

THE TWO TREES
Extension Activities
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1. What is autism? Here is an animated video that explains it well:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fy7gUIp8Ms>
2. Plant a tree in your front or back yard and watch it grow! You can get evergreen tree seedlings at your local garden centre or home improvement store.
3. In the book, Syd, the brother with autism, has an amazing collection of minerals and dinosaurs. Start a collection of things YOU are passionate about!
4. Syd mentions five minerals in the book: amethyst, apatite, malachite, hematite, and pyrite. Investigate these by buying or borrowing a book about rocks and minerals, or research them on the Internet. Make a chart listing each mineral's colour, how it is used, and where it is found in the world.
5. Syd mentions five dinosaurs in the book: ankylosaurus, diplodocus, stegosaurus, tyrannosaurus, and triceratops. Investigate these dinosaurs by buying or borrowing a book, or research them on the Internet. How big is each dinosaur compared to a human? What other interesting facts can you find out about them?
6. Find out how to make a bug catcher here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yli7wRSEk7c>
7. Find out how to make two kinds of catapults here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpLFC_SOpXs
8. Here is a good video on bullying.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynTuA_tIzDE
9. Brainstorm ways you can be a good friend to someone on the autism spectrum.

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