

## All Good Children Follow-up Questions:

### *Form:*

1. Give two possible reasons why this story is written in the present tense.
2. Find three metaphors Max uses in his narration. Do they have anything in common? Can you find any examples of Max seeing like an artist?
3. Some of the slang words used in Max's school are not used in the same way today, e.g., recall, defective, unit, bleeds, premium. Do you think they have significance? Do you think current slang (peace, word, cool, dude) has a deeper meaning?
4. Rewrite one scene from the book (e.g., the opening scene in the airport or a fight scene) from the perspective of another character. Does the meaning of the scene change with the changing perspective? Does Max's personality seem to change?
5. Would Max be more or less likeable if his story were told from another point of view? Describe him from Ally's perspective and Mr. Graham's. Is he the same kid he feels himself to be? Would other people describe you the way you feel yourself to be?
6. Most readers like Xavier. Do you think he would be so likeable if the story were told in third person? Why do you think Max feels so close to him?

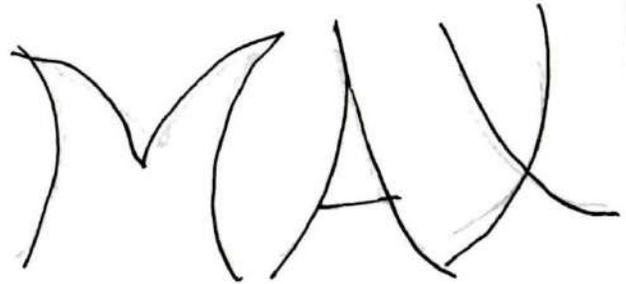
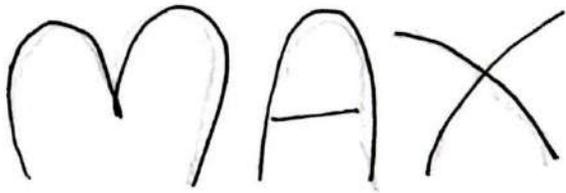
### *Content:*

7. Consider the effects of Nesting on aggressive children like Austin and Tyler, or on Mrs. Connors' depressed elderly patients. Do you think there is some valid use for it?
8. Do you think Nesting the elite children of New Middletown matters much, considering the poor people outside the city walls? How would a kid from the carpark tell this story?
9. Do you think parents would relate to children differently if they spent great sums of money on their conception and chose which embryo should grow into their baby?
10. Are the people in New Middletown rich compared to you? What makes them seem wealthy? Would you like to live in New Middletown before they had Nesting?
11. Why do you think so many books and movies show some poor kid humiliated by a mean dad on a football field? What do you think about a book called *All Good Parents*? Would you be tempted to Nest your parents?
12. If you painted a tent like Max's, what would yours have inside?

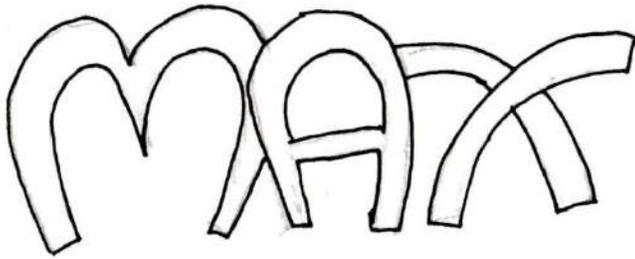
## All Good Children Follow-Up: Write Your Name in Graffiti Letters

*A sensible follow-up to reading All Good Children would be to fight against injustices perpetrated on vulnerable peoples. But if you can't manage that, try this fun art activity instead.*

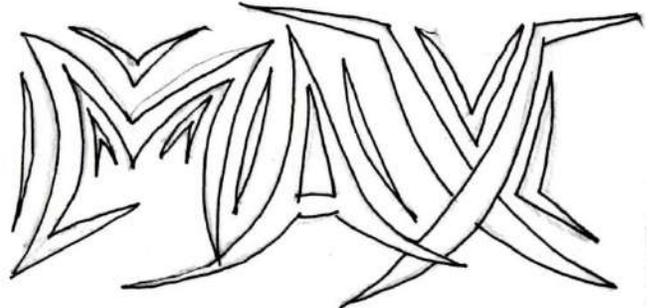
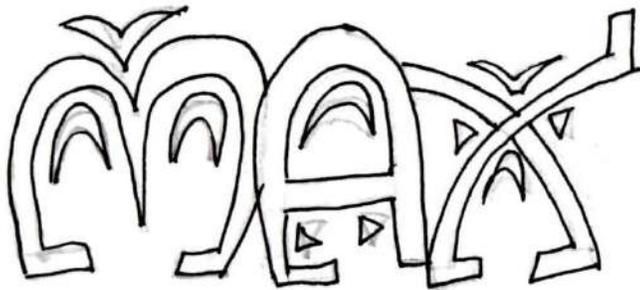
1. Sketch your name lightly in large letters:



2. Draw thick outlines around your sketched letters:



3. Add a few arrows and splits at the curves and edges:



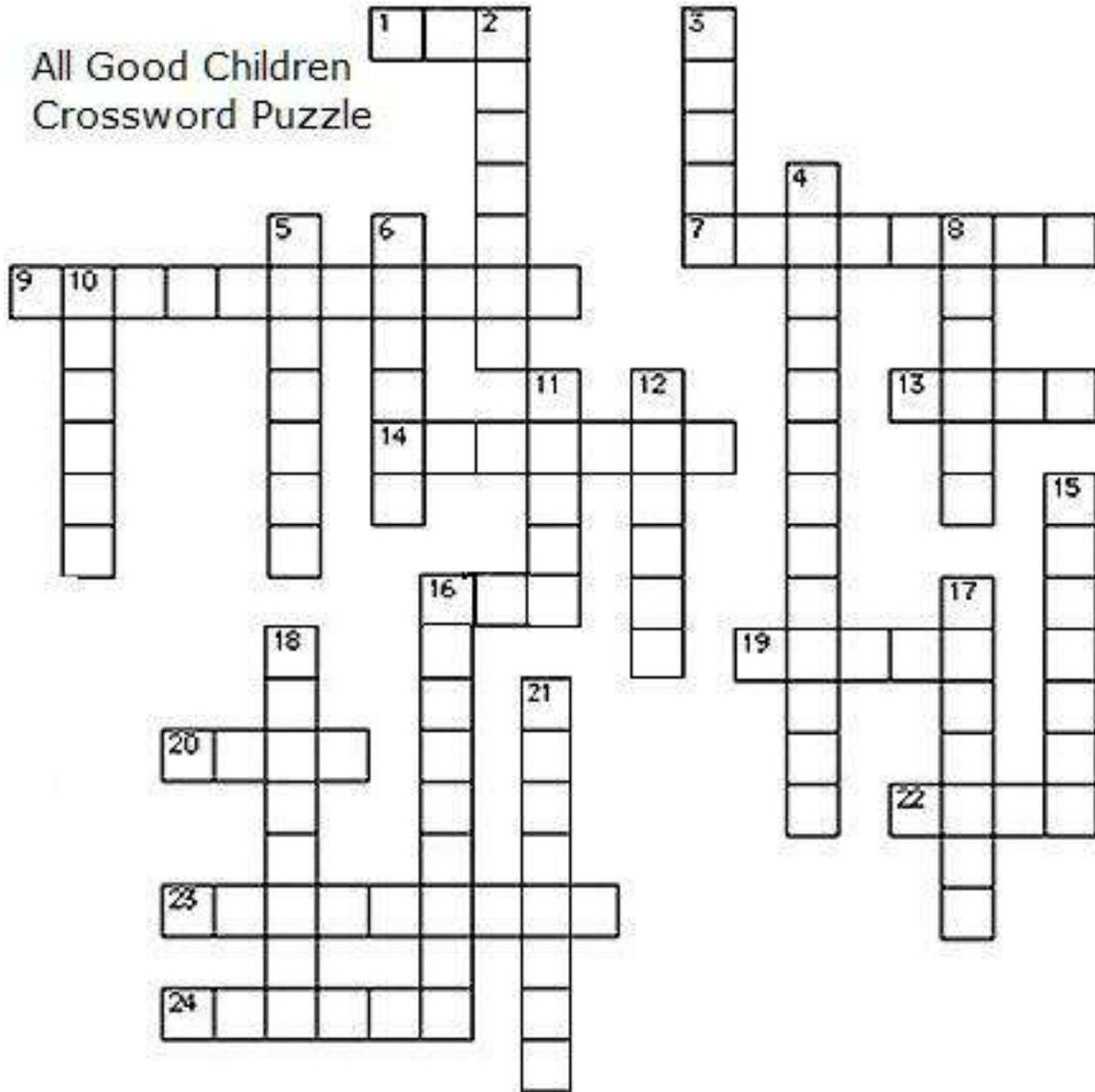
4. Add an edge or shadow to one side of your letters:



5. Add a background and colour it in (If you can barely make out what it says, it's just right):



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Crossword Puzzle



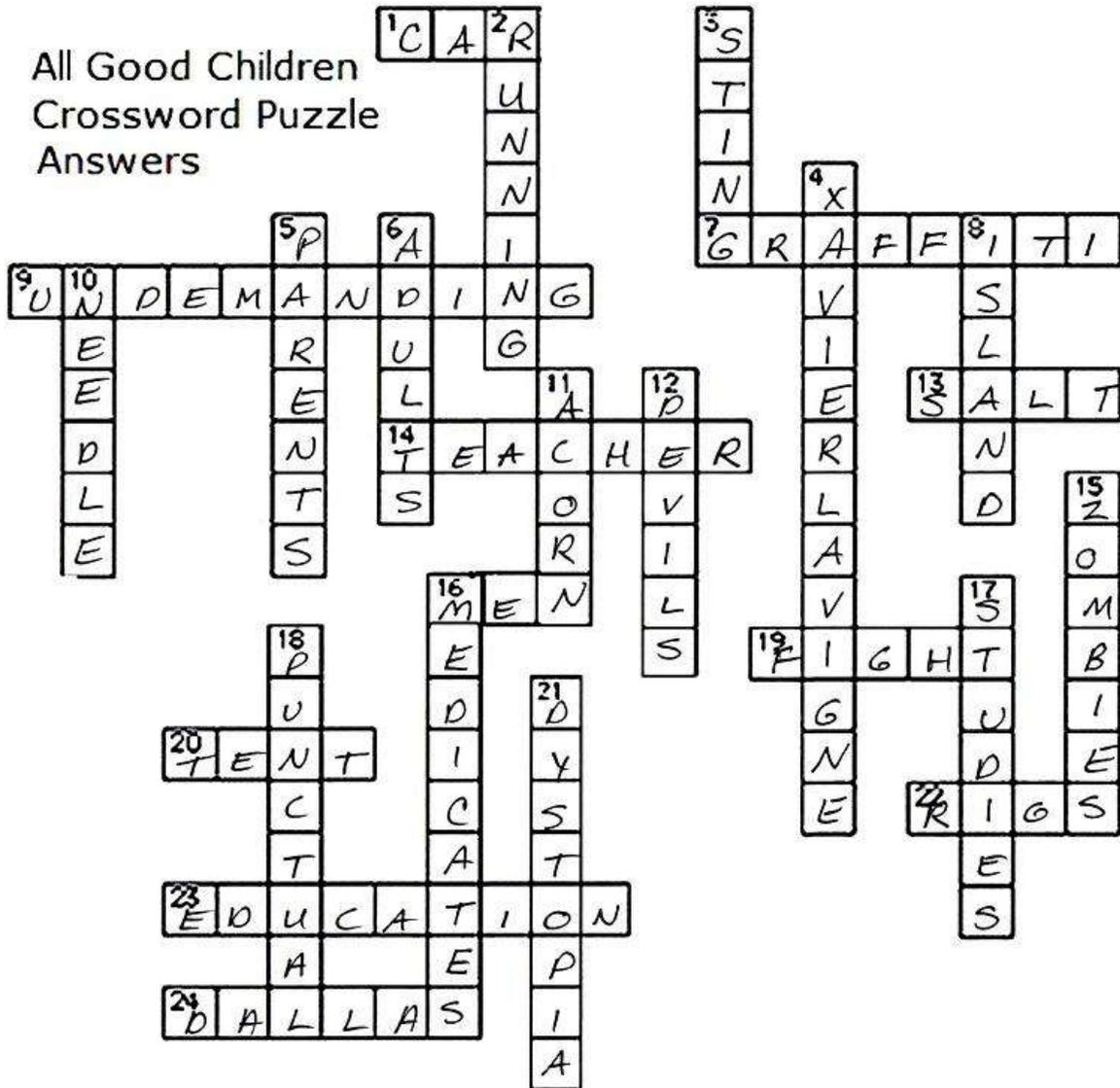
**Across:**

1. What the rich drive and the poor inhabit
7. Max's illegal creative indulgence
9. Easy, trouble-free, "good"
13. Pepper's pale partner
14. One who educates others
16. What Max and Dallas will grow up to be
19. Cause of Max's suspension  
and alternative to flight
20. To camp in or paint for Max's exhibit
22. Acronym for future electronic devices
23. School's purpose  
and the key to freedom
24. Max's best friend

**Down:**

2. Max's football position: \_\_\_\_\_ back
3. Scorpions and needles do this
4. Max's delicious-smelling neighbour
5. Guardians of children
6. Grown-ups
8. Land surrounded by water
10. What the nurse puts in the arm
11. Squirrel snack
12. Team of Blue Mountain \_\_\_\_\_
15. Nickname for "good" students or undead
16. Administers drugs
17. What Max does 2+ hours/night
18. On time
21. Sub-genre of fiction where the world  
goes terribly wrong

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Crossword Puzzle  
Answers



**Across:**

1. CAR
7. GRAFFITI
9. UNDEMANDING
13. SALT
14. TEACHER
16. MEN
19. FIGHT
20. TENT
22. RIGS
23. EDUCATION
24. DALLAS

**Down:**

2. RUNNING
3. STING
4. XAVIER LAVIGNE
5. PARENTS
6. ADULTS
8. ISLAND
10. NEEDLE
11. ACORN
12. DEVILS
15. ZOMBIES
16. MEDICATES
17. STUDIES
18. PUNCTUAL
21. DYSTOPIA

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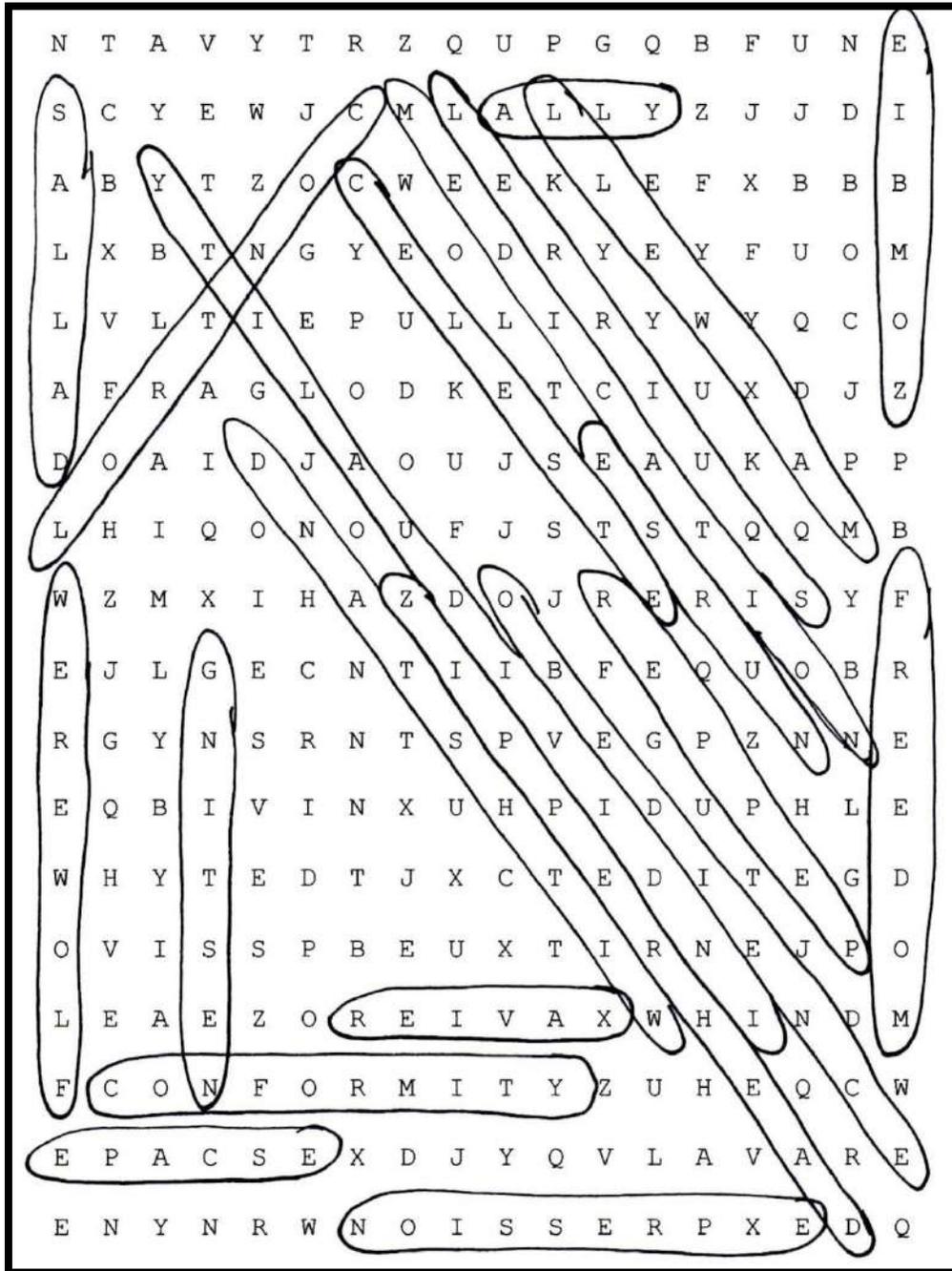
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*ALL GOOD CHILDREN*

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