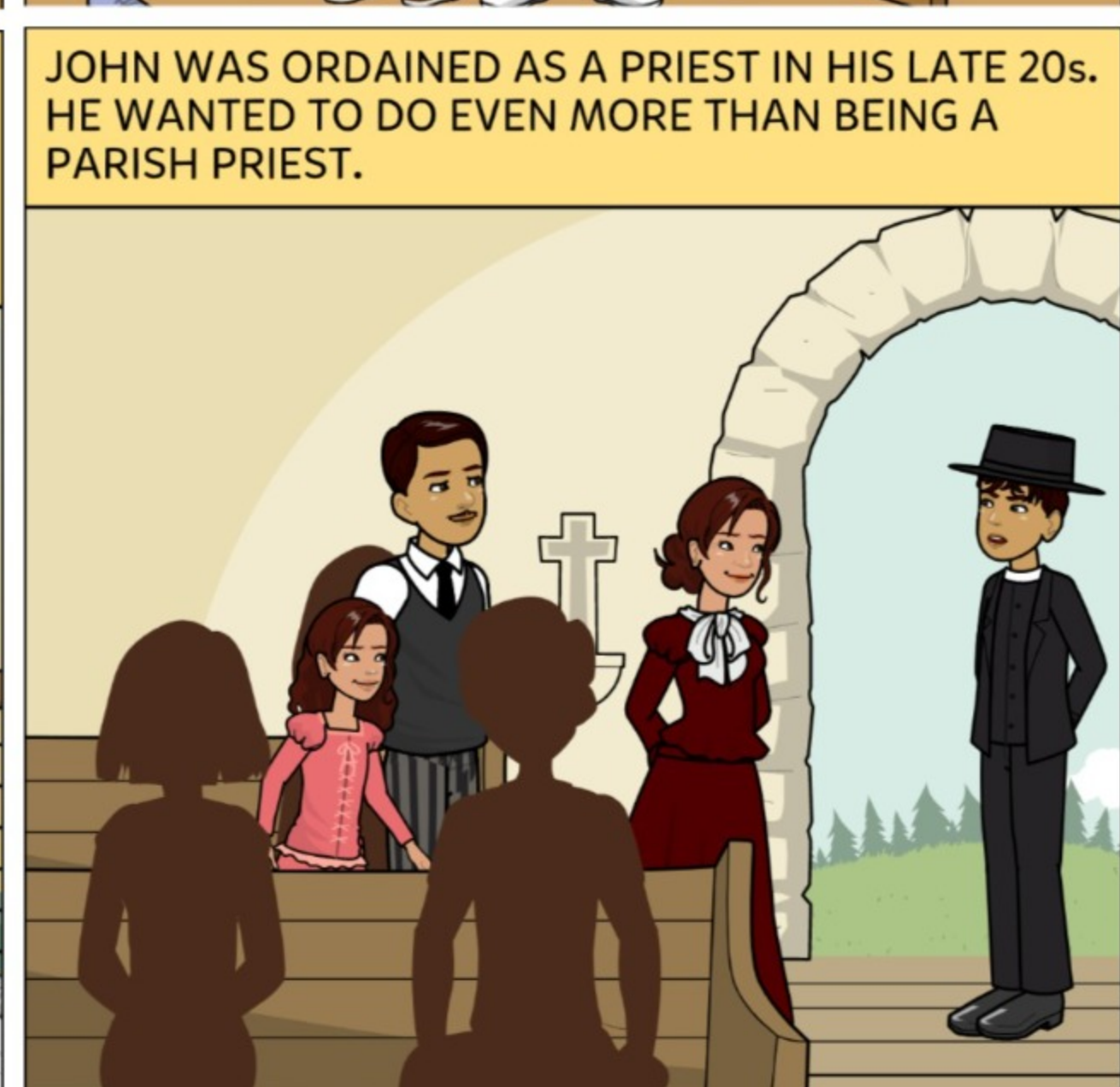
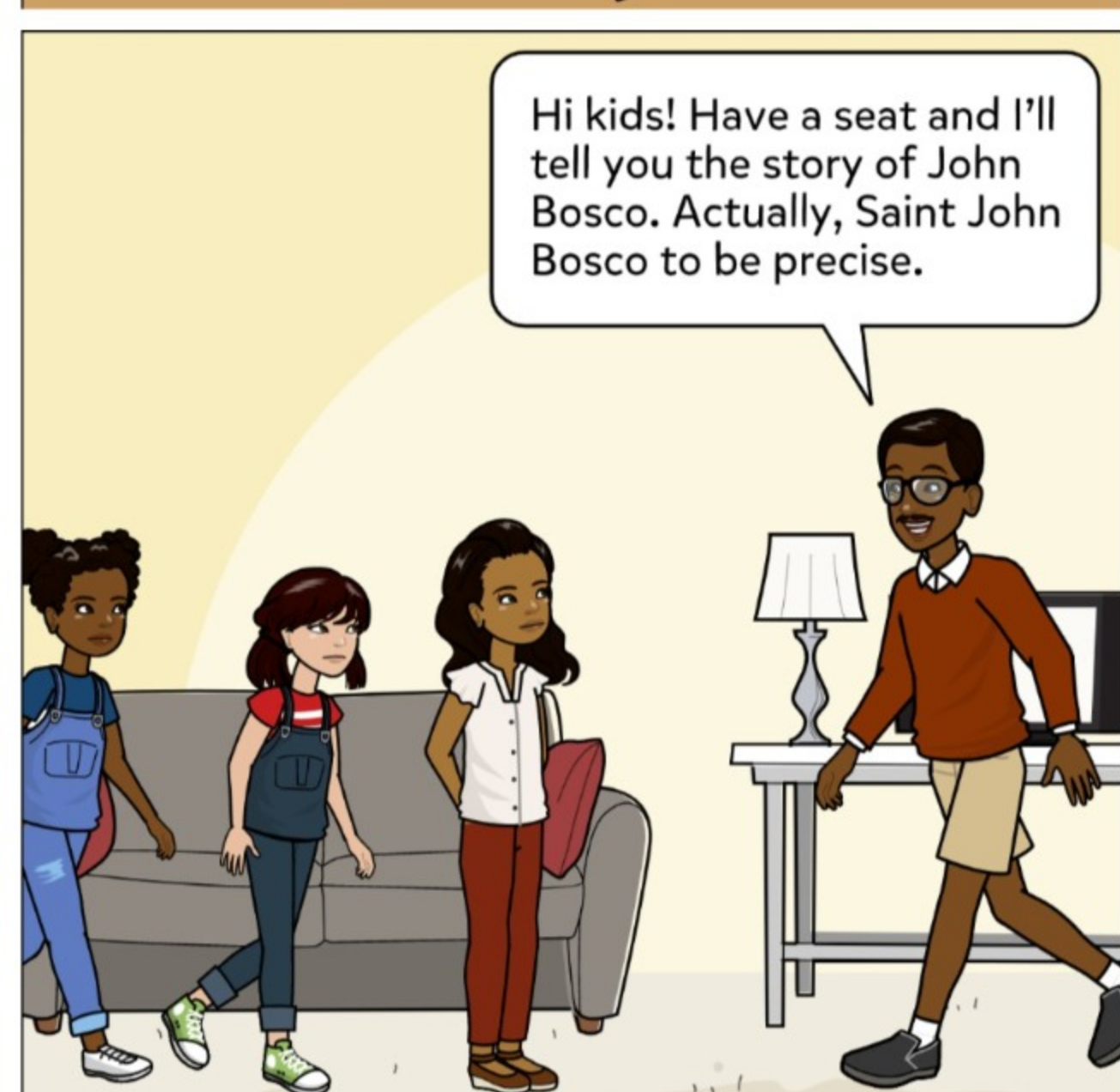
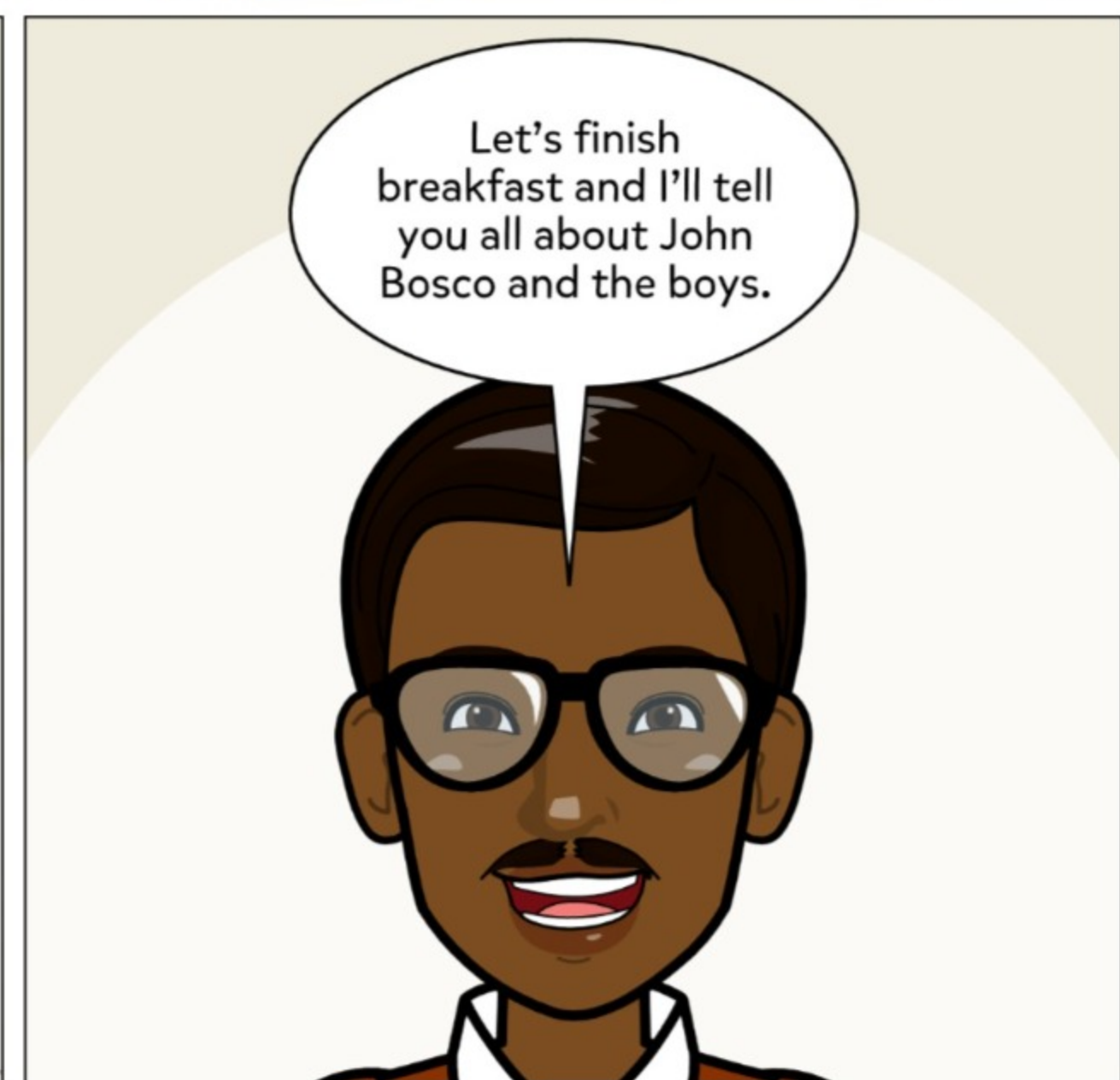
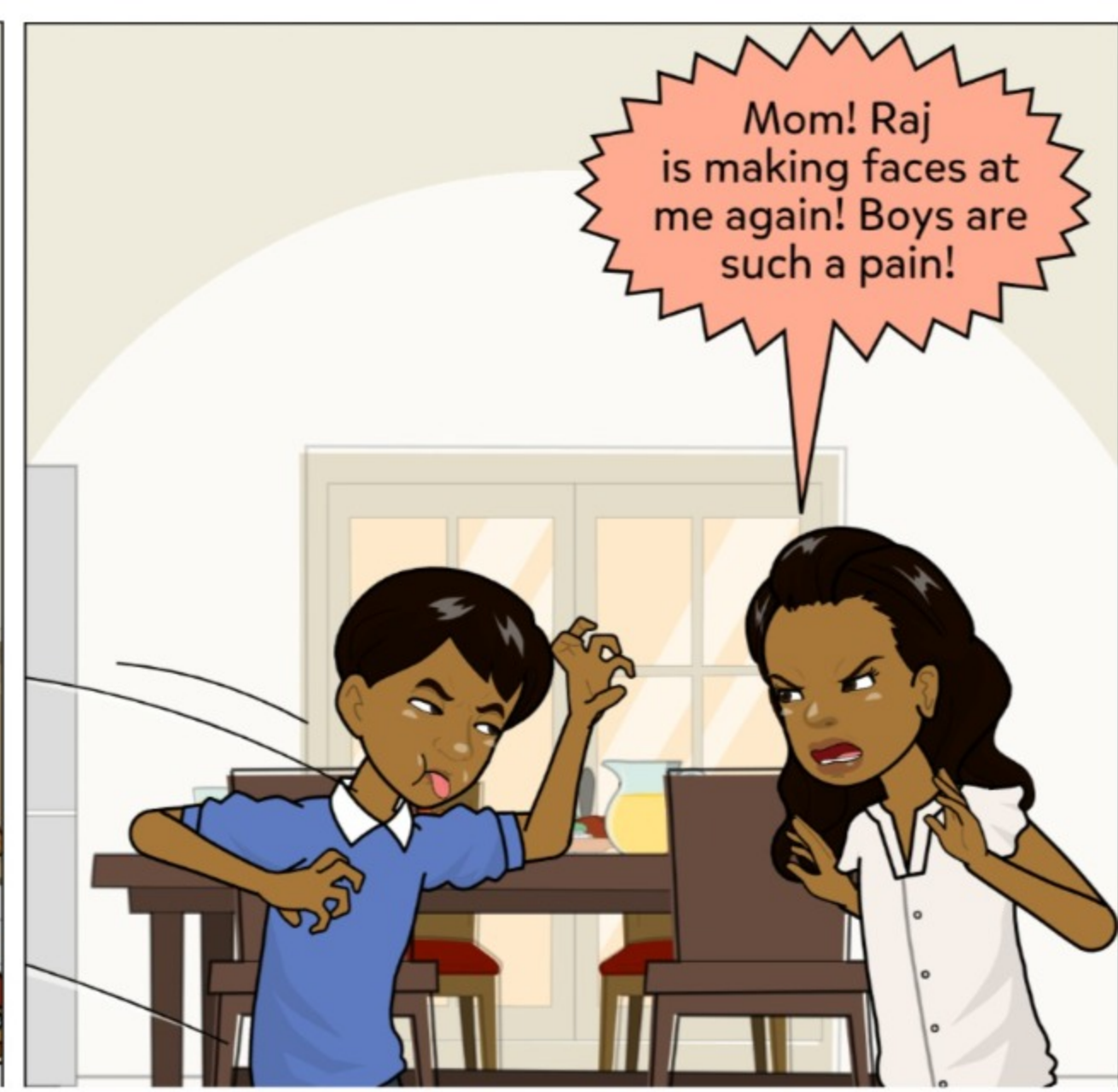
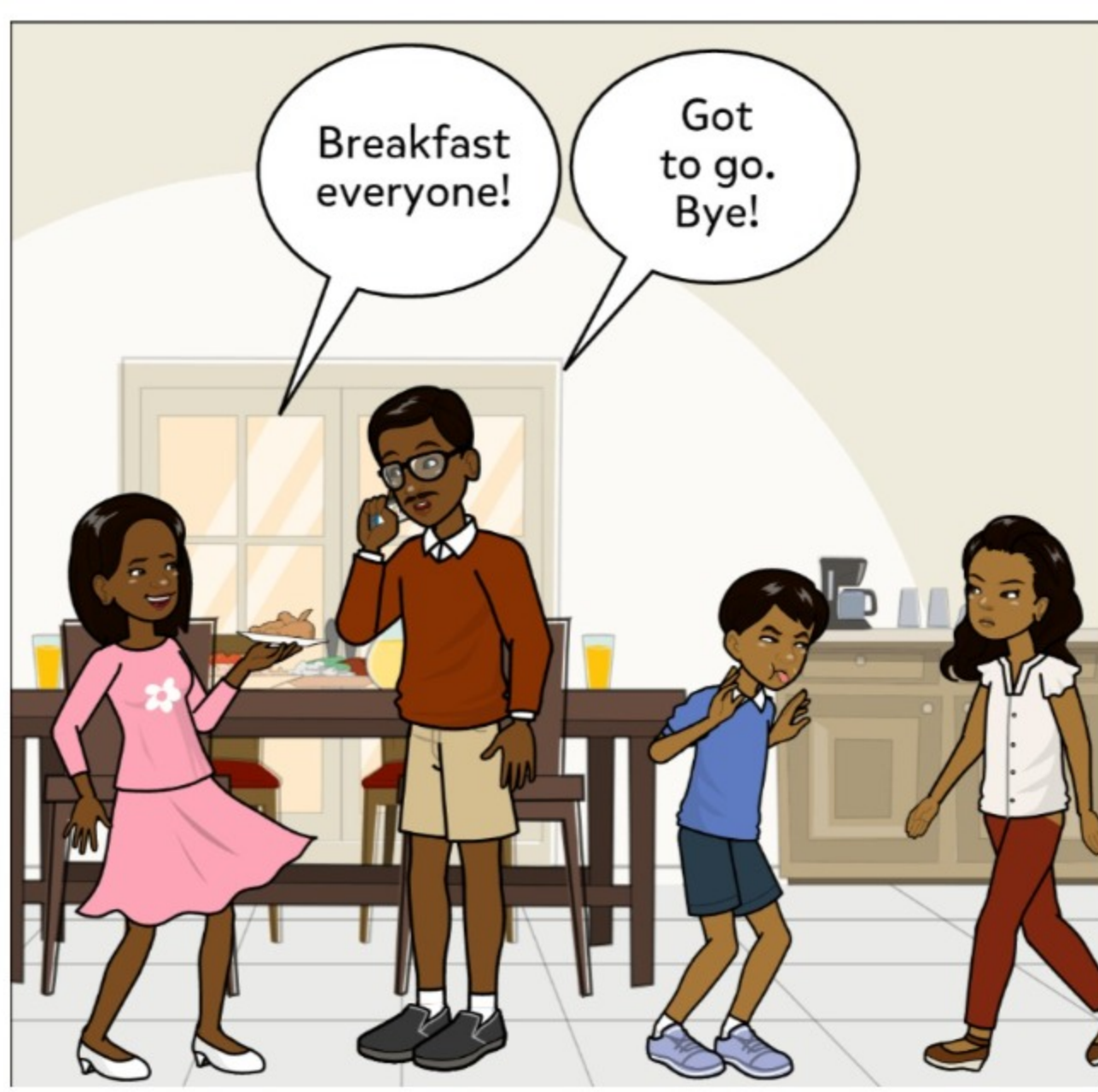


Saint John Bosco

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JOHN'S GOAL WAS TO HELP THE ORPHAN BOYS WHO ROAMED THE STREETS. THESE BOYS WERE THIEVES BECAUSE THEY HAD TO STEAL TO EAT. ONE DAY HE SPOKE TO ONE OF THEM.



THE NEXT DAY THE BOY CAME BACK. AND THE NEXT WEEK HE BROUGHT SOME OF HIS FRIENDS ALONG WITH HIM. SOON, JOHN BOSCO WAS SPENDING MOST OF HIS TIME WITH THE BOYS.



JOHN TAUGHT THE BOYS ABOUT RELIGION AND USED STORIES AND TRICKS TO MAKE IT INTERESTING. WITHIN A YEAR THERE WAS A LARGE CROWD OF BOYS FOLLOWING JOHN BOSCO.



JOHN GAVE THE BOYS FOOD AND SHELTER, AND HIS MOTHER HELPED TO CARE, COOK AND SEW CLOTHES FOR THEM. THEY FONDLY CALLED HER MAMA MARGARET.



OTHER PEOPLE BEGAN HELPING ONCE THEY REALIZED THE GOOD WORK JOHN WAS DOING FOR THE BOYS AS WELL AS THE CITY. WITHIN A FEW YEARS, THREE MORE HOMES WERE BUILT IN TURIN.



THE BOYS WERE TAUGHT ABOUT THE FAITH, AND ALSO EDUCATED IN GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND THE TRADES.



THE BOYS NOW HAD SHELTER AND THE HELP THEY NEEDED TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE. THEY OBTAINED SKILLS TO GET JOBS AND MAKE A LIVING! THEY WERE NO LONGER OUTCASTS!



JOHN BOSCO THEN FOUNDED A RELIGIOUS ORDER CALLED THE SALESIANS. THEY EXPANDED HIS MISSION WORK INTO OTHER CITIES AND BUILT ADDITIONAL SHELTERS FOR THE YOUTH.



A GROUP OF SALESIAN SISTERS WAS ORGANIZED TO CREATE OTHER SHELTERS FOR HOMELESS AND AT-RISK GIRLS.



JOHN BOSCO DIED IN 1888 AND WAS DECLARED A SAINT IN 1934. HIS WORK IS CARRIED ON TO THIS DAY IN COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. HIS FEAST DAY IS CELEBRATED ON JANUARY 31.



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