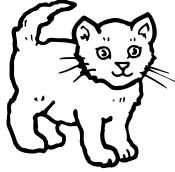


Scat the Cat

Once upon a time there was a little **Black** cat and his name was "Scat the Cat."

One day he looked around and saw that all his brothers and sisters and friends were black too. Scat decided he would like to be a different color. So he said:



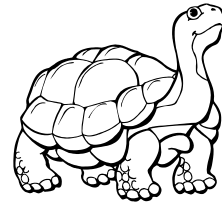
"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy and fat.
I can change my color
Just like that!" (*Snap fingers.*)

All of a sudden he was **Green** like the trees and grass. What else is green like Scat? He went out to play with his friends, but they couldn't find him because he was the color of the trees and grass. He was very unhappy and decided he didn't want to be green any more, so he said:

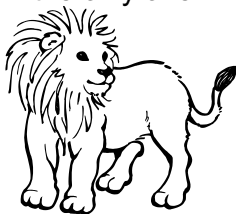
"I'm Scat the Cat,
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Just like that!" (*Snap fingers.*)

Then Scat turned **Blue** like the water, the sky, and what else is blue? He walked to the lake, looked at himself, and fell in the water! But poor Scat couldn't swim. He called for help but his friends couldn't see him because he was blue like the water. Just then his friend, Timothy Turtle, caught him and carried him safely to shore. Scat didn't want to be blue any more, so he said:

"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy and fat.
I can change my color
Just like that!" (*Snap fingers.*)



Then Scat turned **Yellow** like the sun. On his way through the jungle, he met his cousin Leo the Lion. Leo said, "Grrrrr! I'm the only one who is supposed to be yellow." Scat was so afraid that he said:



"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy and fat.
I can change my color
Just like that!" (*Snap fingers.*)

Next, Scat turned **Red** like an apple. What else is the color red? He went out to play with his brothers and sisters and friends, but they all laughed at him. "Whoever heard of a red cat," they said. No one played with him and he felt so sad. "I don't want to be **red**. I don't want to be **yellow** like Leo the Lion; I don't want to be **blue** like the water; and I don't want to be **green** like the grass. I want to be **black** again just like my brothers and sisters and friends. I'd like to have lots of cats to play with so he said:

"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy and fat.
I can change my color
Just like that!" (*Snap fingers.*)



Scat changed back to **Black**, and after that he was happy just being himself.

Suggestions: Discuss how special it is to be just the way we are. Ask children what they like best about themselves.

