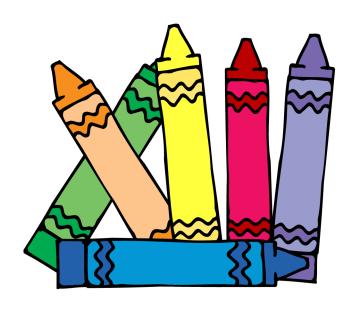


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Salem: Hello my Crayons!

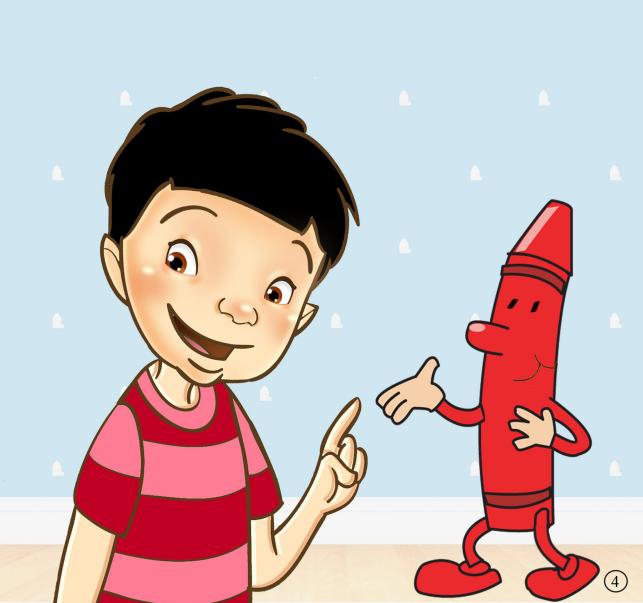
The Crayons all together:
Hello Salem, our friend. Please
come sit with us.



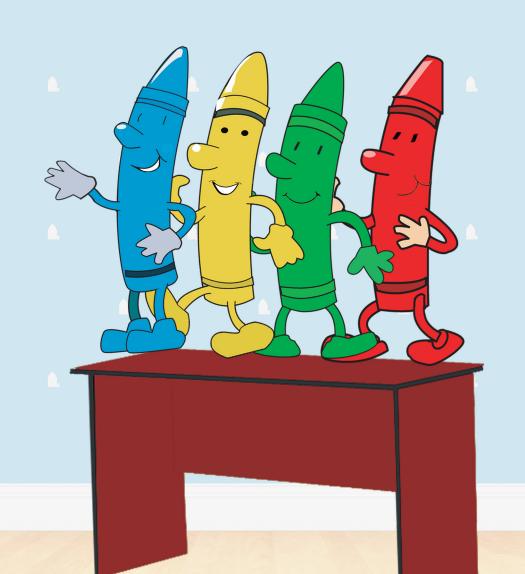


The red crayon: You seem happy and cheerful today! Tell us what has happened?

Salem: Yes, my friend. Today I feel like a strong child.



The crayons jumped together and said: «What has made you feel strong? Tell us, we are eager to know!»



Salem: I will tell you what happened to me today: As I was walking home after school, a strange man, whom I didn't know, spoke to me. He said "Come with me, I'll drive you home instead of you walking in this hot weather, and I will buy you some delicious ice cream."



The blue crayon: And did you go with him?

Salem: No, I didn't. I loudly said 'NO' to him. He was a strange man whom I did not know, and because I'm a strong, smart and safe child, I don't go anywhere with strangers.





The green crayon: Didn't you want to go with him when he told you he is going to buy you a delicious ice cream? Don't you like ice cream?

Salem: Yes, I do like ice cream, but I don't take anything or accept any gift from a stranger even if he is offering me something I like.

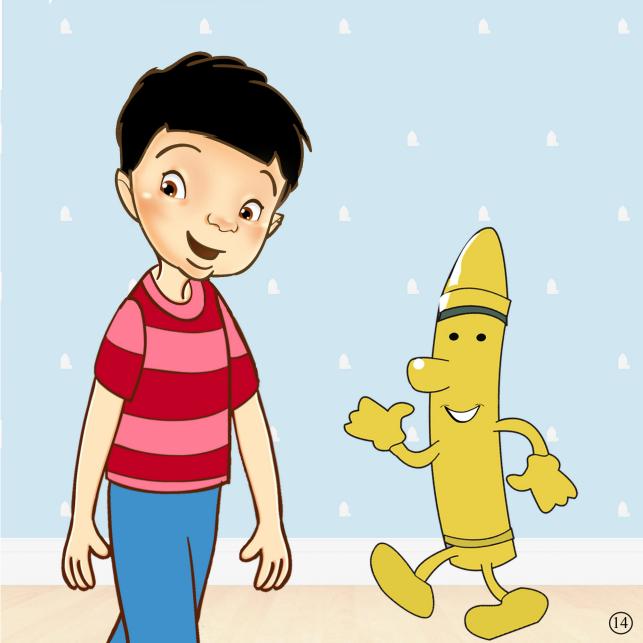




The yellow crayon: So did he leave you alone?

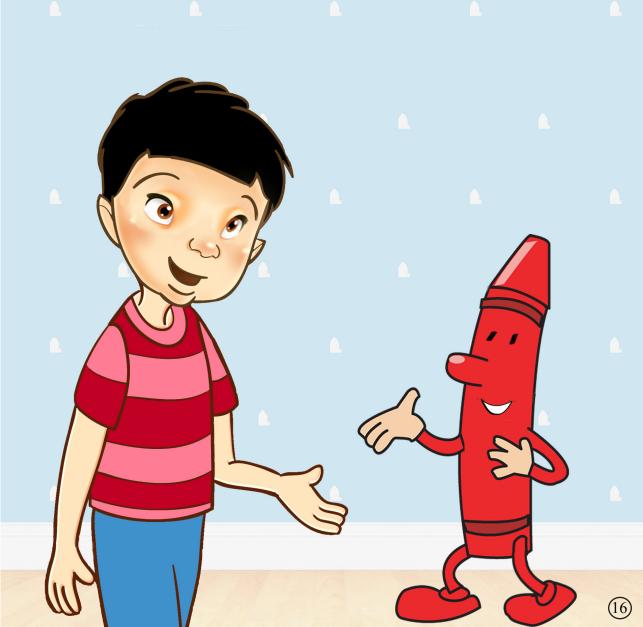
Salem: Yes, he did, but before he left, he said: don't tell anyone what I've told you.





The red crayon: Salem, how did you feel when he told you not to tell anyone?

Salem: I felt uncomfortable, as if a voice inside was telling me, what that man wanted me to do was wrong, and because he is aware of that, he's asked me not to tell anyone.



The blue crayon: Salem, you said that you felt an internal voice inside of you telling you this is wrong.

What do you mean by that?

Salem: God has given each one of us feelings. They are like a voice inside of us, that tells us what is right and what is wrong.

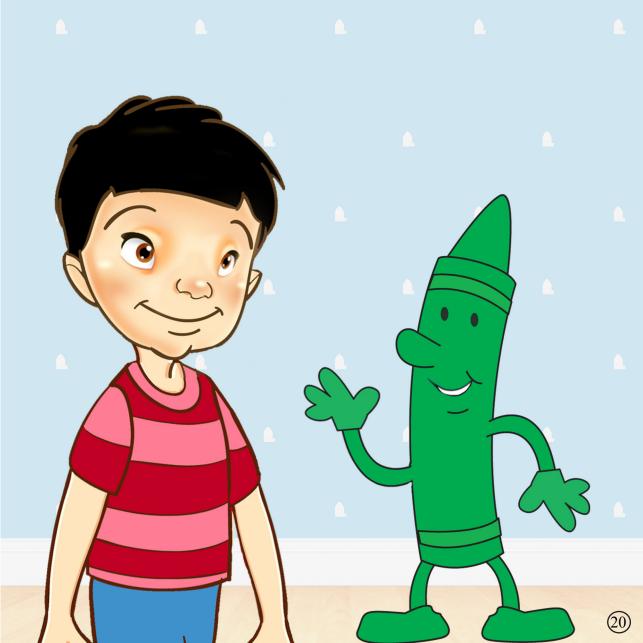




The green crayon: How does that work, Salem?

Salem: For example, if a person has asked me to do something, and I feel uncomfortable about it, I know that it is a wrong thing to do and so I don't do it because I trust my feelings.





The yellow crayon: Go on, our friend, we like what you are saying

Salem: When I behave badly, for instance if my mom asks me about something and I don't tell her the truth, then my feelings warn me that not being truthful is wrong, and because I trust my feelings, I wouldn't do that which I believe is wrong.



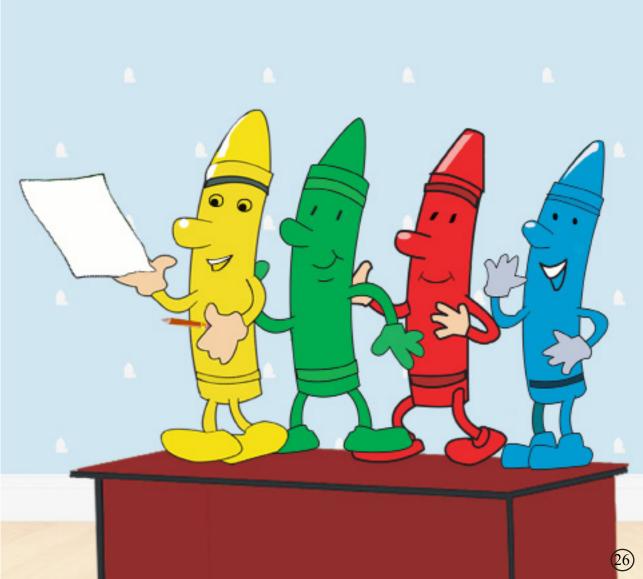
The crayons eagrly moved forward towards Salem and said: And what about now, would you tell someone?

Salem: Since I'm a strong, smart and a safe child, I will tell my parents about what happened to me today.



The crayons jumped for joy and brought Salem a big paper and a pen.

They said: We want you to write what you have learned in the form of a motto, and hang it in your room.



Salem: Ok, my motto will be "Because I'm a strong, smart, and safe child, I trust my feelings."



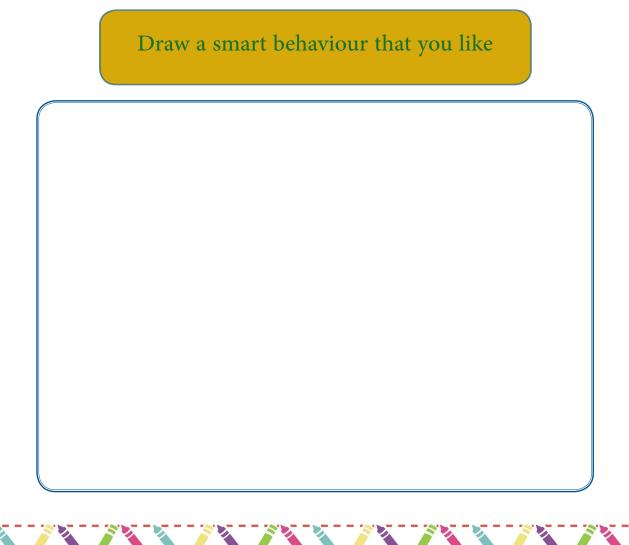
Salem wrote the motto and the crayons helped him to do it. And then, they jumped and repeated with Salem:

"Because I'm a strong, smart and safe child, I trust my feelings."

Salem was happy with his motto and hung it in his room, and he kept remembering it. He always tells his parents of anything that happens to him because he is really a strong, smart and safe child, and he trusts his feelings.



«Because I'm a strong,
smart and safe child,
I trust my feelings.»







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