The Crayon Box that Talked

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Activity Packet
We Can Get Along

Listen to this song about how we can work together to get along with one another. Copy and paste the URL below in your browser and then you are ready to listen.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D08pYuDioOc

*We are a box of crayons that doesn't gel along.*
Said Blue to all the others,
*Something here is wrong!*
One Crayon Drawing

Needed Items:
- piece of paper
- one crayon

Draw a picture using your one crayon and piece of paper.

- How did you feel about only being able to use one crayon?
- How would your picture be different if you had been able to use many different crayons?
- How do you feel when you are alone?
- How are things different when you have family and friends to support you?

Recreate Your Picture

Now use all the colors in your crayon box to create a picture.

“We are a box of crayons each one of us unique. But when we get together... the picture is complete.”
Recycled Crayons

Needed supplies:

Broken crayons
Muffin tin
Foil cups to line muffin tin
(the wax will stick to paper cups)

Directions:

1. Gather up your old crayons and unwrap them.
2. Break your crayons into pieces.
3. Preheat the oven to 250.
4. Put the foil cups in your muffin tin.
5. Fill the cups of your muffin tin with a 1-inch-thick layer of crayon pieces. Do one color in each cup, or mix all the colors together to create rainbow crayons.
6. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the wax has melted. Stay close by to keep an eye on things.
7. Allow the crayons to cool and harden sufficiently, then pop them out and they are ready to use.
Colorful Snack

Needed Items:
Strawberries
Oranges
Pineapple
Green grapes
Blueberries
Purple grapes
Skewers

Place all of the fruit pieces on your skewer and enjoy a colorful snack. You can also just put the fruits pieces in a bowl and have a nice fruit salad.
Crayon Poem

Learn this crayon poem with actions.
Have Fun!

Five Little Crayons

Five little crayons colored a scene. (Hold hand up)
Yellow, blue, orange, red and green. (Wiggle each finger)
“Look,” said Yellow, “My sun is bright!” (Move yellow in a circle to make the sun)
Blue said, “Great! My river’s just right!” (Wiggle blue back and forth to make a river)
Orange said, “Flowers! I’ll draw something new!” (Wiggle orange)
Red said, "Great, I’ll add some, too!” (Wiggle red)
“Sigh,” said Green, “I’m tired of trees, (Hold up green)
And grass and bushes and tiny leaves.
I think I’ll draw a big green cloud!” (Draw a cloud in the air with green)
“A big green cloud should be allowed!”
The crayons all smiled and didn’t think twice (Wiggle fingers)
A big green cloud sounded rather nice! (Wave hand)

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Act Out the Story

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1. Color the crayons on the next page.
2. Tape each crayon on a craft stick to create three crayon stick puppets.
3. Use the Reader’s Theater script on the following page and the stick puppets you made to act out the story. Invite your family members to each take a part in the Reader’s Theater.
Readers' Theater Adaptation of

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Parts:

Narrator #1  Yellow Crayon
Narrator #2  Blue Crayon
Narrator #3  Green Crayon

Script:

Narrator #1: While walking in a toy store, the day before today, I overheard a crayon box with many things to say.

Yellow: I don't like Red!

Green: Nor do I! And no one here likes Orange, but no one knows just why."

Blue: We are a box of crayons that doesn't get along. Something here is wrong!"

Narrator #2: Well, I bought that box of crayons and took it home with me, and laid out all the colors so the crayons could all see.
Narrator #3: They watched me as I colored with red and blue and green, and black and white and orange, and every color in between.

Narrator #1: They watched as green became the grass and blue became the sky. The yellow sun was shining bright on white clouds drifting by.

Narrator #2: Colors changing as they touched, becoming something new, they watched me as I colored. They watched till I was through.

Narrator #3: And when I’d finally finished, I began to walk away. And as I did, the crayon box had something more to say.

Yellow: I do like Red!

Green: So do I! And, Blue, you were terrific so high up in the sky!"

All Crayons: We are a box of crayons, each one of us unique, but when we get together...the picture is complete.
Activity Sheets

1. Word Find
2. We need many colors.
3. Coloring sheets
4. Crayon writing paper.
The Crayon Box That Talked Word Find

BONUS: HOW MANY SIGHT WORDS CAN YOU FIND?
We need many different colors because...
Friends

We are the same. We are different.
The hand of friendship has no color.
Each of us brightens the world in our own special way.