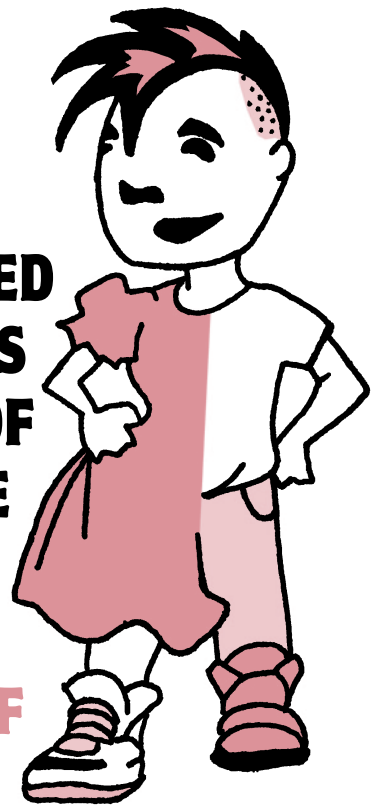
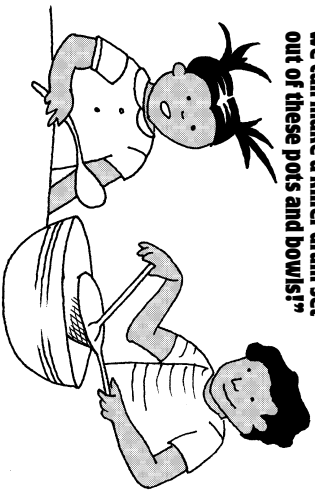


FOR EVERY GIRL WHO IS TIRED OF ACTING WEAK WHEN SHE IS STRONG, THERE IS A BOY TIRED OF APPEARING STRONG WHEN HE FEELS VULNERABLE. FOR EVERY BOY WHO IS BURDENED WITH THE CONSTANT EXPECTATION OF KNOWING EVERYTHING, THERE IS A GIRL TIRED OF PEOPLE NOT TRUSTING HER INTELLIGENCE. FOR EVERY GIRL WHO IS TIRED OF BEING CALLED OVER-SENSITIVE, THERE IS A BOY WHO FEARS TO BE GENTLE, TO WEEP. FOR EVERY BOY FOR WHOM COMPETITION IS THE ONLY WAY TO PROVE HIS MASCULINITY, THERE IS A GIRL WHO IS CALLED UNFEMININE WHEN SHE COMPETES. FOR EVERY GIRL WHO THROWS OUT HER E-Z-BAKE OVEN, THERE IS A BOY WHO WISHES TO FIND ONE. FOR EVERY BOY STRUGGLING NOT TO LET ADVERTISING DICTATE HIS DESIRES, THERE IS A GIRL FACING THE AD INDUSTRY'S ATTACKS ON HER SELF-ESTEEM. FOR EVERY GIRL WHO TAKES A STEP TOWARD HER LIBERATION, THERE IS A BOY WHO FINDS THE WAY TO FREEDOM A LITTLE EASIER.



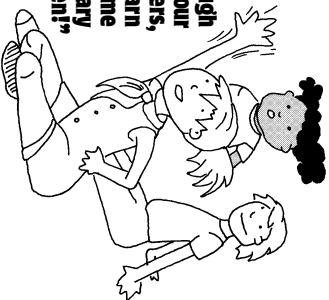
"Calvin, baking is fun and all, but we can make a killer drum set out of these pots and bowls!"



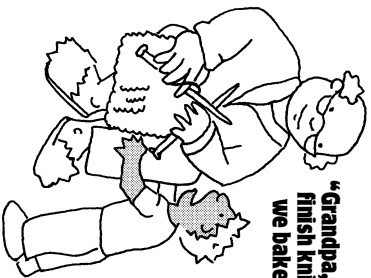
Boys like hugs too.



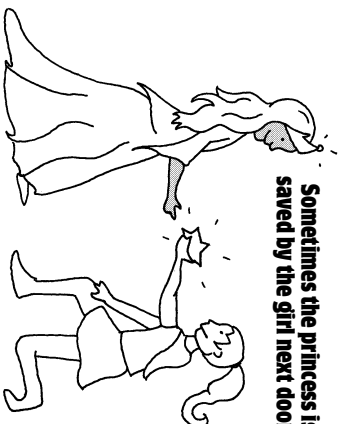
"Enough about our forefathers, let's learn about some revolutionary women!"



"Grandpa, when we finish knitting, can we bake cookies?"



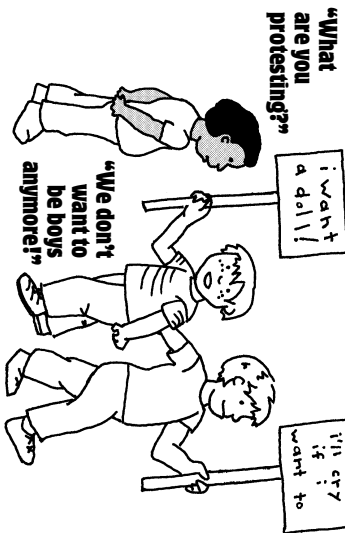
Sometimes the princess is saved by the girl next door.



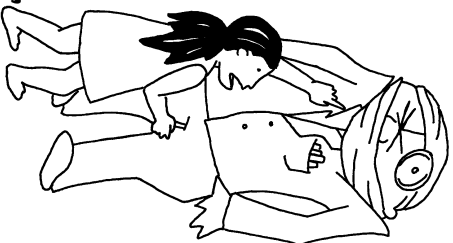
"After we're done cleaning, let's go create a new standard of masculinity."



Olivia is getting ready to show the neighborhood how to fix a flat.



"Just because you looked up my skirt doesn't mean you know what gender I am!"



"We don't want to be boys anymore!"

How do you define gender?

How many genders are there?

What would the world look like without gender?

In what ways do you feel confined or restricted by your assigned gender?

Was the gender assigned to you the one you feel most comfortable with?

What privileges do you or don't you have due to the gender you've been labeled?

Do you feel forced to act in certain ways because of gender?

What happens when you don't act in these ways?

How do we unlearn gender?

For answers to these questions, think about them often during your daily life; approach situations with these ideas in mind, and be open to answers you might not have expected. When opportunities present themselves, try to implement the things you have learned from your observations—just go for it! Watch closely how your actions influence the world around you, and plan for what you might do better next time. For advanced studies, share your experiences with a group of friends of all sexes as you all try to deconstruct gender together—expressing and confessing, listening and forgiving, suggesting and debating, these things can foster extraordinary growth in a loving environment.

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