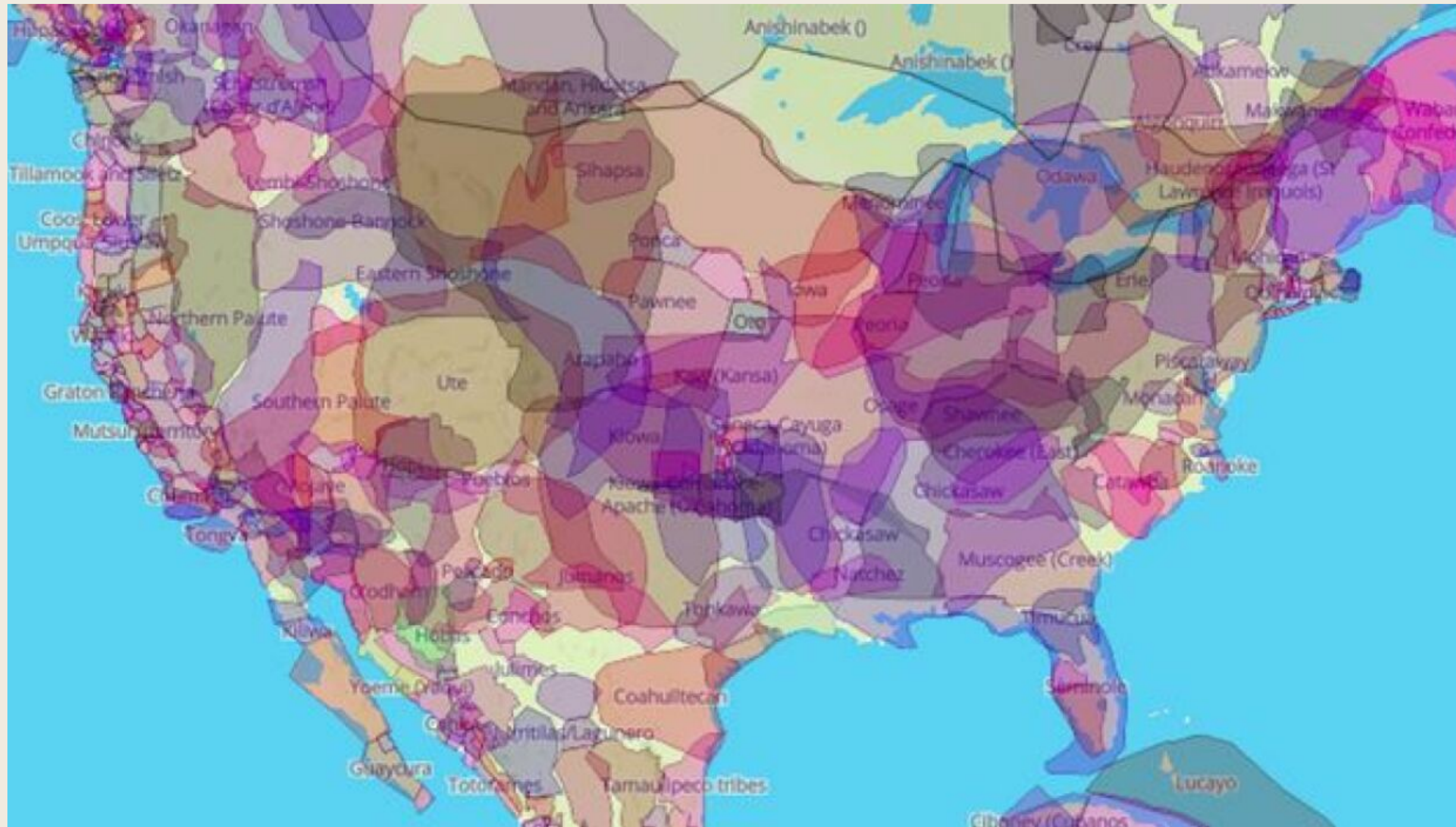

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THE INCLUSIVE ATRIUM

NEURODIVERSITY AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Kusso People's Land
North Charleston, SC

African Ethnicities

Mbundu

Yoruba

Igbo

Bakongo

Fon

Mende



Elizabeth Vice

- White-passing (Cherokee)
- Neurodiverse (autistic)
- Loves Jesus
- Southern
- Highly educated
 - Montessori Educator
 - Anthropological Theologian
- Married
- Mother of two
- Economically stable

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Image Description: Black and white image of Elizabeth. She is in profile facing the sun and smiling with her eyes closed.

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BRAVE SPACE INVITATION

BE BRAVE. SERVE THE WORK. TAKE GOOD CARE. CULTIVATE BELONGING.
CREATE BEAUTY AND EXCELLENCE IN ALL THINGS.





Session 1

Disability Theology
What is Neurodiversity

Session 2

Hi, I'm Neurodiverse
Church Response Options

Session 3

Nitty Gritty Talks
Nuts and Bolts

Image Description: Video of a child using scissors to cut yarn for the first time. Adult holding the yarn is joyful and encouraging. Background is a table with geography materials. Beside it is a child and an adult assembling the Walls of Jerusalem material.

Anchor

I have come to give life with joy and life.

I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.

I have come that they may have life - life in all its fullness.

Compass

Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.

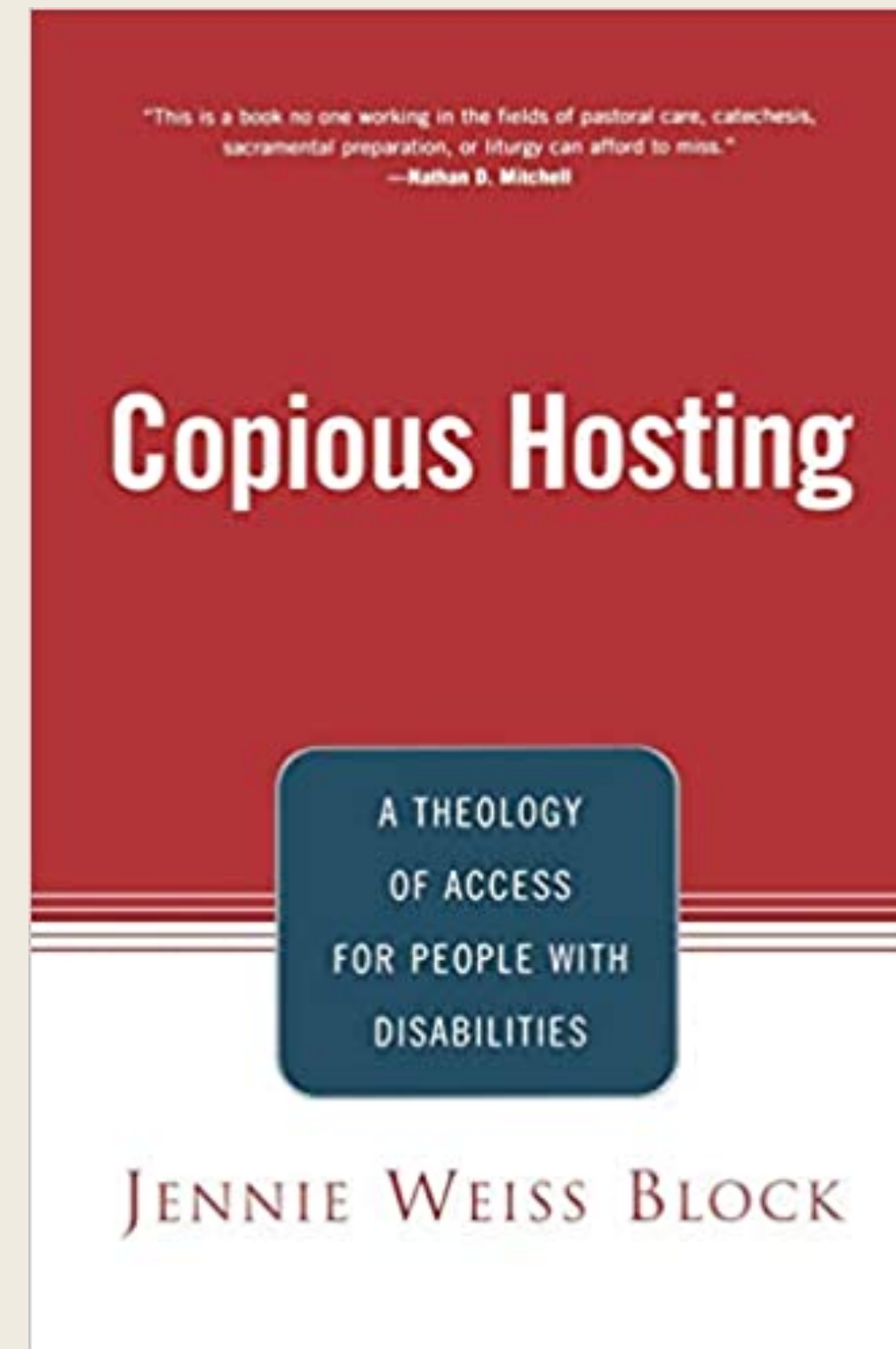
Theology of Disability

Everyone will be healed when they get to heaven.

Everyone will be whole when they get to heaven.

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People with disabilities are not specially gifted to be in communion with God. This is often the narrative that adults place on people with disabilities. But, we are people who may catch a glimpse of God from our different vantage point and uniquely share it with those around us.





Neurodiversity

Naturally occurring divergence in information processing.

No way is better or worse (as with all disabilities)

Neurodivergent experiences are heavily dictated by other people: stigma, prejudice, discrimination

Image Description: Two Black children's hands placing puzzle map pieces onto a control map of the Holy Land.

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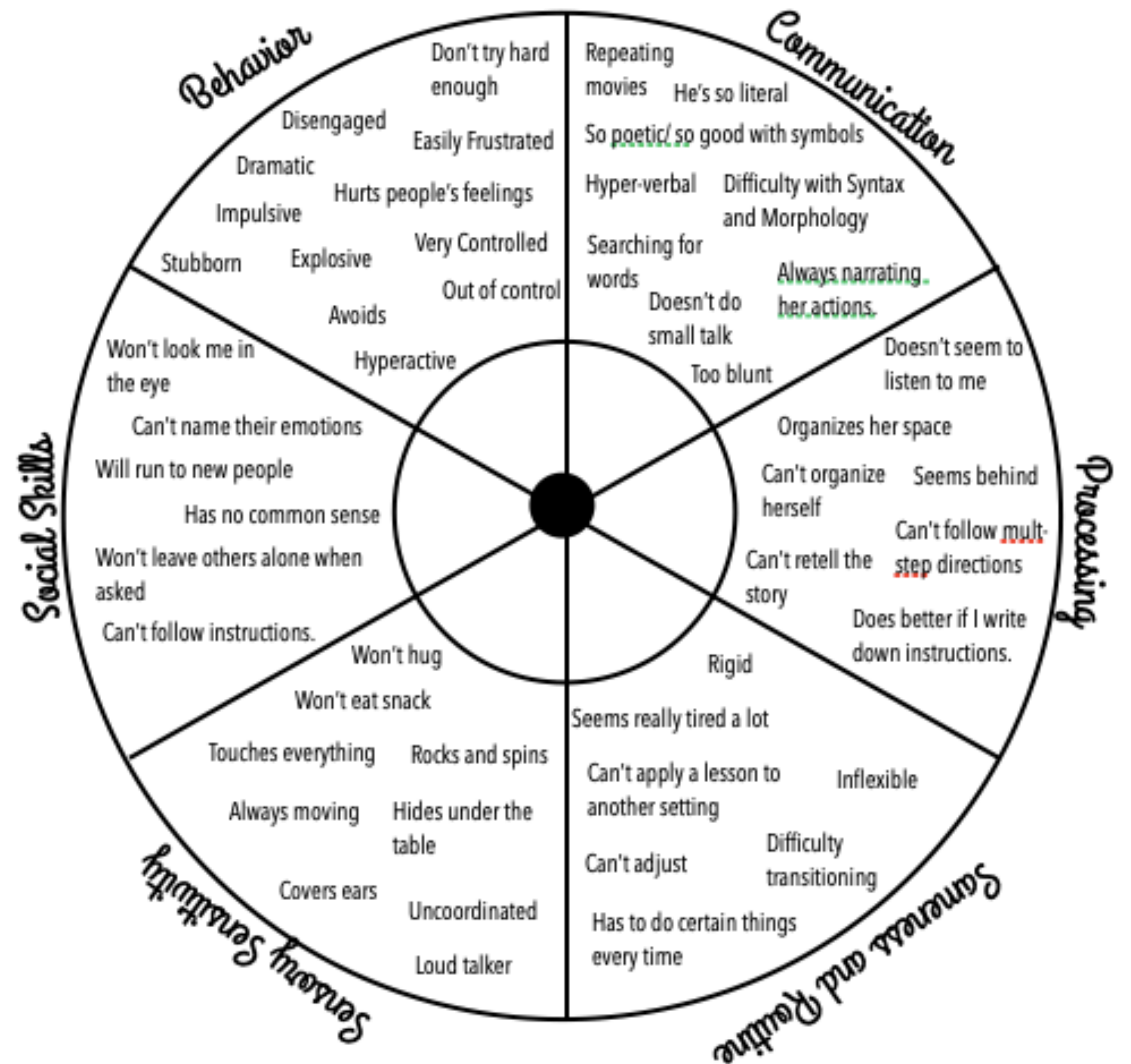


Examples

ADD/ADHD	Echolalia
Angesis/dysgenesis	Fetal alcohol syndrome
Anxiety	Hyperlexia
Aphasia	Intellectual disabilities
Apraxia	Meares-Irlen syndrome
Autism (ASD)	Multiple sclerosis
Auditory processing disorders	OCD
Bipolarity	Parkenson's
Cerebral Palsy	Prader-Willi syndrome
Depression	Sensory processing disorders
Developmental language disorders	Synesthesia
DiGorge syndrome	Trauma
Down syndrome	Non-specific
Dyspraxia	Foster care
Dyslexia	Abuse
Dyscalculia	Violence
Dysgraphia	Tourette's syndrome
Epilepsy	Williams syndrome

Perceiving Neurodiversity

Clue words



Perceiving Neurodiversity

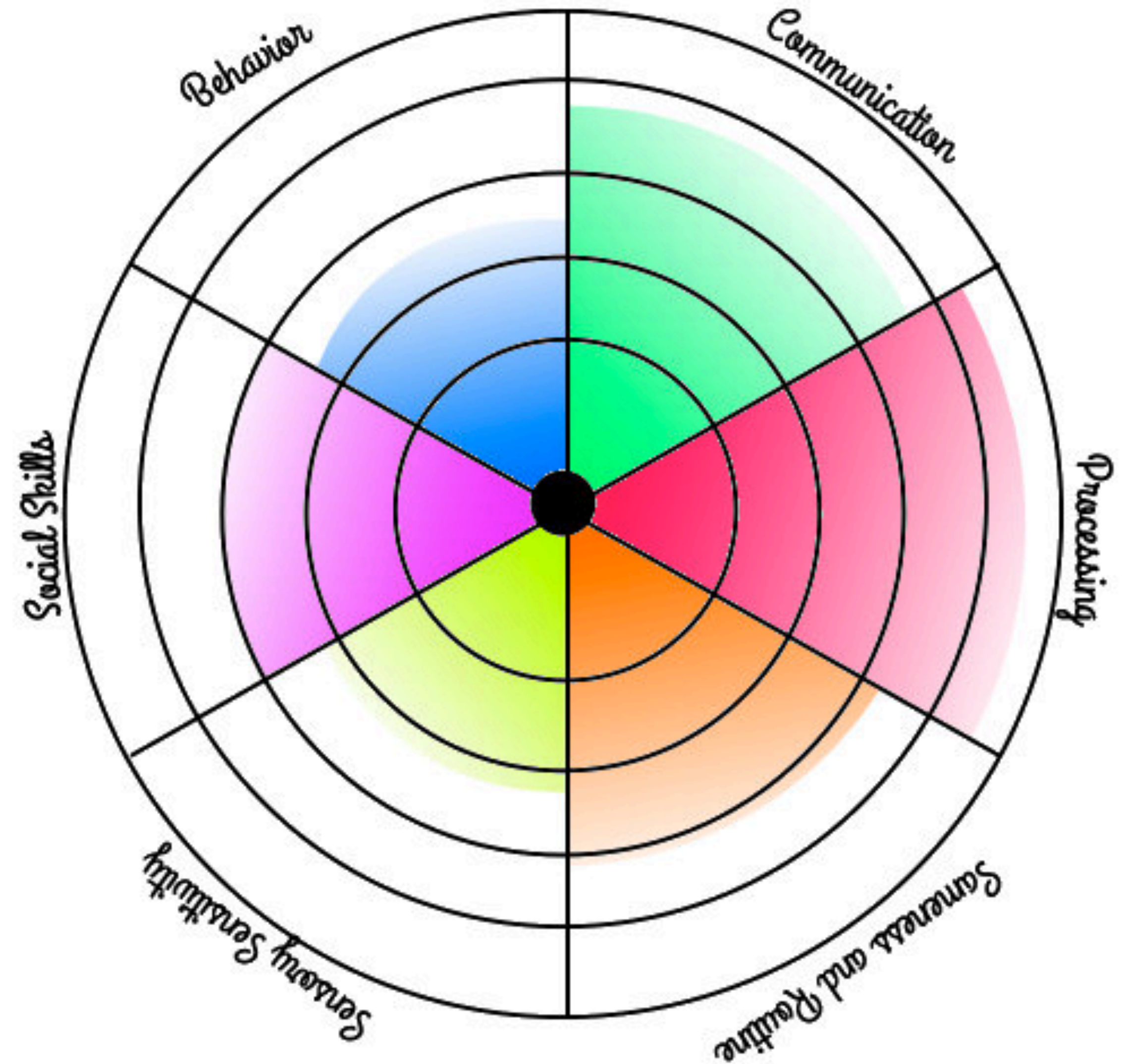
But you seem so normal.

You're an acquired taste.

You see the world differently.

I don't know how to work with you.

Why did you take that literally.



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Elizabeth loves to have conversations about encouraging children to thrive in their Christian development - cultural inclusion in the atrium, home-bound children, neurodivergent children, faith-seeking families, and pondering how catechists can adapt our expectations and norms to provide ways for Jesus to profoundly meet with the children and adults whom may challenge our preconceptions.

