

The Toy Store

Option 2

“A Bag Full of Thoughts”



Age Level:

6 - 10

Materials:

The Toy Store book by Julie Woik

Plain Gift Bags - Various Colors

Tissue Paper

Stickers, Letters, Buttons, Ribbon, Silk Flowers, Words, Fun Theme Decorations (look for sales at Michael's Craft Store)

Permanent Markers

Glue

Personal Note (included with this activity)

Discover:

Read The Toy Store together. Afterwards, discuss Tommy's behavior, both before he shared with the others in the store, as well as how he shared his feelings about acting so badly. Discover the importance of Aaron becoming Tommy's friend.

Activity:

- Each child will get a bag to decorate for someone else.
Example: Mother's Day, brother's birthday, or a gift for their teacher.
- They'll SHARE their loving thoughts and feelings for this person by decorating the bag with stickers, colored markers, buttons and bows, and words that express how they feel.
- When the bags are complete, place a few sheets of colored tissue inside, so the bags are ready for the gift.

Take Action:

After clean up, give each child a moment to show off their bag and explain why they chose this particular person to share their thoughts and creativity with. Discuss how wonderful it feels to SHARE our love with those around us! Have the child write a nice note to the person they've made the bag for, and place it inside the bag.