

## ***The Black Crayon***

### ***Flannel Board Story***

“Oh no, they’re gone again!” cried the black crayon as he looked around the box. The crayon box was empty except for the black crayon. This happened a lot, and he didn’t like it, not one bit. In fact, it made him a little sad.

He rolled out of the box and saw a girl holding the red crayon, the yellow crayon, and the green crayon. She was making the trunk of a tree with the brown crayon.

“Why don’t you ever use me?” he asked her.

She looked at him and said, “Because I don’t know what to draw with you.”

The black crayon thought for a minute then said, “Oh, but there are so many things to draw with me. You could draw a zebra, a tiger, or even a spider.”

“Why, that’s a great idea!” replied the girl. “I could draw a tiger hiding behind this tree getting ready to jump out at a zebra. You are right; I would not be able to draw a tiger or a zebra without you! Oh, I am so excited; this will be a wonderful picture.”

The girl finished her tree and then drew a tiger with orange and black stripes hiding behind it. Next, she made a black and white zebra eating grass nearby. When the girl was finished she hung her beautiful picture up for everyone to see. She was so excited about her picture that she just had to tell the black crayon thank you for his wonderful idea.

“I can see that you are very useful and an important color. I will remember to always take you out of the box with the other crayons when I draw,” said the girl to the black crayon.

“Maybe tomorrow we could draw going on an insect hunt at the park,” exclaimed the black crayon.

- Can you think of any insects that you would have to draw with a black crayon?
- What else can we draw with a black crayon?
- How are we like the black crayon?





