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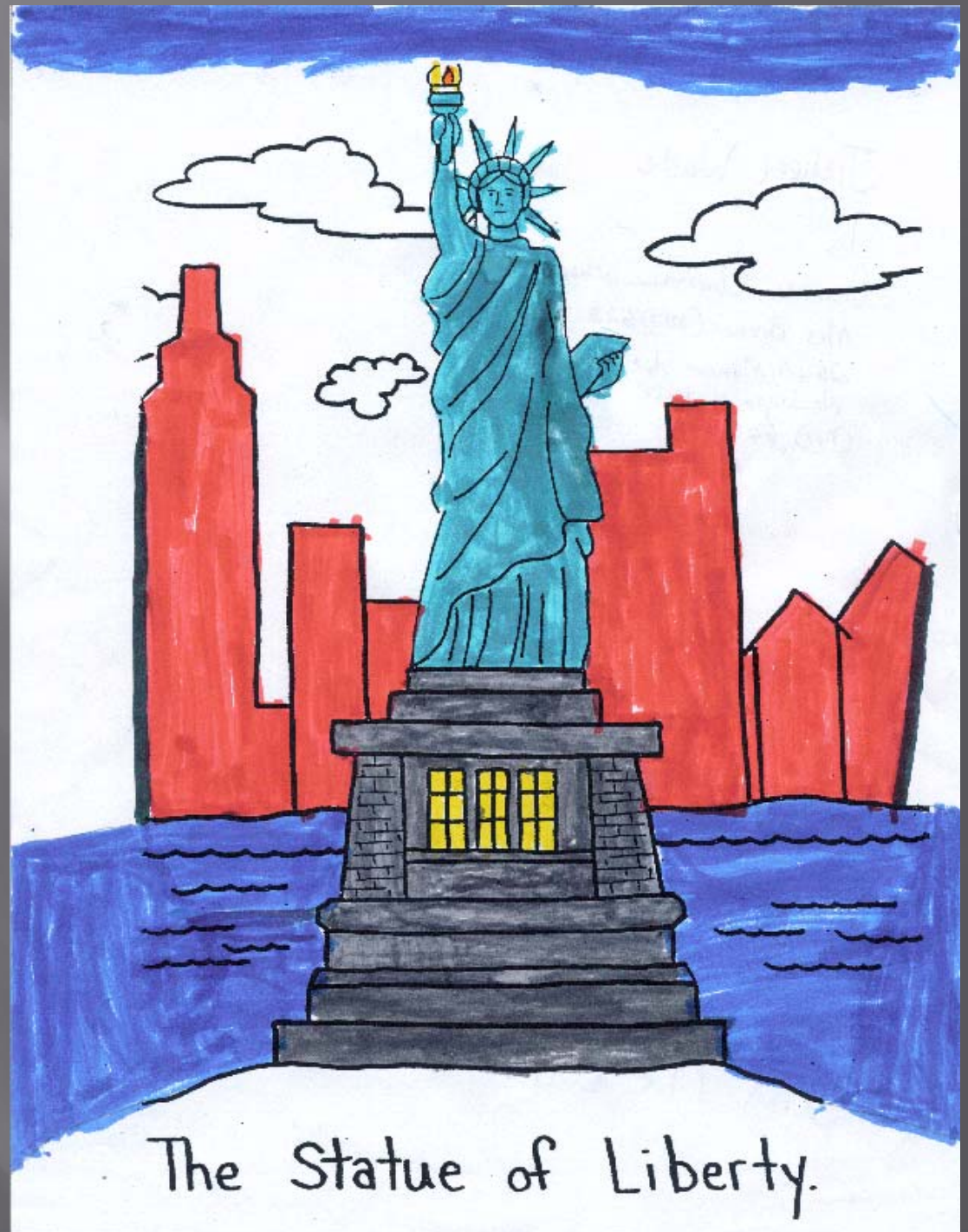


# Kindergarten

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - JAHEED W

Gurnee Christian School  
Mrs. Brown

## COLORING CONTEST

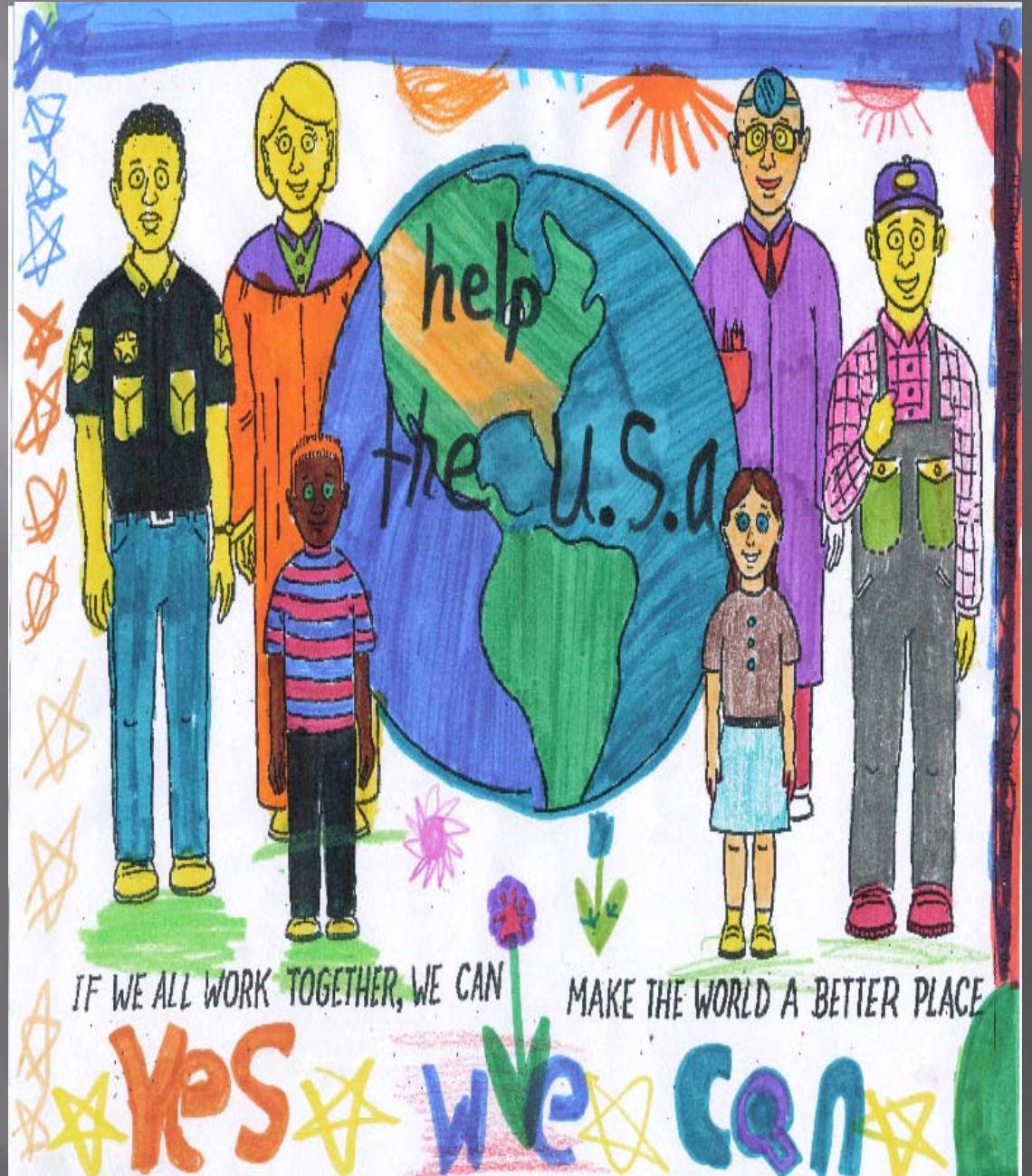


2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - BELLE B.

Lincoln School  
Lisa Shirley

**COLORING CONTEST**

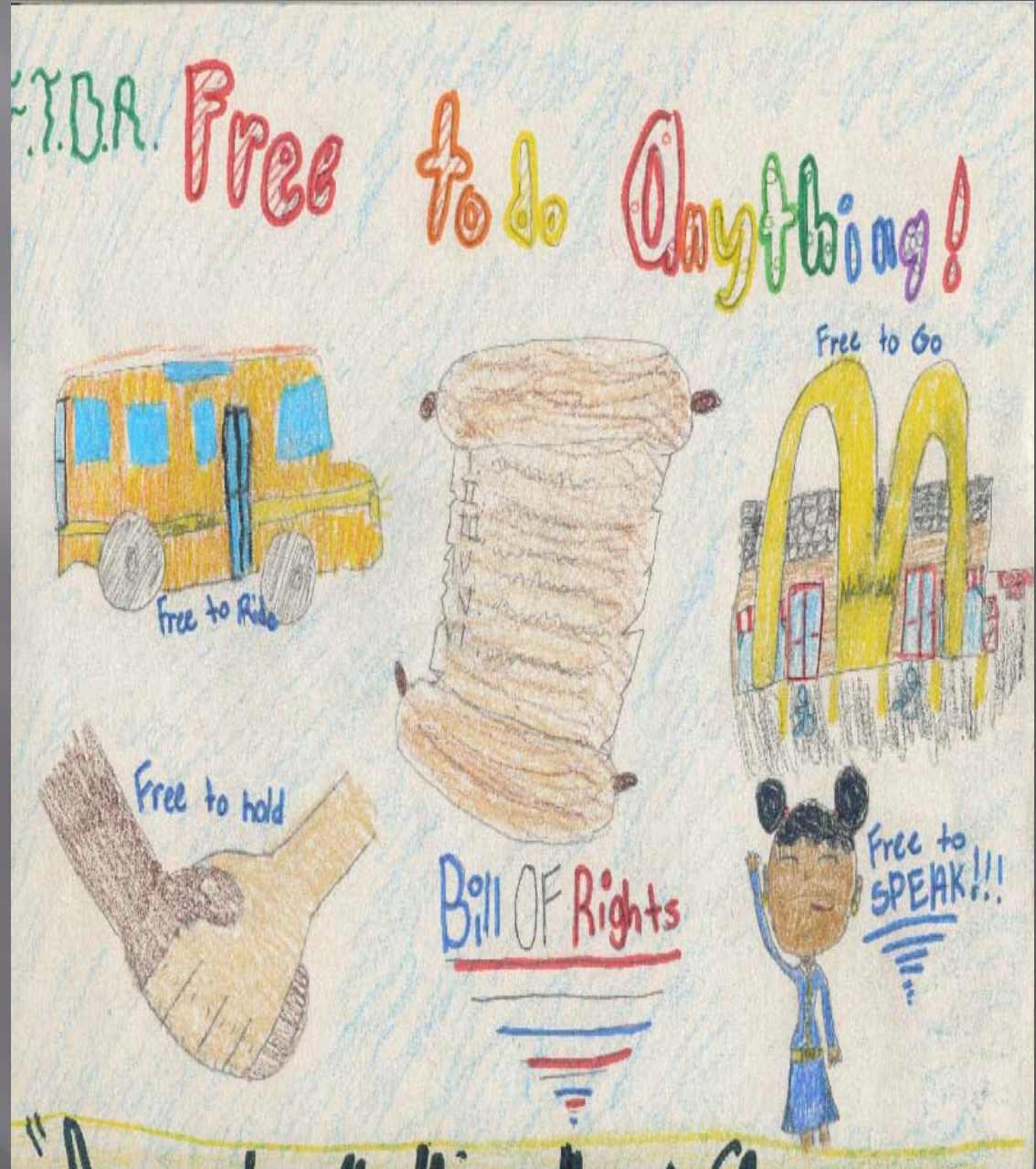


4<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> place - YETUNDE W.

Gurnee Christian School  
Mrs. Lindsey

**POSTER CONTEST**

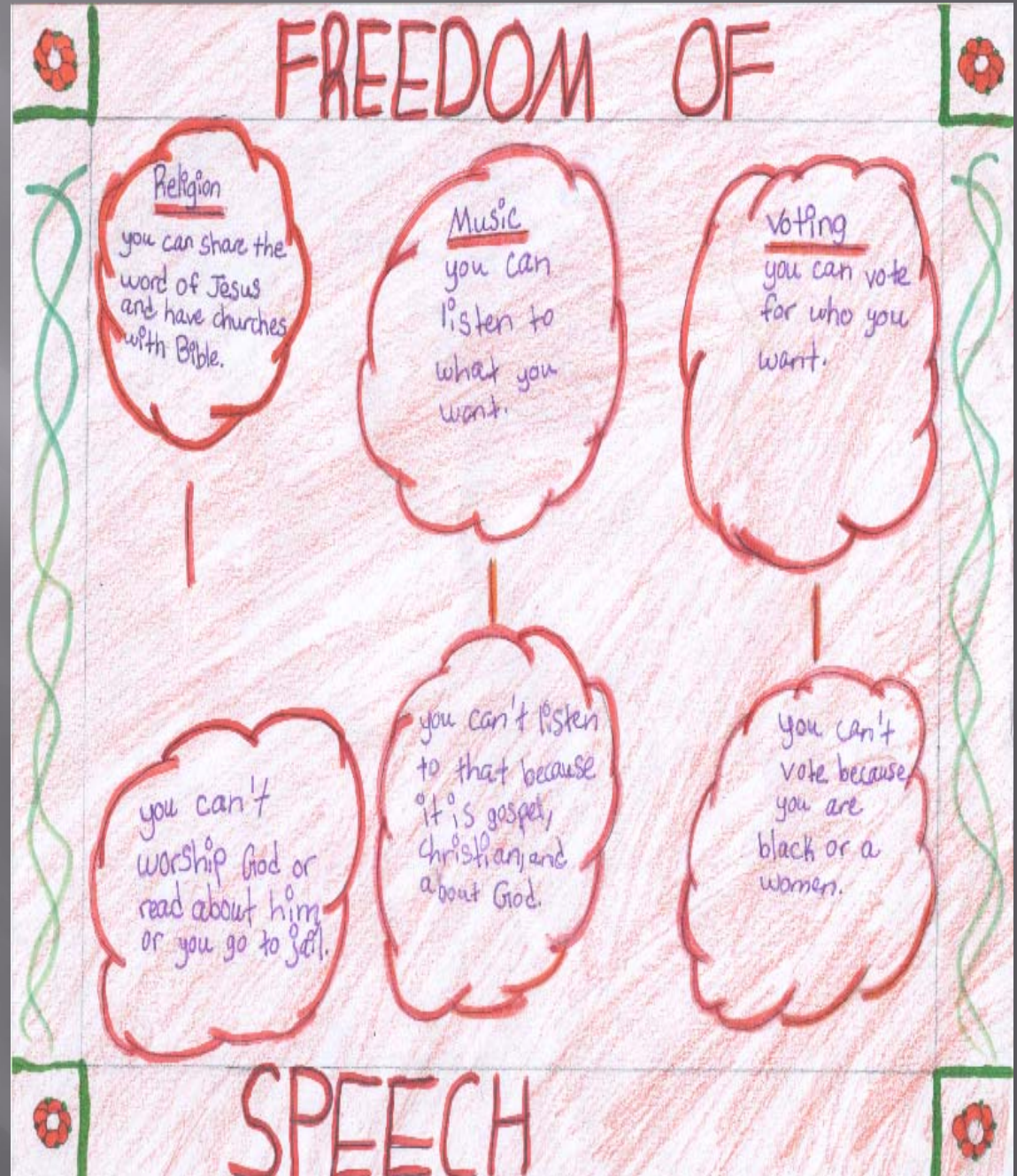


## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> place - DEJA M.

Gurnee Christian School  
Ms. Morse

## POSTER CONTEST



6<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> place - KASSANDRA P.

John T. Magee Middle School  
Brooke Brenner

**POSTER CONTEST**



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>ST</sup> place - NADIA LYNN G.

Gurnee Christian Sch.  
Ms. Morse

## ESSAY CONTEST

### Freedom of Speech

By, Nadia Lynn Goad  
Gurnee Christian School

What would life in this country be like without freedom of speech? Losing this right could change so many things in our lives. It could affect almost all the things we do including, the things we read, the things we watch on television or in the theater, the clothes we wear, our diet, as well as our religious beliefs. Our life in America would be totally turned around.

I can imagine it now...men and women wearing the same thing, long black pants and a black turtle neck sweater. Everyone eating the same thing, at the same time. People eating one time a day and all feasting on protein blocks. They most likely would get paid the same wages, even if that person's job were ten times harder than the other person's job. Then, we would all go to our identical homes, at the same time. In every house would be the same furniture, colors, and decorations. Then, at exactly the same time we would all go to bed, turn out the lights, close our eyes, sleep, and then at the same time our identical alarm clocks would ring. No relaxing weekends spent with family and friends. No vacations to far away places. No church to go to.

These things could happen if we could not speak out freely without being persecuted or jailed by the government. Our decisions would be made for us. Because of our freedom of speech, we have a voice in all the things we do, what we wear, where we live, plans for our daily schedule, and pursuit of our interests and dreams.

If we did not have the freedom to speak whatever we wanted, what we felt, we would be total slaves to our government. The government could control almost all of our actions, if they wanted to. Thank the Lord that we have the option to speak freely and outwardly for the many things we want and need.

As a Christian, I am glad for the freedom I have to express and live out my religion. I am able to worship my Lord and Savior freely. I have learned that many countries do not have this freedom of religion and expression. There is terrible persecution for those who attempt to share their faith in some places; it is illegal to talk about Jesus freely and those who disobey are punished, or in some instances even killed for their faith.

We, as American citizens, are free to say whatever we want. That does not mean that all of the things we say will not have a consequence. However, if we live by the Godly principles, we will not be persecuted or put in jail. The scriptures say, "If you want a happy life and good days, keep your tongue from speaking evil, and keep your lips from telling lies." 1 Peter 3:11 In Jesus' name, Amen!

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hon. Mention - **RICHARD Z.**

Gurnee Christian Sch.  
Ms. Morse

