

One of my classmates, Riccardo, had a strange way of expressing himself.

He would raise his hands and make gestures instead of talking. Very soon my classmates began to avoid him, and he became isolated. I decided to do the same, and to avoid fighting with him, I went and sat on the other side of the room.

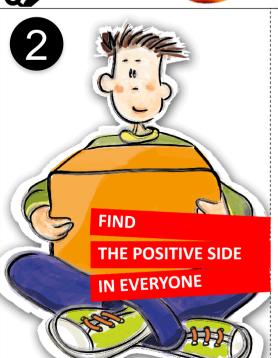
One day our literature teacher decided to change all our seats. Guess who was put right next to me? Riccardo! That's when I remembered the Word of Life.

I knew that talking to him wouldn't do any good. At first it was hard to welcome him as if he were Jesus, but I tried. After a while, I realized that he was changing and getting a lot calmer.

Now the school year is coming to an end, and Riccardo will certainly not win the popularity prize, but he has stopped gesturing with his hands and the others in our class don't make fun of him anymore.

And the teachers don't have to call his parents as often as they did before.

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« Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.»
(Rom 15:7)

This is what the apostle Paul wrote in a letter to the Christians in Rome.

How was the life of the early Christians?

They were a community made up of people from different cultures and who had different religious backgrounds.

It seems like he's describing my class!

This Word of Life is an invitation to listen to the other person, because we can always learn something from them.

I understand, but it's not easy...

Sure, but Jesus loved everyone very much and gave his life for that person, too, even though we find them unpleasant or annoying.

Okay! I'll try to see the positive in all those I meet during the day.

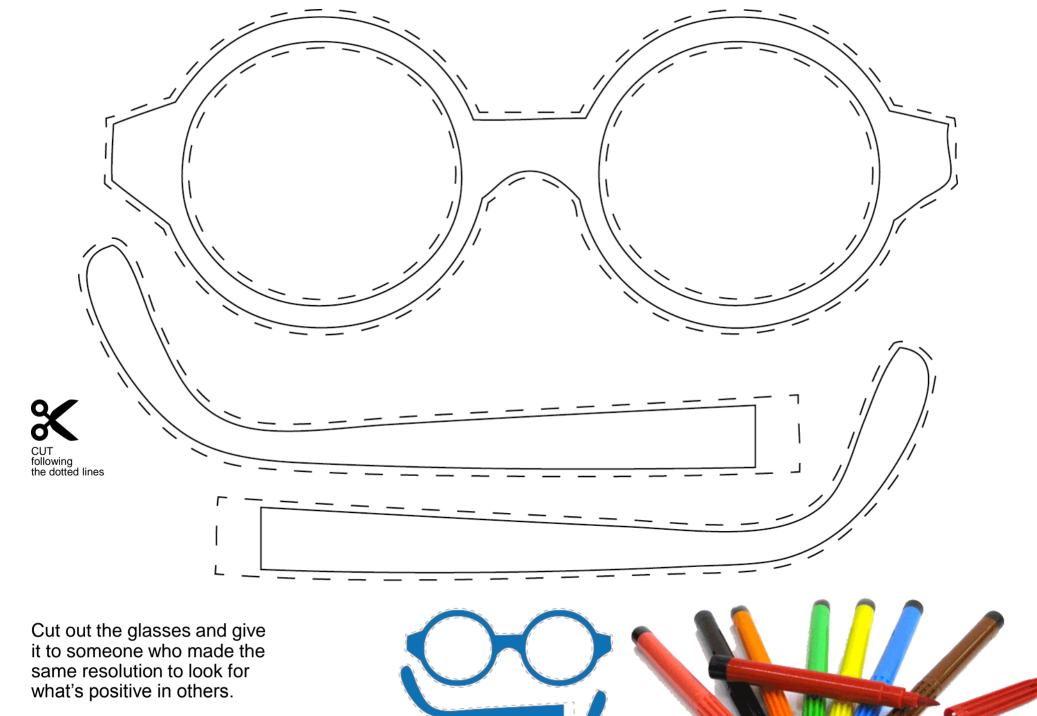
I will think of the people who are the hardest for me to love: in my family, class, team, friends ...

I will try to find one positive thing about them, and then go out towards them and establish new relationships.



Today I wear a pair of special glasses that will help me see the positive in people around me. Today I saw ...

Cut c	out the glasses and give them to someone
who n	nade the same resolution to look for what's
	positive in others.



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