In this story, Mira is a young artist who loves to give away her pictures. She finds a joyful muralist, and they start painting on walls together. Soon others join in a giant painting block party, adding splashes of color to their neighborhood. As you read or listen to this story with your child, pay attention to how creating something, like art, can spark feelings of joy and pride.

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to Maybe Something Beautiful:

- **decorate**, to make something pretty or special
- **gloom**, when something looks dark and sad
- **peered**, looked over or around
- **sparkling**, to make flashes of light
- **imagine**, to think of something in your mind
- **joyful**, to feel great happiness

At the beginning of the story, Mira’s city is gray and gloomy. At the end of the story, with the help of the community and the muralist, the city is full of color with bright, vibrant designs. Tell your child they will have their own opportunity to transform something gloomy and gray into something bright and colorful. Using coloring materials, such as paint, chalk, watercolors, crayons, or markers, ask your child to add color to a blank surface or piece of paper. As children watch the surface go from gray and gloomy to bright and colorful, ask them how it makes them feel. Remind them that bright colors and happy designs can make people feel proud, excited, or even relaxed!