

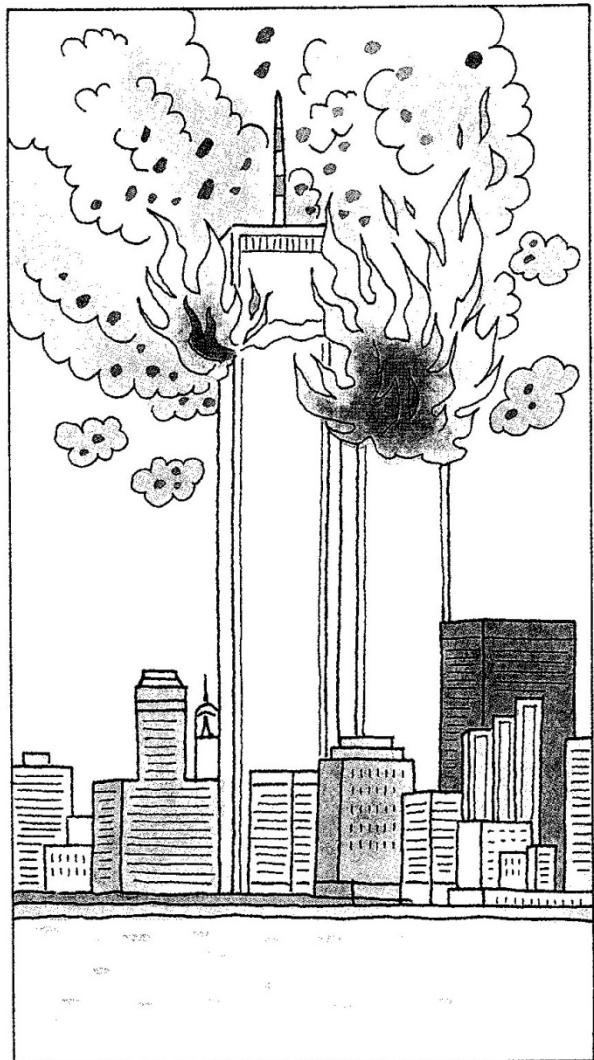
“9/11,” THE TWIN TOWERS

Before Jiro went to visit ground zero of the old World Trade Center on September 11, Mrs. Green showed him this editorial that she found in the newspaper a few days after the terrorist attack in 2001.

On September 11, two jets struck the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in downtown Manhattan. The first attack was at 8:45 a.m. and the second at 9:03. Smoke and flames rose from the towers for more than an hour. Many people were in the buildings at the time. Some ran down the stairs to escape and some jumped from windows. Before long both towers fell to the ground below. No one knows the number of people that are still alive under those piles of iron, concrete and glass.

We have heard this story. We have seen this tragedy again and again on TV. Who does not feel fear and anger?

So what can we do? First of all, we should be brave at a tragic time like this. We should ask, “Why did this happen? What is the message behind this tragedy?”



We should also do anything that we can to help. People from every country in the world have sent messages and money to the families who have lost mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters in this tragic attack. People from every state in America have given blood for the victims. Hundreds of New Yorkers have come to help.

These people have given their time, their money and their prayers. Some have even given their lives. We should not forget the firefighters who rescued so many people and then died inside the towers when they fell. Let's remember, too, the victims of this tragedy and let's do everything that we can to give their families peace and courage.