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Valuing Everyone

Duncan loved to draw, but one day, he opened his crayon box and found something unexpected—letters from his crayons! Each crayon had something to say, and through their complaints, Duncan learned an important lesson about appreciating everyone’s contributions.

Red Crayon was exhausted. “I work too much! Fire trucks, apples, hearts—everyone sees me as the color of action and love. I never get a break!” it wrote.

Blue Crayon had a similar problem. “You love using me,” Blue wrote, “but I’m getting so short from coloring all the skies and oceans that I barely exist anymore!”

Other crayons felt ignored. “I only get to outline things,” Black Crayon complained. “Why can’t I color in something fun?” Pink Crayon was frustrated, too. “You barely use me. Why do you think I can only be for princess dresses?”

Even Beige Crayon felt left out. “I don’t get to color exciting things like Brown does,” it sighed. “I’m stuck with boring wheat, sand, and backgrounds. I deserve to be important too!”

Meanwhile, Yellow and Orange Crayons were in a heated argument. “I AM the color of the sun!” Yellow declared. “No, I AM!” Orange countered. Their fight had gone on so long that even Duncan wasn’t sure which was right.

As Duncan read each letter, he realized something: every crayon mattered. Some crayons were overused, others were ignored, but they all played an important role in his artwork. He wanted to show his crayons how much he appreciated them, so he created his most colorful drawing yet.

Instead of sticking to the usual rules, he mixed things up. He used Pink Crayon for a dinosaur, made the sun a mix of Orange and Yellow, and let Black Crayon color in a bold castle. He even gave Beige Crayon a starring role in a giant sandy beach!

By the time he was done, every crayon had been used in a fun, exciting way. His drawing looked different, but it was the most creative one he had ever made.

Through his crayons, Duncan learned that everyone—whether they are a person or a color—has value. When we appreciate what each person brings to the table, we can create something truly special.

