HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON
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Themes: Creative Thinking/Problem-Solving
Grade Level: PreK – 1
Running time: 8 minutes

SUMMARY
HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON concerns a little boy who literally "colors his world" by using a crayon to draw whatever he happens to need. The story begins with the little boy, Harold, wanting to take a walk in the moonlight. Because there isn’t a moon, Harold decides to draw one, as well as a path to follow on his walk. When Harold realizes that the straight path is getting him nowhere, he decides to draw a shortcut. As the story moves along, Harold and his crayon move along too. Harold draws what he desires, finds himself in difficulty, and draws his way out of his dilemmas.

This is a wonderful exploration of the powers of the imagination. It also serves as an example for children about how problems can be solved through perseverance and creative thinking.

OBJECTIVES
• Children will explore the world of imagination
• Children will investigate problem-solving techniques
• Children will appreciate the importance of patience and perseverance

BEFORE VIEWING ACTIVITIES
Share the book HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON with children. Then ask:
• If you had a magic purple crayon, what would you draw?
• What could you draw to make your neighborhood a better place? Your city? Your state? The world?

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Harold is an adorably curious four year old with his purple crayon, who has the power to create a world of his own simply by drawing it. Harold wants to go for a walk in the moonlight, but there is no moon, so he draws one. He has nowhere to walk, so he draws a path. He has many adventures looking for his room, and in the end he draws his own house and bed and goes to sleep. Genres: Family Fantasy.


Carrying a purple crayon, Harold creates a magical world by simply drawing it. From the moment Harold decides to go for a walk in the moonlight and draws a moon, readers are captivated. Yes, you can draw your own reality, and Harold proves it. This is a story filled with imagination and beauty. Intended for ages 4 through 8, it appeals to the "child" in each of us, awakening our creativity and inspiring us to dream big because the possibilities are limitless. You can preview the book and experience it for yourself at "Harold and the Purple Crayon". Harold and the Purple Cra...
Harold has a purple crayon and he goes on a journey with his imagination. The illustrations are simple and the book is enduring and cute. Everything is black and white ink drawings with that one purple crayon. It’s pretty brilliant what Crockett did here. The niece didn’t read this and the nephew is in a phase right now.