

A Day with Paul



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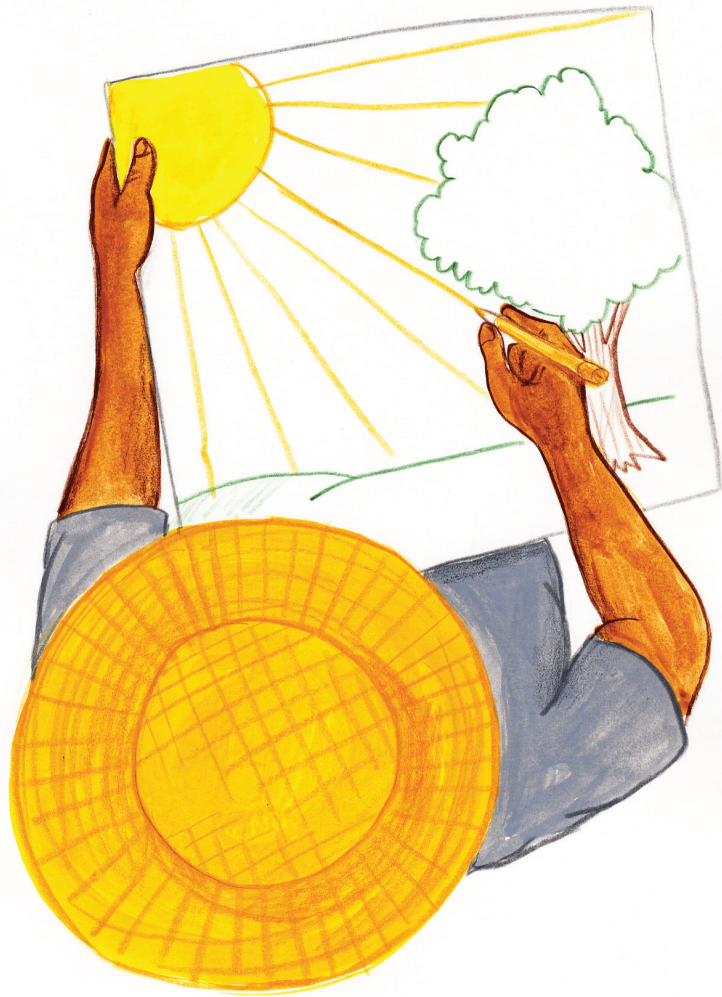
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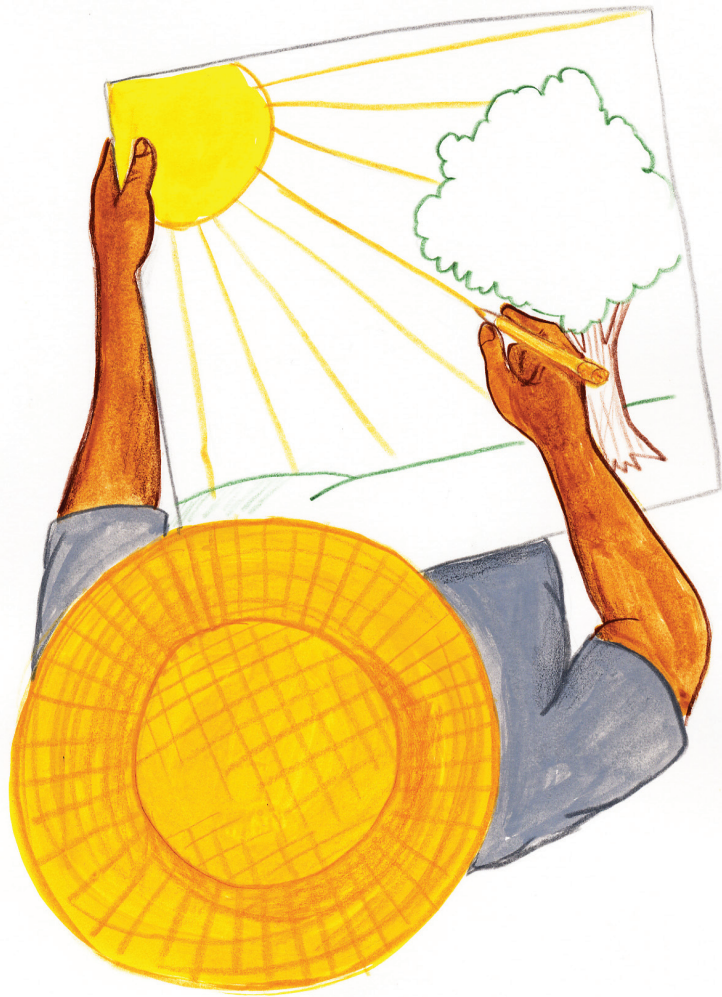
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Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

Comprehension (discussion with reader)

1. Who is Paul?
2. What does Paul like to do?
3. How many things can you remember that Paul drew?
4. What do you think Paul will be when he grows up?
5. Can you think of a different ending to this story?

Conversation Time

1. Listen to the song on track 19 of the CD entitled, "The Color Song". How many colors can you name? Can you think of things which are the colors below?



2. Do you ever use your imagination when you paint with colors? What's your favorite color?
3. Paul likes to draw and paint things that he sees outside. Look again at the things Paul draws and paints. What colors do you think Paul uses? Can you draw a picture that is similar to one of Paul's pictures?

Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)



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