

HINTS FOR WORKING ON SQUIGGLE KIDS DRAWING ACTIVITY BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD

- We encourage you to work together to read the story and complete the activities in each Squiggle Kids drawing activity book. We believe that drawing with young children should be a do-it-together (D-I-T) activity as additional benefits flow from a shared drawing experience between adult and child. Squiggle Kids drawing activity books have been designed to encourage this.
- There are lots of different ways to work together on the activities. On some days, children may need more adult involvement or direction - meet your child where they are at each day.
- Here are some ideas for sharing the activities:
 - Ask open ended questions like "tell me about your drawing/creation" and comment on the child's drawing process with comments like "it looks like you are having fun", "I can see you really like the red crayon today" or "look at your arm going round and round."
 - Sing while tracing a finger over the child's drawings or use your finger to indicate where your child could add a mark.
 - Draw separately but side by side.
 - Work together on the drawing. If your child is having trouble getting started, try starting a drawing off and asking for their input. "What should we put on the person's face?" or "what else does the car need?" or "where is the car going?" Invite the child to add some features too.
 - The last pages of many Squiggle Kids drawing activity books are deliberately blank. With these pages, we suggest starting the page for your child or working together to complete it.
- Let your child decide where they start in each book (there is no need to start on the first page!) and when and where they take a break. There is equally no need to finish the book in one hit!
- Does your child want to go off script and draw something else? Great! In Squiggle Kids drawing activity books there's no right and wrong, just scope for exploration and adventure!
- We believe it is the drawing process not the product that is important. That means there's no expectation of a masterpiece by either you or your child! Incidentally, we think you'll find that whatever you draw (and whatever you think of your drawing), your child will love it!
- The pages contain some prompts you can use to encourage your child to draw. Add some of your own to inspire and extend your child!
- Many Squiggle Kids drawing activity books include space to add a date on each page. Dating the page gives you a reference point for your child's drawing development.
- Finally, have fun! This is a great chance to relax and have special time with your child!