

The Year I Found a Second Home

A coloring book By Adi The Shinshinit



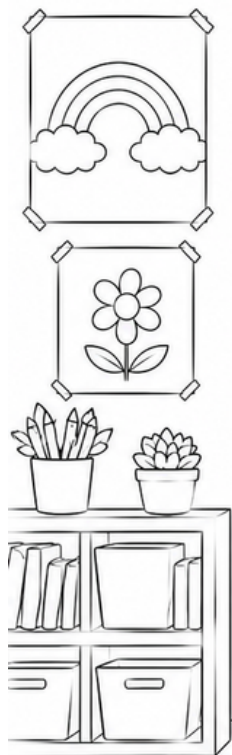
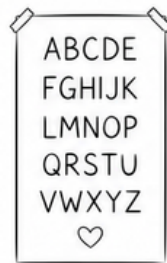
One day, Adi came from Israel
to a faraway city called Denver.

She had one suitcase,
one big smile,
and a tiny nervous heart.



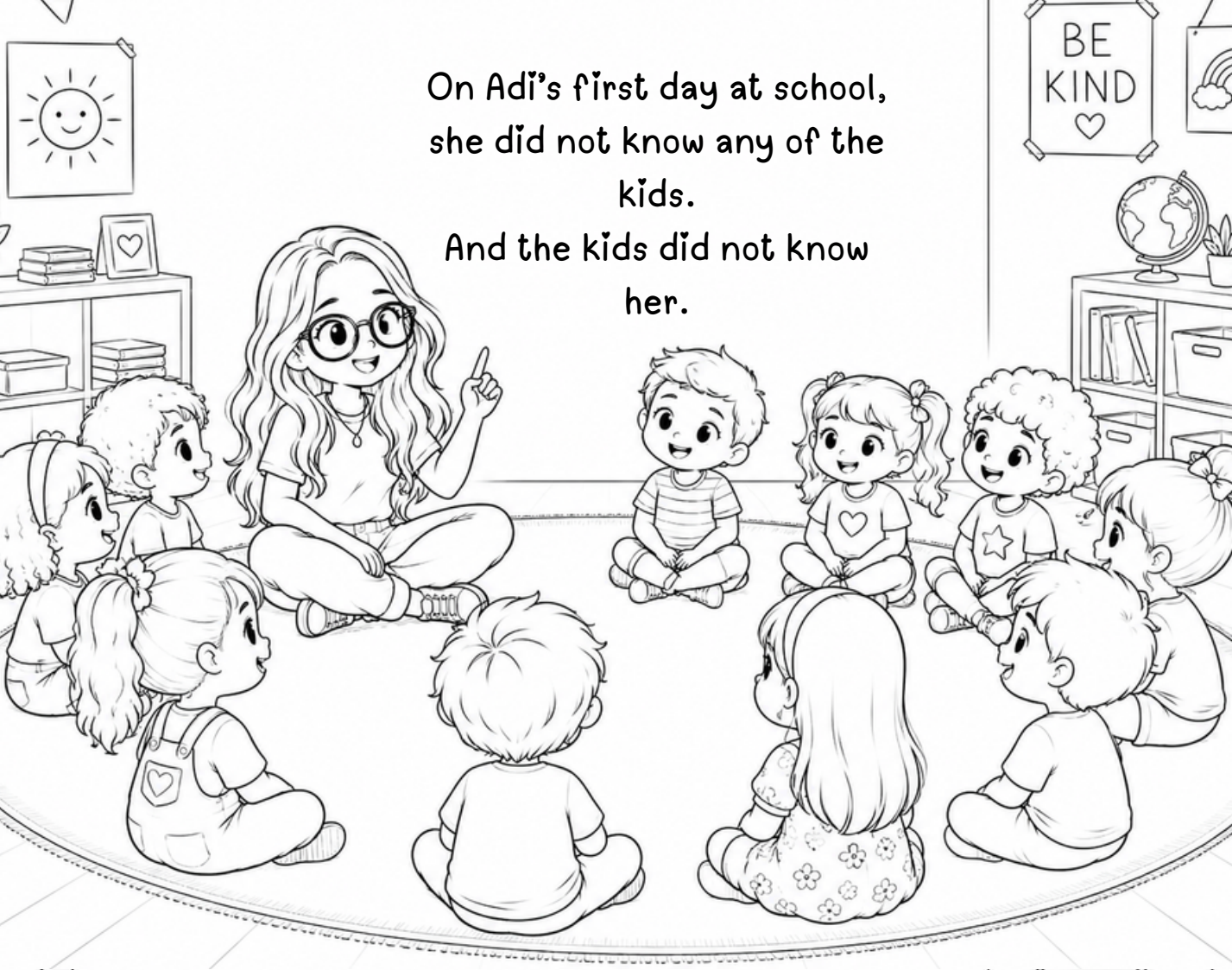


Everyone told her:
“How cool! you get to stay here for one year”
But one whole year sounded VERY long.



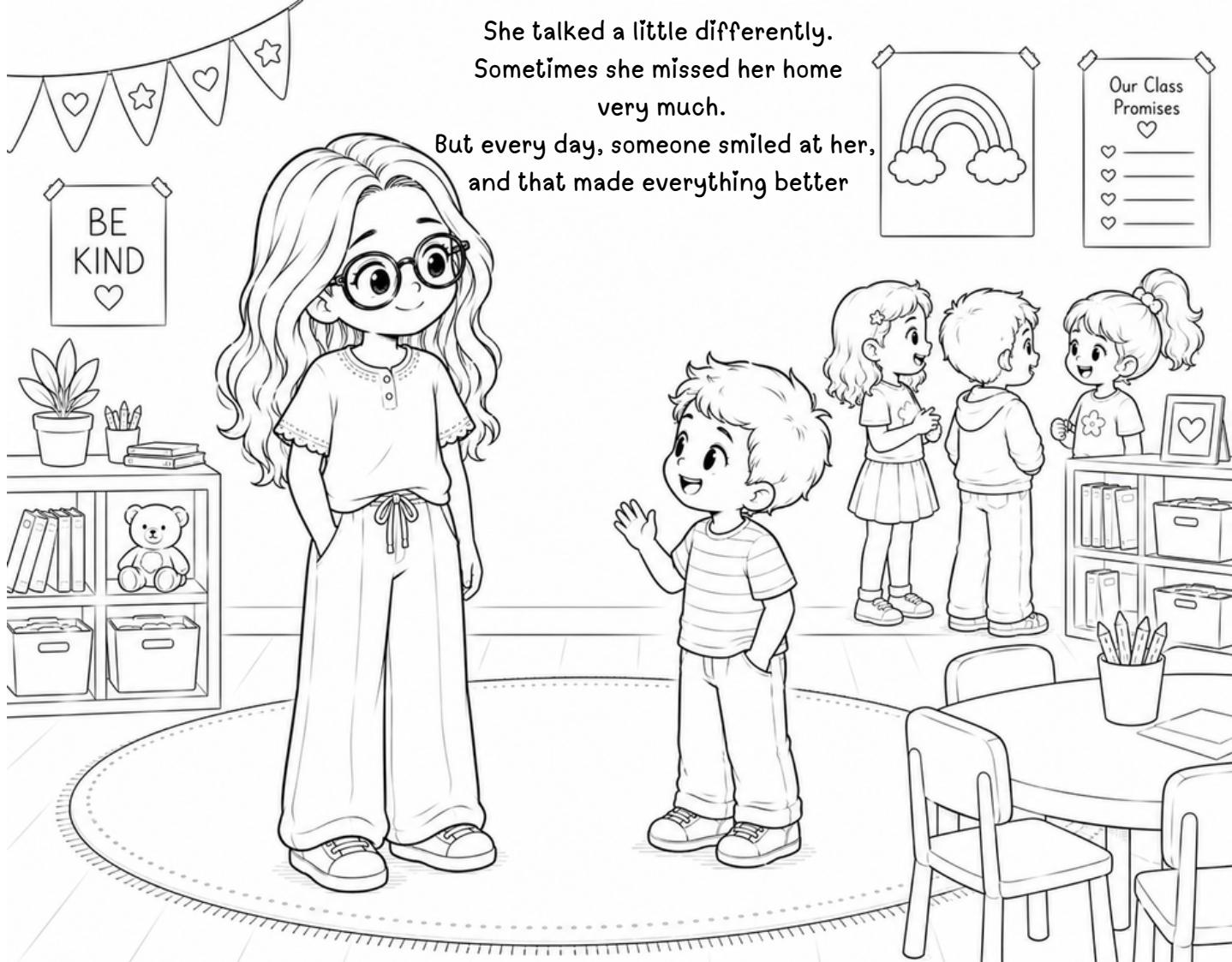
On Adi's first day at school,
she did not know any of the
kids.

And the kids did not know
her.



She talked a little differently.
Sometimes she missed her home
very much.

But every day, someone smiled at her,
and that made everything better



Little by little,
Adi learned new names,
new games,
and new songs to sing.



And Adi taught the kids things
too.

She taught them to say:

“Toda!”

which means “thank you” in
Hebrew.

Sometimes we said it very,
VERY loudly.



They read stories together.
They painted pictures together.
They made happy little messes together.

Glue here.

Glitter there.

Paint in somebody's hair!



Soon, the school did not feel so far from home anymore.
It started to feel warm and safe.
Just like home should feel.



In spring, They drew flowers,
played outside,
and watched the sunny days grow longer.
The year was changing.
And so was Adi.



Some days,
the kids ran to hug her so fast
that she almost forgot she was far away from Israel.



But then, something happened.
The year started getting smaller.
Only a few more Mondays.
Only a few more stories.
Only a few more projects.



Soon, it was time for Adi to go home.

Back to Israel.

But her heart felt funny.

Happy... and sad at the same time.



Before Adi packed her suitcase,
she tried to think about what to take with her.
But how do you pack a whole year of love?



She packed the memories, She packed: story times, big smiles,
and memories from every child she met here.



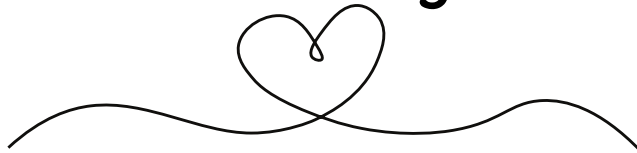
And maybe Adi is flying back to Israel...
but a little piece of her heart
will always stay here with the kids.



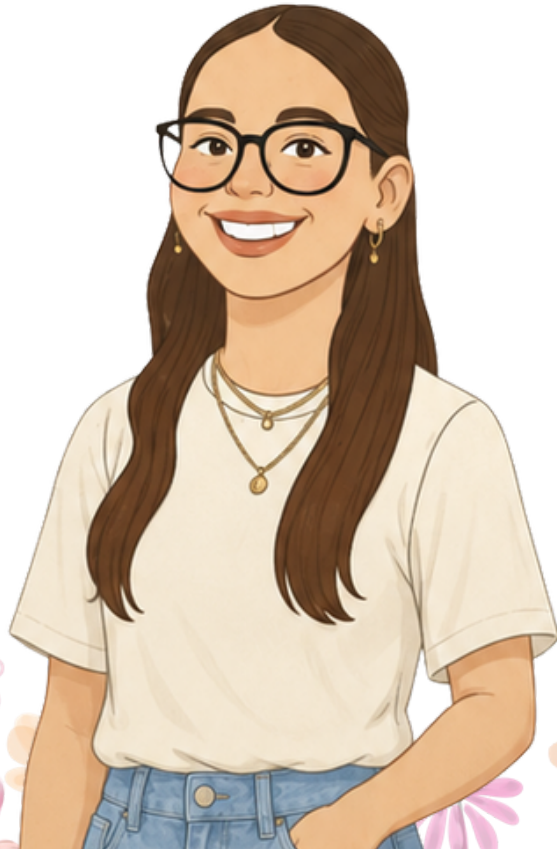
Thank you for helping me feel brave.
Thank you for helping me feel welcome.
Thank you for making Denver feel like home.



No matter how far away I go,
I will always remember this year...
and all of you.



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Thank you for making this
year so special!

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