

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Exploring Matthew 6:9–13

Master,
please teach
us how to
pray.

When the disciples
of Jesus asked Him
how they should
pray, Jesus taught
them this prayer.



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NKJV, unless otherwise indicated.

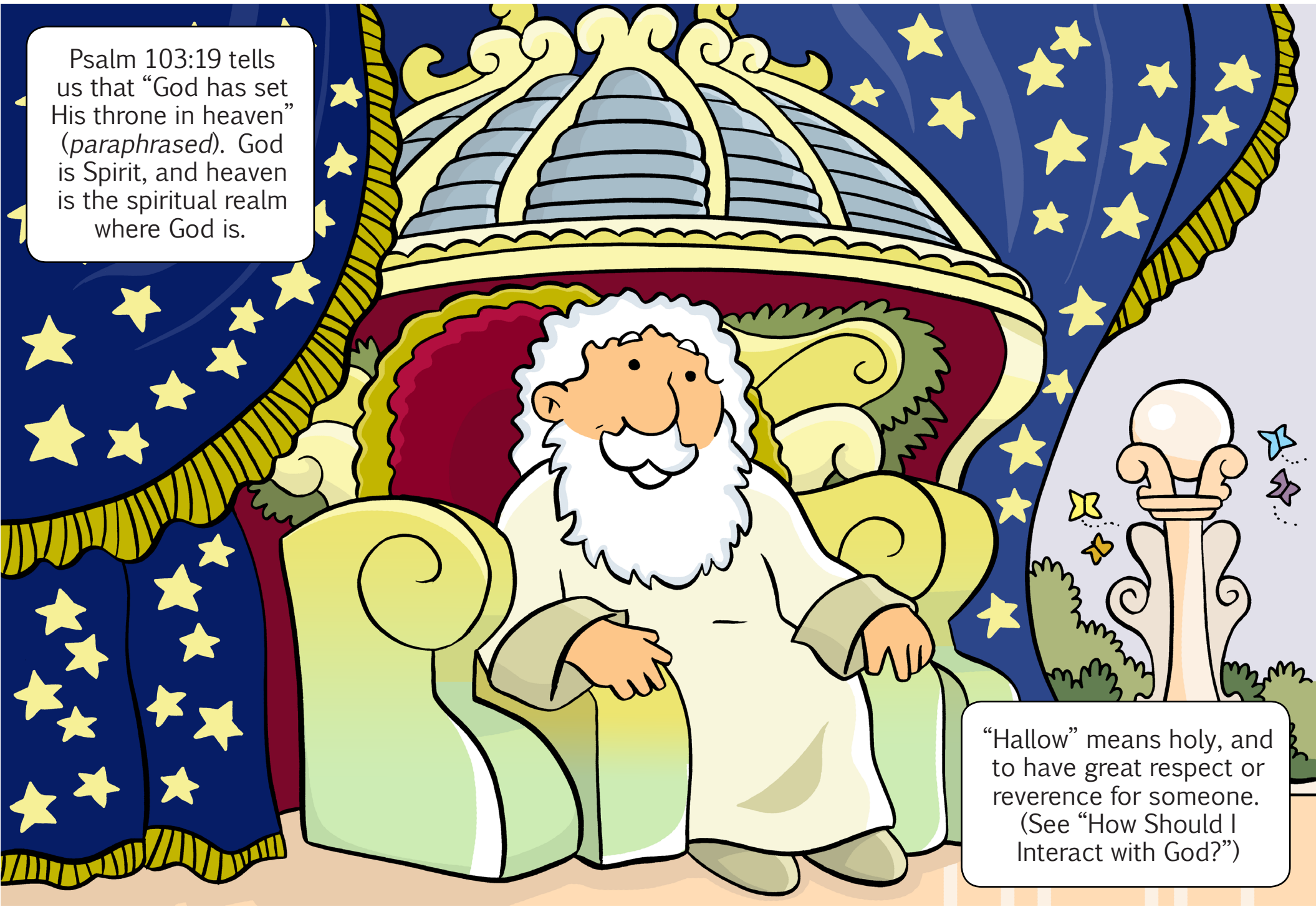
**Our Father
in heaven,
Hallowed
be Your
name.**

God is our
Father because
He created us.

I am giving you
the gift of song for yours
and others' enjoyment.

You will develop a
love for sports that
will bring you joy and
confidence.





Psalm 103:19 tells us that “God has set His throne in heaven” (*paraphrased*). God is Spirit, and heaven is the spiritual realm where God is.

“Hallow” means holy, and to have great respect or reverence for someone. (See “How Should I Interact with God?”)

**Your kingdom
come,
Your will be
done
On earth as it
is in heaven.**

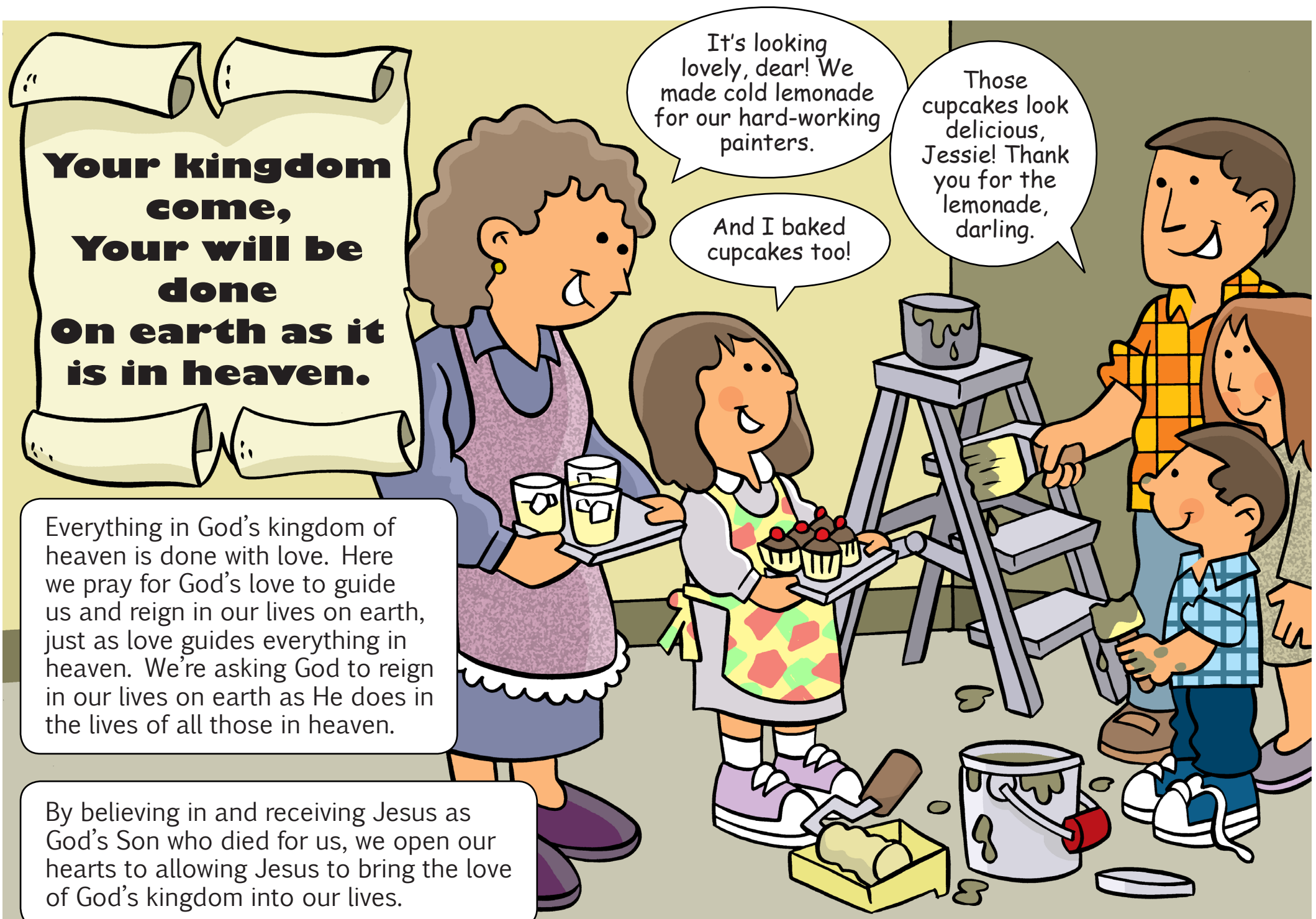
Everything in God's kingdom of heaven is done with love. Here we pray for God's love to guide us and reign in our lives on earth, just as love guides everything in heaven. We're asking God to reign in our lives on earth as He does in the lives of all those in heaven.

By believing in and receiving Jesus as God's Son who died for us, we open our hearts to allowing Jesus to bring the love of God's kingdom into our lives.

It's looking lovely, dear! We made cold lemonade for our hard-working painters.

And I baked cupcakes too!

Those cupcakes look delicious, Jessie! Thank you for the lemonade, darling.



**Give us
this day
our daily
bread.**

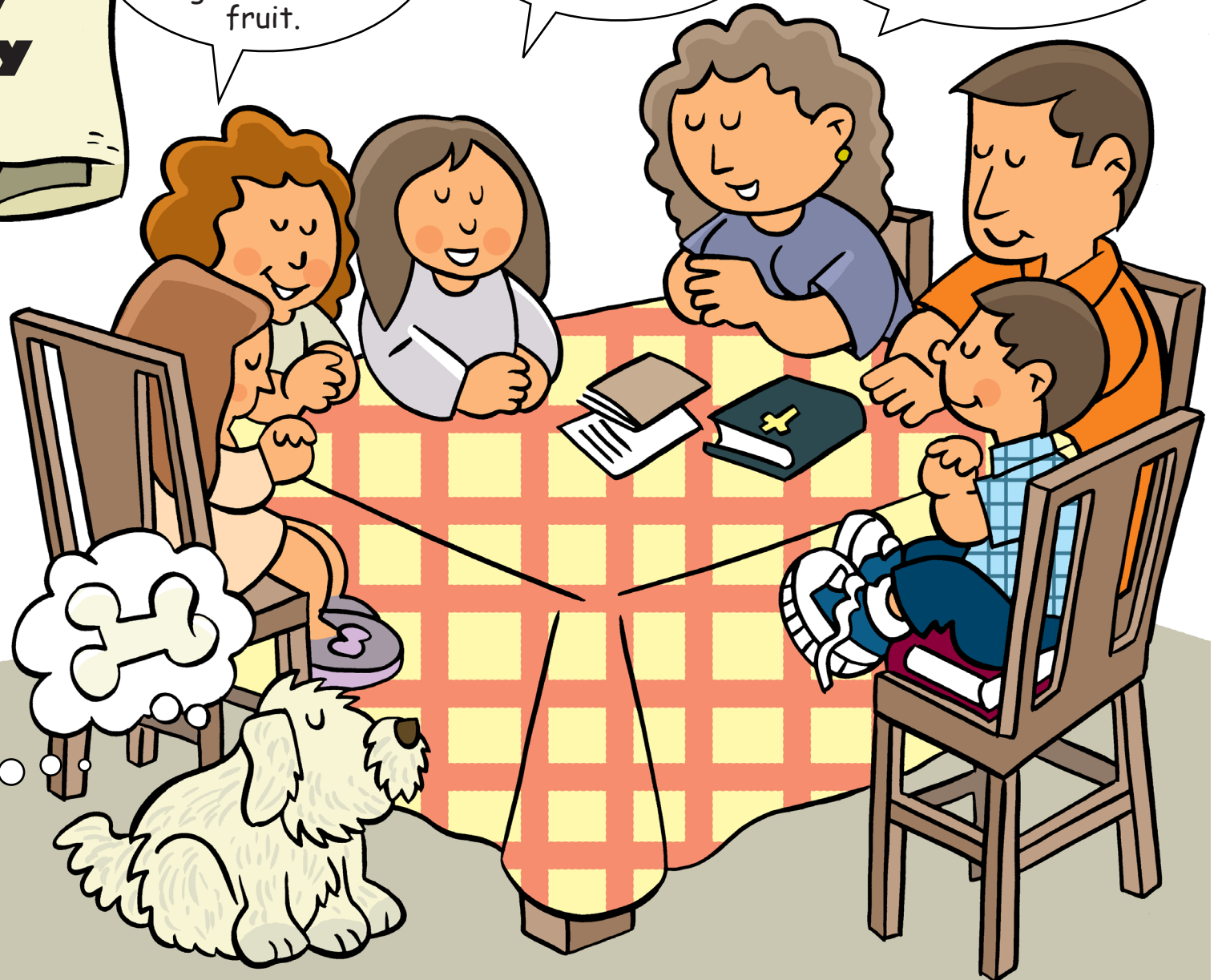
Jesus, thanks
for the local
farmer's market
where we get fresh
vegetables and
fruit.

Please help
the farmer to
recover from his
accident quickly.

And Jesus, thank
You for our washing
machine. Please help us
find the part needed to
fix it.

“Daily bread” refers to
the things we need in
our daily lives. We are
asking God to provide for
our needs. “And my God
will supply every need of
yours according to His
riches in glory in Christ
Jesus” (Philippians 4:19
ESV).

And Jesus,
please supply a
big bone! That
would make me
very happy.



**And forgive
us our debts,
As we forgive
our debtors.**

The term “debts” here refers to sins that we have done that hurt God and others. “Debtors” refers to others who have sinned against and hurt us. We’re praying that God forgives us as we forgive those who hurt us. (See “Bright Pebbles: As We Forgive Others.”) “For if you forgive men their trespasses [sins], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you forgive not men their trespasses [sins], neither will your Father forgive your trespasses [sins].” (Matthew 6:14–15 AKJV).

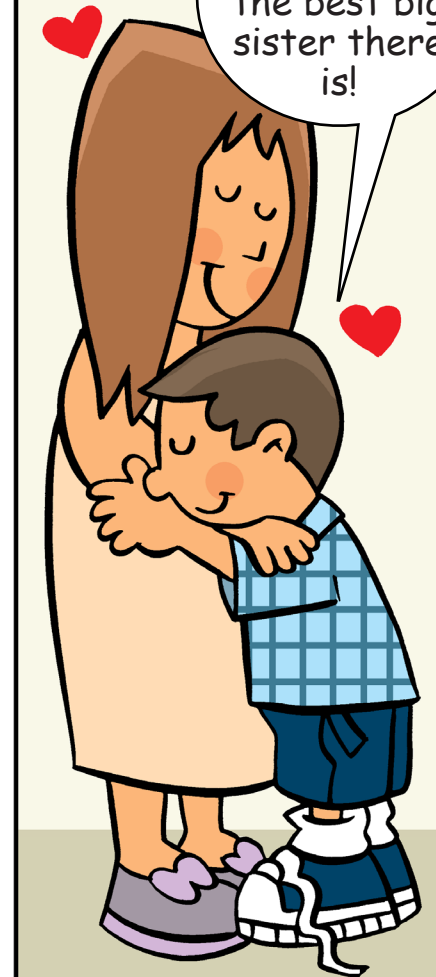
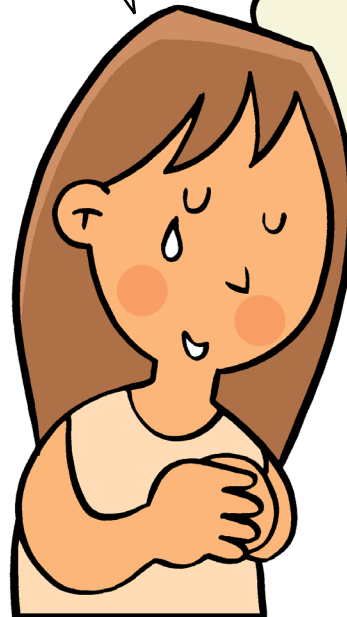
Jesus,
please
forgive me.

You messed up my
room again, Thomas,
didn't you?!

No. ... I
... it...

I'm sorry for
accusing you. I
love you. Please
forgive me for
the mean things I
said.

I love you
too! You're
the best big
sister there
is!

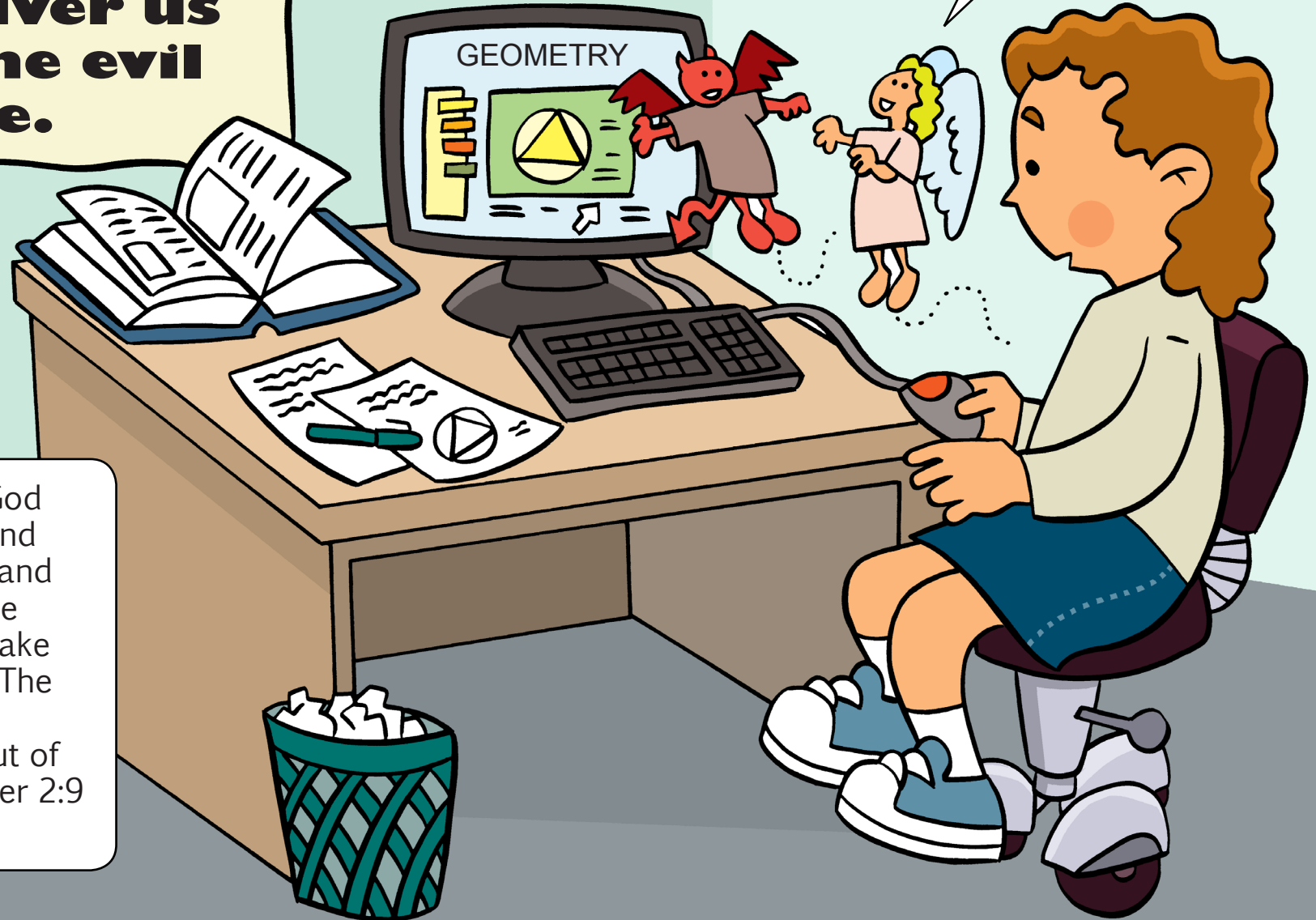


**And do not
lead us into
temptation,
But deliver us
from the evil
one.**

Go ahead!
Play computer games now;
no one will notice. You can
do your school work
later.

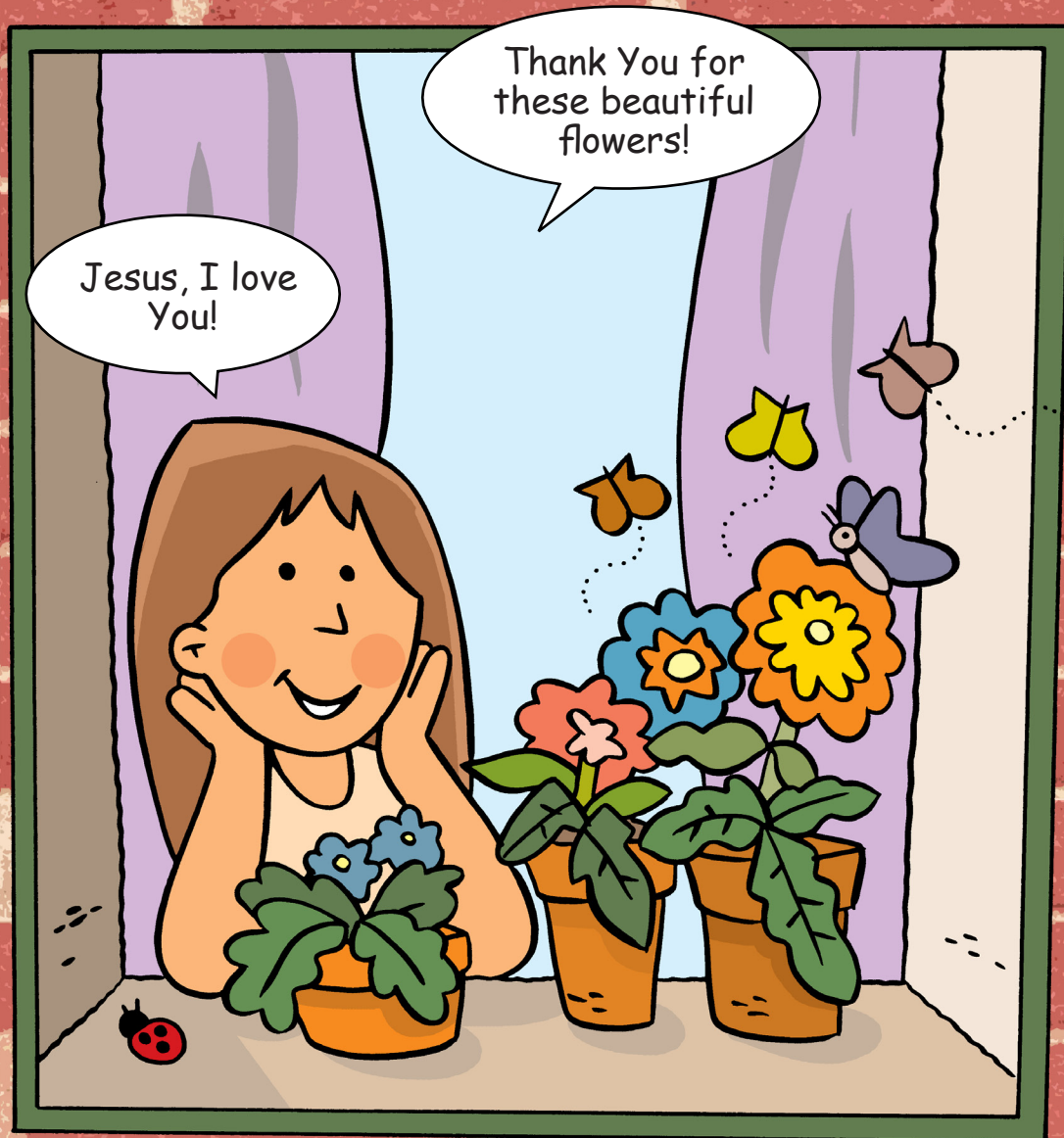
Finish your
school work first. You'll
feel better if you do
what you're supposed
to do first.

Here we're asking God
to guide our lives and
to help us do right and
not sin. God has the
power to help us make
the right choices. "The
Lord knows how to
deliver the godly out of
temptations" (2 Peter 2:9
AKJV).



**For Yours is
the kingdom
and the
power and
the glory
forever.
Amen.**

In this last phrase we are glorifying and giving praise to God. God is pleased to hear our praises; it is how we express our gratitude to Him. "I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised" (Psalm 18:3 AKJV).



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