

# Take the Caring Initiative



For example, before you feel lonely,

I ALWAYS GET LEFT OUT, BECAUSE I'M SMALL.

reach out to others.

HI, ANGIE! DO YOU ENJOY BASEBALL?

Before you say unkind words,

HE MISSED IT AGAIN!

YOU CAN DO IT, JOE!

preempt them with kind words that encourage another person.

If you can make showing care and concern for others a habit, and your first reaction, then unkindness won't even have a chance to be a part of your life.



# Try to...

\* Think of a need before it's needed.



\* Be outgoing and unselfish.



\* Be inclusive of others and sensitive to their needs so your friends don't feel lonely.





# Ask yourself,

"WHAT HAVE I  
RECENTLY DONE TO SHOW  
CARE AND CONCERN FOR MY  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
AND FRIENDS?"

Giving a hug or a pat is a part of it.

Saying kind words is a part of it.

YOU'RE DOING  
WELL, KARL!

Giving sincere encouragement is a part of it.

THANKS! I  
HAD QUITE A  
FEW STRIKES,  
THOUGH.

BUT YOU DIDN'T  
QUIT. TOWARD THE  
END OF THE GAME YOU  
WERE HITTING MOST  
OF THEM.

Helping with tasks and little  
favours is a part of it.

I'LL HELP YOU  
PACK UP.

Compliments are a part of it.

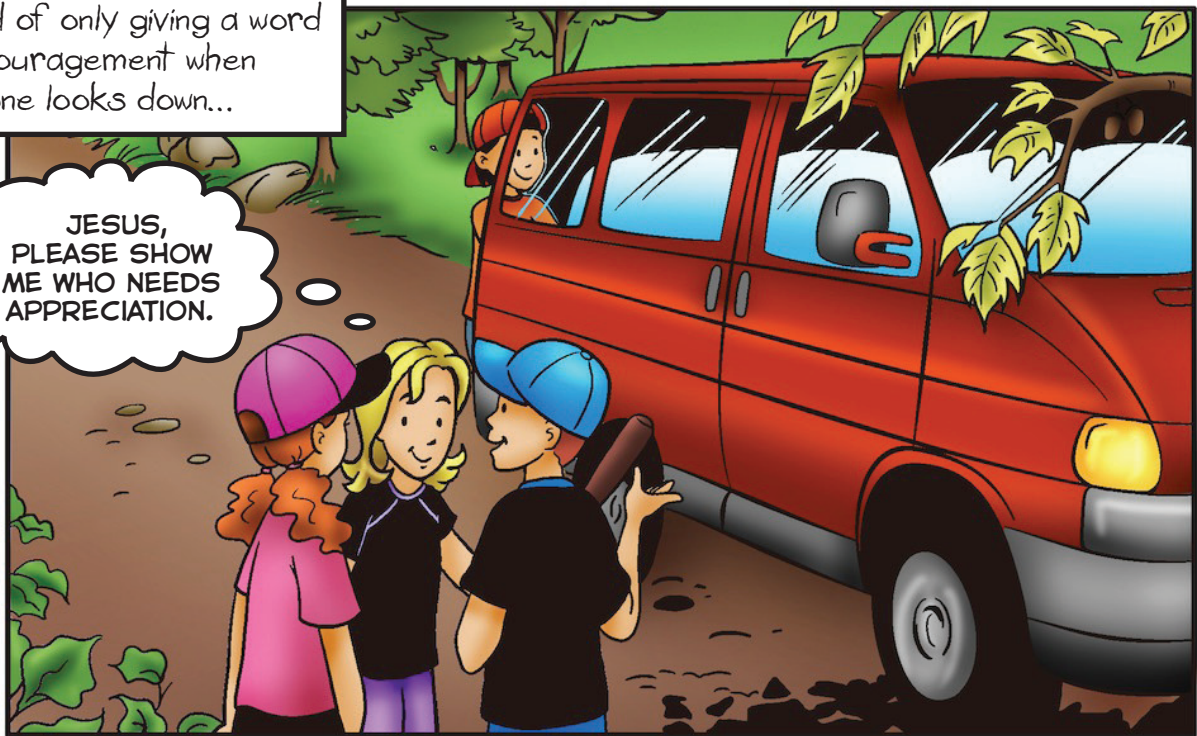
YOU ARE  
SO THOUGHTFUL  
OF OTHERS,  
KARL.

Those are all easy,  
small things to do.



Instead of only giving a word of encouragement when someone looks down...

JESUS,  
PLEASE SHOW  
ME WHO NEEDS  
APPRECIATION.



...why not also freely give words of encouragement to those who look cheerful and happy?

YOU'RE A  
GOOD CATCHER,  
SUZIE. CAN YOU  
TEACH ME?

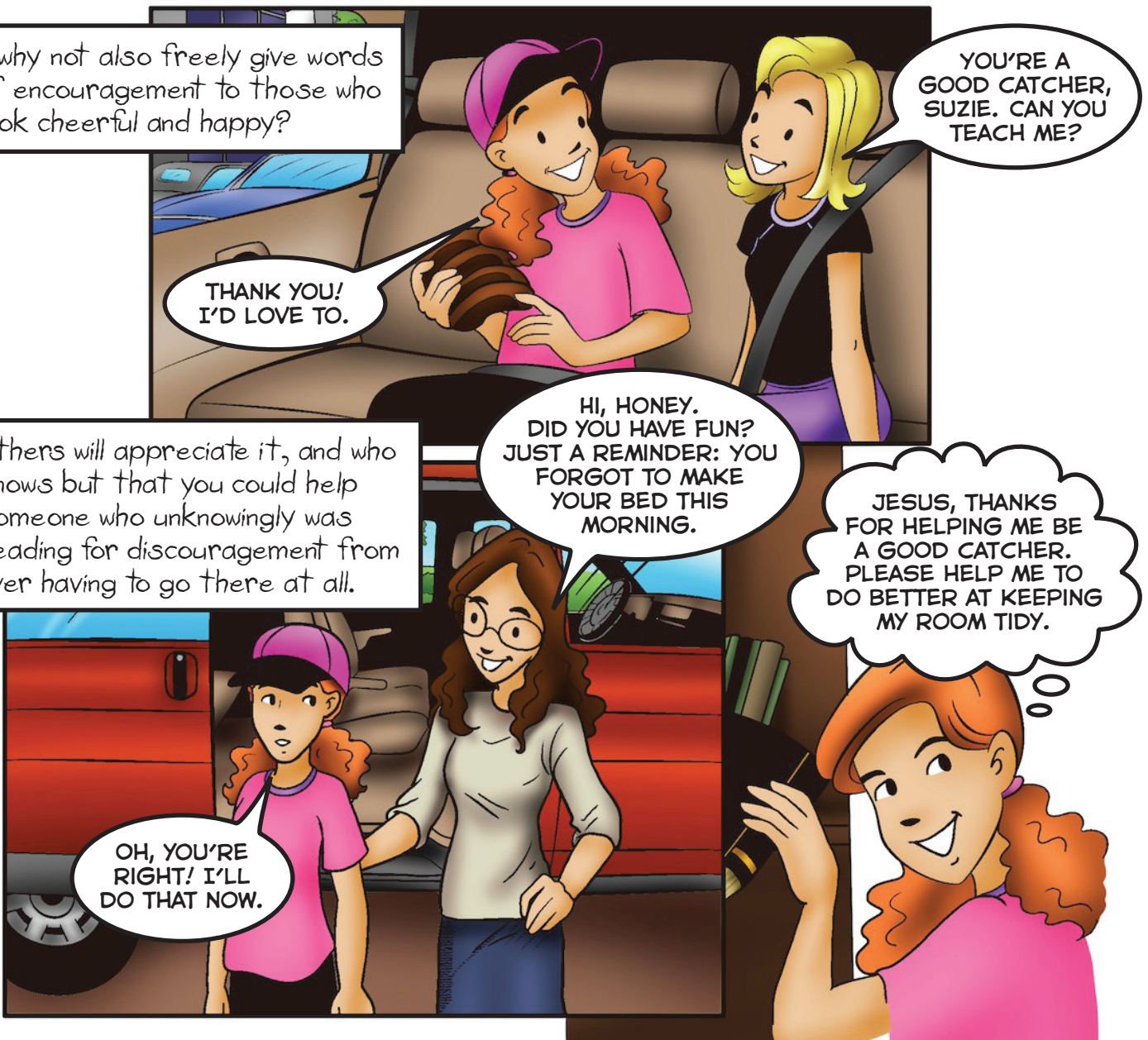
THANK YOU!  
I'D LOVE TO.

HI, HONEY.  
DID YOU HAVE FUN?  
JUST A REMINDER: YOU  
FORGOT TO MAKE  
YOUR BED THIS  
MORNING.

Others will appreciate it, and who knows but that you could help someone who unknowingly was heading for discouragement from ever having to go there at all.

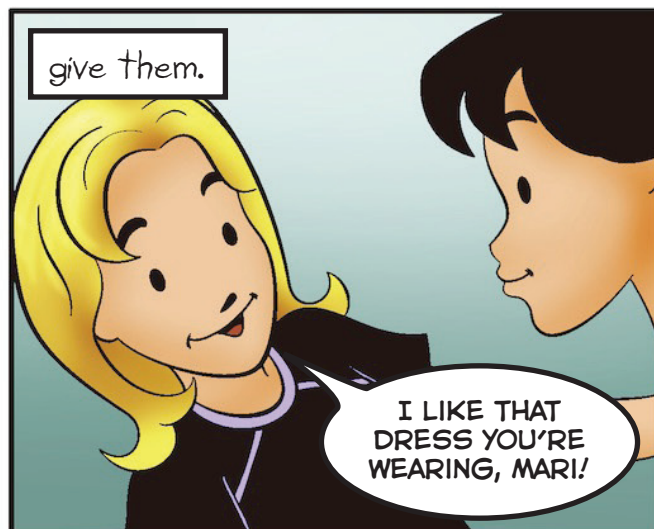
JESUS, THANKS  
FOR HELPING ME BE  
A GOOD CATCHER.  
PLEASE HELP ME TO  
DO BETTER AT KEEPING  
MY ROOM TIDY.

OH, YOU'RE  
RIGHT! I'LL  
DO THAT NOW.





# God's Law of Love is about treating others the way you would want to be treated.

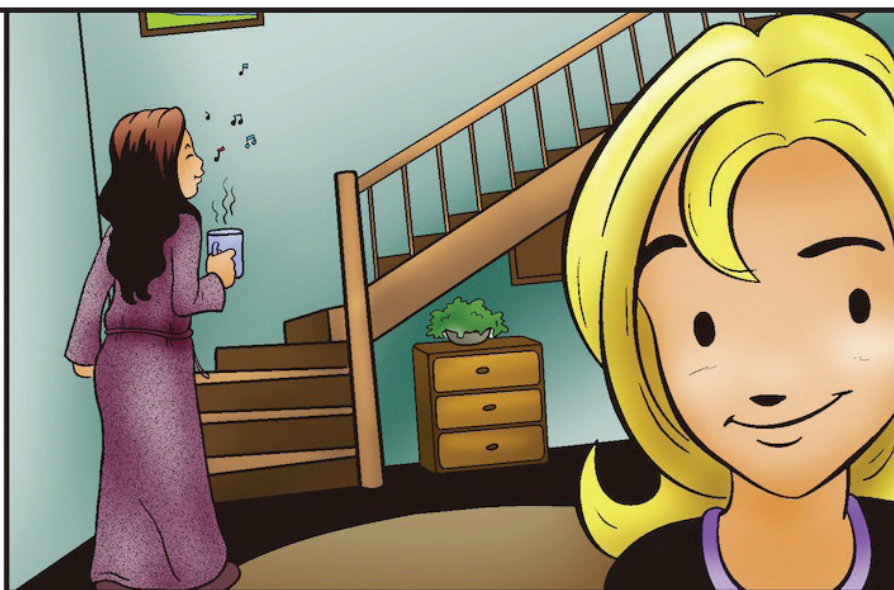




Think of everything you want out of life that has to do with other people.



For example, when you greet your older sister with "good morning," you want a smile from her, because it makes you feel good to know that you've made her smile.



**Think of everything that makes your life better, and then do those things for others.**

I MADE THESE COOKIES FOR YOU!

I LOVE YOU, MOM!

CAN I HELP YOU?

YOU ARE DOING GREAT!

Think of ways you can be more loving and more generous toward others, then work to make your first reaction a loving and caring one.

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