





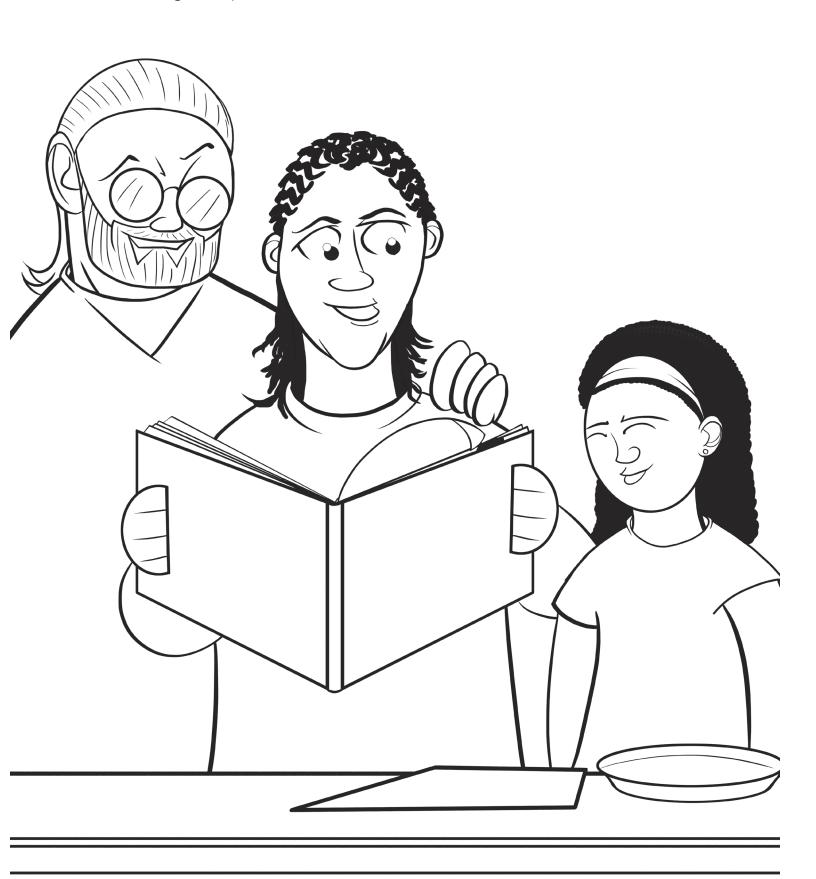


Kellie got a job in a store. One day, her friend Carla said, "Kellie, you are a good artist. I think you should take a class at the community college." Carla and Kellie took the class together. Having a friend go with her made a big difference.

Kellie liked it so much, she took more classes and got her college degree and became a teacher.



Kellie got married and has a daughter named Katrina. Her daughter wants to be a teacher too when she grows up!







Kellie Blair Hardt has been homeless, a runaway, and ultimately, a dropout.

But Kellie got her life back on track, and through a Job Corps program, earned her GED° diploma. Soon after, a co-worker convinced her to try community college by enrolling in the class with her. Kellie continued her education, earned a bachelor's degree, and became a special education teacher. In 2013, she was one of only five teachers in the country to be honored for teaching excellence by the National Education Association. She is married and has a daughter, Katrina. She's currently pursuing a doctorate degree.

## No high school diploma?

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