

# JULY 2024 PARENT GUIDE



**ARTICLE SUMMARIES &  
FAMILY DINNER CONVERSATION STARTERS**

# LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents,

We want our *Tuttle Times* Parent Guide to be a valuable resource for you. Parents play a crucial role in shaping their children's minds and helping them understand the big ideas that lay the foundation for a bright future. We want to empower you to confidently guide your children in learning these principles.

Our mission is to equip you with knowledge and resources to make learning engaging and meaningful for your children. By encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and a love for learning, your children can apply their knowledge in real-life situations and nurture their problem-solving skills and creativity.

We have included dinner table conversation starters in this Parent Guide. We firmly believe that changing the world begins at the dinner table. We hope these conversation starters will spark meaningful discussions and provide opportunities for bonding as a family.

—The Tuttle Twins team



Be sure to check out our [July Issue Resources](#), which has links to the challenge badges, activity solutions, and more!

We would love for you (and your child!) to share your thoughts on this month's issue with us. Find the survey links on the July Issue Resources page!

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## Article Overviews and Dinner Table Conversations

We encourage you to read the *Tuttle Times* articles with your children, and we hope that the topics and big ideas bring about conversations that expand their knowledge and understanding of how the world works.

For each article, we give an overview or explain our reasoning for including it in this month's issue along with dinner table conversation starters. Bon appétit!

### The Neighbor Code (Issue pages 3-7)

The twins notice their elderly neighbor, Mr. Petersen, receiving citations for his unkempt yard. They learn from Fred that Mr. Petersen has been struggling since his wife's passing and is in poor health. Fred explains that in the olden days, people helped each other. They didn't report each other for overgrown weeds.

Fred and the twins decide to help Mr. Petersen. They rally the community to clean up the yard and repair the house, turning the event into a neighborhood effort. The initiative not only improves Mr. Petersen's home but also strengthens community bonds and teaches the value of neighborly support and kindness.



### Dinner Table Conversation Starters

- What are some ways we can help our neighbors, just like Ethan and Emily did for Mr. Petersen?
- How can helping others improve the overall spirit of a community?

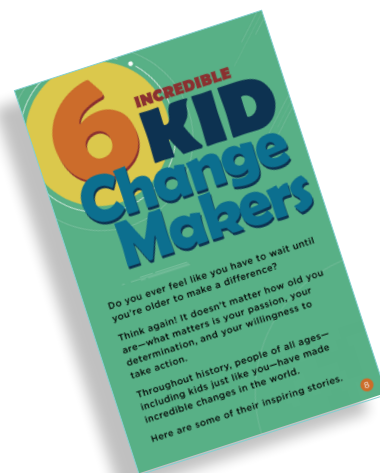
### 6 Incredible Kid Change Makers (Issue pages 8-11)

Sometimes kids can feel small in this big world. But this article strives to change that mentality and help them realize they can do big things, and they don't have to wait until they are an adult.

We share five stories (no, that's not a typo) of incredible kid change makers, and save the sixth story for your child to write how they will change the world!

### Dinner Table Conversation Starters

- What are important traits to have to change the world?
- What do you think stops people from changing the world?



## There Are So Many Ways To Make Incredible Change (Issue pages 12)

We hope the inspiring stories in this issue and this list of categories help your child find a way they can change the world.

### Guiding Questions

- What are some of your talents and strengths?
- Which category on page 12 excites you the most?
- What problems do you see in the world that you want to change?
- How can you use your talents and strengths to solve that problem?



## Latest Buzz: The 2024 G7 Summit

(Issue pages 13-14)

The G7 leaders discuss global issues like healthcare, climate change, aiding developing countries, and promoting world peace. The G7 members agreed to provide \$50 billion to Ukraine for military and rebuilding efforts, which goes against their alleged efforts to promote world peace. The Biden administration introduced more sanctions against Russia, targeting banks and key industries like energy and mining.

Russian President Vladimir Putin responded negatively to these decisions and met with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. They agreed to support each other if faced with aggression, with Kim expressing support for Russia's actions in Ukraine.

The decisions made at the G7 Summit can have wide-reaching impacts, sometimes causing unintended consequences that affect the global economy and innocent people worldwide.

### Dinner Table Conversation Starters

- Should global issues be solved globally or locally?
- Do you think the \$50 billion dollars given to Ukraine and the sanctions on Russia will help or hurt the current situation?



## The Ripple Effect of Taking Action

Throughout most of history, people saw those who needed help only in their local community. People helped their family and their neighbors. As communication technology advanced, more was known about what was happening in other cities, states, and countries, but nothing made it more vivid than the internet.

Now, from the comfort of our homes, we can see the struggles of communities across the world and, with just a few clicks, extend a helping hand to those in need worldwide.

But as our awareness of global needs expands, the abundance of information can sometimes be overwhelming to those who want to help. Our personal resources are finite, so we can't individually help everyone. Even Elon Musk doesn't have the resources to help everyone in need around the world.

Is one cause better than another? Is it better to help locally or help a country where more people are living in abject poverty? There are so many causes, so how do you choose? Do you help with homelessness or food insecurity? What about those suffering with medical conditions—or the organizations researching treatments and cures for them?

At some point, you just have to stop and let your heart guide you. Choosing to help and taking action does more than being stuck in a pattern of overthinking and indecisiveness.

The power of technology to amplify voices from every corner of our world is undeniable. Social media platforms, online crowdfunding initiatives, and instant messaging apps have improved the process of raising awareness and mobilizing support for causes ranging from disaster relief to human rights.

Never before have individuals had such direct access to information about the challenges facing people throughout the world. And there are so many easy ways of offering assistance to those in need. From donating to humanitarian organizations providing aid in conflict zones to volunteering for disaster relief efforts, individuals are using the power of technology to make a huge difference in the lives of others. This ability to connect with and support communities thousands of miles away has undoubtedly led to countless acts of generosity and compassion that wouldn't have been possible a century ago.

The sheer magnitude of information available to us can be overwhelming, leading to what has been termed "compassion fatigue" or "outrage fatigue." When bombarded with images of suffering and injustice from every corner of the world, it can be tempting to retreat, feeling powerless to effect meaningful change in the face of such overwhelming need. Can anything you do ever be "enough"?

So how do we overcome this and make a difference in our world? Rather than being stuck in a state of overwhelm, we can focus our awareness and turn it into action by asking a couple questions and taking action. What do you want to see change? What can you do to help?

Individually, we can't help everyone and fix everything, but we can choose to do something. If we all do something, the ripple effect will be incredible!

# EXTRA RESOURCES

## Podcasts

- [Can Individuals Change the World?](#) - Episode 22
- [How Can We Use Our Talents To Make A Difference?](#) - Episode 97
- [What Is The First Step To Changing The World?](#) - Episode 77
- [What Does Voice and Exit Mean?](#) - Episode 400
- [How Can You Turn An Idea Into A Reality?](#) - Episode 477

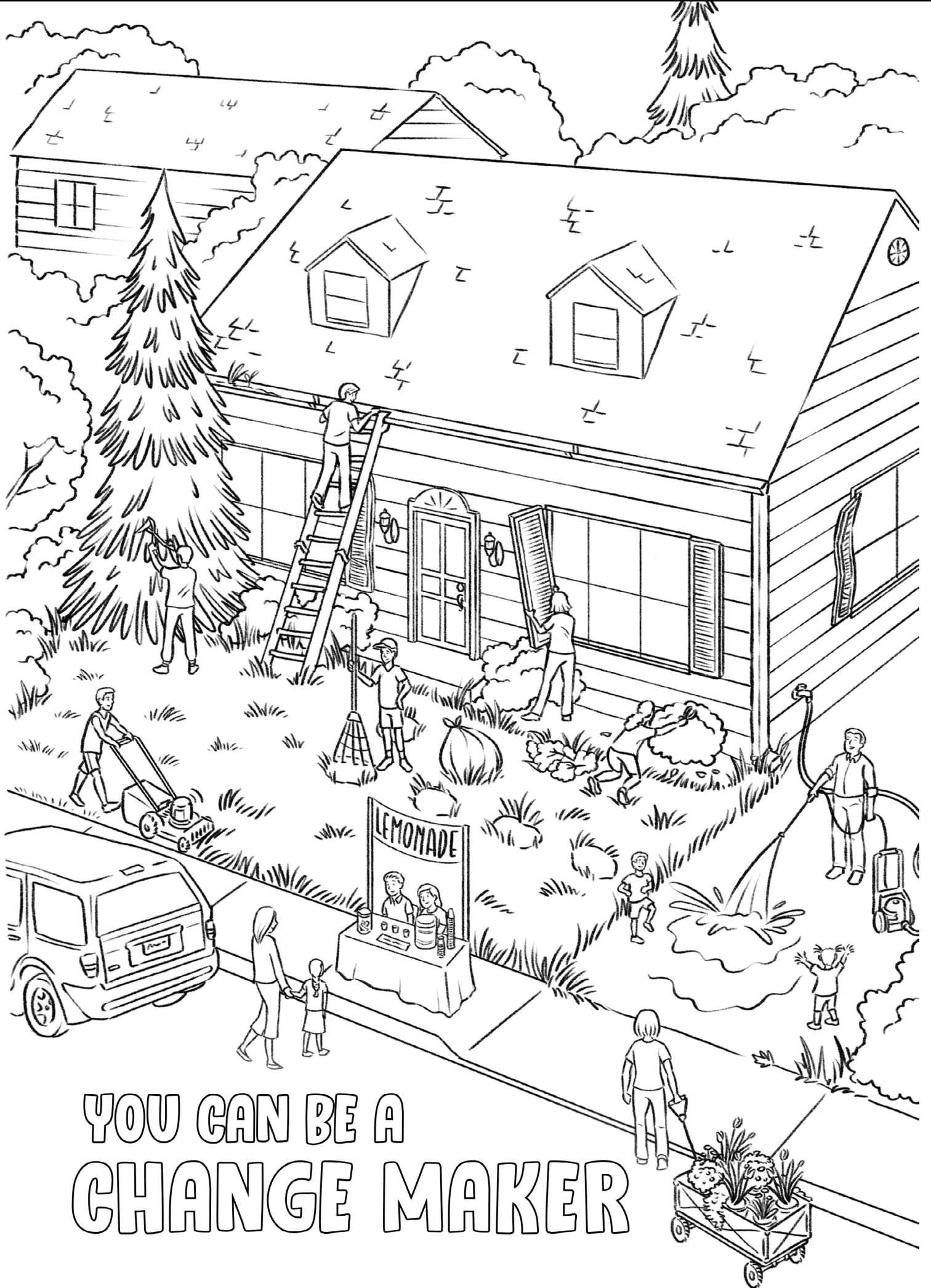
## Tuttle Twins Books & eBooks

- *The Tuttle Twins and the Food Truck Fiasco*
- *The Tuttle Twins and Their Spectacular Show Business*
- *The Tuttle Twins and the Fate of the Future*
- *The Tuttle Twins and the 12 Rules Boot Camp*

## Inspiring Change Makers

If those incredible change makers inspired your children, here is more info on each one for them to learn more.

- [Mary Beth Tinker](#) - Iowa PBS Interview
- [Katie Stagliano](#) - Katie's Krops
- [Kelvin Doe](#) - Bio
- [Easton LaChappelle](#) - Unlimited Tomorrow
- [Louis Braille](#) - A history of Braille



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CHANGE MAKER