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THE ITTY BITTY ZEBRA



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Once upon a time...
There was an Itty Bitty Zebra.
The Itty Bitty Zebra, you see
Was not like the other zebras.
No Sirree!

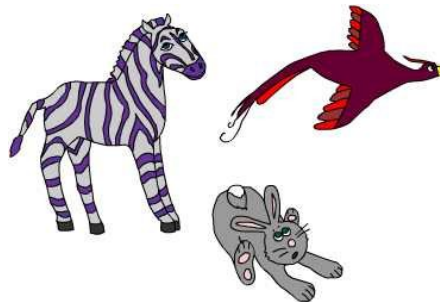
Our Itty Bitty Zebra
Had PURPLE Stripes!
YIPES!
A zebra with purple stripes?

The other zebras
Did not know what to think!
At first they would stare,
And then they would blink!

Itty Bitty Zebra
Did not notice at first
That the other Z's
Thought he was strange
Or even WORST!

Lots of times the other Z's
Would stay away.
With Itty Bitty Zebra
They would not play!

His purple stripes
Made Him look weird!
His purple stripes
The others feared!



“Watch out for Itty Bitty Zebra,”
They would say.
“We don’t know
“What makes him that way!”

“He is not
“As smart as we.
“He is probably not
“As strong, you see.”

Itty Bitty Zebra
Heard them chatter.
But to him
It did not matter.

As Itty Bitty Zebra
Looked all about,
He did not cry,
He did not pout.

“Listen to me,
“If you please,”
He said as he smiled
At the other Z’s.

“I know my stripes
“Are a different shade.
“I know they are not black, like yours.
“Purple is the color
“Mine are made!”

“It doesn’t matter
“The color of the skin,
“It only matters
“How you are within!”



“I’m a purple-striped zebra.

“It is true,

“But I’m still a zebra

”With a heart like you!”

That day all the zebras,

Made a wonderful find!

When it comes to skin,

It’s better to be...COLOR BLIND!

And he lived happily ever after...



LESSON PLAN

What made Itty Bitty Zebra different from the other zebras?

Did the other zebras think Itty Bitty Zebra was strange with his purple stripes?

Why did the other zebras stay away from Itty Bitty Zebra?

Does the way someone looks, like the color of their skin , or how tall they are, or what clothes they wear, make them different from you?

Because they are different, can they still be our friend?

What are some of the rhyming words in the story?