



JOURNEYS

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## WALDY NODS

Waldy grew up in the Netherlands with his mum and dad. His mum was white and his dad was black, some people were upset that two people who were different to each other had fallen in love, but Waldy's mum and dad knew that being different can be a good thing.

At that time there were people called Nazis who thought that being different was bad. They tried to hurt a lot of people who were different to them. Waldy's mum and dad ran a small hotel. When the Nazis started to hurt Jewish people, because they were different, Waldy's mum and dad let them hide in their hotel.

Waldy understood how it felt when people were mean to you because you were different to them. Sometimes people called him names because his skin was a different colour to theirs.

One day the Nazis came to Waldy's mum and dad's hotel and found the people who were hiding there. The Nazis were angry and took Waldy's mum and dad away. The Nazis put Waldy's mum and dad into camps where they had to work. Waldy's mum died in the camp and Waldy's dad was killed.

Waldy was looked after by his uncle for a little bit, but then his uncle became worried that the Nazis would find him so he sent Waldy to live with people in the country. At first people did not want to care for Waldy because his skin was a different colour to theirs, but someone looked after him and he survived.



This is a picture of Waldy with his Mum and Dad:



Waldy was very happy when he was a little boy, he grew up with a mum and dad who knew that it was OK to be different and welcomed people who were different to them into their home.

Waldy's life became sad when people began to be mean to each other because they were different.

Waldy hopes that we will understand that it is OK to be different and have happy lives.

