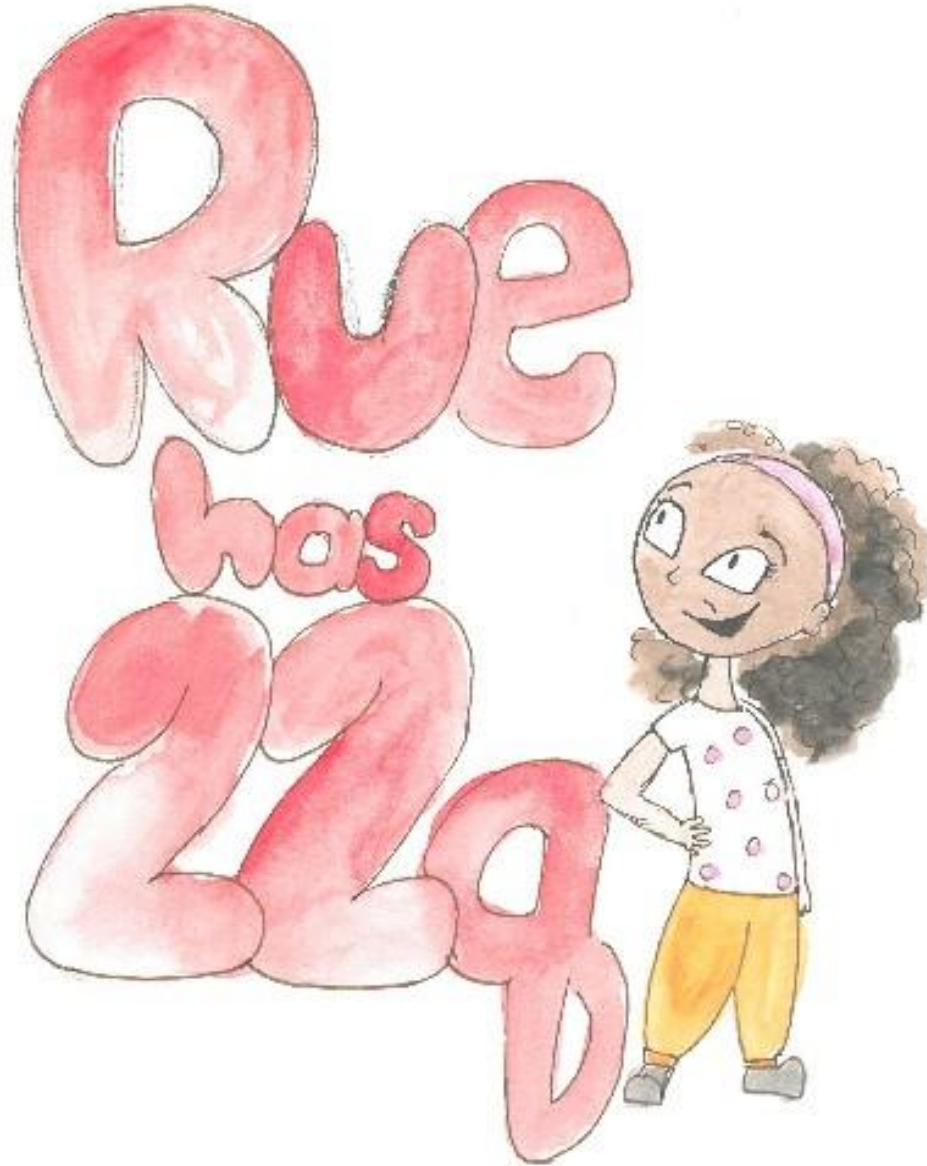


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This is Rue. She is an artist.

She paints.

She draws.



She mashes and squishes clay.

Rue likes to make animals.
Especially giraffes.



Rue has 22q.
What's 22q?



It is not like a cough or a cold.
It does not go away over time.

We all have a recipe, wound into teeny tiny string.

We cannot see it with our eyes.



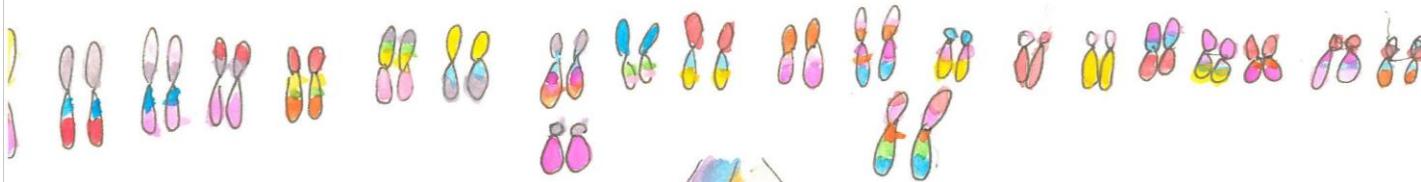
It is smaller than an ant and a grain of sand.

Our recipe tells our bodies how to grow.

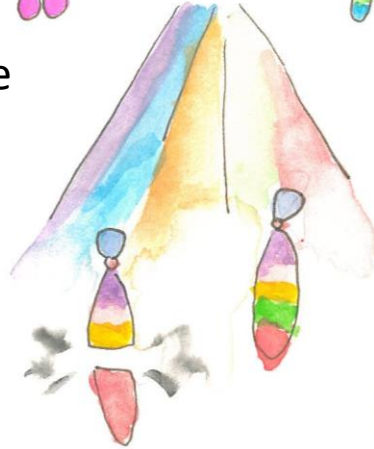
It tells us what color our eyes and hair will be.



It tells us what size shoes we will wear, and whether we will be short or tall



Sometimes, steps in our recipe are missing.



Children like Rue are missing piece 22q.



Missing piece 22q can cause many different changes in our bodies. It may cause many changes, or just a few.