

John's Dream

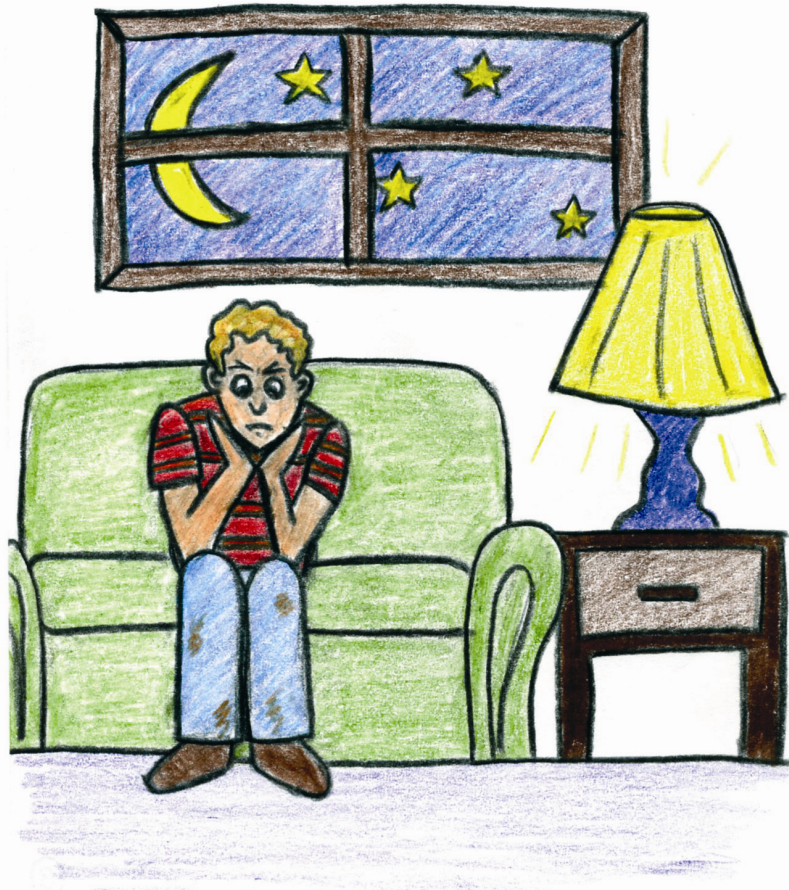
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This is John. He is the biggest boy in his class. He doesn't have many friends. After school, he likes to play tricks on other kids, the teachers, and the Headmaster.

One day at school, John was in a lot of trouble. He threw a rock at another student named Sam. The Headmaster saw him. Sam was hurt. The Headmaster was very angry at John. The Headmaster talked to John's parents about his bad behavior.





That night, John's parents were upset.
"Why are you throwing rocks at other students?" asked his mother.

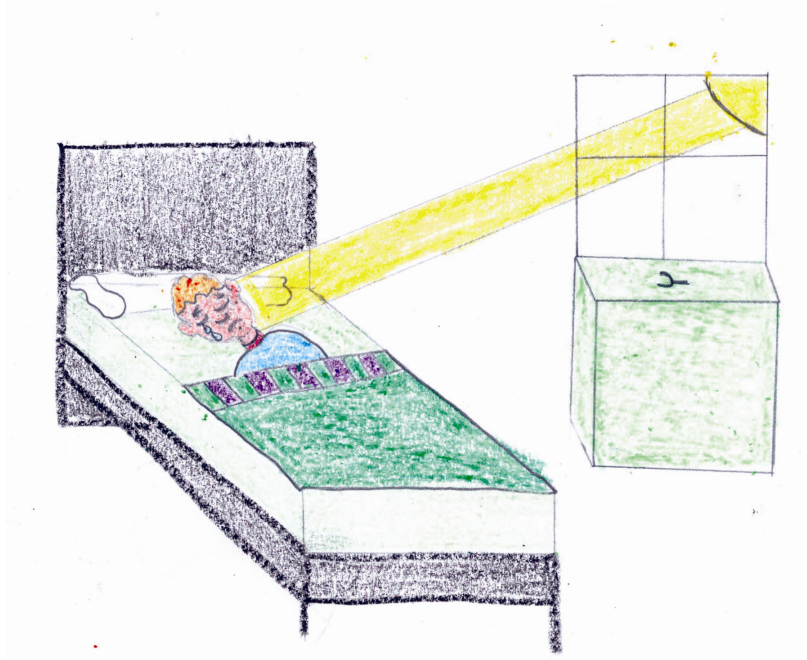
"I don't like them," said John.

"Go to your room! Your mother and I are unhappy with you," said his father.

John walked to his room. He was angry with everyone: Sam, the Headmaster, and his parents.

That night, John had a bad dream. Sam was there, and *he* was throwing rocks at *John*. John was hurt and scared. Then he dreamed that he was the Headmaster! He had to punish students all day, which made him very angry and sad. Then he dreamed that he was in his house. His parents told him to leave because he was a bad child. He was scared and sad.





When John woke up, he was in his room. The bright sun was shining. He ran to his parent's room and woke them up.

"What is it, John?" asked his mother.

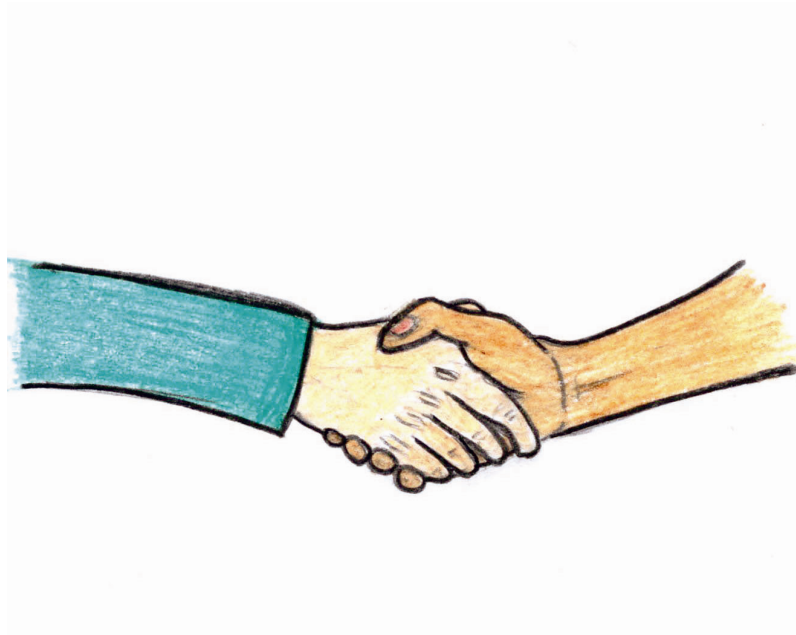
"Please, can I stay? Don't make me leave! I'm sorry, I'm sorry!" cried John.

"What are you talking about?" asked his father. "You don't have to leave, John. You don't have to worry. It was only a bad dream. We love you, John."

John hugged his parents and went to school.

At school that day, John visited the Headmaster in his office. John told the Headmaster he was sorry for his bad behavior. John told him that he wanted to be a better student in the future. The Headmaster was happy.





John left the Headmaster's office. After school he saw Sam. Sam was scared. John told him he was sorry for throwing a rock at him. He was sorry for hurting him and making him feel sad.

"I'm sorry, Sam. Can we be friends?" asked John.

"Sure," said Sam, and he smiled.

John and Sam walked home together. John was very happy because he had made other people happy too.

John realized what was important. Now that he had a new friend, he felt he had a bigger home. He learned that home and friendship are very important.

