



Red A Crayon's Story



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A blue crayon that is labeled red learns about how important it is to be true to yourself.



Think while you read...

- How does Red feel when he tries to draw red things like strawberries?
- What makes Red a blue crayon and how does he discover his real color?
- I wonder: is it alright for Red to color things that are not blue?



Talk

Can each item be used the same way if it were a different color?

I wonder: by just looking at the color of each item, does it let you know all it can do?

Does the color on the outside make each item more special than if it were a different color?

Can boys and girls use all of these items? Does the color of the item make a difference?

Play

Collect items around the house that have some of the same colors in the story. Examples: red toy, blue book, orange box, green sock, black top, brown bag. Make two groups of the items: one group that is soft and one that is hard. Now make two different groups: one group that is fun to have and one that is something you need.

Write

Draw and label pictures of three things you love, using different colors. Talk about why you chose these things, and tell me if they would be just as special in other colors.

Connect

Watch this video with an adult: Understanding Disabilities Talk about how the way we look on the outside doesn't show all of who we are or show others what we can do.





Make Connections

Paper chains are fun to make and you can hang them on a wall or tree as a decoration. As you're working on this activity, think about what you learned from this book: What did you learn about identity, acceptance, friendship, and being true to yourself?

Materials Needed:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Glue

Directions:

- Use a regular piece of paper and cut it into at least eight skinny strips.
- Write one word on each strip that shares something you learned from the story.
- What words come to mind?
- What words do you want to remember from this story?
- Draw a design on each strip using different colors from your crayon box.
- Fold one of the strips into a circle.
- Glue the ends together to form a ring.
- Take the next strip and slip it through the ring that is already glued together.
- Fold the new strip into a circle.
- Glue the ends together to form a ring.
- Continue adding all of the strips until your paper chain has all 8 colors.

