

Story Corner



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Ms. Bird smiled as her second-grade class gathered on the colorful reading rug. The children sat in a circle, crossing their legs and holding their “listening hands” in their laps.

“Today,” Ms. Bird said with a grin, “we’re going to learn about one of my favorite animals... birds!”



The children clapped with excitement. Ms. Bird opened a large picture book filled with bright illustrations. "Look at this beautiful bluebird," she said. "Ooooh!" the class whispered.



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Then she turned the page.
“Here’s a bright **red** cardinal.”
“It’s wearing my favorite color!”
shouted Mia. The class giggled.
Next came a sunny **yellow** canary,
a **green** parrot, a **pink** flamingo,
a snowy **white** swan,
and a **colorful** peacock.

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'Wow!' said Ethan. 'I didn't know birds came in so many happy colors!'



'They certainly do,' Ms. Bird replied. 'And every bird is special, just the way it was created.'



Just then, Oliver raised his hand. 'So... if all the birds looked exactly the same, would the world still be as beautiful?'



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The room grew quiet.

The children looked at the colorful pictures again.

"I don't think so," whispered Ava.

"The different colors make them exciting!" added Noah.

"And every bird has something special about it," smiled Lily.

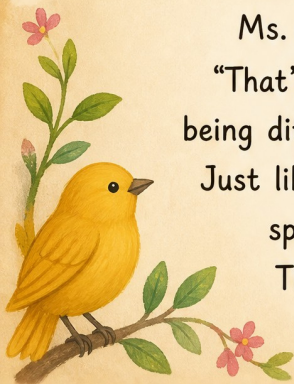




Ms. Bird closed the book and nodded.

“That’s exactly right. Birds remind us that being different makes our world more beautiful. Just like birds, every one of you has your own special gifts, talents, and personality.”

The children looked around the circle and smiled at one another.





‘I guess our class is kind of like a flock of colorful birds!’ laughed Ethan. Everyone burst into happy laughter. And from that day on, whenever the children saw a bird outside their classroom window, they remembered that every color—and every person—makes the world a brighter place.



Moral of the Story:

Just like birds come in many beautiful colors, every person is unique and special.

Our differences make our classrooms, our friendships, and our world more colorful, joyful, and wonderful.