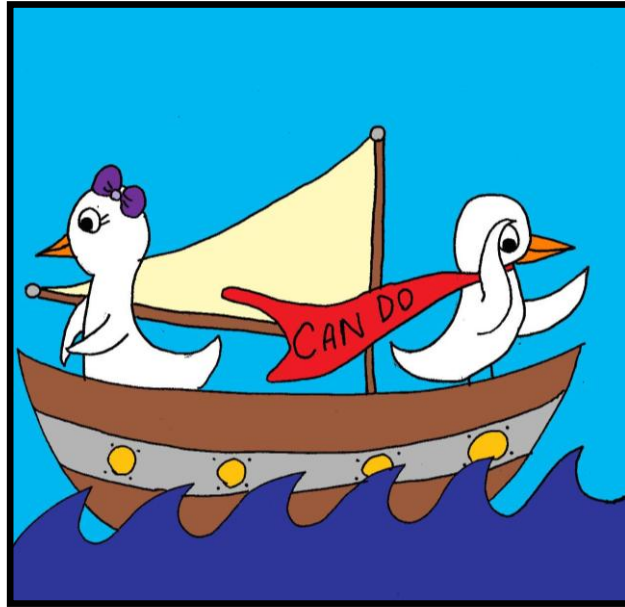


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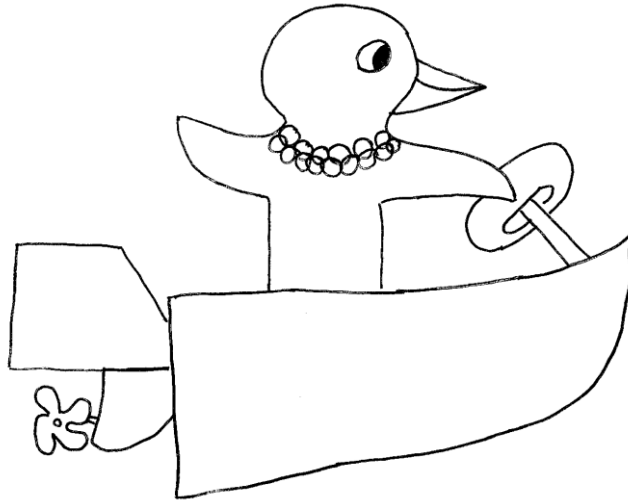
A Story about Appreciation and Giving

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Chapter 1

The Pond



At the pond one fine fall day,
the ducks had all come out to play.
The leaves turned colors on the trees,
some drifting downward in the breeze.
The first frost would in time appear.
The holidays would soon be here.

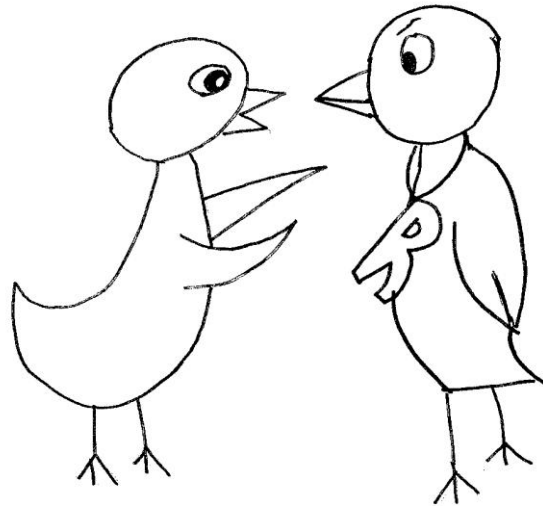
They had a pond and had a mall.
Life was good for one and all.
But sometimes when life is too good,
ducks do not act the way they should.
They weren't happy with what they had.
They envied others and felt bad.
They felt they didn't have enough
and wanted all kinds of stuff.

They wanted jewelry and rings
and lots and lots of other things.
There's something that's not meant to be,
and that's a duck with jewelry

cause wearing necklaces and rings
isn't good for a duck's wings.

Even Can Do, with all his fame,
he was acting just the same.
Can Do wanted more and more
toys and things upon the shore.
And even though Can Do could float,
he bought himself a motor boat.
He almost hit a duck or two.
Look out ducks! Here comes Can Do!!!

Chapter 2
We Do Need More...



One day a duck went to Can Do
and asked him what the ducks should do.
Around his neck was a gold R,
which you could see from very far.
“Hello, Can Do. My name is Russ.
I think we need more for us.
The children who live nearby
have so much more than you or I.”

Can Do said, “Russ, I agree.
We do need more for you and me.
The people who live over there
have more than us. It isn't fair.
The kids who feed us have more stuff.
We ducks do not have enough.”

Now Lilac came and joined in too.
“I am surprised at you, Can Do.
You are my very good friend,
but this attitude must end.

My mom taught me wherever I went,
to always remember to be content.”

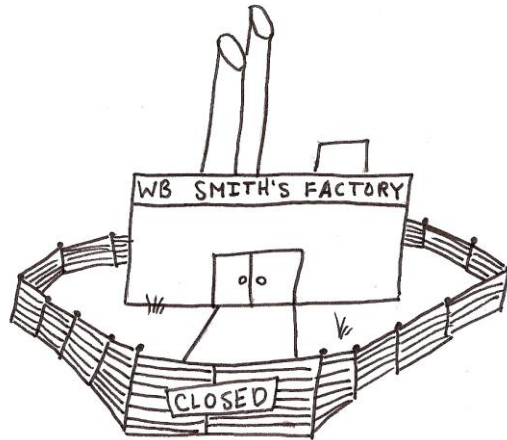
Can Do listened to Lilac,
and this is what he answered back,
“It’s good to be content, it’s true.
But what if someone has more than you?
What if you want their toy or game?
We deserve just the same.”

"I might not have every game,
but I can be happy just the same.
I'll listen to my mom instead,"
Lilac said, shaking her head.
"There's one thing I agree with you.
We do need more. I think it's true.
From hearing this whole conversation,
we need more APPRECIATION!!!!
We need to change our attitude.
We need a lot more gratitude.”

Can Do looked at her and sighed,
“How can you be satisfied?
Come with me and you will see
the kids have more than you and me.”

Chapter 3

The Economy



So Can Do and Lilac went to see the kids in the community.

They stopped at a house on a hill and talked to Jack and his sister, Jill.

“We have missed you, Jack and Jill.

That’s why we came up the hill.

We haven’t seen you in a while.

We’ve missed your bread and missed your smile.”

“You haven’t seen us around because we’re moving out of town. Our dad lost his job at the factory so we have to move in a hurry. There’s no work here for our dad,” said Jill who looked very sad.

“We did not know,” said Can Do, “about what you were going through.”

“I must admit,” said Can Do,

“I was quite jealous of you.

I thought you had so much stuff and that I did not have enough.”

“We were jealous of you, too,”
was Jack's answer to Can Do.

“We thought that you had all the luck,
living the life of a duck –
flying and swimming out in the sun,
playing all day and just having fun.
Life is hard for Jill and me,
because of the economy.”

“Economy? What does that mean?”
It's a word Can Do had never seen.

“I'll explain it all to you,”
Jill told Lilac and Can Do.
"The meaning of economy
is the money between you and me.
If people earn more and more,
they go and spend it at the store.
If they don't have money today,
they can't buy things. They cannot pay.
When they closed the factory down
there was less money to go around.
They stopped buying at the mall
so stores have closed down there this fall.
Many families have lost jobs too.
They don't know what they should do.”

When Jill was done, Can Do said, “Wow!”
“I think I understand it now.
It shouldn't be called the econoME
because it's not about just me.
It should be called the economUS
because it's about all of us.
If there's anything we could do,
we will do it,” said Can Do.

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is the inspiring fourth book in the Can Do Duck series. It teaches important life lessons about appreciating what you have and giving to others.

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