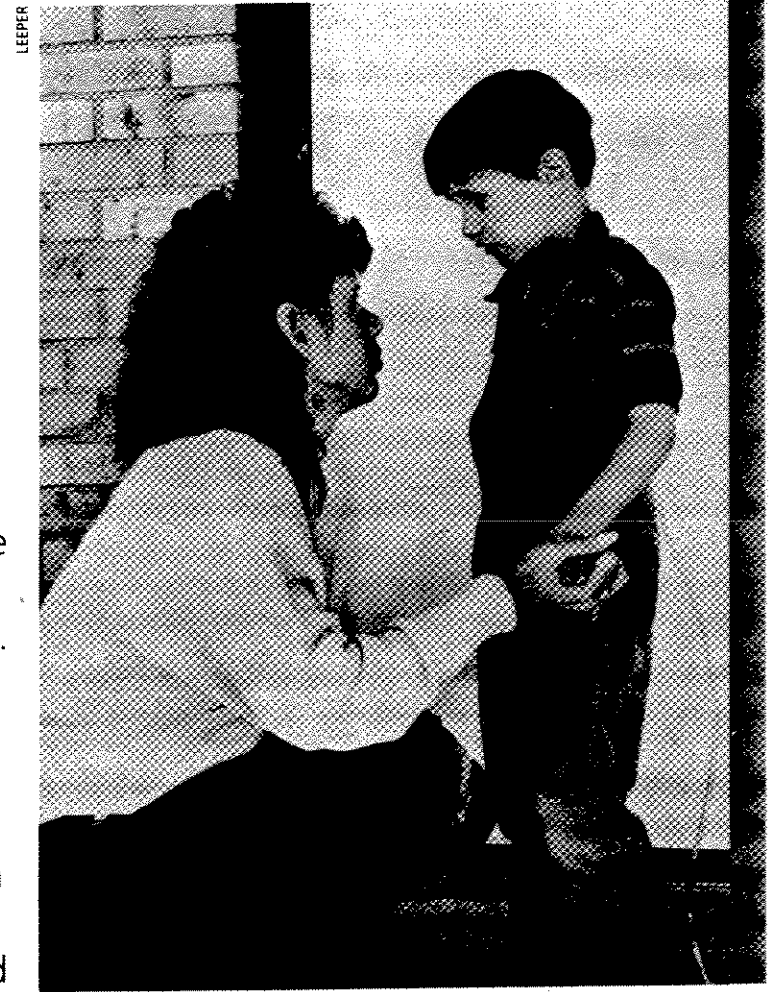




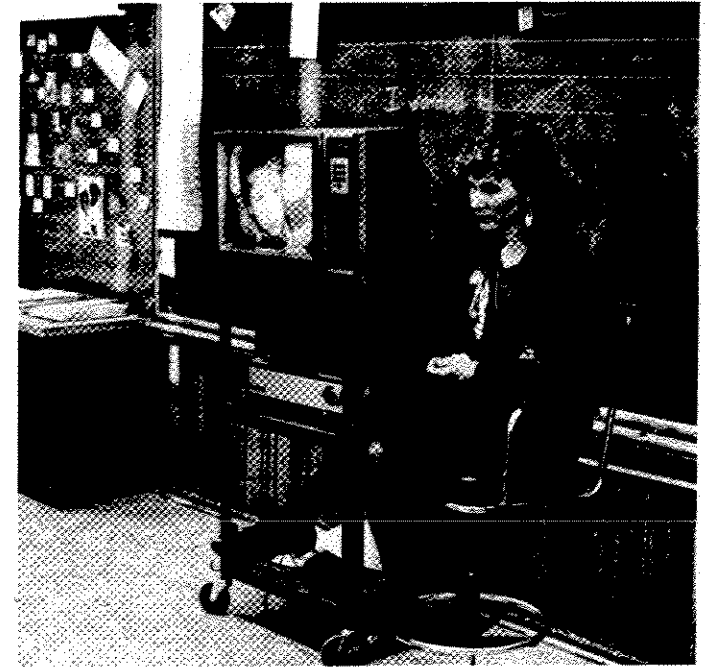
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Hi! My name is Jonathan. You might have seen me on television because I have AIDS. It seems strange that people I've never met know me. They know me because AIDS is a disease that is getting a lot of attention.

When my mom found out that I had AIDS, she was very sad. She began to study about it. She asked my doctors to explain it and she read everything she could find. She knew that the other children wouldn't catch AIDS from me. My mom said I had the right to go to school since I wasn't a danger to the other children.



My mom went to meetings to help other parents understand that their children wouldn't catch AIDS from me. It was hard for my mom, but she thought it was important.



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I love my mom. I think she is brave. She stood up for me.



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It's OK for my mom to hug me. When she does, I feel safe and loved. It would be awful not to feel loved.

