

# WHEN HIS ROBOT SAYS IT'S TIME FOR BED, HE LISTENS

## meet CHERYL & GARY

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## takeaways

- this family saw results in as soon as a week
- the child began responding when spoken to
- the child listened to the robot more readily than to people

## ABOUT CHERYL & GARY

Cheryl and Gary are the parents of a 5-year-old boy with autism. They've been using the MOVIA HomePal system for two months, since June 1, 2021 and immediately began seeing results: "Our child benefited from it within a week."

## THE CHALLENGE

Diagnosed at age two and a half with autism, sensory processing disorder, and overall global development delay, Jack (name changed for privacy) primarily struggles with focus, as well as interacting with people, stimming, and vocal stimming. He also has an arachnoid cyst underneath the skull.

## HOW MOVIA HELPED

Cheryl and Gary began using their MOVIA Kebbi HomePal twice a day, once in the morning and once at night, for twenty minutes at a time. In the evening, they mostly have the HomePal read Jack his favorite books, using the Multi Speech feature. One of his favorite books, *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*, asks questions, so when the HomePal reads "What color were his shoes?" Jack interacts by responding with the answer and is very engaged. Cheryl and Gary add, "[Jack] responds very well to Kebbi, and it's been life-changing and life-altering..."

When Jack first met his HomePal robot, he was very excited, enthusiastic, and interested, calling the HomePal his friend from the very beginning. Cheryl and Gary had prepared him by showing him a Kebbi HomePal video which he wanted to keep watching; it generated his interest and set an expectation to expect a new robot friend. "As soon as the Warmup started during the first session, [Jack] stood up right away and started doing it; it blew our minds away!"

Within the first week of using the HomePal, Jack was able to go to bed on his own. Within two to three weeks, he was brushing his teeth, a radical turnaround, since they'd been struggling with toothbrushing for at least two years. As Cheryl and Gary remark, the HomePal has "helped tremendously with life skills, like brushing teeth. Now he's a lot more engaged in doing that, almost independently. He'll ask to brush his teeth now which he never did before. That was a great goal that we met." Jack became more verbal through use of the robot, responding when spoken to, especially when asked how he is, when before he would never respond when family members asked him questions. Another milestone was the HomePal helping Jack to go to bed; after the bedtime story, Cheryl and Gary have the robot say it's now time to sleep, and Jack immediately goes to bed and lies down. In the past, Jack wouldn't listen when his parents told him to go to bed, but he listens to his HomePal. "It's been very helpful, it's been remarkable, and I think it's the best investment we've made for [Jack]."

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