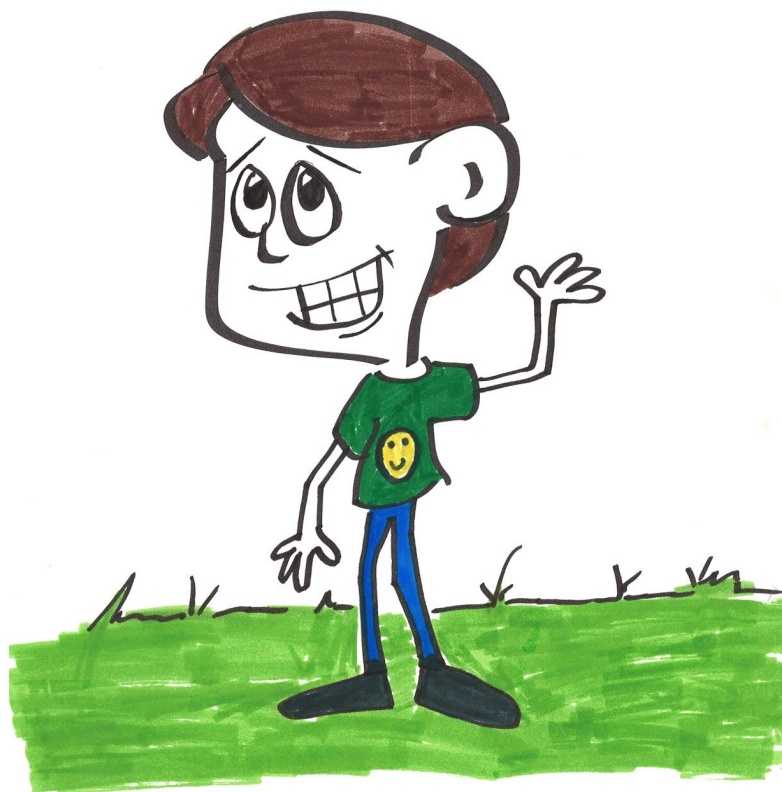


IS A SMILE CONTAGIOUS?



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This is Smith - The Boy Who Smiles.



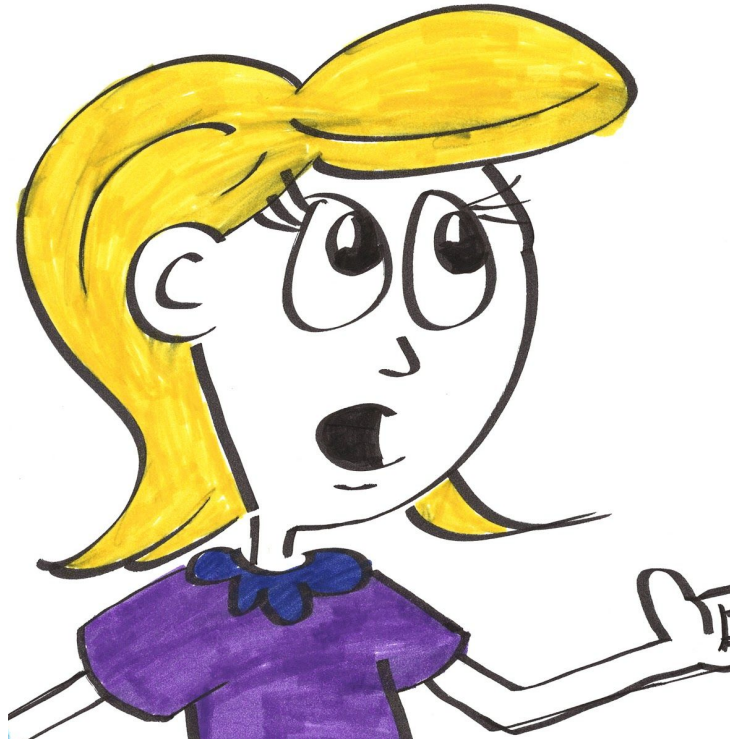
He is Not normal.



He does not play video games.
He does not play on the computer.



He plays outside.



Some kids say, "What do you do outside?"



Smith answers, "Well, I climb trees and I play in the mud."



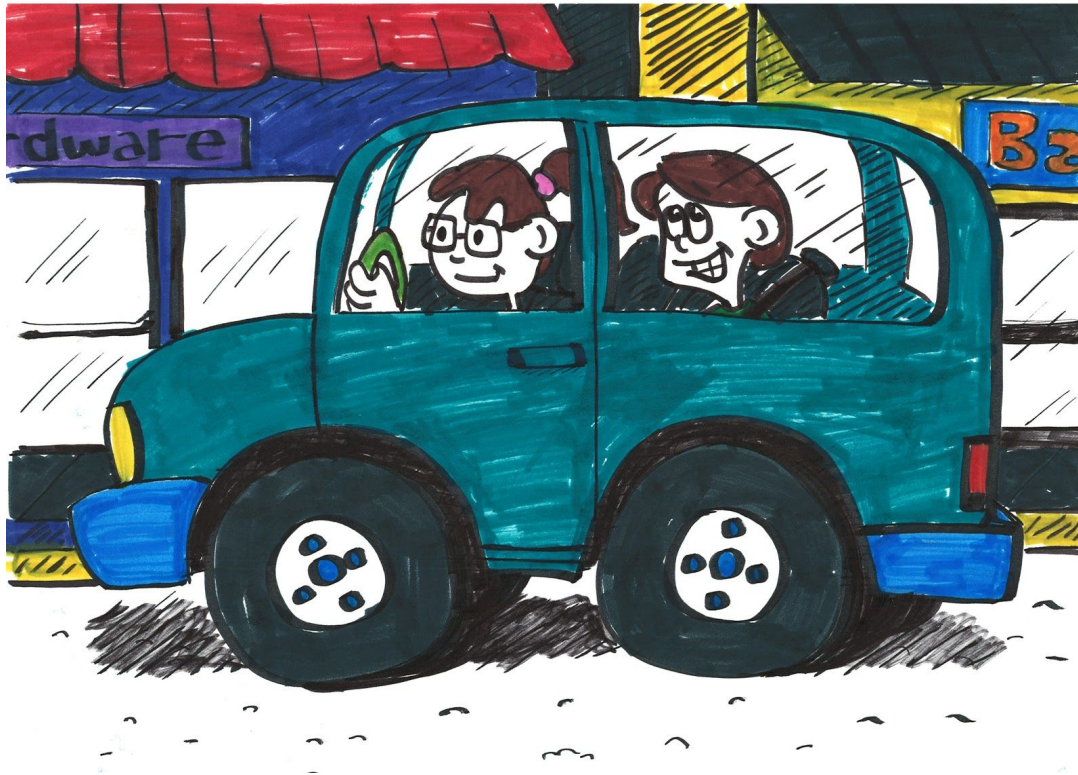
"You can play with your dog, if you have one. I do."



"You can play tag if you have siblings.
Or, you can have friends over."



"You can play with your indoor toys outside too.
But, let's get on with the story."



Oh, right. When Smith goes into town with his mother,
he will smile.



He will smile at the mailman.



...And he will smile at the restaurant waiter.



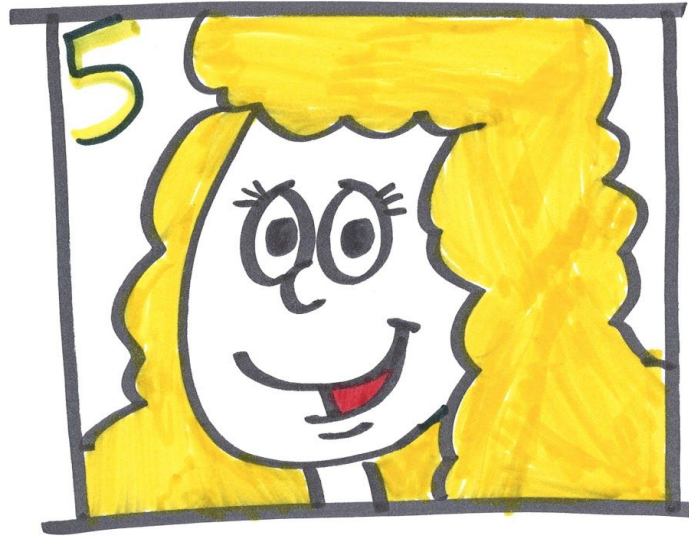
He will smile at the clerk.



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What do you think?



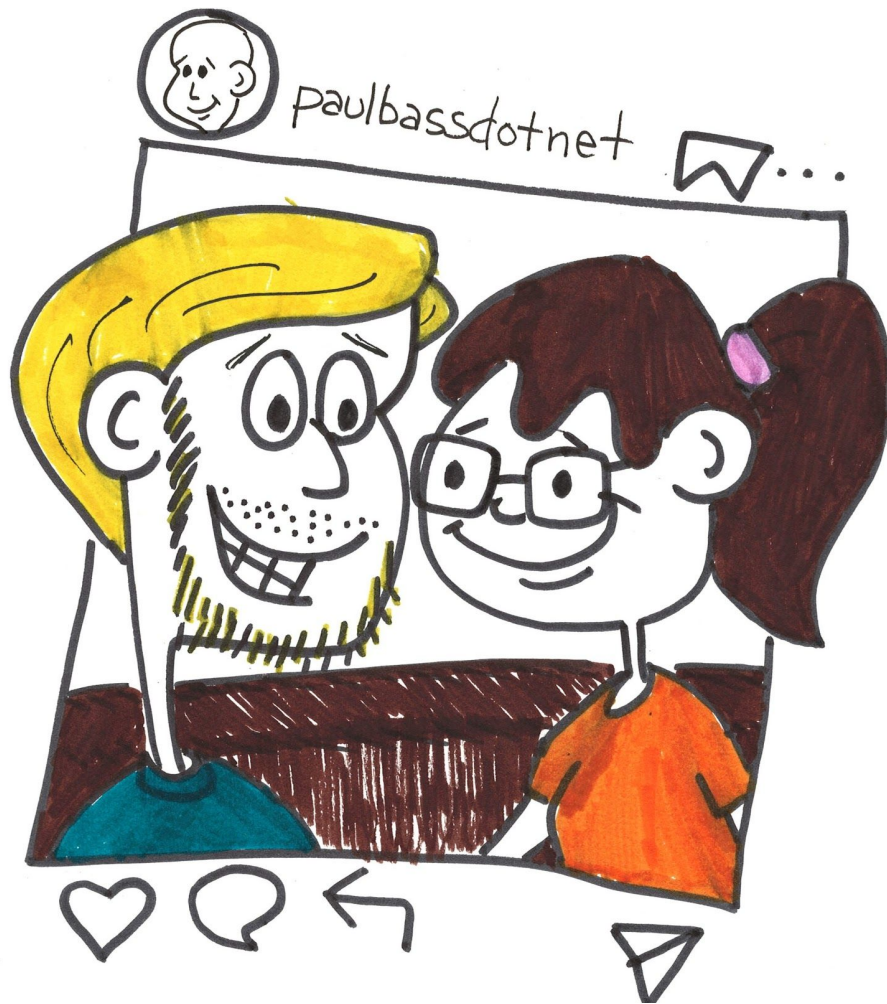
When he goes to school
he will smile at his teachers and his classmates.



Do they smile back?
What do you think?



He smiles at his mom and dad.



And, yes, his parents smile back.



Is a smile contagious?



The Contagious Smile

The Bible holds true, once again.

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A merry heart does good, like a medicine."

It has been said that an outward smile has the power to transform the inside of a person. A person can physically change her level of happiness by forcing a smile to appear on her face.

But that's not all. A smile has the ability to jump from face to face.

If you smile at others, eventually, you will see smiles on others' faces as well...

If you share a smile with 70,000 to 100,000 people in your lifetime, you will have made a huge difference in the world by doing one simple thing - raising the corners of your mouth upward.

Many people are grumpy.

Often we externalize our problems by refusing to smile.

A smile can bring us back to our real self. Think of a smile as a real gift that you can give to the whole world.

According to "Scientific Happiness Experts" (they have those) it is not an external factor like success that brings us happiness.

As another matter of fact, happy people are more likely to succeed.

If we could teach the whole world to sing in perfect harmony, that would be one big Coke commercial that will never get out of my mind. But imagine a chain of smiles circling around the world. That would be a real blast.

So, no matter how bad things are, there can always a reason to smile - The God who saves, (Jesus/Yeshua) loves you.

If we can speak that to everyone, that would be wonderful.

But do not discount one of the most powerful forces in the world - **a simple contagious smile.**



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