Jack And The Magic Chalk

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Jack lives with his Granny, Mommy and big sister Julie in a little house in a little village with a little red gate.

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But it's so lonely.
It's so boring.
Nobody wants to play.
While Jack was being quiet and not playing in the park and not kicking his ball and not going to school, mommy said, "Jack, why don't you help granny and clean your room?"

But that is so boring... thought Jack.
As Jack tidied under his bed he found a little box. Inside the little box were some little sticks of coloured chalk. There was yellow, red, green, purple and blue.
Yellow
like the
smiley sun

Red like a
yummy
strawberry

Green like
the jiggly
jelly granny

Purple like
magic sparkle
dust

Blue like the
sky so high
Green like the jiggly jelly granny makes

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Jack had no paper, he searched and searched but there was none.

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Jack ran inside to call his family to see his picture on the path. As Jack, Granny, Mommy and Julie came outside it started to rain.
Jack began to cry as his picture disappeared.
“But look Jack!” said Mommy. Jack’s picture had turned into a magical swirl of beautiful melting colours, colouring the whole path with love and hope.
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A little book to help children understand lockdown in an age appropriate, fun way, encouraging love, hope and lots of creative play.

Recommended for ages 3-6

Love and kindness
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