



Books

The Day the Crayons Quit
Oliver Jeffers

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Peter H. Reynolds

Perfect Square
Michael Hall

Think Big
Liz Garton Scanlon

Art & Max
David Wiesner

Beautiful Oops!
Barney Saltzberg

Hey, wall
Susan Verde

Looks Like Spilt Milk
Charles Shaw

Discovering Great Artists
Mary Ann Kohl

Fingerplays

Draw a Circle

Draw shapes in the air

Draw a circle, draw a circle
Round as can be
Draw a circle, draw a circle
Just like me
Draw a rectangle, draw a rectangle
Shaped like a door
Draw a rectangle, draw a rectangle
Just like me
Draw a triangle, draw a triangle
With corners three
Draw a triangle, draw a triangle
Just like me

Colors

Blue is the sky
(point to the sky)

Yellow is the sun
(form a circle with your arms)

Silver are the moon and the twinkling stars
(wiggle fingers in the air)

When the day is done,
(wiggle fingers in the air)

Red is the bird
(join thumbs and flap fingers)

Green is the tree
(raise arms over head)

Brown are the chocolate cupcakes for you and me!
(rub your tummy)

Source: *Folk Rhyme from Pre-school Favorites: 35 Storytimes Kids Love*
by Diane Briggs

Action Songs

If Blue's Your Favorite Color

Sung to If You're Happy and You Know it

If blue's your favorite color,
clap your hands.
If blue's your favorite color,
clap your hands.
If blue's your favorite color,
If blue's your favorite color,
If blue's your favorite color,
Clap your hands.

If green's your favorite color,
stomp your feet...

Continue with different colors and actions.



Art Projects

Color Mixing

Draw a simple outline picture on a plastic Ziploc bag. Mix two paint colors in the bag and discover which colors mix to make a new color.

From teachpreschool.org

Artist's Pallet

Cut out an artist pallet shape from tag board. Decorate the pallet with various materials that can be glued to represent various colors.

From storytimekatie.com

Science & Math

Sorting

Gather multiple small, different colored items such as Legos, Unifix cubes, marbles, buttons or any other sortable object. Sort the objects by color and again by shape. Can your child think of another way to sort them?

Pattern Art

Get creative and artistic using patterns! Take out your favorite colorful art supplies (markers, crayons, construction paper) and start building patterns. Take turns drawing shapes in different colors and making patterns with your child. Cut shapes from construction paper and take turns rearranging them into different sequences.



Songs

Something New

Sung to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Red and blue, red and blue,
Mix them and find something new.
Purple like a fresh ripe plum,
Purple like a poor sore thumb.
Red and blue, red and blue,
Mix them and find something new.

From youthliterature.com

Rainbow Colors

Sung to Hush Little Baby

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue
Rainbow green and yellow, too
Rainbow orange, rainbow red
Rainbow smiling overhead.
Come and count the colors
with me.

How many colors can you see?
One, two, three, down to green,
Four, five, six can be seen.
Rainbow purple, rainbow blue
Rainbow green and yellow, too.
Rainbow orange, rainbow red,
Rainbow smiling overhead.

Art Supply Song

Sung to the *Wheels on the Bus*

The paintbrush on the paper goes
swish swish swish, swish swish
swish, swish swish swish,
The paintbrush on the paper goes
swish swish swish,
All day long. (*Act like you're
painting with a giant brush, or
sweeping a broom.*)

Additional verses:

The pencil on the paper goes
skritch scratch skritch...
The crayon on the paper goes
scribble, scribble, scribble...
The Play-dough on the table goes
squish, squish, squish...

From [Miss Jacki, Storytime
Hooligans](http://MissJackiStorytimeHooligans.com)

Early Literacy Take Home:

As you and your child read a picture book together, observe and identify colors in the pictures and talk about what kind of medium (paint, pencil, watercolor etc.) the artist may have used to create the illustrations.

Questions about this kit?

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