

# Happy World Down Syndrome Day!

## Down Syndrome Facts

- Down syndrome is a genetic condition that occurs when a person has an extra copy of chromosome 21.
- This extra chromosome is copied and Down syndrome happens when a baby is formed inside his or her mom. It is not a sickness or disease—it cannot be cured. It is just a difference in the way he or she is created!
- People who have Down syndrome may need some extra support when learning to talk, walk, read, and write, but they can learn a lot of things just like anyone else.
- People First Language is preferred. An individual who has Down syndrome is a person first who happens to have Down syndrome. Therefore, we say “a child with Down syndrome” instead of “a Down syndrome child” It is also preferred to not use the term “Down’s child”.
- Many adults who have Down syndrome have jobs and live independently. Some marry, and some go to college.
- God has created all people in His image, including people who have Down syndrome.

I praise you because I am  
fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

-Psalm 139:14



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