

**Middle School Art  
First Place**

*Message of Hope*  
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When I read the book *Run, Boy, Run*, I wished to capture the dark moment of hopelessness between the boy, Srulik, and his father, and the enlightening moment of hope when Srulik is rescued by the woman. The father, running from Nazis, sacrifices his life to save his son. Srulik then finds refuge with the Christian woman.

I wanted to depict a message of hope in my artwork. When there is darkness and evil, there is always goodness and light. We should all be like the Christian woman, and be the shining light to those in need.

