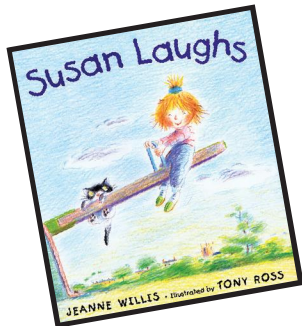


UNDERSTANDING YOU AND ME

INSIDE OF YOU, INSIDE OF ME

*Book: Susan Laughs*

written by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Tony Ross

Read this to the students before reading the book:

This is a book about Susan. Susan does a lot of things, but there is at least one thing that's hard for her. Watch and listen ... can you see what Susan does that you like to do too? What is it that's hard for Susan to do?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Susan like to do?
2. Raise your hand if you like to do any of the things you saw Susan doing.
3. What did we learn about Susan on the last page of the book? (If they don't know, you may want to look again.) Was that a wheelchair? Did we see her using her legs to walk or run in the book? (If children noticed her dancing with an adult you may want to show them that the adult may have been helping her.)
4. Did you know that Susan used a wheelchair before you saw her sitting in it?
5. Could you tell just by looking at Susan why she was using the wheelchair?
6. What are some things about you that people wouldn't know just by looking?

*Language Hint*

Some children may not have seen a wheelchair and may not know what they are for. You can explain that, "Some of us have strong legs that can carry us many of the places we need to go. Sometimes our legs need help and then we use strollers or wagons or cars or bicycles. Some of us have legs that need help a lot of the time and then we might need to use crutches or walkers or wheelchairs."

