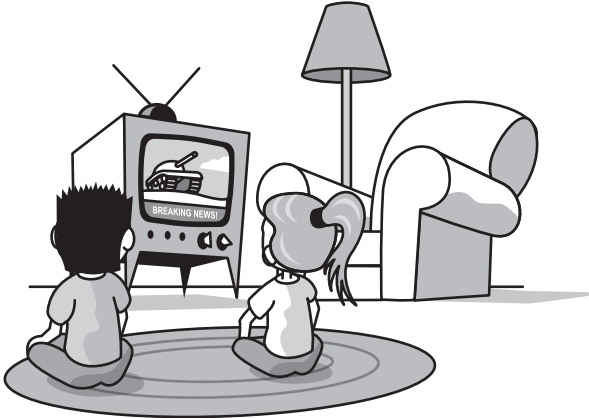
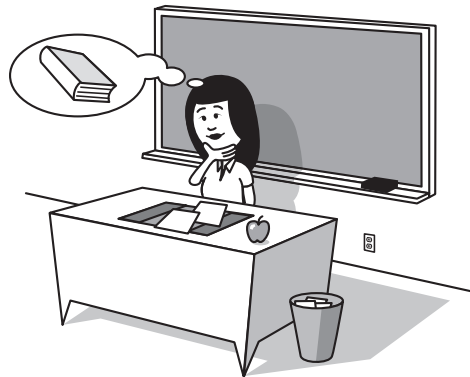


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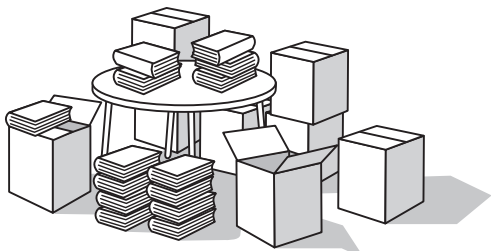
**1.** This is a true story. One year there was a big war. Children all over the world saw it on TV. A group of children in one town saw children hurt by the war and others hurt by violence. Some children in that city asked their teacher, "Why can't some grown-up write a book on how people can get along better, so there won't be so much violence? We want to live in a better, more peaceful world and city."

**2.** Their teacher thought and thought about their question. "That's a good idea. Maybe I can write a book like that with the help of the children in my class."



**3.** Some grown-ups in the city also thought the book was a great idea. They said, "We'll pay for the book to go to every child in the city."

**4.** Soon, thousands and thousands of books were printed, put in boxes, and sent to children at their schools.

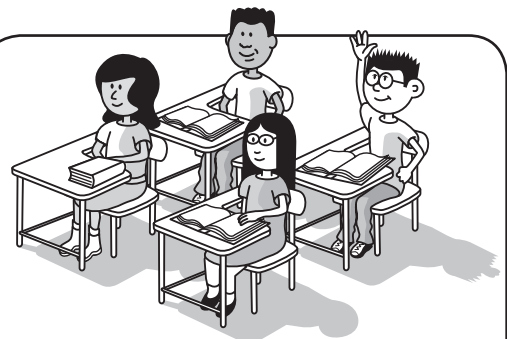


**5.** At first, the children who got the books were doubtful. They didn't think anything would work. "Nothing children do can make a difference at our school."



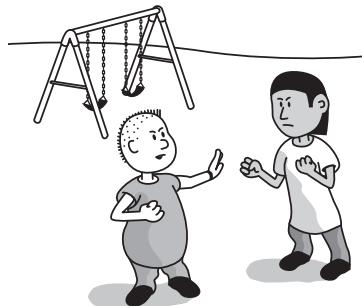
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**6.** A few children thought maybe it would work. They remembered how a girl got the Presidents of the Soviet Union and the United States to talk about getting rid of atomic bombs. They remembered the boy who started the club to save the rain forests. They thought, "Maybe we could become PeaceCoaches™ to build peace in our own school, and it would spread."



**7.** A teacher and a counselor helped that group of children in their classroom. Together, they learned ways to build peace.

**8.** It was hard at first, because many children had caused a lot of trouble in the past. Before becoming PeaceBuilders, the children would hit each other on the playground and call each other bad names. The grown-ups got mad because of the bad things the children did before they became PeaceBuilders.



**9.** At first, not everybody liked the idea of PeaceBuilders. That was because they didn't know ways people could act peacefully.



**10.** It took time for the children and grown-ups to learn new ways to build peace. Some classes learned faster than others. After a month, you could feel a difference throughout the school. After a whole year, PeaceBuilders became a way of life at school.



**11.** TV and newspaper reporters soon heard about what had happened at the school where the children were PeaceBuilders. The reporters were eager for the children to tell their story.



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## 12. Reports of the changes started appearing in the newspaper.



"Our kids fight less at home with brothers and sisters."  
*Richard, a parent*



"PeaceBuilders made school a better place."  
*Karen and Courtney*



"At first, I didn't want to try it. Then I saw other kids doing PeaceBuilders, and I wanted to. It's fun." *Eric*



"Nobody tries to beat me up now." *Hector*



"PeaceBuilders works for everybody, not just our class." *Arianna*



"We don't have so many fights." *Mark*



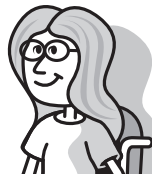
"My big brother used to beat me up. Now he doesn't." *Celeste*



"Since implementing PeaceBuilders, the number of referrals for negative behavior has greatly reduced." *The Site Leader*



"Before PeaceBuilders, there were times when nobody could hear or learn. It has reduced violence in my room." *Ms. Loomis*



"I have a lot more friends now." *Aliyah*



"The playground is more fun now." *Joy*



"I love bringing PraiseNotes™ home to share with my family!" *Aaron*

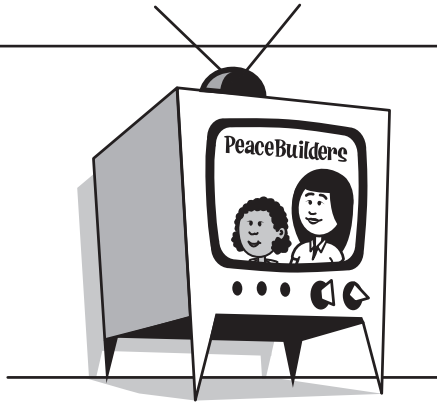


"I wasn't used to being peaceful. I was rude. I started to be nicer and more peaceful and I got more friends." *Channy*



"I wish everyone would be a PeaceBuilder™. It would make the world a much safer place." *Doug*

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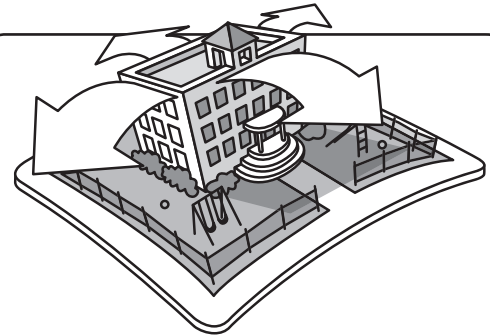
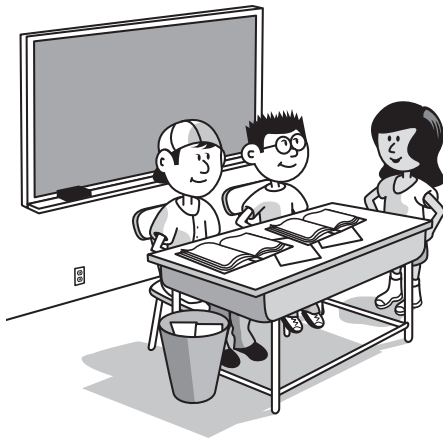


**13.** Other children and grown-ups also heard about PeaceBuilders from the news stories. They wanted their sites, their homes, and their cities to have PeaceBuilders, too.

**14.** Those places began using PeaceBuilders and some children even became PeaceCoaches.



**15.** Soon, \_\_\_\_\_ (names of some young people in the room) saw behavior change at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of this site).



**16.** Everyone noticed there was more peace. This happened because the children in one class started something that spread all across \_\_\_\_\_ (name of city) and \_\_\_\_\_ (name of state). Children just like you can really help build peace.