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# JERMAINE LEWIS Born to Run



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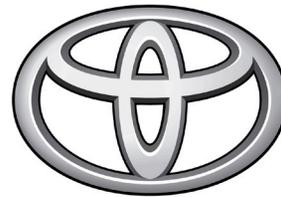
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During my time as the Ravens' Defensive Coordinator, the defense and special teams were especially important to the team's success. Jermaine Lewis was one of the best kick returners in the NFL and a key member of the special teams unit and offensive team. In addition, Jermaine was committed both on and off of the field. He used his success in football to create a foundation to help local students in need. I applaud the students of the Webster Kendrick Boys and Girls Club for taking the time to learn about a local hero and for having the talent to turn the information into a book.

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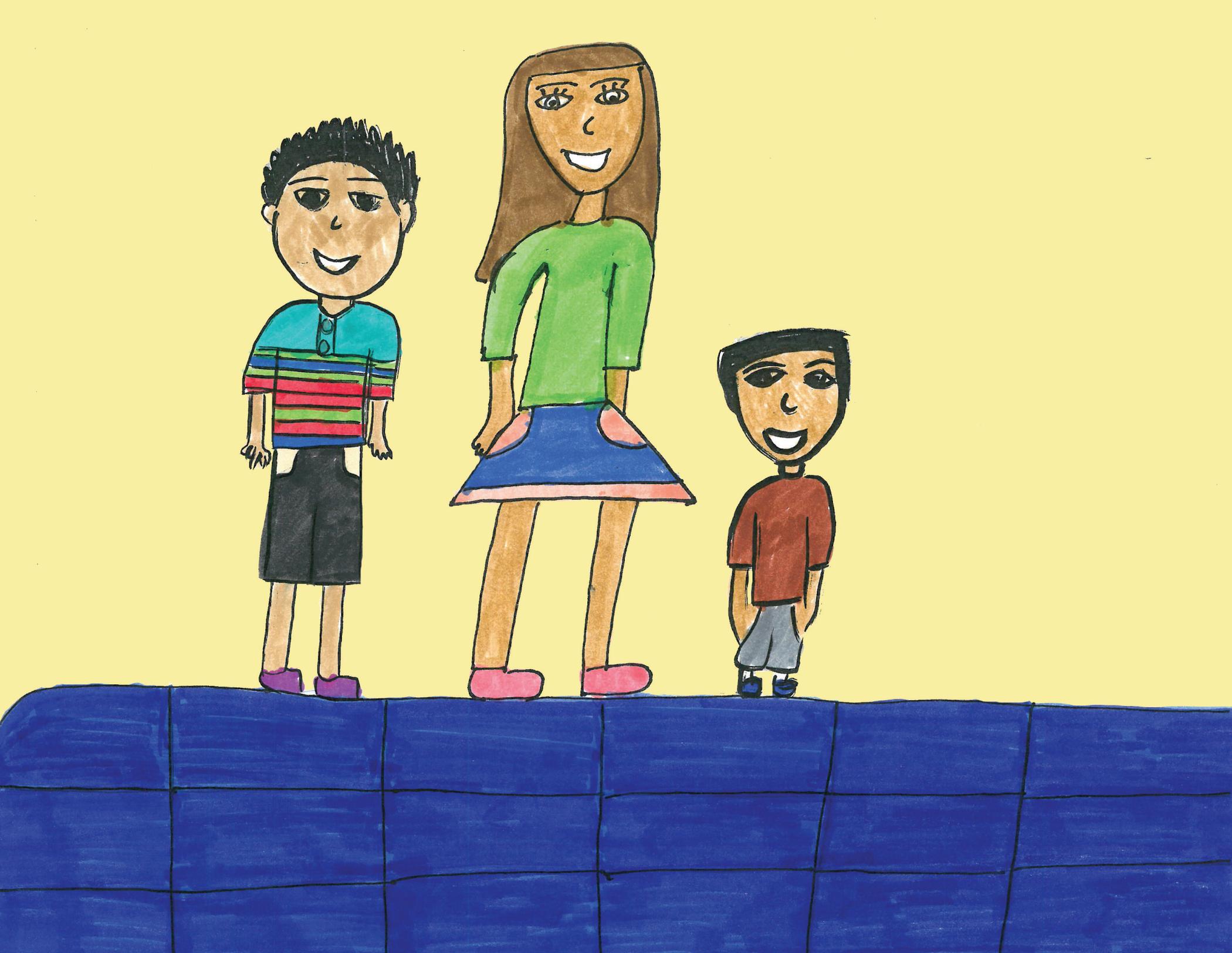
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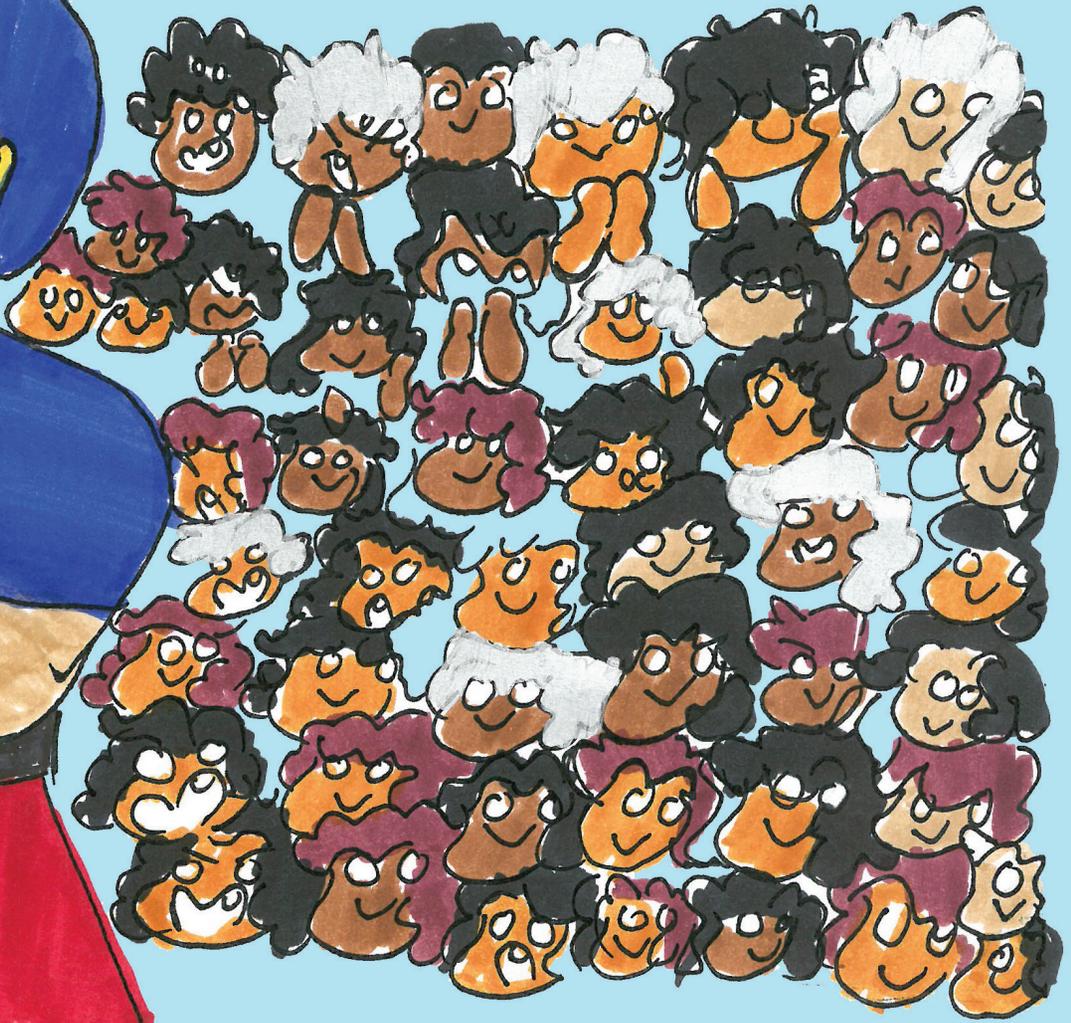
Jermaine Lewis was raised in Prince George's County, Maryland. He has one older sister, Angela, and one younger brother, Dwayne. As a child, Jermaine was good at a lot of things. One skill that really stood out was his speed. People who saw him would say that he was "born to run."



Not surprising, Jermaine's dad was a great athlete. He played baseball, basketball and, of course, football. Since everyone saw how fast Jermaine could run, his parents signed him up for football. He started playing at the age of six at his local Boys and Girls Club. Everyone who saw him play said that one day he would make it to the NFL.

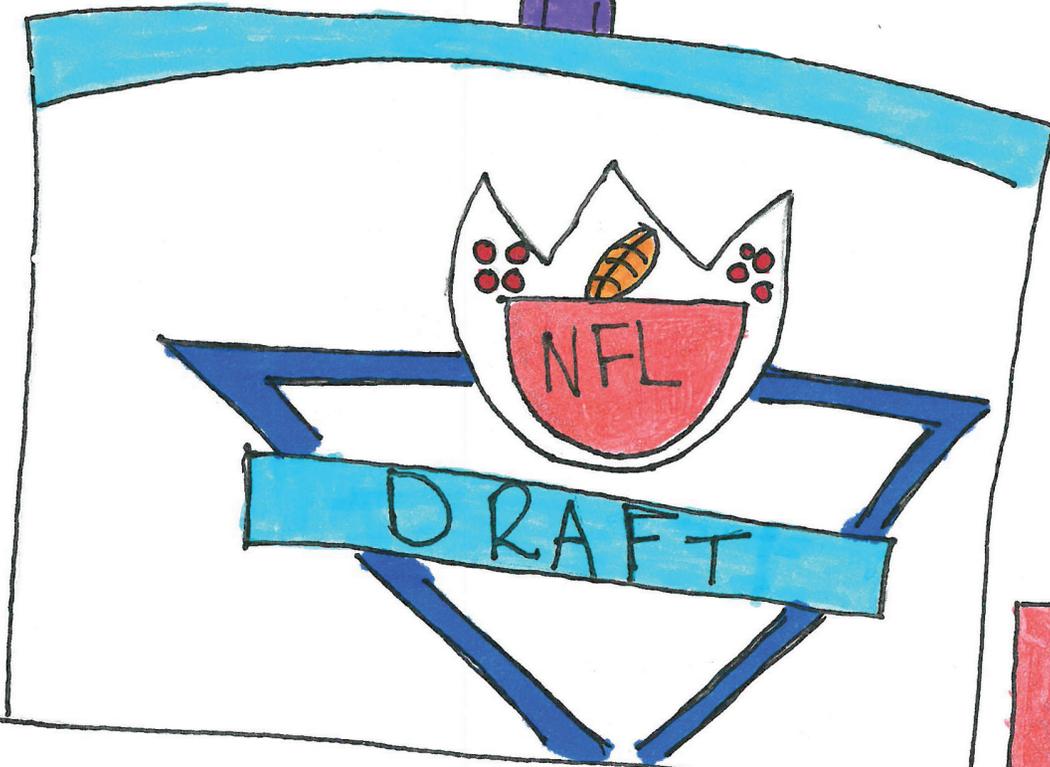
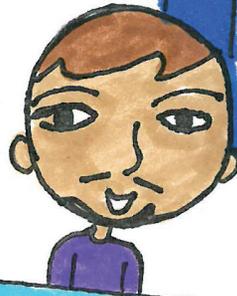


In College at the University of Maryland, Jermaine played football and ran track. He was very lucky to play football in college with his best friend from high school, Mancel Johnson. Jermaine was a starting player for all four years of college, and he set records, including over 190 receptions.



In 1996, the City of Baltimore got a new football team called the Ravens. That same year, the Ravens drafted Jermaine Lewis as a wide receiver, punt returner and kick returner. A wide receiver is the player who catches the ball from the quarterback to score touchdowns.

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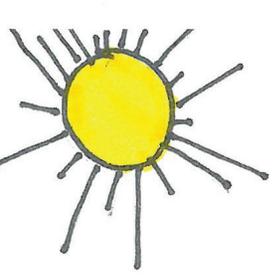
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As a starting player in the inaugural Ravens game, Jermaine Lewis was the first Ravens player to touch the football. He was first because he was the kick returner. That same ball, which has his signature on it, is on display at the Ravens headquarters in Maryland. Now this ball is a legendary part of football history.



Ravens

Jermaine was selected to play in two Pro Bowls. The Pro Bowl is an all-star game for the top NFL players. It was started in 1951. To be chosen to play in the Pro Bowl was a major honor for Jermaine, plus he was excited to be playing in Hawaii.



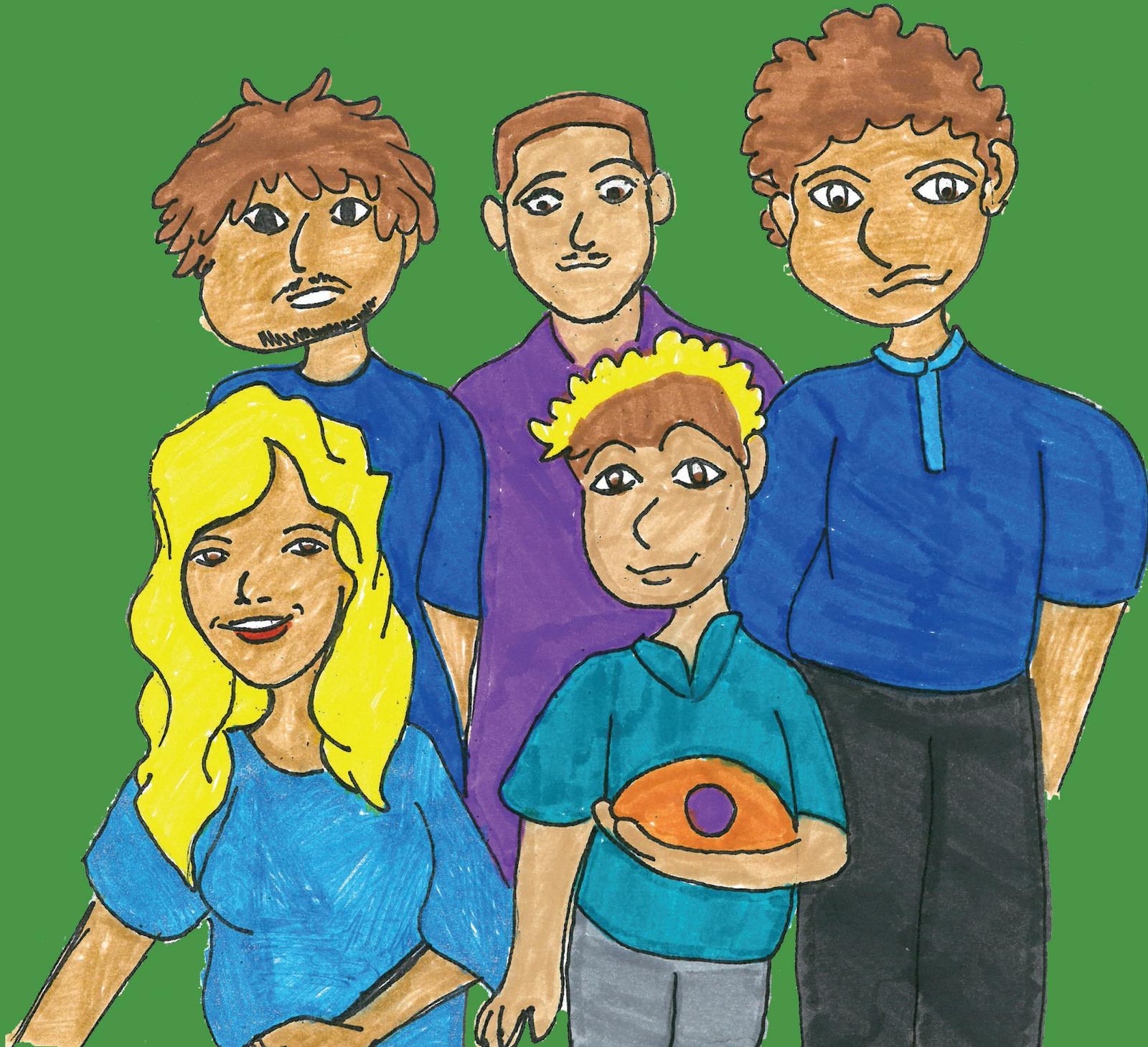
In the 2000-2001 season, the Ravens made the playoffs and had the opportunity to play against the New York Giants in the Super Bowl. This was Super Bowl XXXV (that means the 35th Super Bowl). This was the ultimate chance for Jermaine to test his speed. In this game, he scored an 84-yard touchdown and helped the Ravens win the Super Bowl! His jersey number is also #84, so his touchdown was epic!



Jermaine played a total of nine years in the NFL. After playing six seasons with the Ravens, he played for the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was very successful in his career in all three cities, but his heart belongs to Baltimore.



Jermaine Lewis has a wonderful family. He is married to Imara. Jermaine is the proud father of three sons named JJ, Wade and Ali. He is a family man who loves spending time with his wife and kids. As you may guess, his sons are very good at football.



While in the NFL, Jermaine provided scholarships to help smart kids attend college. Now that he has retired, he loves spending time with his family and volunteering. Jermaine is a volunteer coach at his son's high school, St. Francis Academy. Not surprising, in 2017, St. Francis had the #1 football team in the state of Maryland. Everyone was right, Jermaine Lewis was born to lead, born to win and born to run!



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