



# Colors of Kindness

A story about kindness, acceptance,  
and being yourself

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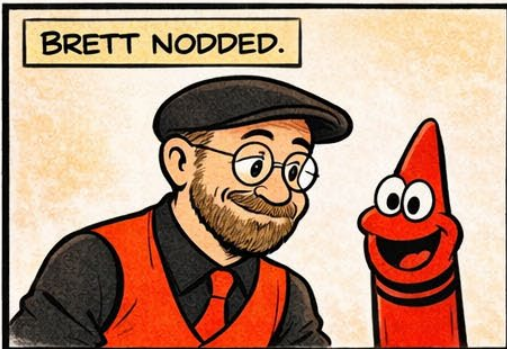
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BRETT SMILED AS THE RED CRAYON POPPED UP BESIDE HIM.  
"RED CRAYON!" IT SAID PROUDLY.

RED  
CRAYON!



BRETT NODDED.



MY FRIEND SAYS "RED CRAYON."



THAT MEANS YOU'RE BRIGHT AND  
BOLD JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE  
WHO YOU ARE TO  
BE AMAZING.



"Red crayon!" the crayon chimed again, wiggling with excitement.

RED  
CRAYON!



Brett listened carefully.



OH, I SEE--YOU'RE SAYING  
THAT EVERY COLOR IS IMPORTANT.



THAT MEANS EVERY KID  
IS IMPORTANT TOO.



WHETHER YOU'RE QUIET OR LOUD,  
SILLY OR SERIOUS, YOU MATTER  
JUST AS YOU ARE.





THE RED CRAYON SPOKE SOFTLY THIS TIME.

RED  
CRAYON!



YOU'RE REMINDING US THAT  
EVEN WHEN WE MAKE MISTAKES,  
WE'RE STILL GOOD AND VALUABLE.  
SMUDGES AND SCRIBBLES DON'T  
RUIN THE PICTURE—THEY MAKE  
IT UNIQUE.



THE RED CRAYON GAVE ONE LAST CHEERFUL BOUNCE.

RED  
CRAYON!



BRETT LAUGHED. THAT'S RIGHT—YOU BELONG  
IN THIS BIG, COLORFUL WORLD  
JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.



SO REMEMBER, YOU ARE  
SPECIAL, YOU ARE IMPORTANT,  
AND YOU ARE PERFECTLY YOU.



BRETT STOOD BY THE RED CRAYON, AND IT GAVE A CHEERFUL, "RED CRAYON!"

RED CRAYON!



BRETT NODDED THOUGHTFULLY.



HE SAYS SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY OR DO UNKIND THINGS, AND THAT'S CALLED BULLYING.



IT CAN HURT FEELINGS, EVEN IF THE PERSON DOING IT THINKS IT'S JUST A JOKE.



BUT YOUR FEELINGS MATTER, AND IT'S ALWAYS OKAY TO SPEAK UP.



THE RED CRAYON TILTED SLIGHTLY AND CHIRPED,

RED  
CRAYON!



HE SAYS IF SOMEONE IS BEING BULLIED, THEY ARE NOT ALONE. THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO CARE – FRIENDS, TEACHERS, AND GROWN-UPS WHO WANT TO HELP. YOU DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE AND RESPECTED EVERY SINGLE DAY.

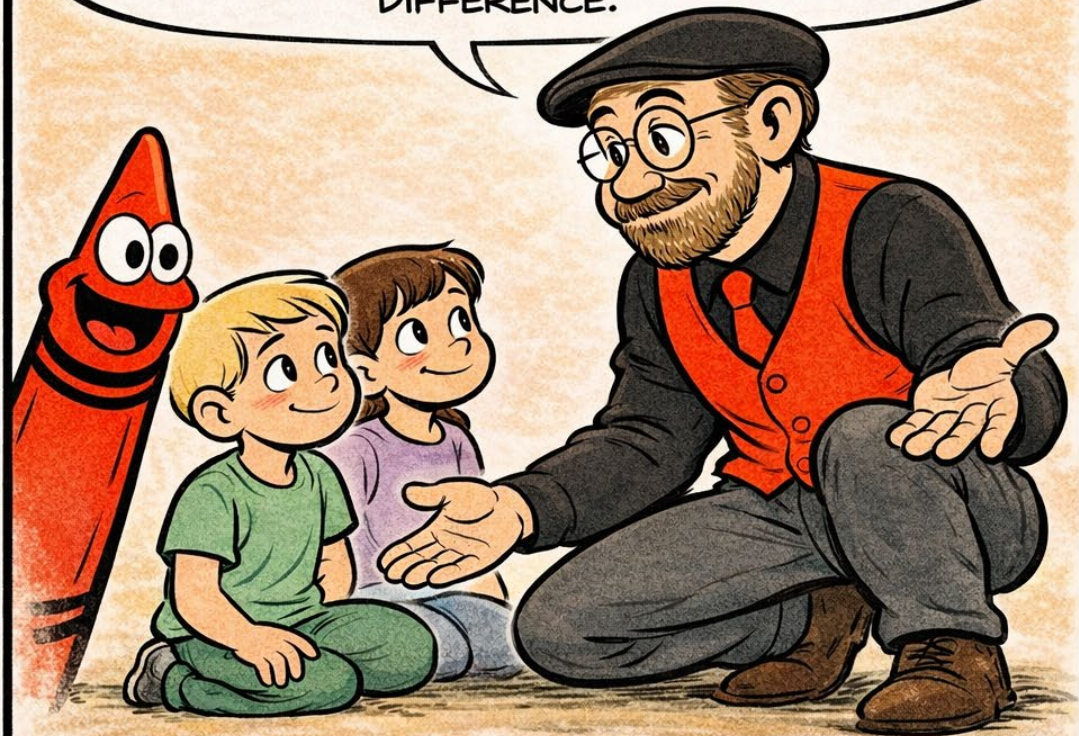


"RED CRAYON!" THE CRAYON ADDED A LITTLE LOUDER THIS TIME.

RED  
CRAYON!



HE SAYS IF YOU SEE SOMEONE BEING BULLIED, YOU CAN BE A HELPER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MEAN BACK—JUST BEING KIND, INCLUDING SOMEONE, OR TELLING AN ADULT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.



THE RED CRAYON GAVE A SOFTER, ENCOURAGING  
"RED CRAYON!"

RED CRAYON!



HE SAYS IF SOMEONE IS BEING UNKIND TO YOU,  
IT DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH YOU.

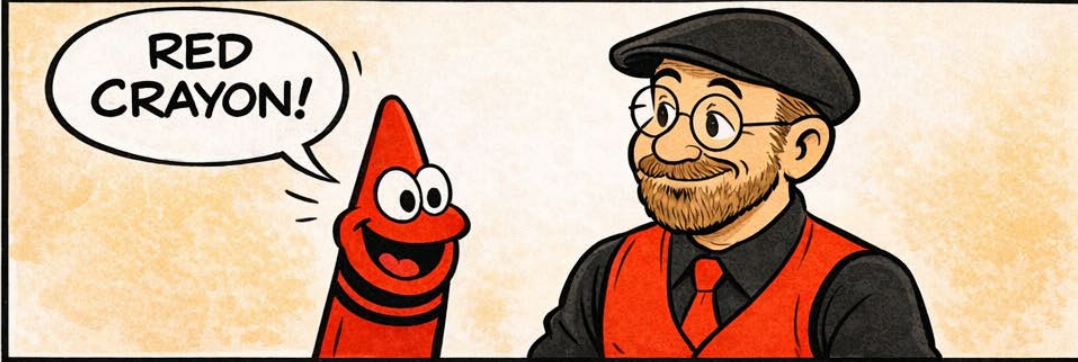
SOMETIMES PEOPLE ACT OUT BECAUSE THEY  
ARE HURTING INSIDE—BUT THAT NEVER MAKES  
IT OKAY TO HURT OTHERS.







"RED CRAYON!" THE CRAYON CHIMED AGAIN. BRETT NODDED.



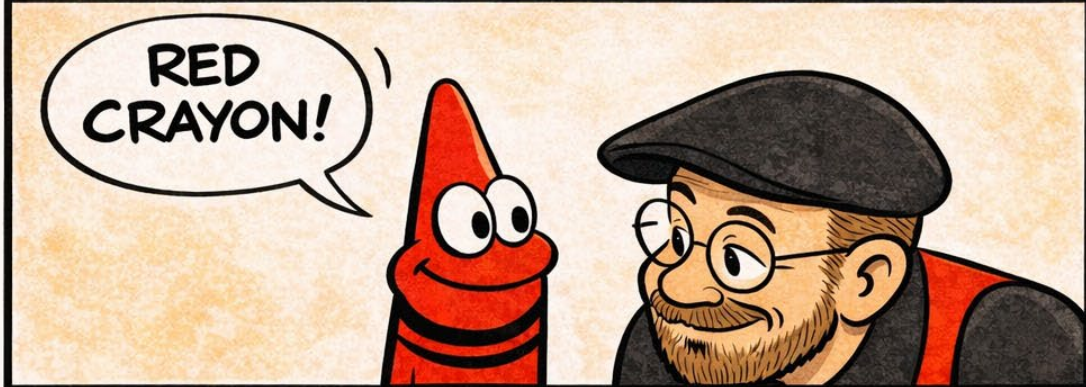
HE'S REMINDING US THAT TOLERANCE MEANS BEING KIND AND RESPECTFUL, EVEN WHEN SOMEONE IS DIFFERENT FROM YOU.



THEY MIGHT LOOK DIFFERENT, THINK DIFFERENTLY, OR LIKE DIFFERENT THINGS —AND THAT'S OKAY.



THE RED CRAYON GAVE A THOUGHTFUL, "RED CRAYON!"



BRETT LEANED IN AS IF LISTENING CLOSELY.



HE SAYS WE DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING ABOUT SOMEONE TO TREAT THEM WITH KINDNESS. WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDLY, LISTEN, AND INCLUDE THEM.



"RED CRAYON!" THE CRAYON SAID A LITTLE MORE PROUDLY.



BRETT GRINNED.



THAT MEANS WHEN WE CHOOSE TOLERANCE,  
WE HELP OTHERS FEEL SAFE AND HAPPY.  
AND WHEN PEOPLE FEEL **ACCEPTED**,  
THEY CAN BE THEIR **BEST SELVES**.



