Welcome

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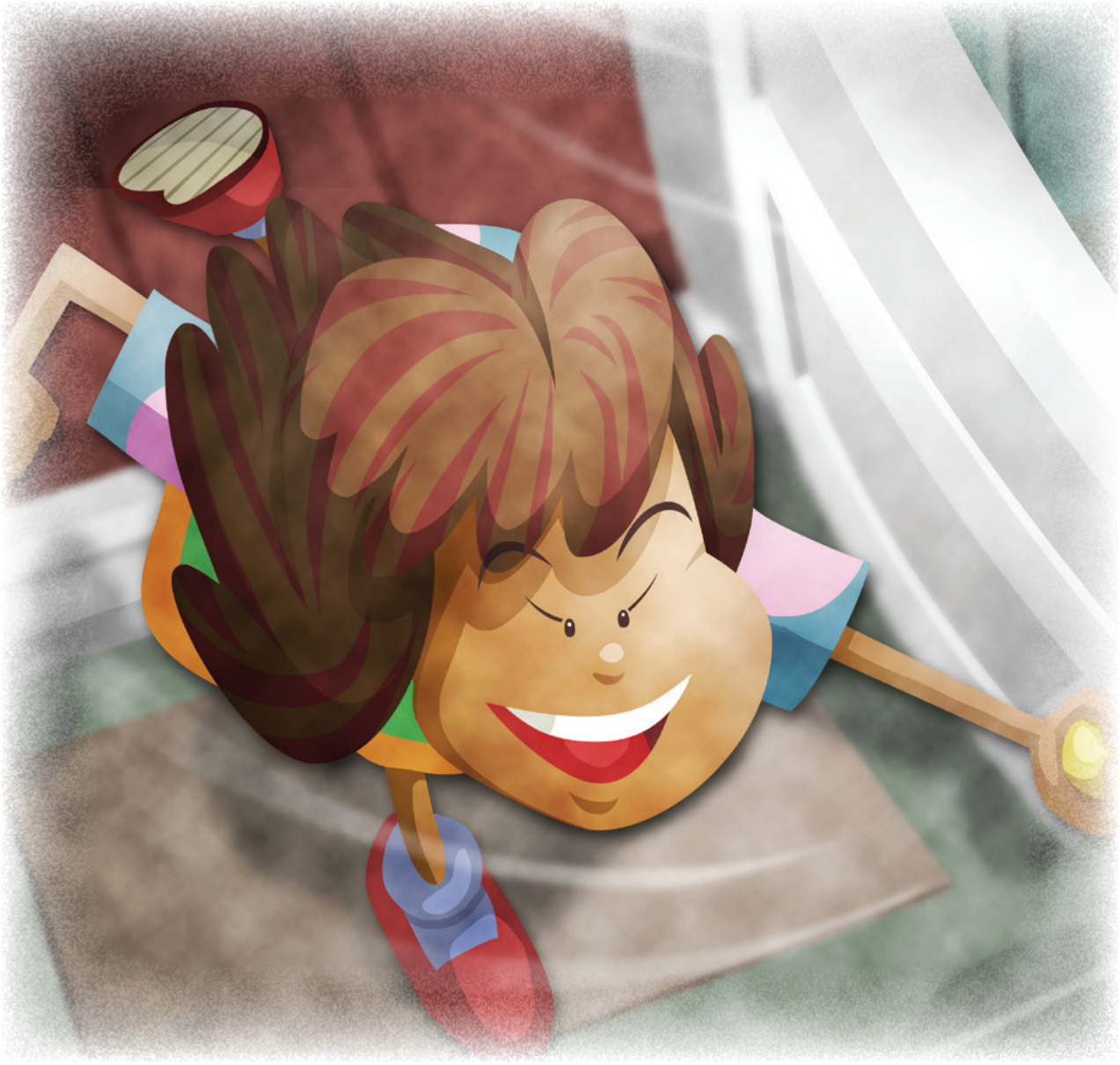
Welcome, welcome to our home.
Please come in, be our guest.
We're excited that you're here.
I just know we'll all be blessed!

Come this way and see my room.
We'll sing and play with toys,
Pretend to be a marching band,
And make a joyful noise!

It's so much fun when you are here.
There's much that we can do.
Next time we'll invite more friends,
So they can have fun, too!

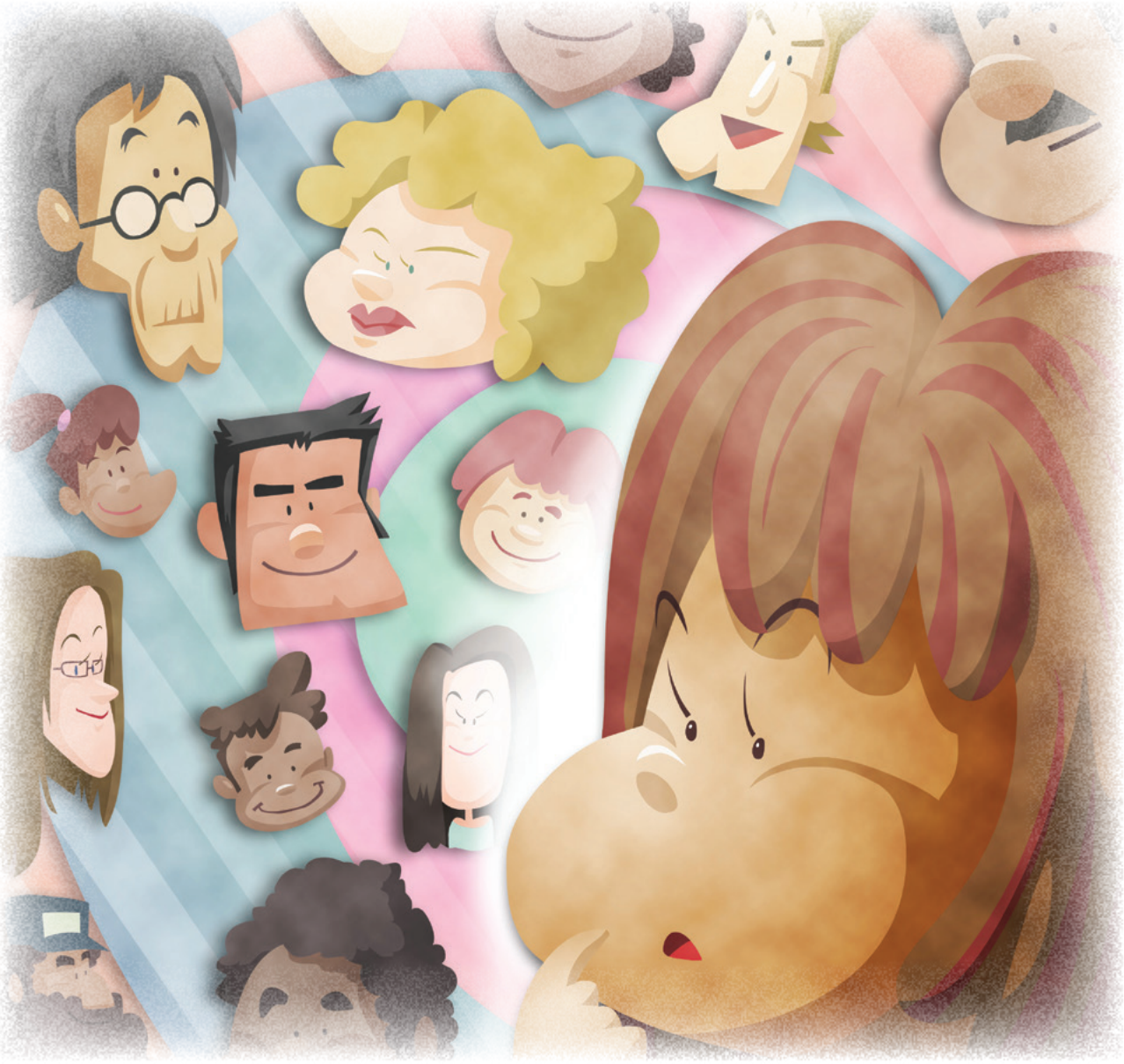
I learned a brand-new word today.
It sounds so cool to me.
It means to welcome everyone—
It's hospitality!



God teaches us to open up
Our lives and home and heart,
And welcome everyone we know
To come and do their part.

Jesus loves to welcome all,
And kids especially.
He shared with all the grown-ups:
"Let the children come to Me."

"Anyone who welcomes you,
Also welcomes Me."
He said this to His closest friends.
It's meant for you and me.



You know there's lots of people
Who do not live with you.
Some will visit many times,
Or one time, maybe two.

They might just come for dinner
Or a special holiday.
Those times can be just perfect
To welcome them God's way!

My grandma welcomes neighbors
By baking sweets and such—
Pies and cakes and cookies, too.
They love them all so much.

She likes to bake for everyone;
She finds out what they like:
Apple pie for Annie May
And chocolate chips for Mike.

Mom has a friend named Heather,
Who comes over once a week.
Heather's never been to church;
She questions when they speak.

Mom invites her, "Come with us.
Come see what it's about.
Bring Jonathan to Sunday school.
He'll have fun; there's no doubt!"

My daddy is a greeter
At the local grocery store.
He welcomes all who come to shop,
Hospitality at the door!

Sunday mornings at the church,
Grandpa welcomes people in.
"Good morning! Glad to see you!
Right this way! How have you been?"

My brother goes to Sunday school;
He sees there's someone new.
He welcomes them by asking,
"May I please sit here with you?"

There's a new girl in our class;
She doesn't know anyone.
I asked if she'd have lunch with me
And play when we are done.

While playing, Mia said to me
She's never heard God's Name.
I invited her to sit with me
And shared just why He came.

She asked me if He loved her, too,
If she was in God's heart.
"Of course you are!" I said to her,
"You've been there from the start!"

Do you ever get invited
By your friends or family?
And do they show their love to you
By hospitality?

Do you show hospitality
To friends or someone new,
Welcoming like Jesus did
In everything you do?

So now you see just how you can
Welcome and invite.
Each one of us is truly loved
And precious in His sight.

We share God's love by welcoming
At home or school or play.
There's always one to welcome
Each and every single day!

Most wonderful and best of all
Will be the greatest day,
When Jesus tells us, "Welcome home!
You're here with Me to stay!"

One of the best ways kids learn how to treat others is by seeing how people are treated in their own home. As parents and other adults are kind and hospitable to visitors, kids learn to be welcoming, too. Even offering to sit by someone new is a way to welcome.

Jesus is welcoming too, isn't He? He invites us to spend time with Him and to share Him with others. Our homes are great places for doing that. When kids have friends over, they're being hospitable—like Jesus is to us. And the kindness they share reflects the generosity of God who wants us all to be *at home* with Him.

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