The Story of How I Met Kailash Satyarthi
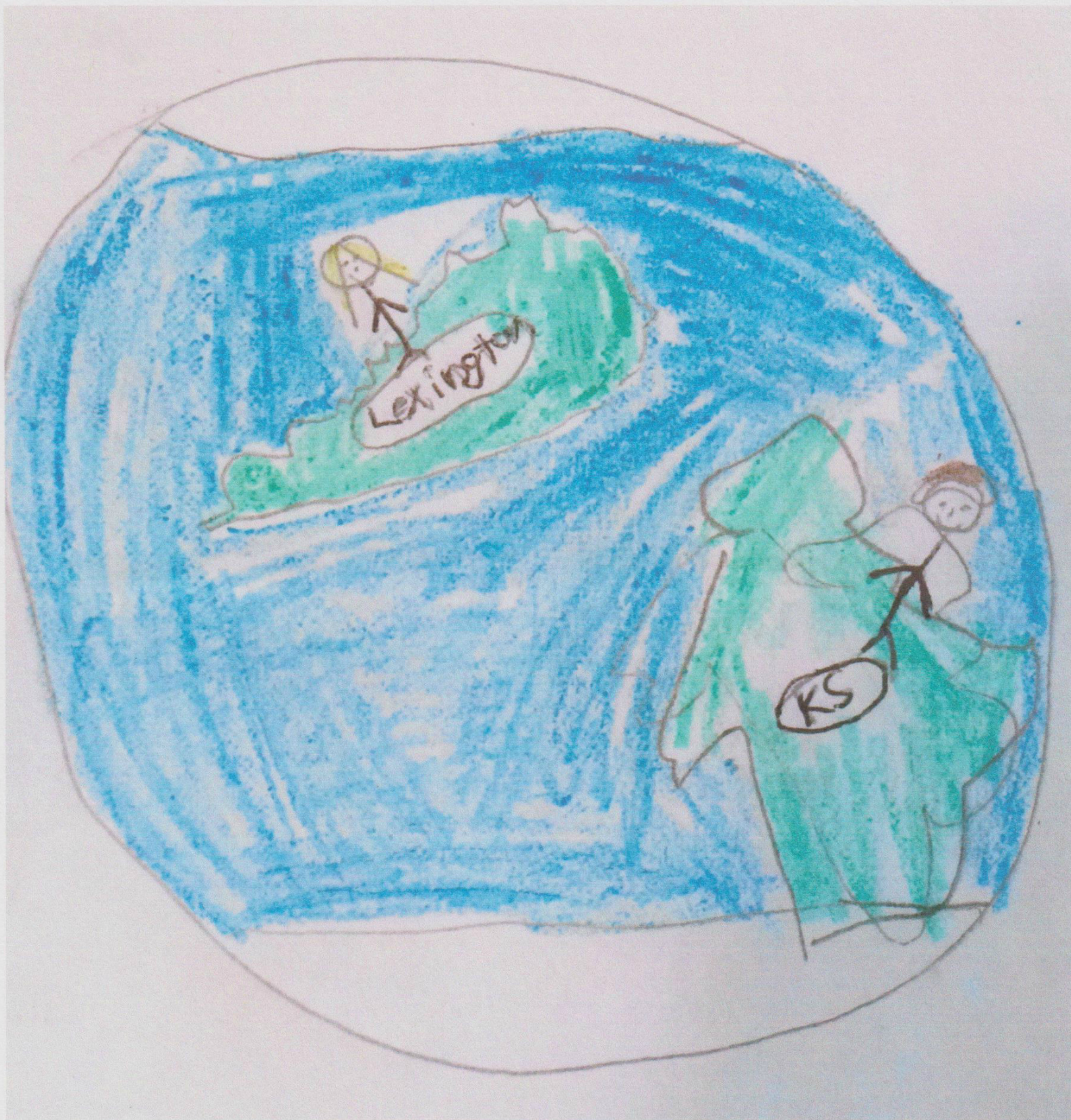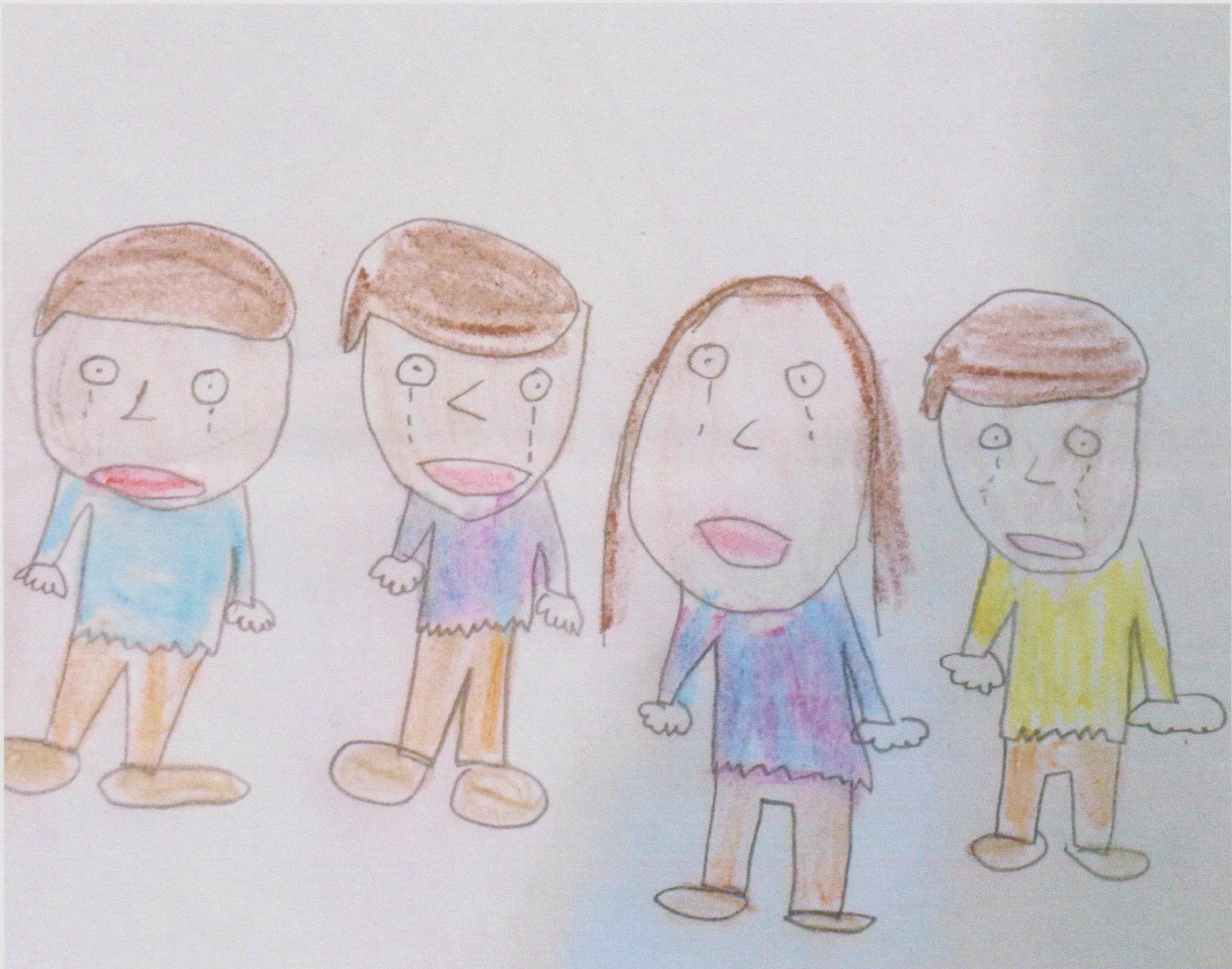
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Have you ever heard about the Nobel Peace Prize? Well, this is a story about Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi.
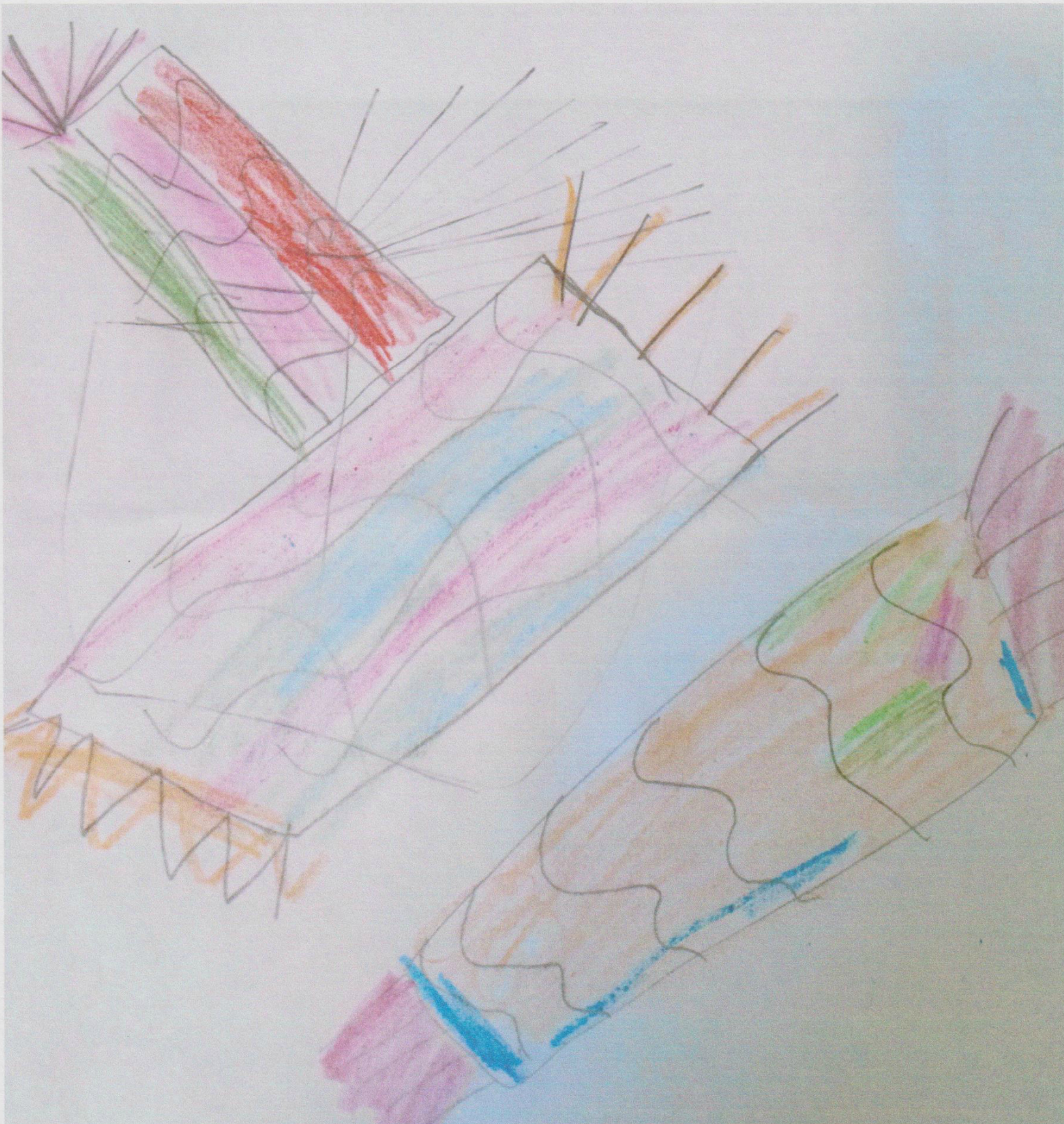
Kailash Satyarthi gave up his job as an engineer to save 80,000 kids in India! In some places in the world children are slaves. Some kids work 12 hours a day or even more. Kailash Satyarthi thinks no child should be a slave. Some people wanted to kill Kailash Satyarthi because he wanted to save kids.
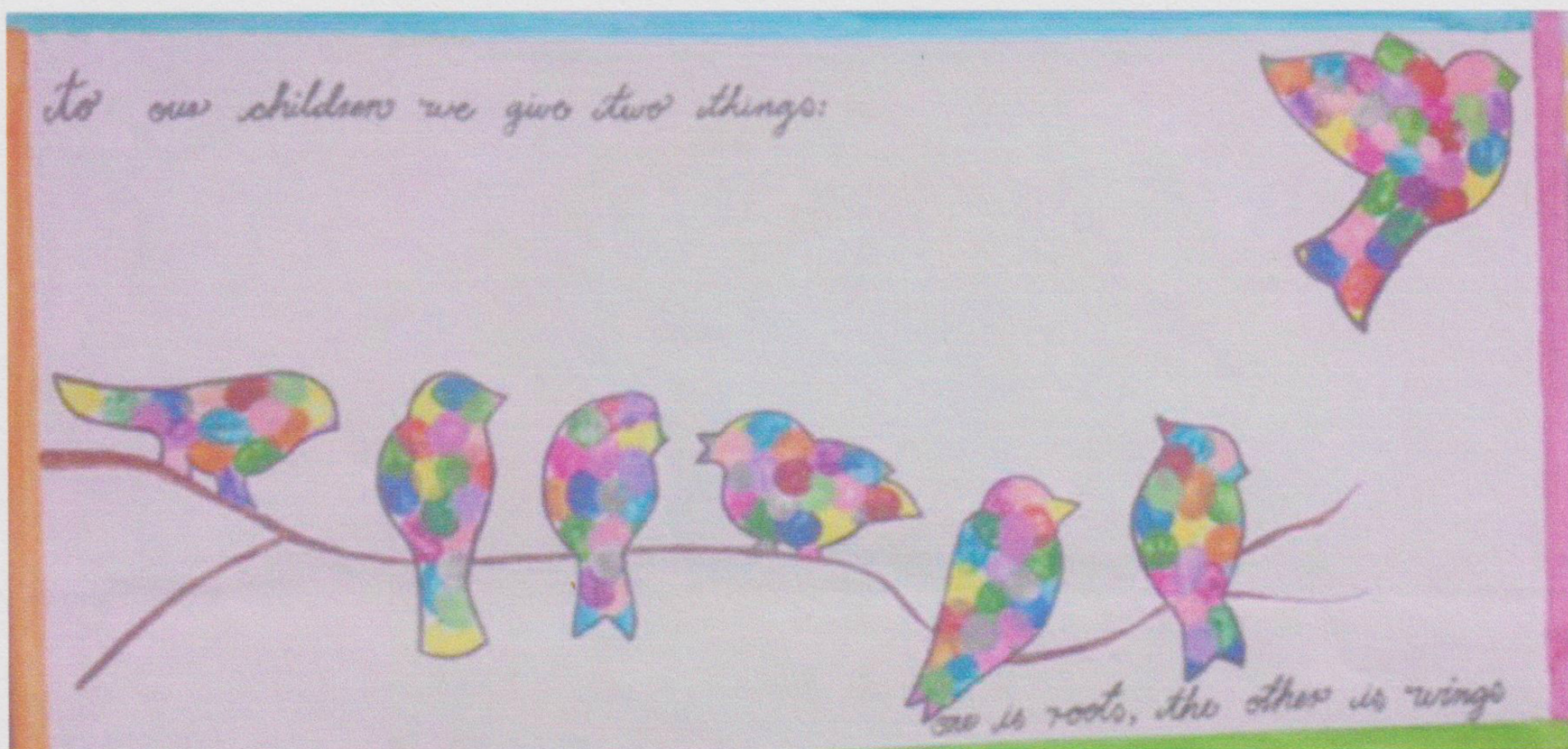
Kailash Satyarthi brought cars and trucks to rescue the slaves. Sometimes the slaves were afraid to leave because they would get hurt if they got caught. He built a village where kids in India could go to school and eat good food. Kids are safe in the village to learn, eat and play.

Kailash Satyarthi wants people to know that they should not buy rugs made by child slaves. He created "Rugmark" so that people can buy rugs that are made without child labor.

I made art with my classmates for Kailash Satyarthi because he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 when I was in Kindergarten. The picture is of birds on branches with our thumbprints inside. It says, "To our children, we give two things: one is roots, the other is wings."

Kailash Satyarthi came to our school to meet all the kids because he liked our artwork. Kailash Satyarthi and I became friends.

This is some advice that Kailash Satyarthi gave to us when he visited our school:

"We should love others and make friends."

"The world has more than 7 billion people, and these people are all our sisters and brothers."

Kailash Satyarthi is my hero.