

An Unusual Day at

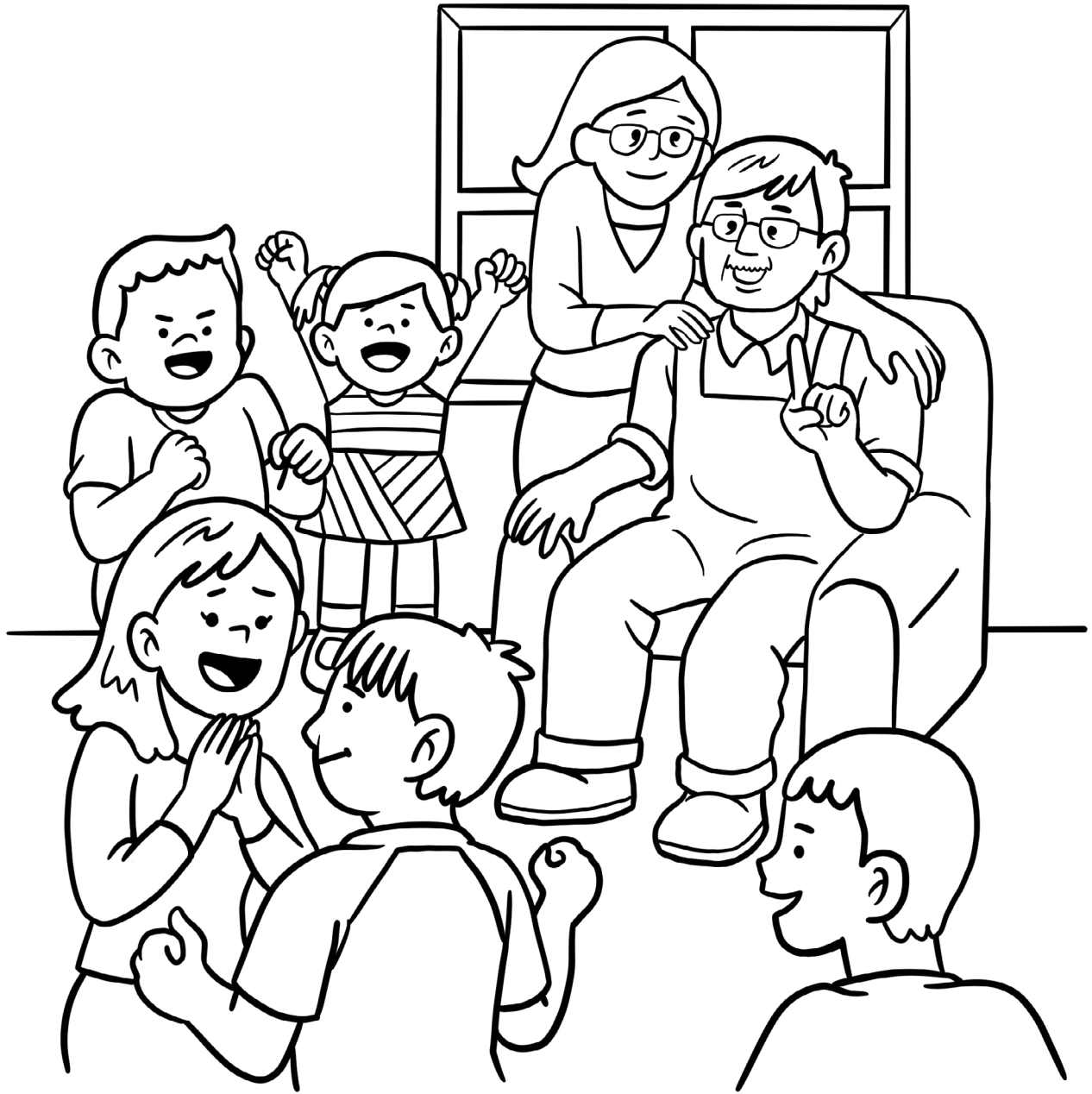
# Grandma and Granddaddy's House

Based on  
a true story





One sunny Autumn afternoon, Opal, Grant, Ezra, Samuel, and Virginia visited Granddaddy and Grandma.



"Grandma and I would like to give each of you \$10 today," announced Granddaddy.

"Wow!" The kids exchanged excited looks.

But that wasn't all their grandparents had in mind.

Everyone gathered around the table as Grandma pulled out an ANM Christmas Gift Catalog. Flipping through the pages, they pointed to all the items they could buy and send to people in other countries.



"Frogs!" called out Opal

"And chickens and goats!" chimed in Grant.

"And bicycles!" said Samuel.

"And books!" exclaimed Virginia

"Let's get them all!" added Ezra.

"Well," said Granddaddy, "How about you do some work and then use the money you earn to buy one of these special Christmas gifts?"

"Yeah!" they all shouted.



They ran outside and got to work raking and bagging leaves.

"Look how big our pile is!" shouted Samuel.

"The leaves are so pretty," smiled Opal.

"And fun to play in!" added Ezra.

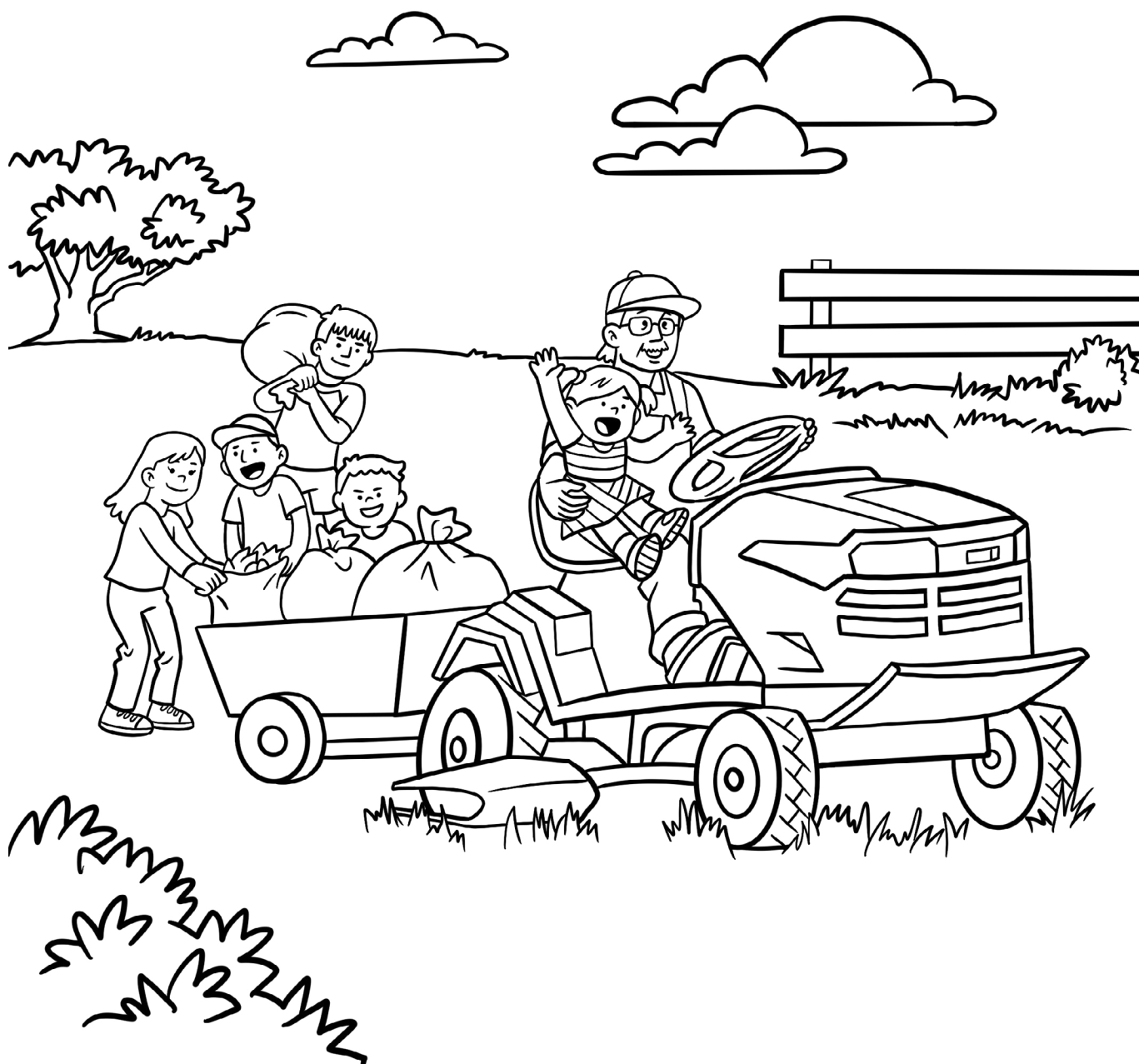


They picked up seed pods from beneath the huge magnolia tree.

"Who can get the most pods into the wheelbarrow?" challenged Grant.

"Wow, good job, Virginia!" said Opal.

"Oops! Sorry Grandma," said Samuel.



Everyone took turns driving the tractor with Granddaddy.  
One by one, the bags of leaves filled the trailer.  
"Work is fun!" giggled Virginia.



When the last leaf was bagged, they hurried indoors.

Granddaddy handed each of them a ten-dollar bill, "Now, what are you planning to buy?"

Opal did not hesitate, "I want to buy frogs! I LOVE frogs!"

Grant said, "Chickens. And bricks because I like to build things."

"I want to buy bricks to help build a school like the one I go to," said Ezra.





Samuel said, "How about chickens so other people can raise and sell eggs like our family does!"

Virginia pointed to a picture and exclaimed, "Books for the kids!".

Each child chose a gift that was special to them, hoping it was perfect for others, too.

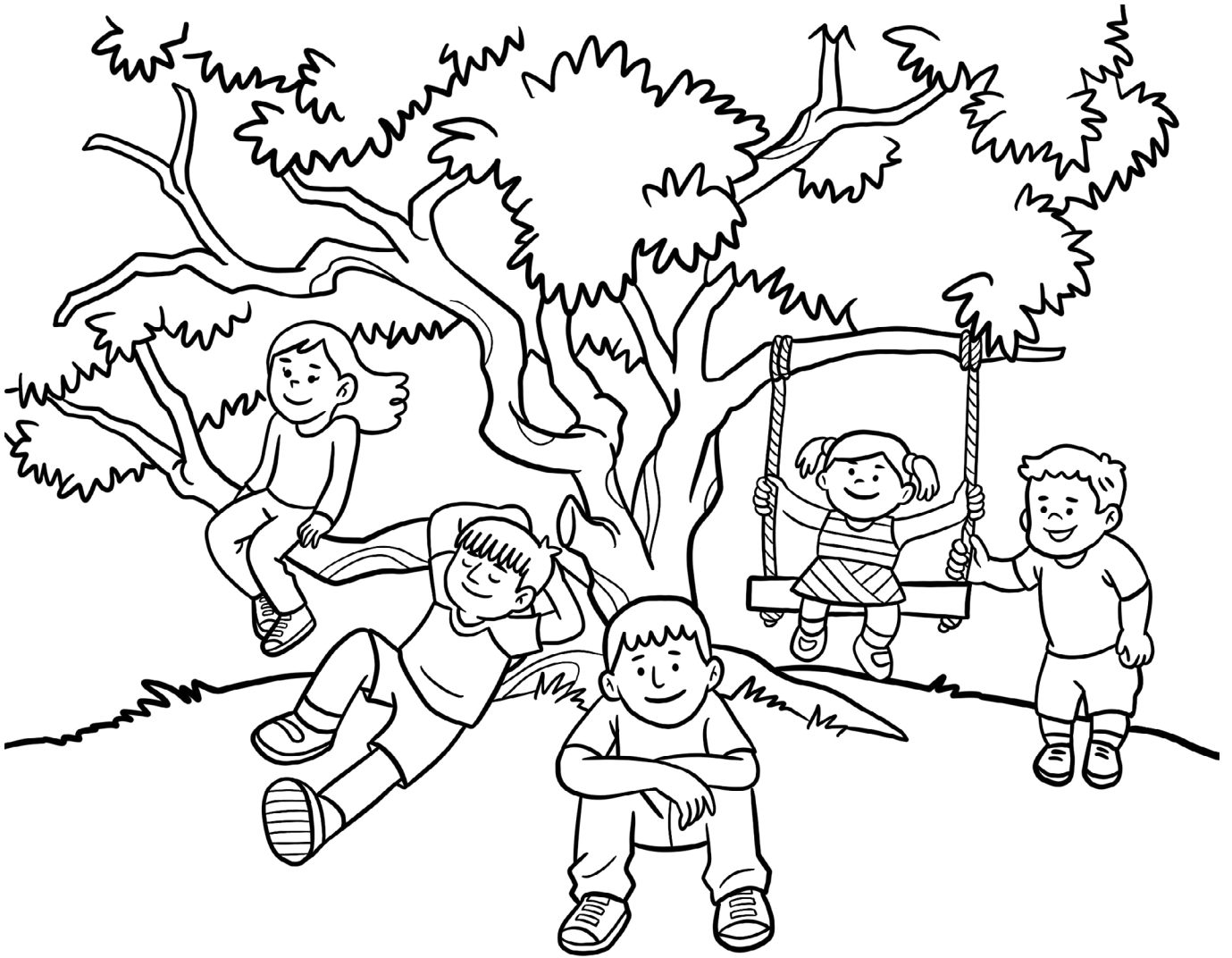


"Why do these kids have their faces blocked out?" asked Grant, pointing to a photo.

"That's to protect them," said Grandma. "In some countries, it is illegal to be a Christian. People can't talk about Jesus or pray in public like we do. "

"That's right," added Granddaddy. "We should be thankful we can talk about Jesus and go to church. We need to pray for those who can't."

"Your gifts will help spread the Good News of Jesus all across the world," said Grandma.



After choosing their gifts, they went outside to enjoy the rest of the day.

"The yard looks so pretty now," said Opal.

"I like working for others," said Grant.

"So do I," added Samuel.

"Me too!" squealed Virginia.

Ezra stretched his arms wide with a satisfied grin,  
"Oh, yes. This is paradise!"

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