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At Home Storytime for Families

Let's Explore Colors

Here are some songs to sing together!

Rainbow Colors Song

[to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"]

First comes red, and orange too Shiny yellow, green and blue Purple ends the pretty rays Only seen on rainy days First comes red and orange too Shiny yellow, green, and blue!

What's Your Favorite Color?

My favorite color's blue. How 'bout you, how 'bout you? My favorite color's blue. How 'bout you, how 'bout you?

Red!

My favorite color's red. I like red, I like red. My favorite color's red. I like red, I like red.

Colors, colors. What's your favorite color? Colors, colors. What's your favorite color?

Virtual Read Aloud of Favorite Books

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

How do you think Rainbow fish feels when he shares with the other sea creatures?
Rainbow fish has lots of shiny scales. What other shiny things can you think of?

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

What do you think the [blue] crayon is feeling?
Have you ever felt that way?
What do you think happened to all the crayons in the end?

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Colors of the Rainbow Hunt

Go on a hunt around your home for objects that are all the same color--begin with red, then work your way through orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.

For older children, begin by setting a timer for 3-5 minutes and drawing or writing every object you have at home that begins with this color.

Once the timer goes off, hunt for the objects and see how many you remembered.



Rainbow Dress-up Parade

Get those wiggles out and have an indoor parade! Dress up in as many colors of the rainbow as you can, the sillier the better. Think about different colored socks, shoes, scarves, even hats and gloves.

Line everyone up, then put on your favorite marching music, line up, and march around your home!

If your neighbors are understanding, you can add bags of rice to shake and pots/pans/boxes/spoons to bang as your instruments.

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