Colors and Trouble (Graphic Version)

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These are the purple people.

They like purple food.
They have purple pets.
They think purple is best.

These are the blue people.
They like blue food.
They have blue pets.
They think blue is best.

These are the green people.

Can you guess what kind of food they like? What kind of pets do they have?

One day the purple people said, “We need more toys.”

The blue people said, “We need more blue food.”
And the green people said, “We don’t need anything because we are the best.”

Before they knew how it happened, they were all fighting and hurting each other!

It was WAR!

The houses were ruined.
The animals were hurt.

The plants were smashed.

All of their toys were broken.
The food was running out and everyone was sad.

“Why are we hurting each other? We are different, but we are the same.” Everyone looked at the little child. Was he purple? Was he blue? Was he green? No one could tell. He was just dirty.

Then one little child all covered with dirt walked up and said.

“This war is mean,” he said. “It is scary. We should all be friends. We all have feelings that make us happy or sad. We all love animals and flowers and rainbows. We should learn to live together.”

The different people looked at each other. They smiled. “He is right!” they shouted.

The war was over.
Soon they began to help each other build houses.

Everyone helped to take care of the animals.

They traded seeds among one another for planting. The people were happier.

There was still the problem of food. There would only be enough food if they mixed it all up and everyone ate all of the different colors. So they did.
They ate it. They loved it. “This is better than anything,” they shouted. They were happy to all be friends.

The Land of Many Colors became a peaceful, loving world.

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