



We Are Always Connected Watercolor

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When children paint over their crayon pictures, it will seem like magic when the “invisible” white lines show up through the watercolors – just like love is there for us even when we can’t see it!

MATERIALS:

- Watercolor paper (8 ½ x 11 or larger)
- Watercolor paints and brush (or watercolor foam paints)
- Oil Pastels or Crayons



INSTRUCTIONS:

Read Sun Kisses, Moon Hugs or Beso de sol, abrazos de luna together.

Fold a piece of watercolor paper in half. On one half, have children use crayons or oil pastels to draw and label a simple picture of the person or pet they miss. On the other half of the paper, have children draw themselves. Be sure to remind them to press down firmly with the crayon, so they leave a nice thick line that will “resist” the watercolor paint.

Using ideas from the book and their imaginations, have them “connect” the two figures with something in nature – a sun shining rays on both of them, or a tree reaching branches to both sides, a rainbow, a path of Xs and Os, etc.

With a WHITE crayon or oil pastel, draw swirling lines to represent the love connecting the two figures they have drawn.

Have children dip their brushes in water and watercolor paint over the crayon drawing. Dip brushes in water to clean brushes between each color. Watch as the crayon/oil pastel pushes away the watercolor and shines through.

Let painting dry flat so that watercolors don’t run together...
...and admire.