

Ben loves to draw. Drawing makes him happy, and he uses his drawing talent to also make others around him happy. One day, he has an idea: what if he started a Happiness Club? To become a member of the club, all a child has to do is use their own unique talents to make another member of the club happy. In this uplifting, diverse, and beautifully illustrated book, children will learn how the exponential power of love, respect, and friendship can be harnessed to make the world a happier place for all.



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Ben was often late for everything. Not because he was slow to put on his clothes or his shoes but because he never wanted to stop drawing. He drew everything he could, everywhere he could, and for as long as he could.



Sometimes, he even drew himself to sleep.

Review



Even when he brushed his teeth, Ben pretended the toothbrush was a paintbrush and that the toothpaste was paint. And after that... Well, take a look at his bathroom mirror, and you will see!

Ben liked to show his feelings and emotions by drawing them. The happy ones and the sad ones, but he always preferred to have happy emotions and feelings. And he liked to create happy emotions and happy feelings in other people, too. It's what made *him* happy.



Every day during breakfast, Ben drew his plans for the day on his plate. Then, he kissed his parents, waved goodbye to his pet fish, Jerry, and ran outside to wait for the school bus.



On the way to the bus stop, he always smiled at everyone he met. Everyone smiled back, even those people who did not seem very friendly at first. Ben knew that the best way to receive a smile from someone was to smile at them first.



On the school bus, Ben chatted with his friends and, of course, drew some more. When it was cold outside, he breathed on the window to make it all foggy.

Then, he used his finger to draw the most fantastic things. The other kids always tried to guess what he would draw next. His drawings made them happy.



One day, Ben had an idea. What if other kids could help him make even more people happy? And what if all those kids could also become happier by doing that?

With the help of his mom and dad, Ben created the **Happiness Club**. Together, they made hundreds of happy stickers, one for each new member who would join this special club. To become a member, all someone had to do was make one person already in the club happy. Then, each day after that, they had to choose a different person in the club to make happy.

Tina, a little girl in Ben's class who loved his drawings, heard about the club. She joined by gifting Ben a beautiful origami shape she made for him out of colorful paper. Then, every day after that, she gifted an origami shape to a different person in the club. She paid attention to what each person liked and tried to make an origami of something that was special to that person.

