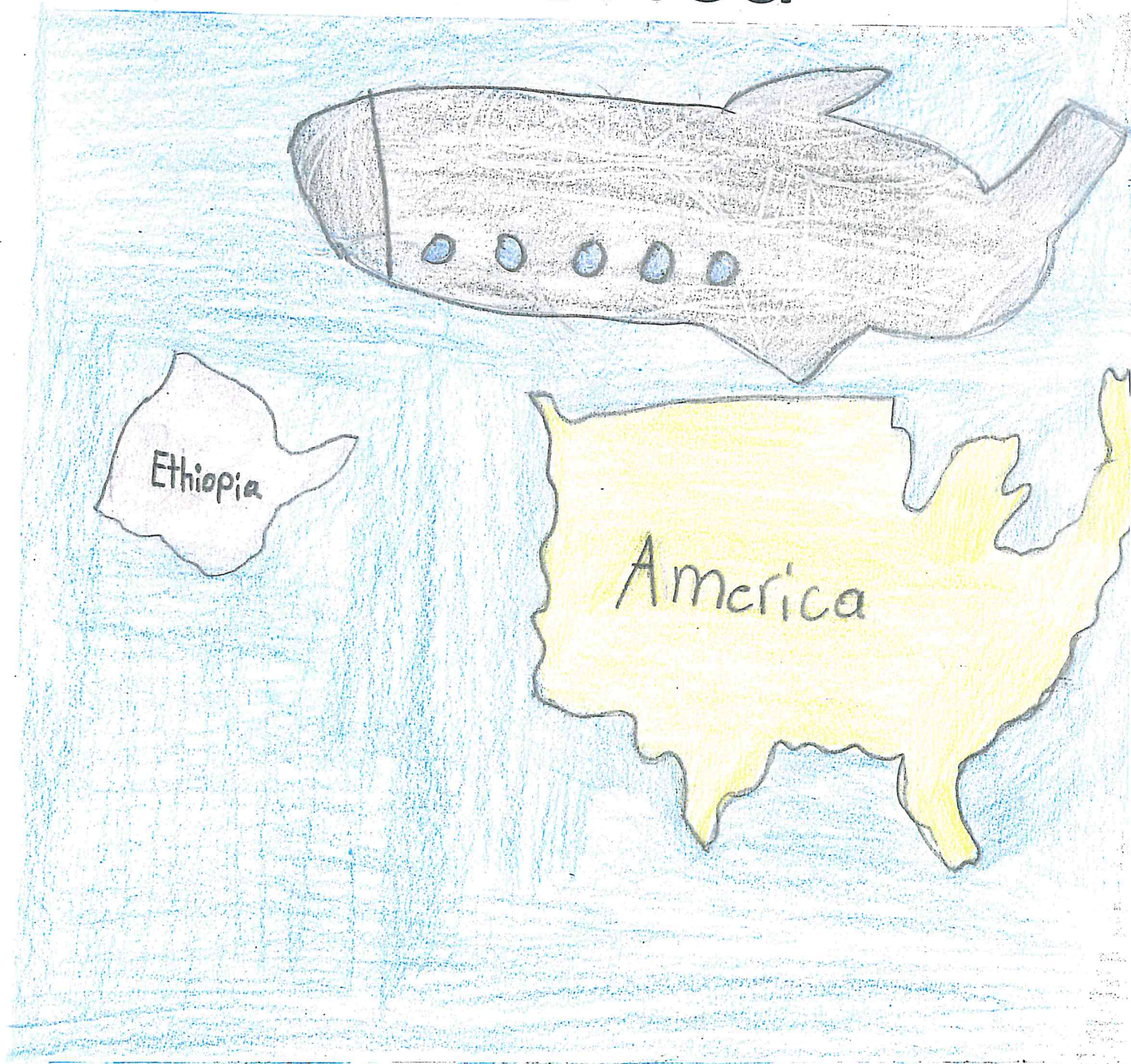


Ethiopia to America



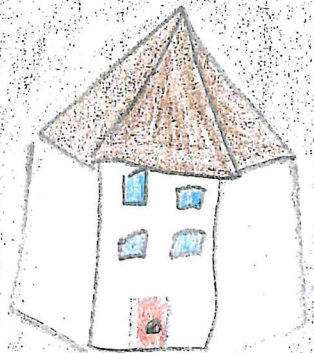
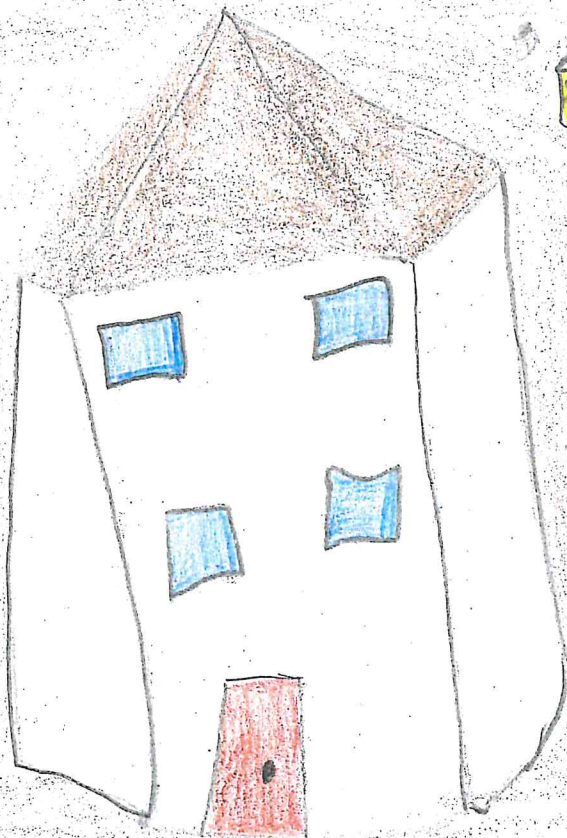
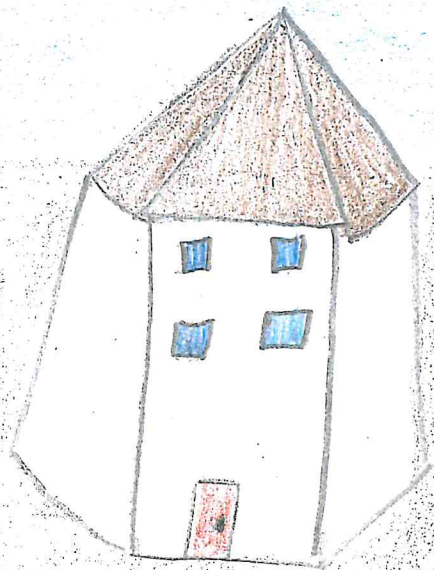
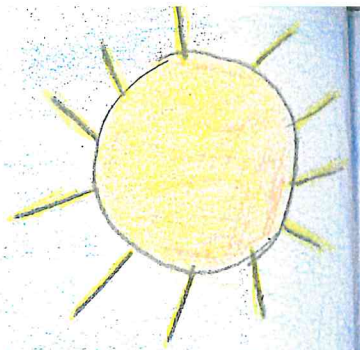
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dedicated to. My mom

because



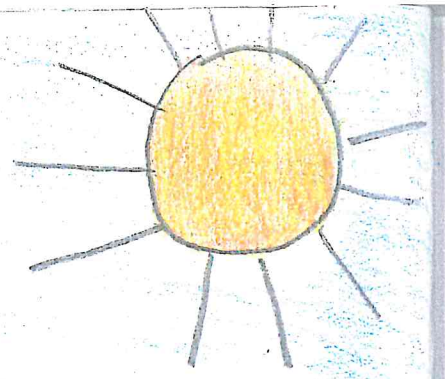




I was born in Ethiopia.



I had a one room house. My house was built with hay and mud, and it was hot.



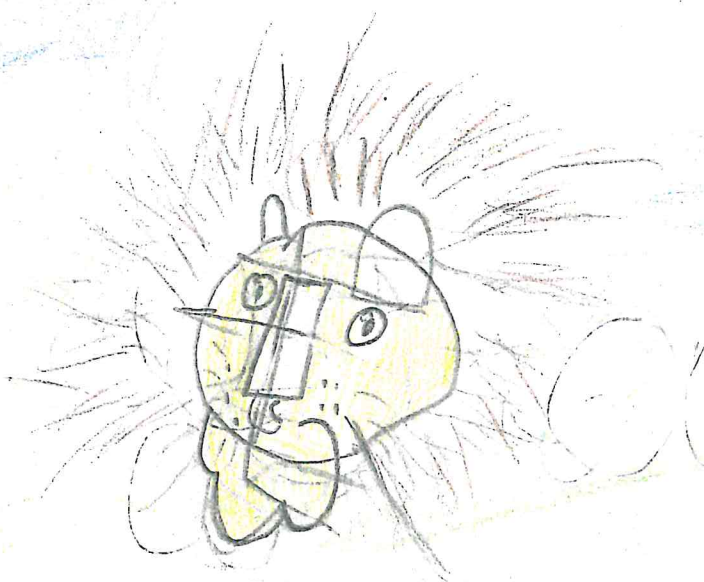
My brother, Yo and I walked to school every day.





There were a lot of scary animals that we would see on the way to school.

Sometimes we would see animals like lions, jibs, cheetahs or snakes.



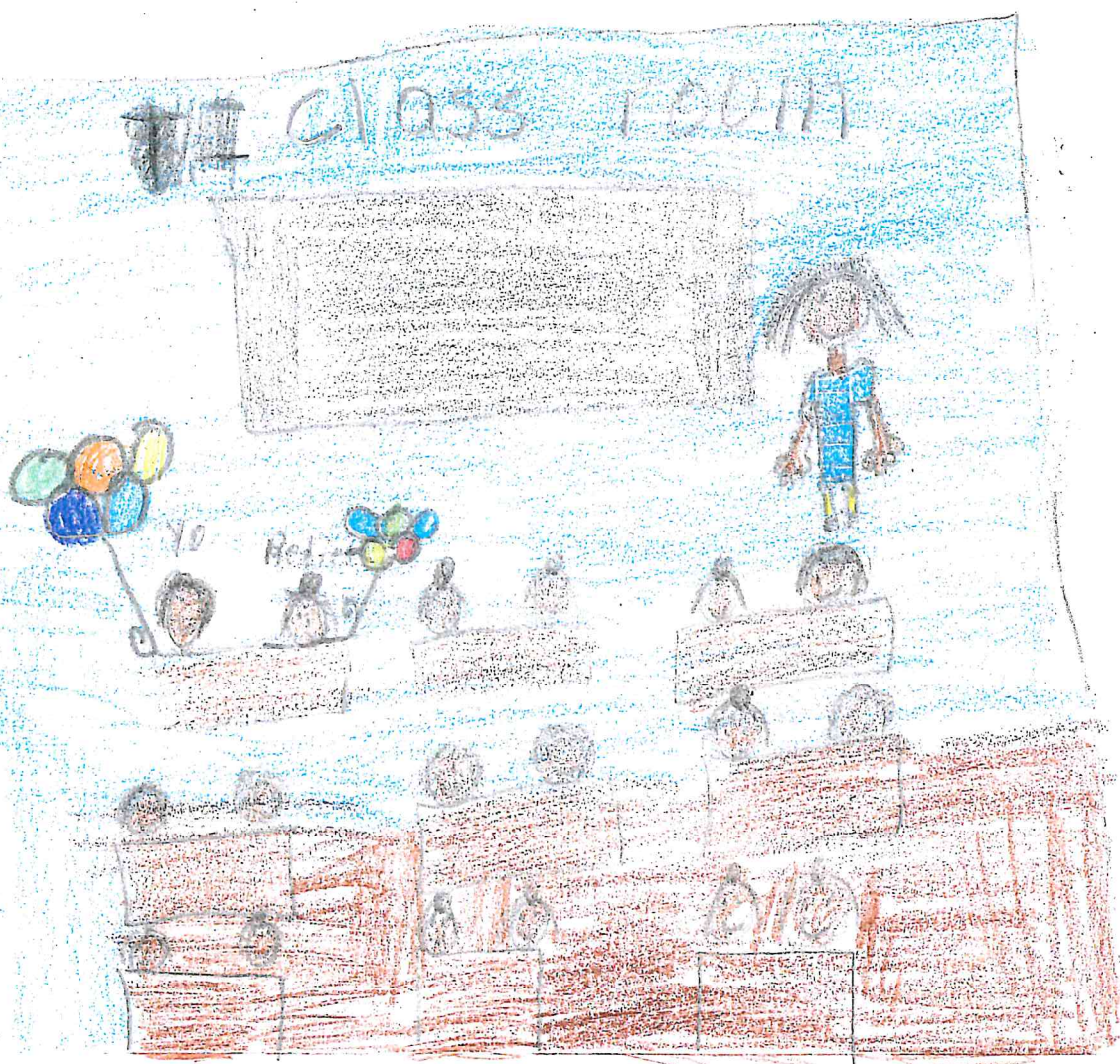
I was most afraid of lions.



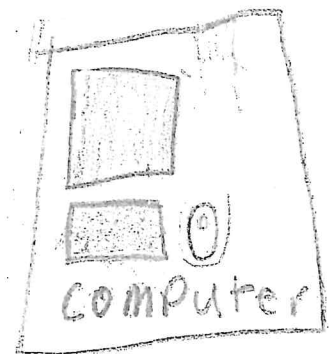
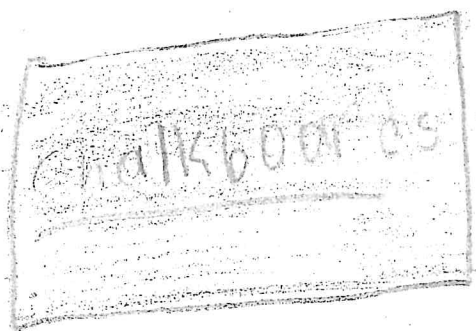
I had a lot of friends too. We played games like a pinching game. We would stack our hands on top of each other and take turns pinching the hand on top. We could not play that game here.



I had chores every morning. We went to get beans, sugar, and other stuff at a tiny little store while my mom was at work.



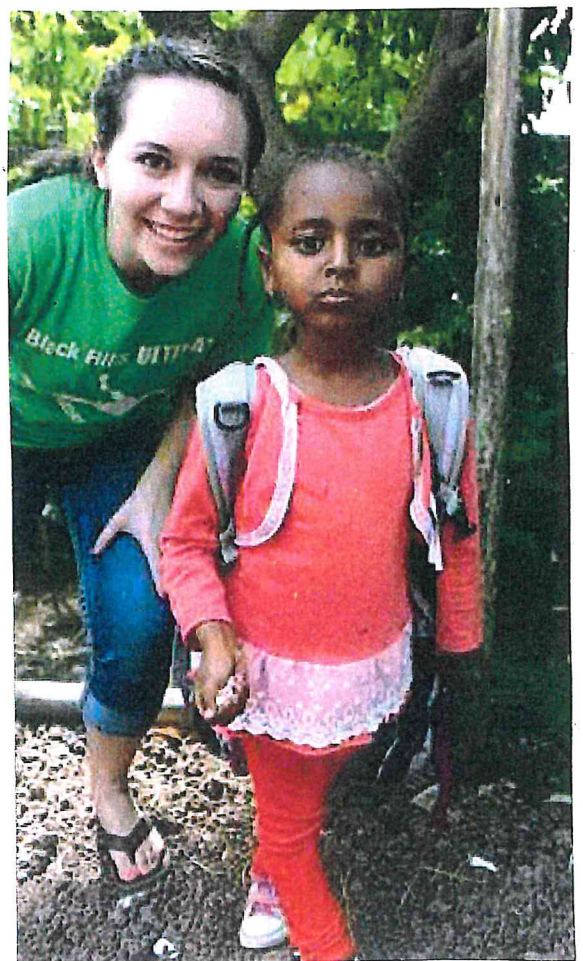
My school was like this school here but all of the students were in the same classroom.



We didn't have computer there. We had chalkboards that my teacher wrote on.



My new family came to Ethiopia. I was shy to meet them.

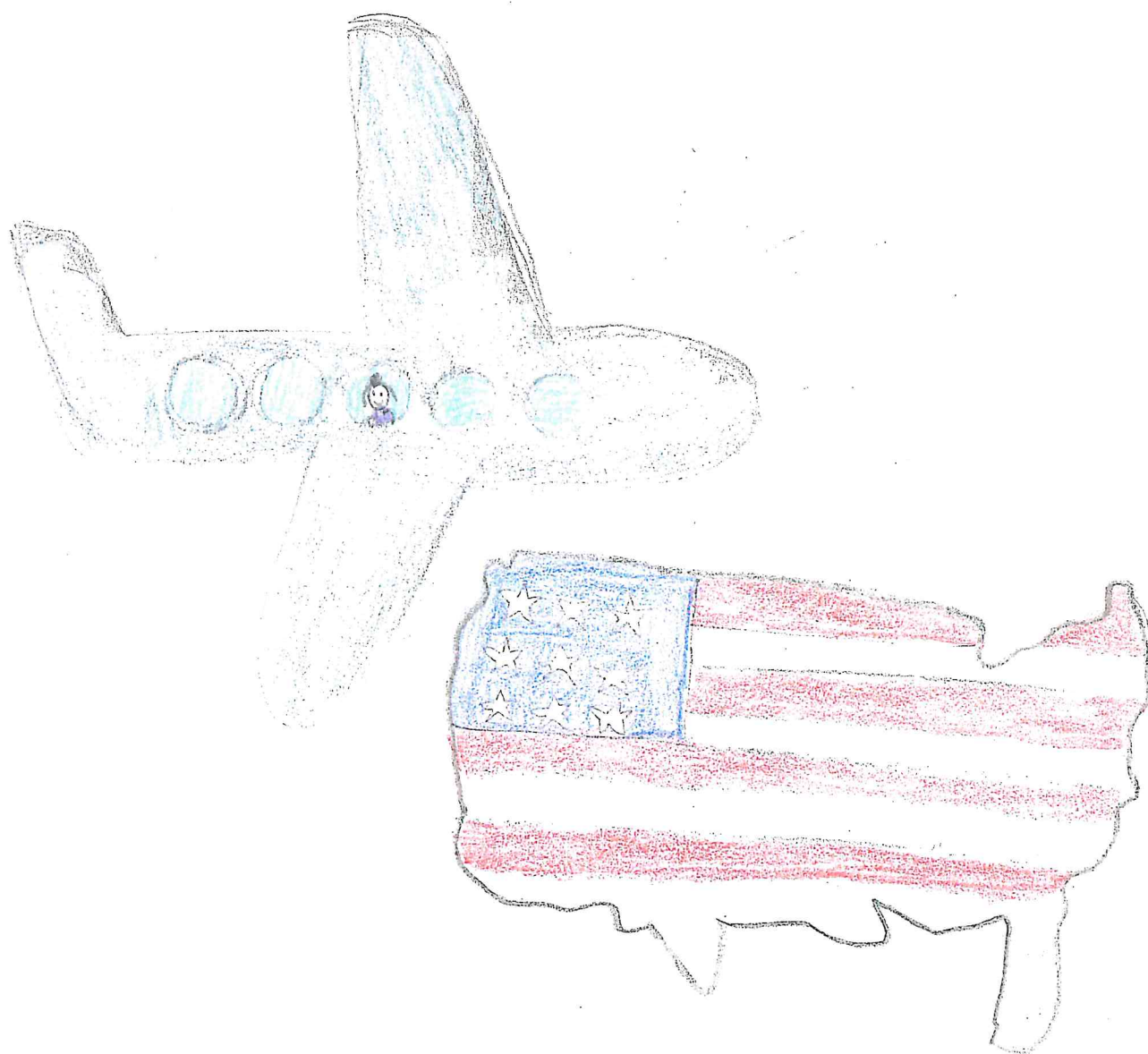




On December 10th, 2014 I was adopted.



When I was five I came to America. It was a little bit scary but I felt safe because I was with my brother.



My new family and I flew back to America. I
got to see around the house the next day.





My mom homeschooled me for a while.
Then I went to Kindergarten at Mountain
View.



I love my new family and I'm happy that I'm here!



About the Author

Hello, my name is Rediet Peterson. I like to read the Magic Tree House books. At home I like to play with my American dolls. My favorite sport is gymnastics, and I am on a team. I also like to play with my friend on her slide and swings.

I have a mom named Tylee, a dad named Jim, and a brother named Yo. I have a two dogs named Jazz and Kongo.

My book is actually the true story of how I came to America from Ethiopia when I was five years old.