

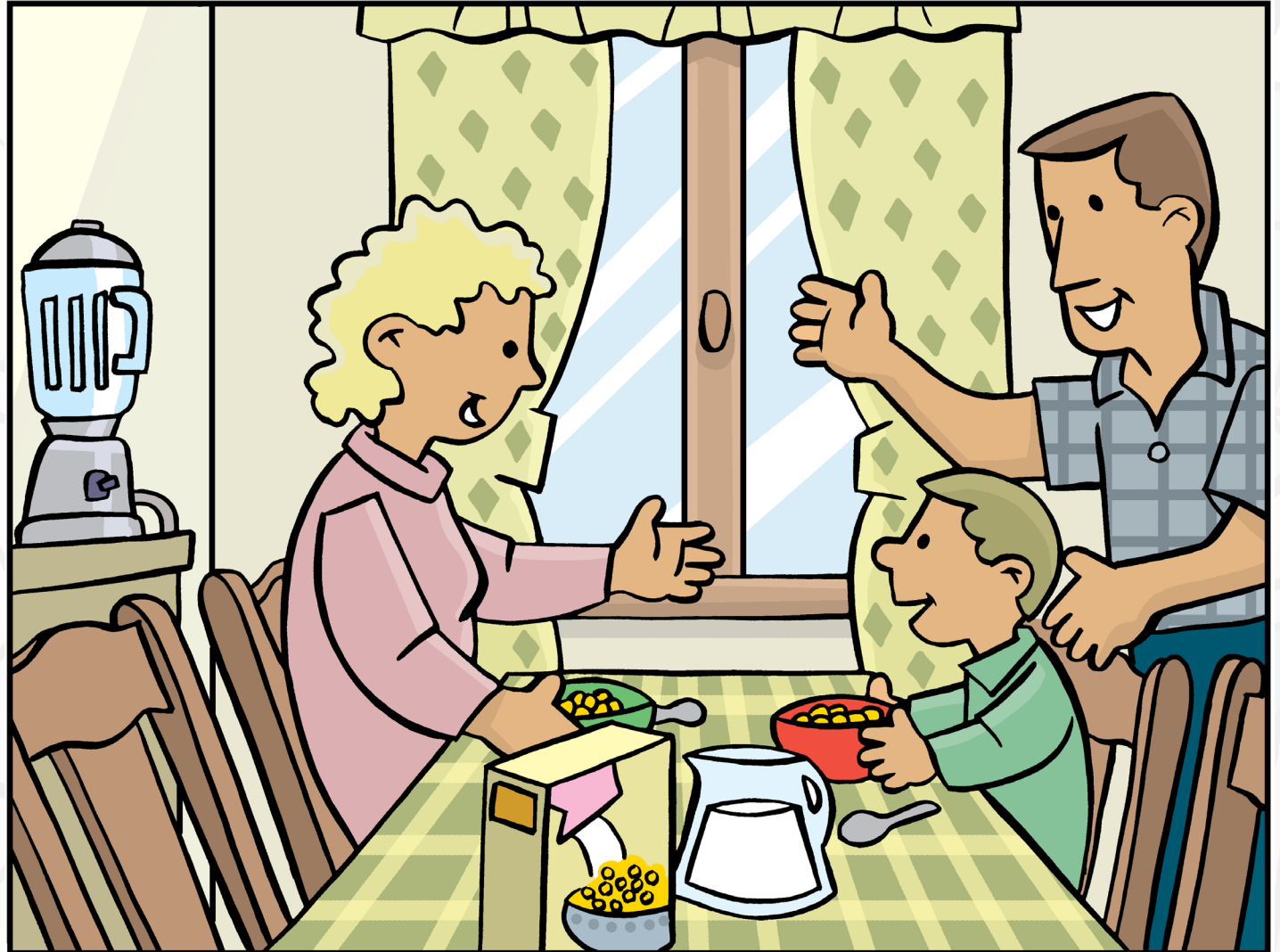
The Miracle Ride

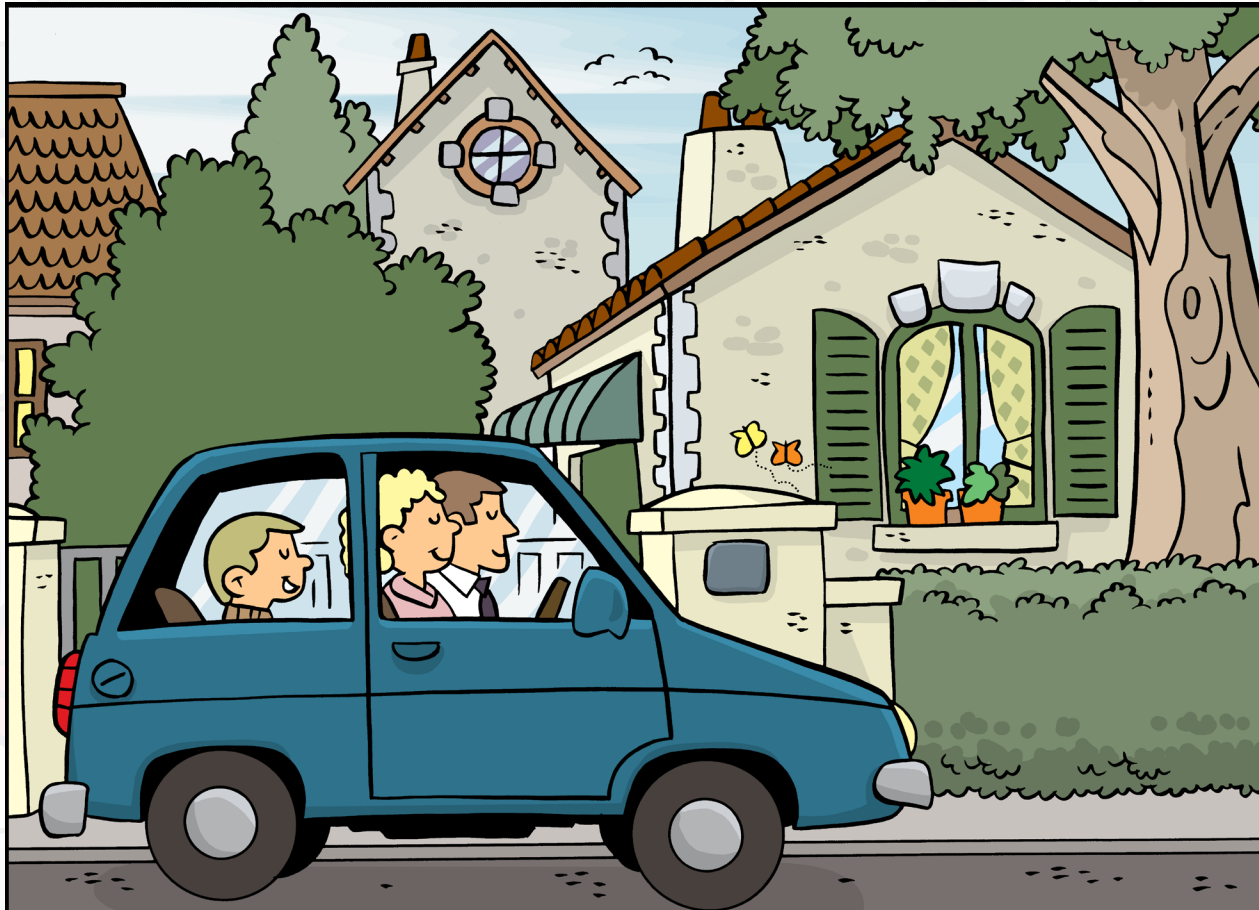
“What a beautiful sunny day,” Jerry’s dad said as he walked into the kitchen, where Jerry and his mom were finishing breakfast.

“Jerry,” his mom said, “Mrs. Johnson is preparing lemonade for the show-and-tell activity your school is hosting for the parents tomorrow. Would you like to help me pick some lemons from our tree and wash them? Then we can take them to Mrs. Johnson’s house.”

“Oh, yes!” Jerry replied. “Please can we go to the park, too? I’d like to have a ride on the big blue spaceship.”

“Yes, we can go by the park on our way back,” said Mother.





“There, we’re all ready,” said Jerry, as he brought the basket of lemons to the car. He hopped inside. “Okay, let’s go!”

“Not so fast, son,” his father cautioned.

“Before we go anywhere, what must we always do?”

“Pray,” replied Jerry.

“Yes, that’s right. We need to pray that the Lord will protect us from accidents. Jerry, would you like to pray and ask Jesus to keep us safe?”

“Sure,” Jerry said. “Jesus, thank You for all the lemons You helped us to pick! Please protect us and keep us safe. Amen!”

After taking the lemons to Mrs. Johnson, Jerry, Mom, and Dad went to the park.

“The park is quite crowded,” Dad said as he parked the car.

“Oh look, Mom! Look, Dad! There’s the big blue spaceship ride.”

“I wonder why nobody is riding on it today?” said Mother, as they got closer to the playground.

“Hi, Jerry!” said a voice from behind them.

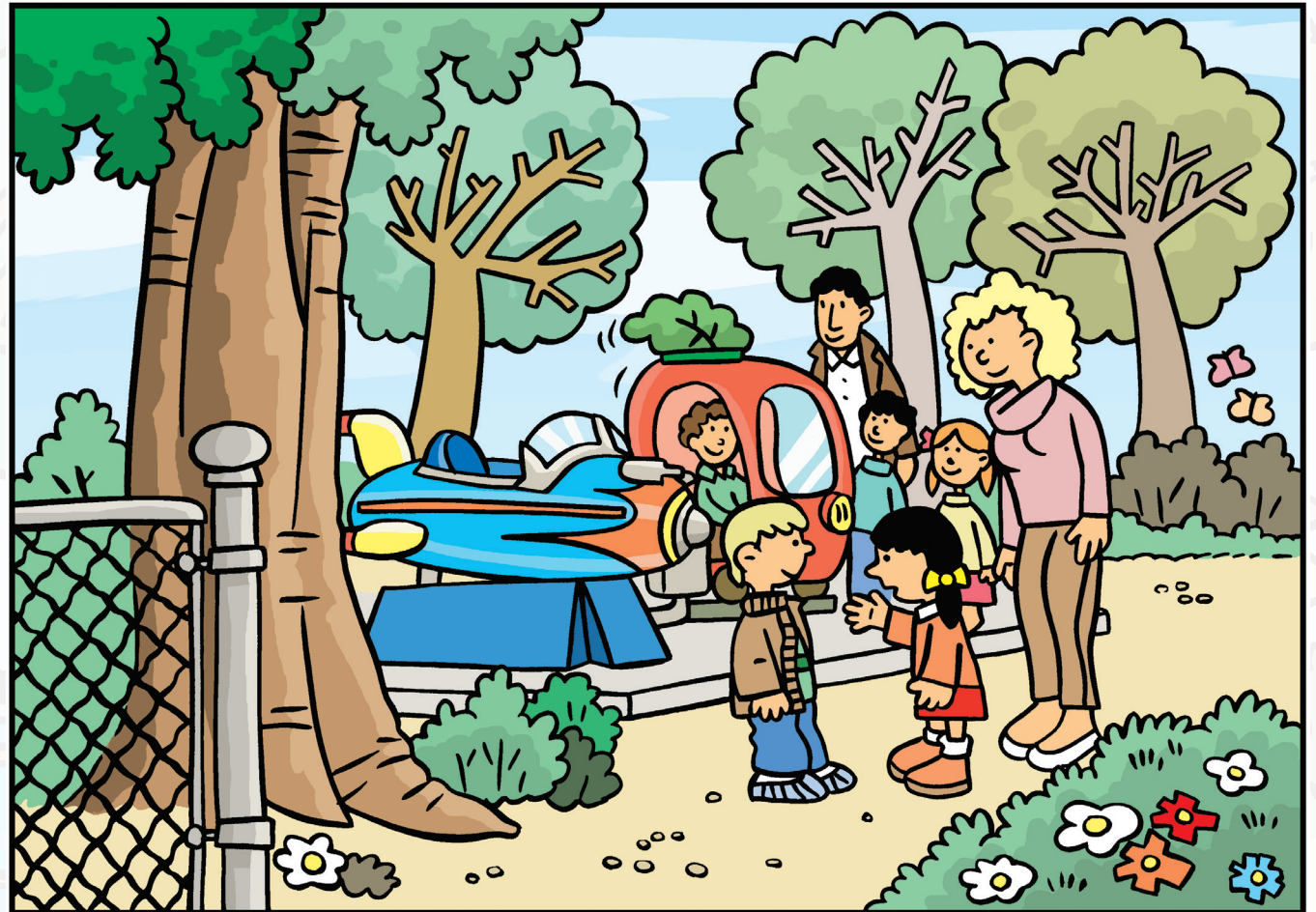
“Hi, Annie!” Jerry said. “Mom and I picked some lemons and took them to Mrs. Johnson earlier today, so she can make some lemonade for tomorrow.”

“That’s great! My mom and I are going to bake some cookies later this afternoon. I came to the park to ride on the spaceship, but when I put the coin in, nothing happened. Some of the other kids also tried, but it won’t work for them either. I think it’s broken.”

“Well, I know Somebody who can fix it,” Jerry’s mom said.

“Jesus can repair anything. Let’s pray and ask Him to fix the spaceship.”

“Please, dear Jesus,” Jerry prayed, “I would really like to ride the spaceship, and so would Annie and the other kids. You said in the Bible, ‘If you ask anything in My name, I will do it’ (John 14:14), so please repair the ride for us. Amen!”





“Okay,” said Jerry’s mom, “now let’s put the coin inside and expect a miracle.”

Jerry got on the ride, his dad put the coin inside the slot, and the spaceship started moving right away.

“Wow! It works!” Jerry exclaimed.

“That’s so cool, Jerry!” said Annie. “Jesus answered your prayer.”

All the other children who were playing nearby came running to see the miracle that had happened when Jerry prayed for the spaceship.

“It hadn’t been working today,” Annie told the other kids who had gathered, “but then Jerry and his parents prayed for it, and now it works!”

“Prayer is powerful,” Jerry said, as he let Annie take a turn on the ride.

“I’m going to start praying for things too!” Annie said.

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