

THE ADVENTURES
OF
LITTLE HEART

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A DEVOTIONAL FOR RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES

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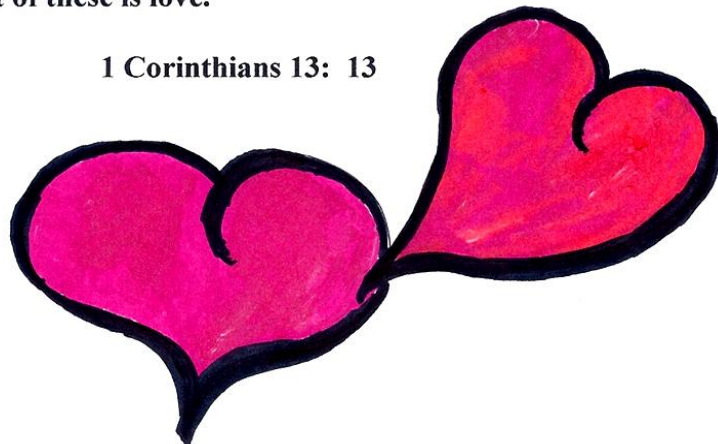
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Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

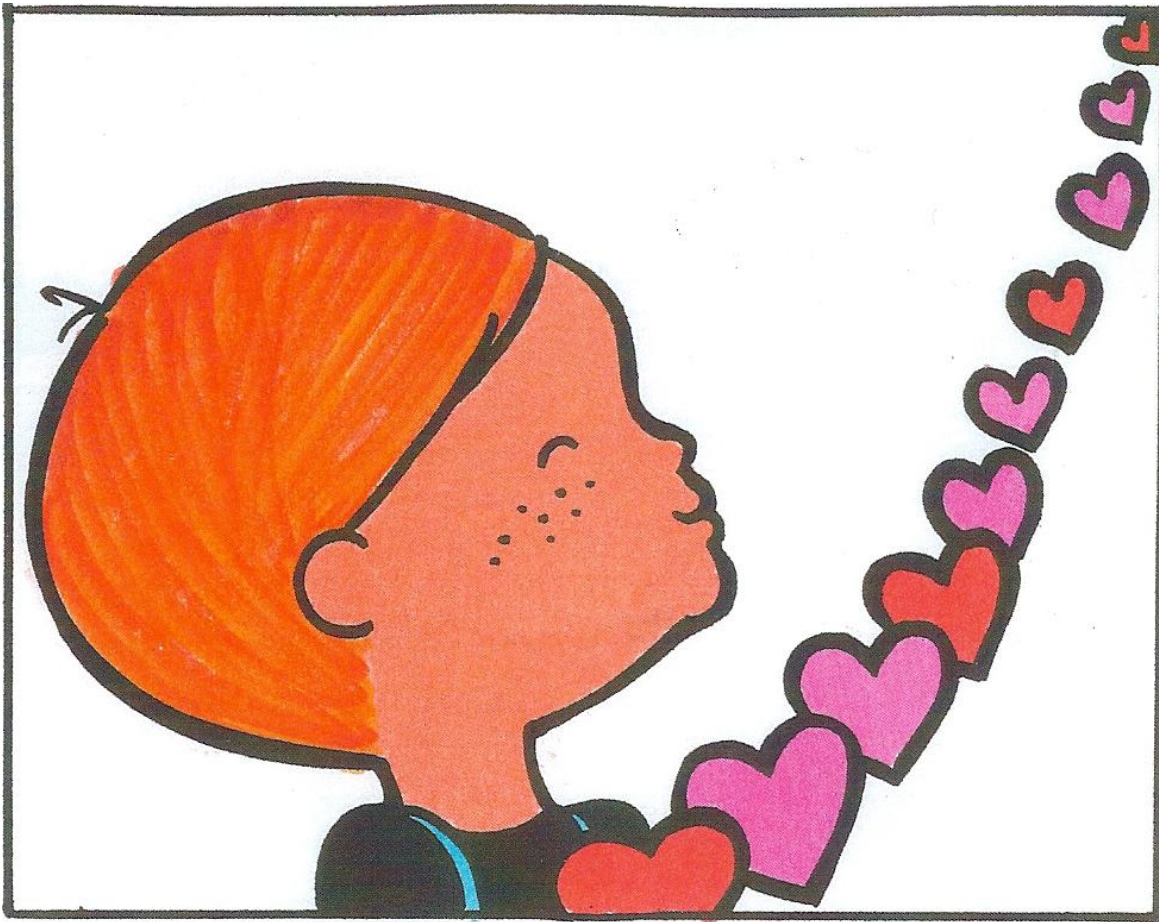
1 Corinthians 13: 13



Dedicated to: Dean Walls
Received: Heart Transplant
Believes: Every day is a holiday and every meal a banquet.



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God blessed Little Heart with a special beat:

“Give-give....Give-give....Give-give!”

This special beat caused Little Heart’s days to be filled with one exciting adventure after another.

Life was so good. EVERYDAY WAS A HOLIDAY AND EVERY MEAL A BANQUET! No matter what happened, Little Heart seemed to know how to make the beat go on.

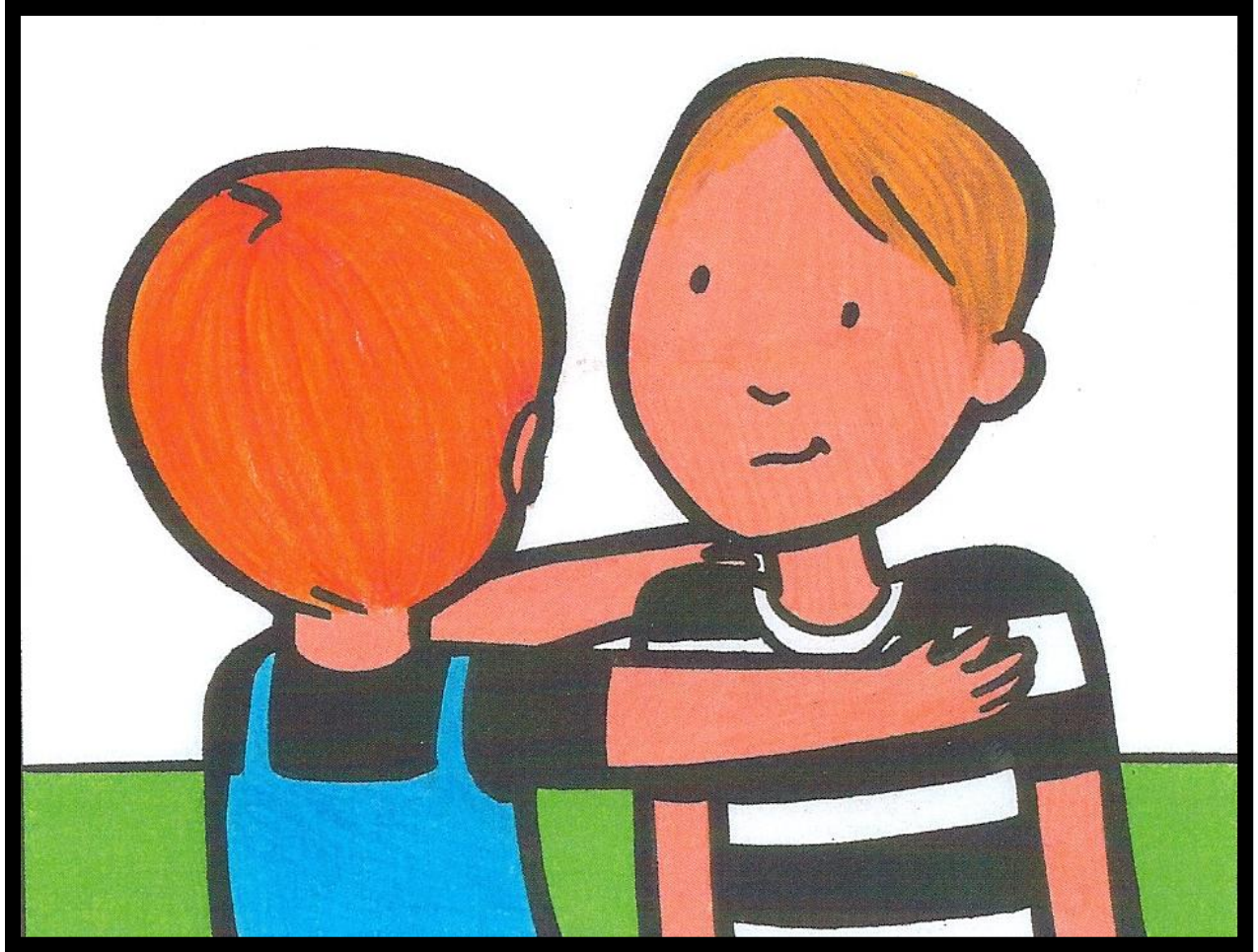
“Give-give...Give-give...Give-give!”



**While playing with his friends
someone got left out!**

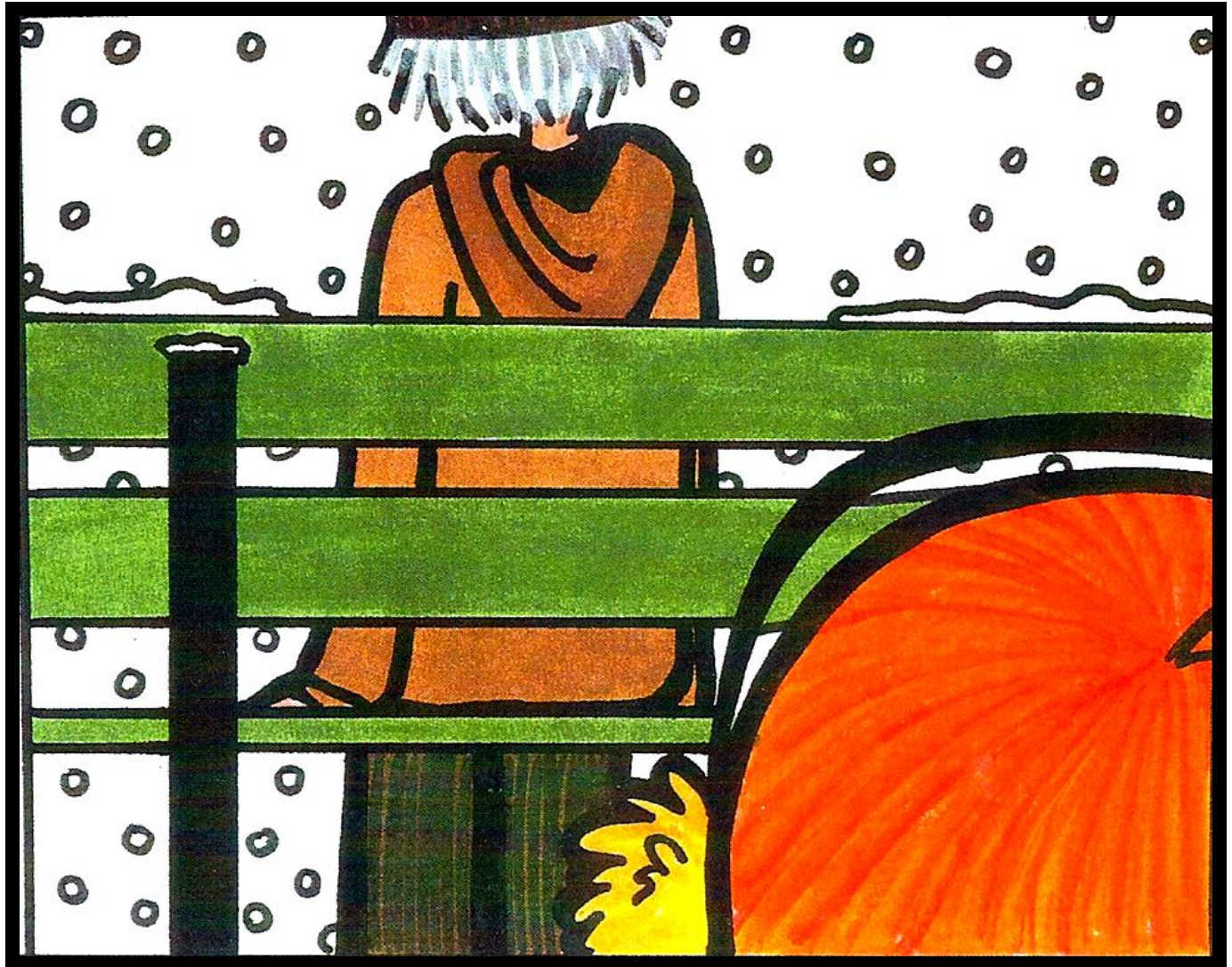
Hurt feelings!

What could Little Heart give?



He could give a hug!

“Give-give...Give-give...Give-give!”



When skating in the park, Little Heart saw a man sitting on a bench; poor and hungry.

What could Little Heart give?

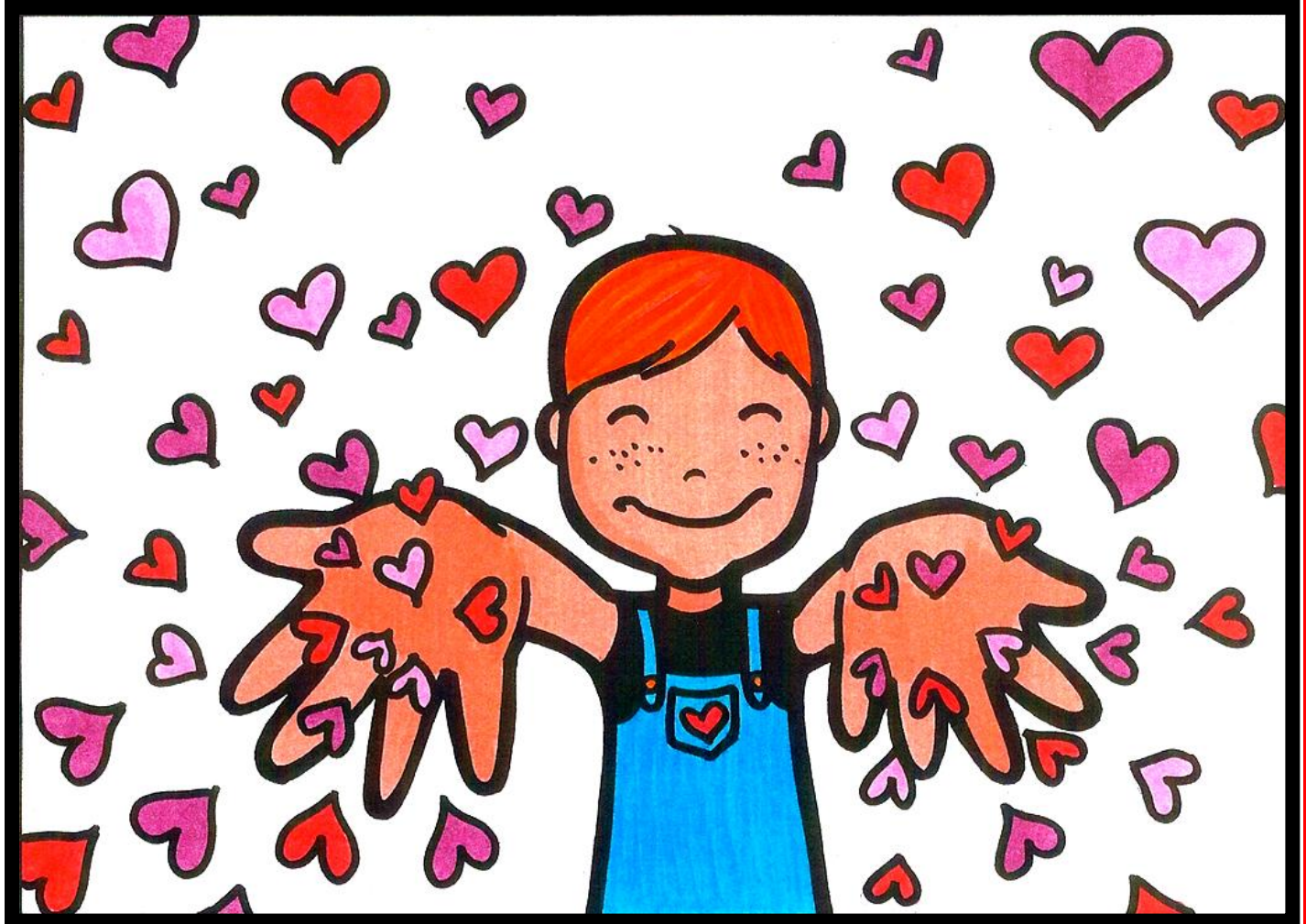


He could give some food.

Some time!

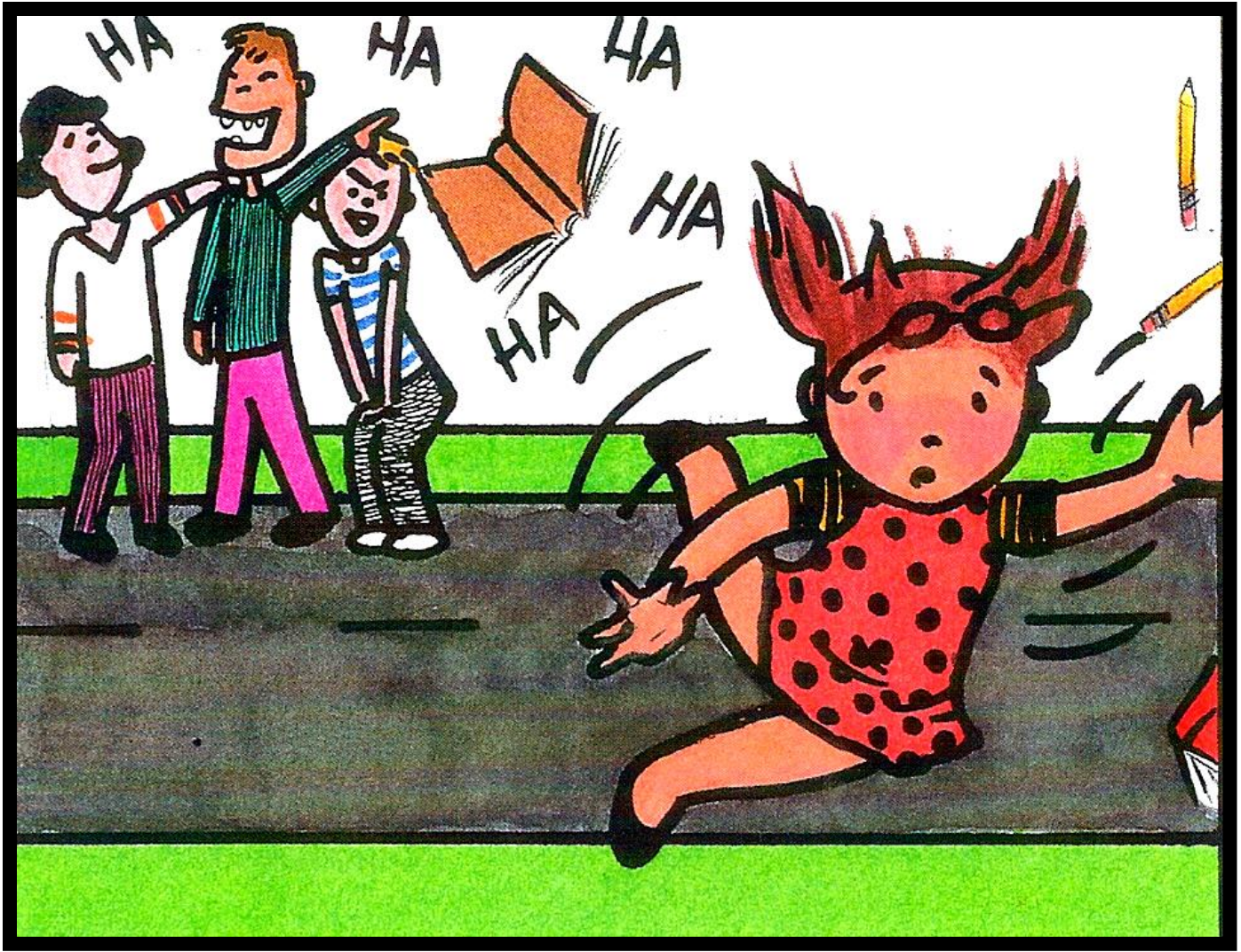
Some love!

**His family watched Little Heart and the old
man with pride.**



Little Heart was so busy giving that he did not notice his beat was growing stronger and stronger. The beat was not only growing louder, but was spreading.....

EVERYWHERE!

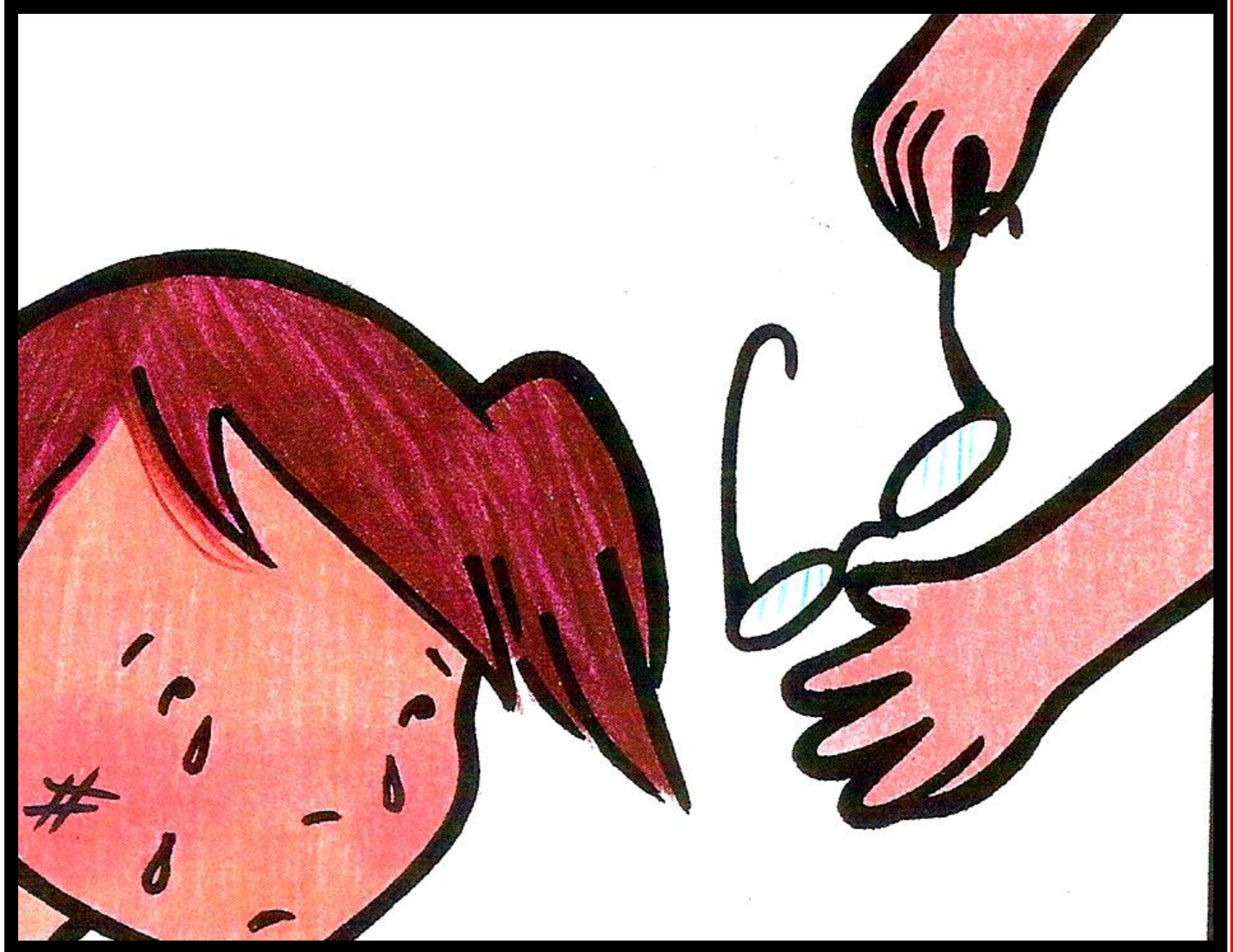


When getting off the bus from school one day, he heard a loud shout.

Saw a BIG PUSH!

Books up in the air! Books under the bus! Books all over the sidewalk!

CRUEL LAUGHTER! TEARS!



What could Little Heart give?

He could give a helping hand!

“Give-give...Give-give...Give-give!”



One Christmas when lights were aglow and eyes sparkled, Little Heart looked through a window of a little white house and saw:

Grandmother in a rocking chair!

Tear streaked face!

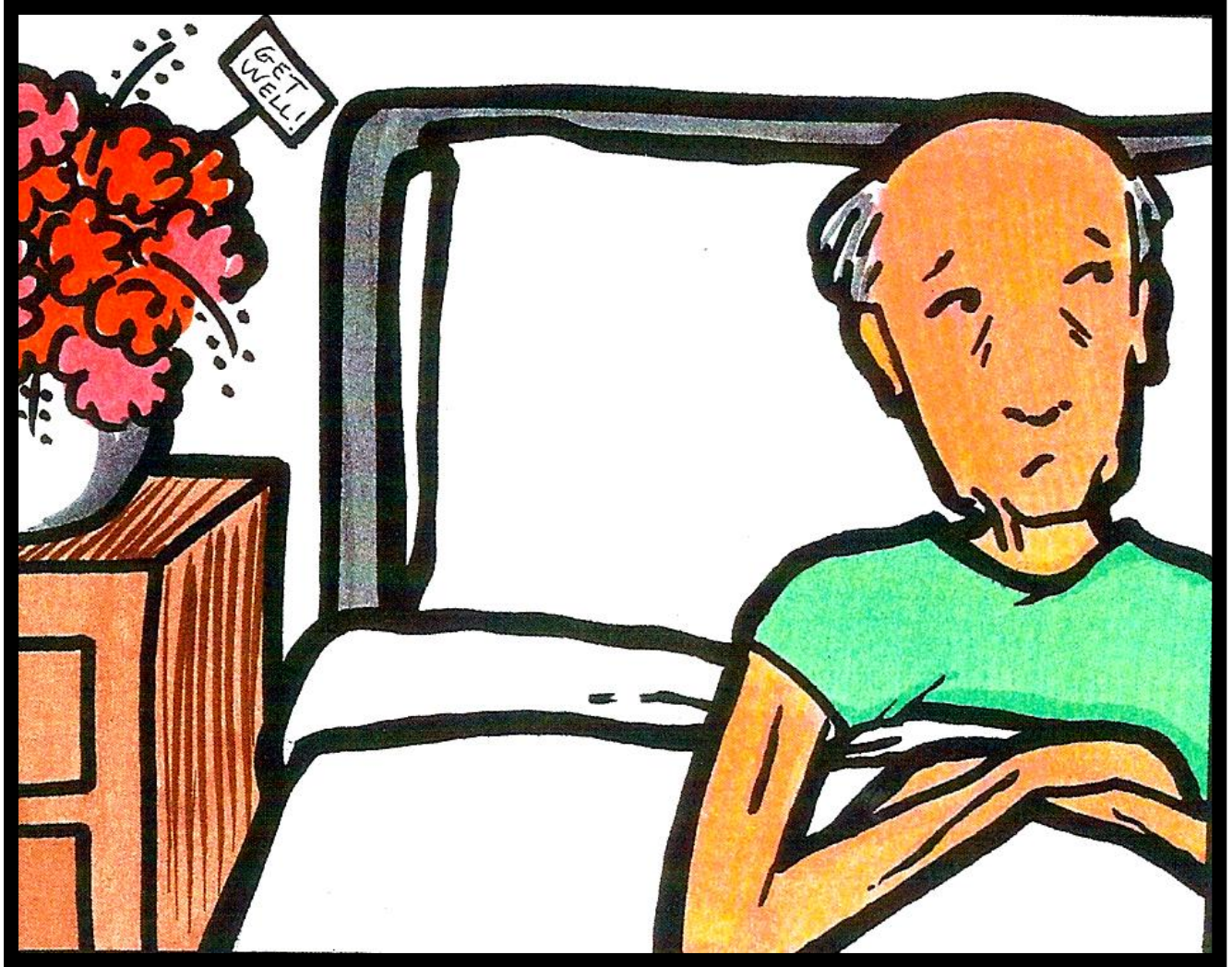
Loneliness!



What could Little Heart give?

He could give a song!

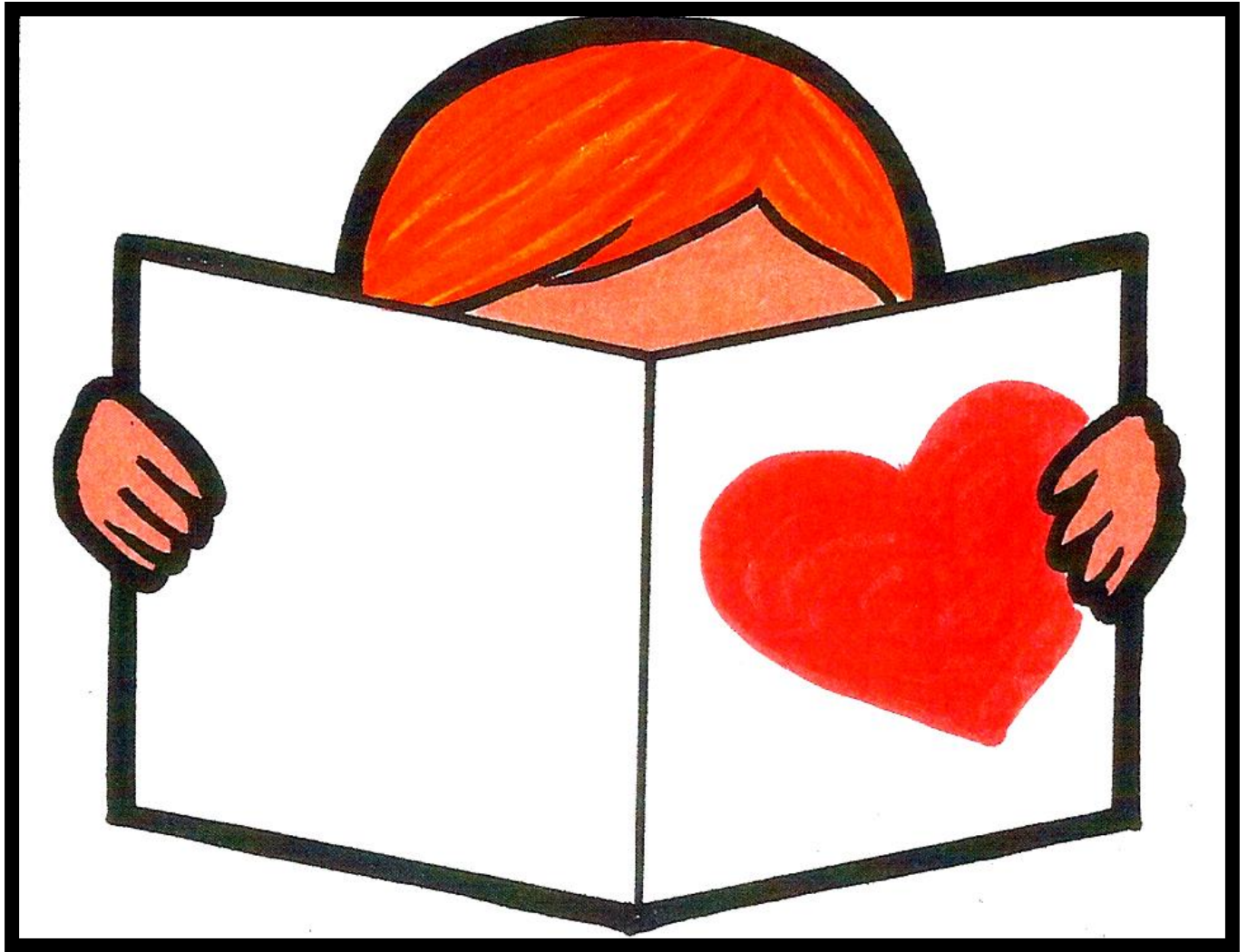
**Laughter and joy! What greater things to
know? The beat goes on and on and on!**



Grandfather sick in bed.

Feeling out of sorts.

What could Little Heart give?



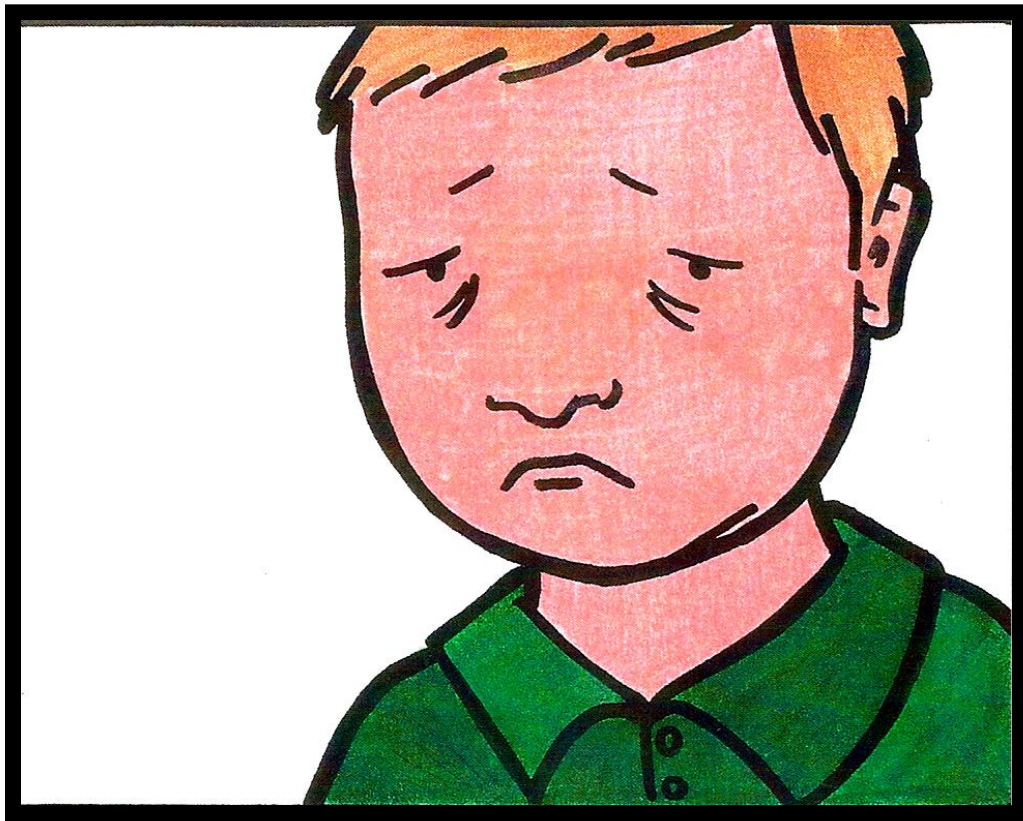
He could give a story.

“Give-give...Give-give...Give-give!”



**Little Heart filled his days giving to others.
Life truly was a holiday! Somehow, he
knew just what to do or say to make things
RIGHT!**





However, things changed one day. As Little Heart was walking to a friend's house to play, he saw a man sitting on the corner at a bus stop. As Little Heart got closer, he could not believe his eyes. The man was not only sad, but also VERY TIRED. He called for his mother.

When Little Heart and his mother took a closer look, they realized the problem was huge. What was wrong with the man?



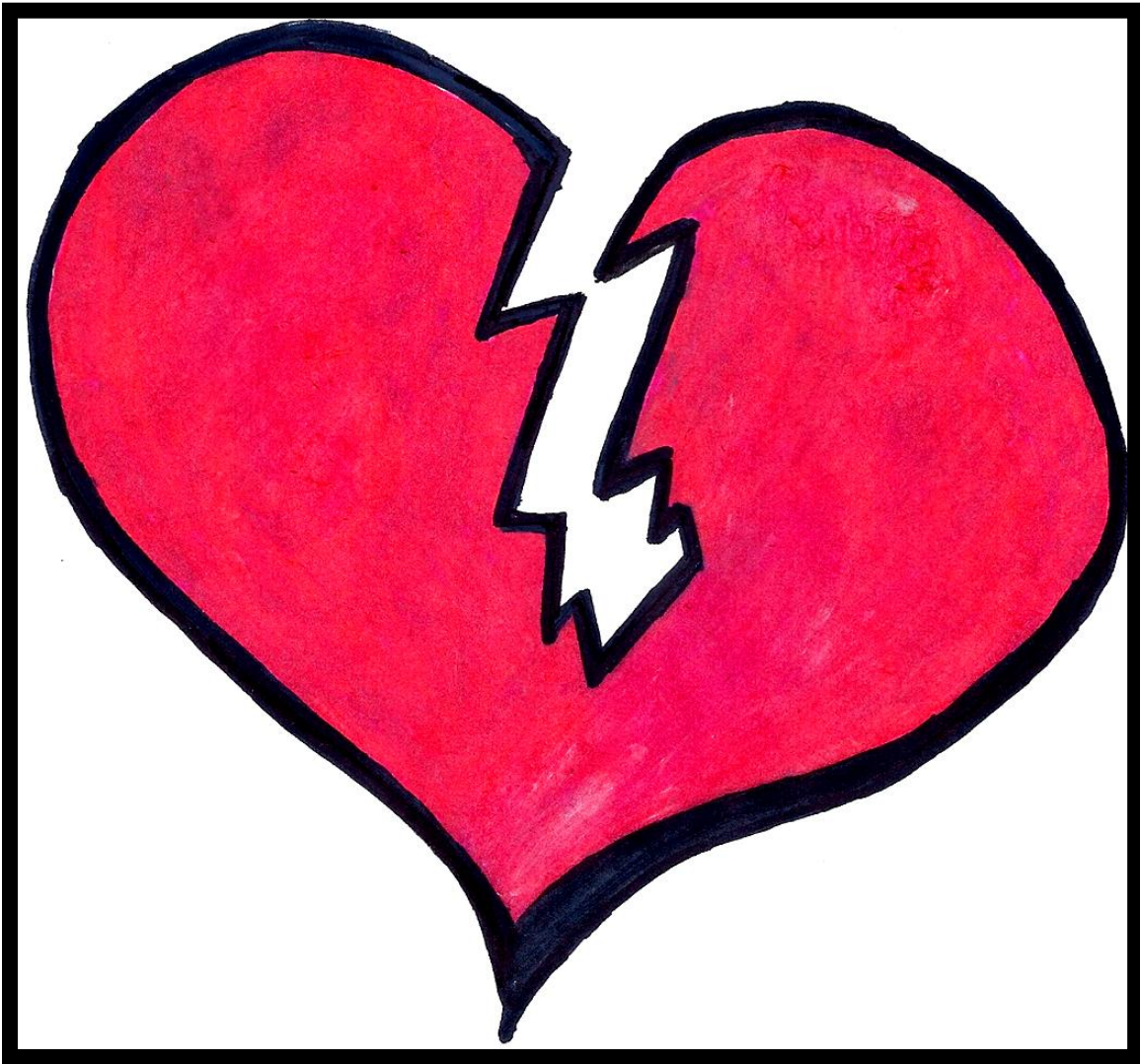
Little Heart sat down beside the man to think things through. Why was the man so tired?

“What is your name?” asked Little Heart.

“Deano,” whispered the man.

Leaning closer to the man, Little Heart whispered back asking, “What is wrong?”

“Deano replied, “I have a broken heart.”



A BROKEN HEART? Little Heart sat quietly and was very puzzled. What could he give? He had always known before. What was to be done with a broken heart? Neither laughter nor hugging would heal a broken heart. What could he give?

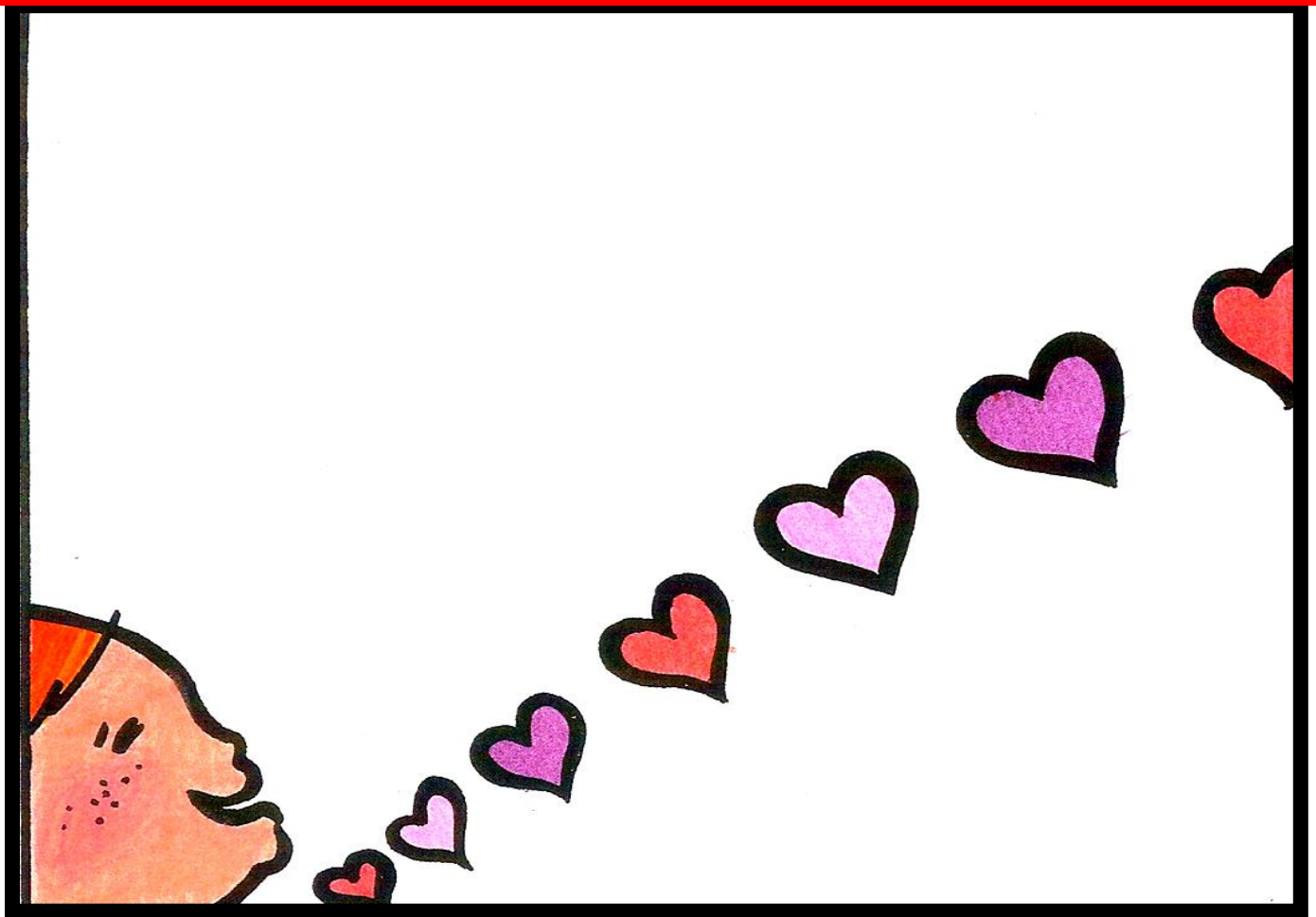
WHAT COULD HE GIVE?



HOW DO YOU HEAL A BROKEN HEART?



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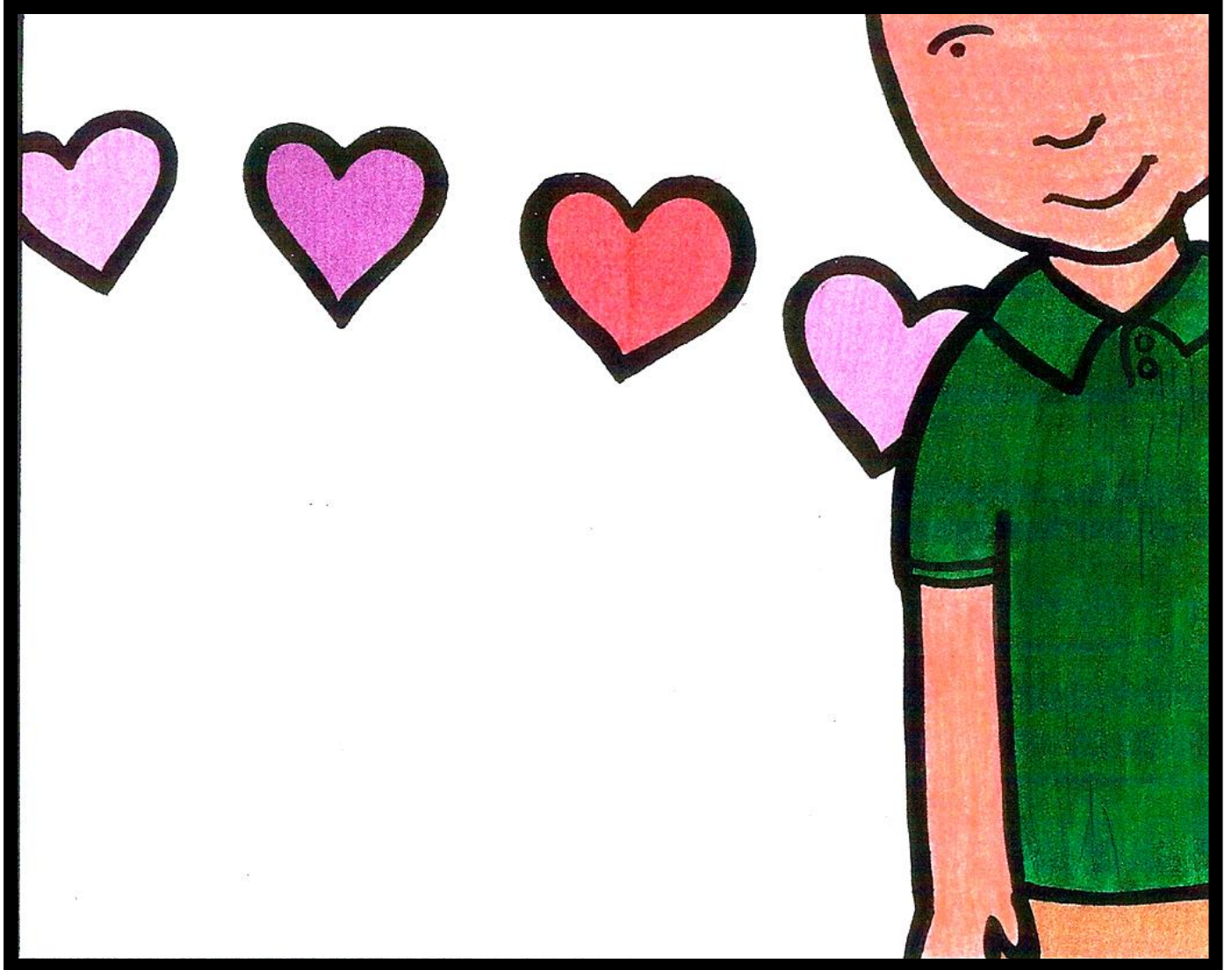


After thinking quietly for a long time, Little Heart knew exactly who to ask about his problem. He looked up high in the blue sky filled with pretty white clouds, closed his eyes and said a prayer.

He said, “Please help me Jesus.”

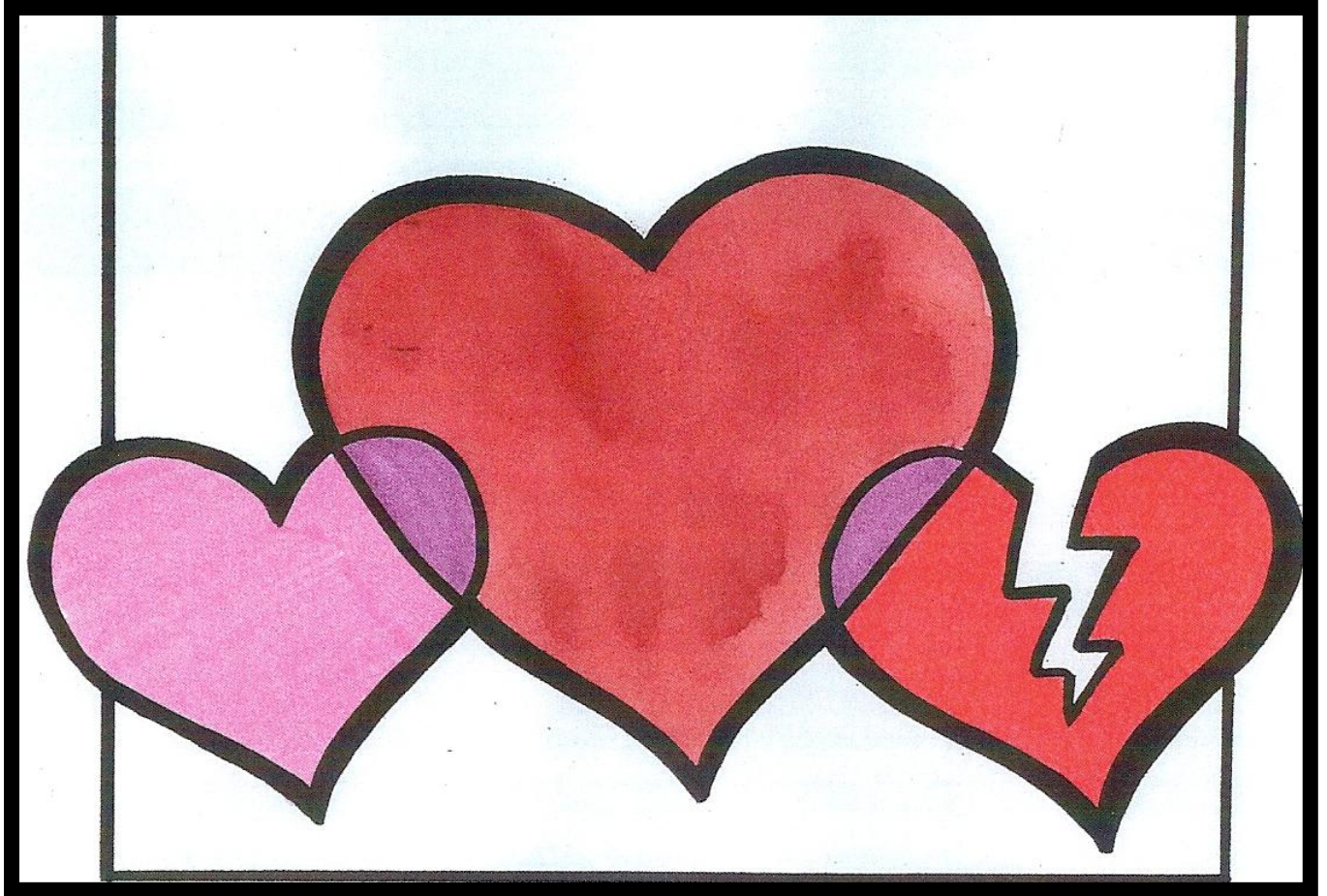
When the tired man stood up, Little Heart faced him and cried out,

“GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO !!”



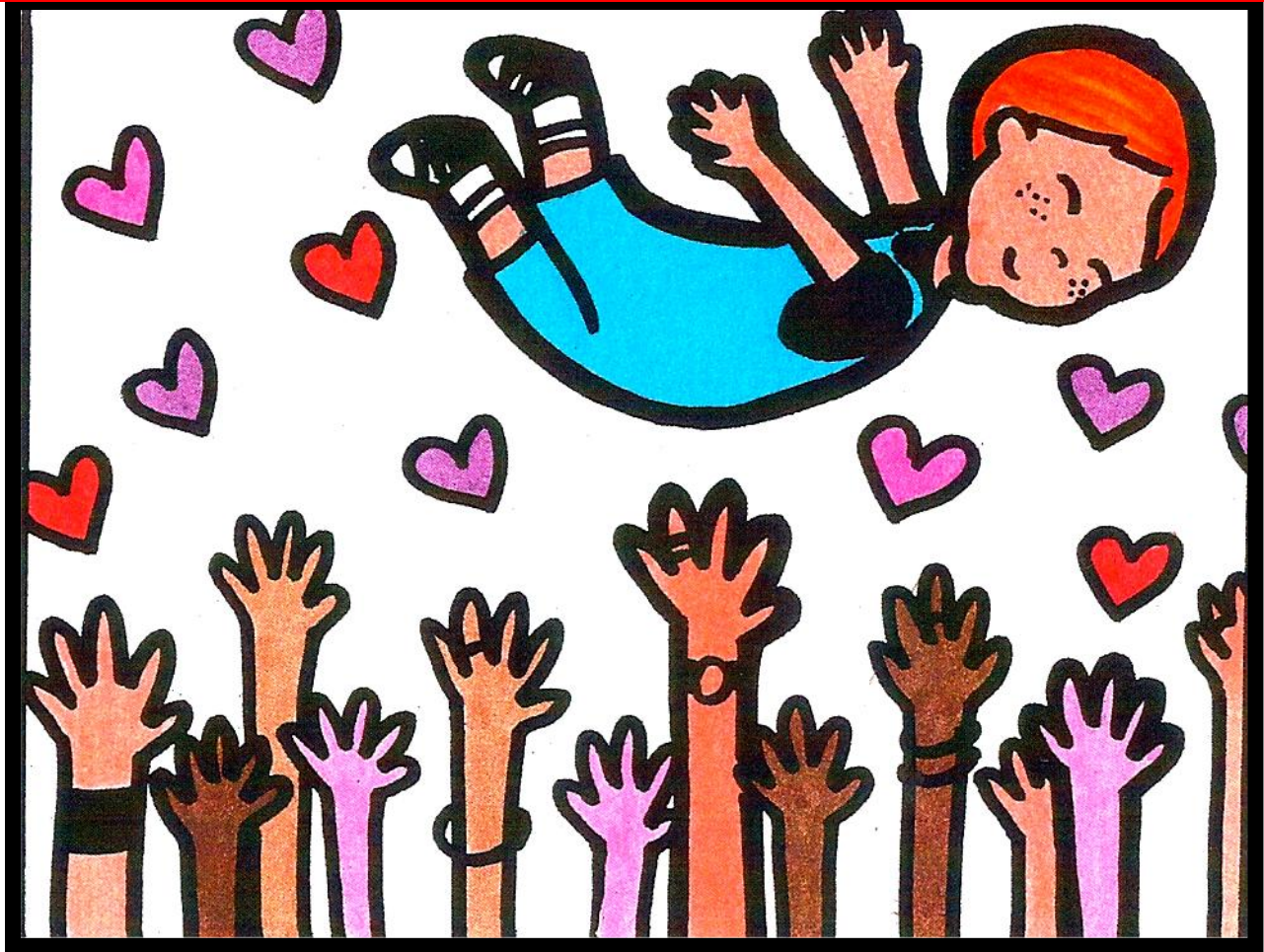
Little Heart knew that God would fill his heart with just the right amount of love to give to Deano. He closed his eyes and poured the love from his heart into Deano's broken heart.

"Give-give...Give-give...Give-give!"



**As Deano looked into Little Heart's eyes,
he realized that he had been given the
greatest gift of all. Little Heart was sharing
his most precious gift with someone in
need.**

TWO HEARTS HAD BECOME ONE!



Little Heart's family and friends gathered around laughing and shouting, "Yes, Little Heart, the beat goes on and on and on.

"Give-give...Give-give...Give-give!"

Little Heart's family and friends had learned through the act of giving that...

**EVERY DAY IS A HOLIDAY AND EVERY MEAL A
BANQUET.**