

## The Sad Circle

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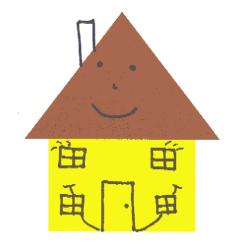
Once upon a time there was a circle. He was a very sad circle because he didn't think he did anything useful.

The circle saw that his friends did lots of useful things.

His friend the triangle was the roof on a house.

His friend the square was the body of the house.

And his friend the rectangle was a pool in the back yard of the house.





Circle had many other friends that did many important things, the octagon was a stop sign and helped prevent people from getting hurt. The pentagon was very important in the government, and the diamond was beautiful and people loved her.

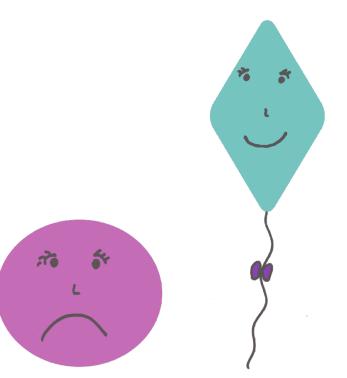
Everywhere circle looked everyone of his friends was doing something important and everyone loved them. He just couldn't find anything that he was good at. So circle decided to go home, very sad and very alone.



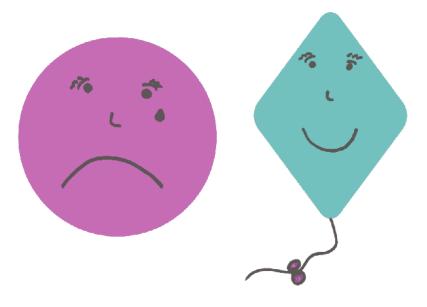


Circle wished so badly that he could be special and that people would love him. All he ever wanted to do was to make people smile and laugh! But he was just a circle – what good was that to anyone!

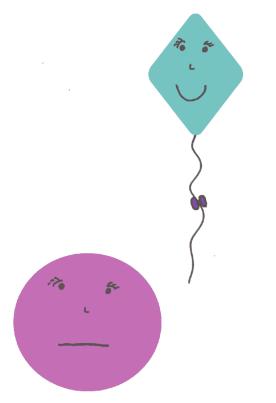
Just then circle's friend kite came by. He saw that his friend circle was sad so he swooped down to see if he could help.

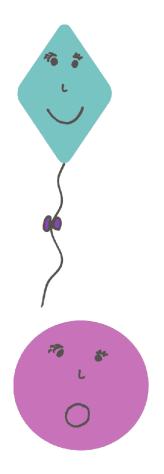


"What's wrong?" kite asked circle. "I am not useful to anyone," circle said with a sad look on his face and a tear on his cheek. "What do you mean you are not useful to anyone!?" kite exclaimed. "Come with me and I will show you how much your are needed!!" said kite.



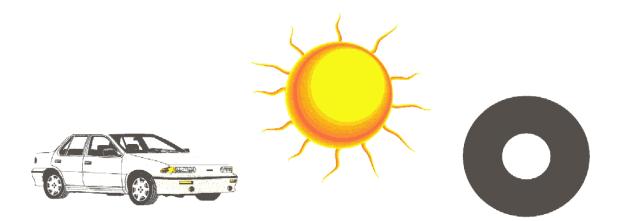
So off they went. Circle followed kite on the ground while kite flew high in the air.





Kite began to show circle all of the ways he was needed. There were so many that circle couldn't believe his eyes.

Circle was needed as a tire on a car, as a hot tub for people to enjoy, as an inner tube for the pool, as sun on a nice day! Circle was needed in these ways and so many more!

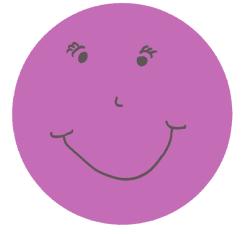




But circle found one way that he was needed that he liked the best! He was needed as a birthday cake for a little girl!



Circle was so happy that kite had shown him that he was useful. Now he could make people smile and laugh just like he had always wanted to do.



Life was great as a circle!!!

- Can you think of more things that the circle could be? How many more?
- If you were a circle what would you want to be?
- Name as many different things you would want to be if you were a circle. How many can you come up with?

## The End