

## Lesson 1: A Chronically Ill or Disabled Child



### Vocabulary Practice:

<p><b>Chronically</b> - (esp. of a disease or something bad) continuing for a long time.</p>	<p><i>Mr. George is resigning because of chronic heart disease.</i></p>
<p><b>Disable</b> - to make something or someone unable to act in the correct or usual way.</p>	<p><i>Thieves disabled the museum's alarm system.</i></p>
<p><b>Unable</b> - not able</p>	<p><i>I was unable to find a pay phone.</i></p>

**Dialogue Reading:**

*She needs love*

**Rose:** Gail, where is mommy?

**Gail:** No mommy.

**Rose:** Tim, where is your mom?

**Tim:** She is outside. I think she is going to Gail's doctor.

**Rose:** I see. I think I will just wait for her here.

**Tim:** Ok. Gail, it's time for you to take your vitamins.

**Gail:** No vitamins.

**Tim:** Gail you have to take this because this will make you strong and healthy, you want that right?

**Gail:** (nodding)

**Tim:** Ok, say ahhh. Very good! I love you.

**Gail:** (smile and hug her brother)

**Rose:** You really love your sister, don't you?

**Tim:** Yes, I really love her because she is my only sister and Gail is unable to do the things that she wants to do. So I have to take care of her and help her.

**Exercise:**

*Answer the following:*

1. What is chronically?
  - a. something that happened once
  - b. something that continues for a long time
  - c. something that has never happened before
2. What does it mean to disable?
  - a. to make something or someone unable to act in the correct or usual way
  - b. to stop working
  - c. to make someone or something feeling bad
3. What is unable?
  - a. cannot be used
  - b. not functioning
  - c. not able
4. What kind of adjustments might a parent need to take to deal with a disabled child?
5. How can you help this child grow up happy and well -loved?