

## Learning about... *Tigers & Freedom*

### Opening Prayer (hold hands with those present)

God is all there is to see.

God is here inside of me.

Smiles and hugs and love and fun.

All God's things for everyone.

I give thanks to God. And so it is. Amen!

### Suggested Supplies for Lesson:

- READING: Two stories about FREEDOM from the website: [www.FreeStoriesForKids.com](http://www.FreeStoriesForKids.com)
  - [The Colorless Tiger](#) (written text story)
  - [The Mocking Tiger](#) (audio story with sounds)
- Paper, crayons or markers
- Glue, scissors, tape, stapler (optional)
- Bumblebee buttons or stickers (optional)

(Total time: 40-45 minutes)

### Read/Hear Stories

Use the links in the textbox above to access the free stories from the website. Audio versions are also available there. You may also download/print the stories. Follow the instructions on the website.

### Discussion Questions

1. We often think of tigers as having lots of freedom. However, in the first story about the "Colorless Tiger," what did being locked up in the zoo do to him?
2. Why do you think all the paints, from the world's greatest painters, would just drip down off his skin?
3. What was there about the painter named **Van Cough** that made people think he was crazy? What was his secret to get the colors to stick to the tiger?
4. In the story "The Mocking Tiger," what was the Tiger's reason for making fun of the other animals? What do you think about that kind of behavior?
5. Even though the elephant was sad, he still came to rescue the other animals when his friend, the bumblebee, needed his help. They saved everyone, including the Tiger. What do you think was the lesson the Tiger learned from this experience?

### Spiritual Tools – Cause and Effect

In the Science of Mind philosophy we teach that there is great FREEDOM for everyone... through our thoughts and all the ideas we have in our minds. We can think ANYTHING we choose! We often see it come into form by focusing our mental thoughts and visions and intentions, as well as doing our part (actions) toward its creation, and having faith about its success... like the bumblebee.

### Project – Tiger Colors

Provide children with a drawing of a Tiger or have them create their own drawing... to color or paint... with the colors of FREEDOM so the Tiger can leave the zoo. They might also create a bumblebee (or provide them with a sticker) as a reminder that... ***no matter how small you think you are... you can always do great things!***

### Closing Prayer (hold hands with those present)

Prayer for Freedom from Suffering (from Buddhism)

#### Prayer for Freedom from Suffering

May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind quickly be freed from their illnesses.

May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free.

May the powerless find power, and may people think of befriending one another.

May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wilderness – the children, the aged, the unprotected – be guarded by beneficent celestials; and

May they swiftly attain Buddhahood [enlightenment].