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GRIFFIN'S
AUTISM JOURNEY

EACH STEP FORWARD IS WORTH CELEBRATING

Most days, Griffin's parents couldn't sleep until after midnight.

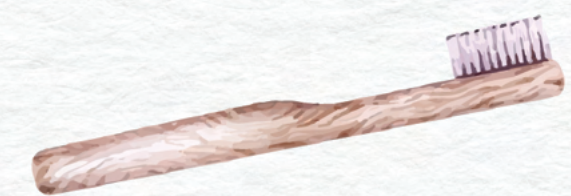
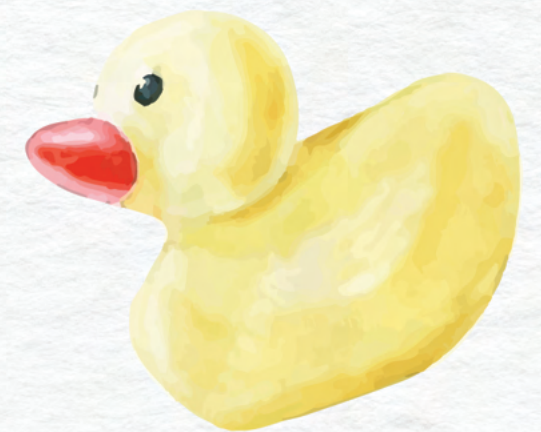
For hours, they would try to help their son go to bed, but no matter what they tried, many nights would end up with the whole family feeling exhausted.



Griffin was non-verbal and had trouble communicating his needs to others. He needed help understanding and following one-step directions, like sitting down or picking up a toothbrush.

When he was frustrated, he would spin around, flap his arms up and down, or throw toys around the room.

Griffin's parents knew that they needed a helping hand to ensure that bedtime really meant that it was time to wind down and get some rest.



He began seeing an ABA therapist named Taylor. Almost immediately, the two formed a connection.

Through Taylor's guidance, Griffin worked on his communication skills, and over time it was clear that the rapport they built was leading to positive change.



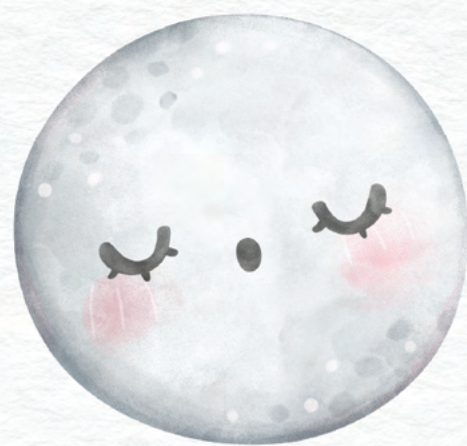
“He became calm and enjoyed interacting with Taylor in his newly structured environment,” said Griffin’s mom, “He began to repeat words, point out colors, count, sing, recite his ABCs, sit down, and even follow simple directions.”

His mastery of these skills continued to grow with time.



“As Griffin’s ABA journey unfolded, he not only overcame obstacles but flourished – showcasing remarkable progress and embodying the essence of resilience and growth,” said Taylor, “Griffin can now focus for two minutes, follow multi-step instructions, respond to his name, maintain eye contact, and ask for things he wants.”





Griffin continues to meet with Taylor for ABA therapy. Together, they're working to achieve more of Griffin's personal growth goals.

Taylor is helping Griffin to master on his fine motor skills, match similar objects, and take turns while playing games with peers.

When looking back on Griffin's progress, Taylor said, "It is a testament to the incredible strides he has made."

His remarkable progress is a beacon of determination and growth, highlighting that the journey may be ongoing, but each step forward is a triumph worth celebrating."



Griffin's parents are also celebrating. These days, the family can almost always count on a full night's rest.

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We want to dedicate this Story of Hope to our staff, the hard-working parents who put everything into helping create a brighter future for their children, and the children like Griffin, who continue to discover more about the world and themselves daily.



While all the stories in this book are true, names and identifying details have been changed to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the people involved.



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