

CYRUS

PIPELINES2 Persona Series

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Cyrus is a 3 1/2-year old boy who lives with his parents and his older sister, Rose who is in first grade. Both of his parents work full-time and rely on extended family members to help care for Cyrus and Rose. Some days, Cyrus spends time with different relatives, such as his paternal grandmother, aunt, or maternal great-grandmother, and doesn't see his sister until their father picks them up in the evening twice a week. Cyrus also attends a college-based childcare center three days a week, where he participates in a preschool program.

Cyrus is highly energetic and coordinated. He enjoys running, climbing, and jumping, and has strong fine motor skills, which he often expresses through activities like art and puzzles. He also has a deep interest in nature, particularly bugs, and loves to explore the outdoors. Pretend play is another of his favorite activities, especially acting like Spiderman, where he uses his imagination to create superhero scenarios. Cyrus thrives in one-on-one interactions with his sister Rose and with adults but also enjoys being in small groups.

At home, Cyrus' primary language is English, though his extended family speaks both English and Spanish fluently. While Cyrus understands both languages, his expressive language is still developing, which sometimes makes communication difficult for others to understand. He tends to raise his voice when speaking, and some of his words are unclear. His sister Rose often will let others know what he is saying when others do not understand him. Cyrus is affectionate, polite, and always sensitive to others's feelings, offering help or comfort when he notices someone is upset.

Cyrus faces some challenges with transitions, often becoming upset of running away when changes occur abruptly. Recently, his family has become concerned about his safety as he has started running into the street or parking lots without understanding the danger. He also struggles with social boundaries, often being overly affectionate with strangers, and has difficulty distinguishing between familiar and unfamiliar people. Cyrus is supported by his large extended family, who play an important role in his care and provide him with a nurturing environment.

