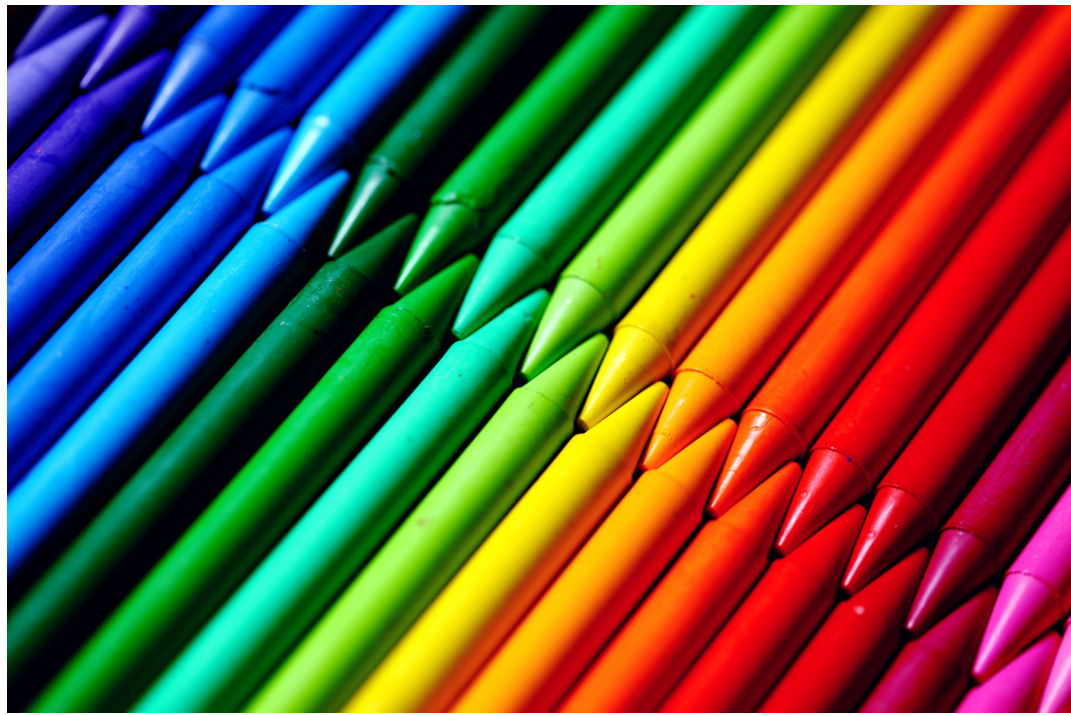


WHAT MAKES A HOUSE A HOME?



Materials:

- Print the outline of the house, or draw a simple outline on a blank piece of paper
- Pen or pencil for drawing the items into your house
- Colors for coloring the picture

How to begin:

TCKs are often accustomed to change and moving. However, this does not detract from the fact that there is a sense of loss every time they leave one place to go to a new one. There are fears, uncertainties, doubts, insecurity, sadness, loss, but often also a sense of adventure, curiosity, and joy at experiencing something new. How can we help our children deal with what they are leaving behind? How can we make it easier for them to feel “at home” in the new place? Start with a conversation. Ask questions and listen without judging, interrupting, or belittling what they are feeling at this delicate time.

Pray together for whatever concerns they may be carrying.



Draw what makes a house feel like home to you:

Ask your child to draw inside the outline of the “house” what makes a building a ‘home’ for them. If they are young, it may help to give them some ideas by asking questions such as, “What would you like to bring with you to make you feel at home?” “What do we have in our home right now that makes it feel like ours?” “What makes it special and makes you feel like it belongs to us?” “What would make you feel safe? Happy? Peaceful?”

Maybe it could be a blanket or a family photo. Give them space to draw their home and then take the opportunity to talk and pray together about how you can make the new place a special place for them too.

