## With 1 in 54 children on the autism spectrum, every community is touched.

For many, autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong condition. Each person has unique strengths and challenges, which can include difficulty with social interaction, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. A faith community can be an extended family that embraces and nourishes its members with compassion, support and hope. At Autism Speaks, we work with communities to create more accepting and understanding support systems that include schools, employers and places of worship.



## autism speaks Blue Blessings

A faith-based autism-friendly guide

The Blue Blessings guide offers recommendations and resources to promote a more autism-friendly membership. By starting the conversation about autism, trying some sensory-friendly adaptations and expanding your existing programming for people with different abilities, your faith community can become a safer, more welcoming environment for children and adults on the autism spectrum. Let's create a kinder, more inclusive world – starting with your faith community.

## **GET YOUR FREE BLUE BLESSINGS GUIDE TODAY**

- Create an autism-friendly place of worship
- Explore conversations with leadership
- Support an inclusive faith community
- Learn more about autism and Autism Speaks

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