

Zinni's Story

The Art of Sharing

When I've earned my Zunni petal,
I will know how to be
considerate and caring,
just like Zinni the Zinnia

To earn your Zinni petal, do these three things.

1.

Enjoy "Zinni's Story," then talk about it.

2.

Come up with ideas of how to be like Zinni

3.

Practice being considerate and caring.

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The bell at Petal Elementary School rang through the halls. The Flower Friends jumped up from their desks.

It was time to go to the art room, one of their favorite places in the school.

Zinni was especially excited, because she loved to draw and paint.

She was already thinking about the new picture she wanted to make. It would show all of the Flower Friends having a party in the Daisy Flower Garden.

She burst into the art room ahead of everybody else. She was the first one there.

"I'm in luck!" she said, grabbing several bottles of paint. She put them in front of an easel with a blank piece of paper on it.

"I can get all the colors I want to make my painting."

The other Flower Friends came into the room.

“Oh, look, there are new coloring books,” Clover said. She picked up three of them. Gloria and Gerri each took two more. They put the coloring books on a table by the window and sat down.

Rosie rushed over to the cupboard that held crayons and markers. She grabbed a bin and took it to a table by the door. Vi and Lupe did the same thing.

Then the two groups of Flower Friends stared at each other.

“Wait a second,” Clover said. “We need crayons and markers to color in the coloring books.”

“Well, we need coloring books to use our crayons,” Rosie said.

Zinni looked at her friends. None of them were happy.

Then she saw a goldfinch standing shyly by another easel that had a painting of a tree on it. The painting wasn't quite finished – only half of the leaves were painted.

Zinni glanced down at the bottles of paint in front of her.

“Oh, I'm sorry!” she said to the goldfinch. “I was so excited about my picture that I took all the paint. That wasn't very considerate of me!

We should **share** – what colors do you want?”

“Thank you!” the goldfinch said with a big smile. “I’d like the bottle of green paint to add more leaves to my tree, please.”

Clover and Rosie watched as the goldfinch began painting happily.

“Zinni’s right,” Clover said.

“**Sharing** is a way of **caring** for you friends!”

She turned to Rosie. “Rosie, why don’t you take one of these coloring books?”

Gerri and Gloria smiled as they held out their stacks of coloring books to Vi and Lupe.

“Yes, pick the one you like,” Gerri said.

“Gloria nodded. “After all,” she said, “we can only color one picture at a time!”

“Thanks, Clover,” Rosie said. “Do you want to use some of the crayons and markers? When you’re done, we can trade!”

“That’s a **great idea!**” Vi and Lupe said together.

All the Flower Friends sat down to color.

“It’s so much nicer when we can all paint and color together,” Zinni said. “And when we’re done, we’ll have a beautiful art gallery to show our friends and families!”

1 Talk about “Zinni’s Story”

Why did Zinni forget to be considerate and caring at first?

What reminded her of her promise to act in a considerate and caring way?

How do you think the Flower Friends felt when they shared their coloring books, crayons, and markers instead of keeping them for themselves?

2 Come up with ideas of how to be like Zinni

Sit in circles of three and come up with different ways you can be considerate and caring. Share your ideas with the larger group.

3 Practice being considerate and caring

There are lots of ways to act like Zinni. Try it out by doing one of these activities:

Count how many Daisies are at your meeting. Then, count how many snacks you have. How many snacks can each Daisy have if you want to make sure everyone gets a treat?

or

Set up tables with paper, crayons, markers, and paints. Start drawing pictures. Ask an adult to ring a bell every five minutes. When the bell rings, trade whatever you're using to make your drawing with a Daisy sitting next to you. Have fun seeing how your picture changes as you share different supplies!

or

Think of three ways you can be considerate and caring at home, at school, or at your Daisy meeting. Talk about it with someone in your family. Draw a picture of you doing those three things and put it somewhere you can see it to remind you to be considerate and caring every day.

Congratulations!

You have earned your **Zinni** petal. Now, when you say the Girl Scout Law, you'll know exactly what that line means. Wear the petal on your tunic or vest to remind you to always be as considerate and caring as you can be.

Gather together with your Daisy friends. You can say the Law up to Zinni's line. Now, you know three lines of the Law. Keep adding lines as you earn more petals!

The Girl Scout Law

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