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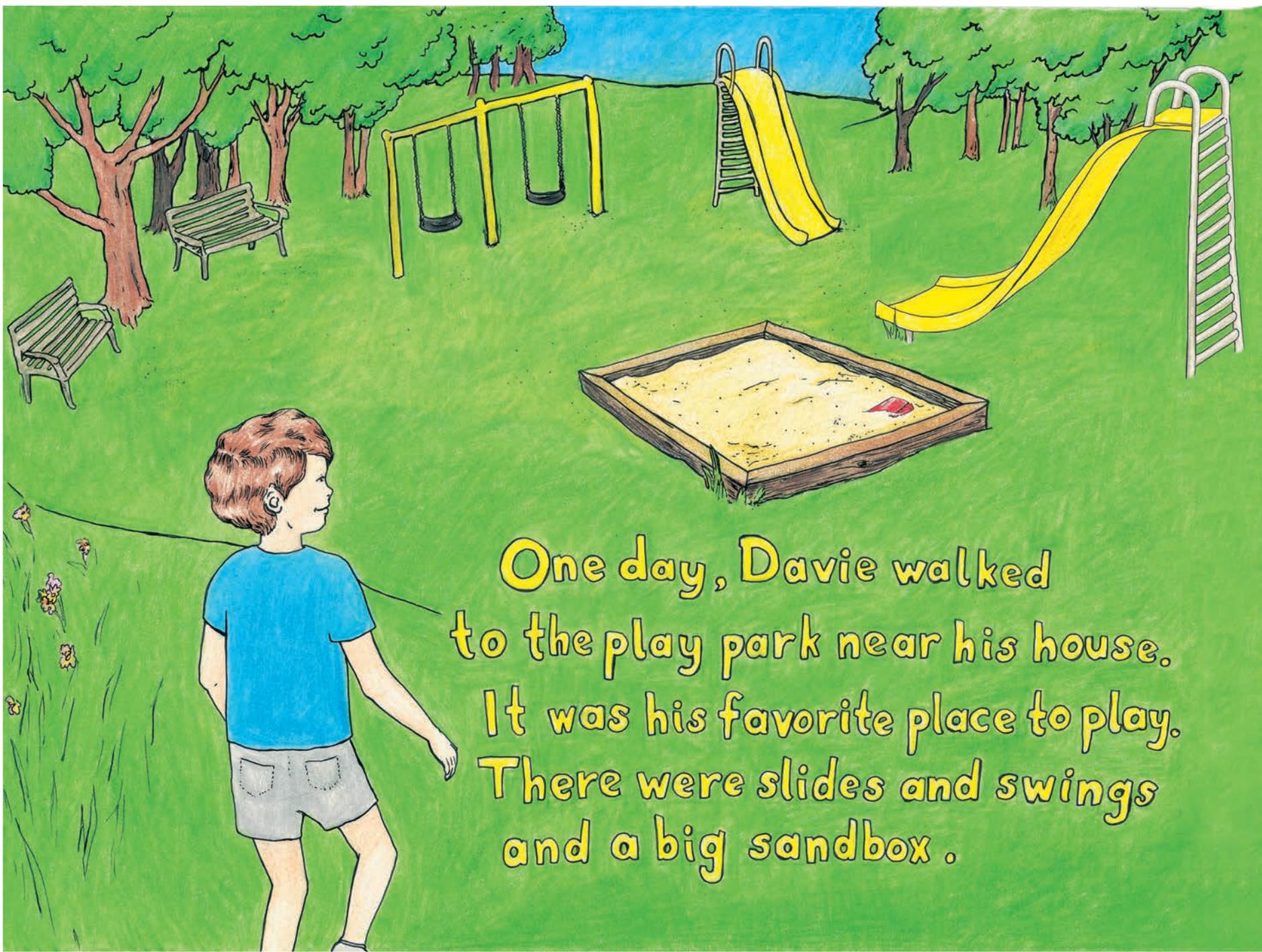
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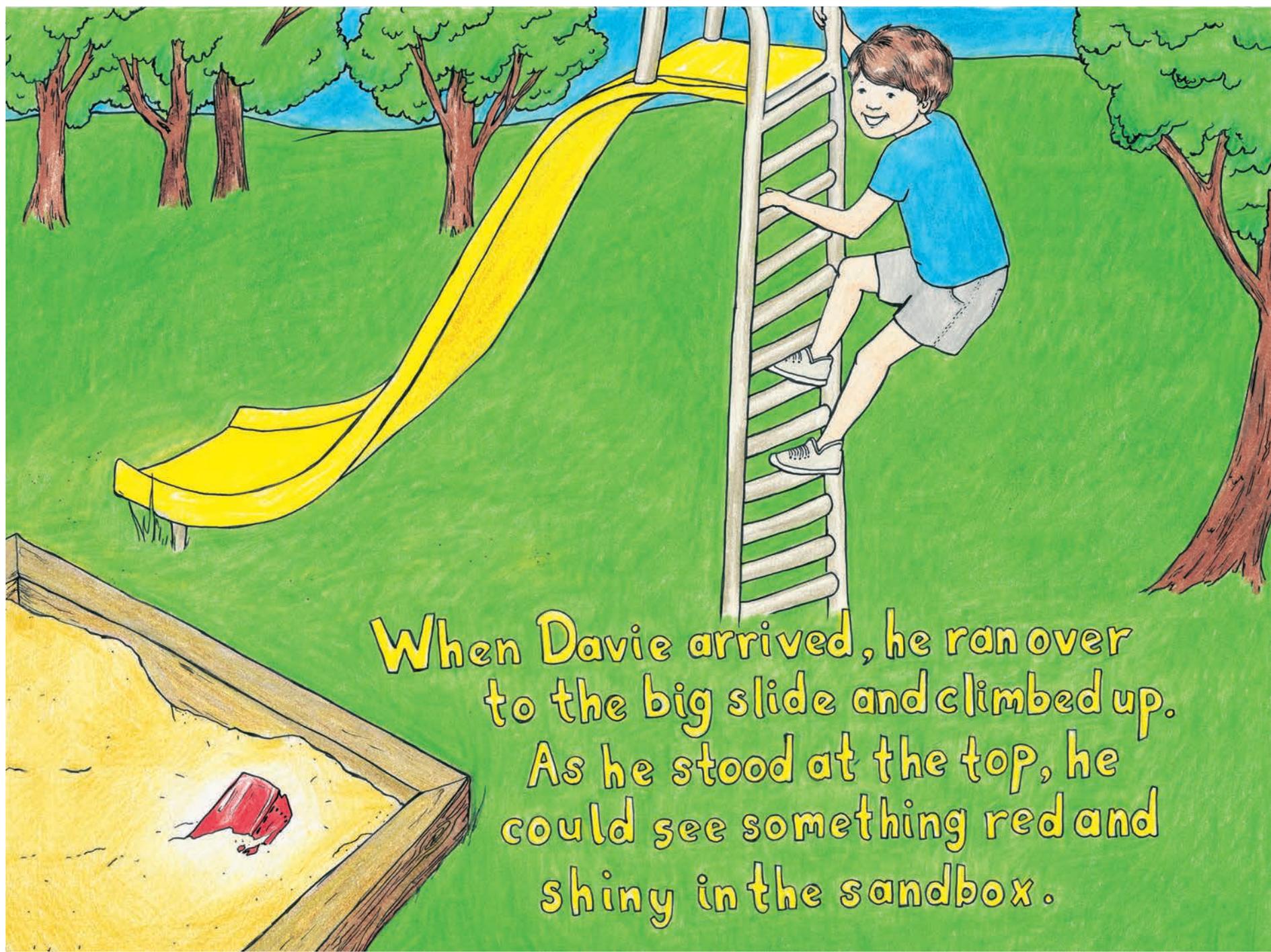
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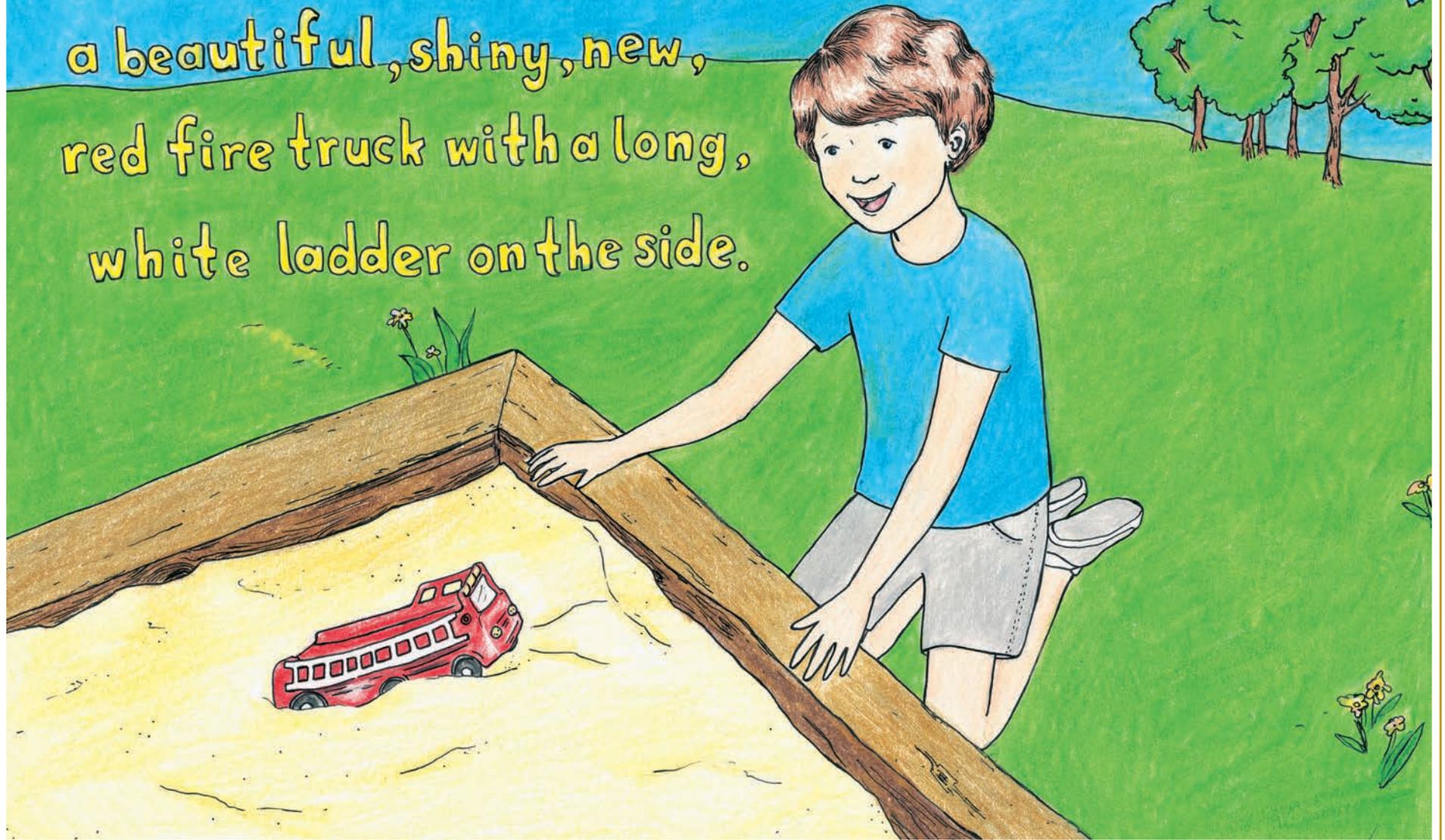


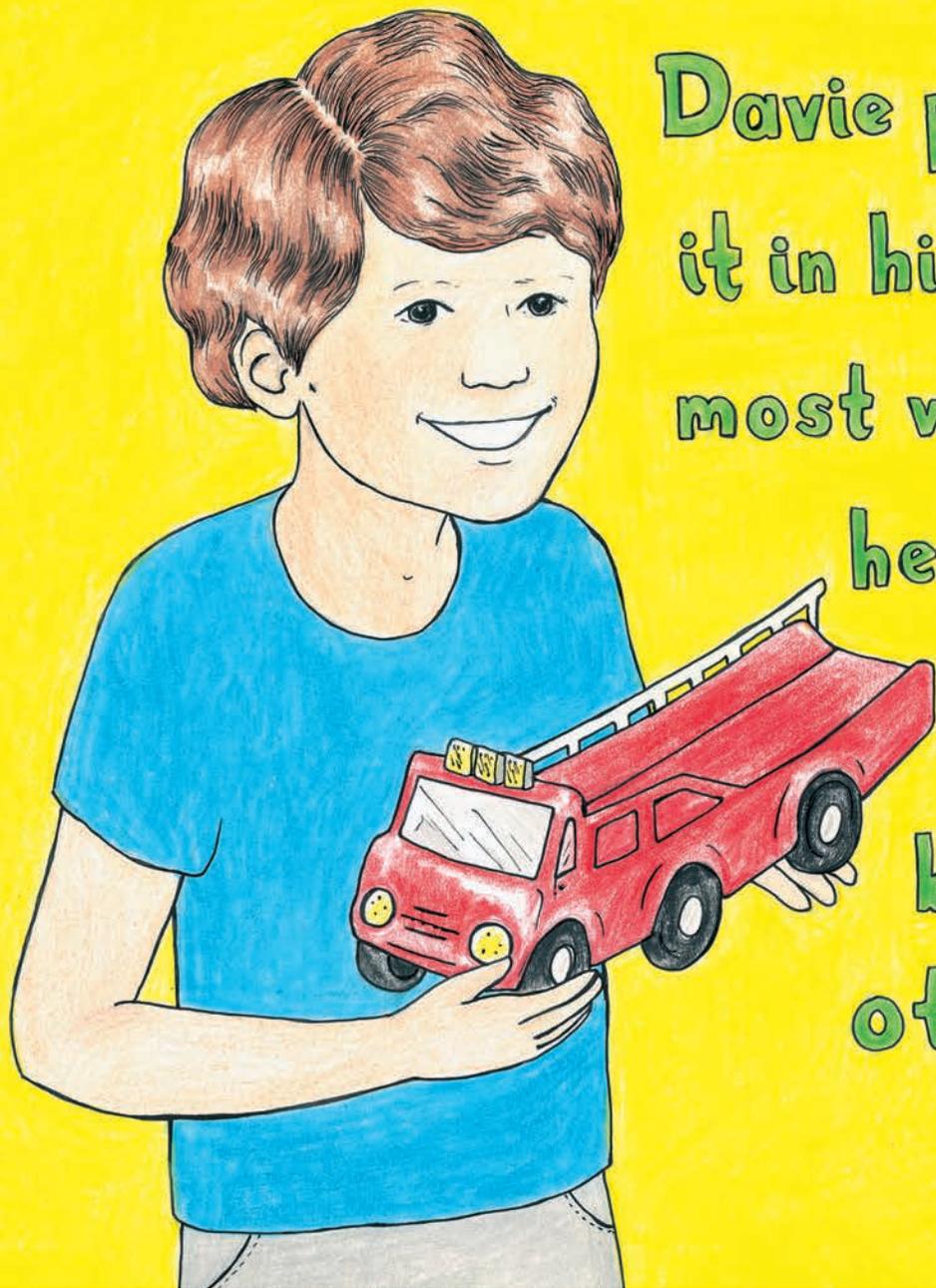
One day, Davie walked
to the play park near his house.
It was his favorite place to play.
There were slides and swings
and a big sandbox.



When Davie arrived, he ran over to the big slide and climbed up. As he stood at the top, he could see something red and shiny in the sandbox.

So, Davie slid down the slide and then ran over to the sandbox. There, he saw a beautiful, shiny, new, red fire truck with a long, white ladder on the side.

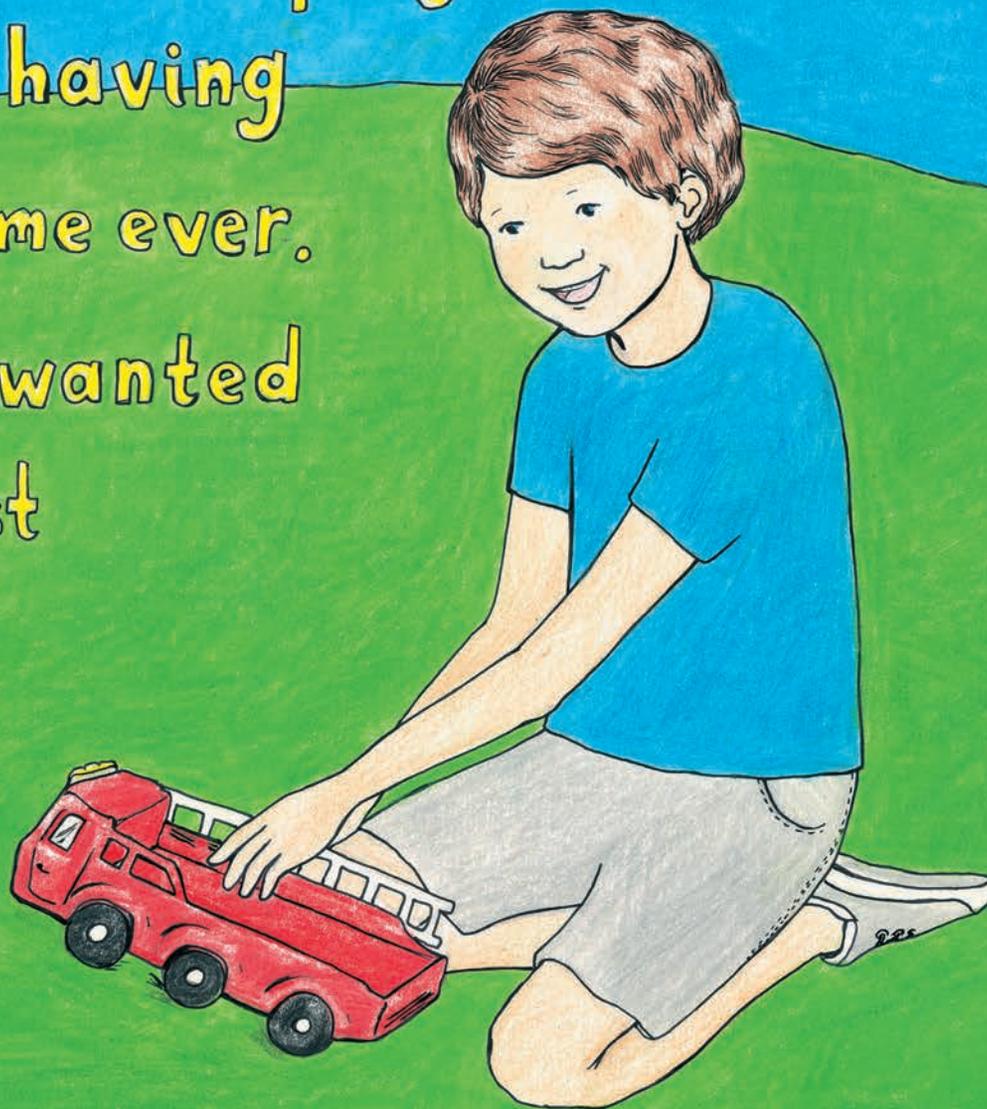


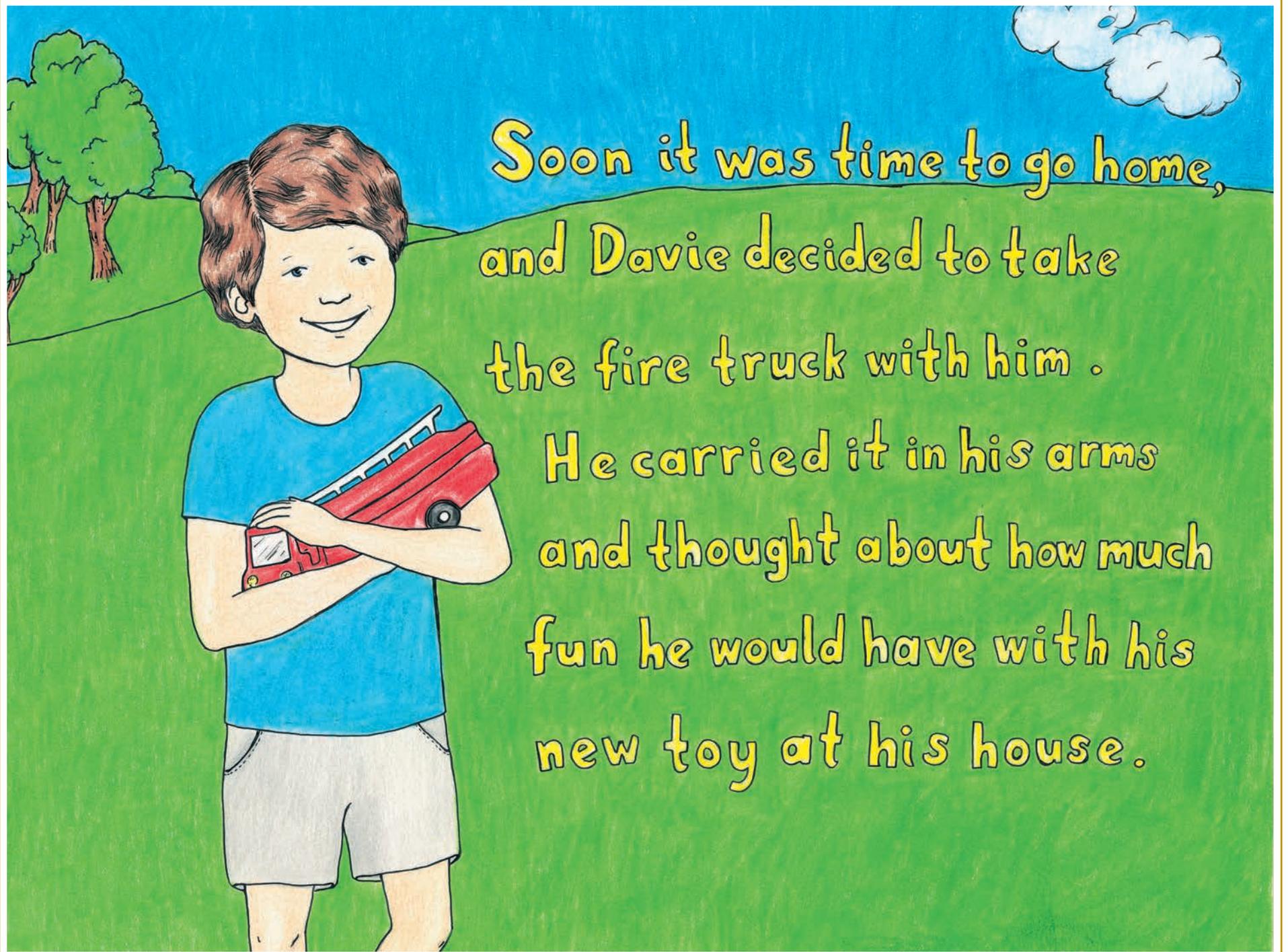


Davie picked it up and held it in his arms. It was the most wonderful fire truck he had ever seen.

He looked around, but there were no other children there.

So, Davie started to play
with it . He was having
the greatest time ever.
He had always wanted
a fire truck just
like this one .

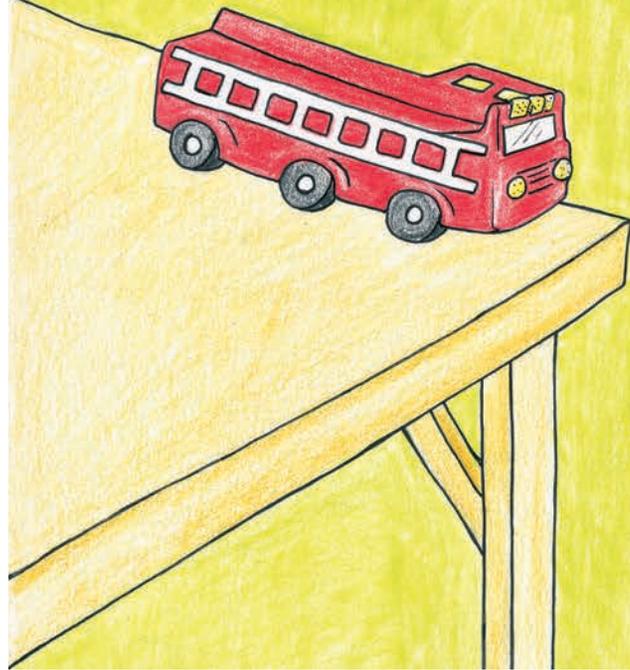




Soon it was time to go home,
and Davie decided to take
the fire truck with him .

He carried it in his arms
and thought about how much
fun he would have with his
new toy at his house .

When Davie got home,
he went into the kitchen
for a snack and put
the truck on the table.



Soon Davie's father walked into the kitchen.

"What have we here?" his father asked, as he looked at the shiny, new fire truck.

"Isn't it great, Dad?"



"Someone just left it behind in the park," said Davie.
"We'd better talk about this, Davie," said his father.

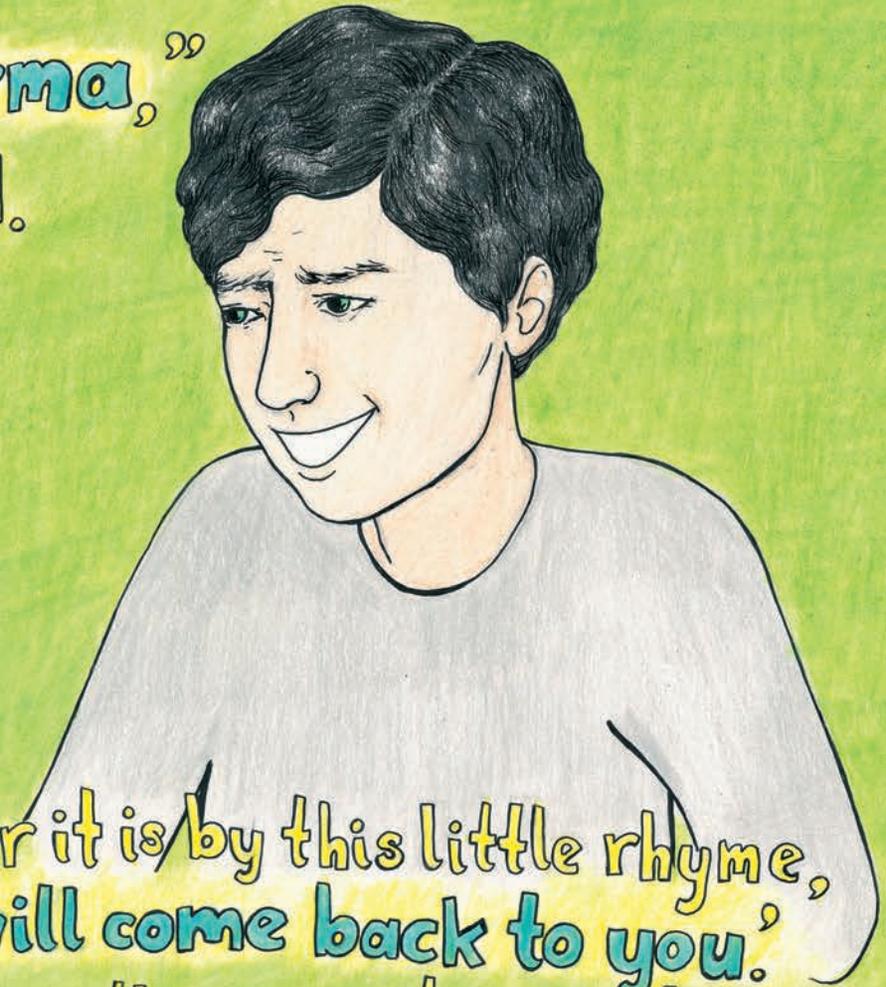
Davie took his glass of milk
and his apple and sat down
at the table with his dad.



"You know, Davie, this fire truck belonged
to somebody." "I know," said Davie, "but they did not
want it anymore. They left it behind." "Hmm, I think
it's time we talked about the **Law of Karma**,"
his father said.

"The Law of Karma?" Davie asked.

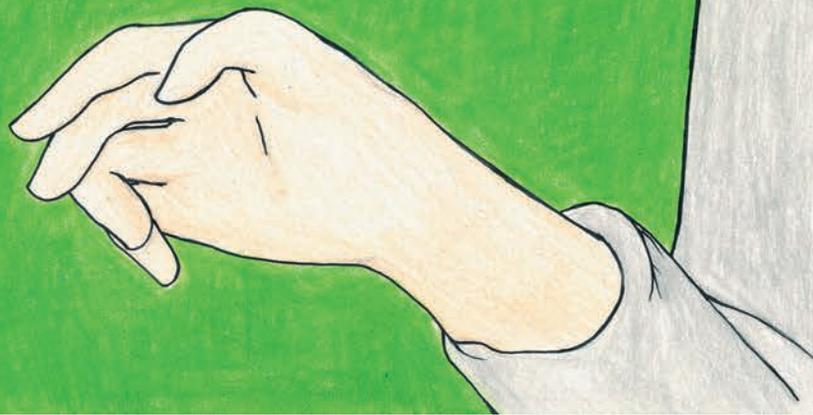
"Yes, the Law of Karma,"
his father answered.



"The best way to remember it is by this little rhyme,
'Everything you do will come back to you.'
We are responsible for everything we do. Whatever
we create for ourselves, we must experience. We either
have to experience it in this lifetime or the next."

"This fire truck has an owner, and even though it was left at the park, it was not yours to take.

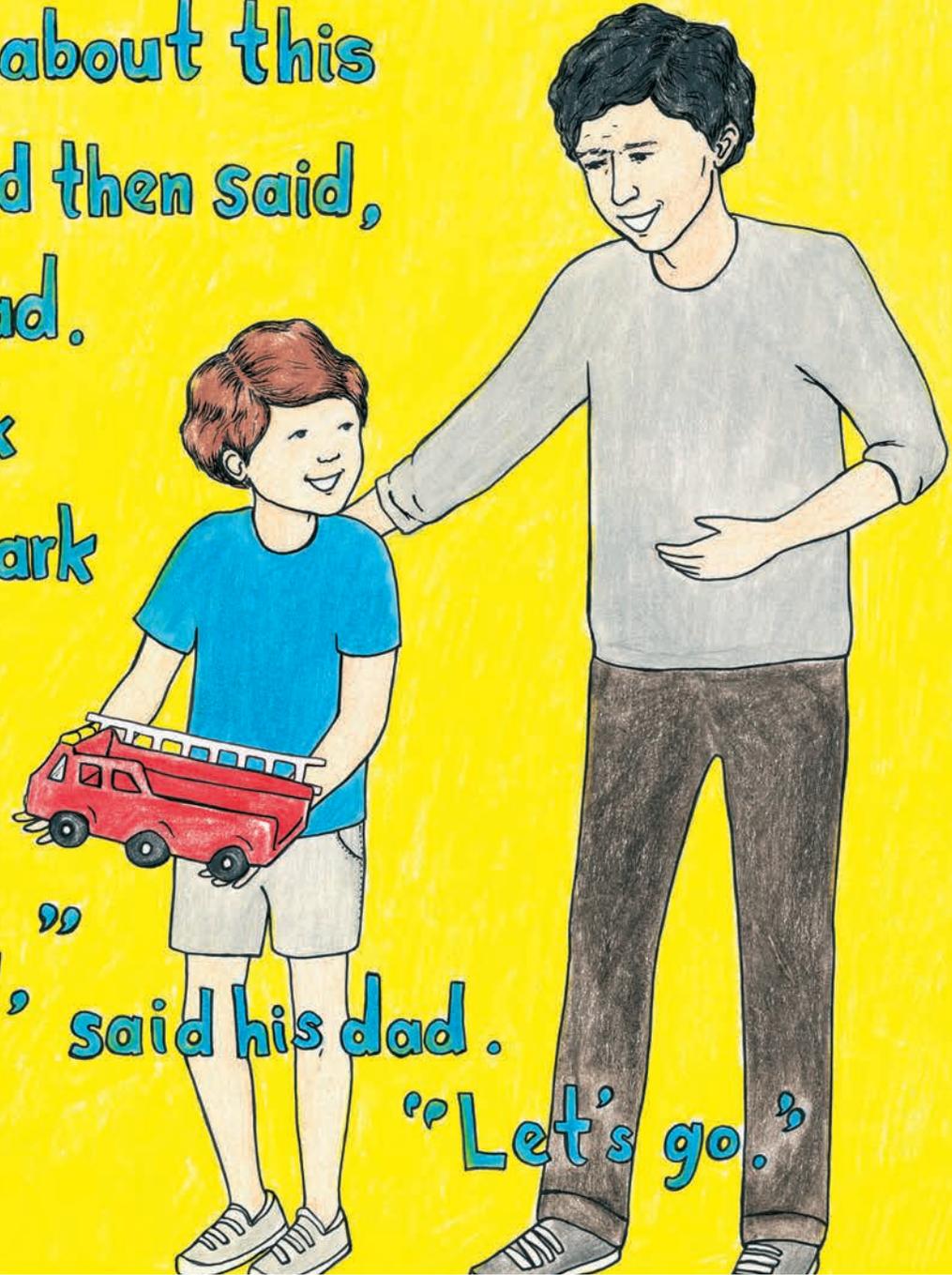
By taking this fire truck, someday you will have something taken from you."



Davie thought about this for a moment and then said, "You're right, Dad. Will you go back with me to the park to return it?"

"Absolutely," said his dad.

"Let's go."



So Davie and his dad walked back to the play park. When they got there, Davie saw a little boy and his mother near the sandbox. The little boy was crying.



Davie felt right away that the fire truck must have been his. So he ran up to him and said, "Did you forget this?"

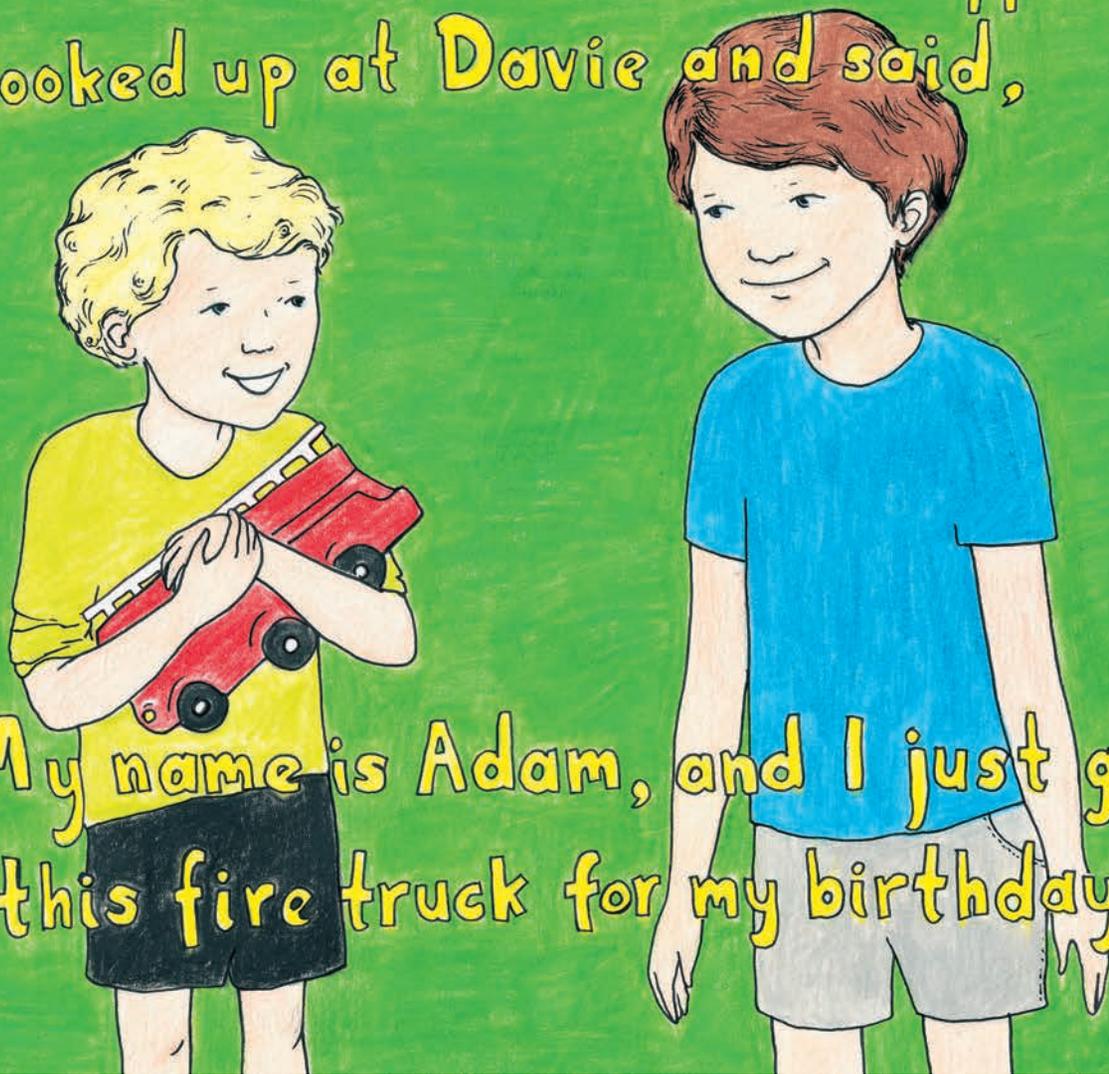


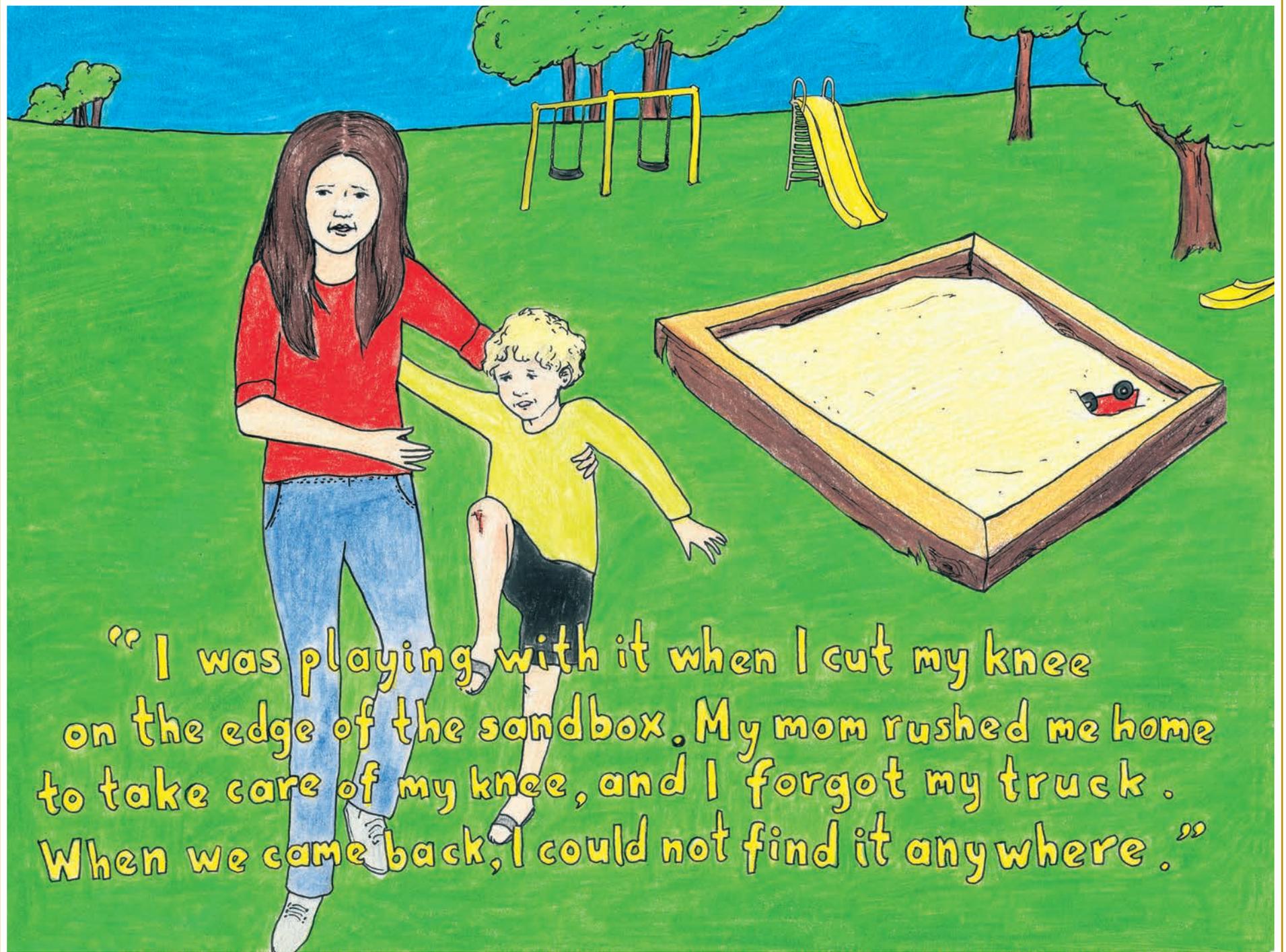
The little boy looked up and said, "Oh, yes."

And Davie handed him the fire truck.

The little boy held the toy fire truck tight in his arms, and then he stopped crying. He looked up at Davie and said,

“My name is Adam, and I just got this fire truck for my birthday.”





“ I was playing with it when I cut my knee on the edge of the sandbox. My mom rushed me home to take care of my knee, and I forgot my truck. When we came back, I could not find it anywhere. ”

"I am sorry," said Davie. "I took it home with me, but then my dad told me about the Law of Karma, so I brought it back."



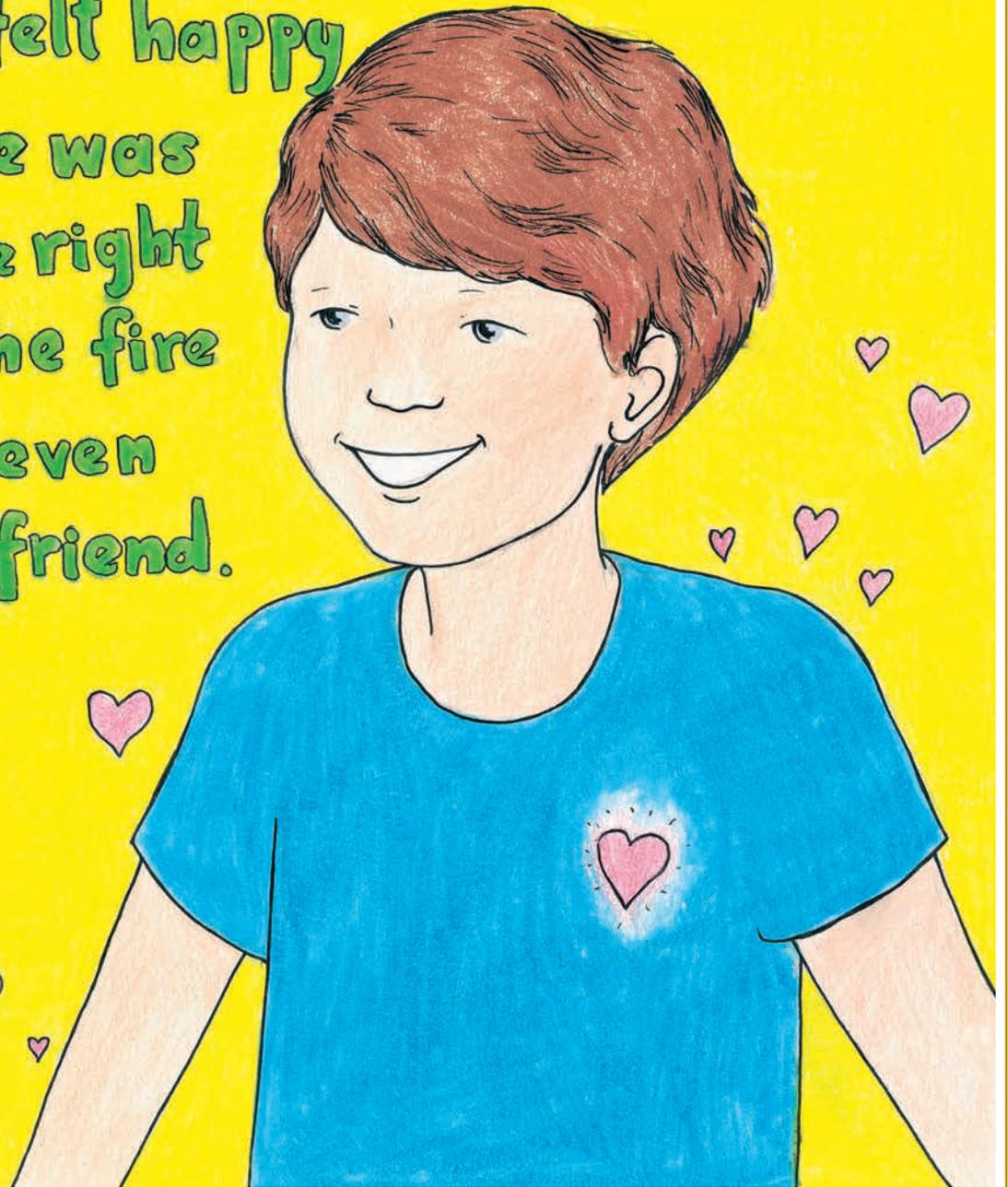
Adam smiled and said, "You want to come over to my house to play? I live just around the corner." Davie looked up at his dad and said, "Can I, Dad?" Adam's mother spoke to Davie's dad, and then he said it was OK.

Later that day when Davie got home, his dad asked him if he had a good time playing at Adam's house.

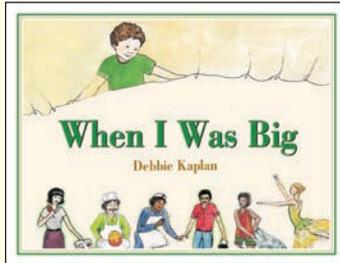


"Yeah, I had an awesome time, Dad, and I am so glad you told me about the Law of Karma. It is a good law. For everything you do really does come back to you."

Davie smiled and felt happy in his heart, for he was glad he had done the right thing and returned the fire truck. Now, he had even made a great new friend.



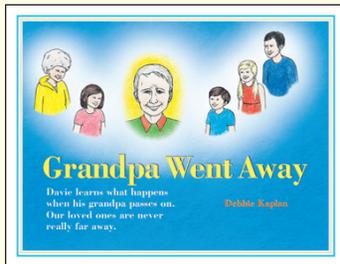
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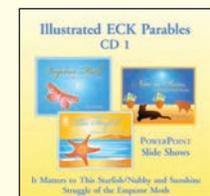
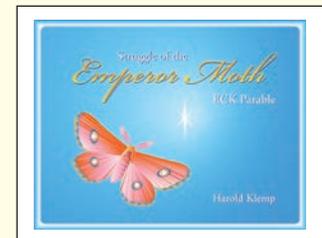
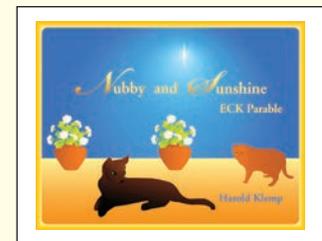
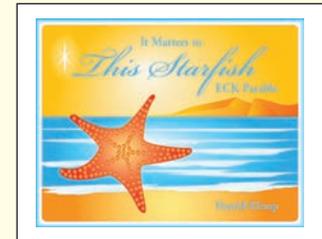
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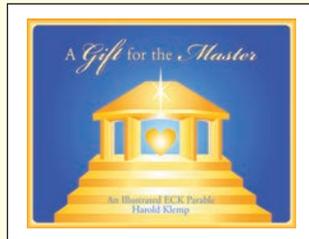
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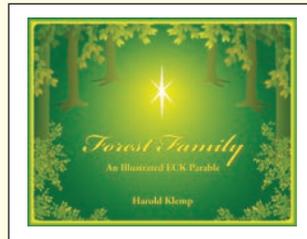


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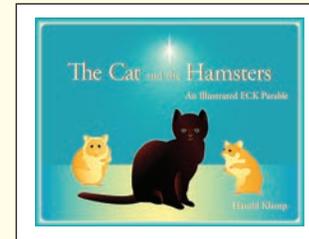
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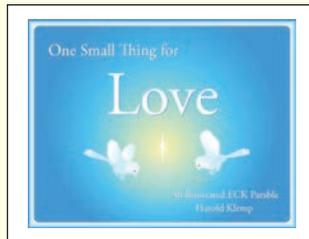
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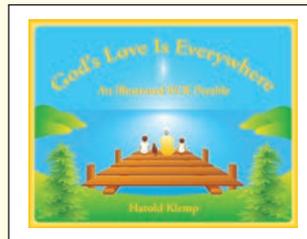
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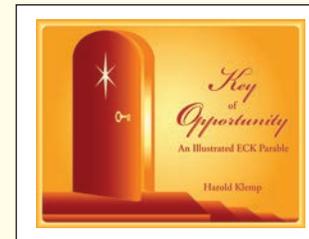
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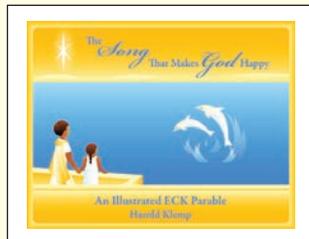
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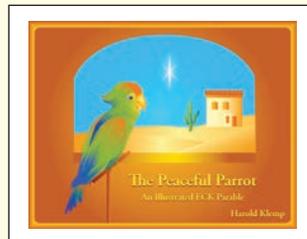
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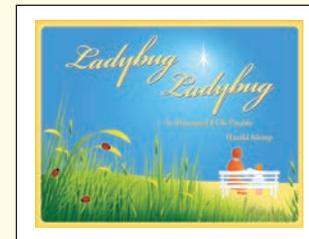
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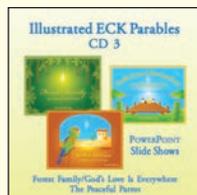
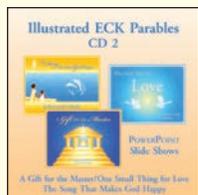


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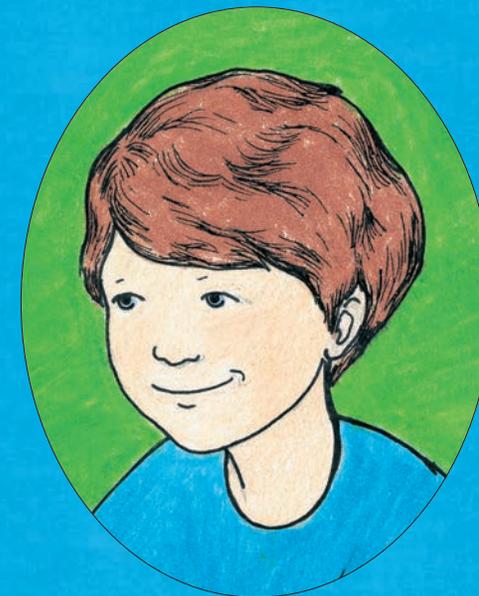
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When Davie sees the fire truck of his dreams in the play park sandbox, he can't believe his good fortune. He takes it home with him.

When his dad asks, "What have we here?" Davie answers, "Isn't it great, Dad? Someone just left it behind in the park."

Has this ever happened to you? What did you do?

The lesson Davie learns, that "Everything you do will come back to you," is just the beginning. Find out what else he learns and what he does that earns him a gift, shinier than the fire truck, that will last his whole life.