

Word of Life



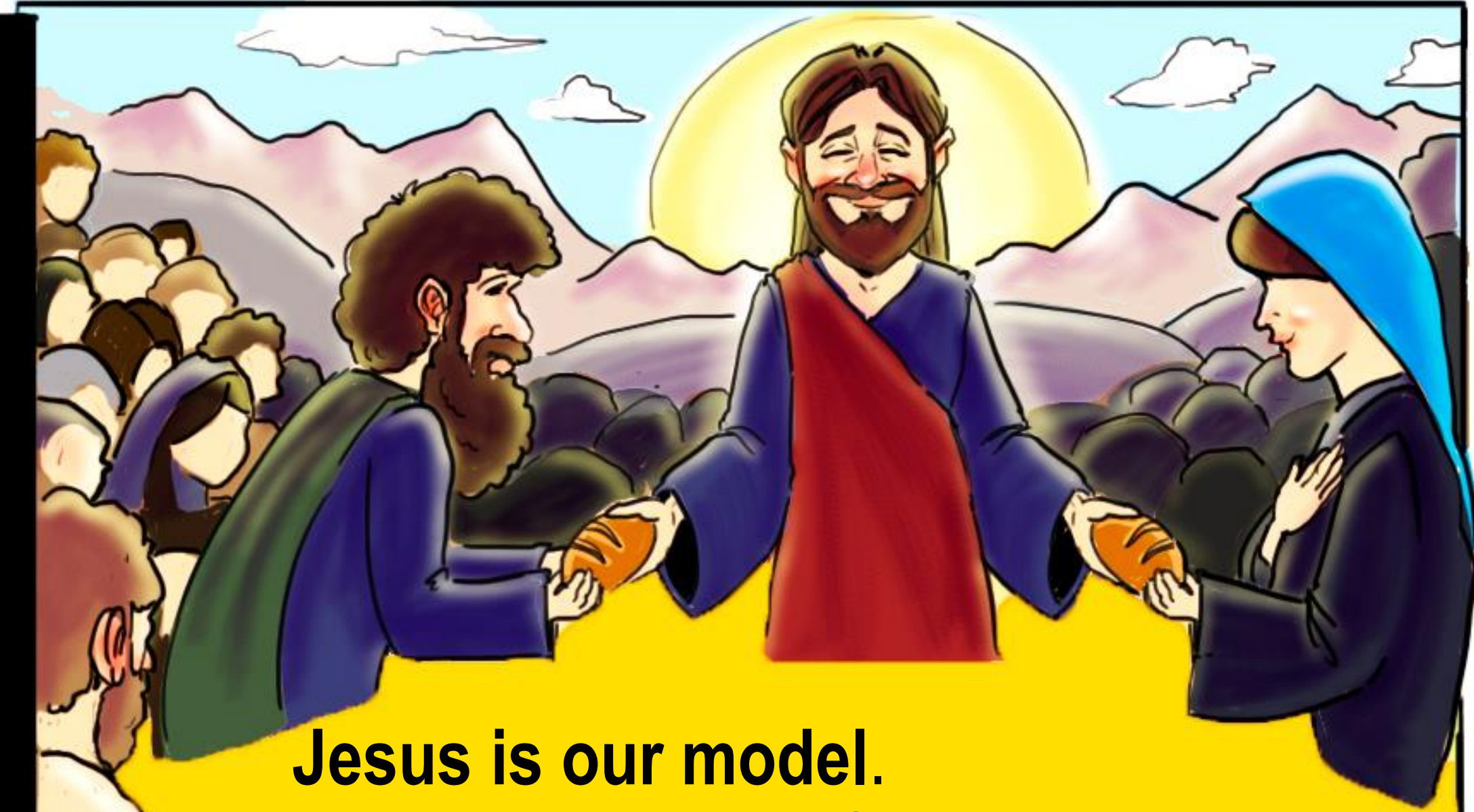
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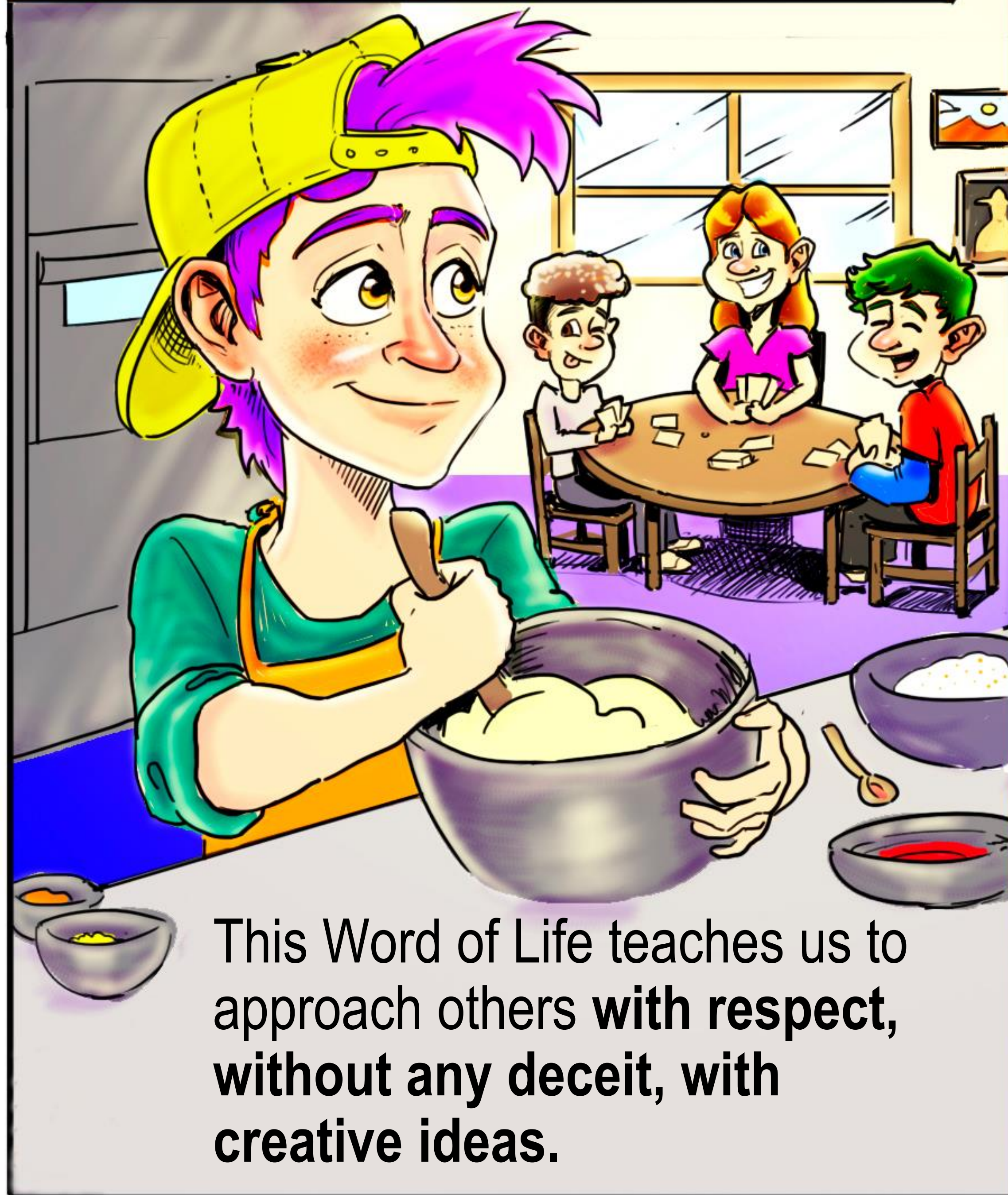
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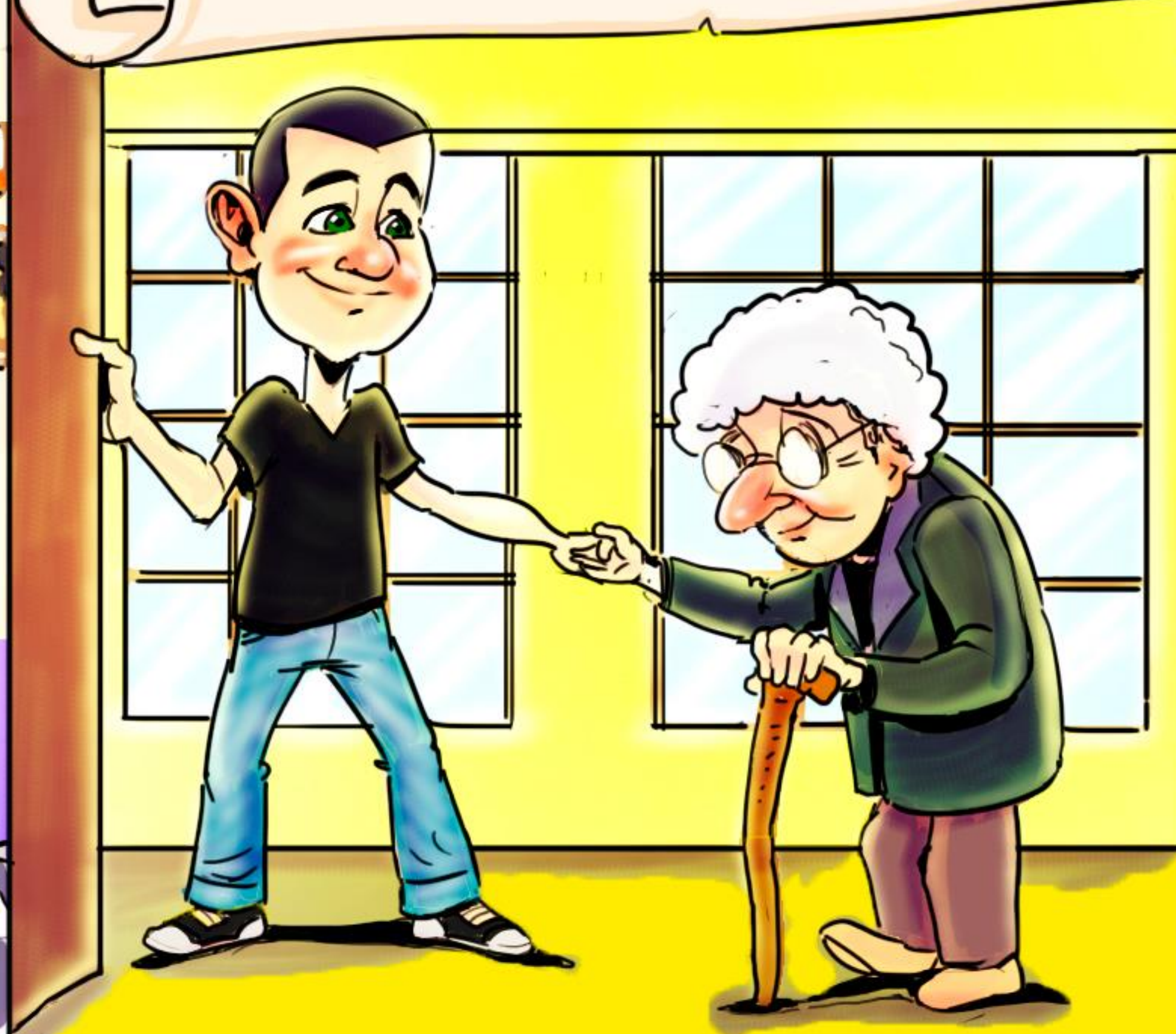
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This Word of Life teaches us to approach others **with respect, without any deceit, with creative ideas.**



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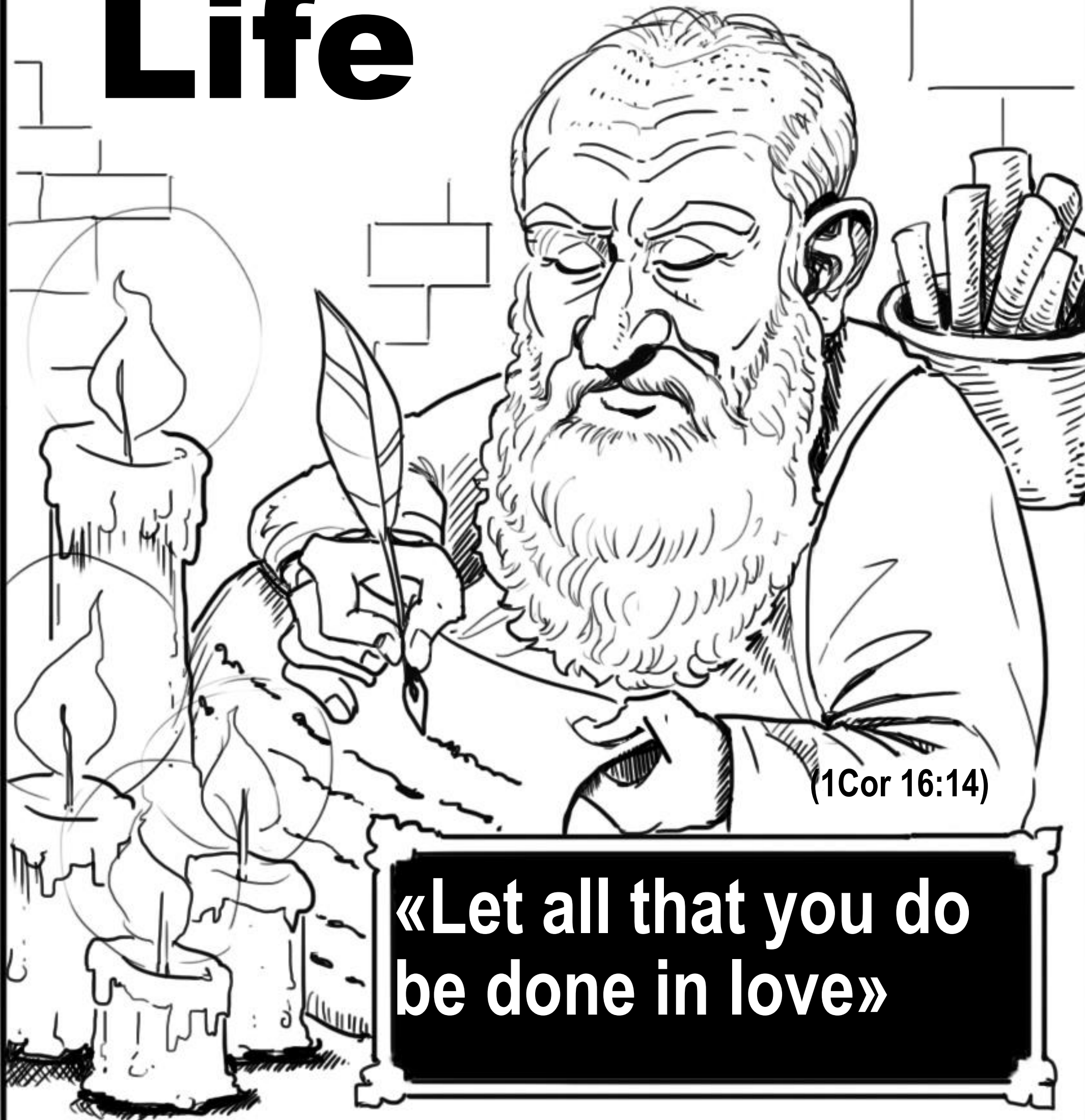
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I spoke with my mom and told her that this lady could have my room, until she found a better place to live. My mom accepted the idea, so now I sleep on the sofa in the living room – and I am really happy!

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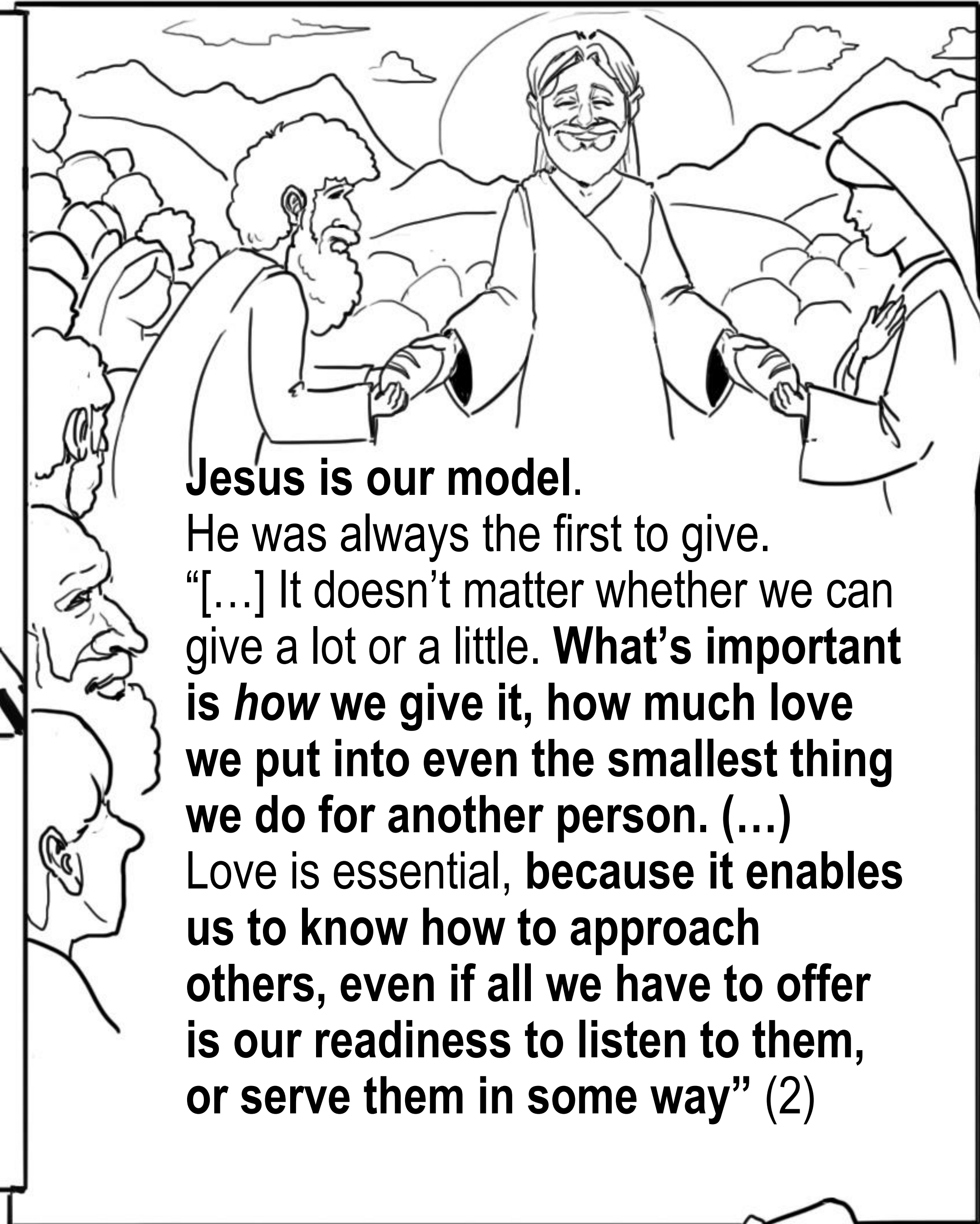
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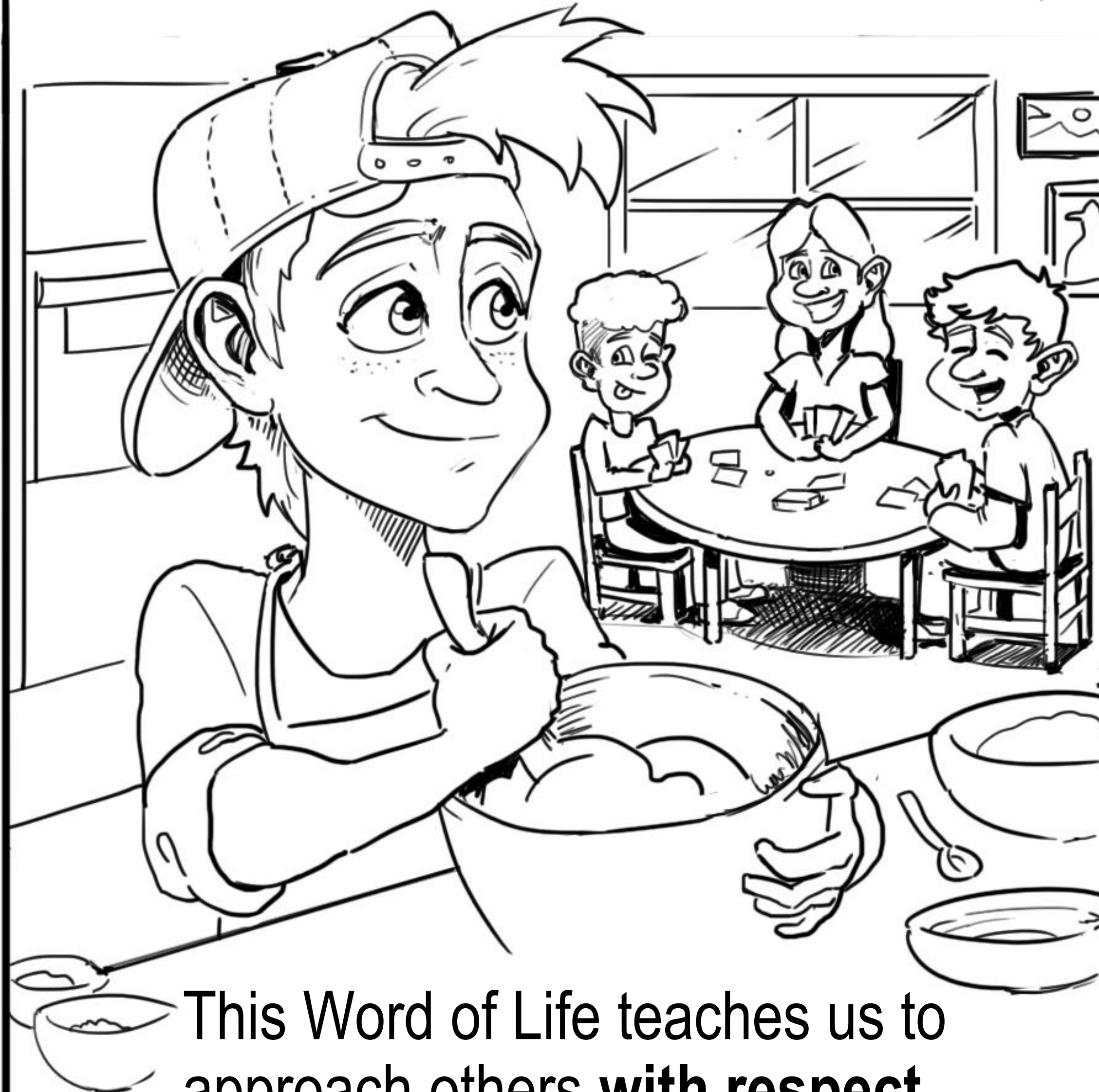
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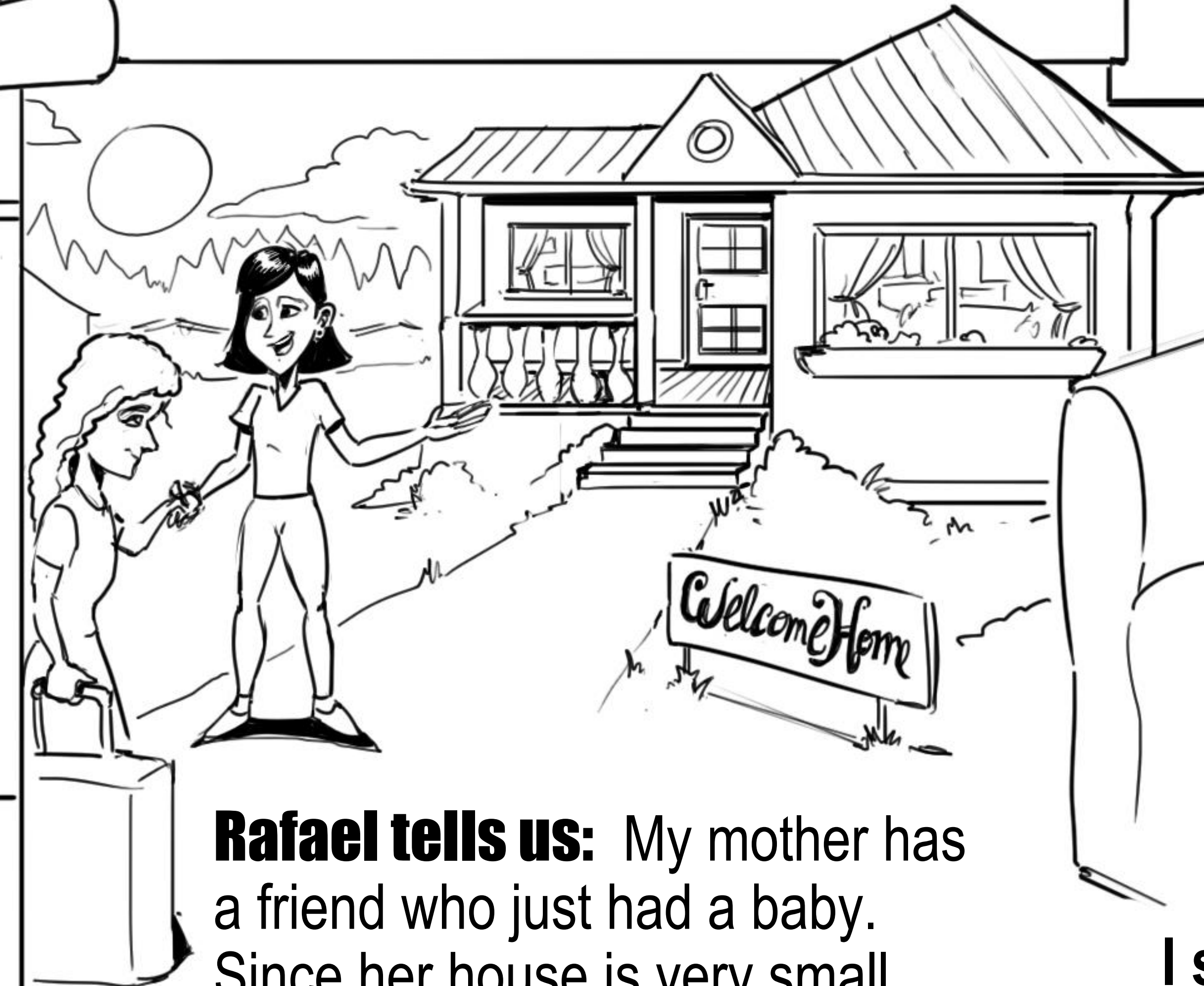
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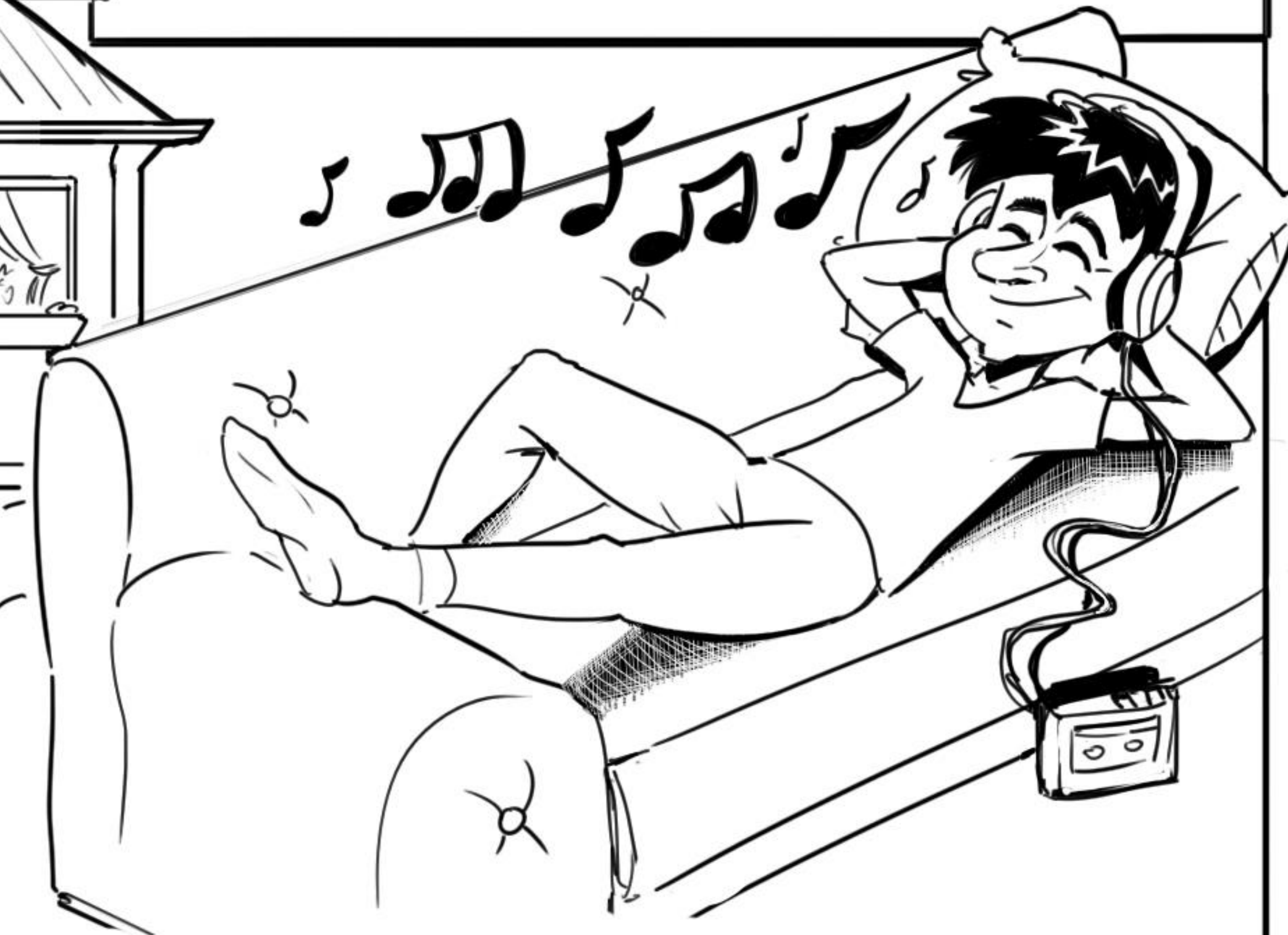
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