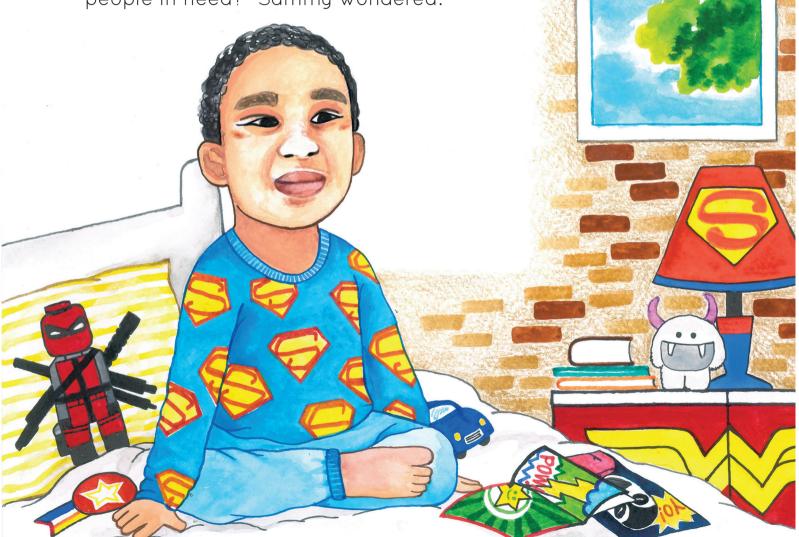




It had been a week since Sammy read a comic about a superhero who helped people in need. Ever since then, he wanted to do something similar. He wanted to help people and make them smile, but he didn't know how. What could a little boy like him do? He couldn't fly or hold a car in the air with his hands. He had no costume or superhero name.

"How can I too become a hero and help people in need?" Sammy wondered.



Sammy was walking to school one day when he noticed an old man sitting in the park with his dog. His clothes were damaged and he had an old big blue backpack next to him. The old man was often there, just sitting, sometimes watching the people passing by. He always had a sad look in his eyes. Sammy asked his parents why the old man looked so sad.

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"Well, he is all alone, Sammy, and unfortunately has no money to buy many things. That's why he is always at the park," his parents said. "His only friend is his dog..."

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When it was time for bed, Sammy just couldn't sleep. He thought about the old man at the park. How horrible would it be if he had no mommy, daddy, or little sister! He looked around his room.

> A nice warm bed, a cupboard full of clothes and a lot of toys. He had so many things, but the old man had almost nothing. Sammy became sad, but finally fell asleep.

> > Toys

The next morning when Sammy woke up, he had a great idea!

He ran to his parents with his piggy bank. Sammy was saving money to buy himself a new superhero action figure, but realized that the old man had a greater need than he.



"Mommy! Daddy! Can you please take my money and buy the old man from the park some clothes and food? And maybe something for his doggie too?" Sammy's parents were surprised. "Well, of course, son, you are such a sweet boy and we are very proud of you!" Daddy said. "Thank you, Sammy, for being so kind. The man and his doggie will be very happy," Mommy said. When Sammy, his little sister, Shiloh, Daddy and Mommy went to the park the next morning they saw the old man and his dog sitting on a bench. Sammy ran to him with two bags in his hands. One full of food and drinks and a special bag with two wrapped gifts. The dog was wagging his tail, happy to see Sammy and Shiloh. The old man started to cry when Sammy gave him the two bags. He could not believe people would be so kind to him.

"Please open the gifts, sir," Sammy said. "They are for you and your sweet doggie!"

> A new warm blue sweater for the old man and a big red toy bone for the dog. They were so happy!

The old man thanked Sammy and his parents many times. Not only for the gifts, the food and drinks, but also for the nice conversation and for keeping him company, even for a little bit.

"Thank you so much, Sammy, you are the sweetest boy I have ever met in my whole life. This has been the best day for me, and for my dog too!" *Wow*, Sammy thought to himself, *helping people is so cool!*



As Sammy and his parents were leaving, the wind blew his jacket, and for a second, it seemed like a cape. Sammy didn't know, but at that moment, to the old man, **Sammy looked like a real superhero!**

