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GREEN IS BEST

Suitable for children aged 5-9 years old

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It was a lazy afternoon and some of the jungle animals were relaxing by the river.

Ruby, the bright red frog was surveying the area and suddenly noticed a leaf move, "Is that you Grasshopper? WOW! You are almost invisible sitting on that leaf, I didn't know you were even

there.”



The green grasshopper jumped onto the brown jungle floor and laughed, “Ha ha! Now you see me now you don’t”, she replied jumping back and forth from the green leaf to the brown earth. “I am the luckiest creature to have such a fantastic green color. I am invisible when I want to be, no

predator can get me.”



Ruby laughed, “I guess it’s pretty cool to be green and camouflaged, but who wants to hide all their life? You are wrong to think green is best, it is much better to be red like me. Red means danger, and predators know not to mess with me because my poison can kill.”

The grasshopper looked a little annoyed and felt that she had to defend herself, “I think green is the best because it is the color of nature, it is obviously Mother Nature’s favorite because green is

all around us.”



At that moment, Rusty the monkey raised his head from slumber and said, “Hey Grasshopper, you can’t say that. How do you know what Mother Nature’s favorite color is? Personally, I think my orange, beautiful fur is the best because it is like the colors of the sunset and everyone knows

that sunsets are the most beautiful part of the day.”



A few other animals heard the conversation and felt they needed to join in the important discussion. Goldie the snake slithered down the tree branches and hissed at Rusty the monkey, “Sunsets are beautiful, but you know there would be no life on earth without the sun. I am bright yellow like the sun, which means I have the most glorious color of all because the sun

gives us life.”



“Stop, stop, stop!” chirped the grasshopper. “Green is the best, look all around you! It’s the color of life! It’s the color of the grass, trees, and everything you see and remember we couldn’t even

breathe without the green leaves, green is the best!”



The grasshopper’s rant had attracted a few more animals and a bluebird flew down and tweeted,

“Green, green, green, yes there is plenty of green, but there is more blue sky and more blue

ocean. I think if more is better, then blue is obviously the best.”



Indy the lizard and Violet the butterfly looked at each other and chorused, “More is not better, in fact it just means it is common and not special.”

Violet the butterfly continued, “Indy and I have rare, unique purple colors, so we are special in nature, so our colors are more beautiful.”



All the animals started arguing about which of them had the best and most beautiful color. It was a chaotic scene, Ruby red frog threatened to poison the grasshopper. Goldie the yellow snake tried to strangle Bluebird and Rusty tried to

stomp on Indy the lizard and wack Violet the butterfly.



Suddenly, the animals heard a serene voice coming from the sky. The animals stopped their fighting in shock because they realized the voice belonged to Mother Nature. “Animals, animals, stop fighting at once! I created all of you and I cannot let you treat each other so badly!” Grasshopper chirped, “I just wanted them to understand that being green is the best!”



Mother Nature sighed, “My dear creatures, look at the sky and I will show you who has the most beautiful color.”

The animals stood to attention, each of them confident that their color would be the winner. As they stood, raindrops fell and suddenly across the sky the animals saw the most beautiful thing they had ever seen. Mother Nature had created a rainbow with all the colors of the animals: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

The animals realized the colors were all equally beautiful and even more beautiful together. The animals felt ashamed at their behavior and stopped feeling angry with each other. Everyone was happy again and they thanked Mother Nature for the beautiful gift of the rainbow.



MORAL OF THE STORY

We are all equally beautiful and even more beautiful together!

Green is the Best Introduction.

In English class we studied how Native American stories celebrate and honor human connections to nature and the earth. In the spirit of the Native American tradition of storytelling I created my own myth about nature that also touches on issues of harmony and equality. In the world today there is a lot of divisiveness and differing opinions, so I want little children to know no one is better than anyone else and we are all better when we come together.