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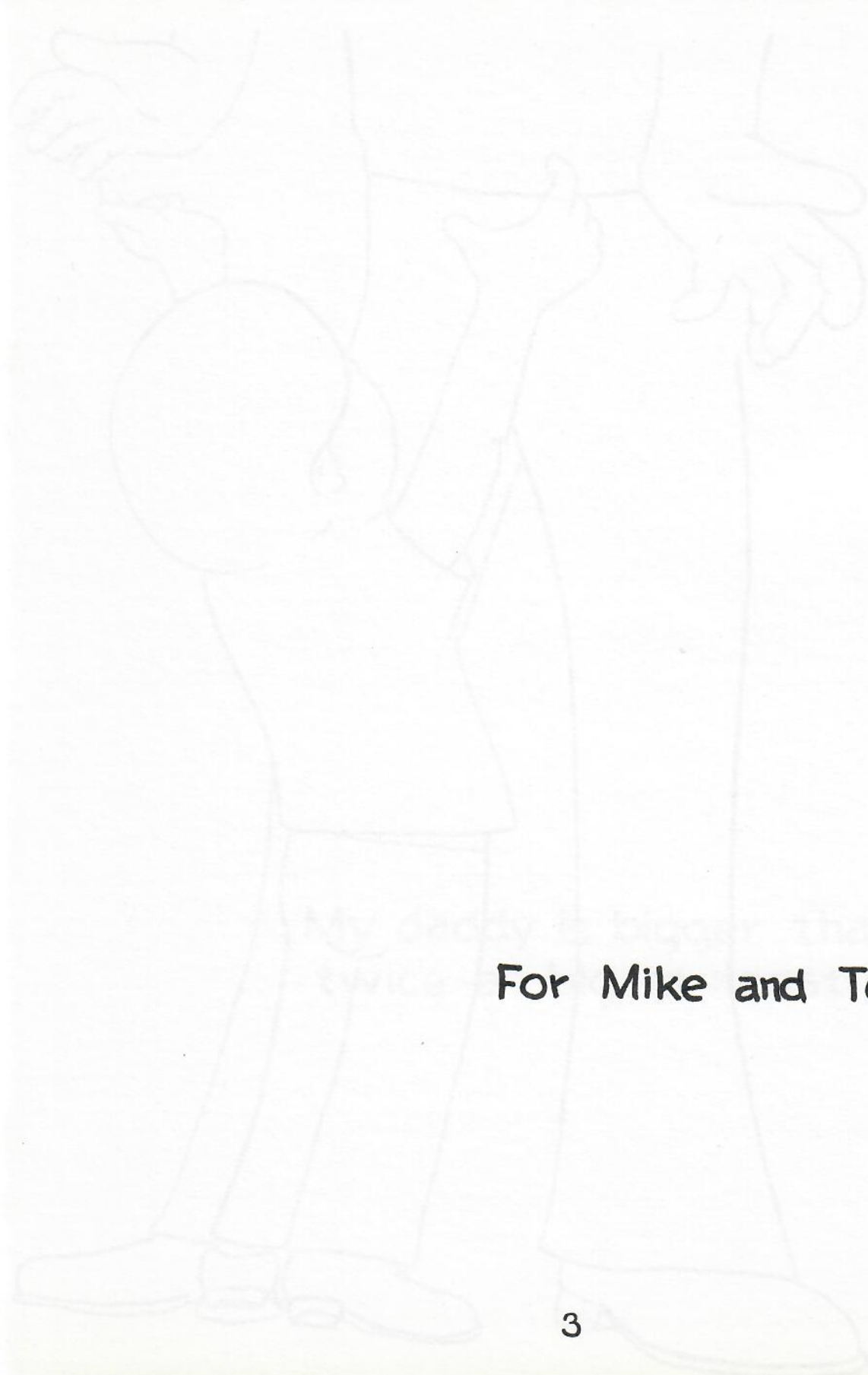
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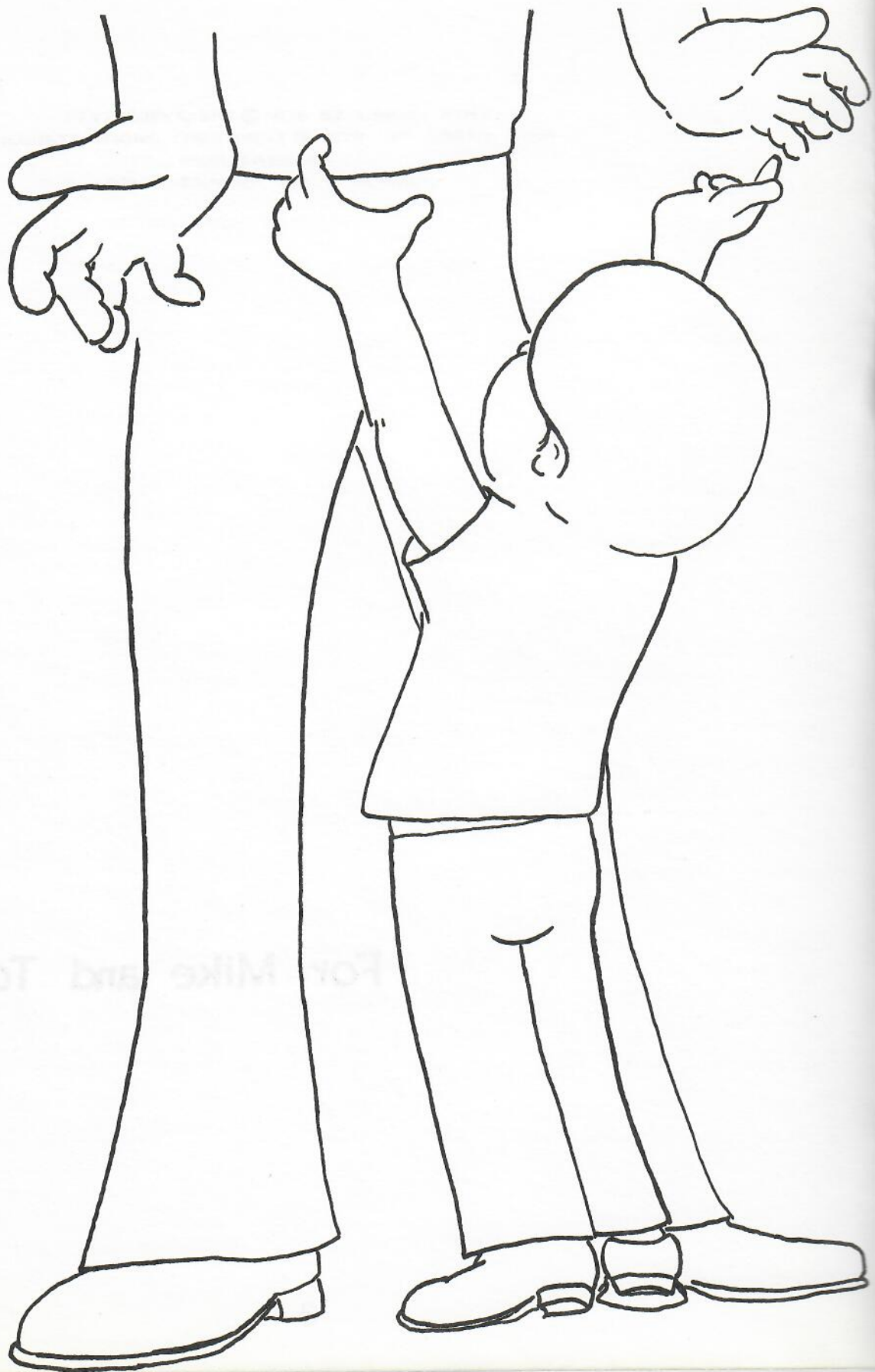
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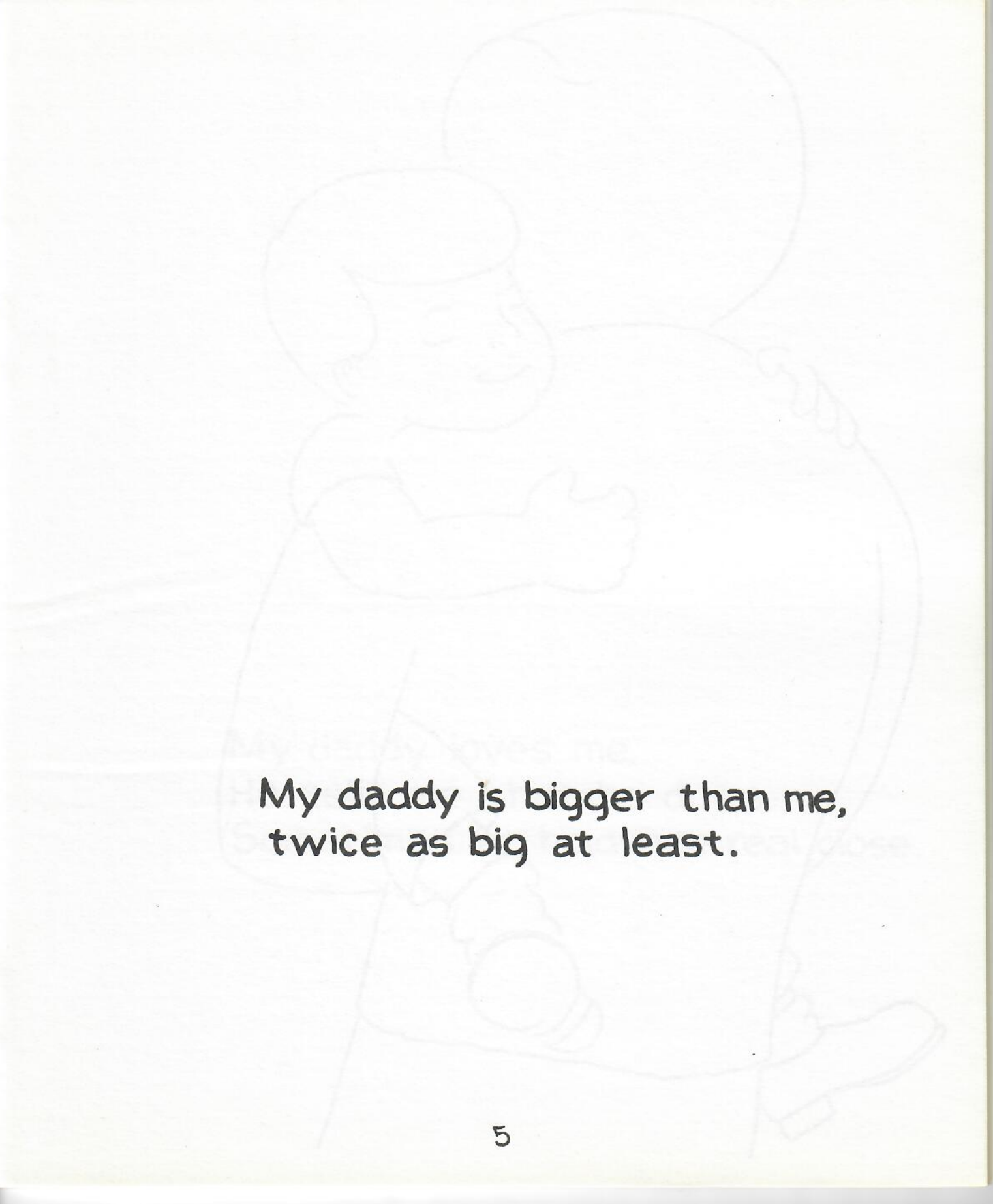
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My daddy is bigger than me,
twice

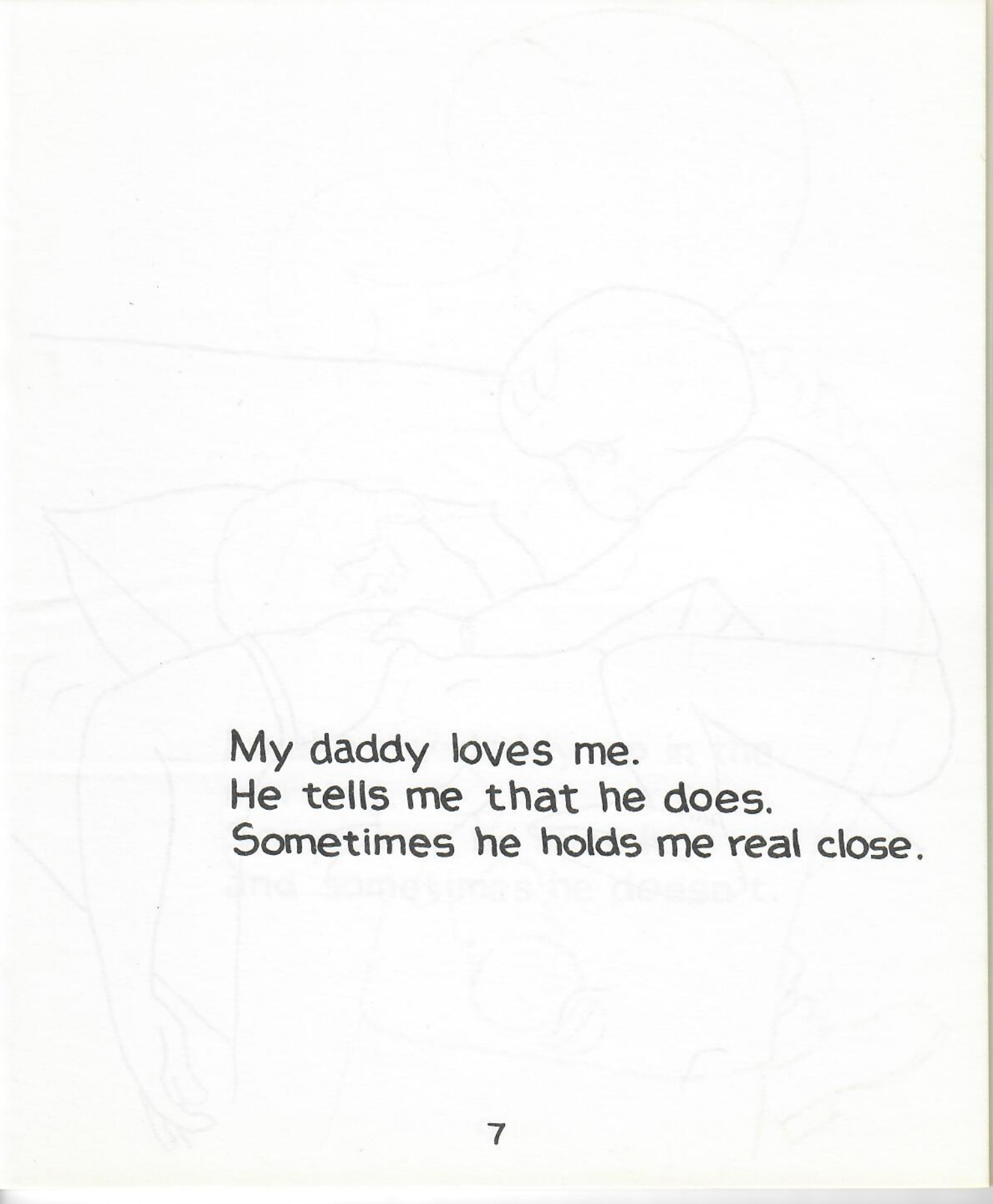
For Mike and Todd



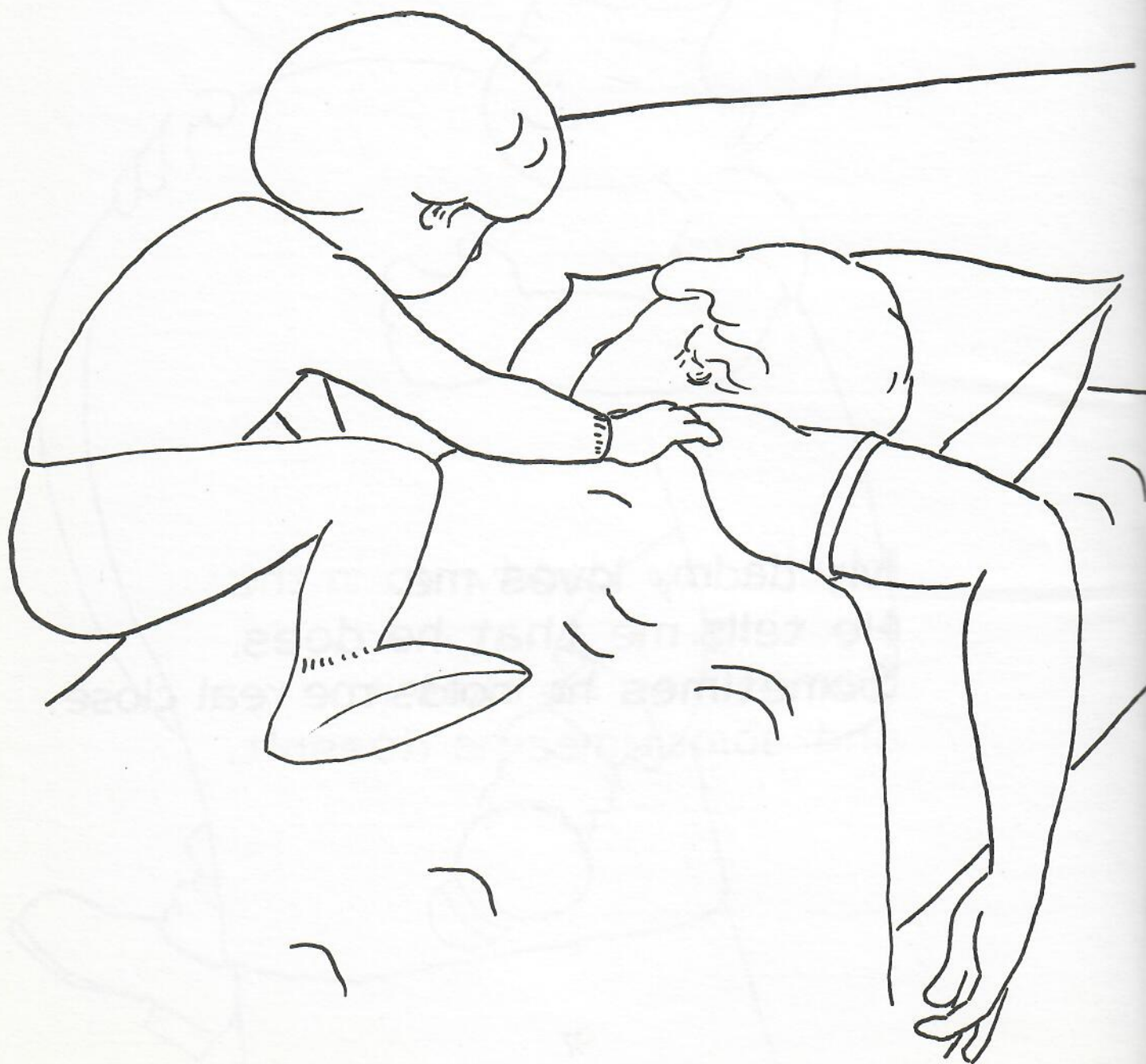


My daddy is bigger than me,
twice as big at least.





My daddy loves me.
He tells me that he does.
Sometimes he holds me real close.

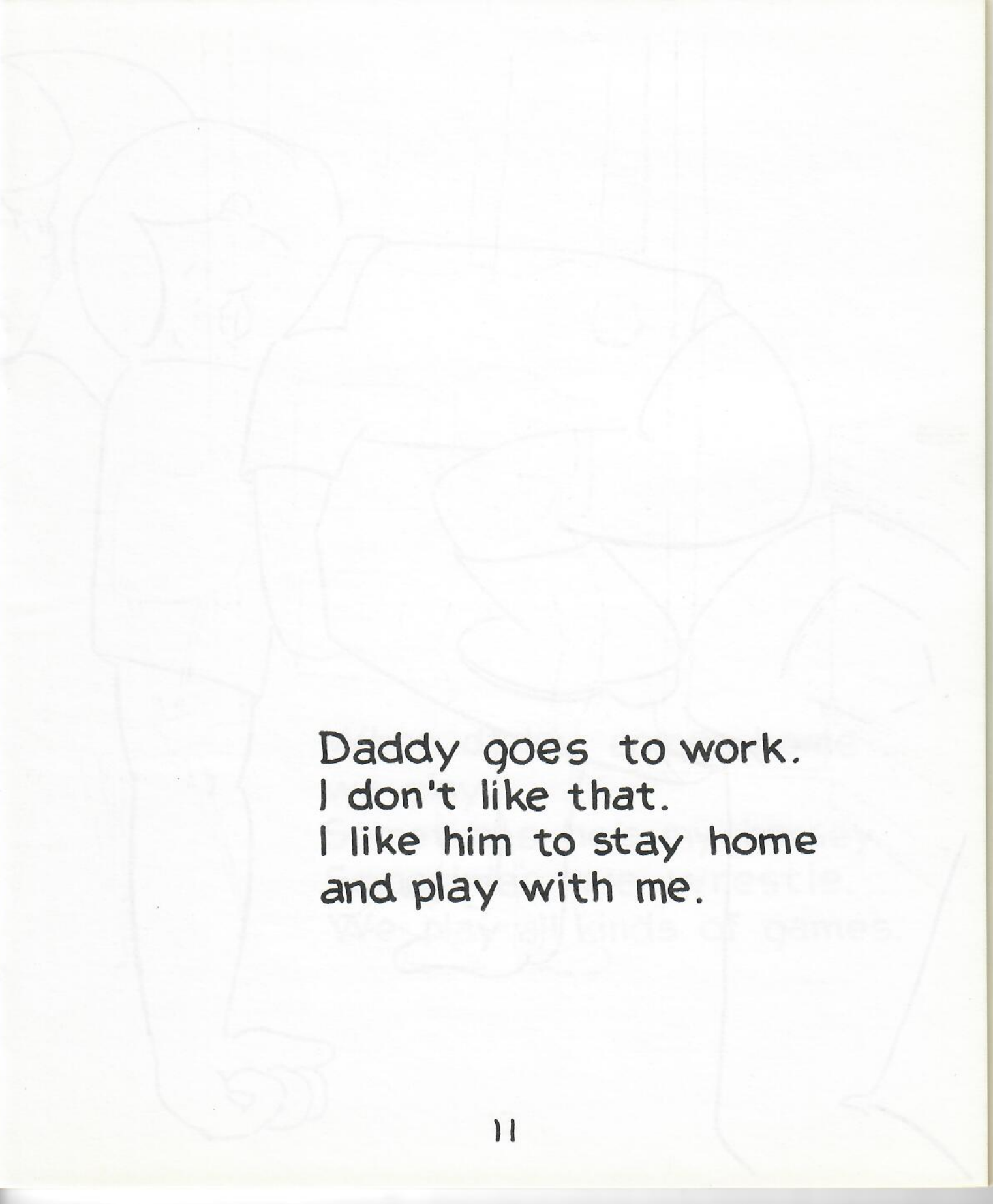


A very faint, light-colored pencil sketch serves as a background for the page. It depicts a child standing in the center, facing slightly to the right. The child has a round head and is wearing a simple tunic. To the left of the child is a small table with a chair tucked under it. To the right is a tall, rectangular structure that looks like a bookshelf or a stack of books. The lines are thin and sketchy, giving it a dreamlike or memory-like quality.

I wake my daddy up in the
morning.

Sometimes he likes it
and sometimes he doesn't.





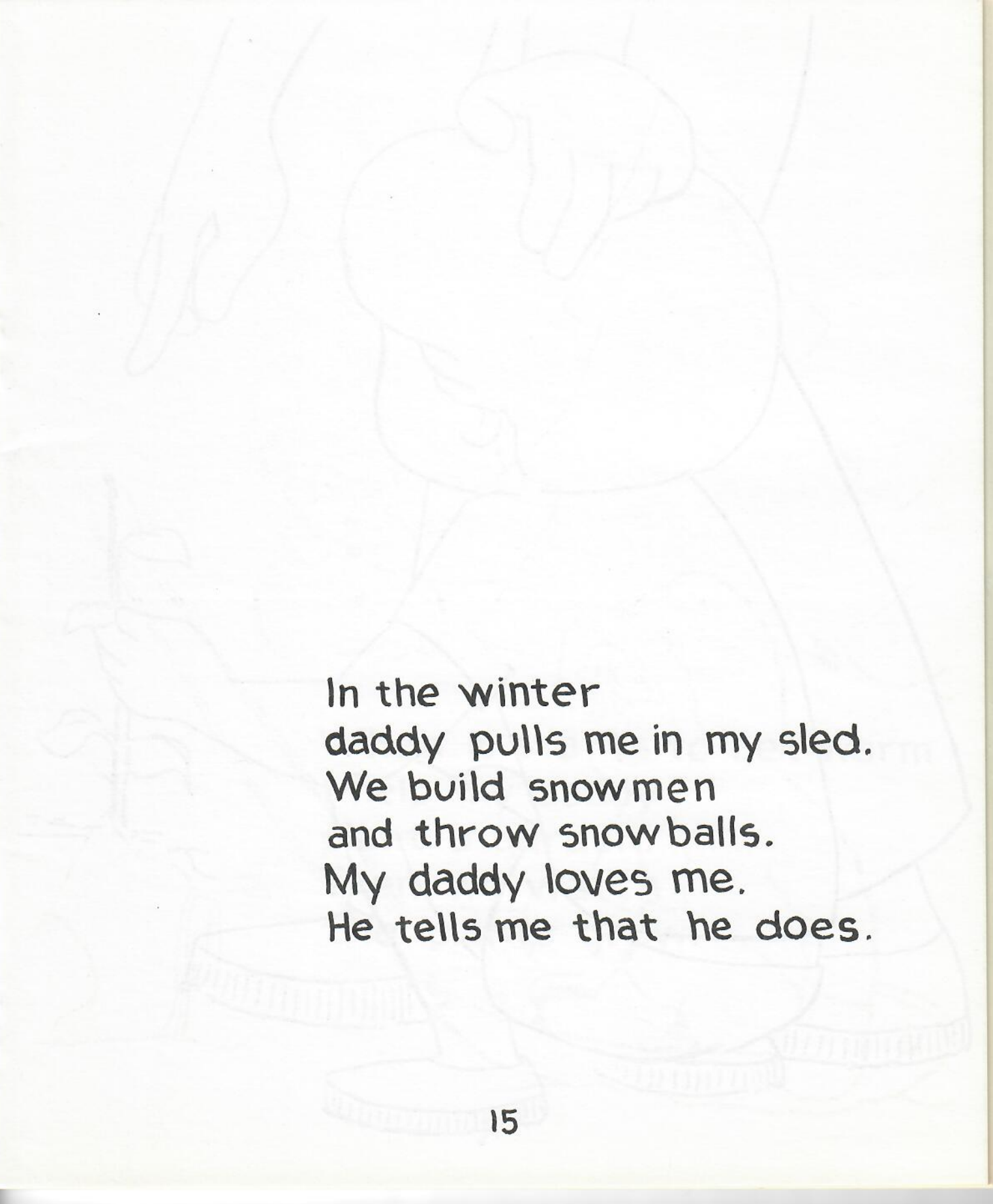
Daddy goes to work.
I don't like that.
I like him to stay home
and play with me.



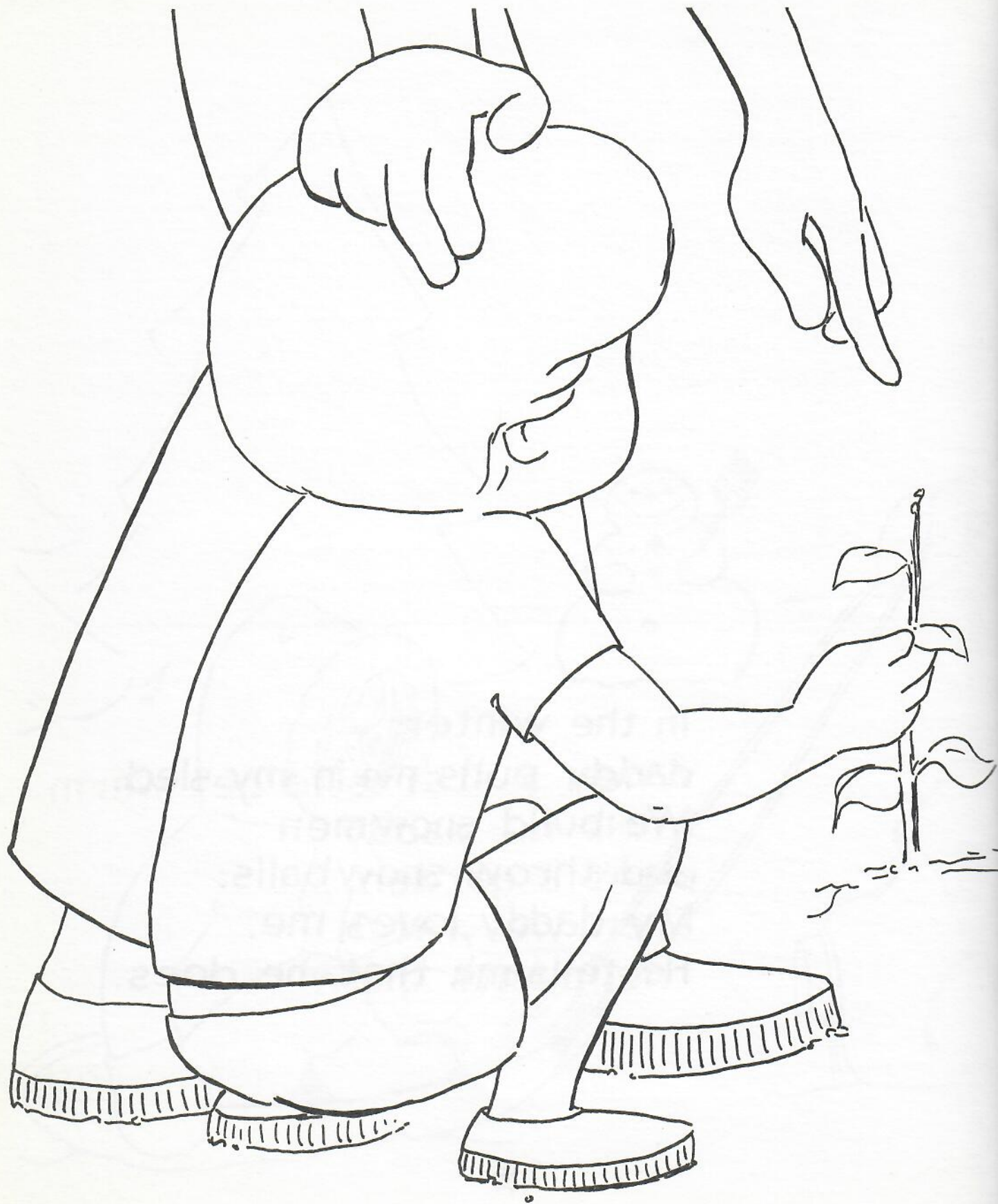


When daddy comes home
we play.
Sometimes he's my horsey.
Sometimes we wrestle.
We play all kinds of games.





In the winter
daddy pulls me in my sled.
We build snowmen
and throw snowballs.
My daddy loves me.
He tells me that he does.



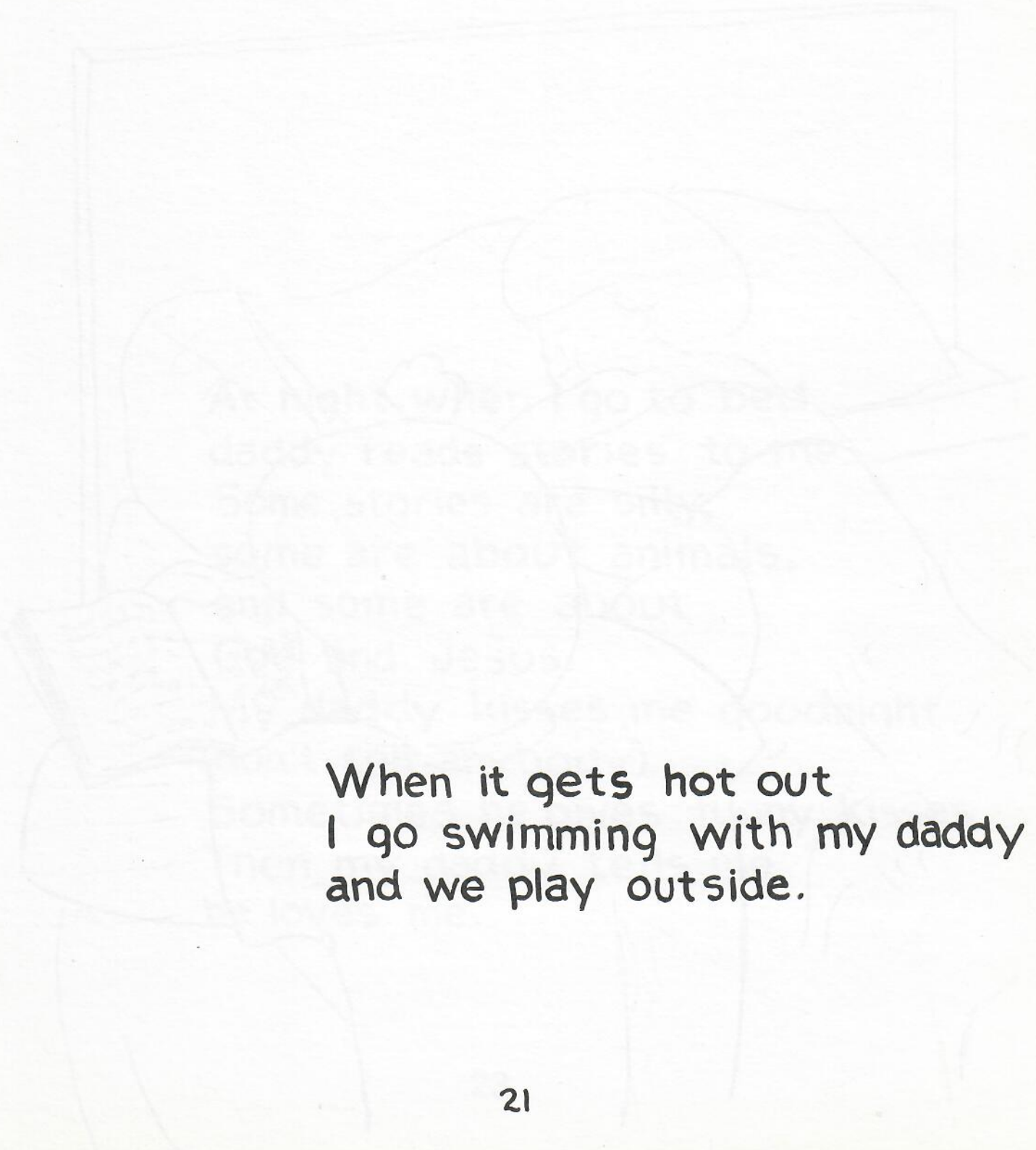
When it starts to get warm
I help my daddy
plant a garden.
Then we watch
the plants grow.





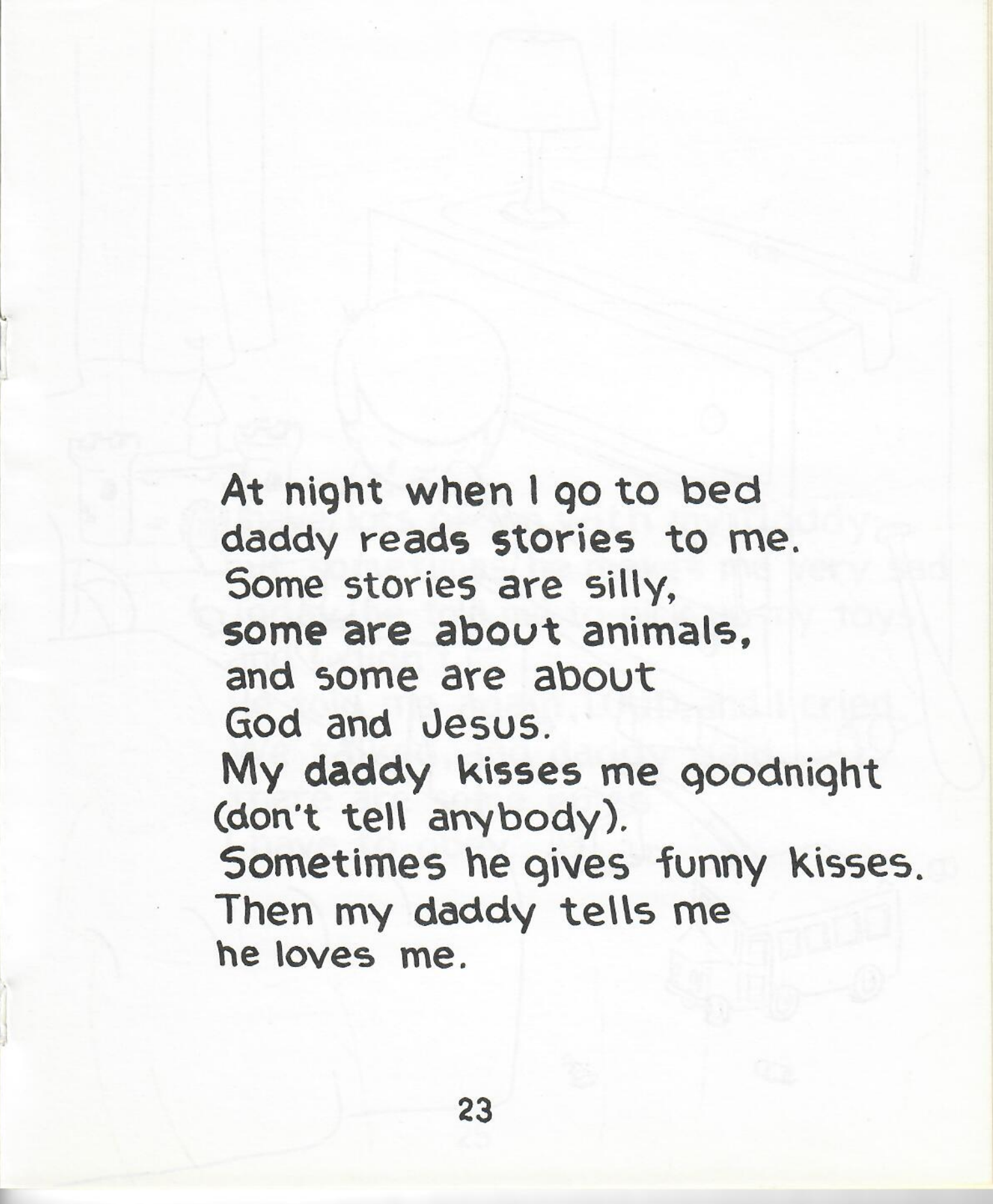
We go for walks in the woods
and see the birds and animals.



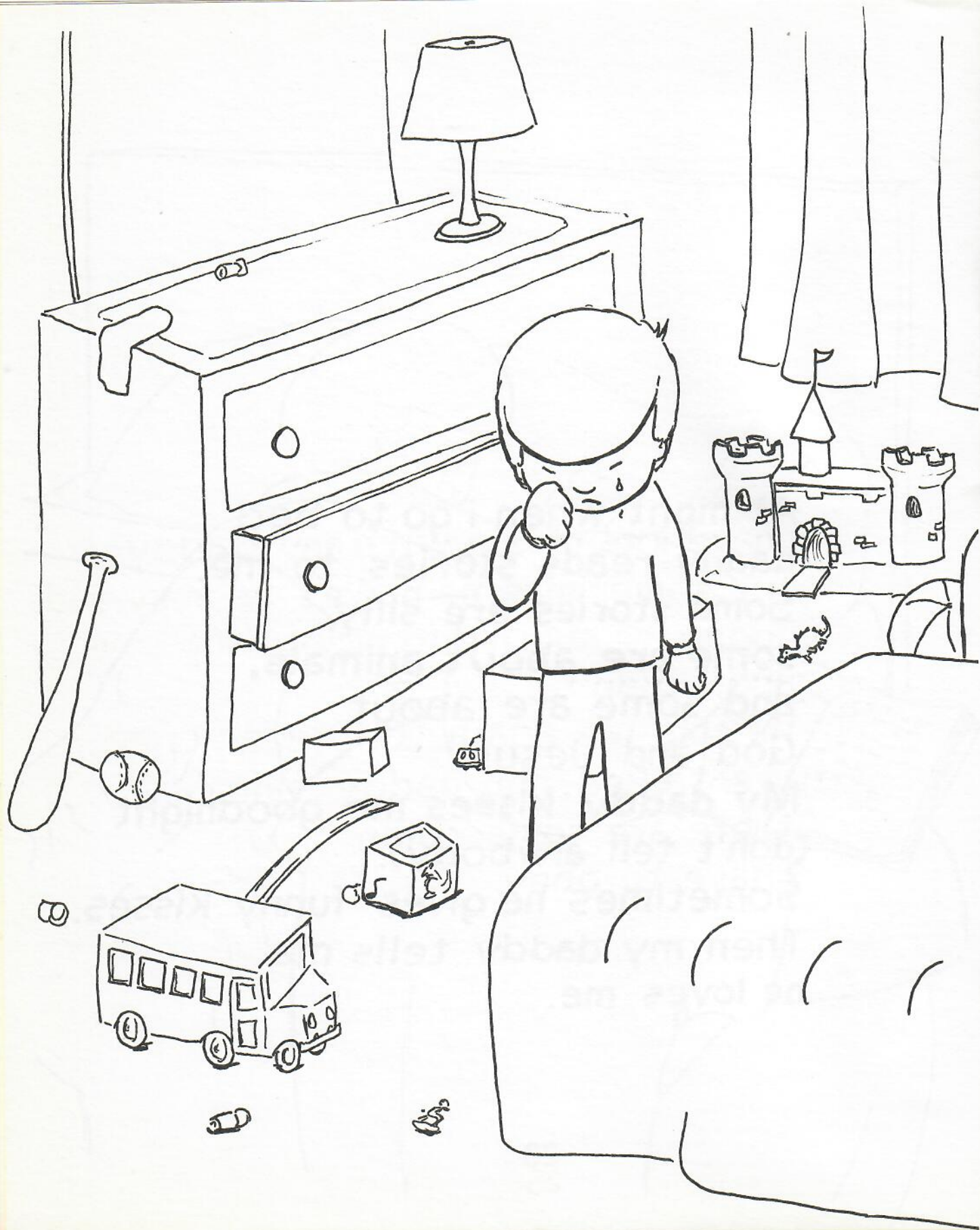
A very faint, light-colored pencil sketch serves as a background for the page. It depicts a person sitting and holding a large, open book. The person's head is tilted down towards the book, and their hands are visible at the bottom corners of the book's pages. The sketch is composed of simple, curved lines and is not very detailed, appearing as a watermark or a light drawing.

When it gets hot out
I go swimming with my daddy
and we play outside.

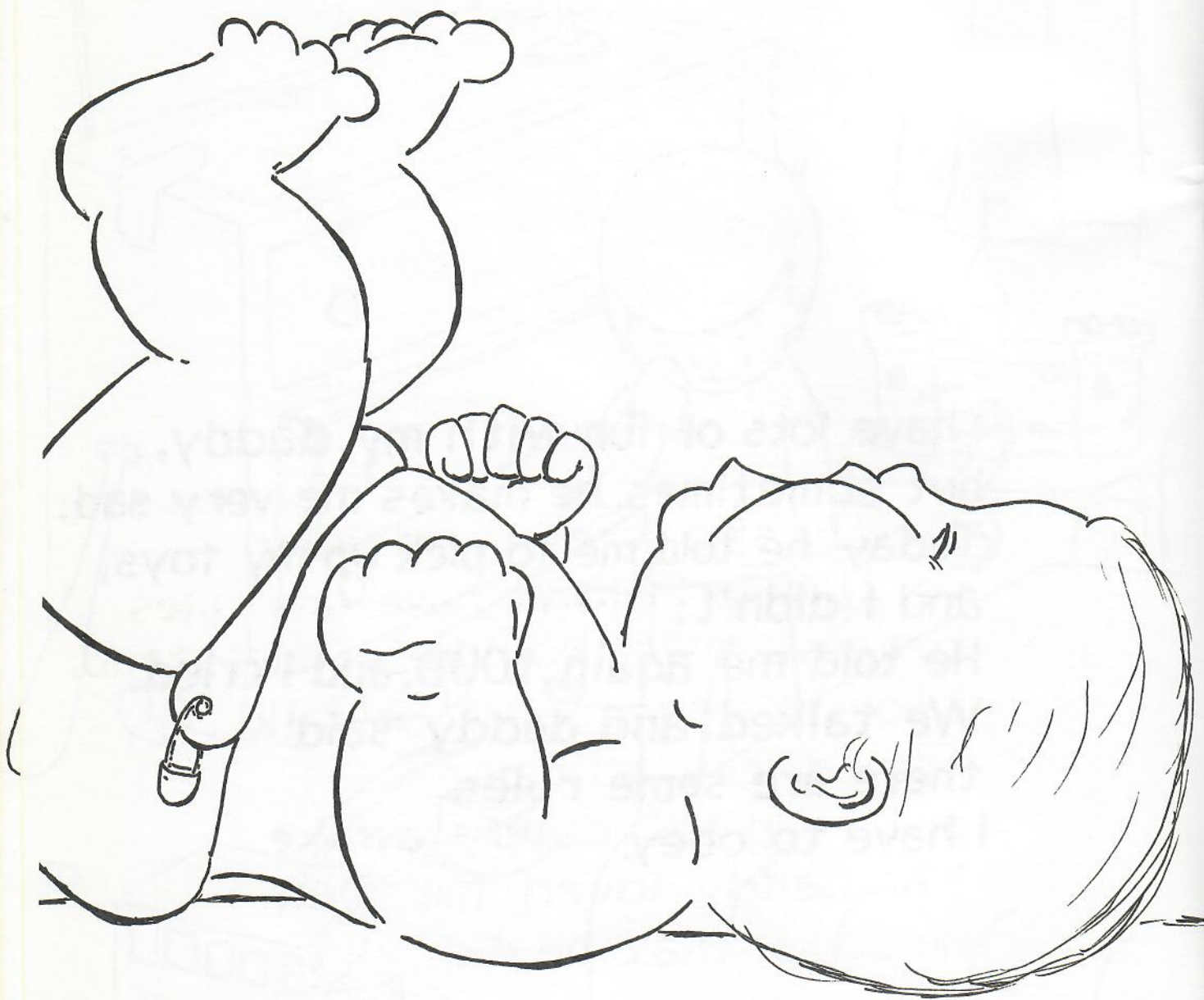




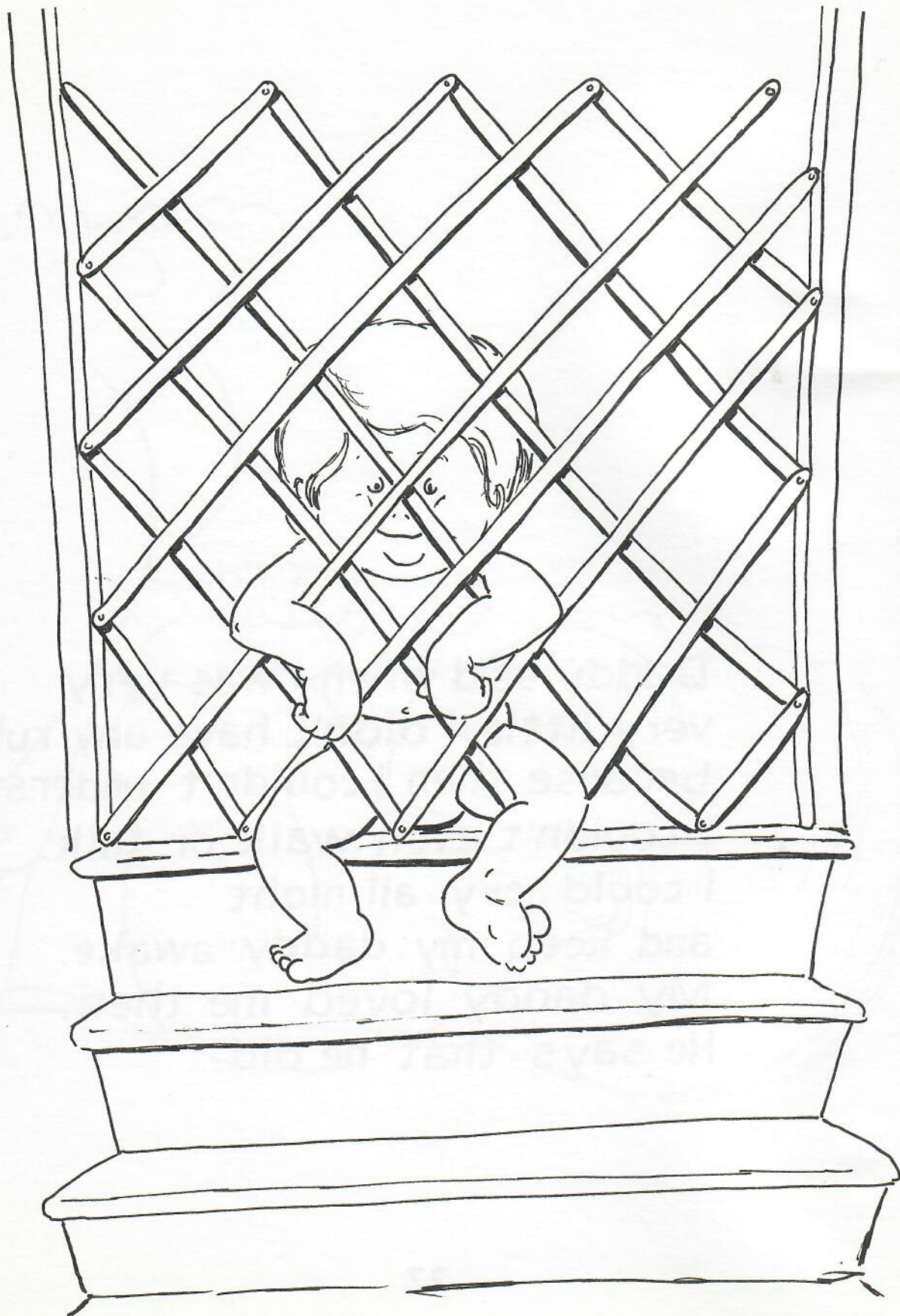
At night when I go to bed
daddy reads stories to me.
Some stories are silly,
some are about animals,
and some are about
God and Jesus.
My daddy kisses me goodnight
(don't tell anybody).
Sometimes he gives funny kisses.
Then my daddy tells me
he loves me.



I have lots of fun with my daddy,
but sometimes he makes me very sad.
Today he told me to pick up my toys,
and I didn't.
He told me again, LOUD, and I cried.
We talked, and daddy said
there are some rules
I have to obey.



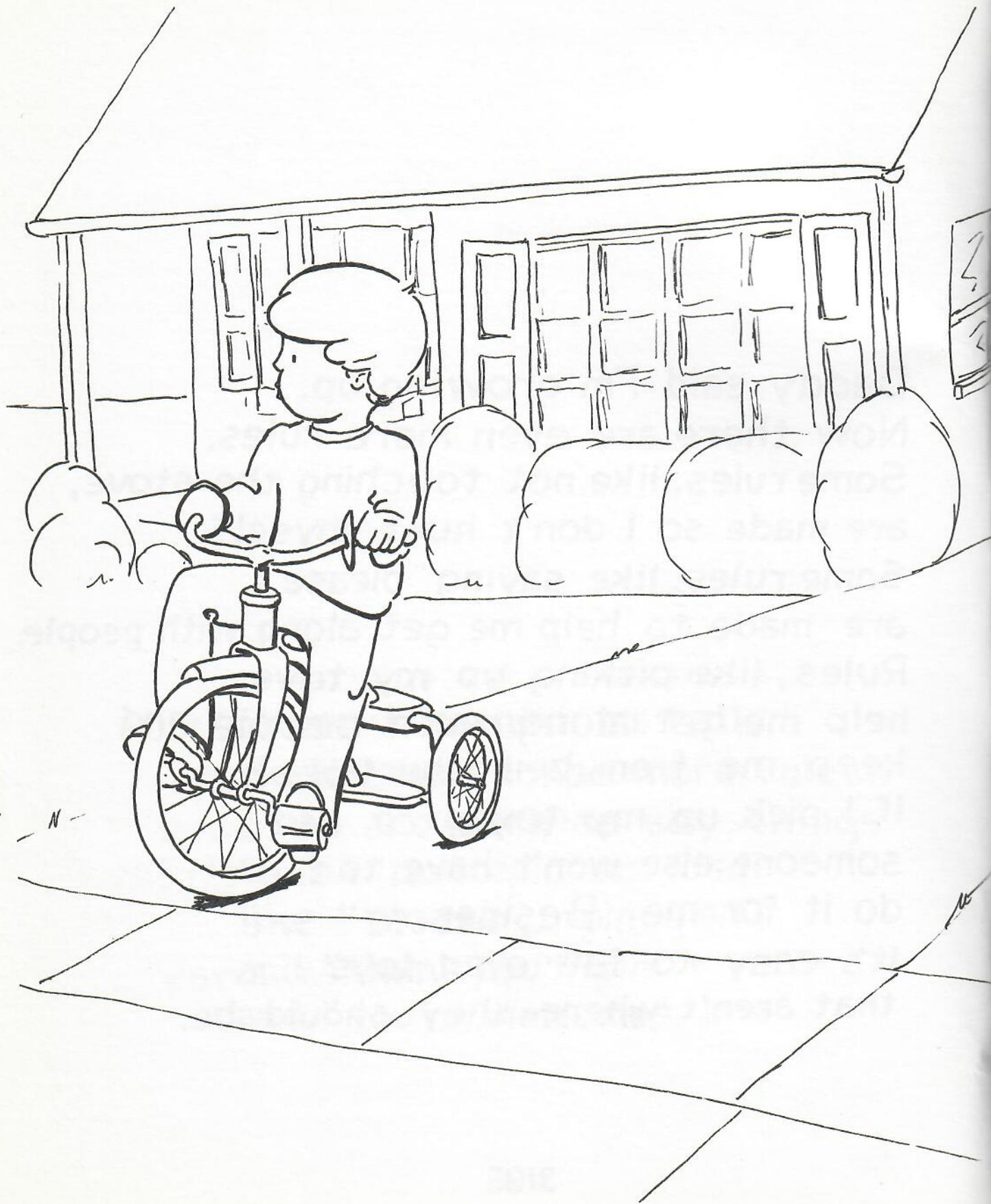
Daddy said when I was very
very little I didn't have any rules,
because then I couldn't understand.
I couldn't even walk or talk.
I could cry all night
and keep my daddy awake.
My daddy loved me then.
He says that he did.

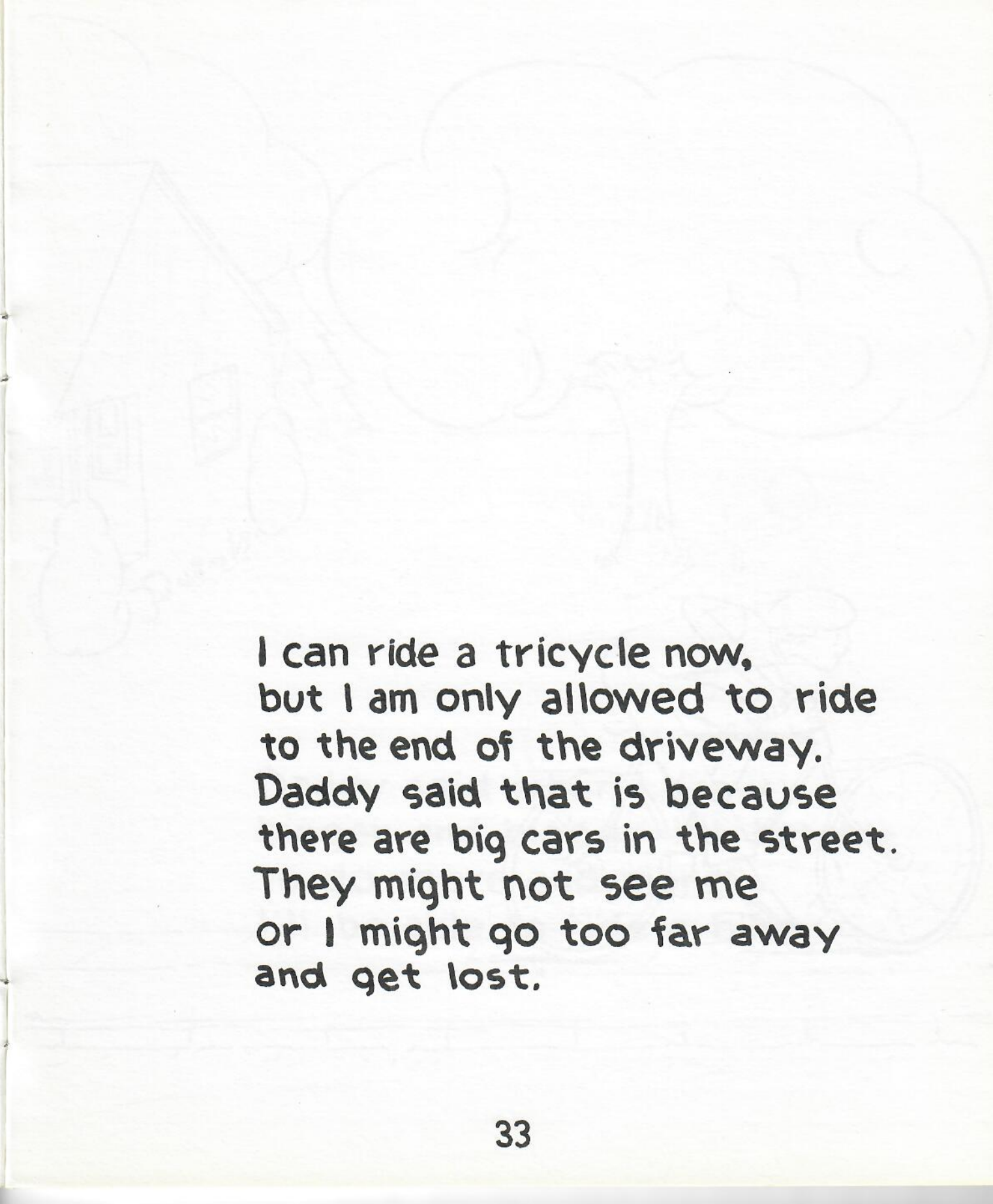


Daddy said I started to have rules
when I learned to crawl and walk.
I could not touch some things,
like the stove,
because I might burn myself.
I could not go near the steps
or climb up on things
because I might fall and hurt myself.
Daddy said I couldn't understand
too well then.
I couldn't hardly even talk.

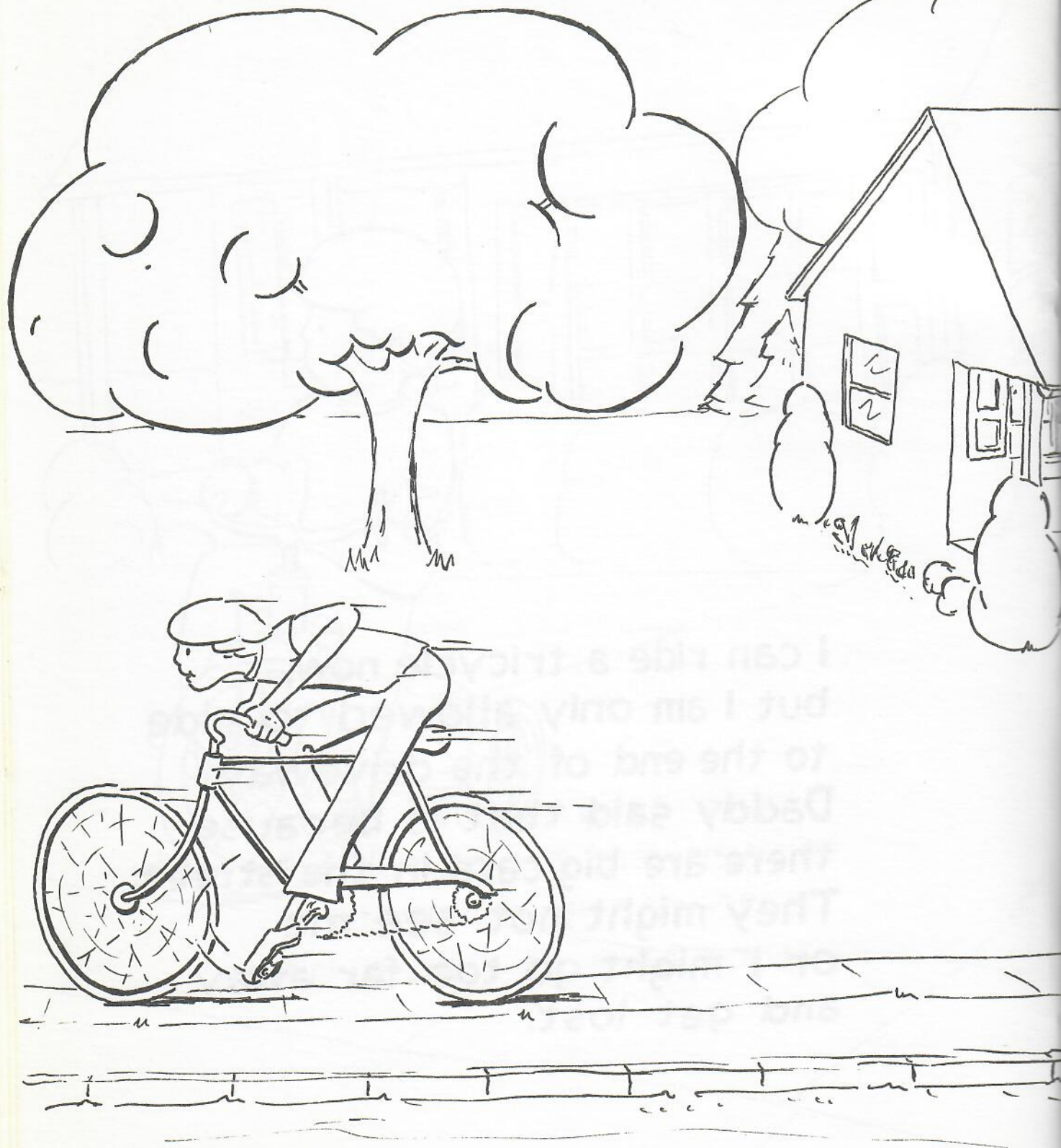
When I learned to talk
daddy said I had more rules.
I had to learn to say things
to be polite
like "please",
and "thankyou"
and "you're welcome".

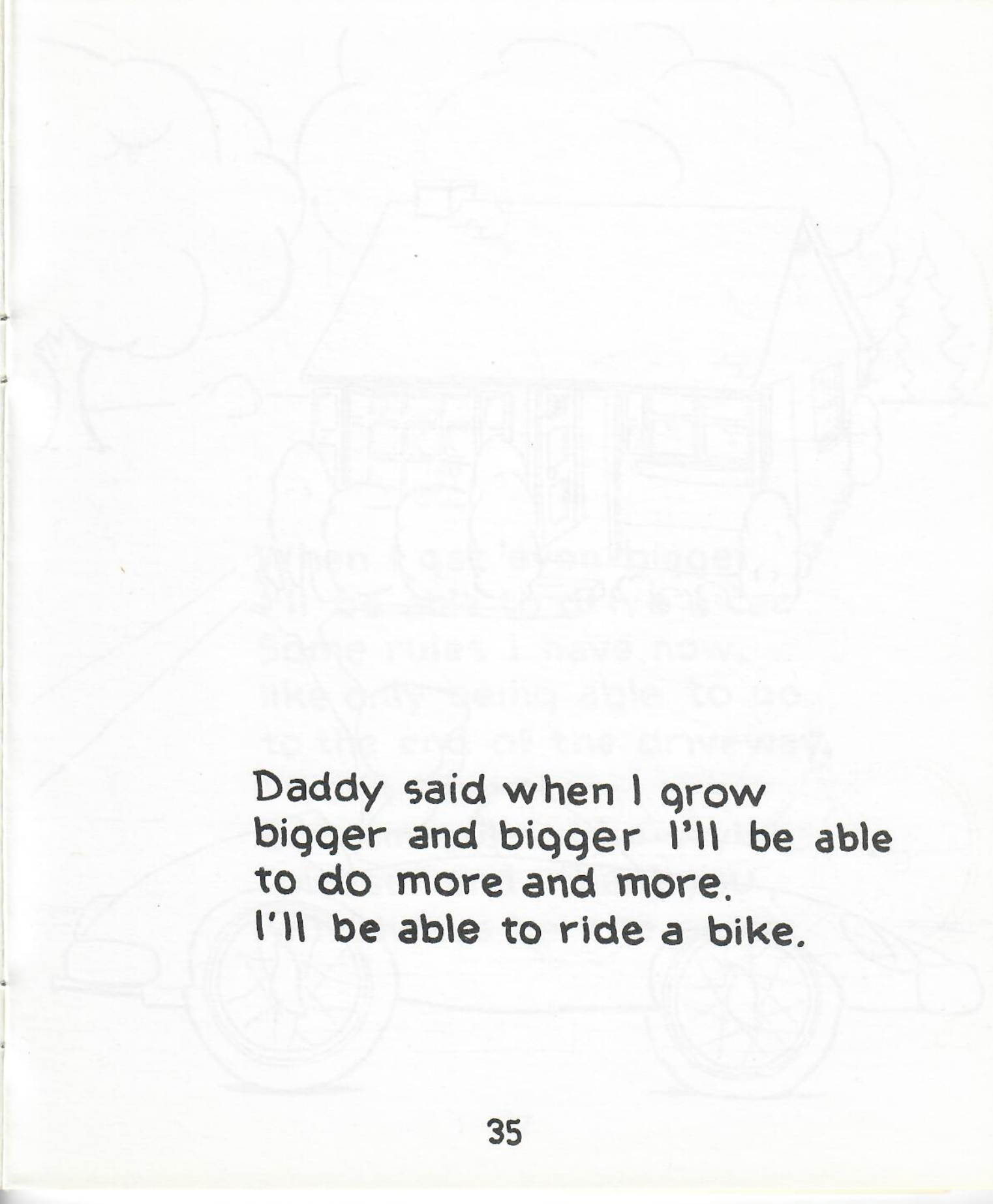
Daddy said I'm growing up.
Now there are even more rules.
Some rules, like not touching the stove,
are made so I don't hurt myself.
Some rules, like saying "please",
are made to help me get along with people.
Rules, like picking up my toys,
help me get along with people and
keep me from being hurt.
If I pick up my toys
someone else won't have to
do it for me. Besides,
it's easy to fall over toys
that aren't where they should be.



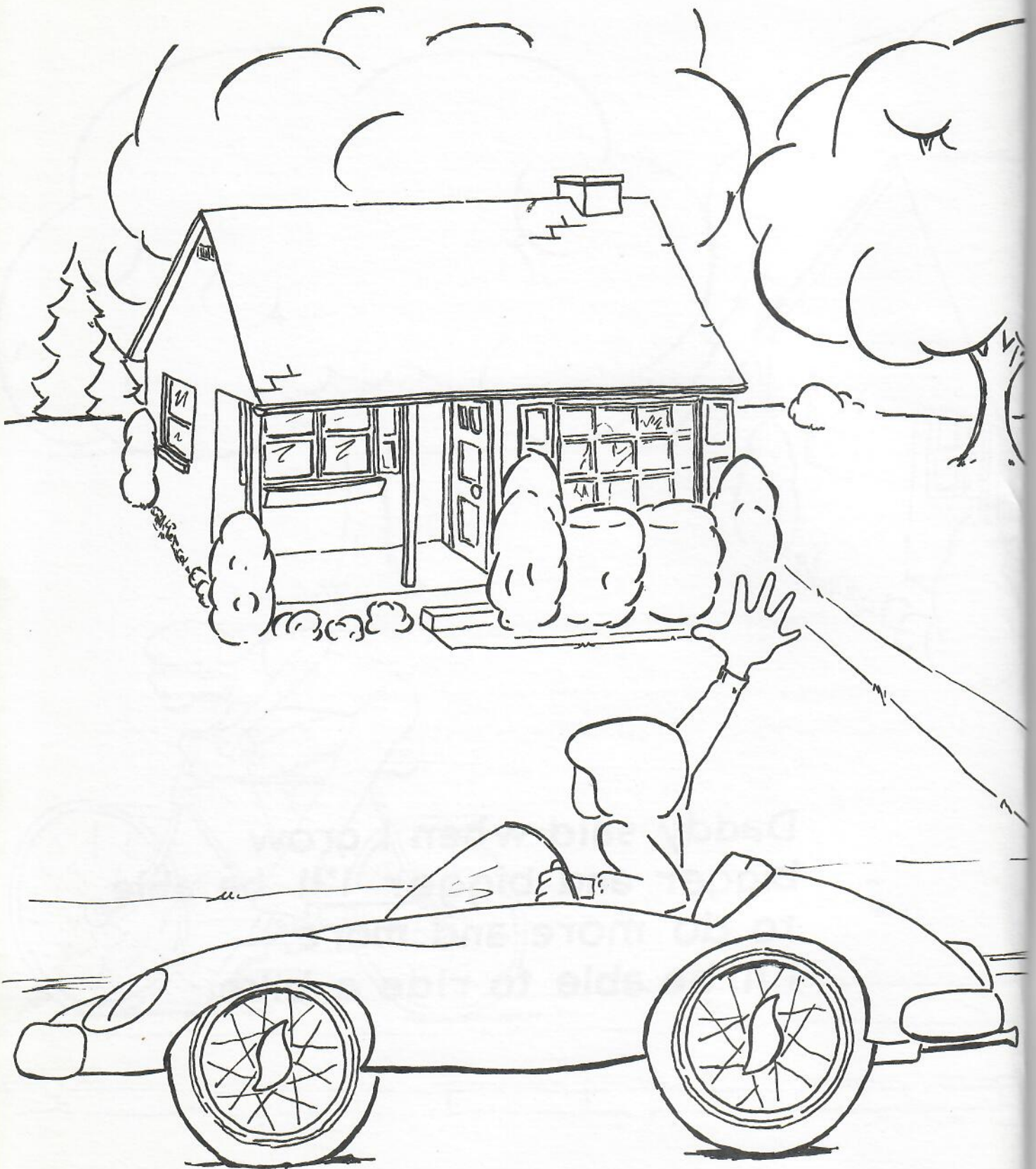


I can ride a tricycle now,
but I am only allowed to ride
to the end of the driveway.
Daddy said that is because
there are big cars in the street.
They might not see me
or I might go too far away
and get lost.



A faint, light-colored illustration serves as a background for the page. It depicts a two-story house with a chimney and a car parked in front of it. The drawing is simple and sketchy, blending into the paper's texture.

Daddy said when I grow
bigger and bigger I'll be able
to do more and more.
I'll be able to ride a bike.



My daddy loves me.
He tells me that he does.
Daddy said he makes rules for me
because he loves me.
He doesn't want me to be hurt
and he wants me to get along.

**When I get even bigger
I'll be able to drive a car.
Some rules I have now,
like only being able to go
to the end of the driveway,
I won't have then.
But some rules, like saying
"please" and "thankyou",
will always be the same.**



My daddy loves me.
He tells me that he does.
Daddy said he makes rules for me
because he loves me.
He doesn't want me to be hurt
and he wants me to get along
with other people.
Daddy said if I understood
about rules
maybe I wouldn't be sad
when I have to obey them.
Daddy said when I grow up
really big
I'll be able to make my own rules.
I won't need all of his anymore.



This book may be read on several levels. At first glance it is the story of a close relationship between a father and his son. At this level it is enjoyable and entertaining for the youngest and oldest reader.

It also has practical value in that it helps young children and their parents understand why we have rules and can't always do anything we please in society.

The deepest meaning of the story deals with God's relationship with His people, both historically and personally. A pattern unfolds in the Bible showing that God's chosen people went through basic stages of innocence (in which there was no law) and later responsibility (in which a covenant relationship and law were introduced). But, innocence does not last and law is not an end in itself. God's desire is that we become mature and be like He is.

A good parable has many facets. It has personal truth and meaning for everyone that hears it. We hope this particular one has had a positive influence on you and helped you to understand God's ways.

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