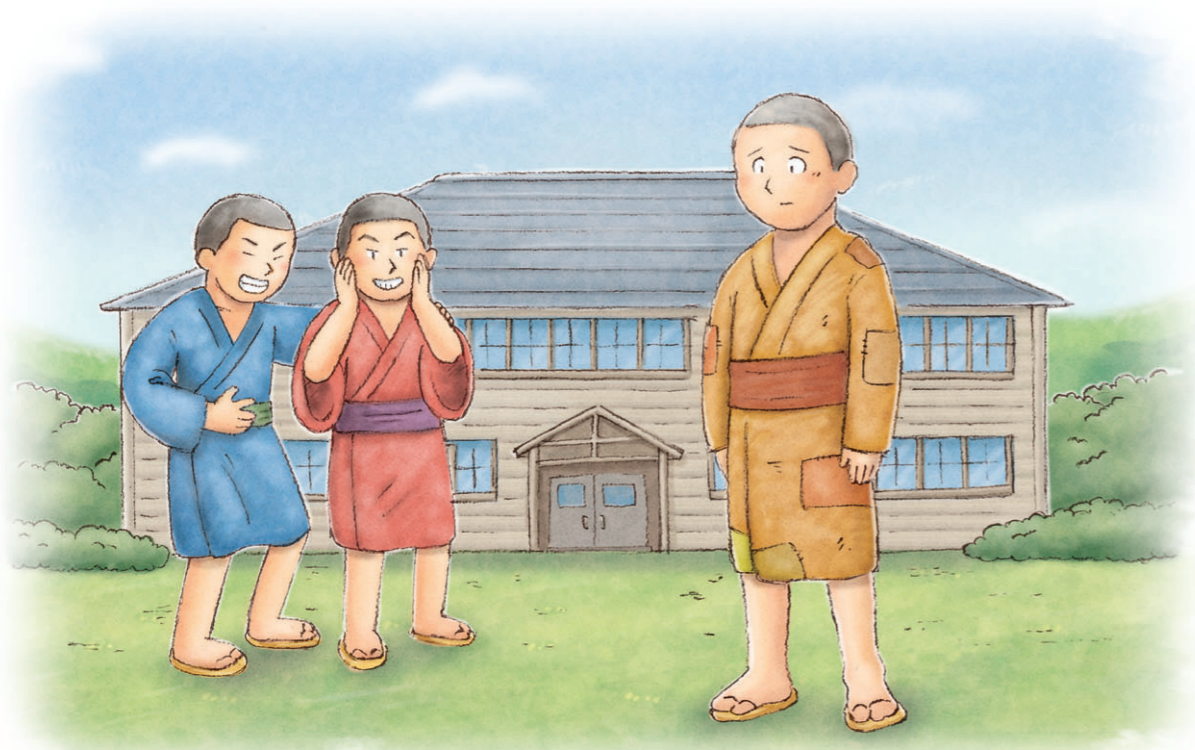熊本市出身の林市蔵は貧しい人を助けたいという思いから，近所の人たちがお互いに助け合う仕組みを作りました。彼はどのような思いから，その仕組みを作ったのでしょうか。

Hayashi Ichizo was born in Kumamoto in 1867. Ichizo was five years old when his father died. After that he lived with his mother and his sick grandmother. They were very poor, so Ichizo was always wearing old clothes. His classmates often teased him.

One day he went home crying and said to his mother, "I want to change schools." But his mother said, "Don't cry. Be strong. Go back to your school now."

·half a piece　半切れ

·wear　～を身につける
·clothes　衣服
·tease　～をからかう

·crying　泣きながら

·change schools
　転校する

When school finished, Ichizo didn't want to go home but his mother was waiting for him in front of the house. When she saw her son, she ran to Ichizo and hugged him in silence.

He found half a piece of watermelon in the kitchen. Watermelon was very expensive at that time. She didn't eat a bite of it and left it all for Ichizo. He was filled with love for his mother, and never forgot her kindness.

·wait for ～　～を待つ

·in front of ～　～の前で

·hug　～を抱きしめる
·in silence　黙ったまま

·expensive　高価な

·bite　一口
·fill　～を満たす,いっぱいにする
·be filled with ～
　～で満たされる
·forgot　忘れた
·kindness　やさしさ

Thank you, mom....

After Reading

●市蔵はどんな気持ちでスイカを食べたのでしょうか。
　吹き出しの英語に続く言葉を考えてみましょう。

感動的で
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