

Nola loves her scribbles. They go with her wherever she goes. But she cannot share her scribbles with others—no one seems to understand the imaginative world she has created for herself. Frustrated and uninspired, Nola draws a blank.

A big, boring blank.

But when Nola falls deep into a creative blank, she discovers that she is not alone.

If Nola can find the courage to share her scribbled ideas again, she may just inspire others to think outside the box and give their ideas a try too.

Celebrate creativity, understanding, and sharing with this charming story about staying true to yourself, while inspiring others to feel enthusiastic about what can be created when everyone's unique vision is brought together to make something amazing!

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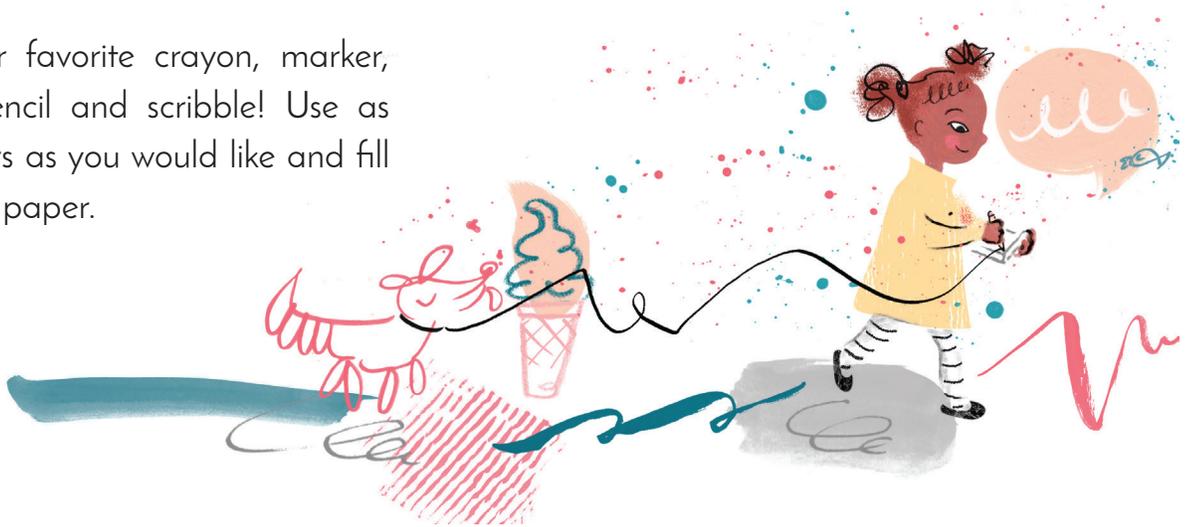
Here are some suggestions:

Share a time when you created something that those around you did not understand. How did this make you feel?



Share a time when you fell into a creative blank, like Nola. How did you find your way out?

Select your favorite crayon, marker, pen, or pencil and scribble! Use as many colors as you would like and fill your whole paper.



Look closely at your scribbles, what do you see? Are any shapes jumping out at you (circles, squares, or triangles)? Do you spy any animals (an elephant, a dog, or maybe a bunny)? What about buildings or flowers? Take turns showing your scribbles to your friends and point out what you see!



Now that you have created your own scribbles, find a BIG piece of paper and, using your favorite coloring materials, everyone work together and share all of your wonderful ideas, as you create one beautiful scribbled masterpiece!

After you are finished, go around the room and discuss what you liked most about sharing and working together, just like Nola and her friends!

