



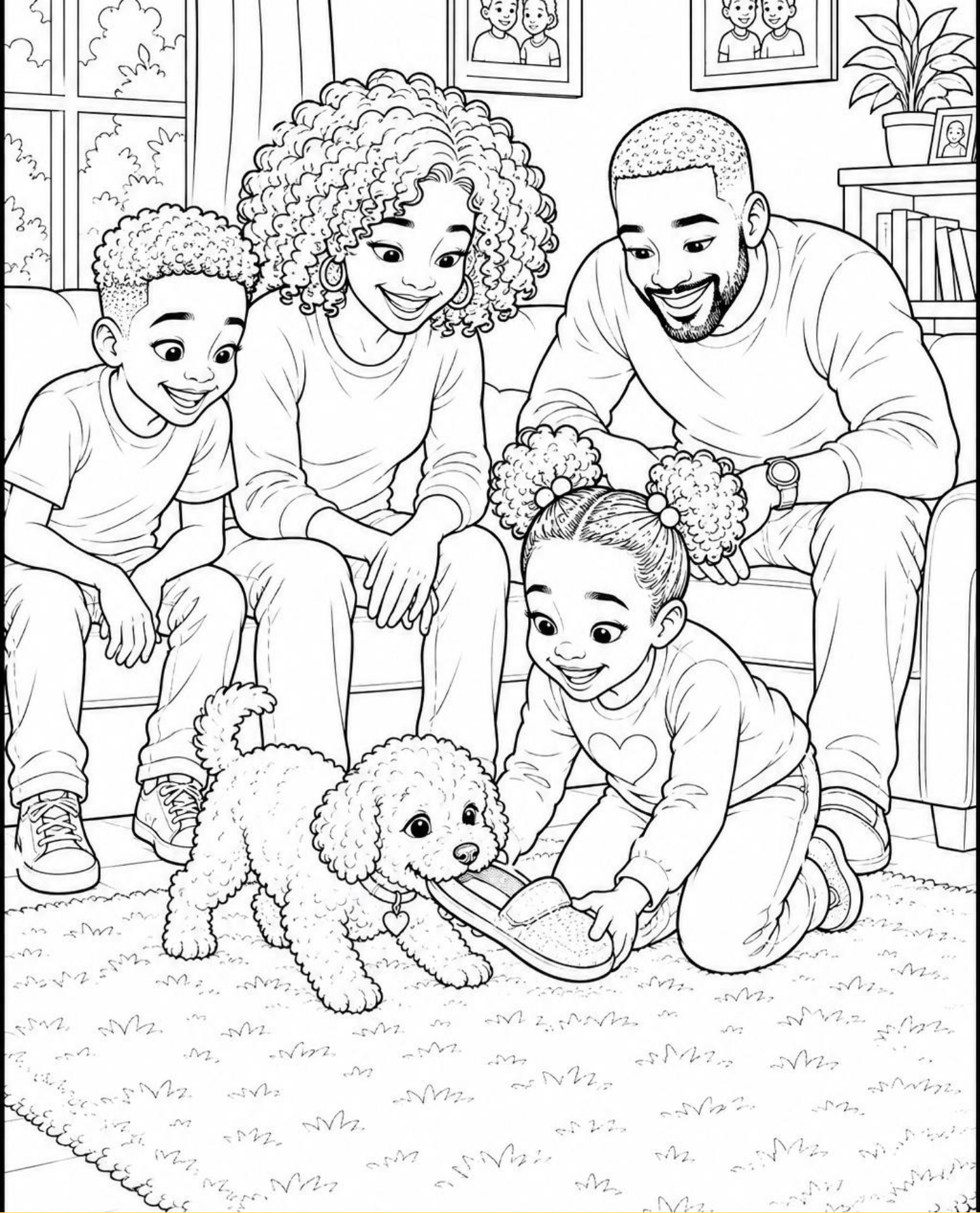
Poppy the puppy



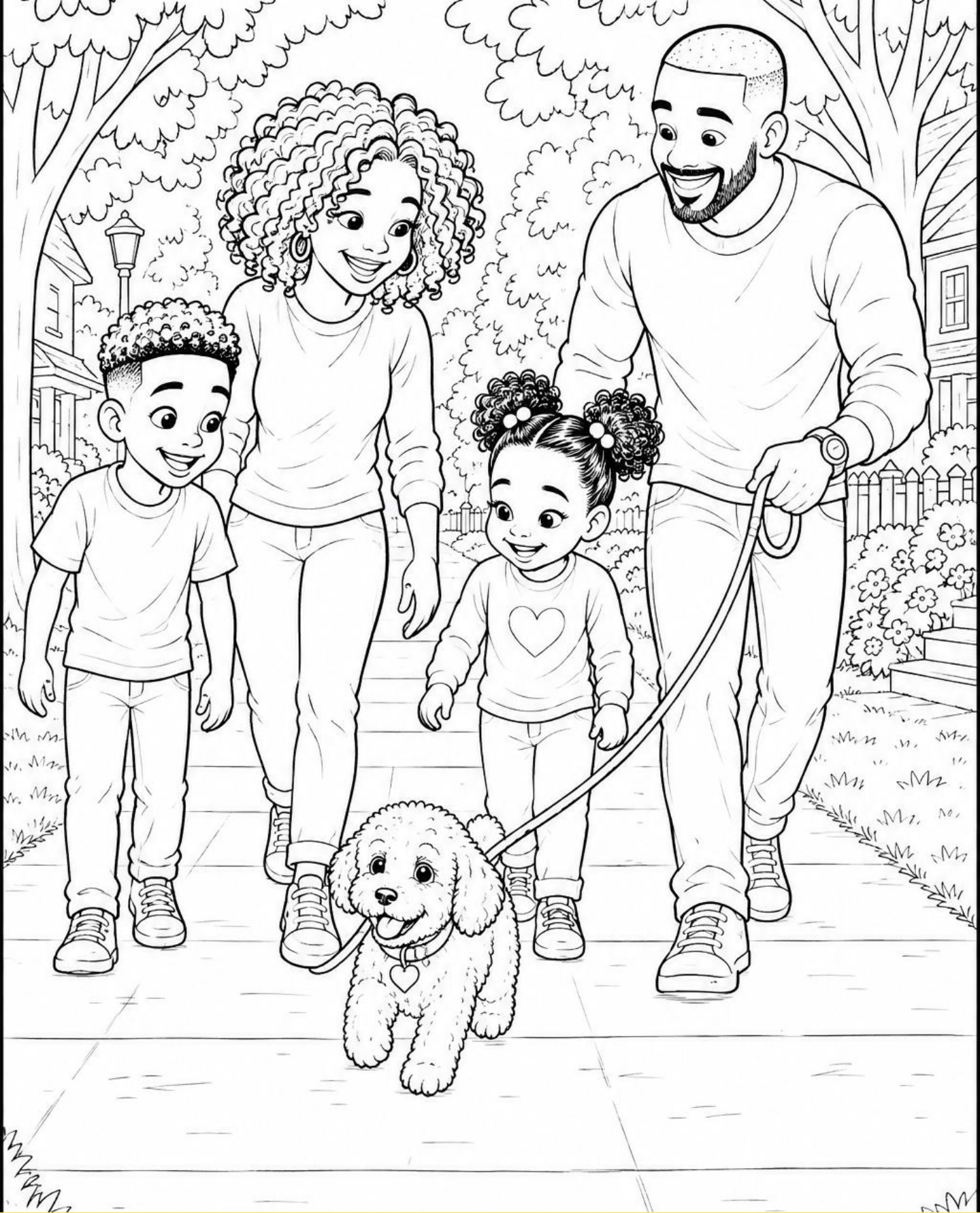
Susie is 7 years old. She has a younger brother, called Leon. They live with their parents in a house with a small garden. They have a black cat called Luna. Much as Susie loves Luna, she has always wanted a dog.



When Poppy the puppy came to live with them,
Susie was very happy.
Poppy was great fun.



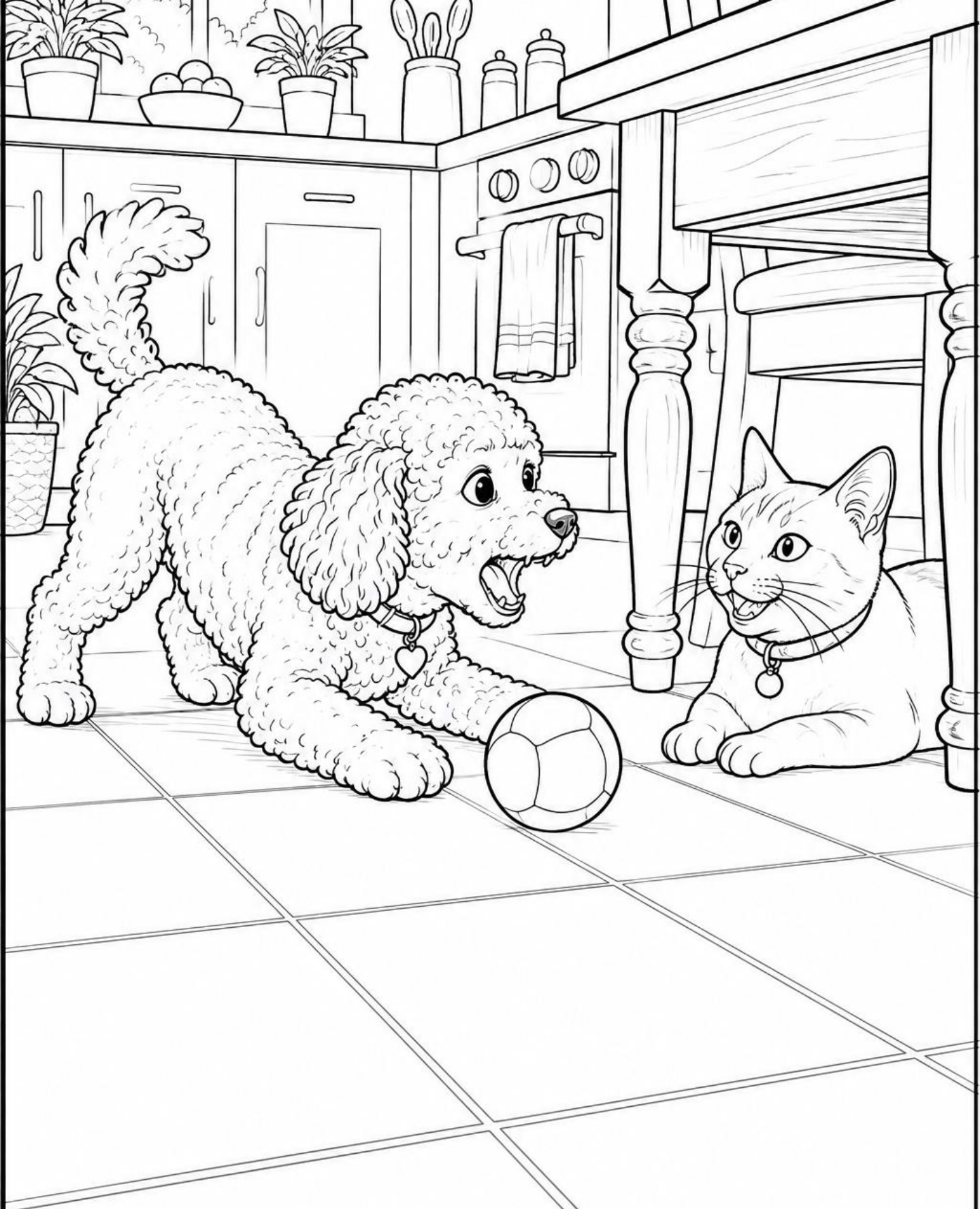
Mum and dad agreed that Poppy was great fun. Mum wagged her finger and said "she has lots to learn. We all need to teach her not to chew dad's slippers."



Dad said "she needs to learn not to bite her lead and get tangled up in it."



Susie nods and adds "she needs to learn not to stand in her water bowl."
She is laughing as Poppy paddles in her water bowl.



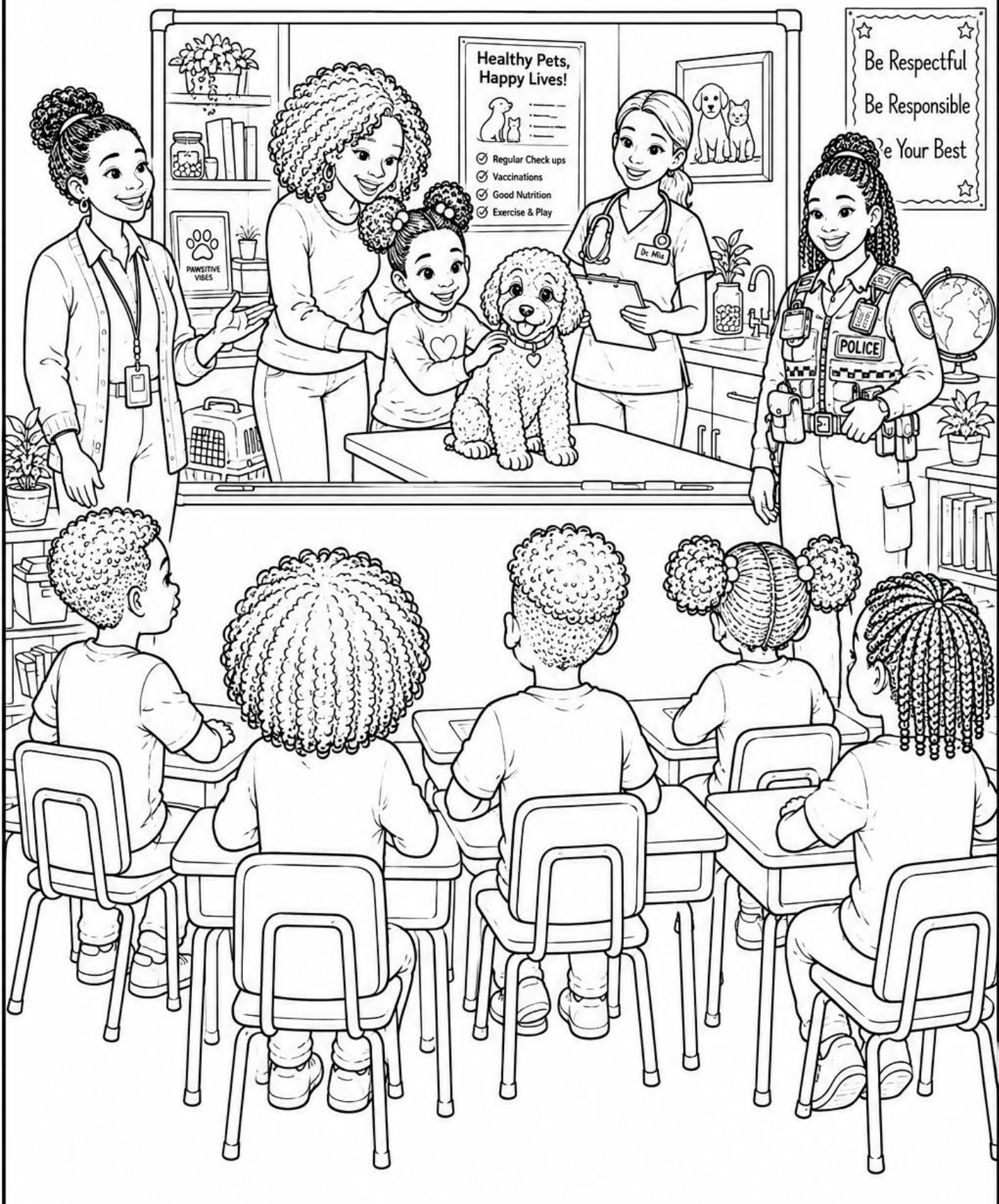
Susie notices that Leon is not laughing. She asks him why.
Leon says
"I am worrying about Luna, Poppy needs to learn not to
chase the cat."



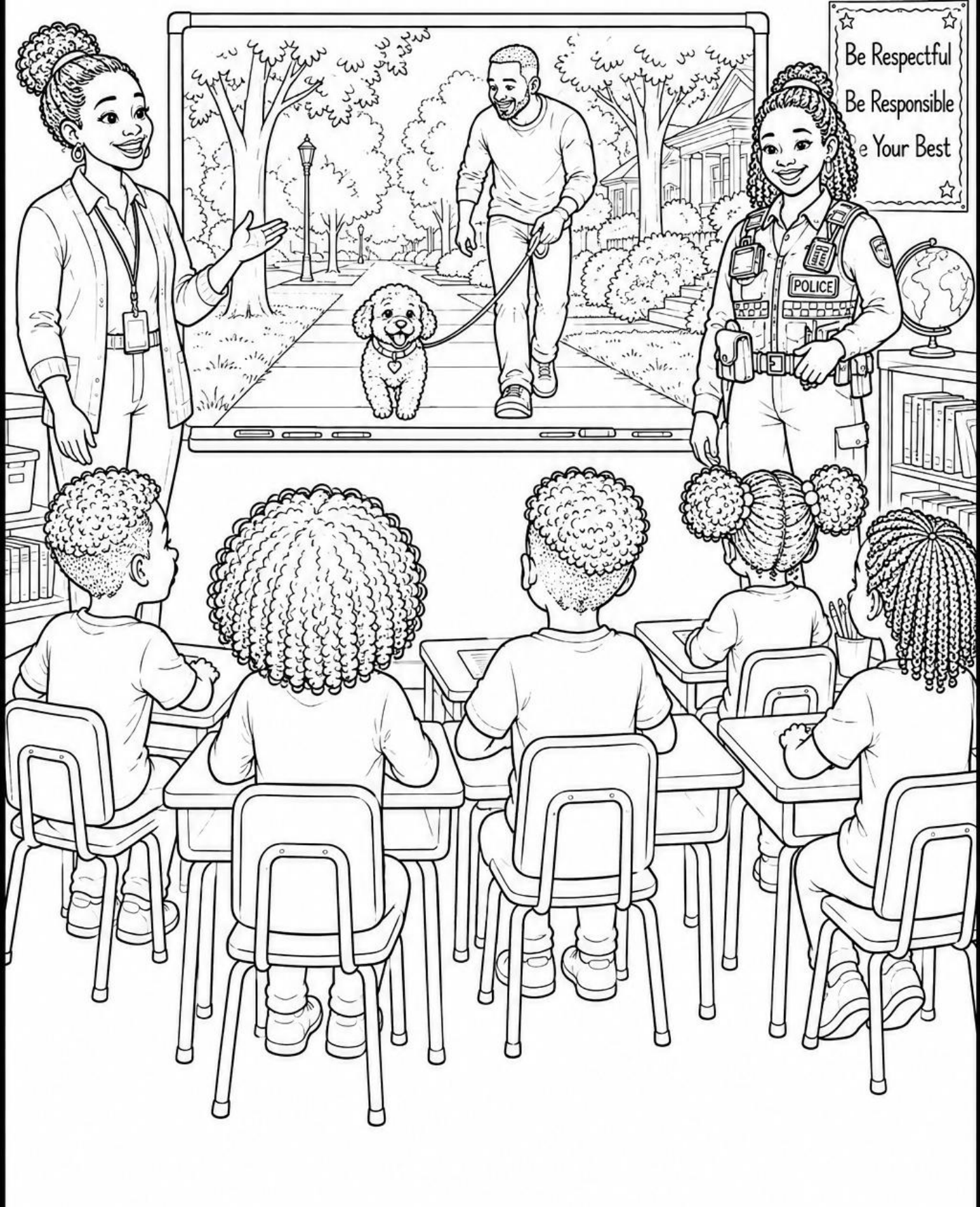
The next day in school, PCSO Aisha visits the school. She comes into Susie's class to talk about what she does. She tells them that she supports people in the town, gives advice about the law, and talks to children in school.



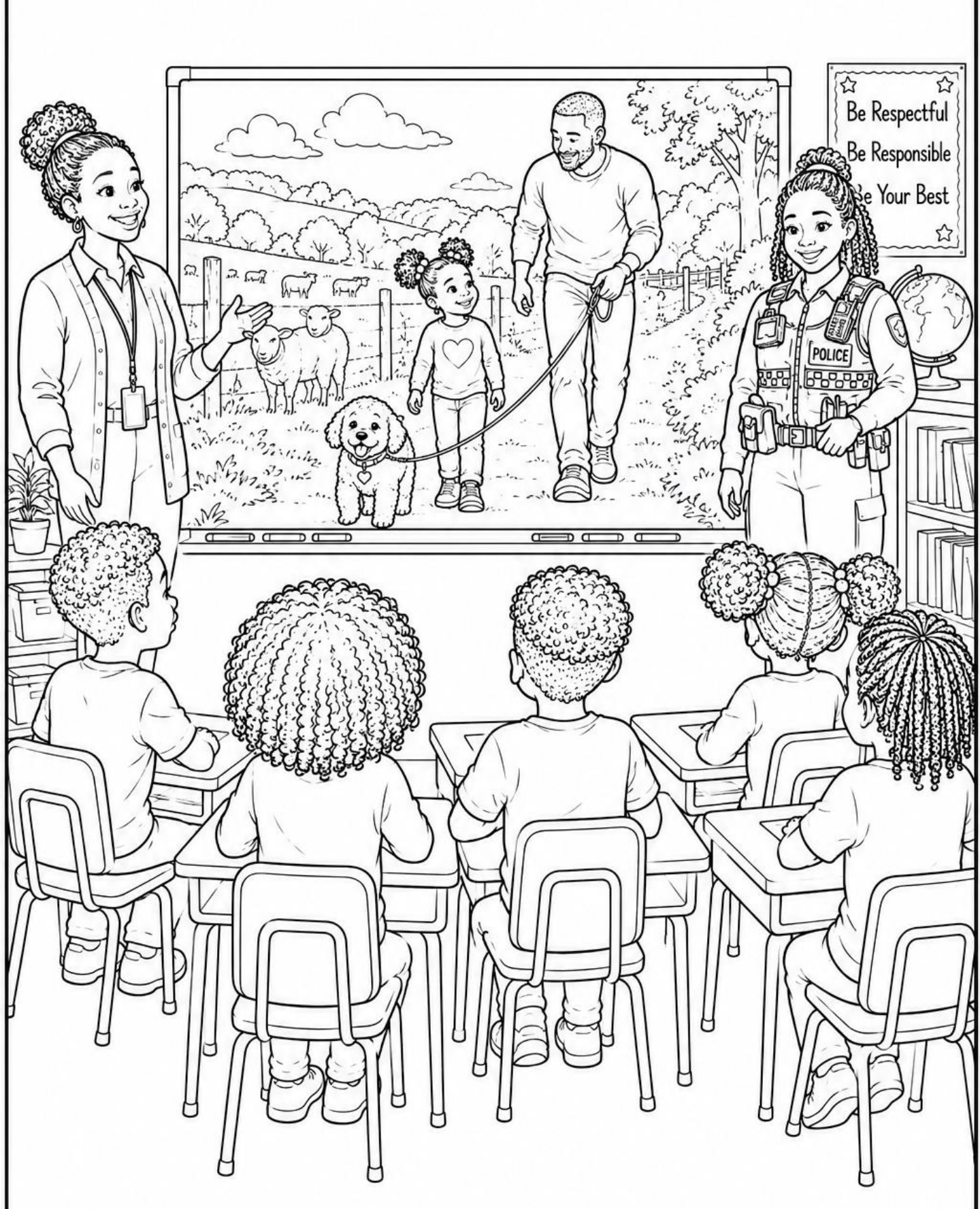
She asks if anyone has a question.
Susie puts up her hand. She tells PCSO Aisha and the
class that she has a new puppy.
She asks for advice on how her family can help Poppy to
behave well.



Aisha explains what owners need to do and what dogs need to learn. She begins by saying "all dogs need to be seen by a vet and to have a chip inserted. It doesn't hurt. If a dog is found lost and wandering, a vet can find out the name and address of the owner, so it can be returned home.

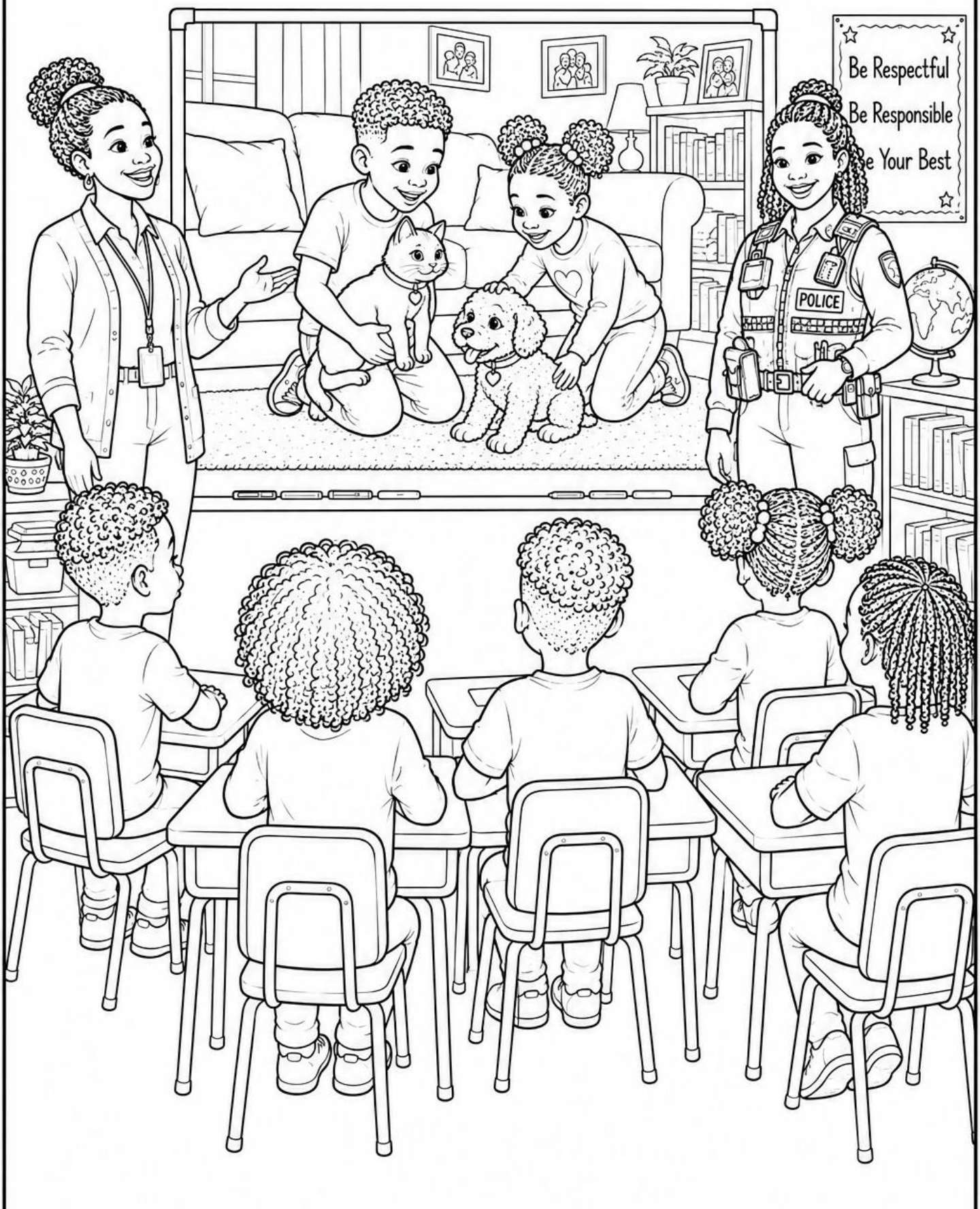


"The law says that all dogs need to have a collar with a tag, which gives the name and address of the owner."

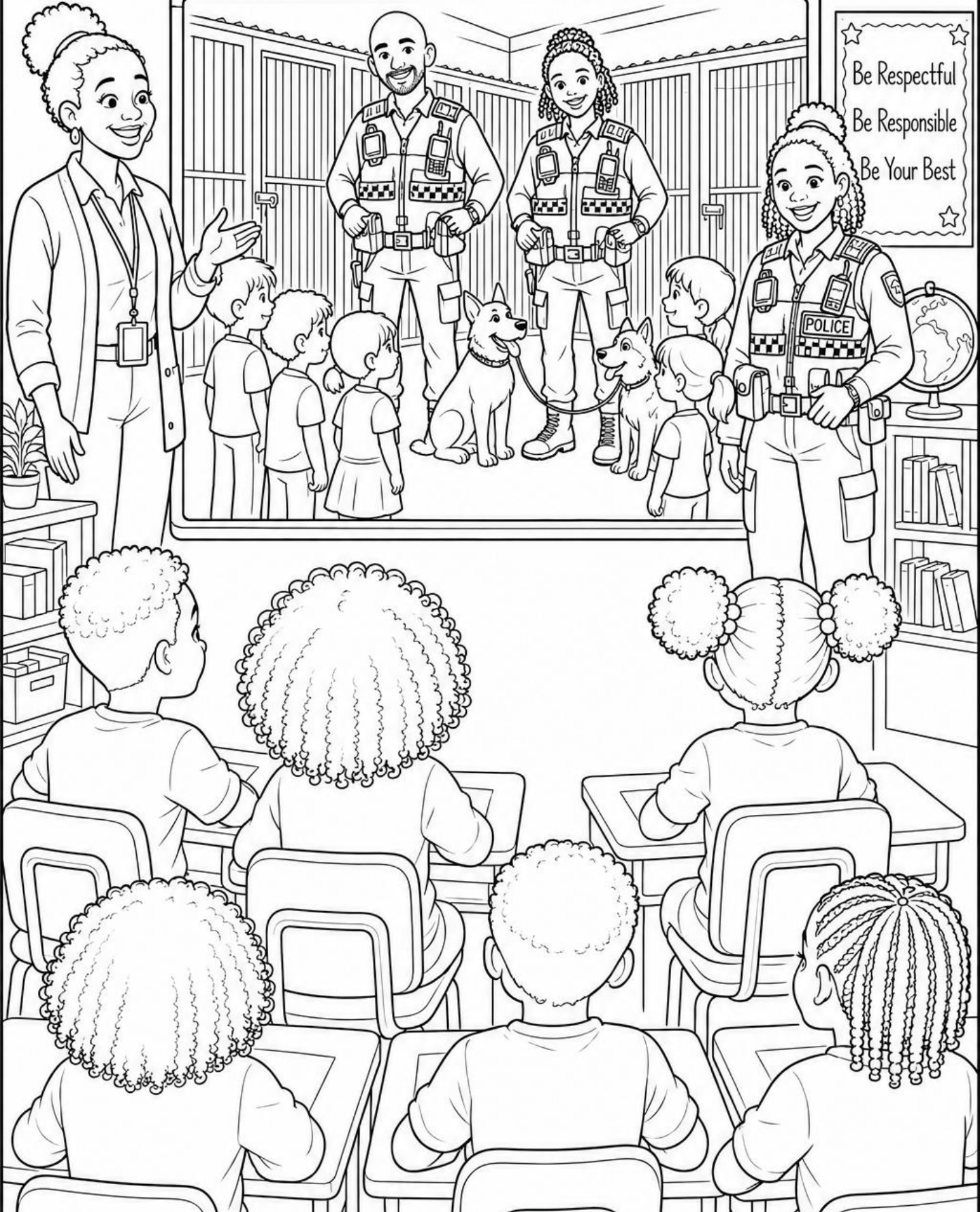


"Dogs always need to be controlled by the person who is with them.

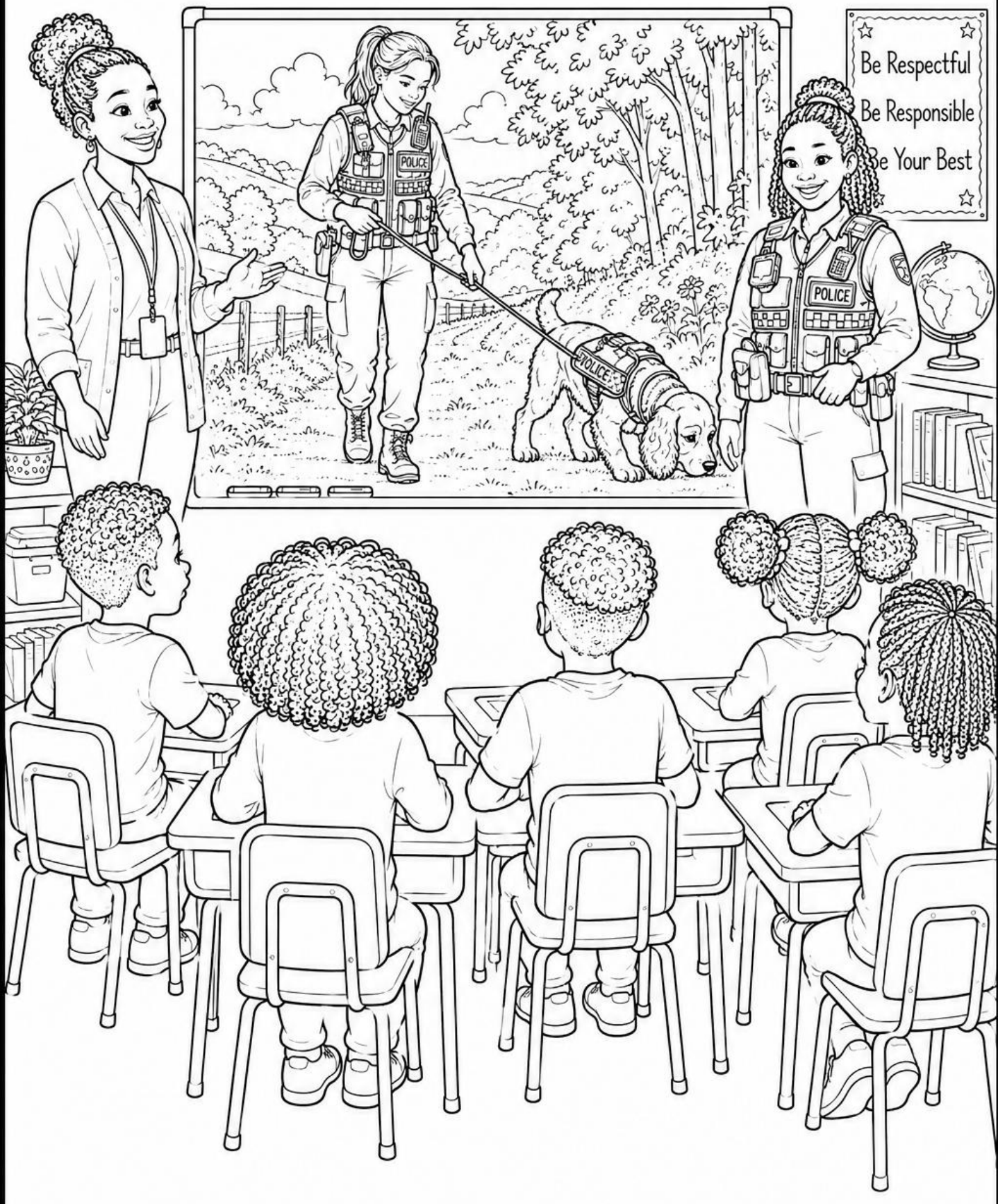
They shouldn't be off the lead, when they are on a busy street or near farm animals."



"It is the job of the owner to teach their dog to be friendly and not to jump up." Susie tells the class that Poppy chases their cat, which is called Luna. Aisha smiles "your family need to teach her not to chase your cat. She will learn if you stop her and praise her, when she is calm near Luna."



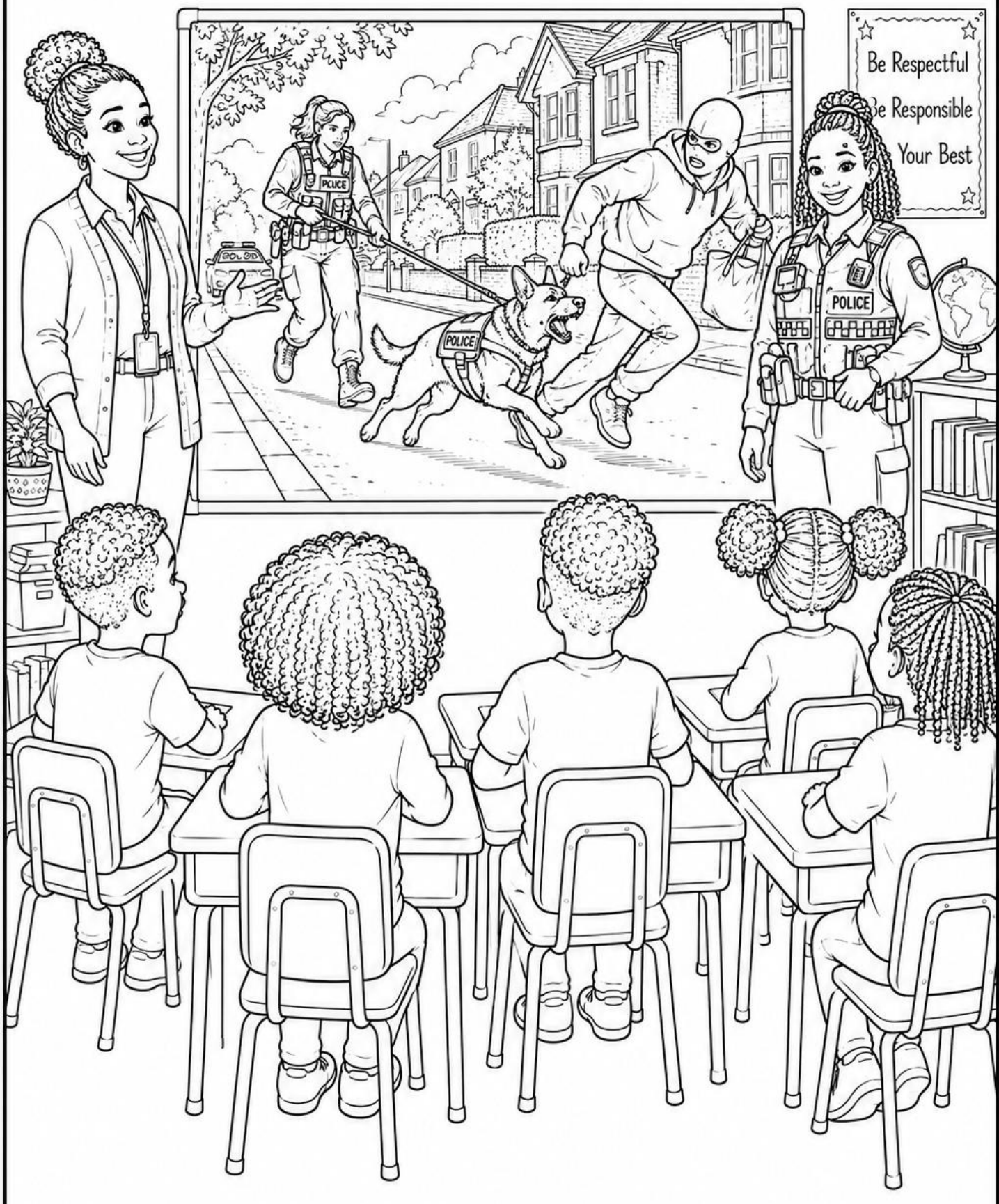
Aisha reminds the class that when they went on the station tour, they met PCSO Sam and saw the police dogs. Aisha explained that "the police dogs are not pets like Poppy, they are working dogs, they have a job to do."



"If someone is lost, and the police are searching for them, they might get the dog to smell the clothes of the person, so the dog can help them with the search."



Aisha told the class that some of the dogs are trained to use their noses to search for hidden drugs, which could harm people. "You might see them when you go on holiday, sniffing the contents of a van."



Aisha told the class that some people break the law.
"If the police are chasing someone, they might tell a police dog to catch him, the dog will grab his arm and stop him getting away."

- ☆ Stay Safe
- ☆ Be Kind
- ☆ Ask for Help



☆ Be Respectful
☆ Be Responsible
☆ Be Your Best



Aisha thanks Susie for asking a question.
She tells the class that "dogs are clever, they need to be
taught to behave well."
Good luck to Susie and her family with teaching Poppy."



When Susie gets home from school, she tells the family about Aisha's talk to the class. "We have all got a lot to learn," she says looking at Poppy. Leon smiles as he leans away from the dinner table to stroke Luna.