



Book Activity Sheet

A Color of His Own

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A chameleon is sad because his colors are always changing while the colors of the other animals stay the same. One spring the chameleon meets another chameleon. They decide to stay together, so that no matter what color they become, they will always be alike.

Things to Talk About:

Identifying Animal Colors:

Ask children to name different kinds of animals they know, and list their responses on chart paper. Then have the children name the color or colors that each animal may be. For example:

Zebra = black/white

Cardinal = red

Frog = green

Primary Colors vs. Secondary Colors:

Young children are typically familiar with the three primary colors of red, yellow, and blue. These colors cannot be made by mixing any other colors. When two primary colors are mixed together, they make secondary colors. Yellow and blue mixed together make green. Red and blue mixed together make purple. Yellow and red mixed together make orange.

Alike vs. Different:

The two chameleons in the story were happy because they would always be alike. Ask your child to describe how he / she is similar to his / her friend. After comparing things that are similar, ask your child to explain to you how he /she is different than his / her friend.

Activities to Try:

Colorful Handprints

You Will Need: Be sure to have washable tempera paint in three primary colors: red, yellow, and blue. Each child will need one large piece of white construction paper. Soap and water will be needed for washing hands once the experimentation is over.

What to Do: Teach children about mixing colors to create new colors. Paint one of their hands one primary color and the other hand another primary color. Help the kids make handprints in the upper left-hand corner and the lower right-hand corner with each primary color. Then have the children rub their hands together to make a new secondary color. Help the children make two handprints in the center of the paper to show what happens when the two original primary colors are mixed.

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2. Color Collages

You Will Need: old magazines, scissors, glue or paste, tag board or construction paper

What to Do: Have each child choose his or her favorite color. Pass out old magazines and have each child find pictures of animals, foods, or things that match his or her favorite color. The kids can cut the pictures out and glue them into a display on the tag board or construction paper.

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