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A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Art, Creativity, Self-Expression

Grade Level: K to 2nd grade

Book Brief: Ramon loves to draw until his brother criticizes his work. With the help of his younger sister, Marisol, Ramon learns to see things in a different way.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: Ask your child to think about what “ish” might mean. What could it mean for the little boy on the cover?

While reading, make connections: Has anyone ever told your child they weren’t doing something “right”? How did that make your child feel?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why does Ramon love to draw?
- ◆ What do you like to do?
- ◆ What does “ish” mean?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

TREE-ISH TREAT

Ingredients: carrot, green pepper, ranch dressing

Cut off the bottom of a peeled carrot so it will stand upright. Cut the green pepper in half widthwise; carefully remove the seeds. Cut half of the pepper into strips and lay them on top of the carrot like the fronds of a palm tree. Fill the remaining pepper half with ranch dressing. Dip the tree-ish treat and eat!

CHALK-ISH MASTERPIECE

Materials: broken sidewalk chalk, water, paper cup, paint brush, zip-up bag

Place broken pieces of sidewalk chalk in a zip-up bag; crush completely. Pour dust into a cup. Add drops of water to the



chalk dust until it forms a thin paste. Use a paint brush to create a chalk-ish masterpiece on a sidewalk or black paper.

PRINT-ISH PEOPLE

Materials: ink pad, paper, markers or pens

Have your child make a number of finger- or thumbprints on blank paper.

Let them use markers to turn those prints into people, animals—anything they can dream of! Ask them to tell you a story about what they create.



TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit www.nga.gov/kids/zone/brushster.htm to experience an online painting machine!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

The Dot (2003),
The North Star (2009),
I'm Here (2011).



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