



## **The Kids on the Block Program on Dwarfism**

**Featuring: William Morgan and Brenda Dubrowski**

William Morgan is a spunky "almost" 11 year old who is about three feet tall. He explains to his friends that this is because he was born with a condition called dwarfism. William wants his friends to understand that for him having dwarfism means he will do all the same types of things his friends will likely do, finish school, go to college and have a regular future. The only thing he won't do is get much taller.

**The Kids on the Block Program on Dwarfism** was designed to introduce children and adults to achondroplasia, a common form of dwarfism as well as some the issues William has encountered as a small person.

In developing the curricula, The Kids on the Block, Inc. received guidance from medical professionals as well as members of Little People of America, District 12. Script material covers the fact that there are different forms of dwarfism, the importance of interacting in an age appropriate manner with a small person, teasing, family issues, home adaptations and career stereotypes.

The complete curriculum consists of large hand-crafted puppets, four scripts, follow-up activities, and resources.



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# Script Summaries

## Patrol Buddies

Brenda is shocked to learn that William Morgan is almost 11 years old and not one of the day care kids she usually helps to cross the street. William explains that he has dwarfism and does not like being treated like a baby. Together, Brenda and William talk about the future, his plans for school, career and raising a family someday. **(William, Brenda)**

## Valentines

It's Valentine's Day and William receives a gift from a "secret admirer." Brenda tells William that the "admirer" wants to know more about him. William explains that it is best to be asked directly, but he agrees to answer some questions. Issues of William's family, their home and its adaptations, his possible occupations, marriage and children are unveiled, as well as the identity of the "secret admirer." **(William, Brenda)**

## The Baseball Team

When William's new coach, Mr. Tuttle, decides to eliminate him from the baseball team just because he has dwarfism, William is quite upset. Through role-playing with Brenda, he calms down and carefully explains why he should be allowed to play baseball. He talks about his glove and bat made especially for him and of his positive experiences on the team in his former neighborhood. **(William, Brenda)**

## A "Little" Confused

When Brenda rushes to greet William with the latest issue of "Star Special," she is surprised he does not automatically plan or want to be a clown or in the movies. William explains that the possibilities for his future occupation are very vast and he wants to have a job which he enjoys and is good at, regardless of his size. **(William, Brenda)**

**NOTE: After each script, the children in the audience are given the opportunity to ask their own questions directly to the puppet characters.**

**The Kids on the Block**, created in 1977, features life-sized puppets who, through the magic of live puppet theatre, teach children and adults about disabilities, medical and educational differences, and social concerns. Through the hard work and dedication of many community-based groups, **The Kids on the Block** puppets are able to touch the lives of people all over the world.