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A Treasured Gift

What do you see when you look at me?  
Do you only see me fidget?  
Do you only see I cannot sit still?  
Do you only see that I can't play quietly?  
Do you only see me running and climbing and I cannot stop?  
Do you only see I talk non-stop?  
Do you only see me going, going, going?  
Do you only see I can't wait my turn?  
Do you only see me interrupt?  
Do you only see me try to answer before you have finished asking the question?

Will you hold my hands still?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>
Will you tie me to my chair?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>
Will you keep me from running and climbing?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>
Will you cover my mouth?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>
Will you hold me on your lap and not let me get up?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>
Will you make me go to the back of the line?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>
Will you smack me for interrupting?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>
Will you make me be quiet?	<b>STOP THAT.</b>

Help me. Show me. Love me.

***I will gently hold your hands.***  
***I will let you get up and move around. (I will not tie you to your chair.)***  
***I will let you run and climb outside at recess but not in the classroom.***  
***I will help you find a "study buddy".***  
***I will tell you how I want you to act.***  
***I will teach you how to wait your turn. (I will not smack you.)***  
***I will watch over you so you don't hurt yourself or others.***  
***I will not yell "STOP THAT" to you.***  
***I will show you that I love you.***

***You will learn that you are a treasured gift and that you are loved.***  
***You will learn, and so will I.***

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