

Mitzy and the Trouble with Sharing

The story

Mitzy has ten brand new sparkly markers, and they are hers. Mika asks to use one, and Mitzy says not right now. The room goes very quiet. Mommy sits down beside her and says she feels the same way about her own good scissors. Later, Mitzy picks up the purple one, which is her favorite, and carries it to her brother.

The feeling in this book

Not wanting to share is allowed. Nobody makes Mitzy hand the markers over and nobody tells her she is being unkind. She is given room to think, and she decides on her own.

Talk about it

- Is there something of yours that would be hard to share? What is it?
- Mommy tells Mitzy about her own good scissors. Why do you think she says that instead of telling Mitzy to share?
- Mitzy takes Mika the purple marker, the one she likes best. Why do you think she picks that one?

Something to do

Find one thing in your room you would happily lend to somebody, and one thing you would rather keep to yourself. Put them side by side and say out loud what makes them different. There is no wrong answer.