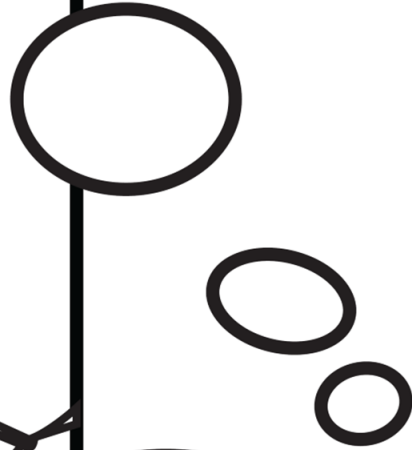


COULD I BE A



TEACHER?





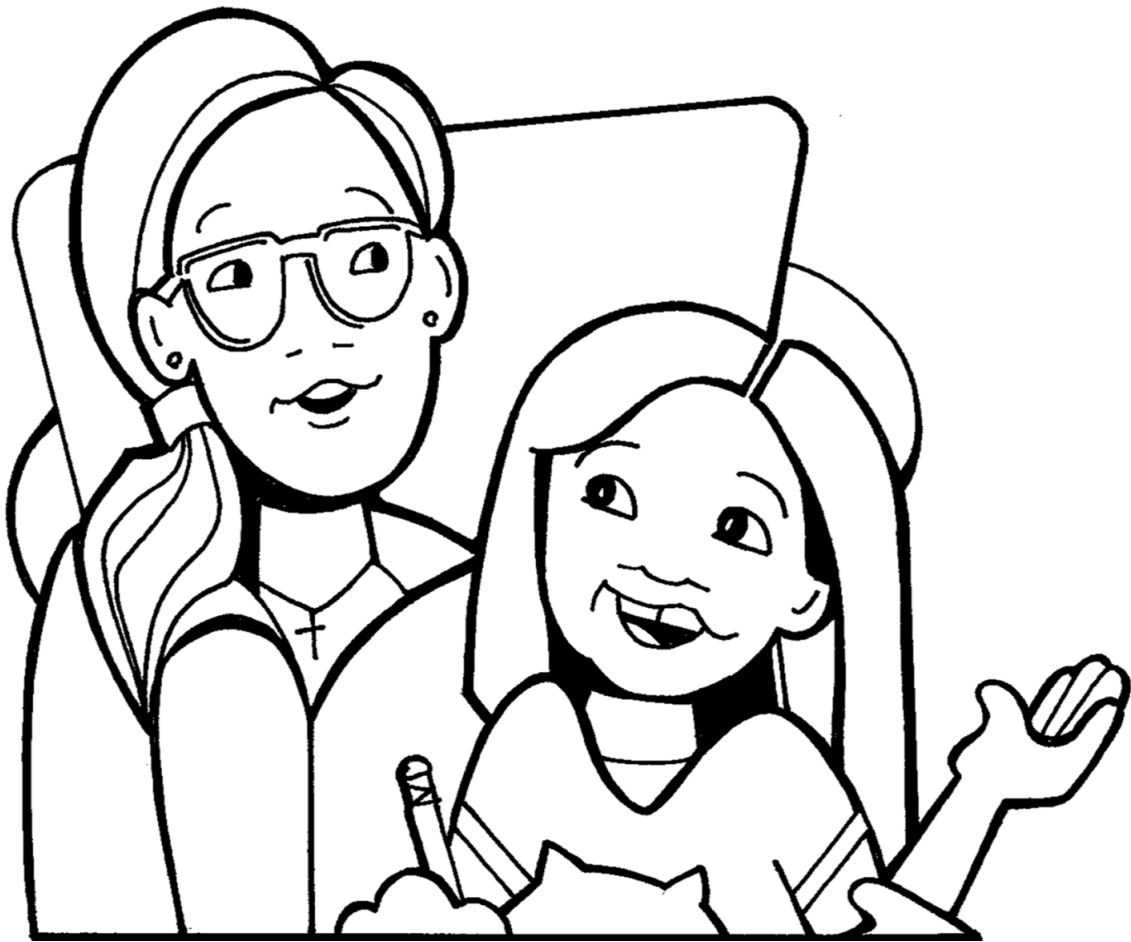
“You got it!” Alicia squealed as she high-fived Anthony.

He had been struggling to read a big word, and Alicia had helped him figure it out.



“That was very kind, Alicia,” Mrs. Fischer whispered into Alicia’s ear.

“I like helping other kids,” Alicia whispered back.



“That’s great!” Mrs. Fischer said. “Have you ever thought about being a teacher?”

“I don’t know,” Alicia said. “A little bit, I guess.”

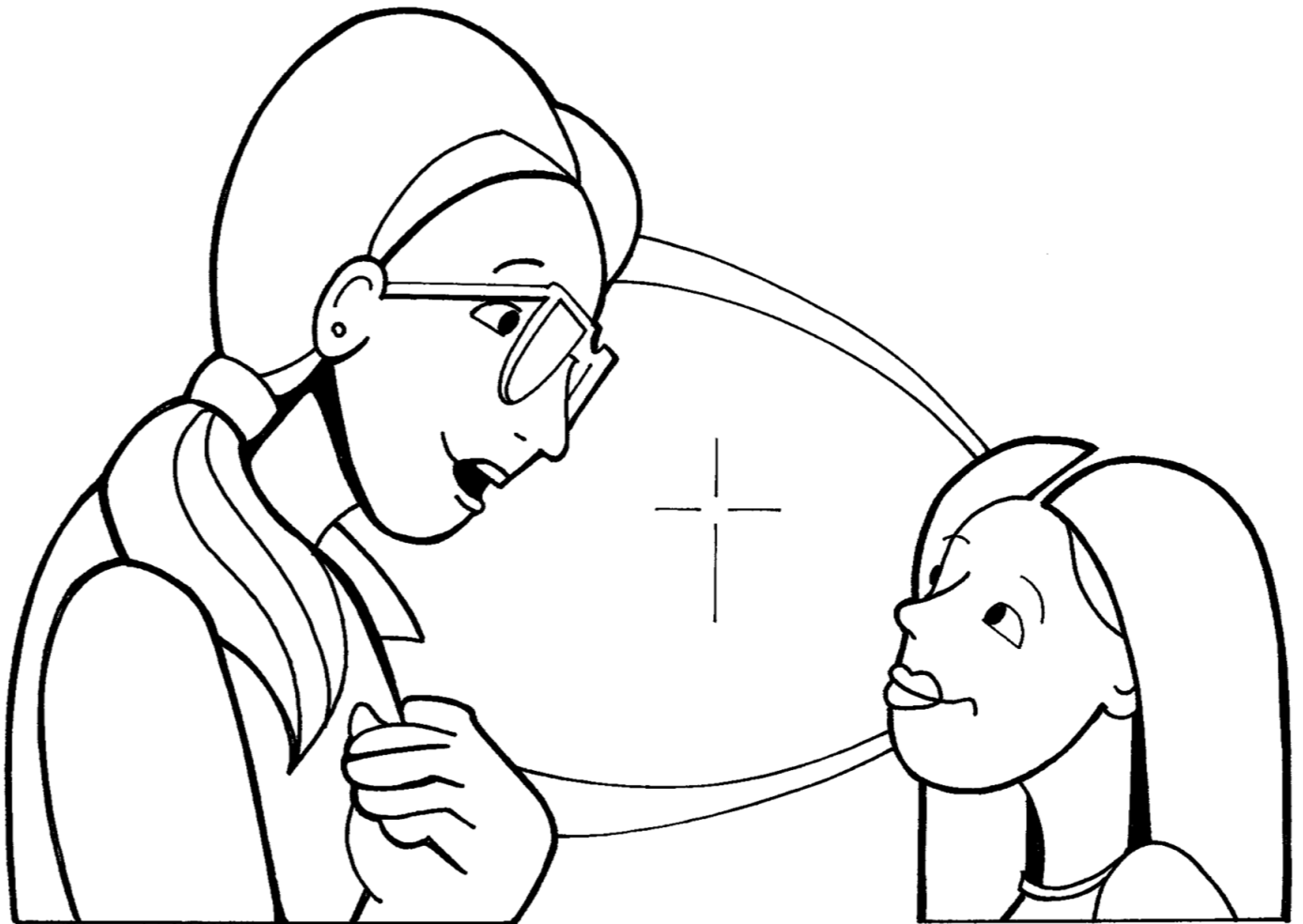
“You should think about it. Our schools need more teachers.”



The next day, Alicia stopped at her teacher's desk and asked, "Mrs. Fischer, how do you become a teacher? Do you really think I could be one someday?"



“Yes, I do!” Mrs. Fischer said immediately. “I know you love helping others learn. That’s a big part of the job!”



Mrs. Fischer paused a bit. “Even more important, though, is having love for Jesus. Can you imagine serving Jesus your whole life by helping others?”



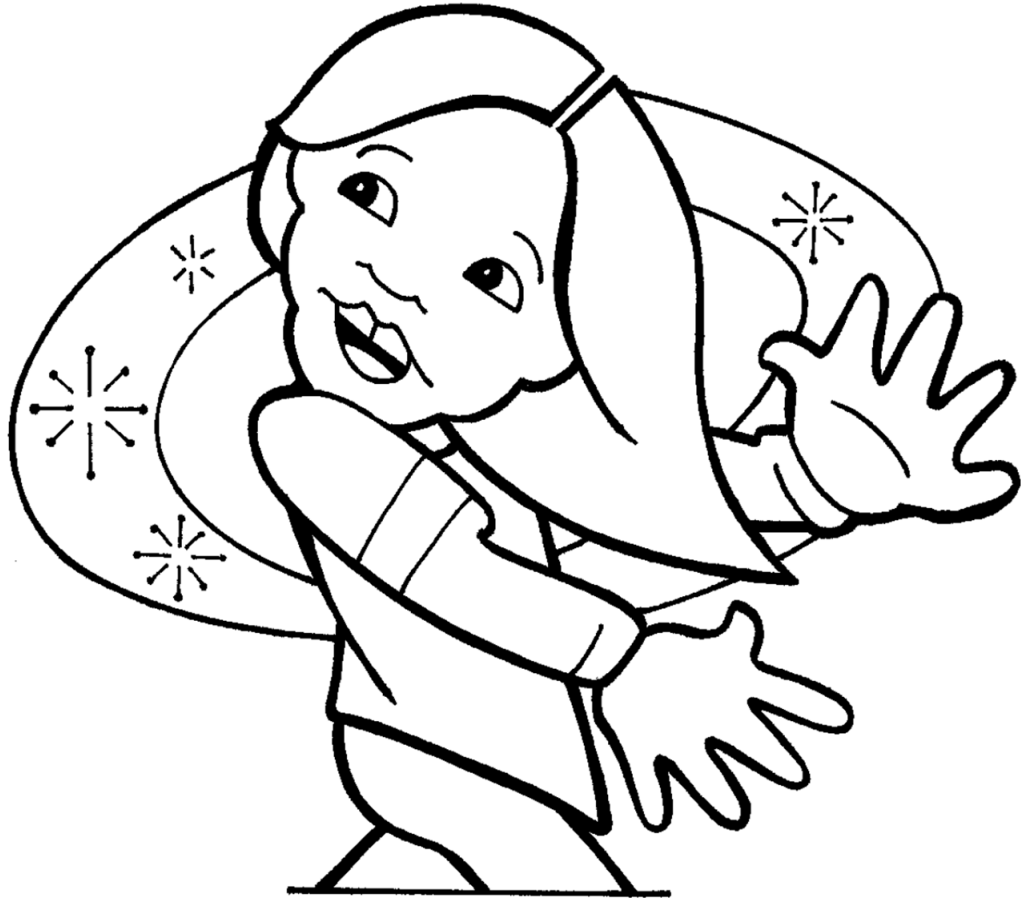
“Remember what we talk about almost every day?”
Mrs. Fischer asked. “Jesus wants us to teach other
people about him. Teaching is very important work!”



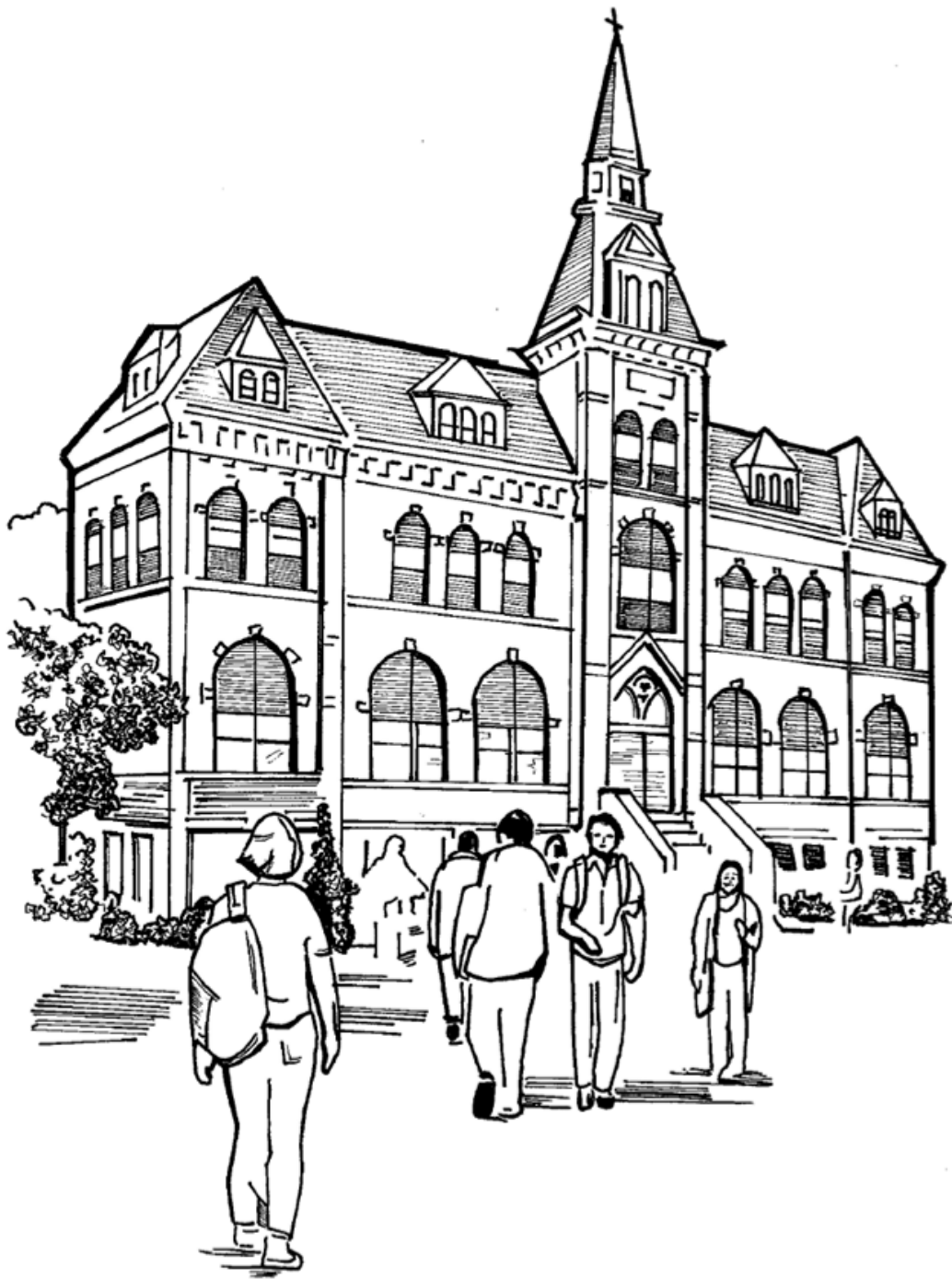
“I think I would like that a lot,” Alicia said.
She could see herself all grown up, standing in
front of a classroom or playing games at recess.



As Alicia turned to walk back to her desk, Mrs. Fischer said, “To be a teacher, you’ll need to go to college.”



Alicia spun back. “Wait! What? I have to go to college?”



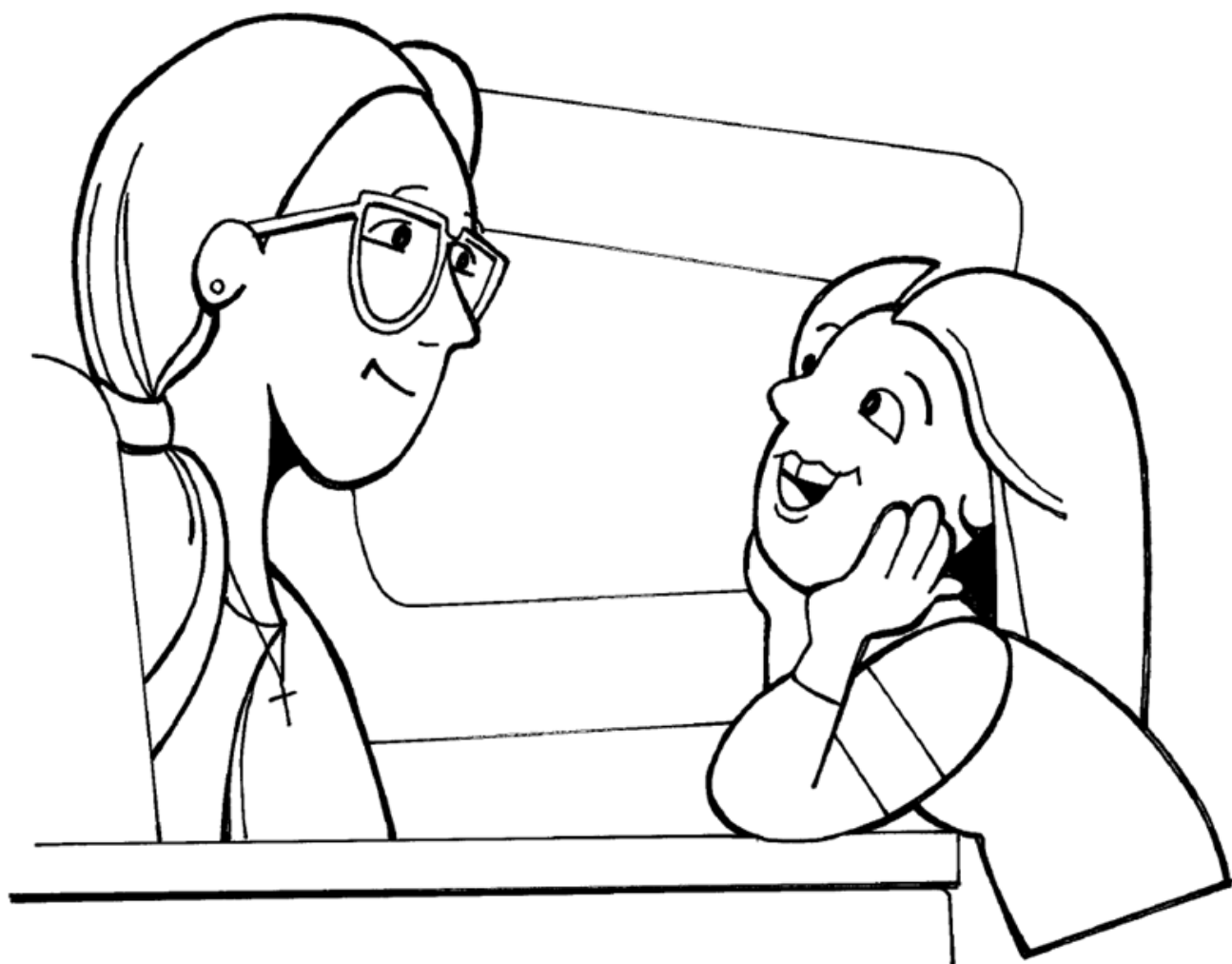
“If you want to be a Lutheran teacher like me,” said Mrs. Fischer, “you go to Martin Luther College. It’s in Minnesota. That’s where young men and women go if they want to become teachers.”



Alicia was very interested. “Did you go there?” she asked.

“I did.” Mrs. Fischer smiled.

“So did Pastor Daniel and Mr. Janke, Mrs. Baker, and Miss Jensen . . . All the teachers and pastors at our church attended Martin Luther College.”



“That’s cool that everybody went to the same college,”
Alicia said. “What’s it like there?”



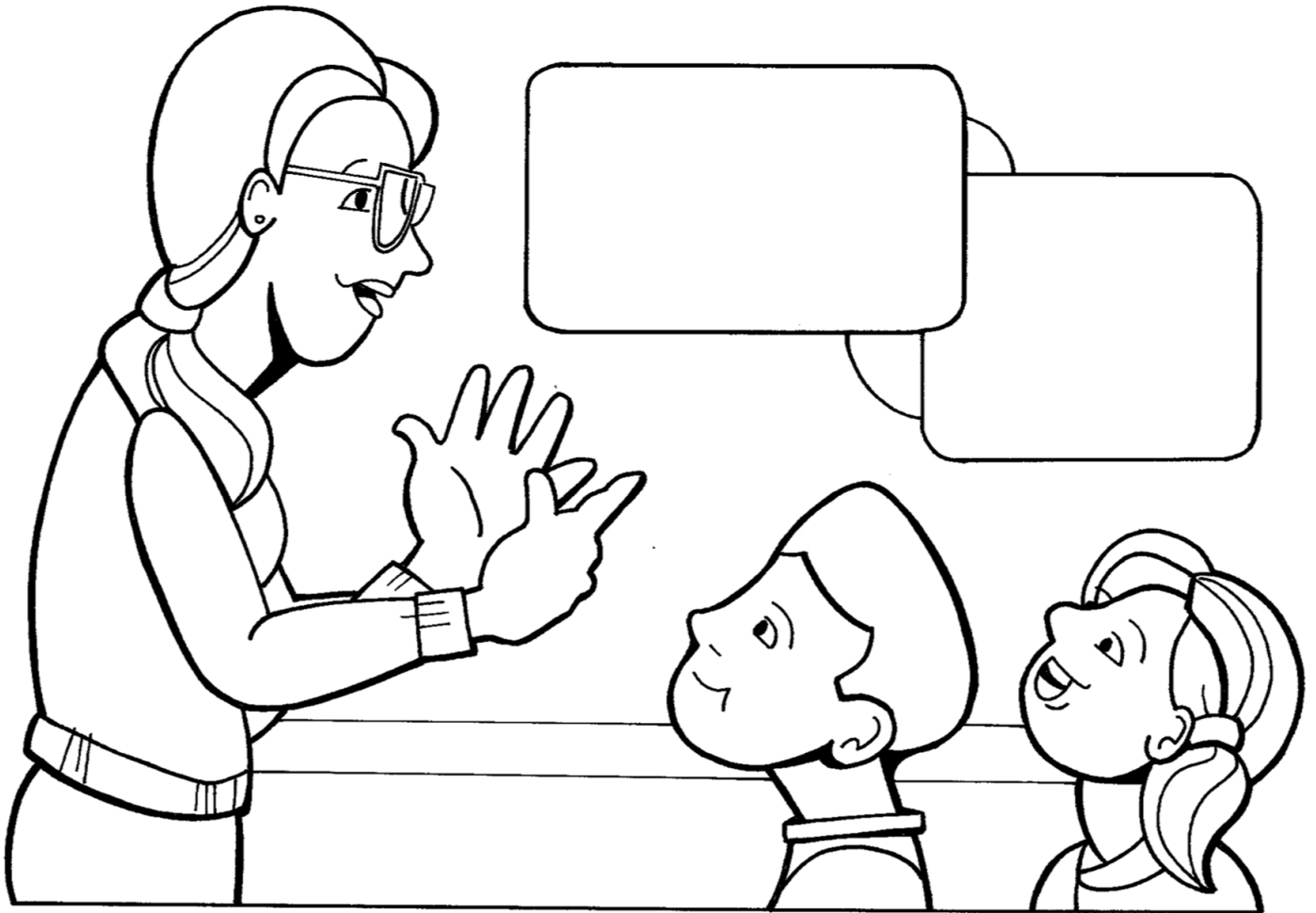
“MLC has all the classes you need,” Mrs. Fischer said.
“English, math, science, music. It has lots of sports and clubs too.”



“And you learn so much about Jesus and his Word in religion classes and in chapel.”



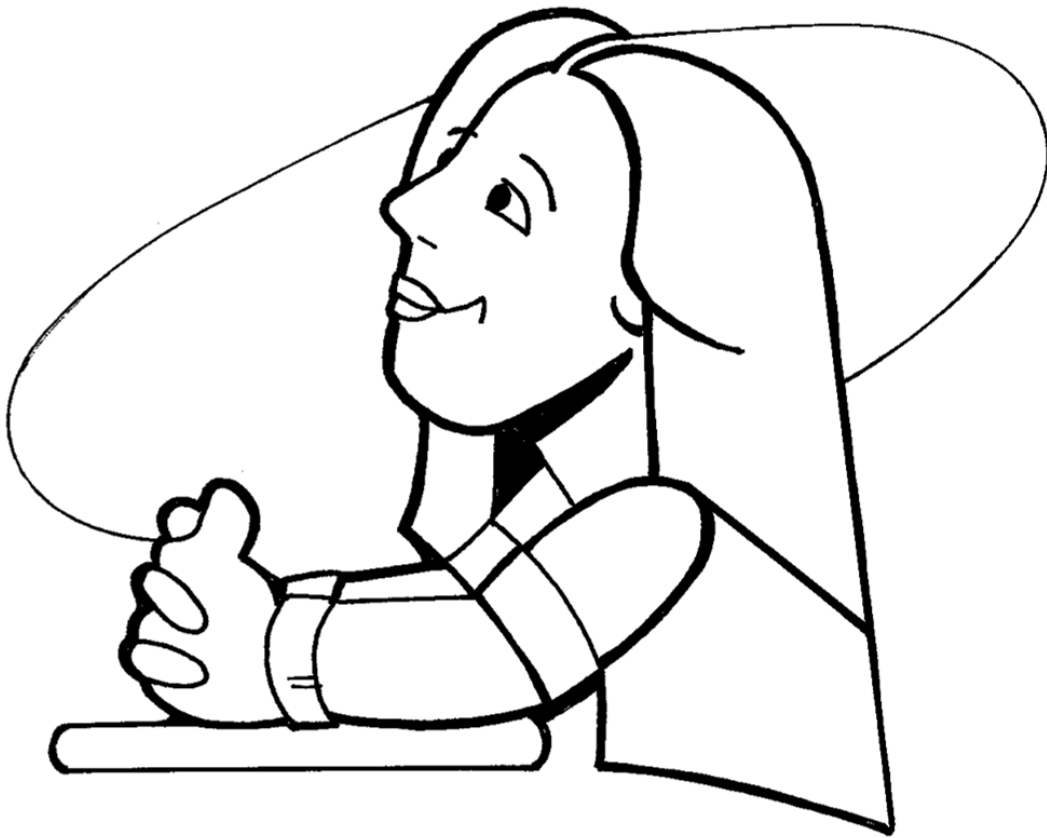
“You take classes about *how* to teach too. And you practice being a teacher in a real classroom with real kids.”



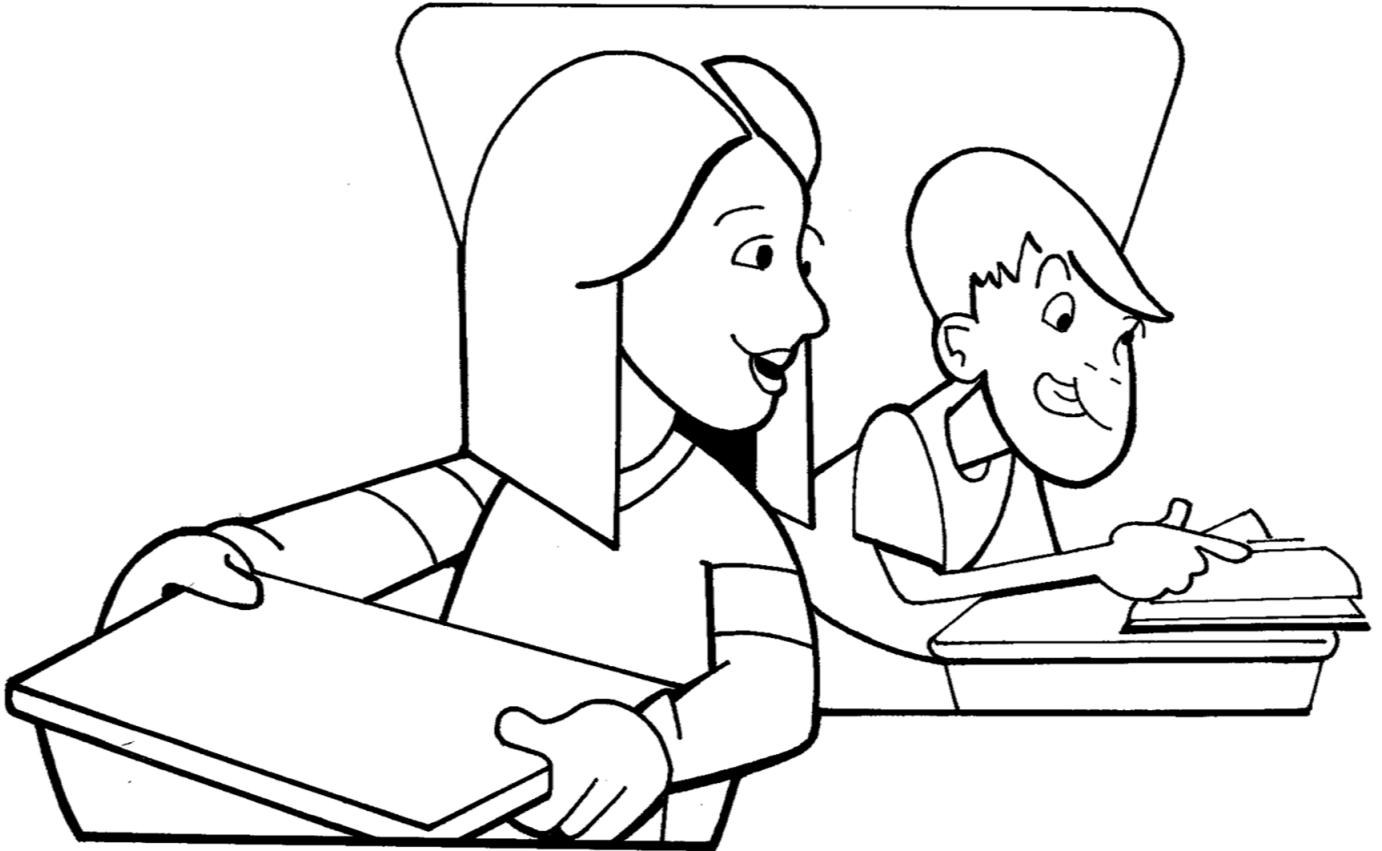
Later that day, Mrs. Fischer talked to the whole class about Martin Luther College. “I can tell,” she said, “that some of you would be excellent teachers.”



Then she asked everyone to bow their heads to pray.
“Dear Lord, thank you for letting me teach these wonderful children. Please guide them as they think about serving you, maybe as teachers. Amen.”



“Amen,” Alicia said to herself. Then she thought: “Could I be a teacher? Of course I could! God will help me!”



She smiled and looked around to see if any of her classmates needed help with reading.

Let's Talk About Teachers!

1. There are many different kinds of teachers. Some teach big kids, and some teach little kids. Some teach reading, some math, some science. Some coach sports. Some direct choir or band. What is the most important thing that Lutheran teachers teach?
2. Where do people go to learn how to be Lutheran teachers?
3. Boys and girls, what would you enjoy about being a teacher?
4. Let's pray for our teachers . . . and for more boys and girls to become teachers!



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