

## Conversations with My Daughter

### What color rainbow would you be if you were a rainbow?



*May 2007, walking around the neighborhood*

**T:** Dad, what kind of sign would you be if you were a traffic sign?

**Dad:** A red light.

**T:** Me too, dad.

**Dad:** What is your reason?

**T:** First you.

**Dad:** I asked you first.

**T:** Because you said red lights are better than stop signs.

**Dad:** Did I?

**T:** Yes. You said people get confused with stop signs. But, with a red light they know what to do.

**Dad:** That's right. I did.

**T:** Why they don't change all stop signs to red lights?

**Dad:** Red lights are more expensive?

**T:** Oh! What color would you want to be if you were a rose dad?

**Dad:** Red.

**T:** Me, Pink.

**Dad:** Sure! That is your favorite color.

**T:** Lavender is my favorite too.

**Dad:** That's a fancy way of saying purple, isn't it?

**T:** No dad! It's not purple. It's pinkish purple.

**Dad:** Where did you hear that?

**T:** I don't remember. What would you be if you were an animal?

**Dad:** I am an animal.



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**T:** Seriously, dad! Be serious.

**Dad:** I am. Man is an animal.

**T:** What is wrong with this guy? I mean an animal like a dog or a falcon, or a squirrel; that kind of animal.

**Dad:** A circus animal.

**T:** What kind dad? What kind of an animal?

**Dad:** A horse, an elephant, I'm not sure. An elephant, I suppose.

**T:** I would be a falcon.

**Dad:** A falcon.

**T:** Did you know falcons can fly without flapping their wings? Eagles too!

**Dad:** Most birds do. Most birds dive.

**T:** But falcons have long wings and they can glide longer.

**Dad:** Do you like to fly?

**T:** I'd love to fly. Dad, what color rainbow would you be if you were a rainbow?

**Dad:** A rainbow? A rainbow has all sorts of colors; every color that ever existed.

**T:** How do they make rainbows?

**Dad:** Rainbows are made by nature. Usually, immediately after rain - when rain stops - and sun comes out, sun rays that shine through water particles and droplets create colorful beams. You only see them if the sun is behind you. I can make a rainbow you know?

**T:** They are made by nature.

**Dad:** I mean I can show and demonstrate the process in which a rainbow is made.

**T:** I can draw a rainbow.

**Dad:** I can too.

**T:** Can a rainbow have black color?

**Dad:** Black is not a color. You will not see black in a rainbow.

**T:** What is wrong with this guy? I have many black pencils, and black markers and black paper. What is wrong with this guy?

**Dad:** I love you. You're the funniest and the sweetest artist I've ever known.

We're home. Let's go wash up and you draw me a rainbow.

**T:** Let's go.

### ***Minutes later***

**T:** Here dad; For you.

**Dad:** Love it! Can this monkey see the rainbow, though?

**T:** No!

**Dad:** Do you know why? I tell you why. For the monkey to be able to see the rainbow, he has to stand with his back to the sun.

**T:** He does not want to see the rainbow. He just wants to be part of my project.