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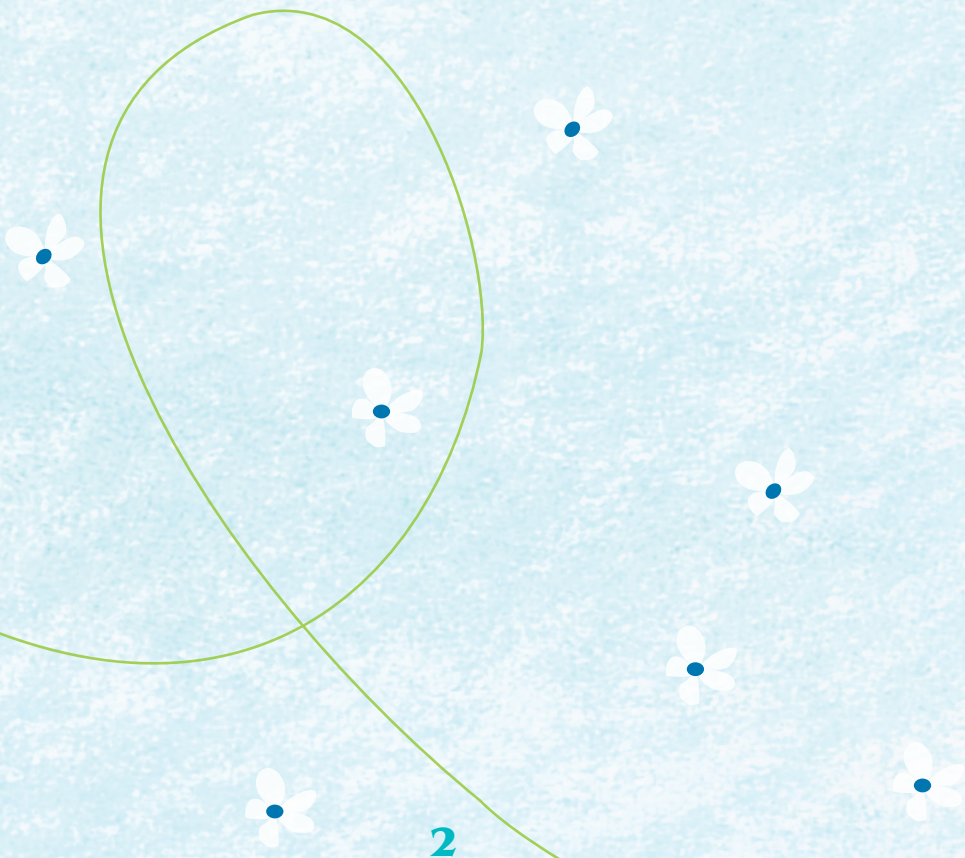
Aksel and his little sister Finley eat breakfast together. This morning, like every morning, Aksel and Finley say the Jesus Creed, as Jesus taught:

**“The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your
heart. Love other people as yourself.”**



“Bye, Aksel!” says Finley as she watches
Aksel put on his puffy snowsuit and boots
for the trip to school.

“Bye, Finley!” says Aksel.







“Do you want to sit with me?” Aksel asks Jaslynn on her first day at a new school.

“This is my favorite place on the bus,” Aksel says.

He walks Jaslynn to the seats that have big bumps for feet to rest. Aksel remembers,

Love other people as yourself.



Back at home, Finley’s mom asks her, “Finley, please put your dolls where they belong.”

Finley remembers,

Love God with all your heart.

She lines up her dolls in their special small crib and counts them, “One-two-three!”

“I brought you a donation for the food drive,” Aksel says to the school principal as he walks to his classroom, soup can in hand. “It’s my favorite soup when my throat feels scratchy.”

“Good choice, Aksel! You are feeding a hungry person.” Aksel remembers,

Love other people as yourself.

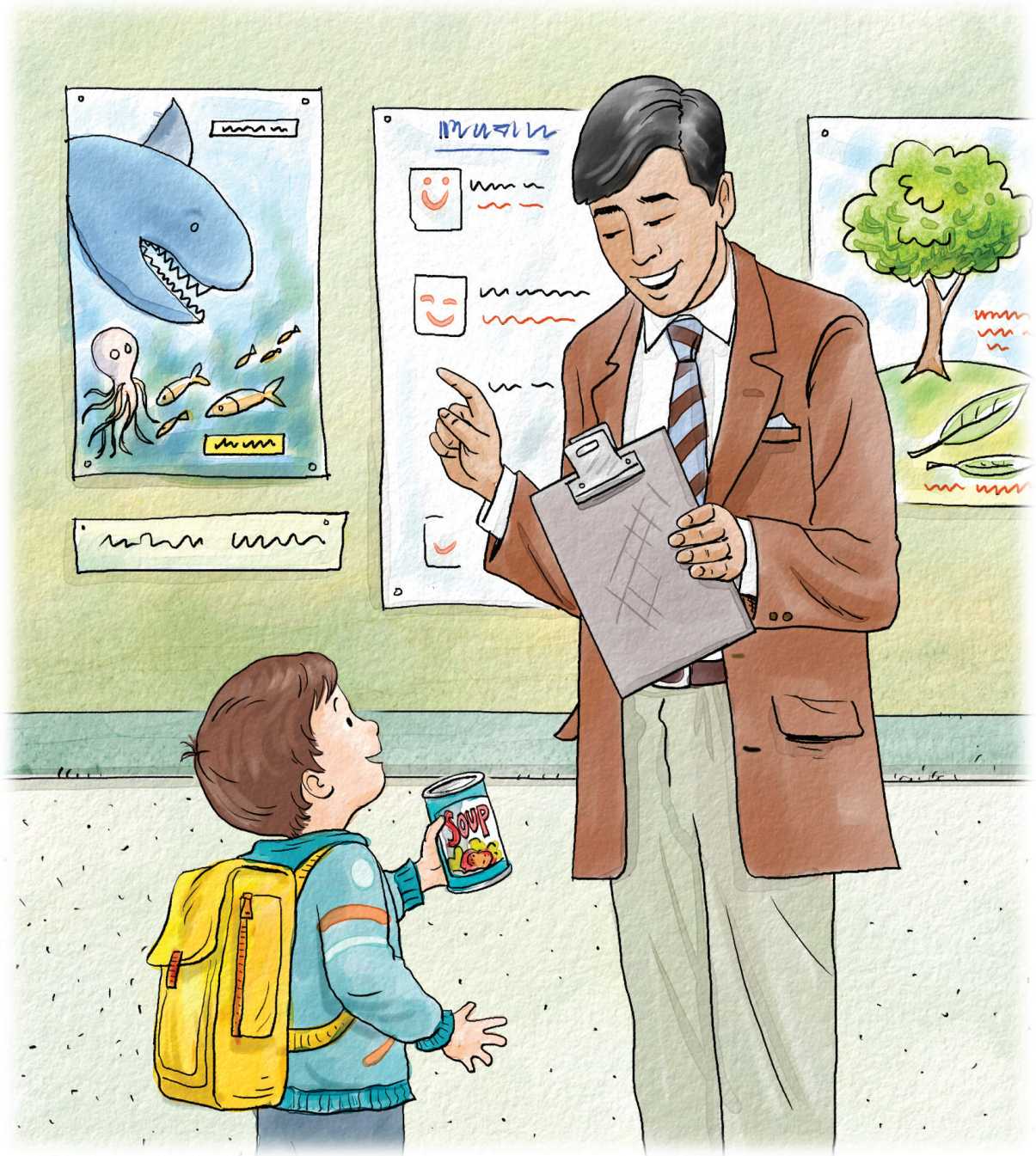


“Some of your clothes do not fit you any longer, Finley,” her mom says. “We will give these to children who need them.” Finley remembers,

Love other people as yourself,

as she helps her mom pack clothes into boxes, even her blue-and-yellow striped dress and matching shoes.

“These are my favorites!” she says.



Mrs. Shogren asks for a volunteer to help her pass out glue. Students need glue to stick wiggly eyes on owl projects. Aksel raises his hand and offers to help his teacher. Even though he drops the glue, he feels good for helping. Aksel remembers,

Love God with all your heart.



“Can Caleb come over to eat lunch with me, please?” Finley asks her mom.

“Sure,” mom responds.

“THANK YOU SO MUCH!” Finley says with delight. She squeezes her mom’s neck super tight, and she remembers,

Love God with all your heart.





The lunch monitor at Aksel's school looks concerned. "Boys and girls, it is very noisy in here. Please use inside voices," he says to everyone. Aksel remembers,

Love God with all your heart.

And then he chooses to use a softer voice as he tells James and Andrew about his squishy ketchup packet.



Finley and Caleb eat chicken nuggets for lunch. They nibble the nuggets so the nuggets look like bird beaks. Finley laughs and says, "That's a long bird beak!"

"Thank you," answers Caleb. Finley remembers,

Love other people as yourself.

“Let’s swing together,” Aksel says to Jack, who stands alone on the school playground.

“Let’s try to go really high, like SUPER HEROES!”

Jack says, “This is the best day of my life!” Aksel remembers,

Love other people as yourself.



Finley wants a glittery purple purse, just like the happy girl on television.

“I really, really want that glittery purple purse!” Finley shouts to her mom.

“We’re not going to buy that, honey. Let’s be thankful for the purses you already have,” her mom says.

Love God with all your heart,

Finley remembers. Then she decides to play with her red purse with the long handle and shiny gold zipper.





“Grace, I noticed you have blue paint on your paint brush. You can borrow mine for your yellow sun.”

Grace loves how her yellow sun looks bright and shiny. “Thank you, Aksel,” says Grace. Aksel remembers,

Love other people as yourself.



Finley colors a picture for her mom. “I drew a giraffe for you!” she says.

“Thank you, Finley. I like the colors you used. Purple and yellow look great on giraffes.” Finley remembers,

Love other people as yourself.

“I picked dandelions for you at recess!”

“Why, thank you, Aksel,” says Mrs. Shogren, placing the sticky bouquet on her desk. “I will think of you whenever I look at them.”

Love other people as yourself.



Finley’s mom walks her to ballet class.

“You leap like a graceful ballerina, the best I’ve ever seen!” Finley tells Betty, one of the girls in her class.

“Thank you!” Betty says, smiling back at Finley.

Love God with all your heart.





“You kick the ball farthest,” Aksel tells Carter in gym class. “You kick it so high!”

Carter grins and looks proud. Aksel remembers,

Love other people as yourself.



Finley and her mom stop at the toy store to buy a birthday present.

“I want one, too!” Finley yells, when she sees the rainbow snow cone maker.

“Finley, it is not your birthday,” her mom says. “This is a present for Ethan.” Finley remembers,

Love God with all your heart.

“Okay,” she says.

Aaron feels bad because he thinks he is not good at using scissors. Some kids point at his squiggly edges. Other kids giggle at his squiggly edges.

“Aaron, try your best! It is not important if your edges are squiggly,” Aksel tells Aaron.

Love other people as yourself.



“Finley, it’s nap time. Please lie down quietly in your bed,” mom says.

Finley hugs her stuffed animal George and rubs his furry brown head. “Nap time, George. Time to be quiet,” she tells George. Then she remembers,

Love God with all your heart.

