

# One of My Responsibilities

## Art Activity

### Materials:

Newsprint or art paper, pencils, black construction paper, white glue, colored chalk, facial tissues, and hair spray.

### Directions:

This activity can be used right after the Sharing Circle topic, *A Way in Which I Am Responsible*.

Place the materials on a table or workspace. Tell the children that they are going to draw one of their responsibilities with glue on black paper. After the glue dries, they will fill in the spaces with colored chalk.

**Explain:** *Think of one of the ways in which you are responsible and draw it with pencil on the newsprint. It may be something you shared in the Sharing Circle, or some other responsibility. For example, you might want to draw your hand holding a dog's water dish under a faucet—or yourself getting up on time in the*

*morning. Experiment by drawing a variety of sketches. Keep your objects big and simple. When you are satisfied with a sketch, draw it on the black paper. Use the white glue to go over the pencil lines.*

Collect the drawings. Let the glue dry for several hours or overnight; it will be transparent when dry. Tell the children to fill in the shapes with colored chalk, using only one finger to spread the chalk evenly. They can clean the finger with a tissue as they change chalk colors, and wash their hands when they are done. Seal the pictures with a light coating of hair spray to keep the chalk from smearing.

**Discussion:** As the children work, talk about those responsibilities that they consider the most important. Ask them how they feel about what their pictures depict. Display the completed pictures around the room before sending them home with the children.