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He came home from our neighborhood with a big bleeding bruise on the right of forehead. My eyes widened at the sight and empathized with his tearing eyes. He was at the park and somebody had thrown a glass bottle at his face. I was only seven and he was twelve. He has mild autism and he is my older brother, Matias. He is perfect in my eyes. He plays sports and he can walk fine. If you were to see his walking on a street you would have no idea that he is disabled. His disability, however, shows when talked to. He has social difficulty. In other words, he is just very shy and slow at understanding certain things. So why, I ask, does he deserve to be bullied by so many naive children just because of one little difference? One day I was walking my dog at the park with my mom. We saw Matias and a couple of this "friends" across the park. They had been riding their bikes around the neighborhood and had stopped at the park for a while. I watched as they grabbed Matias's helmet, spit in it, throw it back at him, and ride away calling him, "retarded" and "looser". This was so hard for me to see. I felt my heart shrivel up like foil inside of me. The words and actions said and done by his "friends" affected him greatly. They made him insecure. He would have fits of frustration and he would call himself retarded, stupid, and weird. He would say over and over, "I don't know what's wrong with me, I have a problem with my brain, it doesn't work". I know how much words or actions can hurt somebody. I have witnessed it. Imagine if these cruel people had not said what they had said, not done what they had done. Imagine how much happier my brother would be. He wouldn't have to worry about "why his brain doesn't work". He wouldn't have to stress; he could live a better life. This kind of struggle happens to kids everywhere, everyday. All you have to do to prevent this is to think before you act. Sounds easy, right? Well, it is. Just think about what you are going to say or do. Will it cause harm to the person? If it will, then don't say or do it! Think about what you will gain from that action, nothing. You will gain absolutely nothing and the other person will be defeated, that person's life and self worth will be affected because of that one thing you said or did. Is it worth it? Even though people have their differences, we are all people and should focus on what we have in common. No one deserves to be bullied, especially about something that they are born with. Somebody has to put an end to the cruel behavior done by thousand of children in the United States, and it starts now.