

The Works of Mercy

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Dear Parents,

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are necessary actions that demonstrate to the whole world that Jesus lives among us. It is through each Baptized Christian that Jesus chooses to extend His merciful love to others, so much so that we will not enter heaven without practicing these works.

This coloring book serves as an introduction to these Works of Mercy using examples that young children can relate to and practice according to their state in life. You may choose to expand their knowledge by asking them in what other ways they might be able to practice the different Works of Mercy.

It is our hope that this humble little coloring book will help your child understand that no matter how old or young we are, we are all called to be merciful, for Jesus depends on us to be His Apostles of Mercy on earth.

***We dedicate this work to our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
in this Jubilee Year of Mercy***

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And the King will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did it for Me.”

Matthew 25:40

Pope Francis



The Corporal Works of Mercy

These Works of Mercy are directed toward the physical needs of each person, especially the poor, the elderly and the lonely.

They are as follows:

Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked

Visit the imprisoned

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Bury the dead

To Feed the Hungry



I can show God's mercy by helping to feed my baby sister.

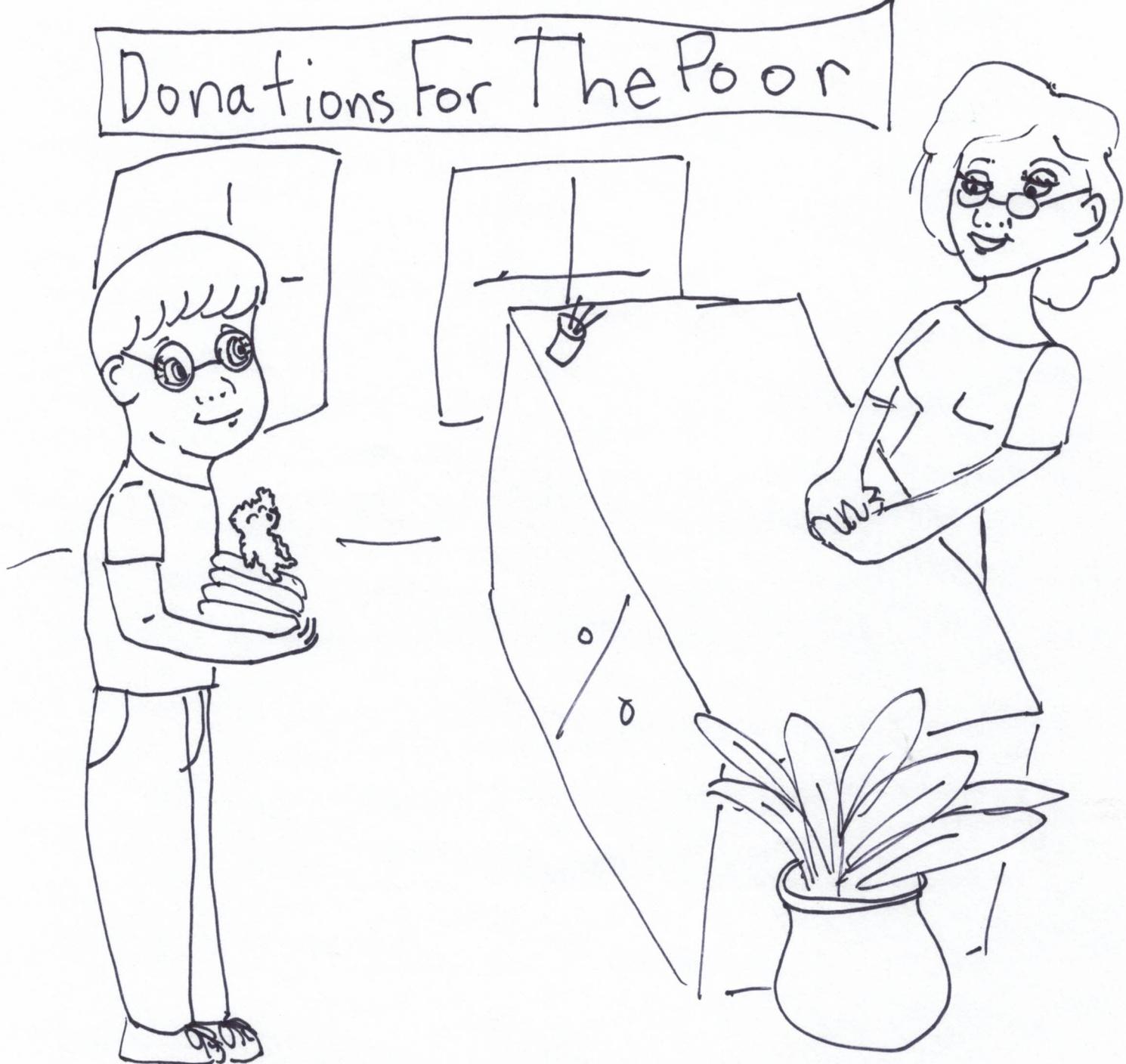
To Give Drink to the Thirsty



I can show God's mercy by bringing Daddy a drink on a hot day.

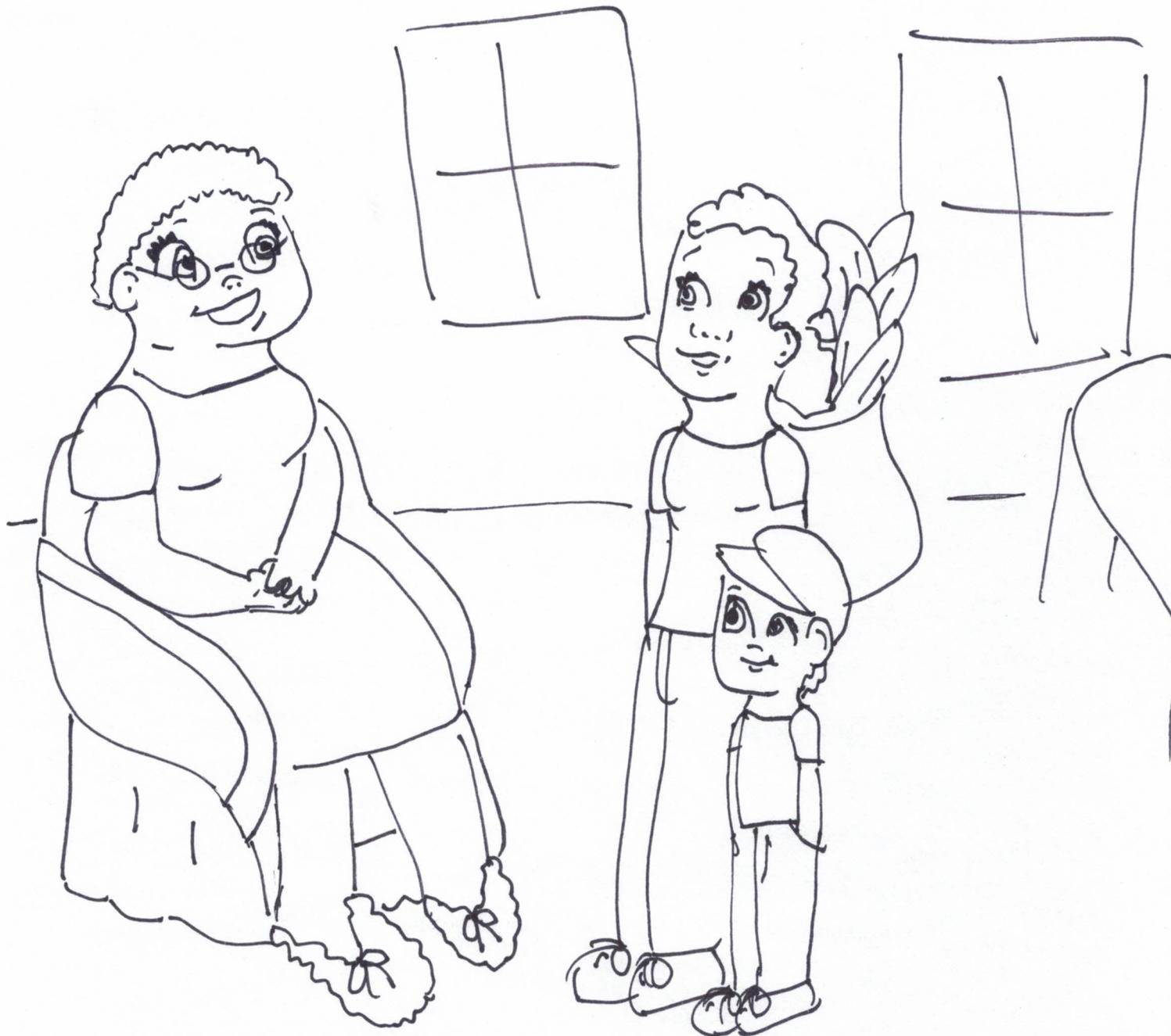
To Clothe the Naked

Donations For The Poor



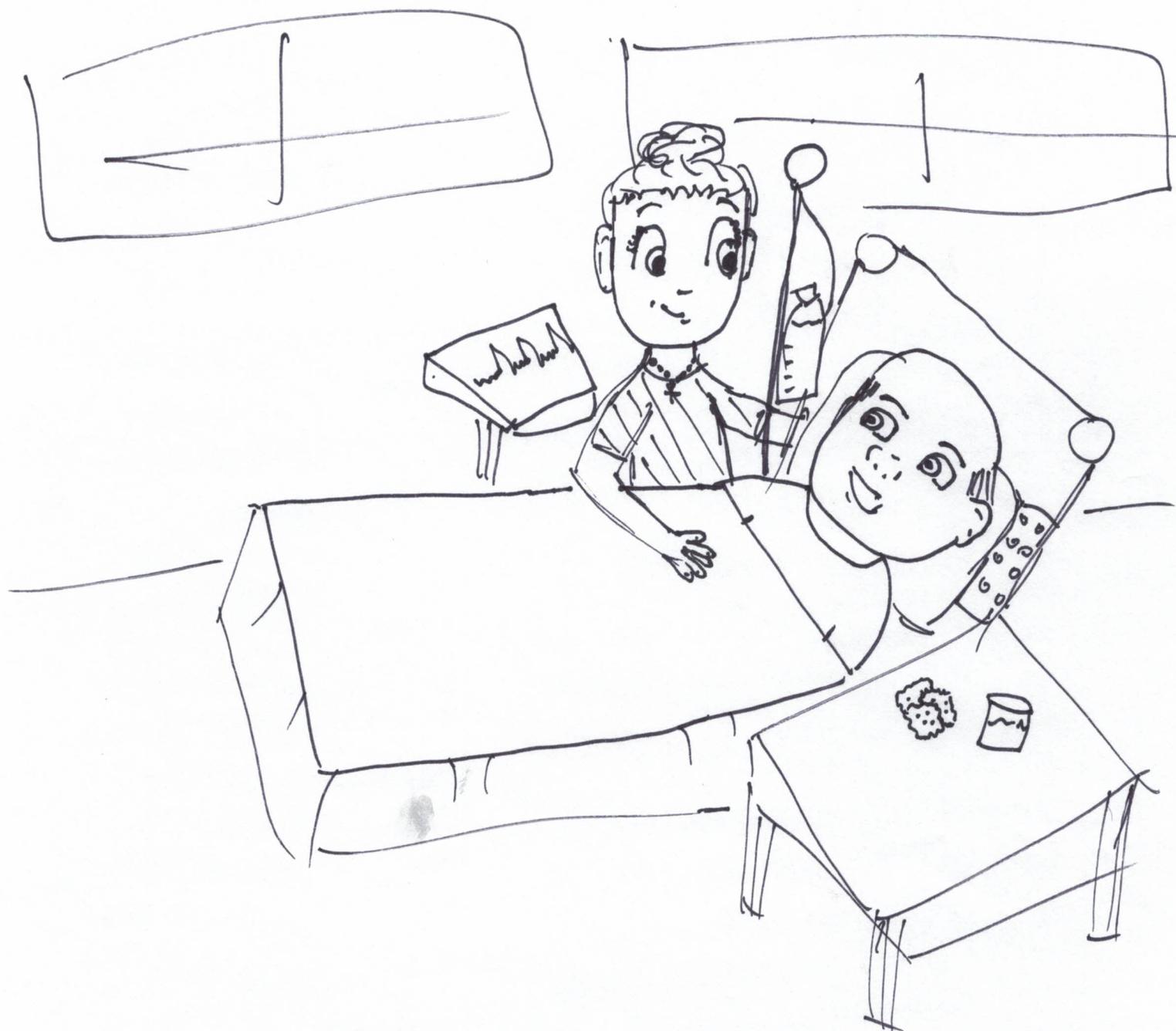
I can show God's mercy by giving my old clothes to the poor.

To Visit the Imprisoned



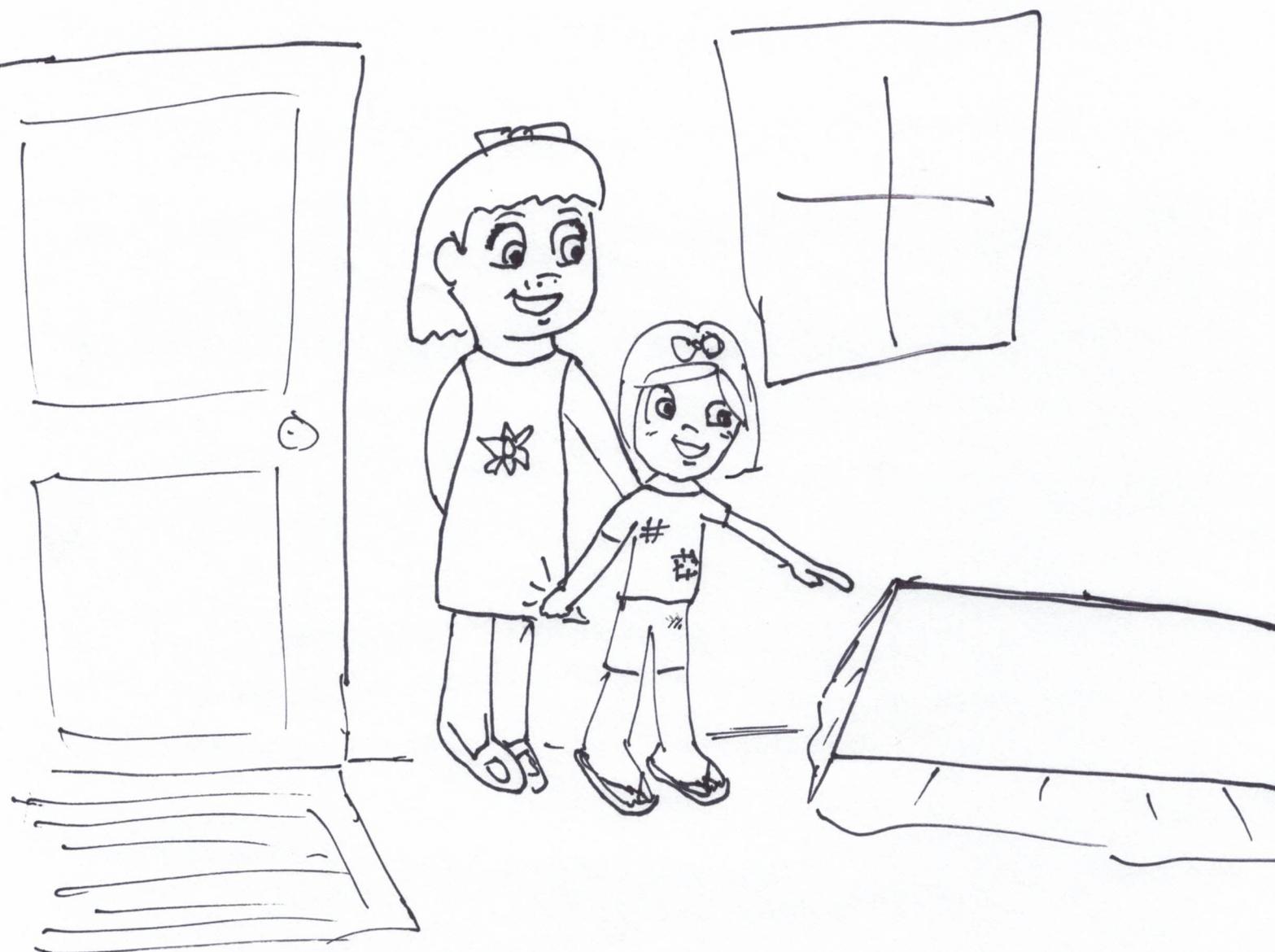
I can show God's mercy by visiting a lonely neighbor who cannot get out by herself.

To Visit the Sick



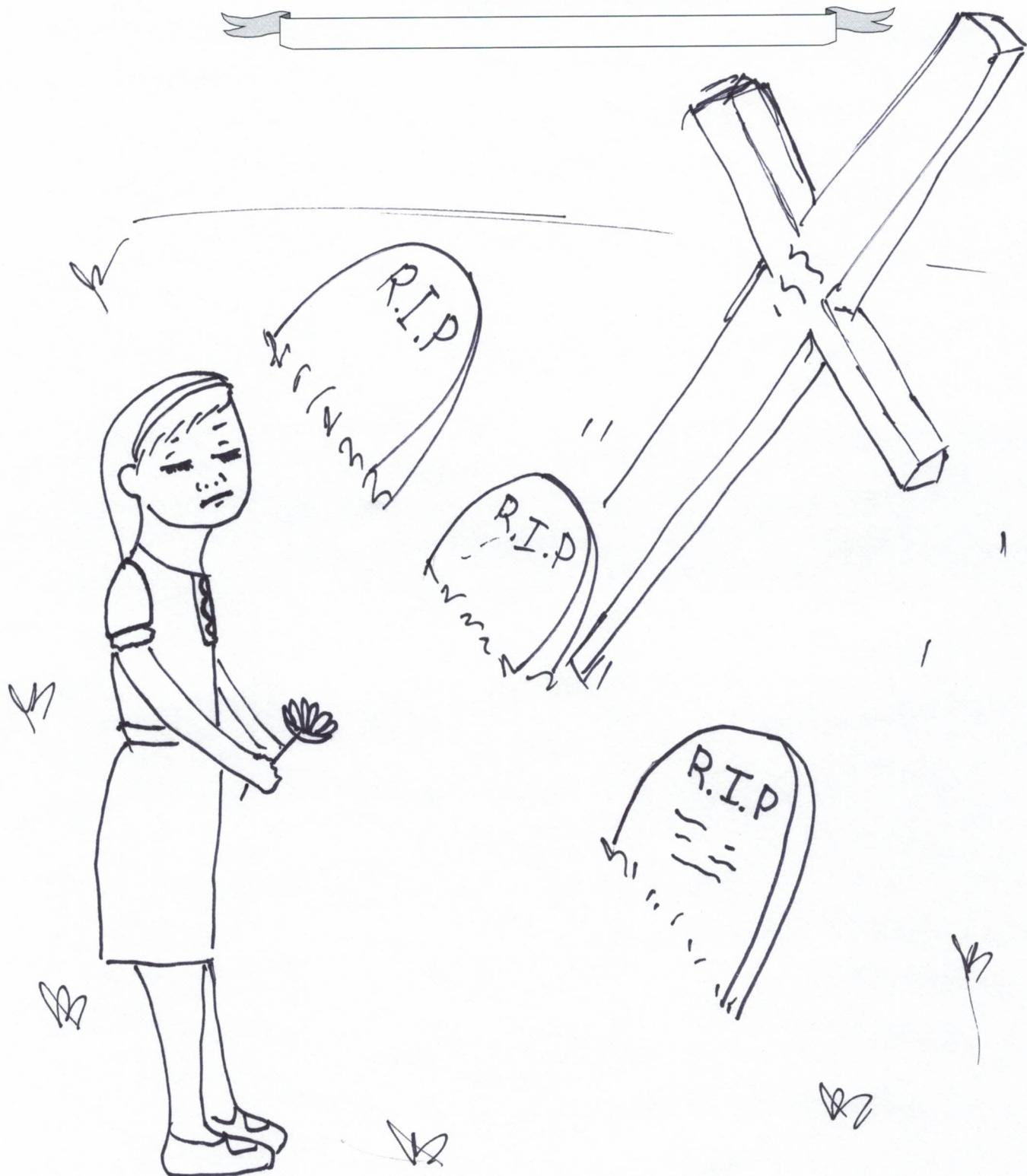
I showed God's mercy when I visited Grandpa after his operation.

To Shelter the Homeless



I can show God's mercy by helping at the homeless shelter
with my family.

To Bury the Dead



I showed God's mercy by going to our uncle's funeral.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

These Works of Mercy are directed toward the soul. They are needed to help us be holy, and to help others be holy, too.

They are as follows:

Correct the sinner

Instruct the ignorant

Counsel the doubtful

Comfort the sorrowful

Bear wrongs patiently

Forgive all injuries

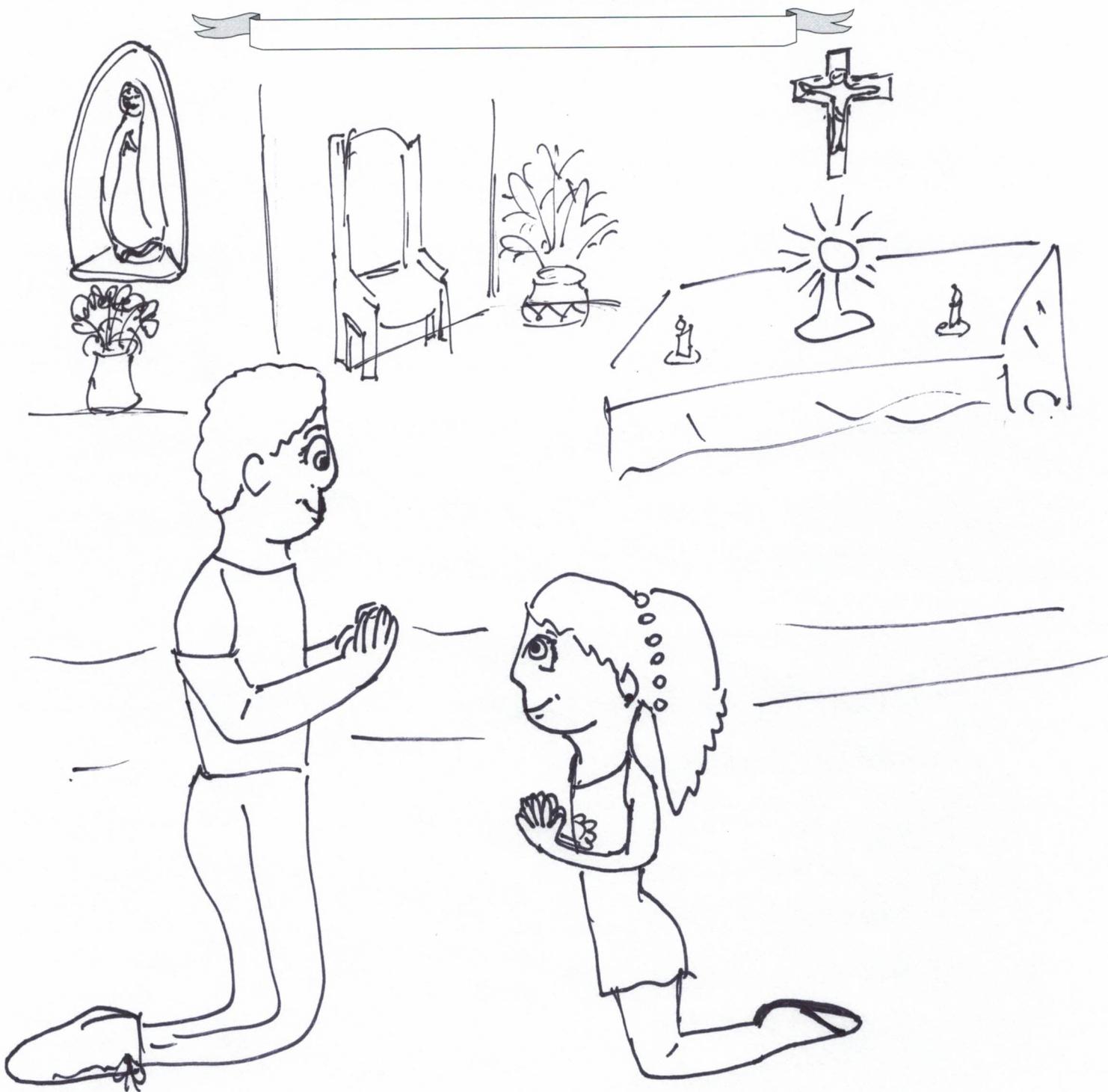
Pray for the living and the dead

To Correct the Sinner



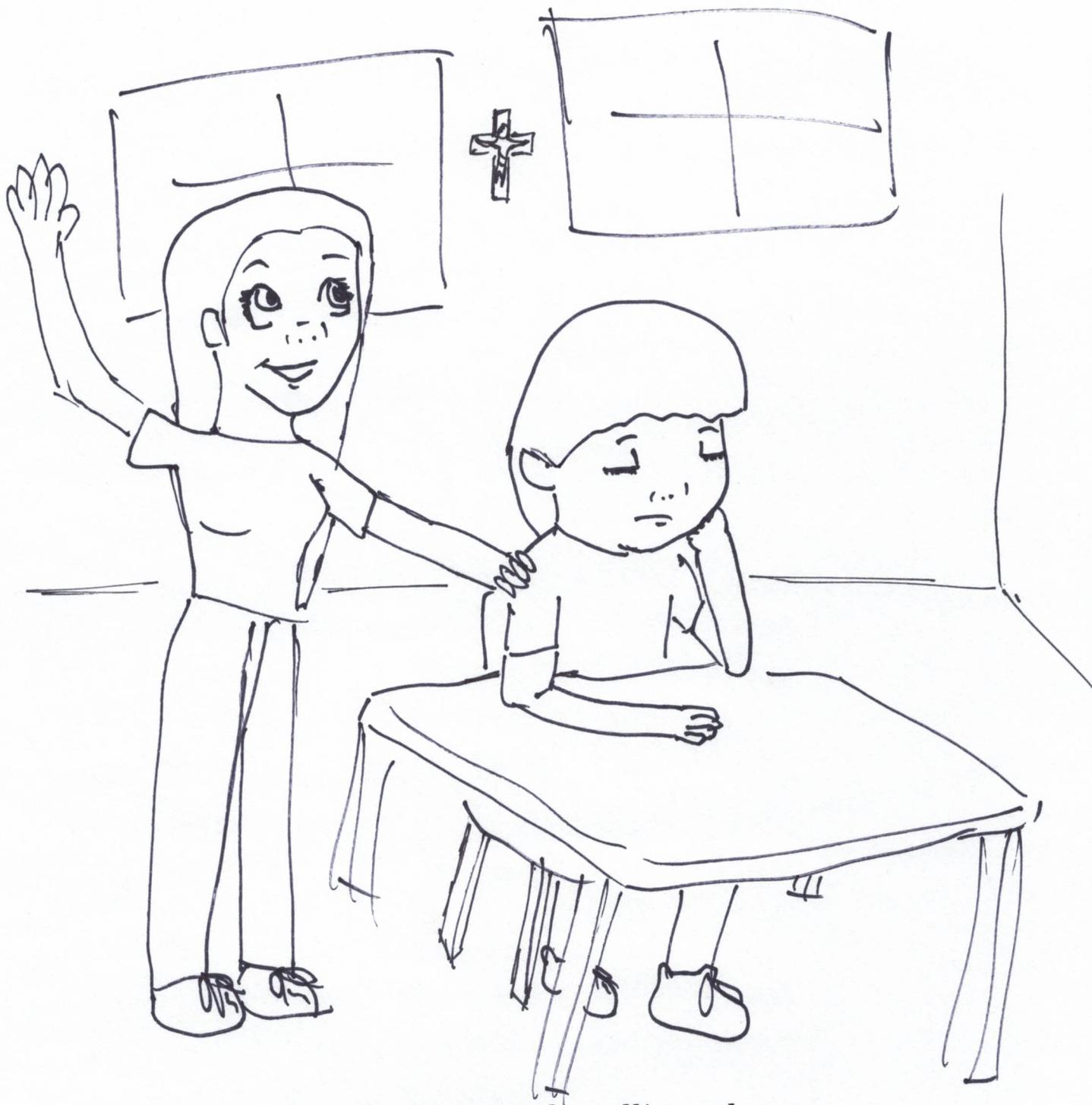
I can show God's mercy by telling my friend not to steal.

To Instruct the Ignorant



I can show God's mercy by teaching my brother
how to pray in Church.

To Counsel the Doubtful



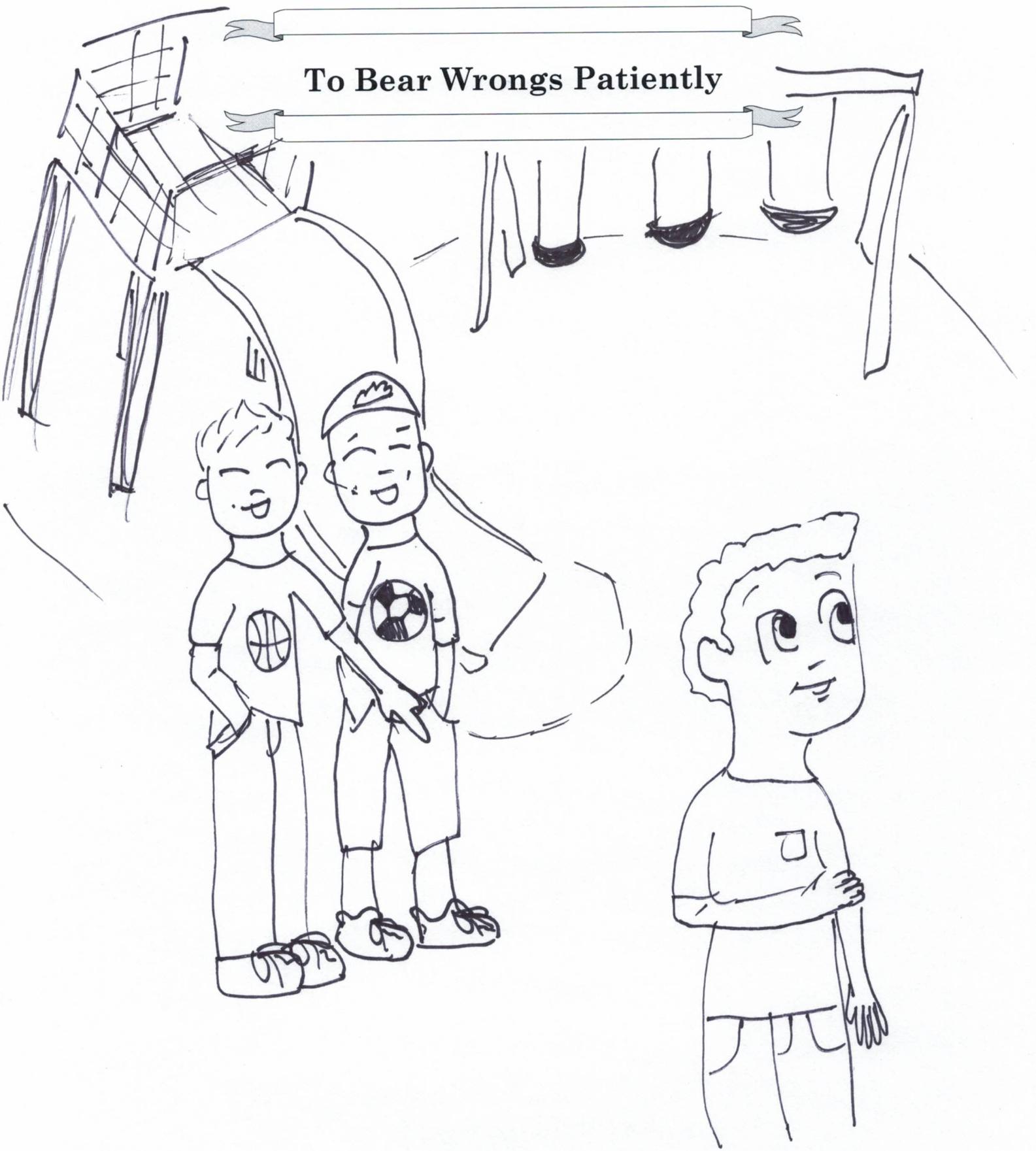
I can show God's mercy by telling others
how much Jesus loves them.

To Comfort the Sorrowful



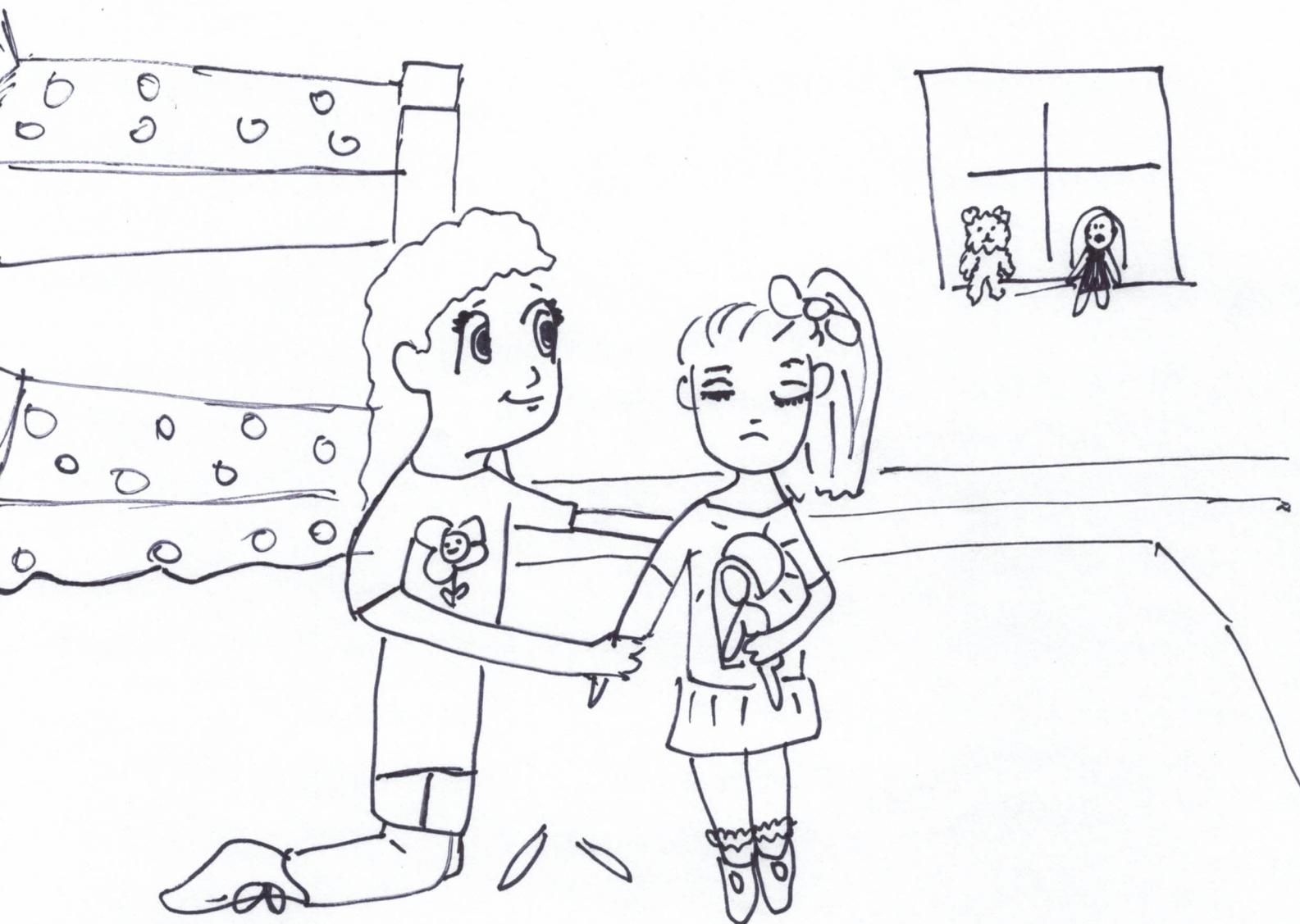
I can show God's mercy by comforting a friend whose pet died.

To Bear Wrongs Patiently



I can show God's mercy by calmly praying for those who hurt me.

To Forgive All Injuries



I can show God's mercy by forgiving my sister
for breaking my favorite toy.

To Pray for the Living and the Dead



I can show God's mercy by praying for my family and friends before bedtime.

The Story of the Sheep and the Goats

Based on Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus was telling his followers what will happen when He comes again at the end of time:

“I will come back with all the angels around me, and I will sit on a glorious throne. All the people who ever lived will come before me, and I will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; the sheep on my right, and the goats on my left.

I will turn to the sheep and say to them, ‘My Father has blessed you, and you may now enter the Kingdom of Heaven, for every time you fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, took care of the sick, visited those in prison, you did these things to Me.’

The sheep will live happily with Me forever.

I will then turn to the goats and say to them, ‘By your actions, you are to be sent to hell where the devil has prepared a place for you. When someone needed food, you did not feed them. When someone needed a drink, you did not give it to them. When a stranger came to you, you did not welcome him. Someone was naked, and you did not give them clothes. Someone was sick, and another in prison, and you did nothing to help. When you did not help these poor souls, you did not help Me. Away with you now, for I do not know you.’

The goats will be punished forever.”



*Let those who fear the LORD say,
His mercy endures forever.*

Psalm 118:4