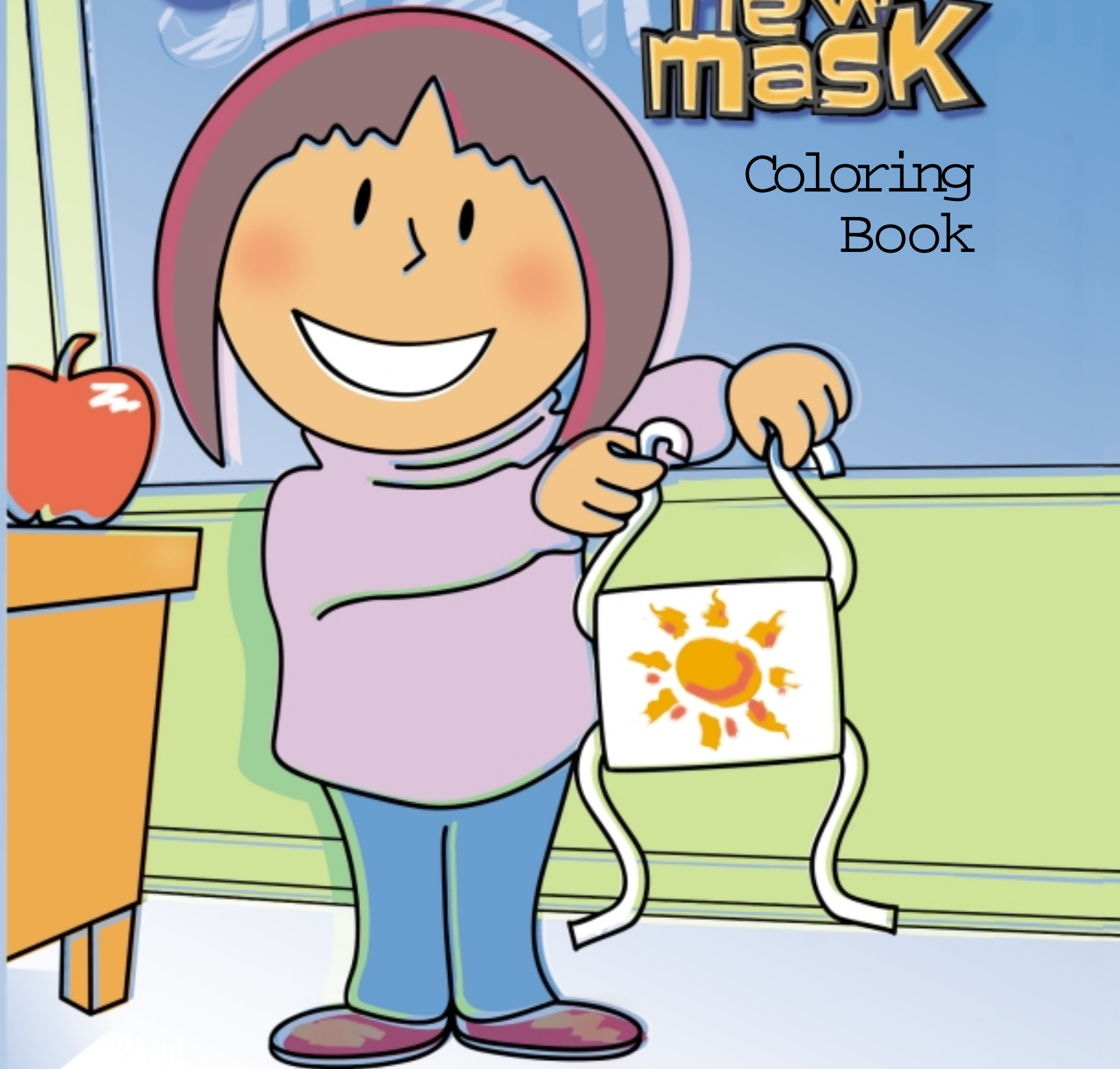


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For friends of children with cancer



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Hi! My name is Sammie. Today at school we are having Show n Tell.
My teacher asked us to talk about someone very special.

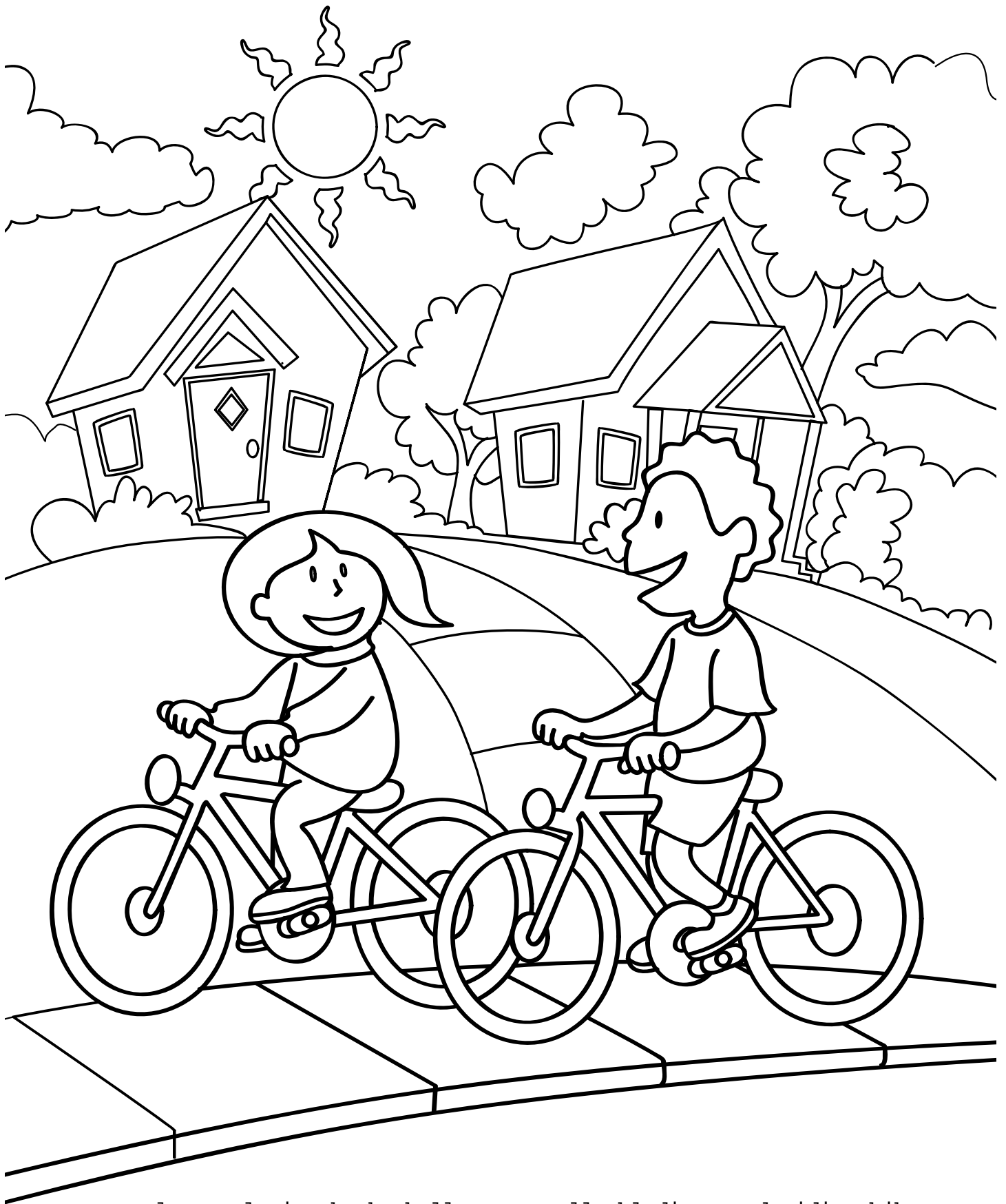


I've known for weeks that I am going to talk about my friend Jack.

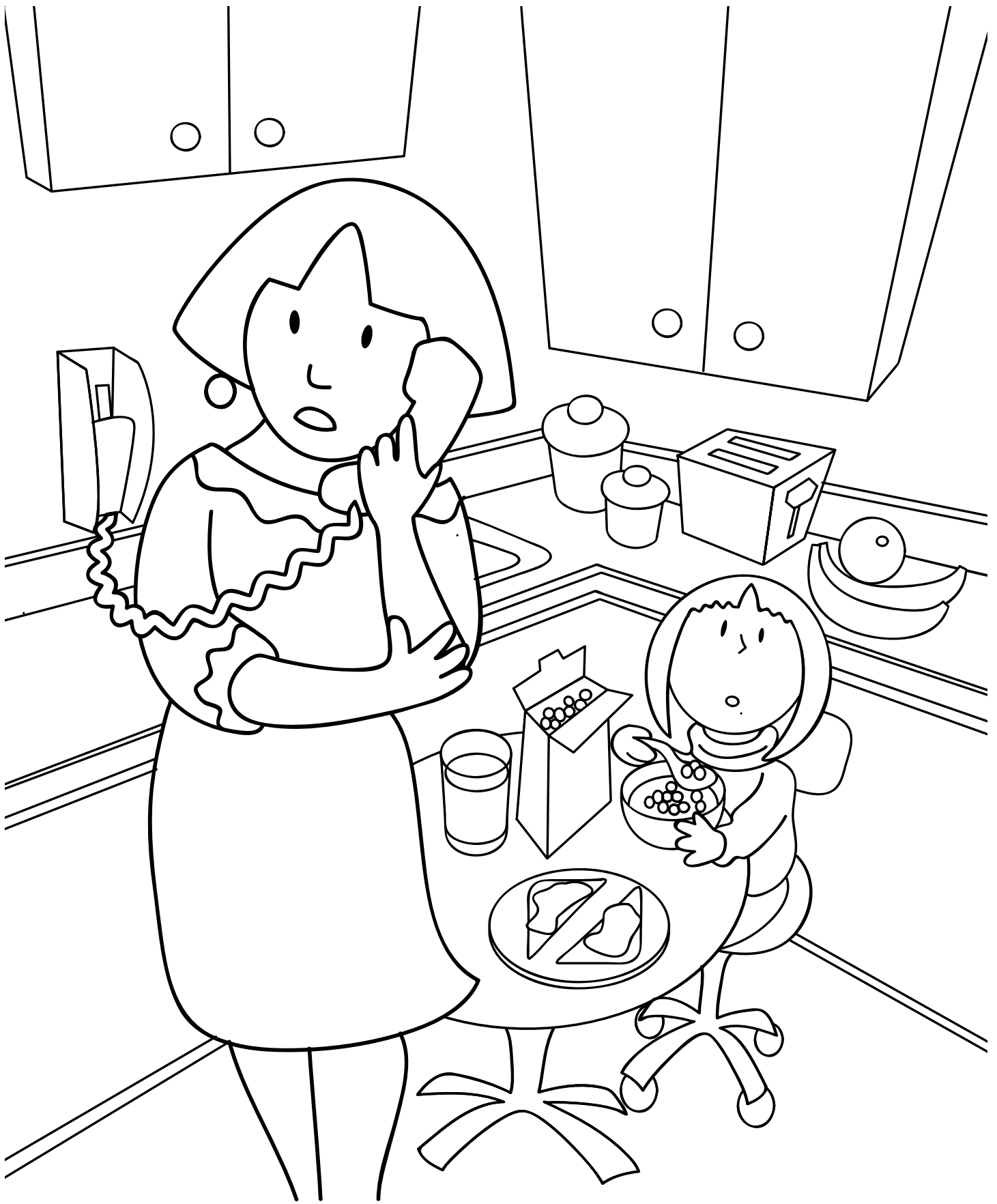


Finally, it is my turn!

Today I m going to tell you about my friend Jack. We have known each other since we were very small, for as long as I can remember!



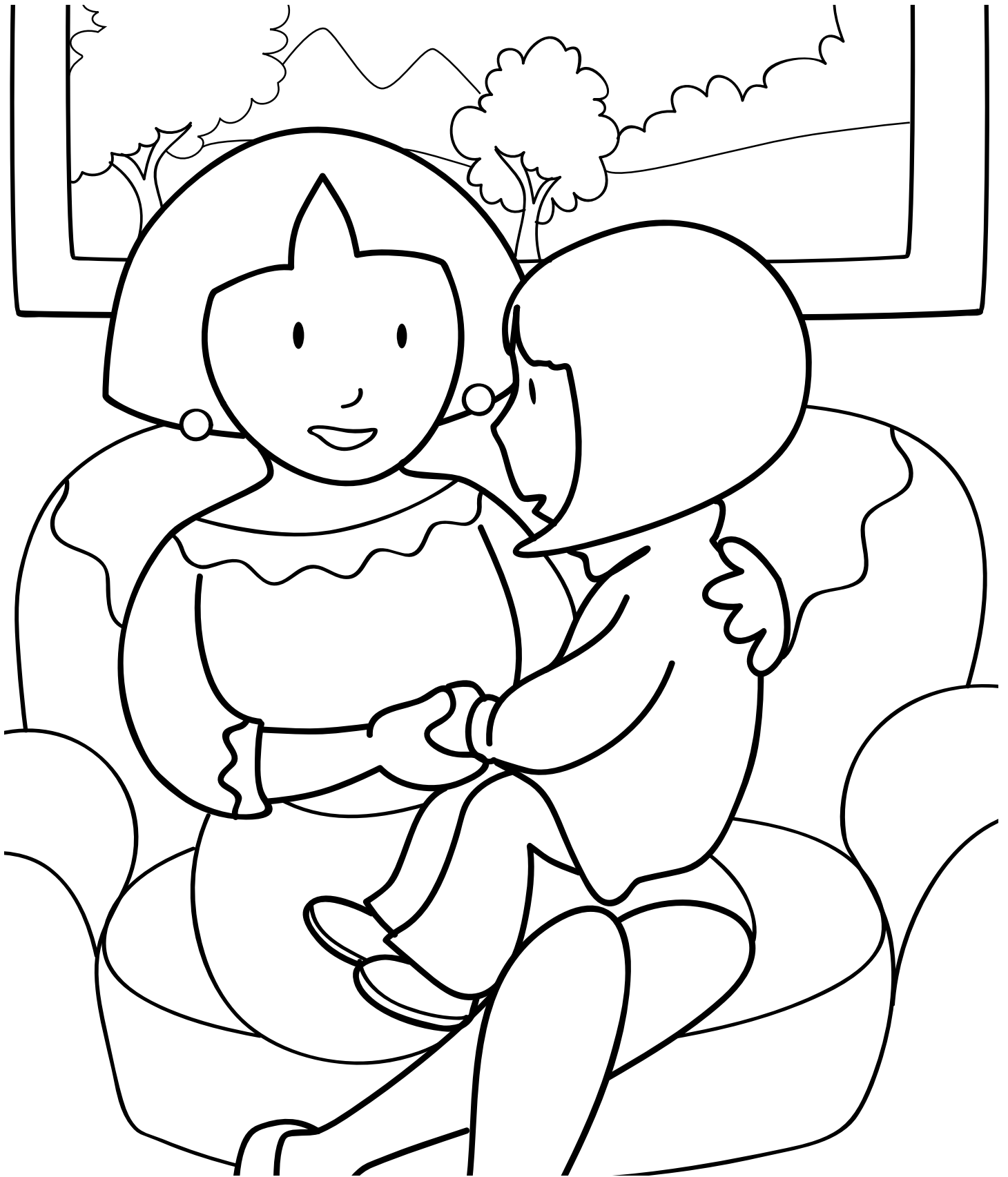
We are always playing basketball, tag, rollerblading, and riding bikes.
In the summer we sell lemonade and go swimming all of the time.
This summer was a little different.



Jack didn't call or visit for days. I wondered what was wrong.

One day, Jack's mom called my mom.

Why didn't Jack call and talk to me too?

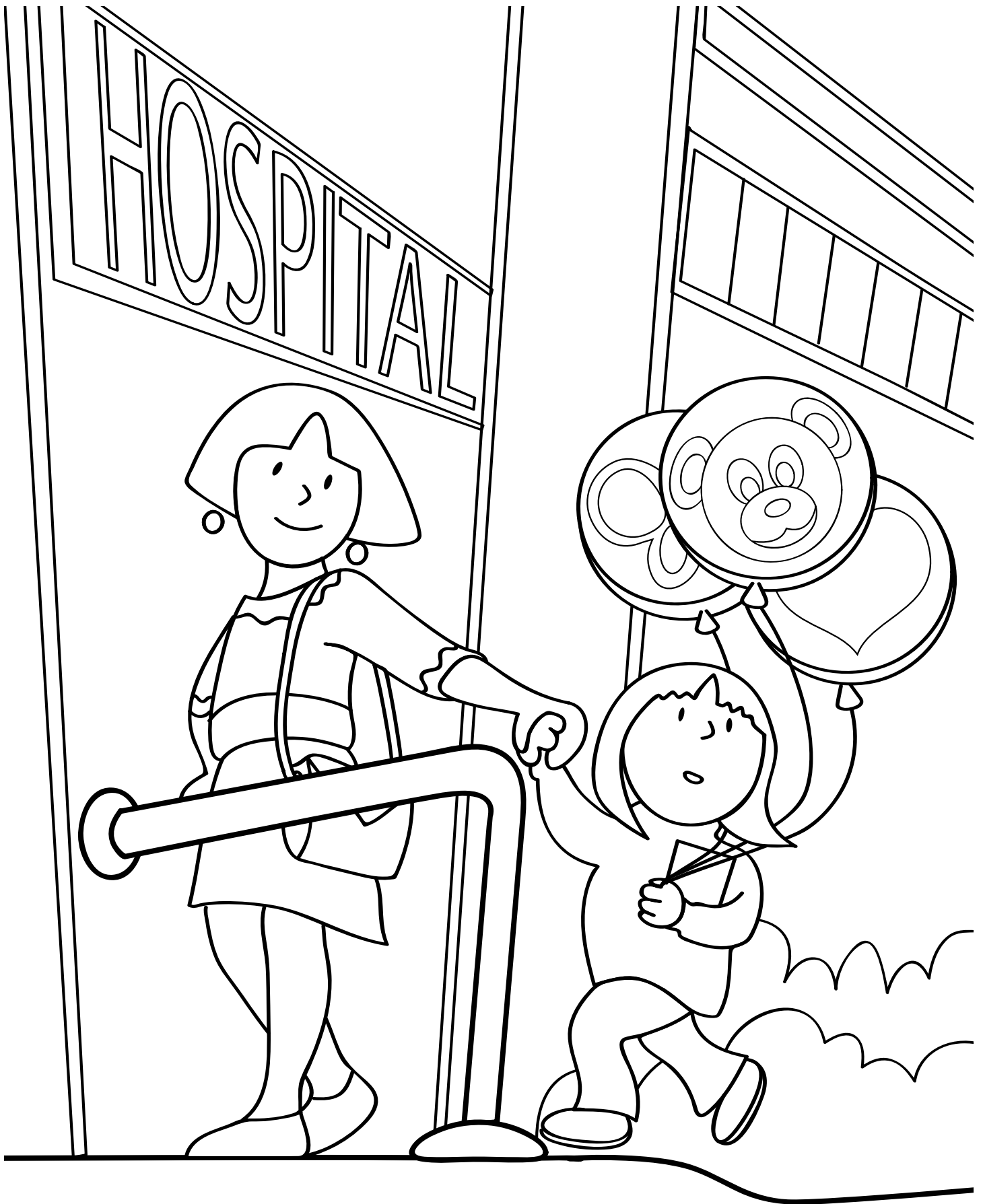


My mom told me Jack had cancer. Cancer!

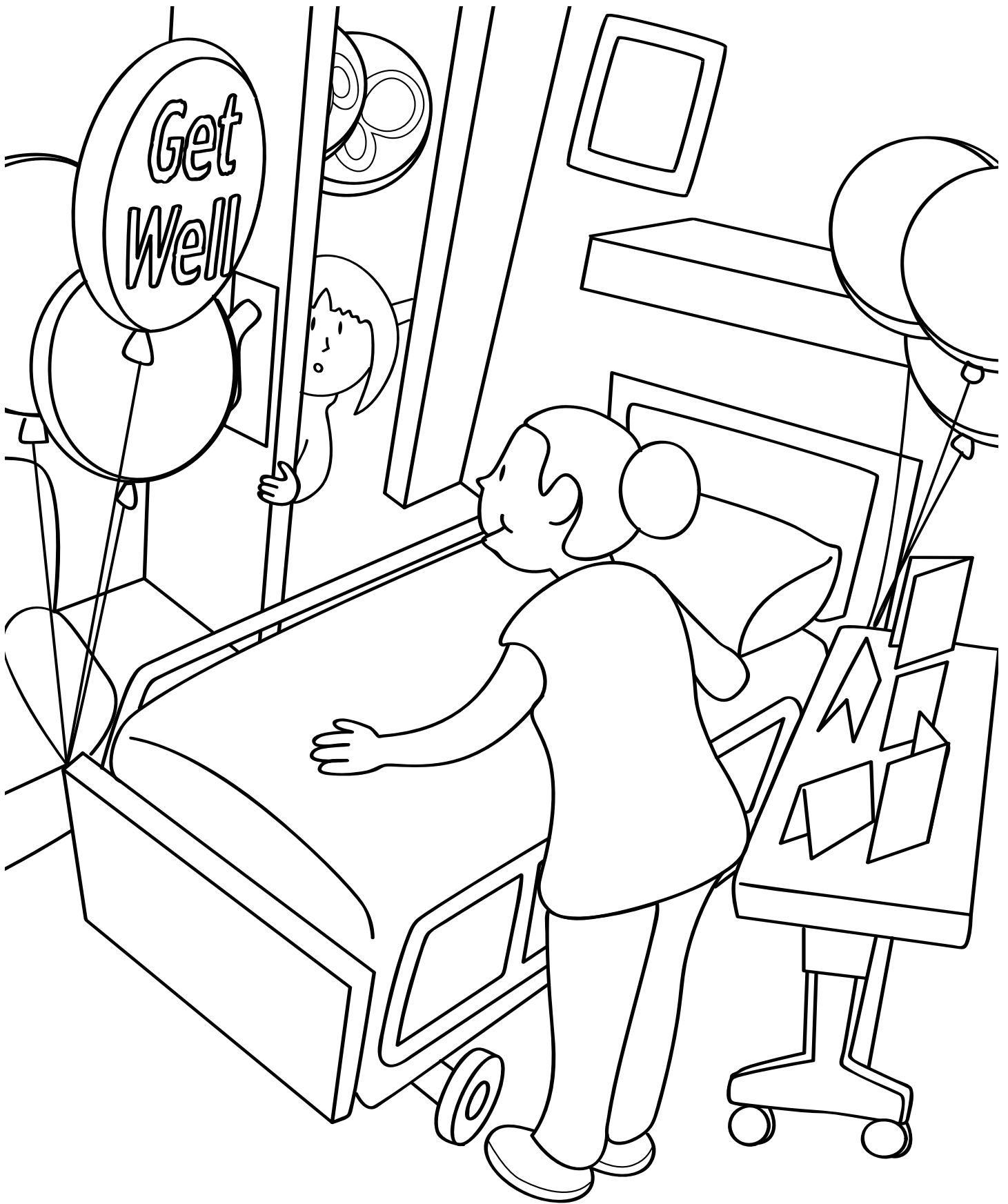
I didn't think kids could get cancer!

She told me kids get cancer too. I was scared.

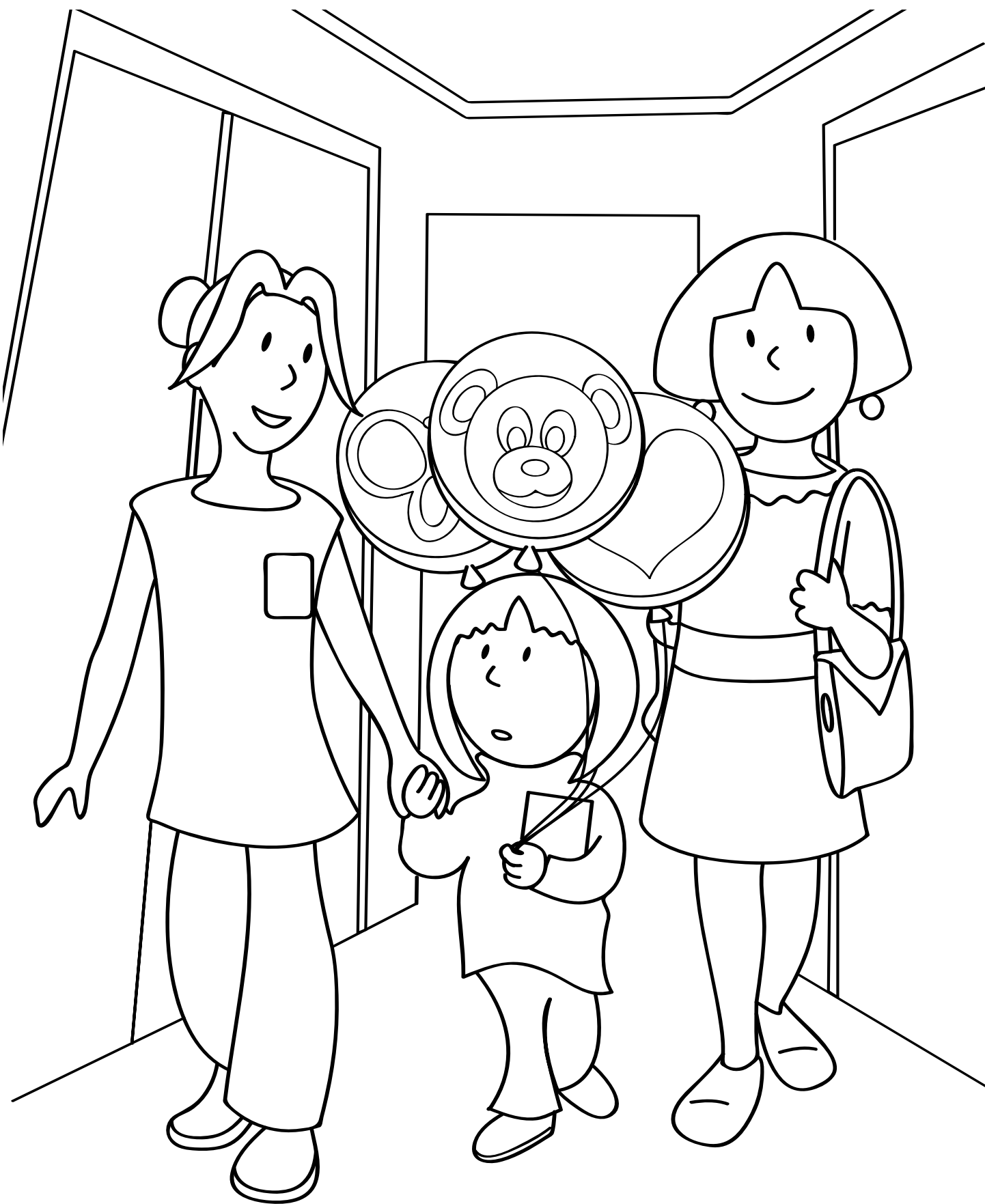
What will happen to my best friend? Can we still play like we used to?



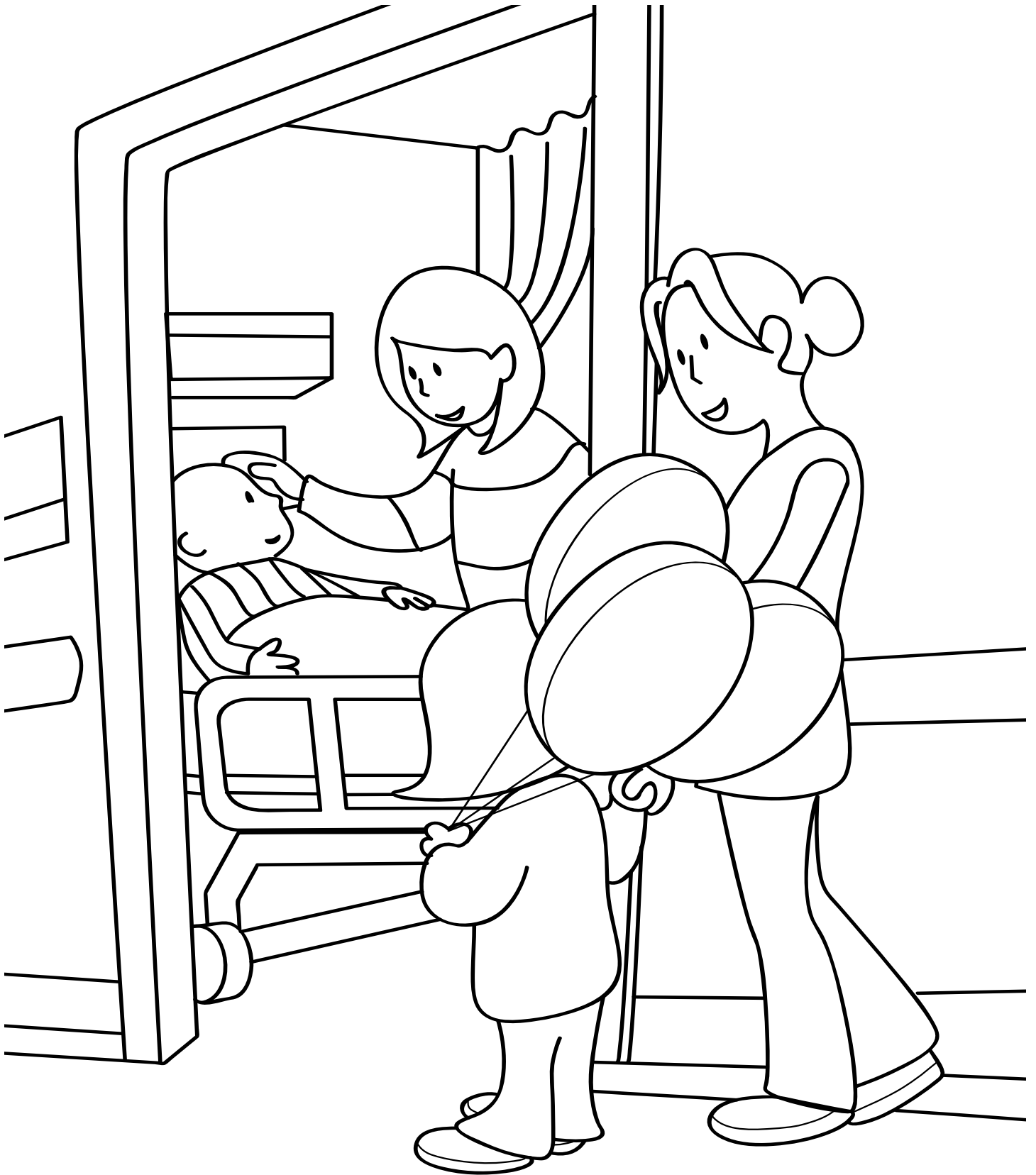
Mom thought I should go to the hospital to see Jack.
She said people at the hospital could answer my questions.



When I went into Jack s hospital room, I saw Get Well cards and balloons everywhere. A nurse saw me and said Jack was in the playroom. She took me to see him.



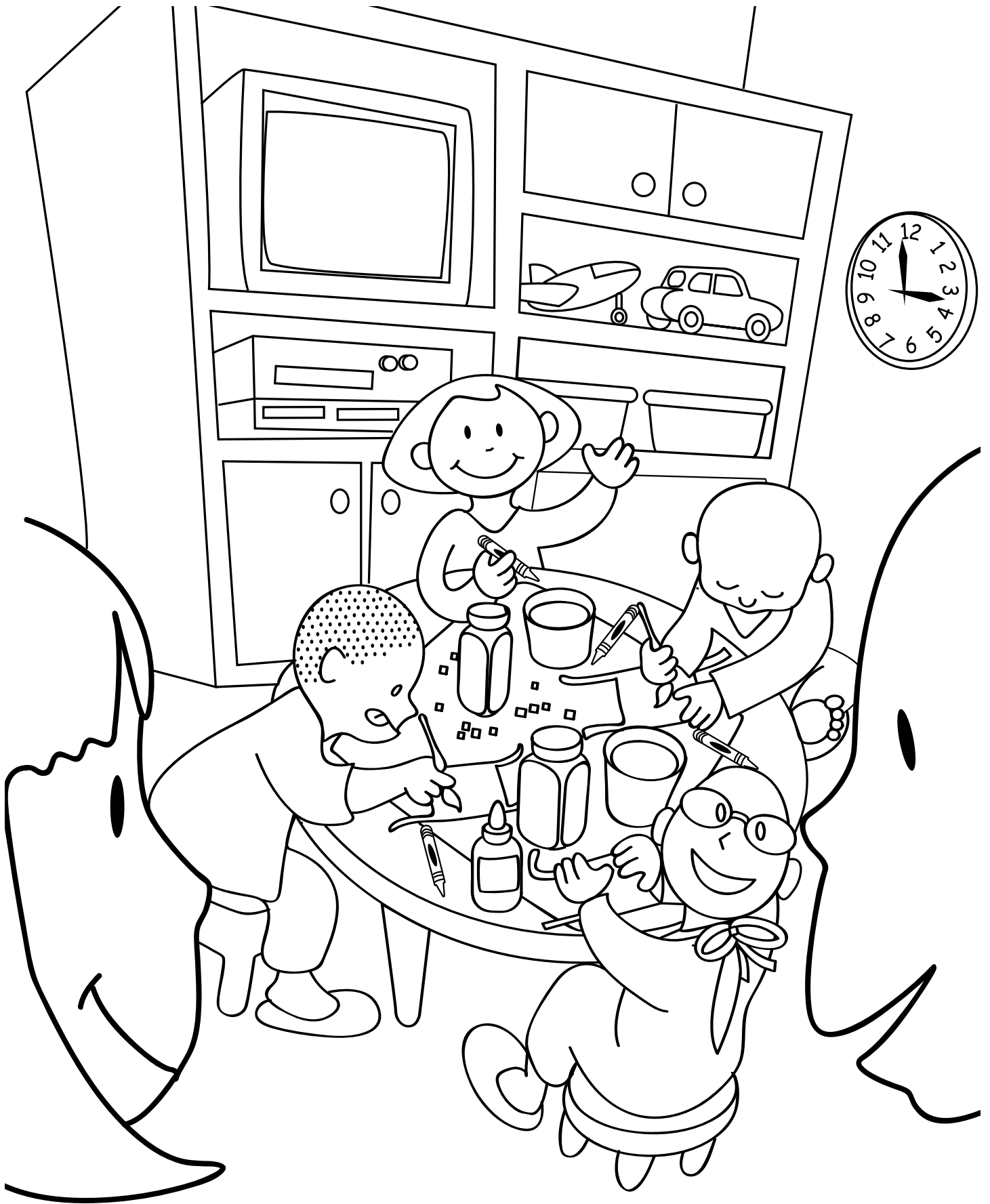
The nurse asked if I was worried about Jack. I said I was a little scared. She told me that I didn't do anything to cause Jack's cancer. No one really knows how a person gets it. I can't catch it from him either.



The nurse said that kids with cancer get medicine and treatments to help them feel better. Sometimes it makes them lose their hair. They may also get very skinny or gain weight from the medicine. Sometimes they are very tired too and have to rest more often than they used to.



Jack looked so happy when he saw me. He ran into the hallway to say hi to me and started joking around like always.



Jack and the other kids were decorating masks.
Jack said that sometimes kids with cancer have to be careful
not to get sick, so they wear a mask to protect themselves.



I got to decorate a mask too. We used lots of glitter and paint!
All of the kids were so nice. I learned that even though
Jack has cancer, he still needs his friends.

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The National Children's Cancer Society

is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children with cancer and their families. This coloring book was created for kids who know a child with cancer.

Remember that your friendship
is important to them.



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