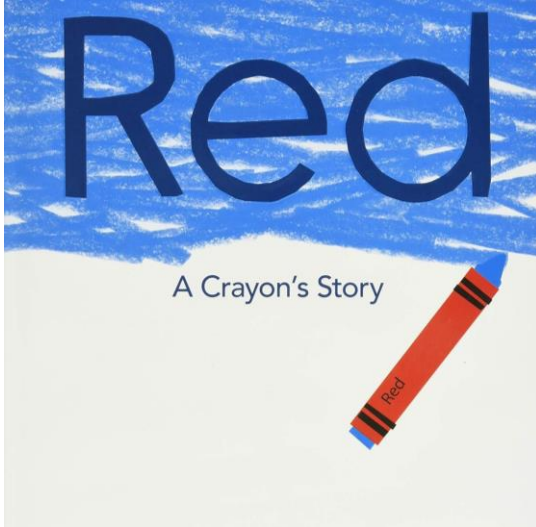


Discussion Guide for Families



Red: A Crayon's Story

Author: Michael Hall

Illustrator: Michael Hall

Themes: Emotions and Feelings

Book Brief: *Red: A Crayon's Story* is a funny and insightful tale about embracing your true self despite challenges. Red, labeled as red but truly blue, struggles to meet others' expectations until a new friend helps him realize his authentic identity.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Tell your child “Look at the cover of the book and the crayon labeled “Red.” Have you ever felt like you were expected to do something that didn’t feel right for you?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think Red struggles to draw things like strawberries and fire trucks?
- How do the other crayons try to help Red, and why do their efforts not work?
- What changes when Red meets his new friend? How does this friend help him see himself differently?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What lesson do you think Red learned about being true to himself, and how can you apply that lesson in your own life?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF’s [Social and Emotional Learning](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.