

A Picnic with Mum



Emma was feeling shy. Today, she was going to see her mum. She hadn't seen her in a while, and she wasn't sure what it would feel like. Would Mum remember her favorite stories? Would she still like to draw together?

The family access worker, Maria, set up a picnic blanket in the park. She brought out some crayons and a coloring book, just in case Emma needed something to help her relax. When Mum arrived, she smiled at Emma.

"Hi, sweetie!" Mum said. "I brought your favorite sandwiches," she added. Emma sat next to her mum, and they all started eating together. After a while, Mum helped Emma draw a big rainbow. They each took a turn coloring a part of it—Mum did the red, and Emma filled in the green.

Maria stayed nearby, making sure everyone felt good and even suggesting some fun games they could play. When the rainbow was done, Mum gave Emma a kiss on the

head. "I love you so much," Mum said, and Emma smiled. She felt warm inside, like the colors of the rainbow.