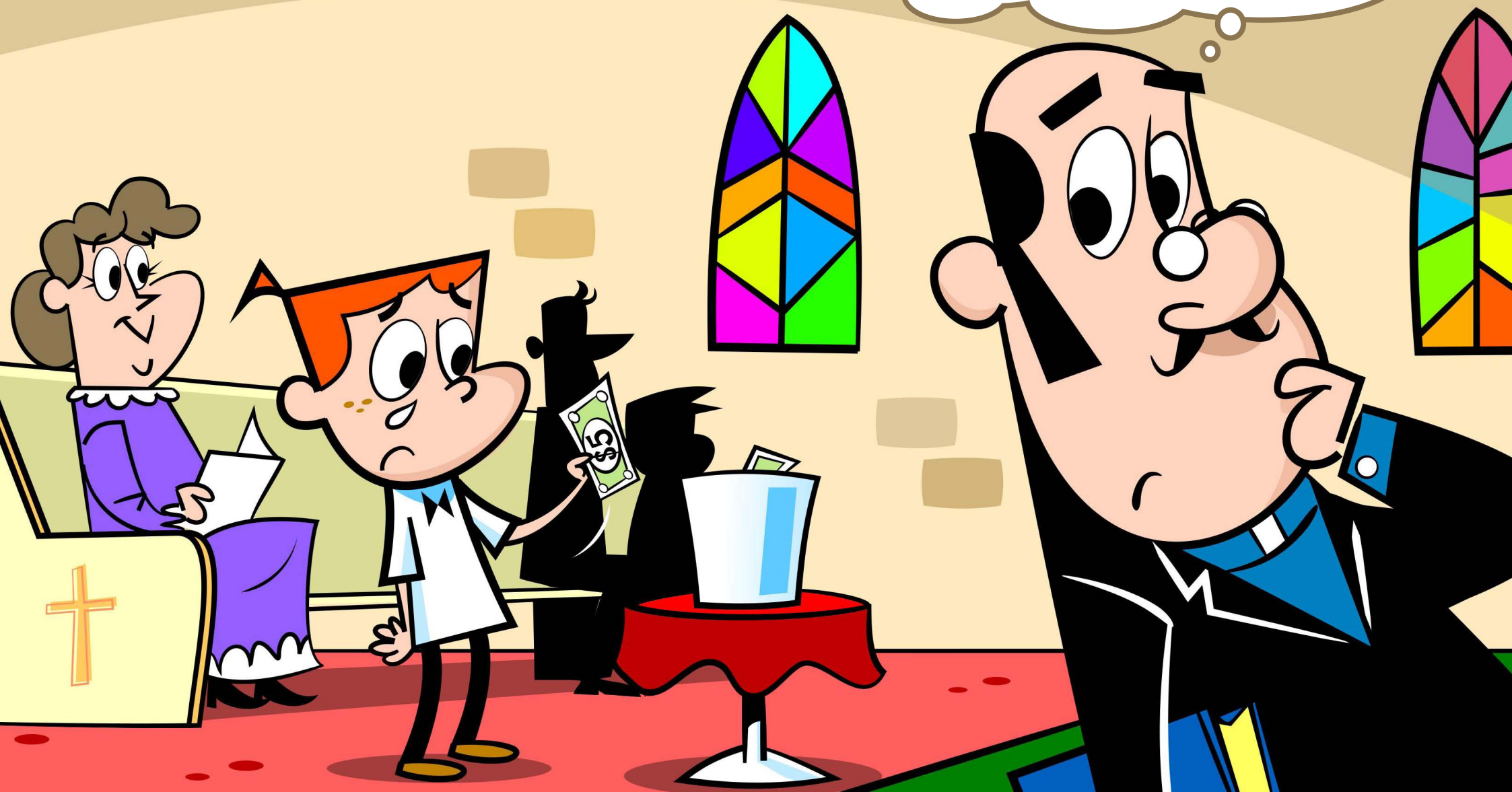


***That's My Cow
in There!***



Many years ago in a little town...

I wonder why
that kid is crying? Maybe
he didn't want to walk down
here with an offering.





Why are
you crying?



That's
my cow in
there!



Your what?

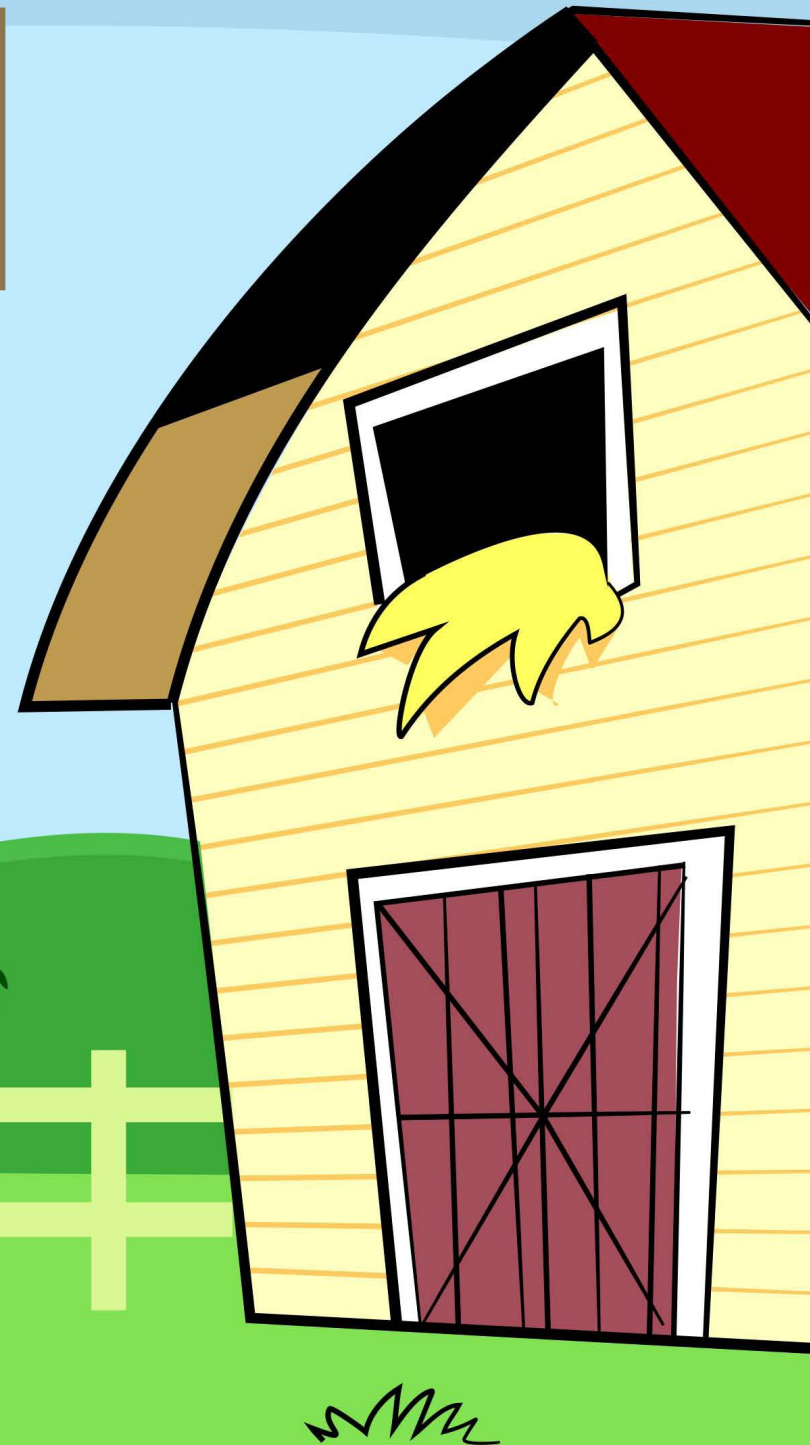
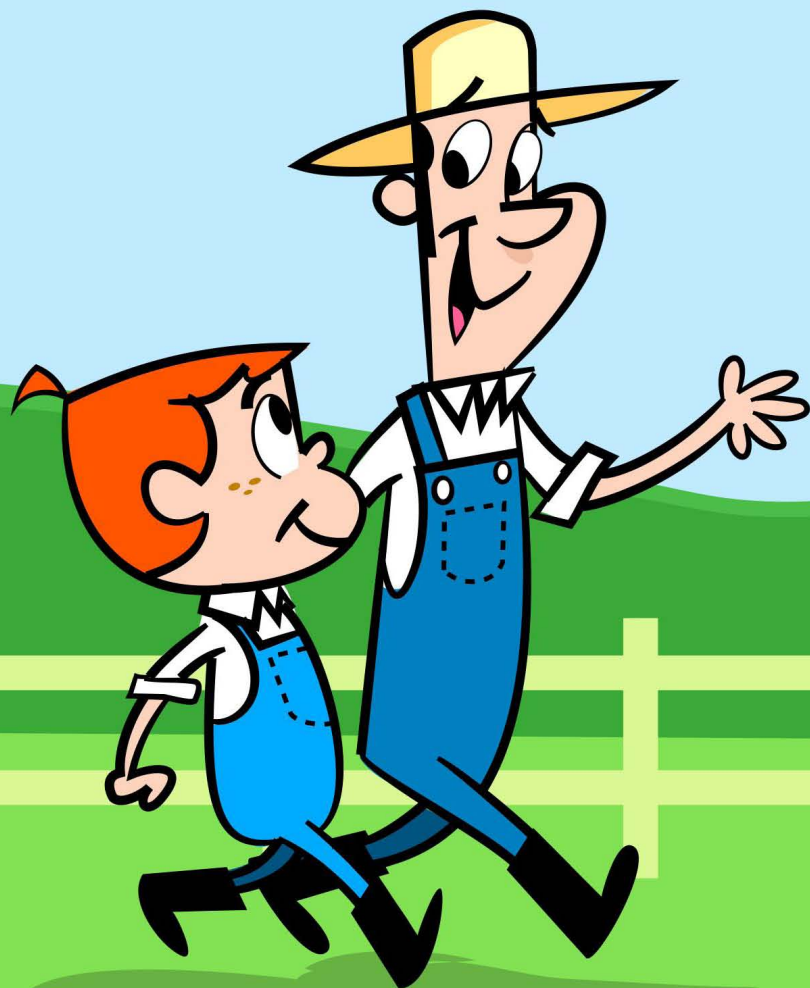


I always
wanted a cow of my
own, but we lived in
the city ...

... and you aren't
allowed to keep a cow
in your backyard.


Understandably.

But nine months ago, we moved to the countryside. And my Dad told me I could have a cow now, but I would have to pay for it.




I've been running errands to save money. I picked up a paper route. I get up at four in the morning and deliver newspapers. I've been able to save five dollars!

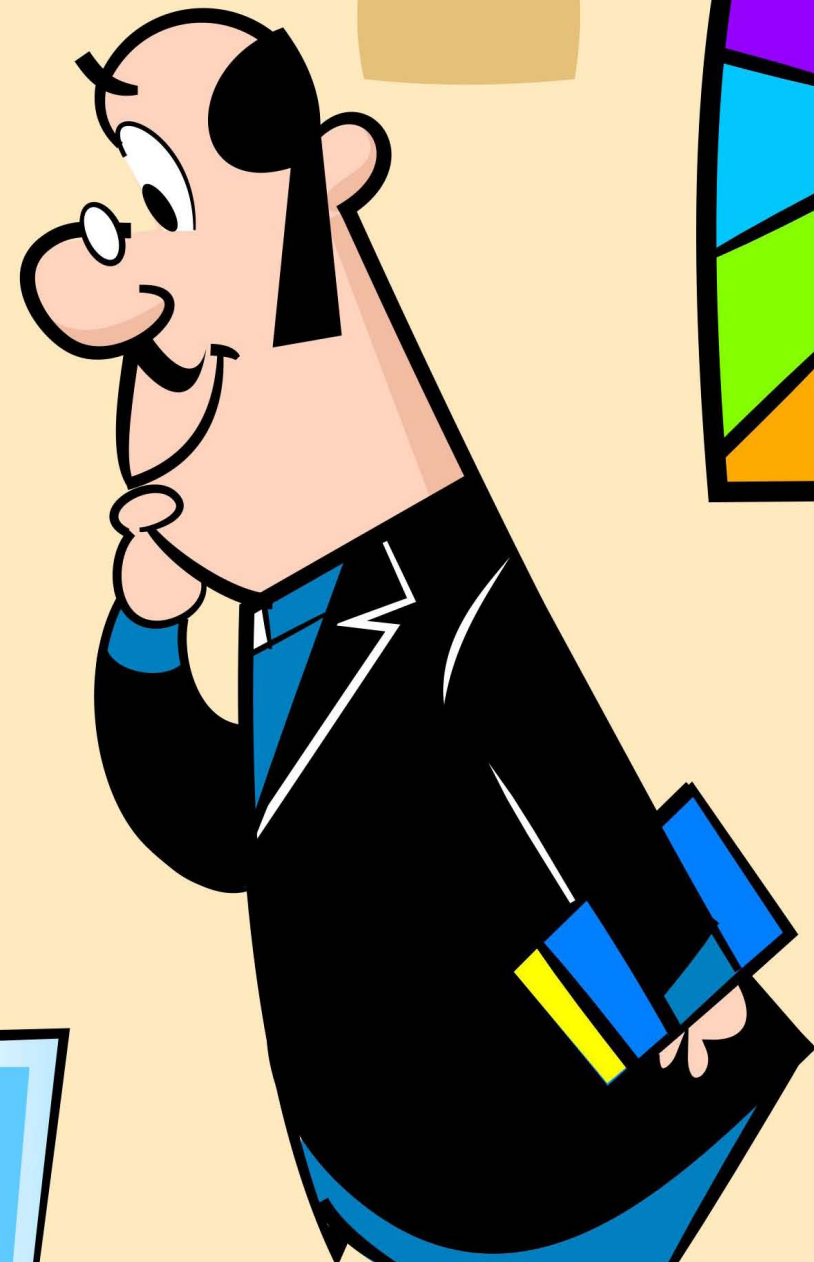
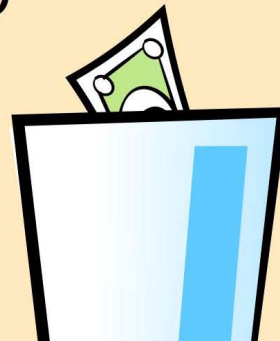
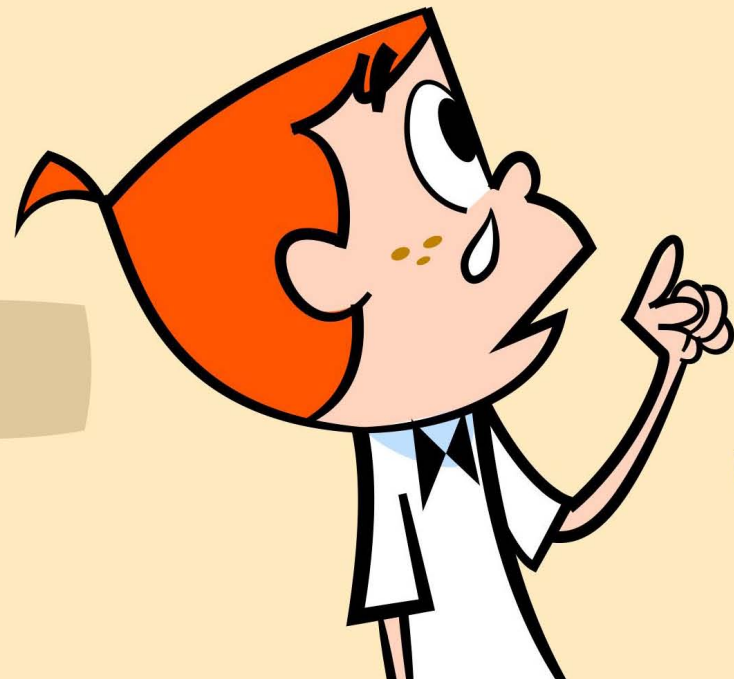





Why are you
putting the money
you've saved for the cow
into the offering?



I heard
God's voice. He
said if I would give
Him the money I had
saved for a cow, He
would give me
the cow.

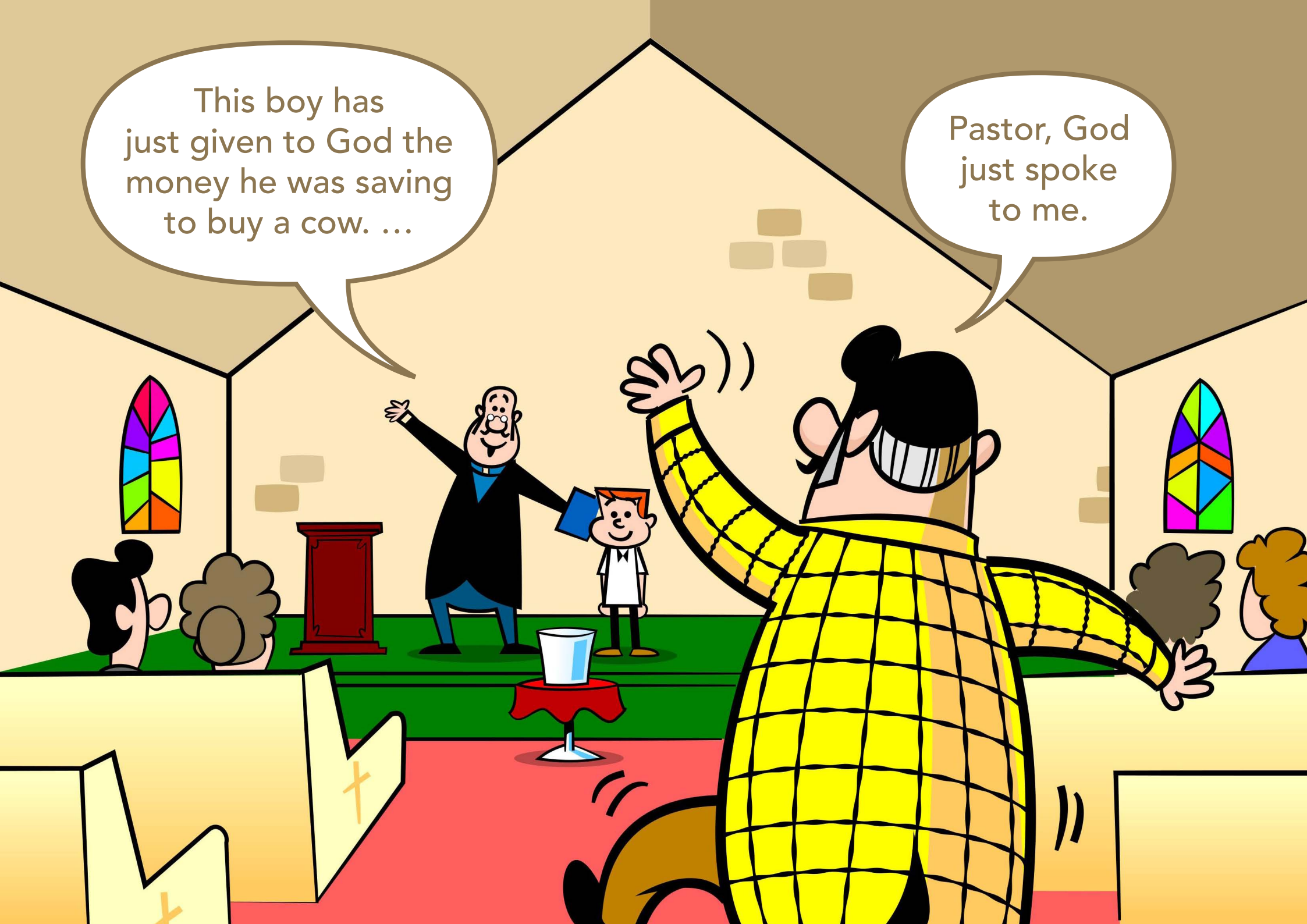




Then dry up
those tears! You're
getting the best end
of the deal!

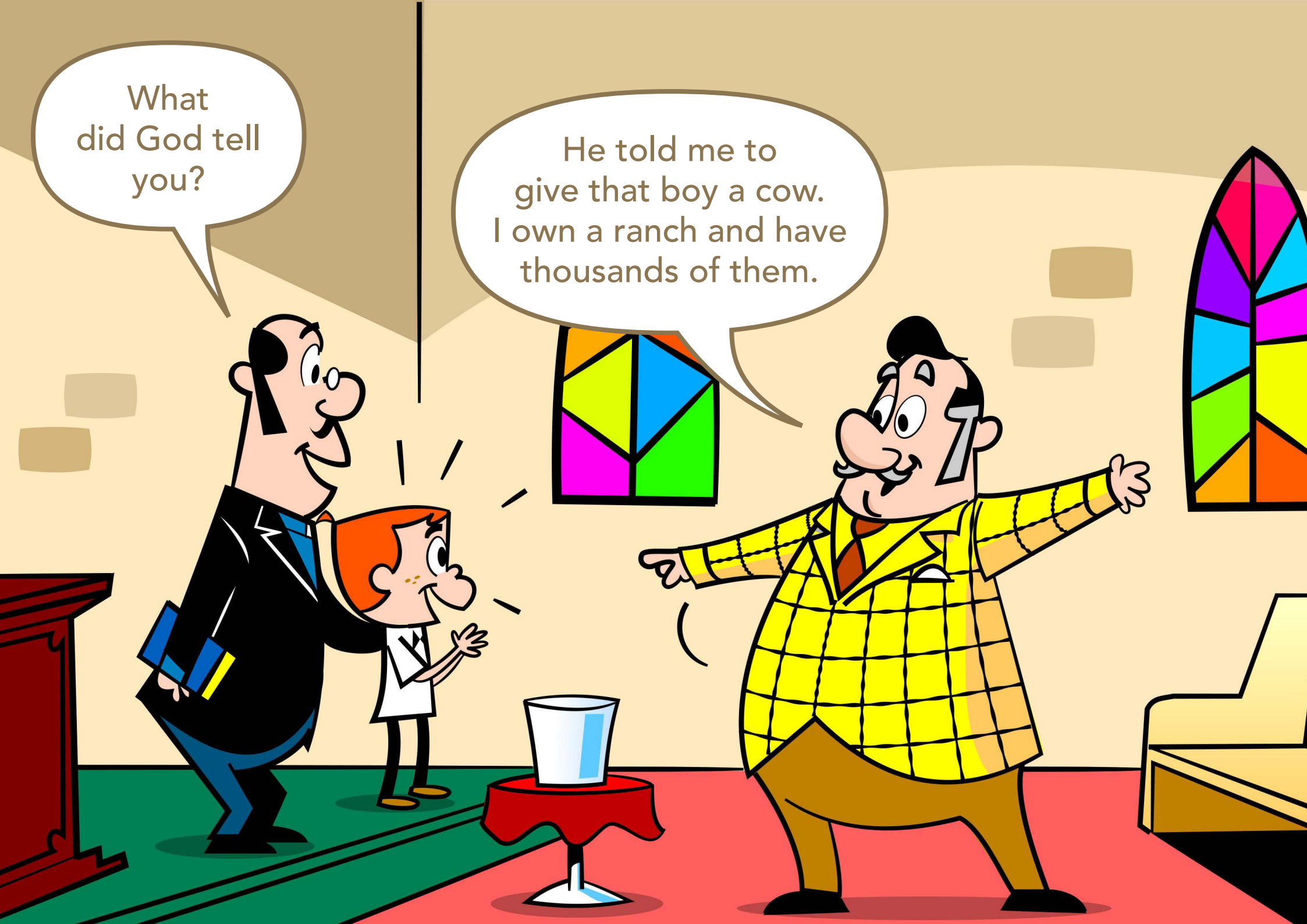
This boy has
just given to God the
money he was saving
to buy a cow. ...

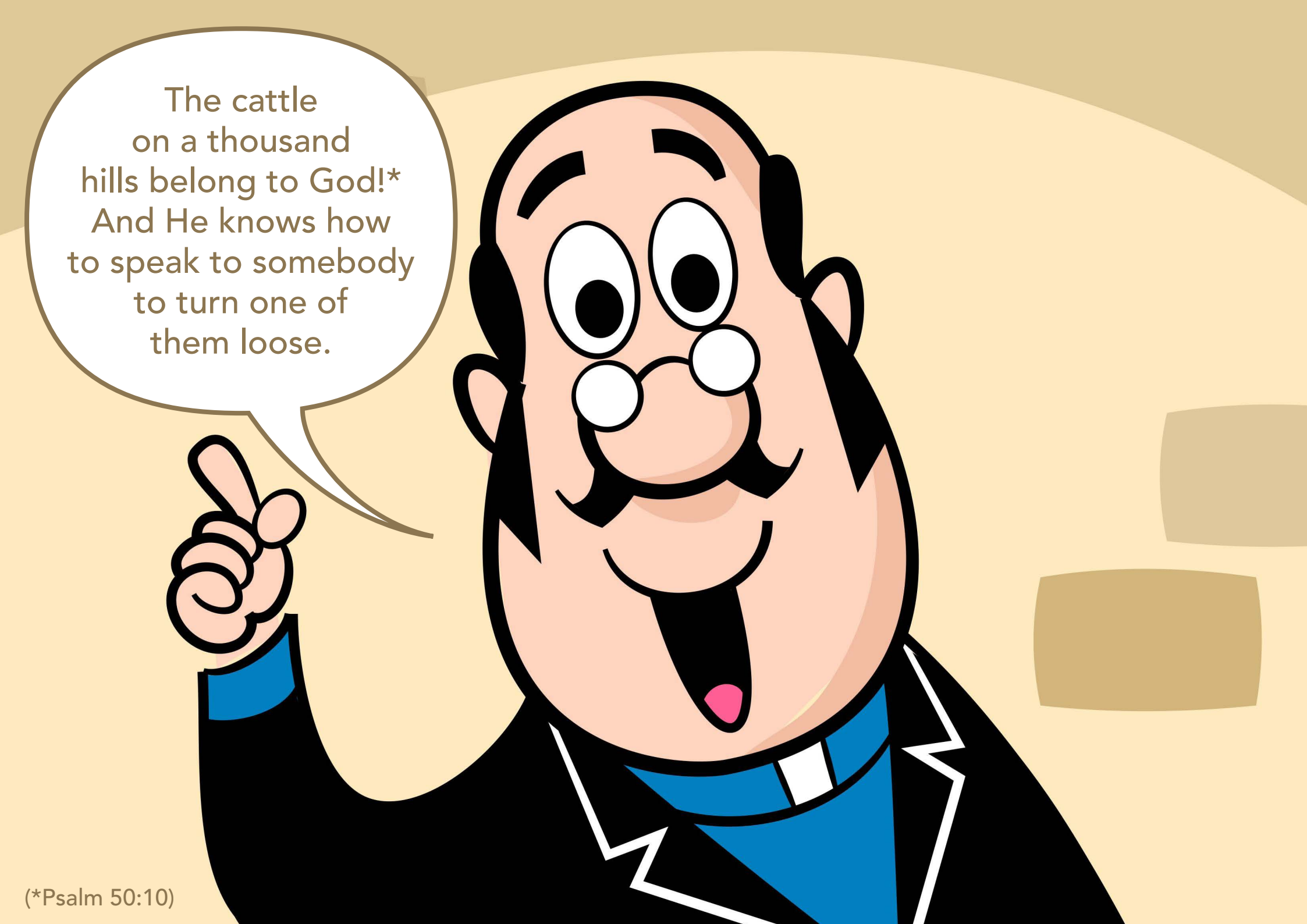
Pastor, God
just spoke
to me.



What
did God tell
you?

He told me to
give that boy a cow.
I own a ranch and have
thousands of them.

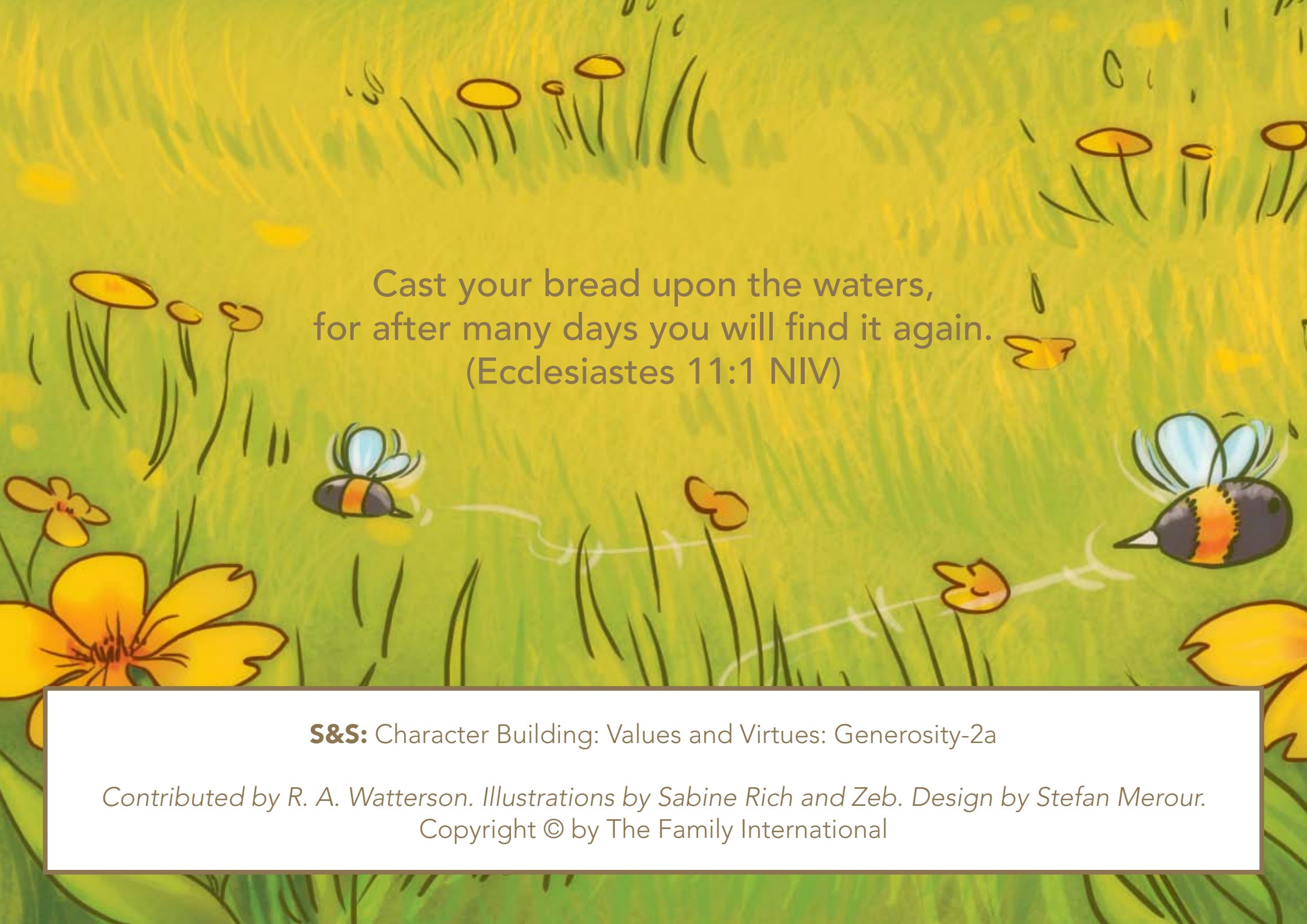




The cattle
on a thousand
hills belong to God!*

And He knows how
to speak to somebody
to turn one of
them loose.

(*Psalm 50:10)



Cast your bread upon the waters,
for after many days you will find it again.
(Ecclesiastes 11:1 NIV)

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