



## Coloring the Lives of Children and Families October 2009

### Children's Message

Scripture: Genesis 9:12

Object: Box of eight Crayola crayons

Do you have a favorite color? Do you think God has a favorite color? Well, let's see.

(Pull out one crayon at a time and ask...) Can you think of anything that God created that is this color? (Prepare some answers for each color in case the children don't have a response.)

It sounds to me as though God likes all the colors in the world. But then, God *made* all the colors and they are all beautiful. The Bible says that God took all the colors and made a rainbow to put in the sky. Have you ever seen a rainbow? God must have loved the rainbow very much to make it so beautiful. Can you imagine a rainbow of only one or two colors? It just wouldn't be as beautiful, would it?

God made people a lot like the rainbow. God made us in many colors and many shapes and sizes. We all look different, and we are good at different things. We think and act differently. Imagine if all people looked and acted alike. The world just wouldn't be as beautiful, would it? God must have loved people very much to make us so different and so beautiful.

Isn't it good to know that just like God made all the colors in this box of crayons and loves each color, God made each one of us and loves us all? Next time you get out your crayons and start coloring, think about the colors of God's creation and think about all the different people God made. Remember that God loves all the colors of the world, and God loves all the people of the world—and God loves *you*!

*Prayer:* Thank you, God, for loving us so much that you made the world so beautiful for us to look at and enjoy. Thank you for making your people so beautiful as well. Help us to enjoy your world and to take care of it. And help us to enjoy each other and to take care of each other. Amen.