



Messy Art

Seth's favorite free time activity is painting. He is only five years old but already plans to be an artist someday – a famous artist. His parents bought him a wonderful art set for his last birthday, and he set up his “studio” in his bedroom. If his family hasn't seen Seth for a while and wonders where he might be, the first place they look is in his studio. His older siblings like to tease him a little about his paintings, saying they are kind of messy sometimes. Seth doesn't get too upset because he knows the pictures look exactly the way he wants them to look.

Seth's mother once read him a story about a famous artist named Pablo Picasso. Some critics thought Picasso's art was a little “messy” too, but he kept on painting anyway. That is what Seth intends to do. Maybe someday some of his artwork will be displayed in an art museum, and people will come from all over the world to see it. For now, though, Seth is happy just to tape his paintings to the refrigerator for family and friends to view and admire. After all, every famous painter had to start somewhere, right?

1. What is Seth's favorite free time activity?

2. What do Seth's older siblings sometimes say about his paintings?

3. Does Seth get upset when his siblings tease him? Why or why not?

4. What famous artist did Seth's mother read to him about?

5. How do you know that Seth's parents support his love of painting?

