



# St. Dominic Savio

A Story in Rhyme starring St. Dominic Savio and St. John Bosco

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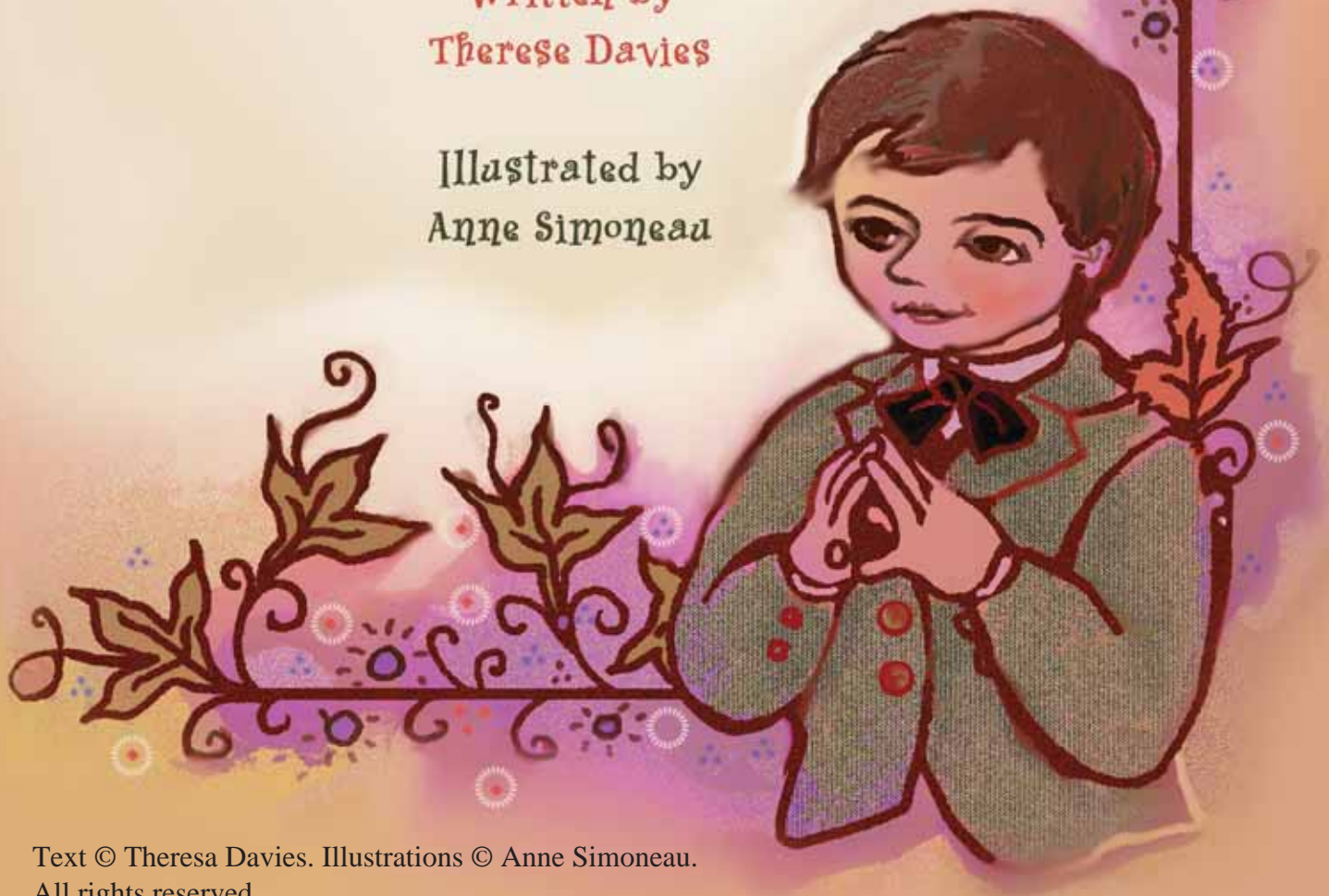
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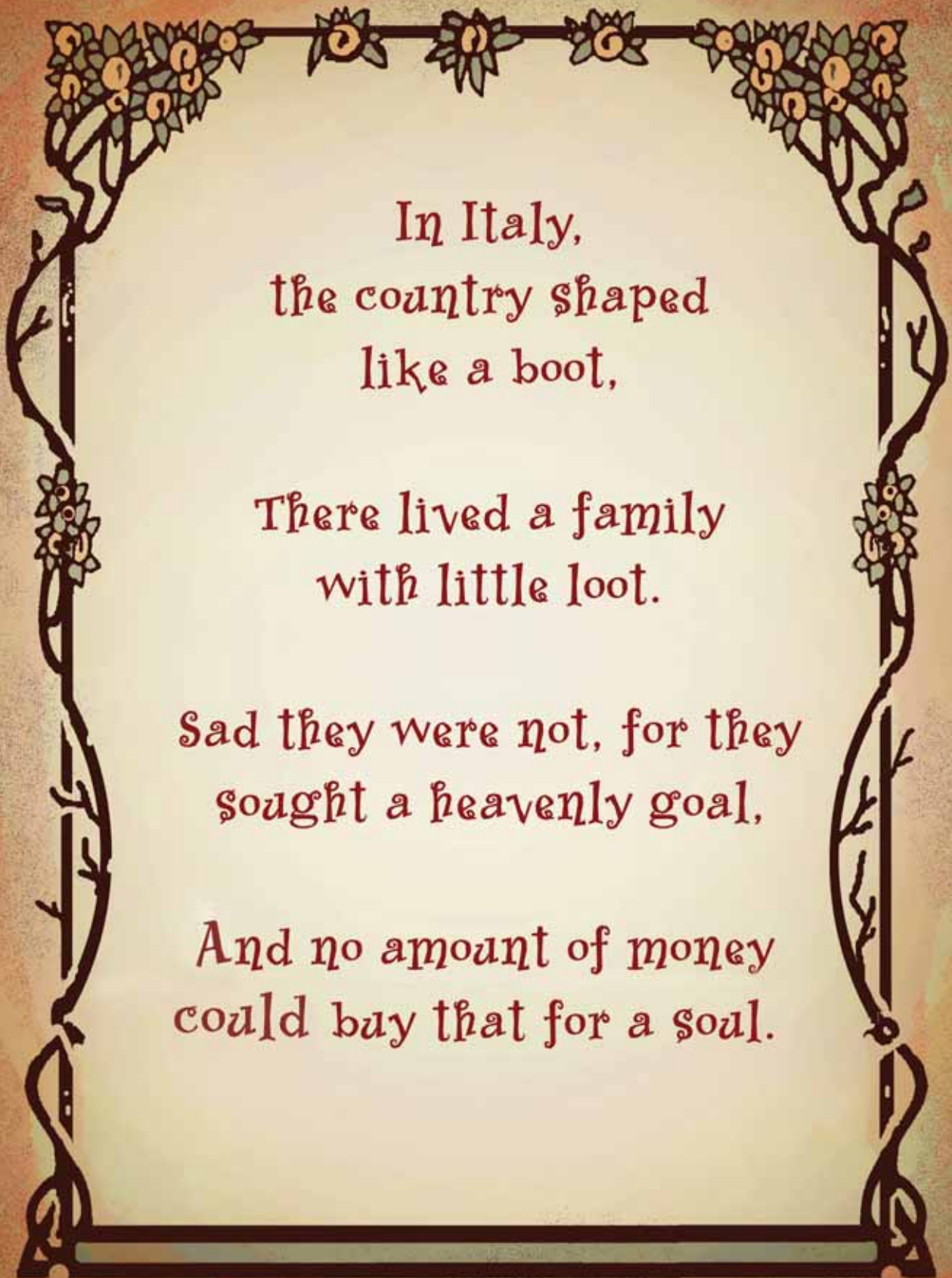
Saint John Bosco

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In Italy,  
the country shaped  
like a boot,

There lived a family  
with little loot.

Sad they were not, for they  
sought a heavenly goal,

And no amount of money  
could buy that for a soul.





The family  
had a little boy,

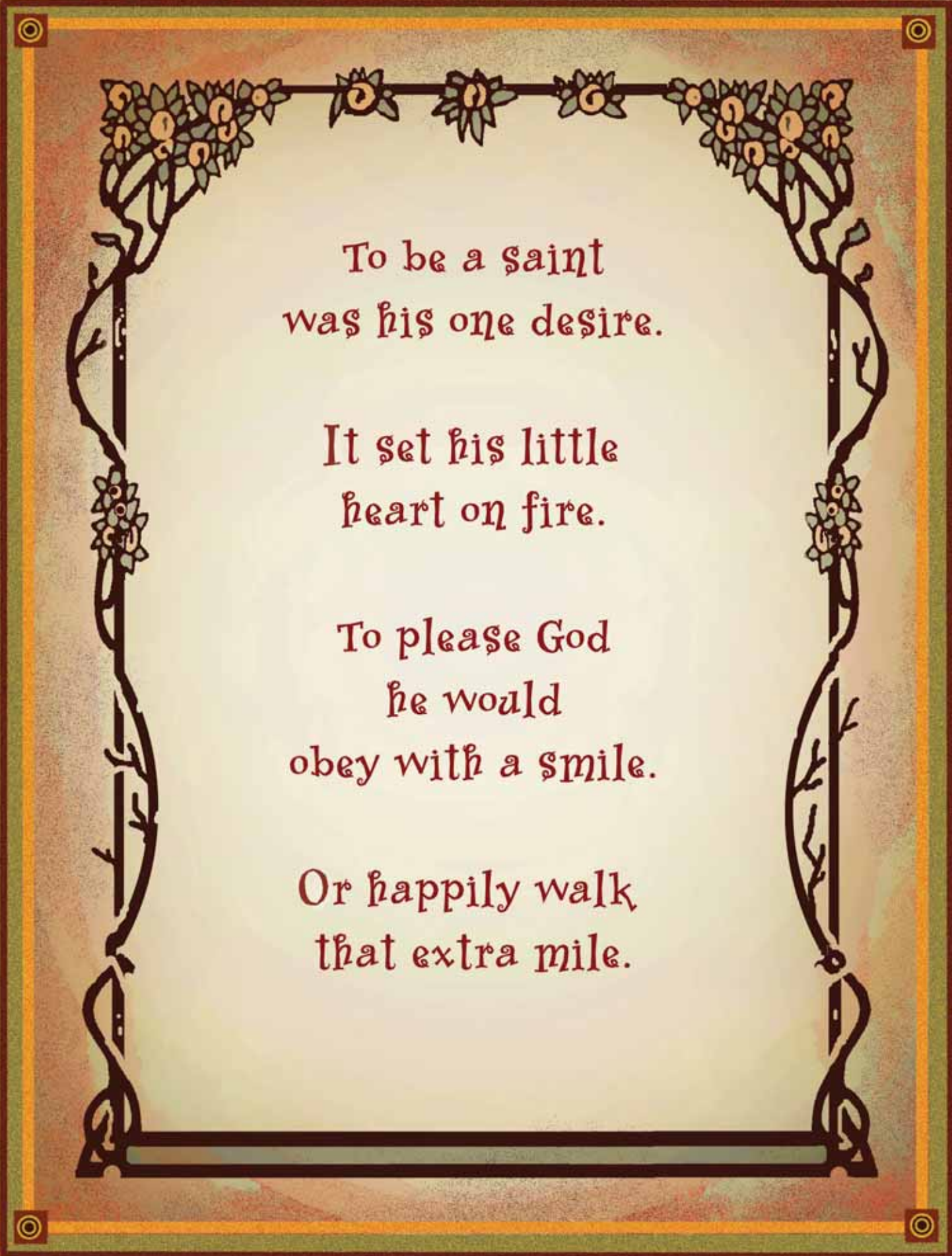
Who brought them  
so much joy.

Dominic Savio  
was his name.

And love for Jesus  
was his fame.







To be a saint  
was his one desire.

It set his little  
heart on fire.

To please God  
he would  
obey with a smile.

Or happily walk  
that extra mile.





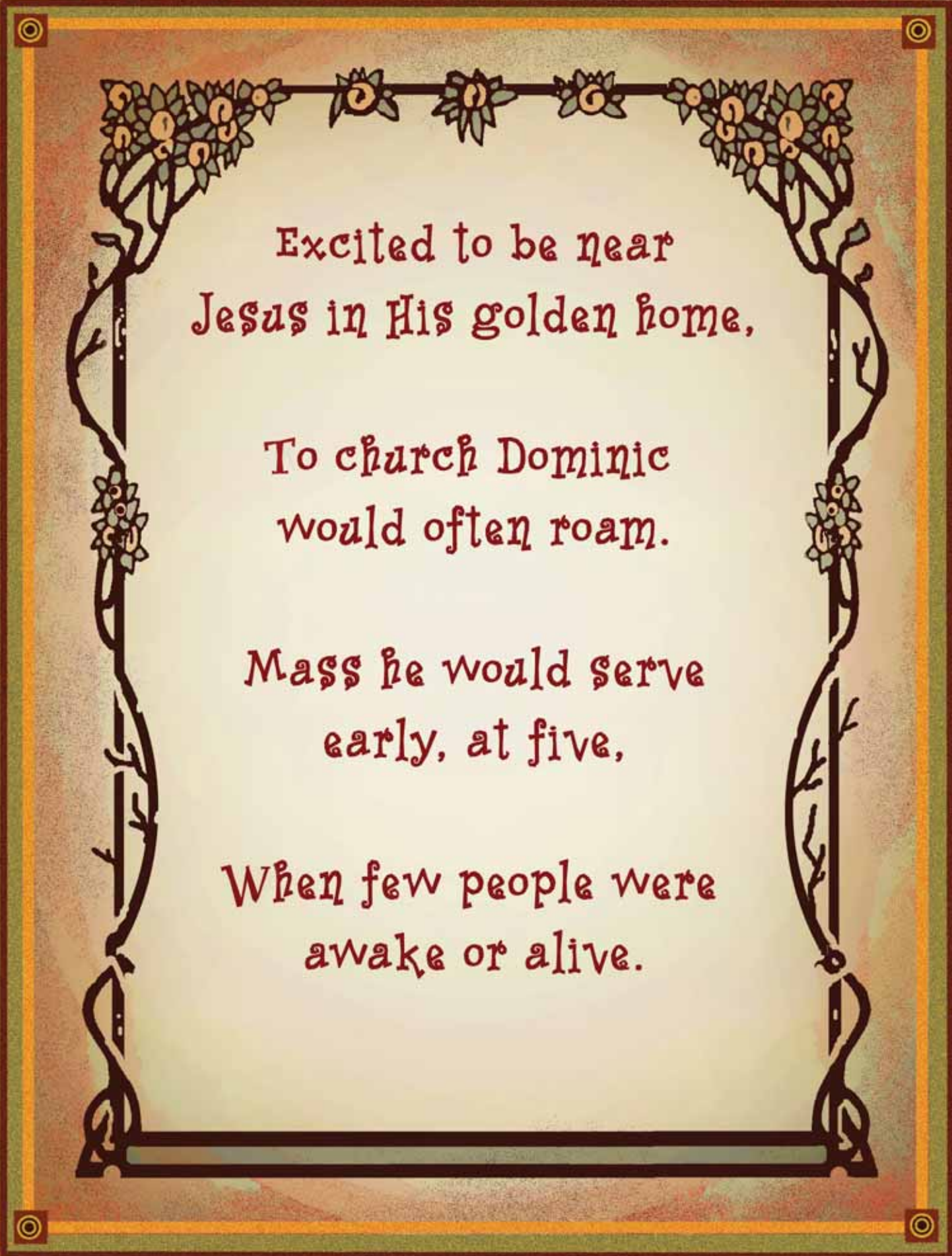
Dominic  
at the age of four,

Could say his prayers and  
more.

He could listen to Mass  
without wiggling  
around,

Even though his feet could  
barely touch the ground.





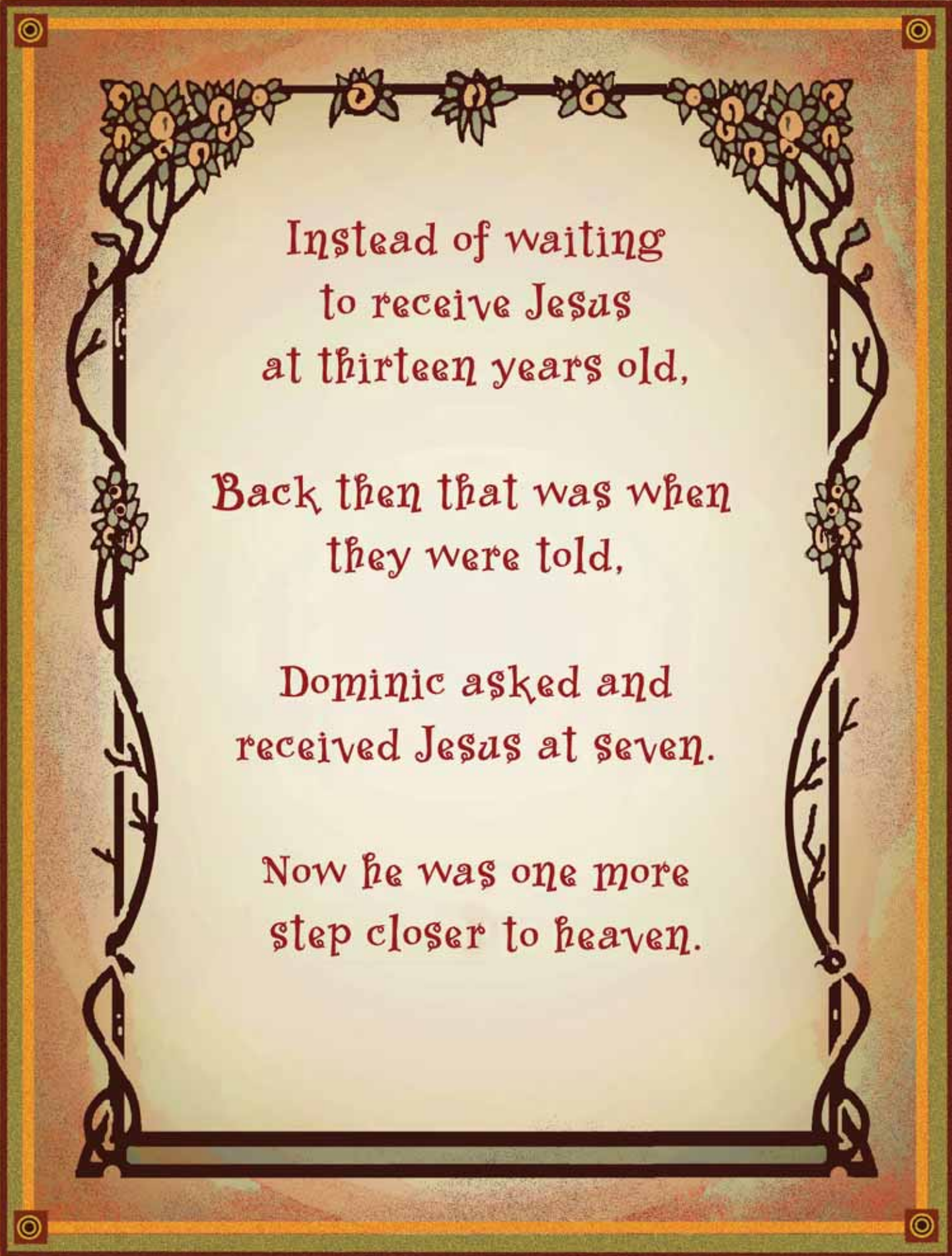
Excited to be near  
Jesus in His golden home,

To church Dominic  
would often roam.

Mass he would serve  
early, at five,

When few people were  
awake or alive.





Instead of waiting  
to receive Jesus  
at thirteen years old,

Back then that was when  
they were told,

Dominic asked and  
received Jesus at seven.

Now he was one more  
step closer to heaven.



*Death but not sin!*





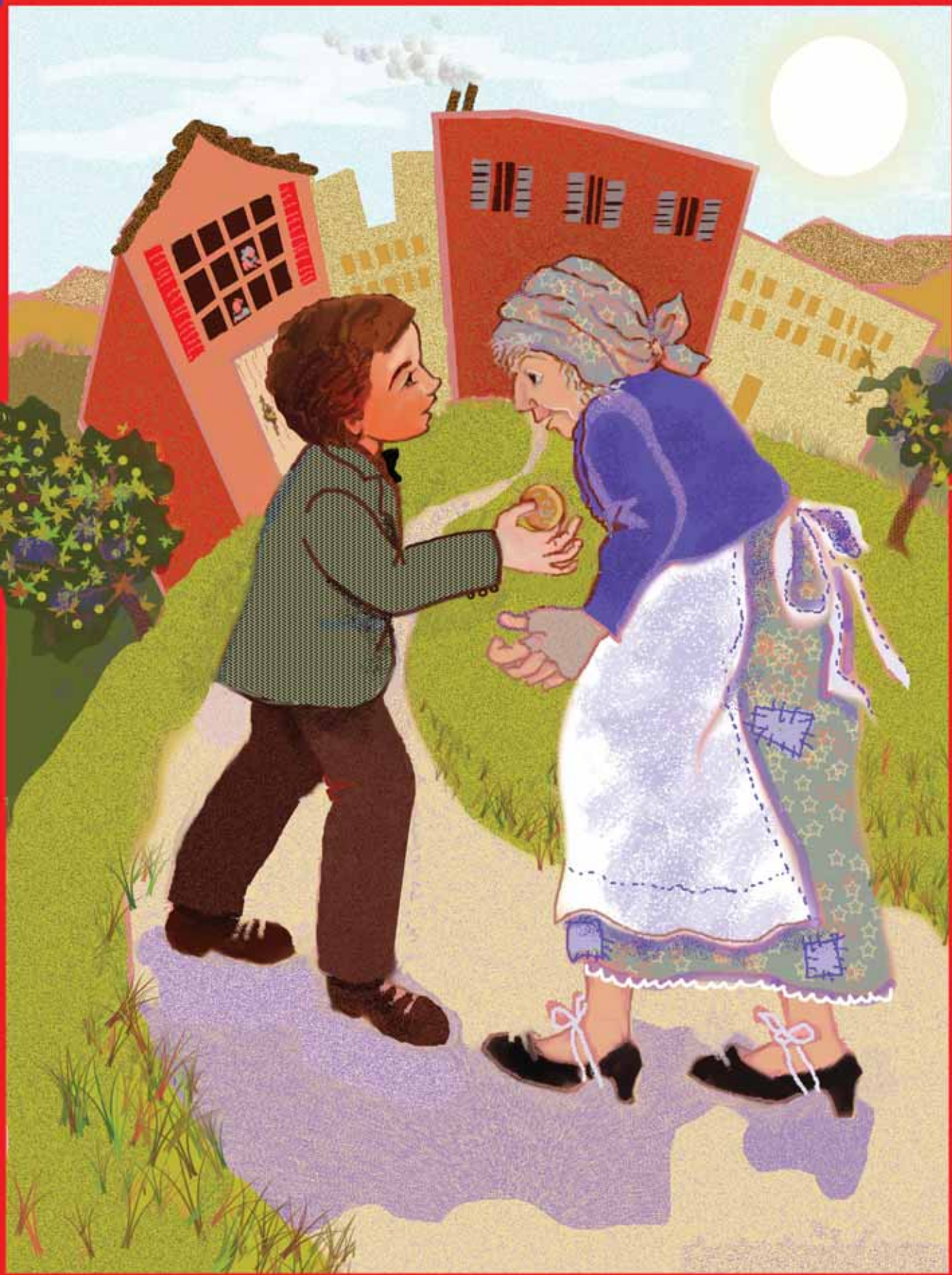


On his First Holy  
Communion Day,

Dominic did not let his  
mind wander away.

To Jesus, he promised,  
“Death but not sin.”

With Jesus help,  
Dominic would have,  
victory within!



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Dominic was  
never stingy.

Nor did he make fun of his friends  
whose clothes were dingy.

Rather, he would give  
his few pennies to the poor,

For he knew they needed  
them so much more.



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Young Dominic  
wanted to become a priest,

No cost or sacrifice  
would discourage him  
in the least.

At nine years old,  
three miles to school  
he would walk.

For company,  
to his guardian angel  
he would talk.



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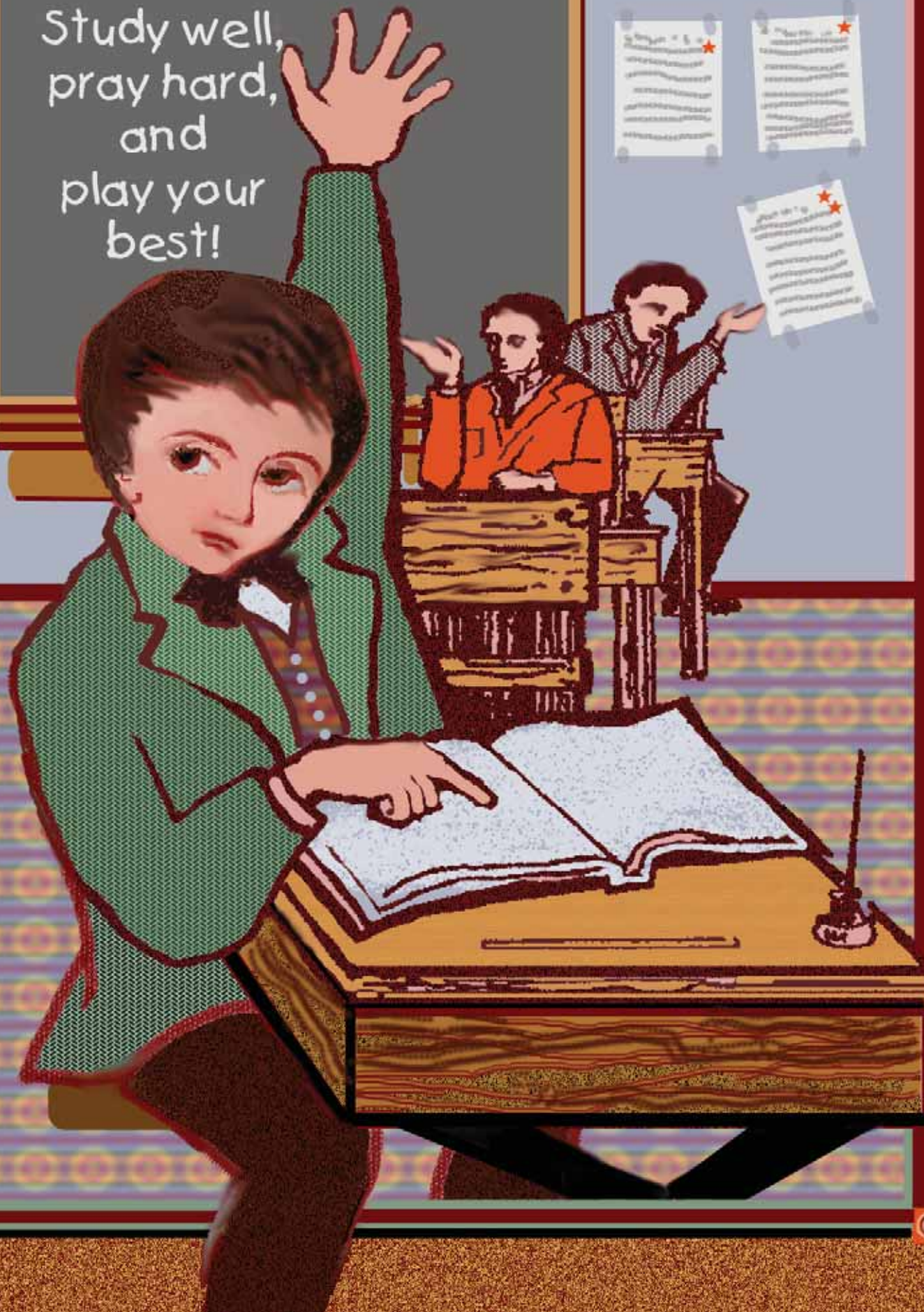
Good Don Bosco  
finally entered his life,

He helped Dominic  
end his scholarly strife.

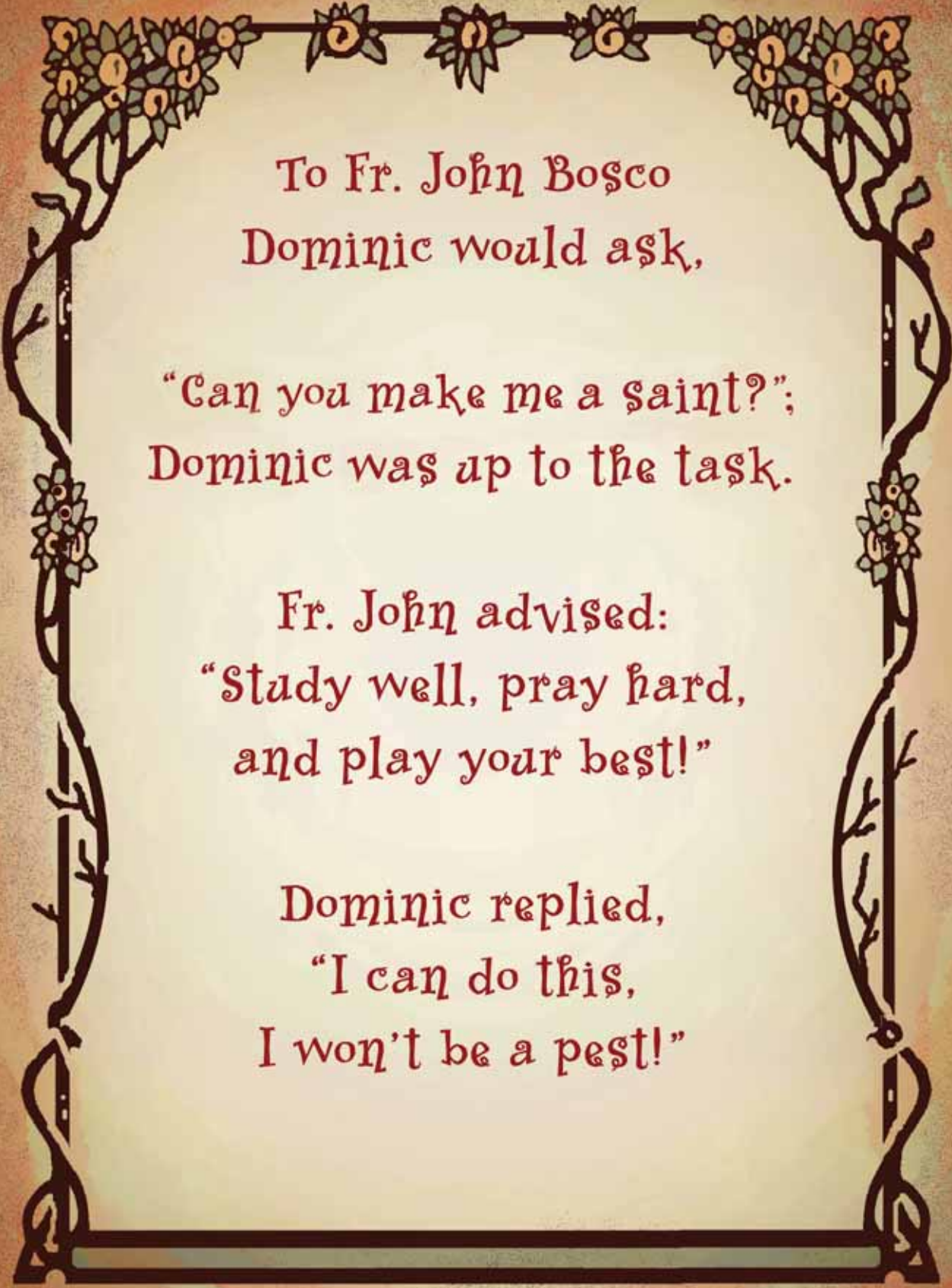
“A garment for God”  
Father Bosco would  
make him become.

He was the tailor and  
Dominic the cloth...how  
awesome!

Study well,  
pray hard,  
and  
play your  
best!





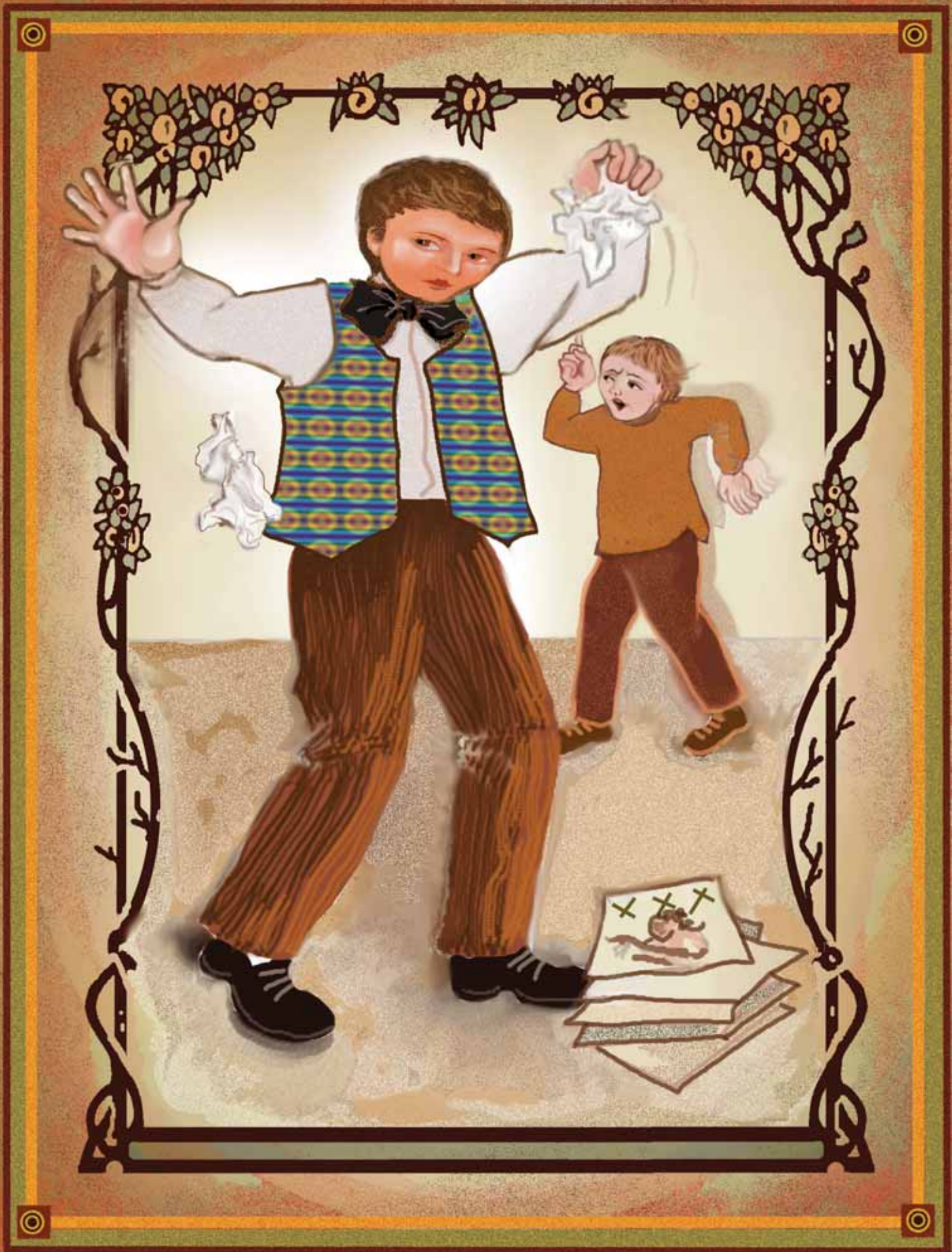
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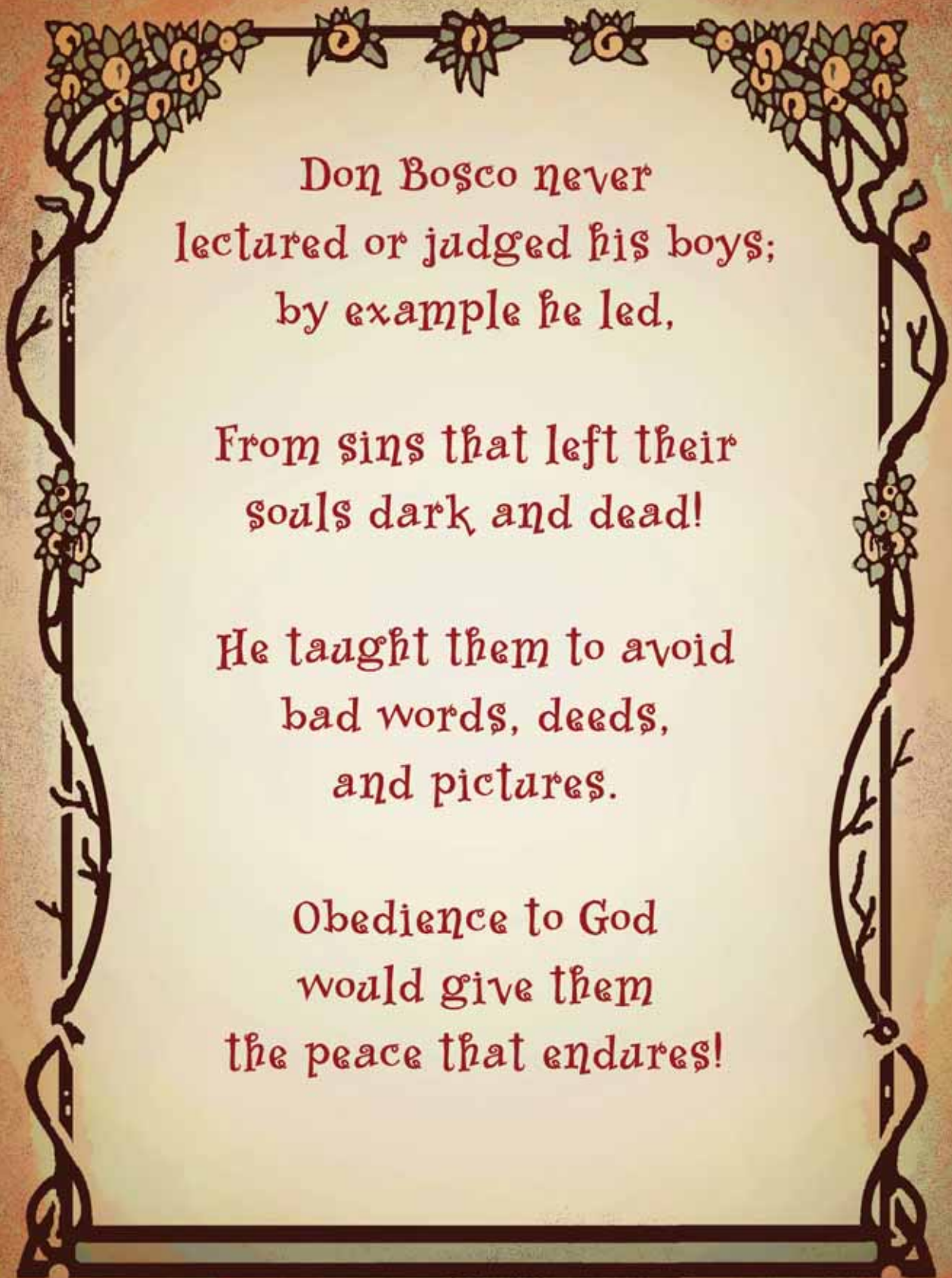
To Fr. John Bosco  
Dominic would ask,

“Can you make me a saint?”;  
Dominic was up to the task.

Fr. John advised:  
“Study well, pray hard,  
and play your best!”

Dominic replied,  
“I can do this,  
I won’t be a pest!”



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Don Bosco never  
lectured or judged his boys;  
by example he led,

From sins that left their  
souls dark and dead!

He taught them to avoid  
bad words, deeds,  
and pictures.

Obedience to God  
would give them  
the peace that endures!

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Anger  
made two boys decide  
to fight in a stone duel;

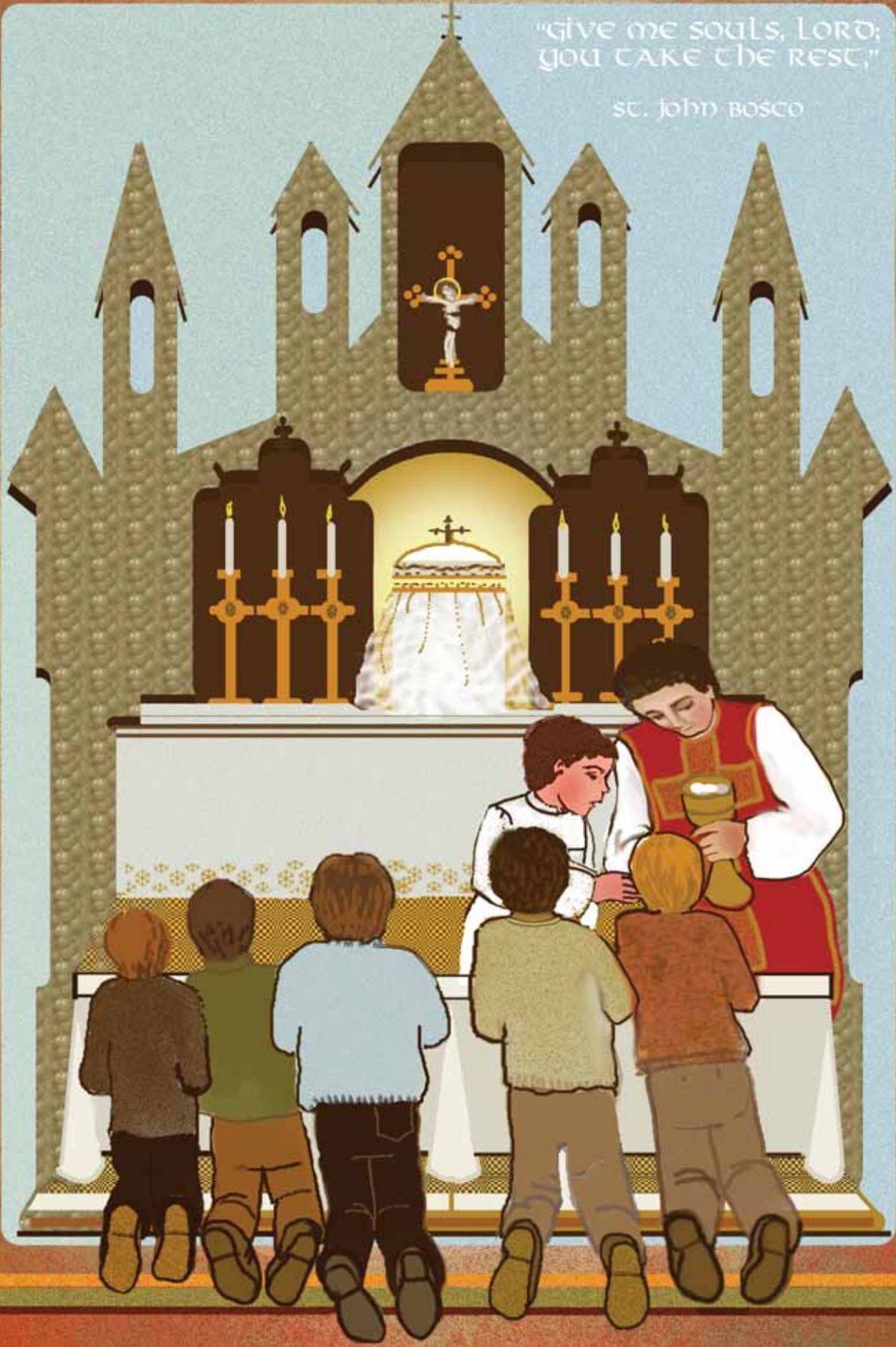
Dominic stepped between them  
with a cross;  
he was God's fool.

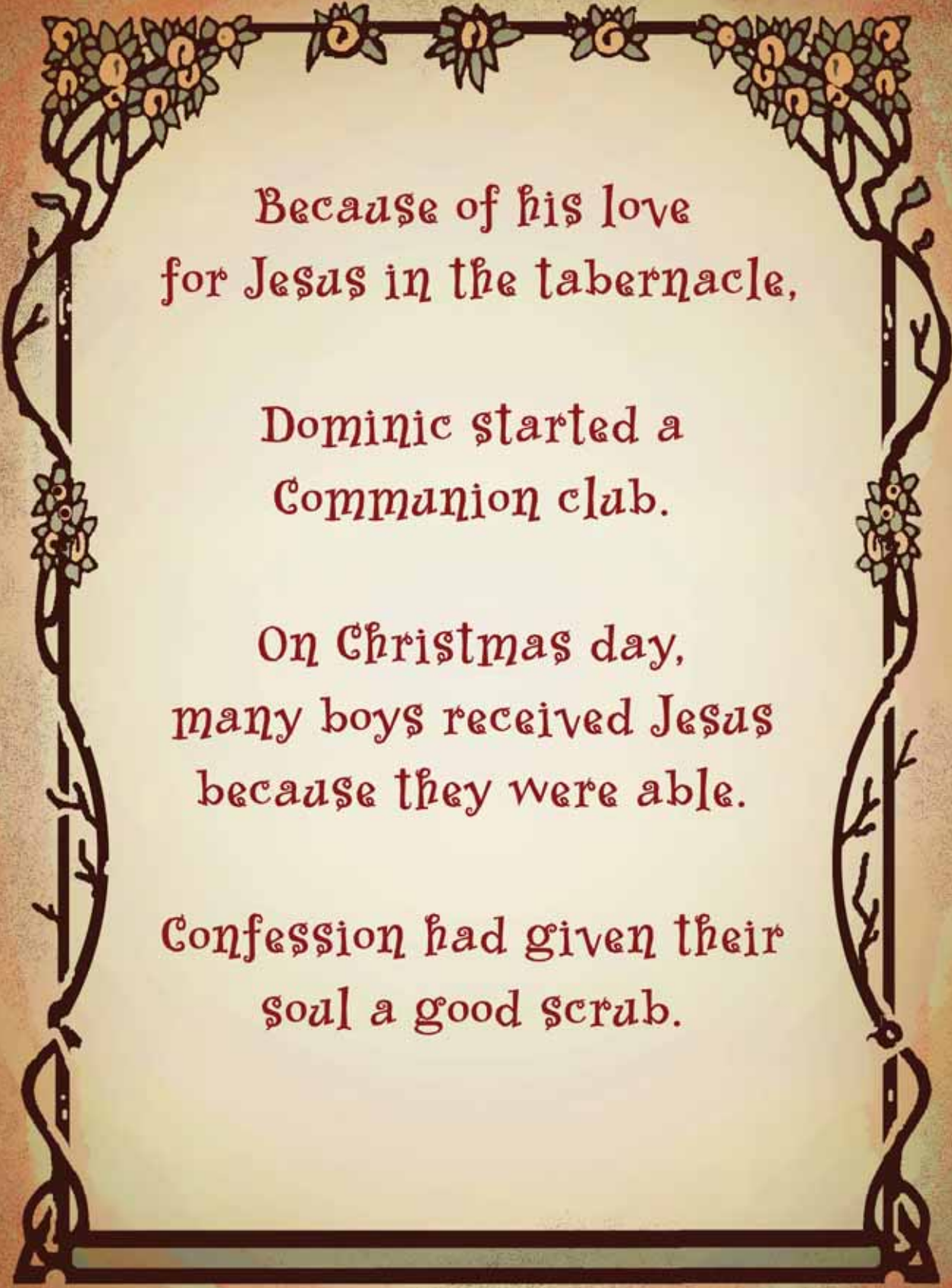
The boys failed to realize that  
Jesus was their friend,

To Confession they went  
and their knees  
they did bend.

"GIVE ME SOULS, LORD;  
YOU TAKE THE REST."

ST. JOHN BOSCO





Because of his love  
for Jesus in the tabernacle,

Dominic started a  
Communion club.

On Christmas day,  
many boys received Jesus  
because they were able.

Confession had given their  
soul a good scrub.







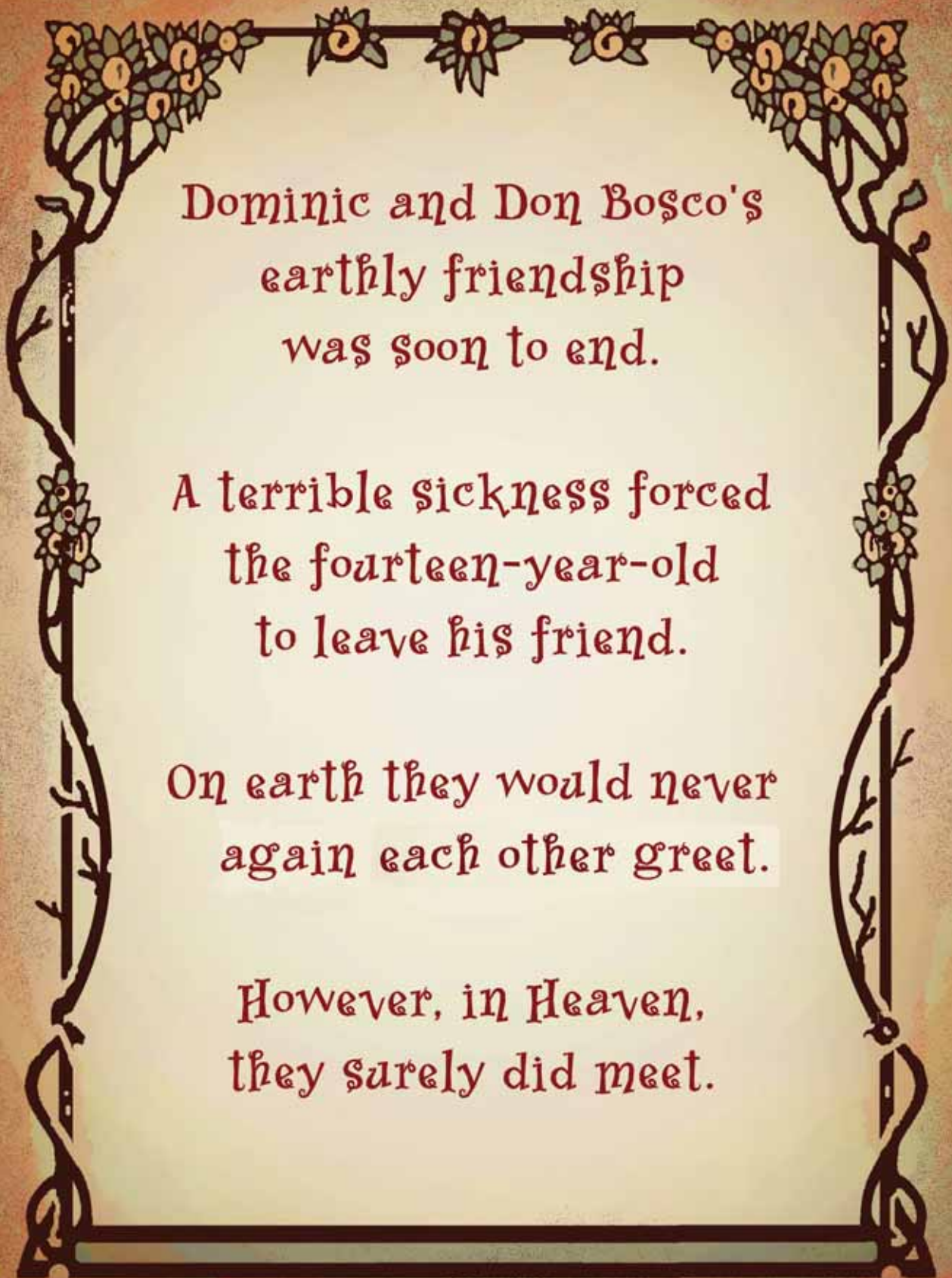
Dominic  
would sometimes know  
when a soul needed  
the Last Rite.

To Don Bosco  
he would go  
in the middle of the night.

Together they would  
save a soul.

That was their goal!



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Dominic and Don Bosco's  
earthly friendship  
was soon to end.

A terrible sickness forced  
the fourteen-year-old  
to leave his friend.

On earth they would never  
again each other greet.

However, in Heaven,  
they surely did meet.

# Saint Dominic Savio

St. Dominic Savio is a great saint for children to follow. He did not go off to far-away mission fields, write great books, or do great deeds in the eyes of the world.

However, he loved Jesus as much as he could and tried to bring everyone he met closer to Christ by his kindness and good example.

Dominic's love for Jesus began at a young age. He started going to Mass with his father daily at the age of five. He was an altar boy and was able to receive Holy Communion at the age of seven, which was very rare in his time. On this special day, he made Jesus and Mary the promise to be their closest friends, to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist as often as he was able, and to choose death before sin.

(He realized that mortal sin killed the life of Christ in his soul and never wanted to offend Jesus in this way.) These promises helped Dominic to stay close to Christ all his life.

Dominic, also, had the desire to become a priest at a very young age. To fulfill this dream, he did his best in school and walked miles back and forth to school, in all kinds of weather.

(He was asked why he wasn't afraid or lonely.

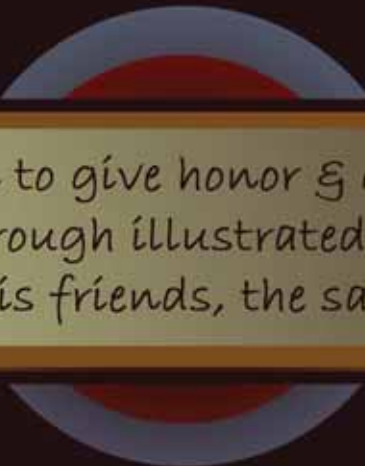
He replied that his guardian angel kept him company.)

Don Bosco, a holy priest who later became a saint, entered Dominic's life. He sought to help Dominic in his desire to not only be a priest, but a saint too. When Dominic tried to do difficult penances, Don Bosco reminded him that not by doing great penances does one get to Heaven, but by faithfully doing the tasks set before you well and with love. Fr. Bosco also told him that being kind to those whom Dom didn't particularly like and to obey those in charge in all that was good were better ways to please Jesus.

Don Bosco quickly helped Dominic on his way to sainthood.

Dominic helped many of the boys in Don Bosco's school stay away from sin. Once he tore up bad pictures that a man was trying to show the boys. When two boys filled with hatred planned a stone duel, he showed them how their anger offended Jesus who died for love of both of them and encouraged them to get to Confession. Also, Dominic would wake up Don Bosco in the middle of the night to go to a home of a person dying and in need of Last Rites. Lastly, he formed a "Communion Club" which encouraged boys to get to Confession more often so that they could receive Jesus frequently. These are only a few of the "little" good works of Dominic.

Even though Dominic's dream to be a priest was never fulfilled, he did become a saint. At fourteen, Dominic became very ill and had to leave Don Bosco's oratory. Dominic knew that he would never return. Sadly, he did die. However, he appeared to Don Bosco and thanked him for helping him get to Heaven. Even though Dominic did not become a priest or do "super" things in the eyes of the world, he became a saint because he did his best, was cheerfully obedient, loved Jesus as much as he could, and helped others to do the same.



Written to give honor & glory to  
God through illustrated stories  
of His friends, the saints