

The Toy Store

Option 3

“Shake Things Up”



Age Level:
6 - 10

Materials:

The Toy Store book by Julie Woik

Light Colored T-Shirt (Wash beforehand!)

Cardboard Section - One large enough to put inside shirt to avoid transfer of paint from front to back

Fabric Paints

Hand Shake List (included with this activity)

Discover:

Read The Toy Store together. Discuss the importance of the hand shake that took place between Tommy and Aaron. Discover the effects that a hand shake can make between two people. What bond does it create? What feelings arise from a simple hand shake? Trust? Honor? Friendship? Promise? Encouragement? Loyalty? Kindness?

Activity:

- Each child will place a cardboard or similar item inside of the shirt to avoid paint transfer.
- Referring to the Example T-Shirt included with this activity, have the child write the word SHARE vertically down the left side of the shirt. (You can use the front of the back.) Don't start down too low, or they'll run out of room. Then have the child write the words that will spell out Shake Hands And Reconnect Everyone.
- Now have the child dip their hands in paint and place their handprints on the shirt. If there are several children, have everyone put their handprint on each other's shirt.
- Let the shirts dry 48 hours before wearing.

Take Action:

After clean up, give the child/children the Hand Shake List that they can fill in right away, or take home with them to think about. It's never too early to learn about shaking someone's hand...as the act of shaking one's hand can mean so many wonderful things!!!