Some children with special needs perceive sensory input in different ways and may be unable to verbalize discomfort. Remember that all behavior is communication. Always keep a lookout for these differences and think about what the child’s behavior is communicating to you. In a religious education class, a child may have difficulty understanding some concepts; but when those same concepts are presented in a game or hands-on art project, they make more sense. 5. Be Consistent. If a set of rules is presented to the group, apply those rules consistently to everyone. Years ago I signed up my son for a preschool martial arts class. On the first day, the instructor explained to students and parents that if a child was having any type of behavior issue, he would ask the parent to sit with the child. Some children may be reluctant to include their peers in conversations or in playground activities. A lack of understanding can result in hurtful remarks or bullying. The high-school students also attend special classes with SEN students all through the year, so they can get to know and appreciate each other. Some of the high-school classes include a few students who have specific learning difficulties. They might help the teachers who are teaching the SEN students, or visit special needs centres outside the school where they join students in activities, bringing gifts and library books. This community service is required by the Ministry of Education in Lebanon, which asks high-school students to do 60 hours of community service.