

Introduction

FINALLY Matt and Molly return with 40 NEW stories!

Their goal is to show your students the right and wrong ways to act in a variety of social settings. With these new stories, your students will practice how to act at school, at home, with relatives, with other children, and in public places. Leave it to Matt and Molly to make social learning fun and concrete!

Children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder do not understand or like the “gray” areas of social interaction. When these students role-play the wrong ways to act, in addition to the right ways, they can divide the pictures in their minds into “black” and “white” (“If I act this way, it’s wrong. If I act this way, it’s right.”).

This book includes a homework sheet for home practice as well as a progress monitoring chart on page 28 for your convenience. In addition to social skills, your students will practice the following receptive and expressive language skills:

- Identify new vocabulary
- Use new vocabulary
- Process verbal information through matching sentences and pictures
- Answer *yes/no* questions
- Answer *who, what, where, when, how, and why* questions
- Categorize social behaviors into two groups: RIGHT vs. WRONG
- Take turns role-playing the actions in the stories
- Recall and retell the story through take-home activities

The routine and structure of this program, as well as its familiar characters, reduce students’ anxiety. Decreasing anxiety facilitates more compliant behavior, which increases the amount of learning time. There are enough stories to improve your students’ social and language skills each week of the school year!

This could be the school year that you just have too much fun! What *will* the other teachers and therapists say?

Oh, well – Let them talk! (Tee-hee!)

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