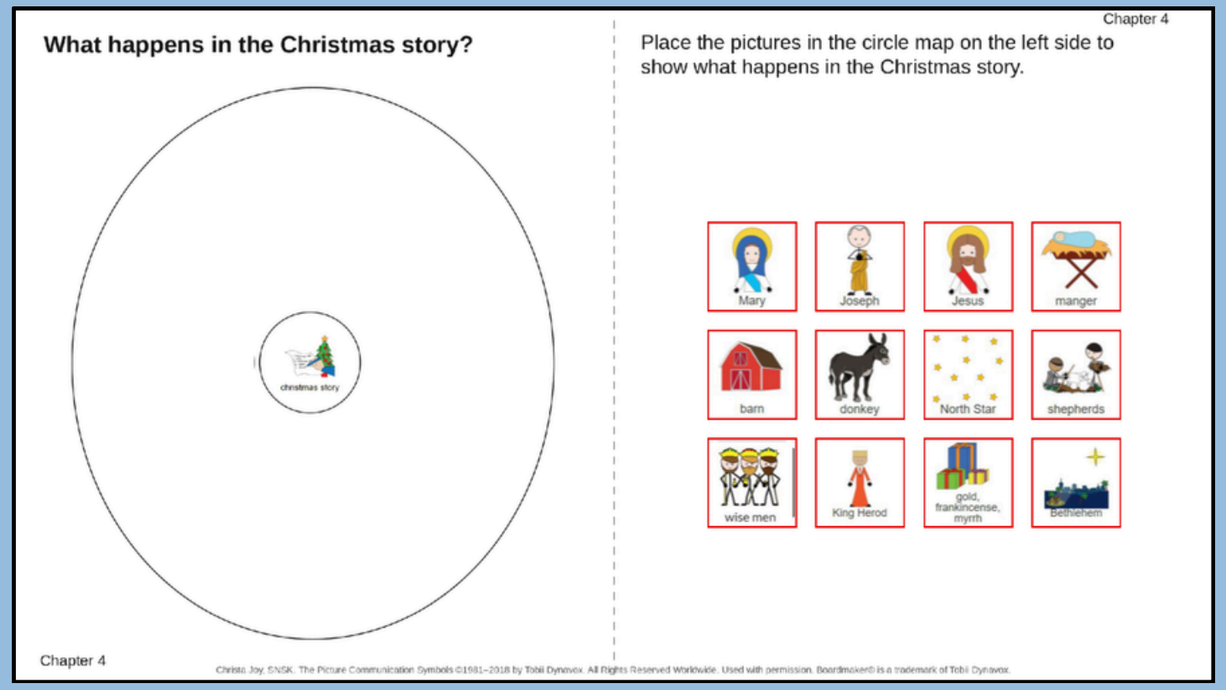
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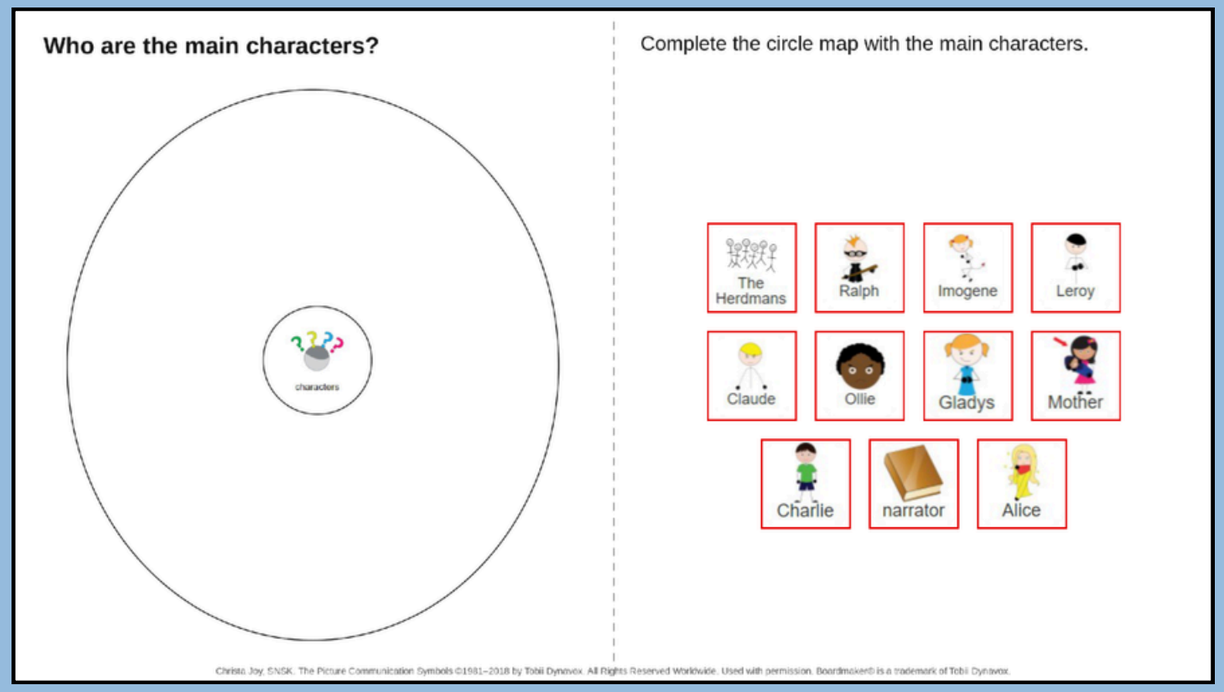
This novel unit has 15 different activities.

As you finish reading a chapter, choose an activity for students to complete.



For example, Alice collected a lot of secrets about the Herdmans. In this activity, students will sort secrets that are and are not okay to keep.

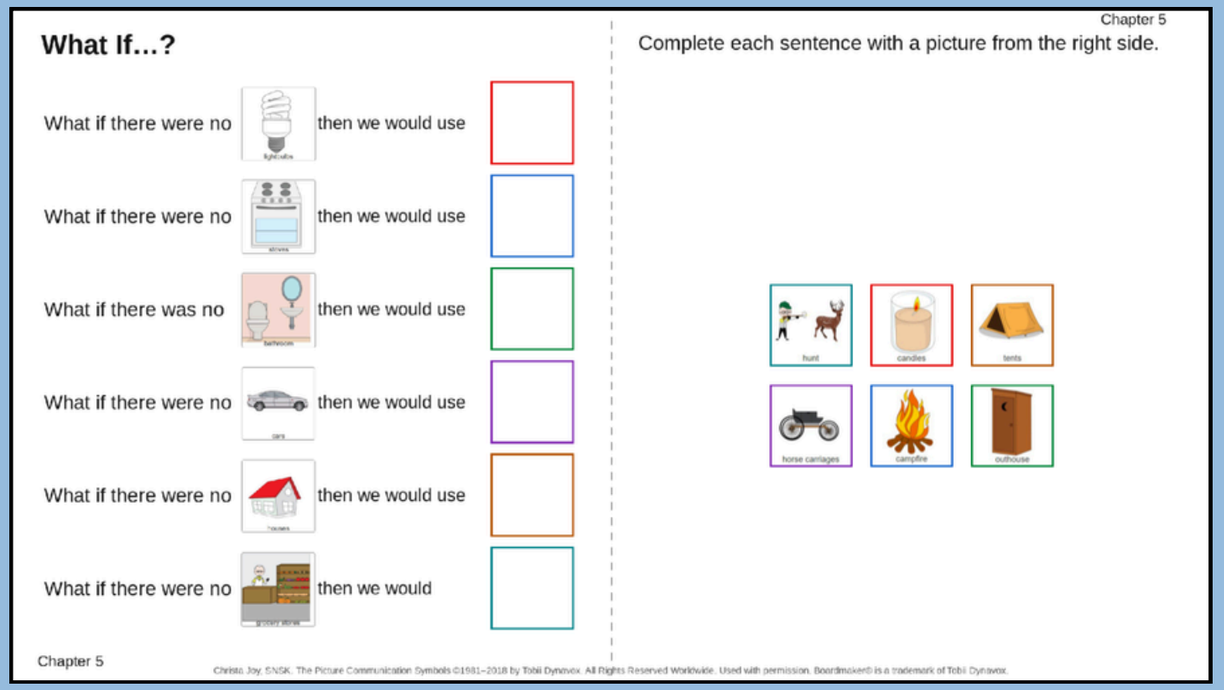


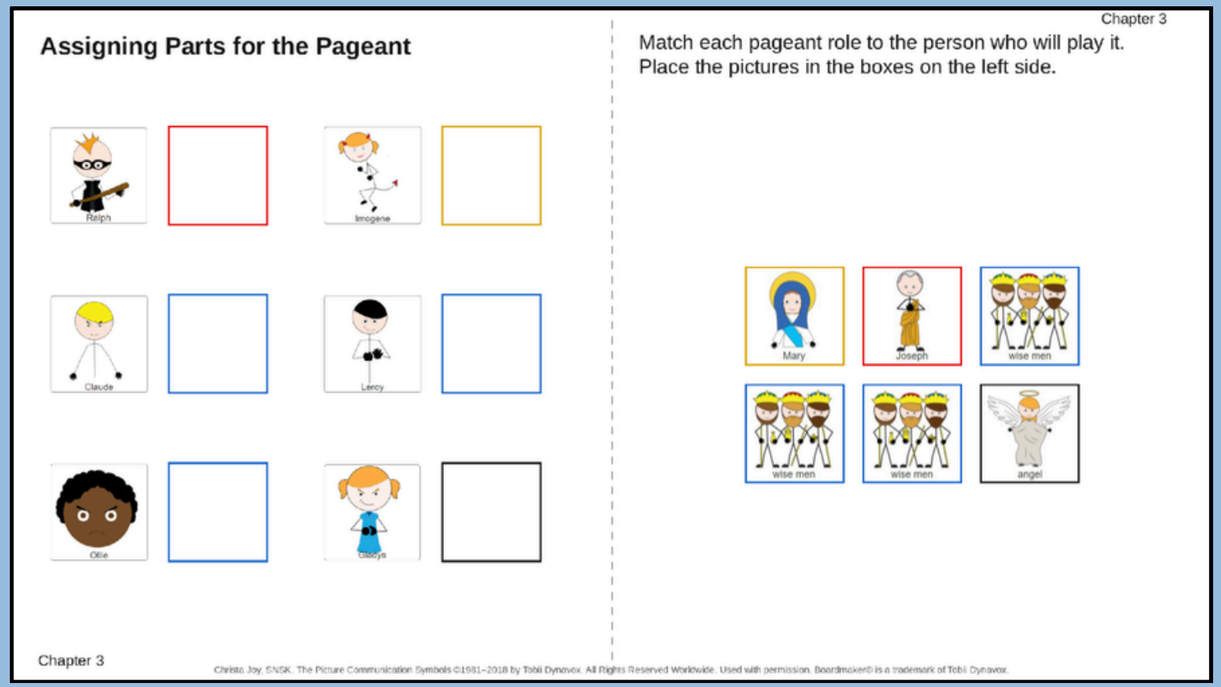




Activities and chapter questions come in a digital format as well.

The DIGITAL activities are designed for students to **move the answer pieces directly on the slides**.







A differentiated set of digital activities is also included.

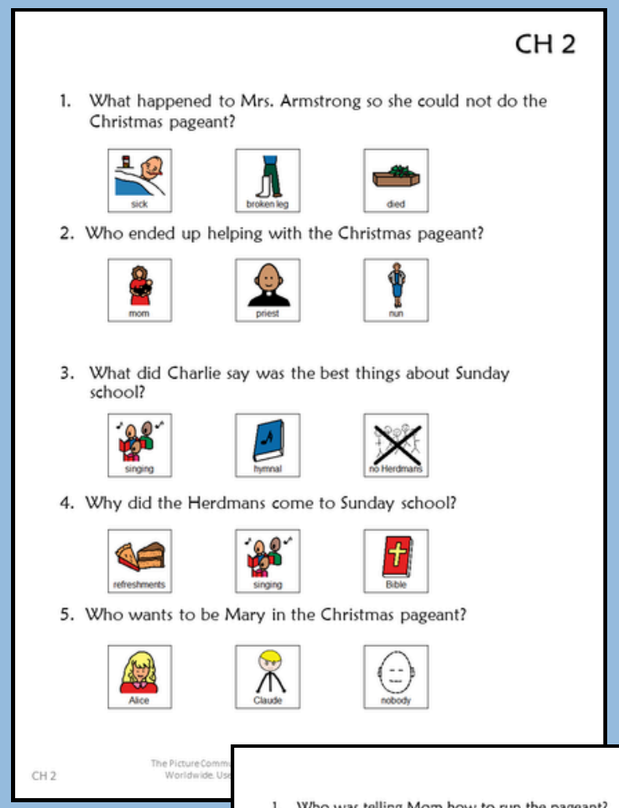
They use color coding or present an errorless option for students who need more support.

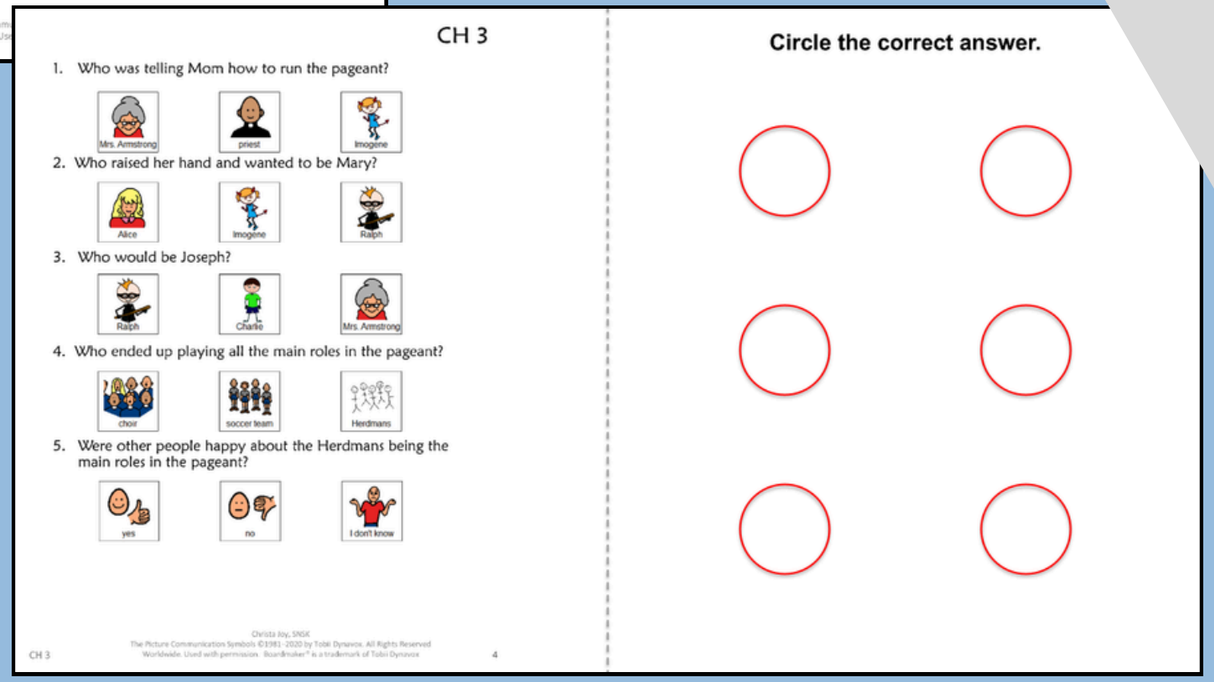
Each time you finish a chapter, there will be an activity your students can do.

The activity will relate to something that occurred in the chapter.

These are cut-and-paste activities supported by pictures, or you can assign them as click-and-drag Google Slides.

Optional: Quiz students' comprehension by having them answer five multiple-choice questions about that chapter.





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This unit does come with comprehension questions. There are 5 questions for every chapter. Each question has 3 picture choices. They are in color and black and white.

Answer key included!!

Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about ½ - 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the storyboard (pg. 5) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- Benefits of reading out loud, even to classes made up of severely affected students:
  - Teaches students to sit quietly even when there isn't something for them to do. This is a crucial life skill. We all have to spend time sitting and listening to someone we are not that interested in at some point.
  - Parents will LOVE you. Not only will they be excited that their child is being exposed to age-appropriate material, but you're also teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully carry over at home as well.
  - Even with your lowest-level learners, you will have 1 or 2 who will truly enjoy the story.
- It can be a calming experience to sit and listen to the teacher read methodically. For students who need more structure, place the number of Post-it notes in front of him/her that corresponds to the number of pages you intend to read. Remove a Post-it as you finish each page. The visual will help lessen their anxiety.
- You will find activities for most chapters. You will still have plenty to choose from, and you can find what fits best with your students.
- Differentiation:
  - For any activity, you can quickly differentiate for your lower-level learners by using a color-coding technique.
  - If sorting, outline each sorting category in a specific color and then outline the corresponding pictures in the same color.
  - Becomes a matching task.
- There are comprehension questions to accompany this unit. Each chapter has 5 questions with 3 picture answer choices. You will find these (in color and BW) in a separate file.

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Suggestions on how I found this activity worked best in my classroom are provided. I typically had 6-8 students with one adult assistant in the room with me.

My students loved doing these activities.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Novel Unit for Special Education

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This entire novel unit comes in 2 separate files. One is completely in color and one is completely in black and white.



This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with **participation and engagement** in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

We get to meet the Herdmans in this first chapter. Complete the circle map to show all the things we learn about these kids in the beginning.



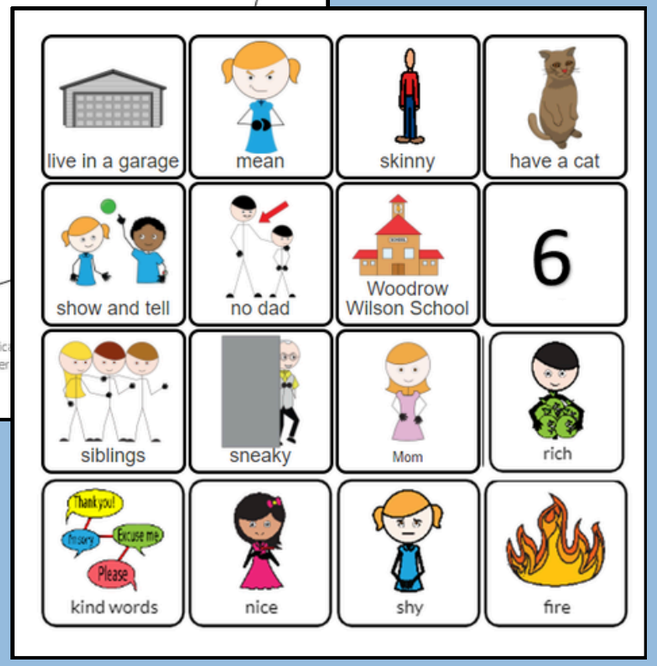
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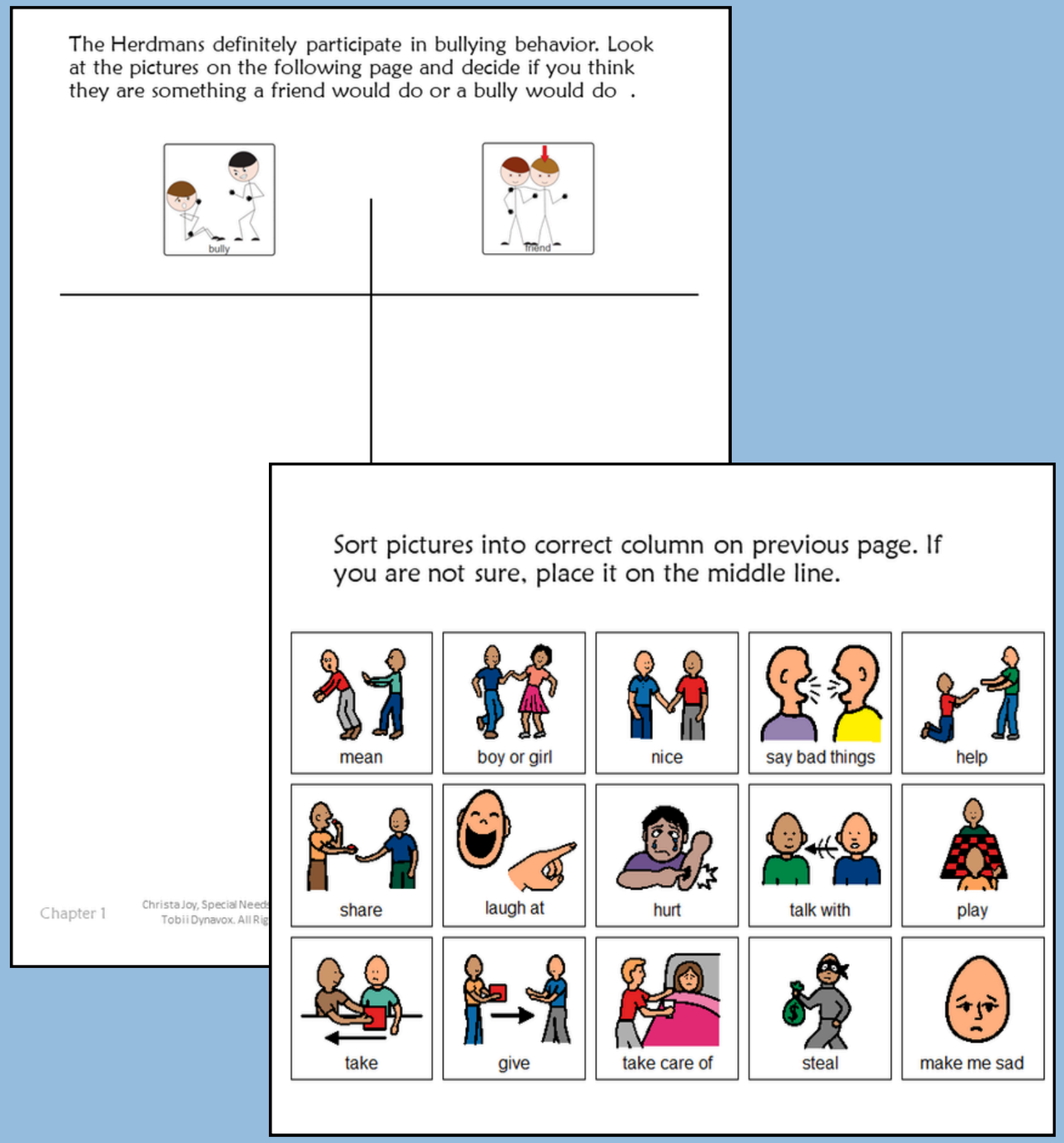
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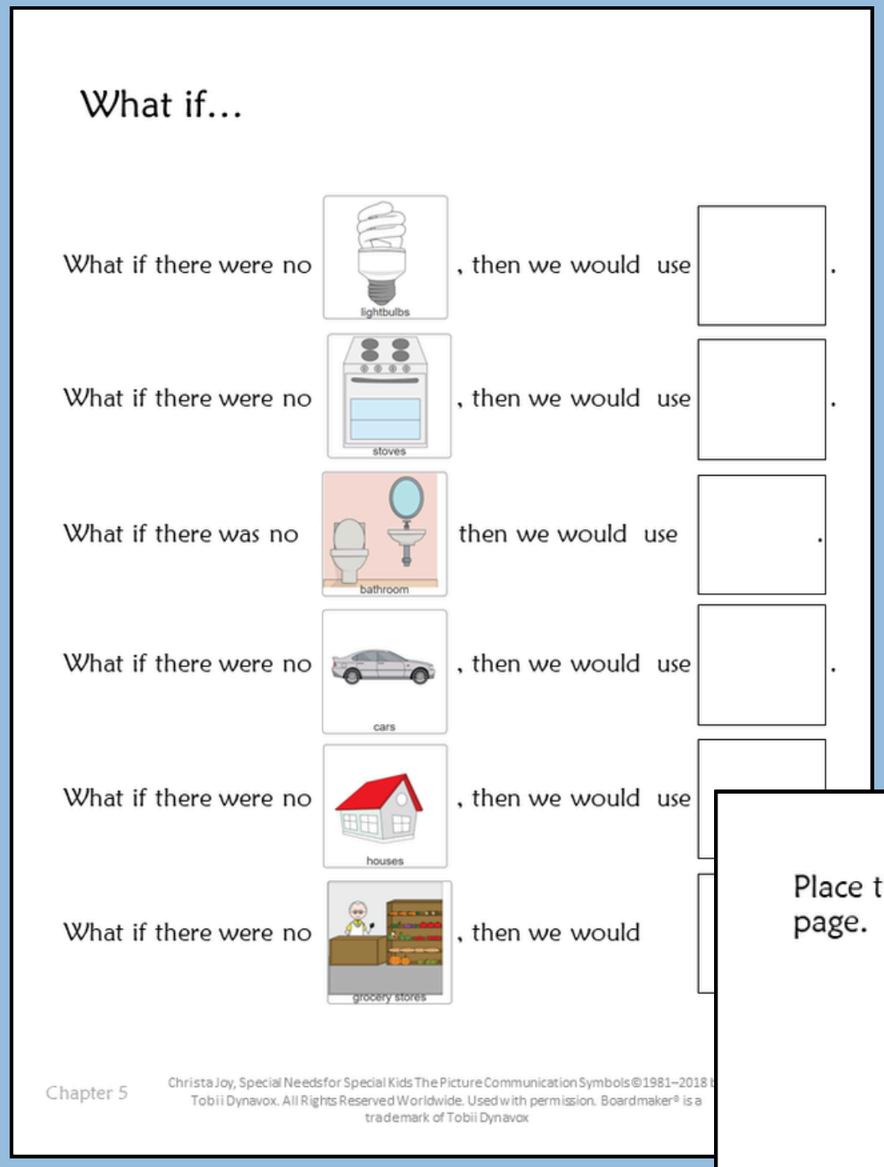


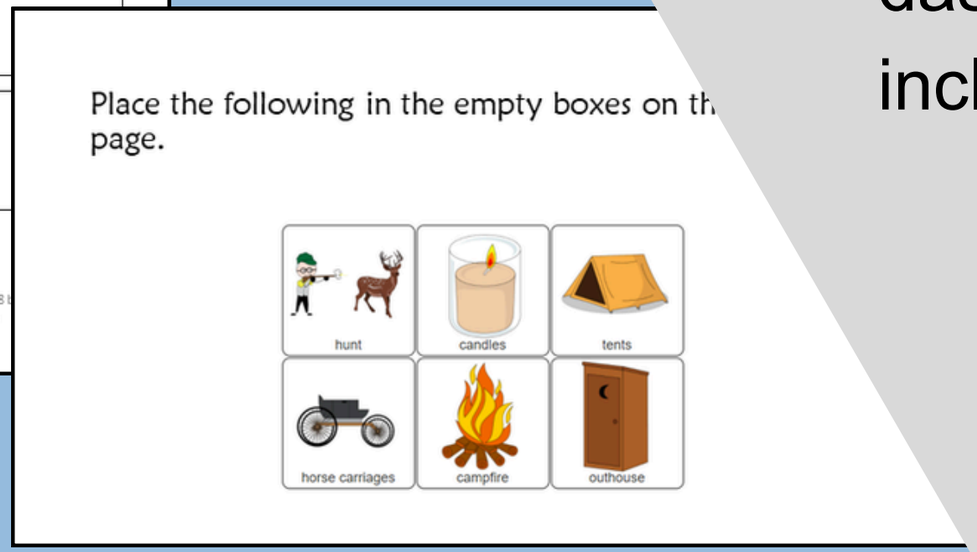
There are circle maps in this unit. Circle maps are a great way for students to see the big idea.



There are sorting activities.

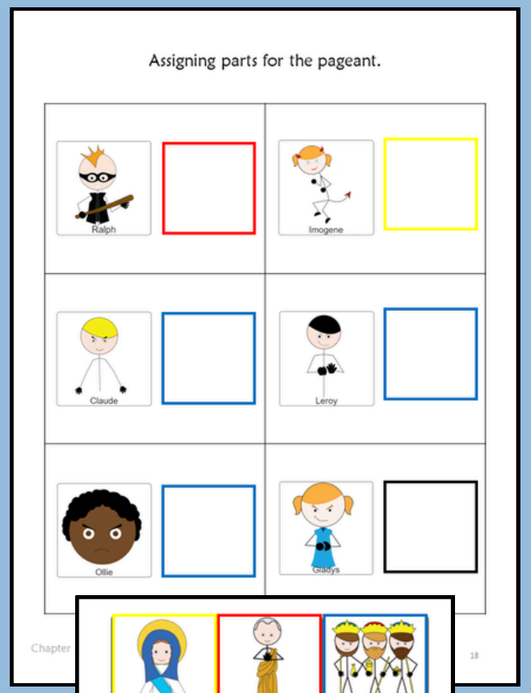
Directions on how to add color coding or a separate differentiated version is included.

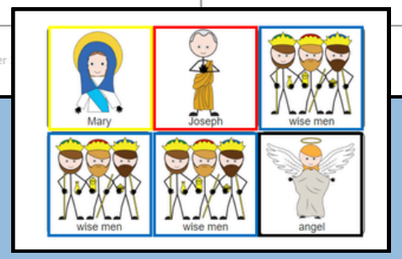


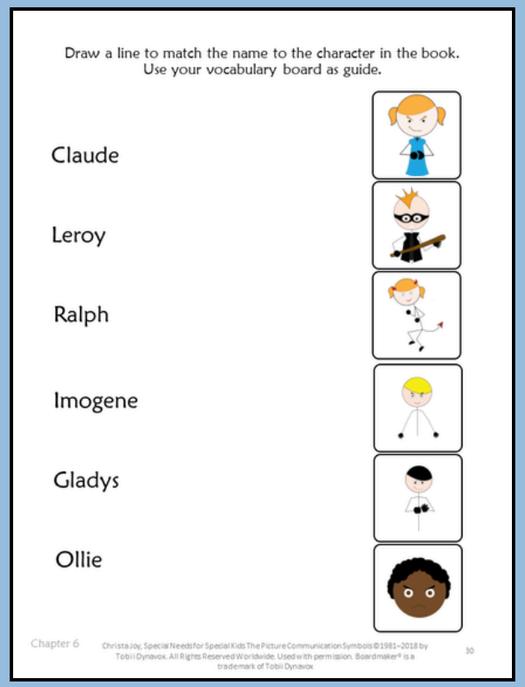


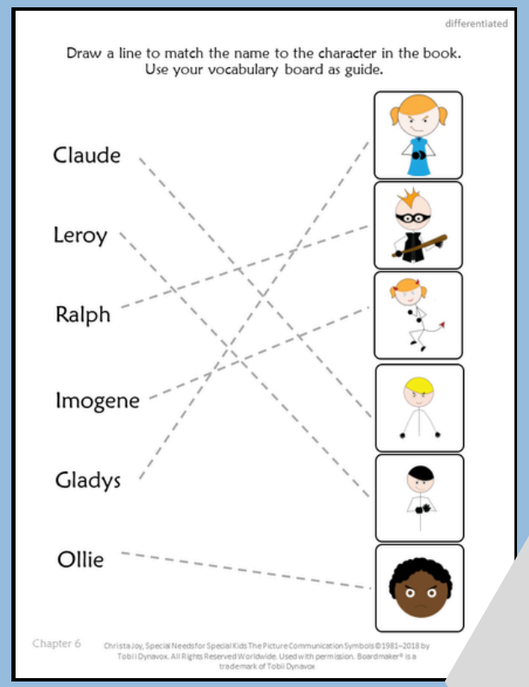
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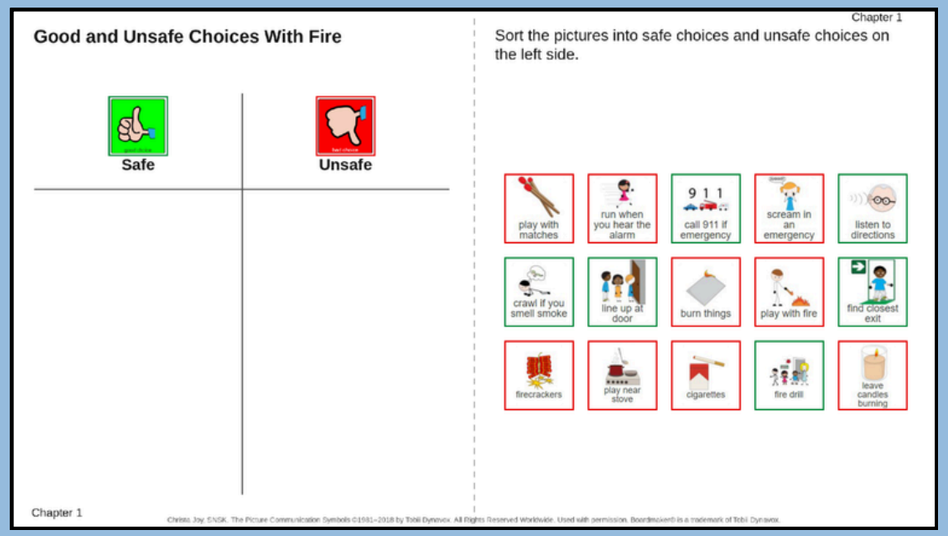
Differentiated versions with dashed lines to trace are included.

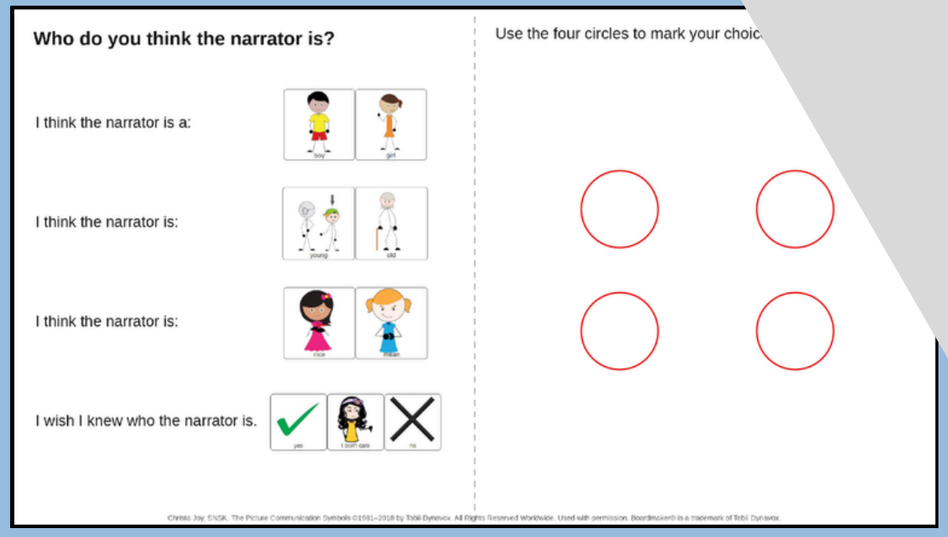












Because there are so many activities, you can choose the ones that fit your students the best.