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Activity Sheet



I Love You the Purplest

By Barbara M. Josse, illustrated by Mary Whyte

Award-winning author Barbara M. Josse and artist Mary Whyte have teamed up to create a beautiful story of two brothers and their mother. As the family spends the day fishing, the two boys vie for attention. They ask their Mama who is best fisherman and ultimately, "Who do you love best?"

This universal question is perfectly answered when, in the spirit of true unconditional love, Mama explains that she loves each of them in their own special ways. The jubilant Max she loves the "reddest" and the quiet Julian she loves the "bluest." Together she loves both her boys the "purplest."

While you read this book, be sure to share the pictures with your child(ren). The watercolor illustrations expand the simple rhythmic text.

After you read this book extend the learning about colors by talking about what is red, what is blue and what is purple. Bring in some food coloring to show your child(ren) how red and blue make purple.

What words would you use to describe "I love you the greenest" or "I love you the yellowest"?

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