

MINDELUNE KIDS

The Mystery of the Missing Colors

A story to share together.



SCENE 1 OF 6

Little birds in her hair

PARENT READS

Today was the creative fashion show at Helena’s school. She had **made** a cape covered in colorful paper fans.

Helena **held** two fans beside her pink bow.

“How do I look?”

“Very **beautiful**,” said Rafi. “Like **little** birds have landed in your hair!”

Helena **fluttered** the fans.

“Then you’d **better** watch out. My hair might fly away!”

Rafi burst out laughing.

YOUR TURN

“Tweet, tweet!”



SCENE 2 OF 6

Oh no!

PARENT READS

Helena’s **cape** was ready for the show, covered in blue, green and red fans.

Then the red **stage** light came on.

The blue fans **looked** dark. So did the green **ones**.

“Oh no,” Helena **whispered**. “Where are my **lovely** colors?”

Rafi came to stand beside her.

“Let’s find them together.”

YOUR TURN

“Where did they go?”



SCENE 3 OF 6

A tiny blue clue

PARENT READS

Helena picked up her paper bird. **Near** a gap in the curtain, daylight touched its wing.

“**Look**! It’s blue **again**!”

Rafi **hurried** over. Then he **tucked** in his elbows and stood on one leg.

“Perhaps we should ask the bird.”

Helena giggled.

“I think it says to try my fan here!”

YOUR TURN

“Try it here!”



SCENE 4 OF 6

Found it!

PARENT READS

In the daylight, Helena’s **fan** looked blue too.

Rafi fetched a flashlight. Its **white** beam made a bright blue patch on the fan.

He **moved** the beam. The blue patch moved with it.

Helena’s **eyes** widened.

“Our **colors** aren’t lost!”

She looked up at the red stage lamp.

YOUR TURN

“Let’s change the light!”



SCENE 5 OF 6

Ready together

PARENT READS

The teacher moved the **red** screen away from the lamp.

Blue, green and red shone across Helena’s cape.

Helena **twirled**. The **paper** fans rustled like little wings.

Then she **heard** the audience arriving.

“Will you **come** onstage with me?” she asked.

“Of **course**.”

Rafi tucked the paper bird beside her bow.

“And our little friend is coming too.”

YOUR TURN

“Let’s go together!”



SCENE 6 OF 6

A hug and a bow

PARENT READS

Helena **spread** her colorful cape.
Everyone **clapped**.
She **bowed**—and the paper bird slipped down onto her nose.
"**Oh**!" Helena **crossed** her eyes to look at it.
Rafi **laughed**. Helena laughed too.
"This bird **wants** all the clapping!"
She **caught** it. Then the teacher announced, "The **winner** of our creative fashion show is… Helena!"
"I won!"
Helena threw her arms around Rafi.
"Thank you for helping me."
He hugged her back.
Then they held hands and gave one last bow.

YOUR TURN

"A bow for the bird too!"



What We Discovered

The light shining on a colored object can change the color we see.

A small experiment to do together

Prepare:
- Red, blue and white paper
- A cool LED flashlight
- Transparent red and blue light filters

Try it:
1. Dim the room. Hold the red filter in front of the flashlight and shine it on the papers.
2. Swap to the blue filter.
3. Remove the filter. Look again.

Find out:
Which paper looks darkest under each light? Does the white paper look like the light?

Shine on the paper, not into eyes.