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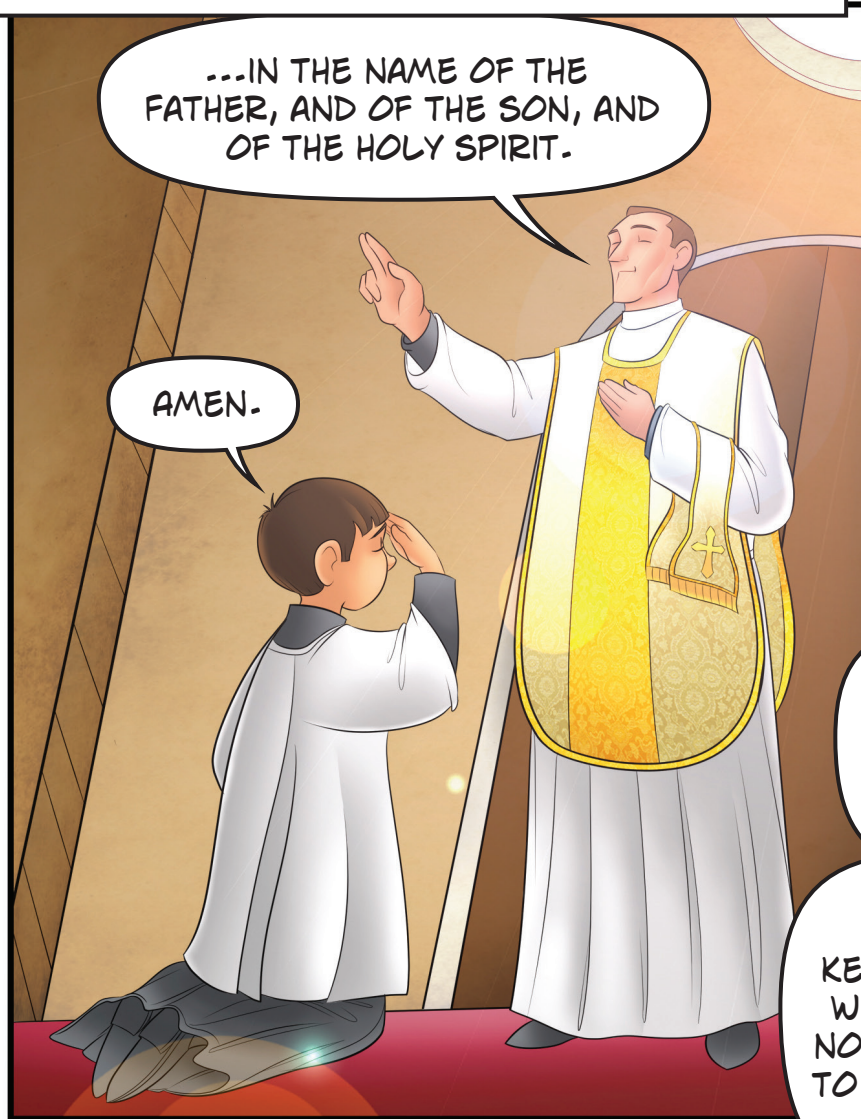
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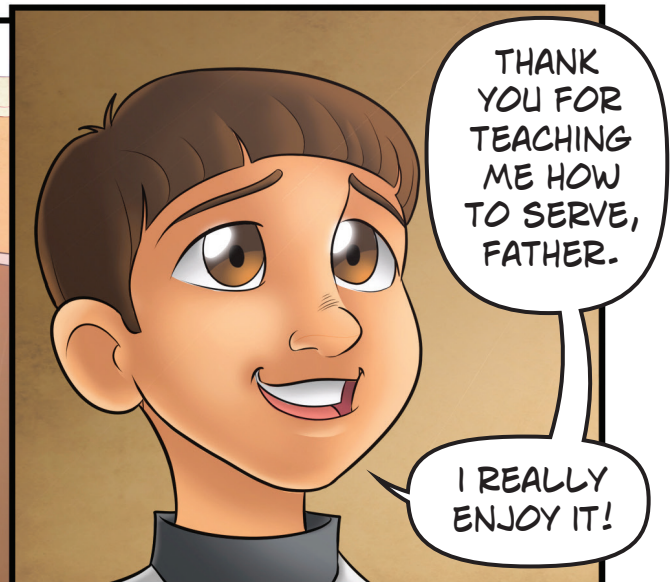
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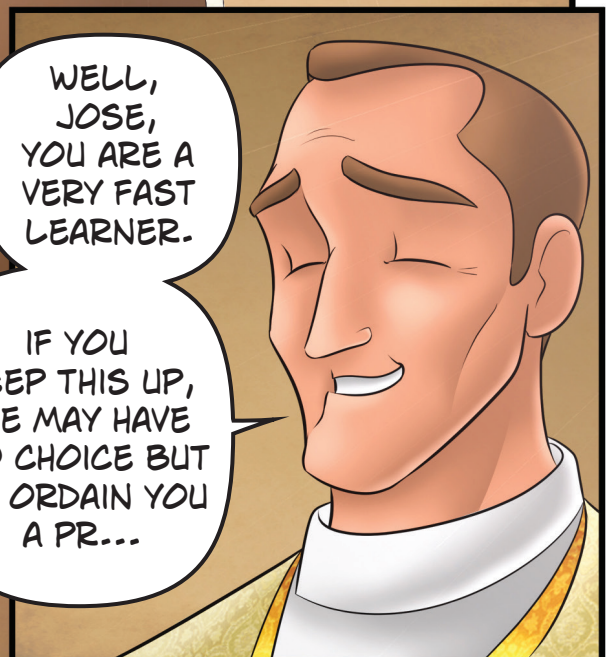
...IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

AMEN.



THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME HOW TO SERVE, FATHER.

I REALLY ENJOY IT!



WELL, JOSE, YOU ARE A VERY FAST LEARNER.

IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, WE MAY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ORDAIN YOU A PR...



**PRIEST!**

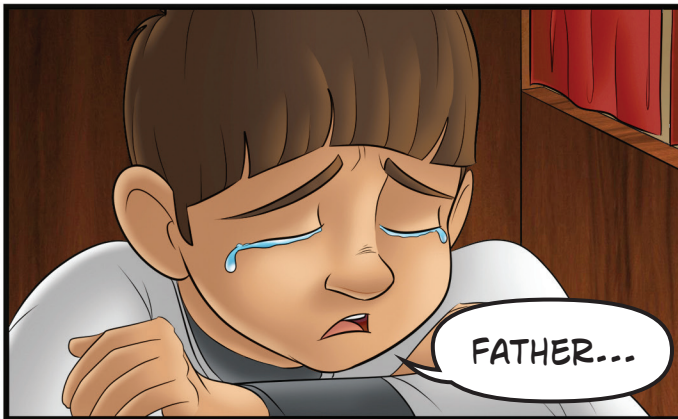
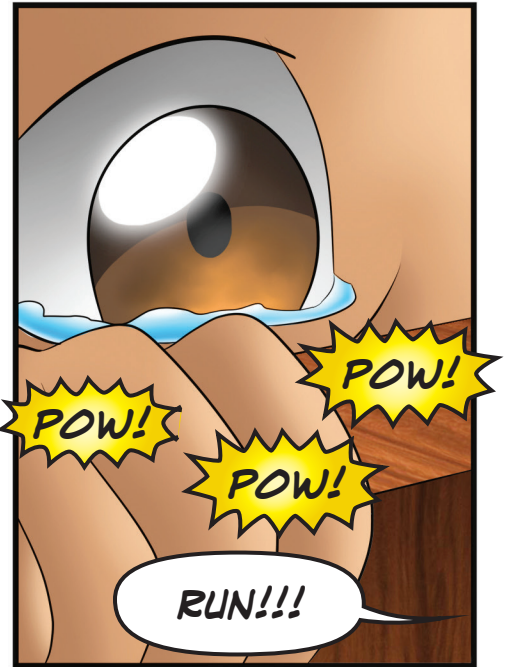
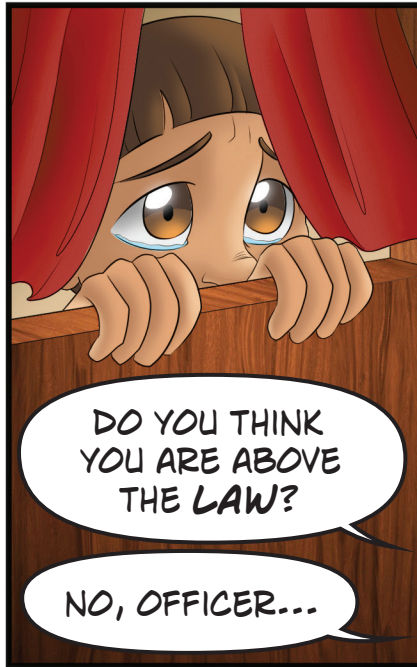
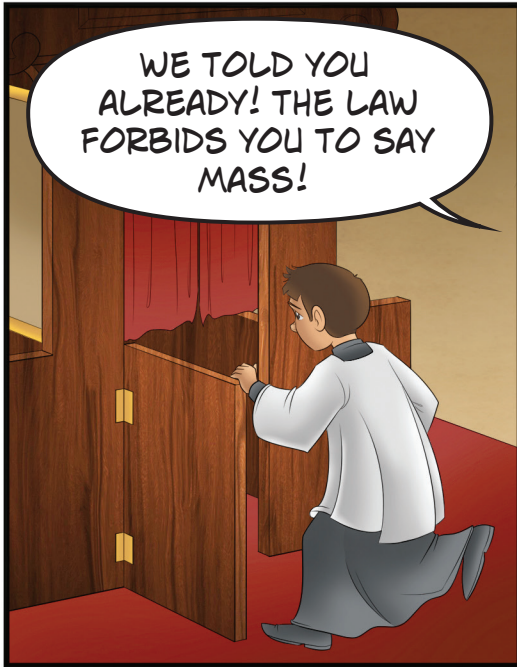
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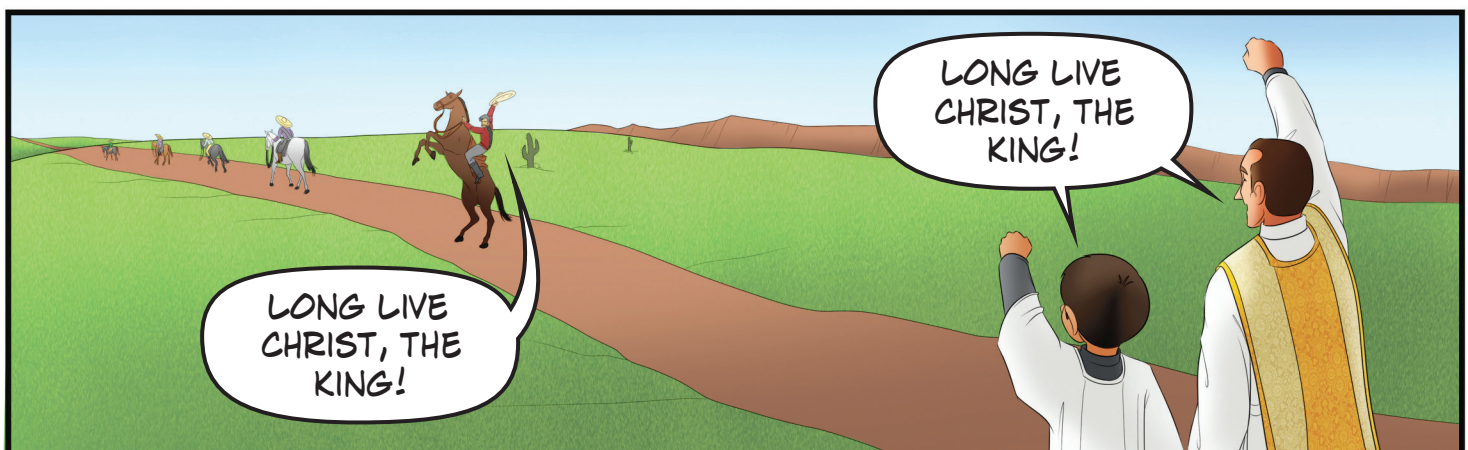
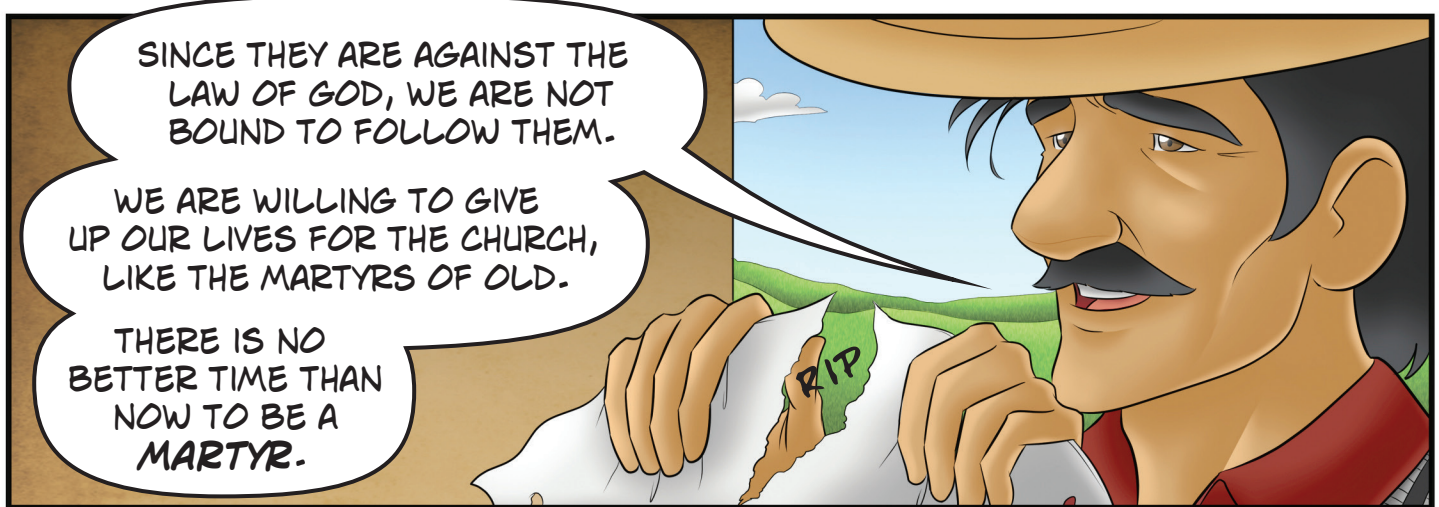
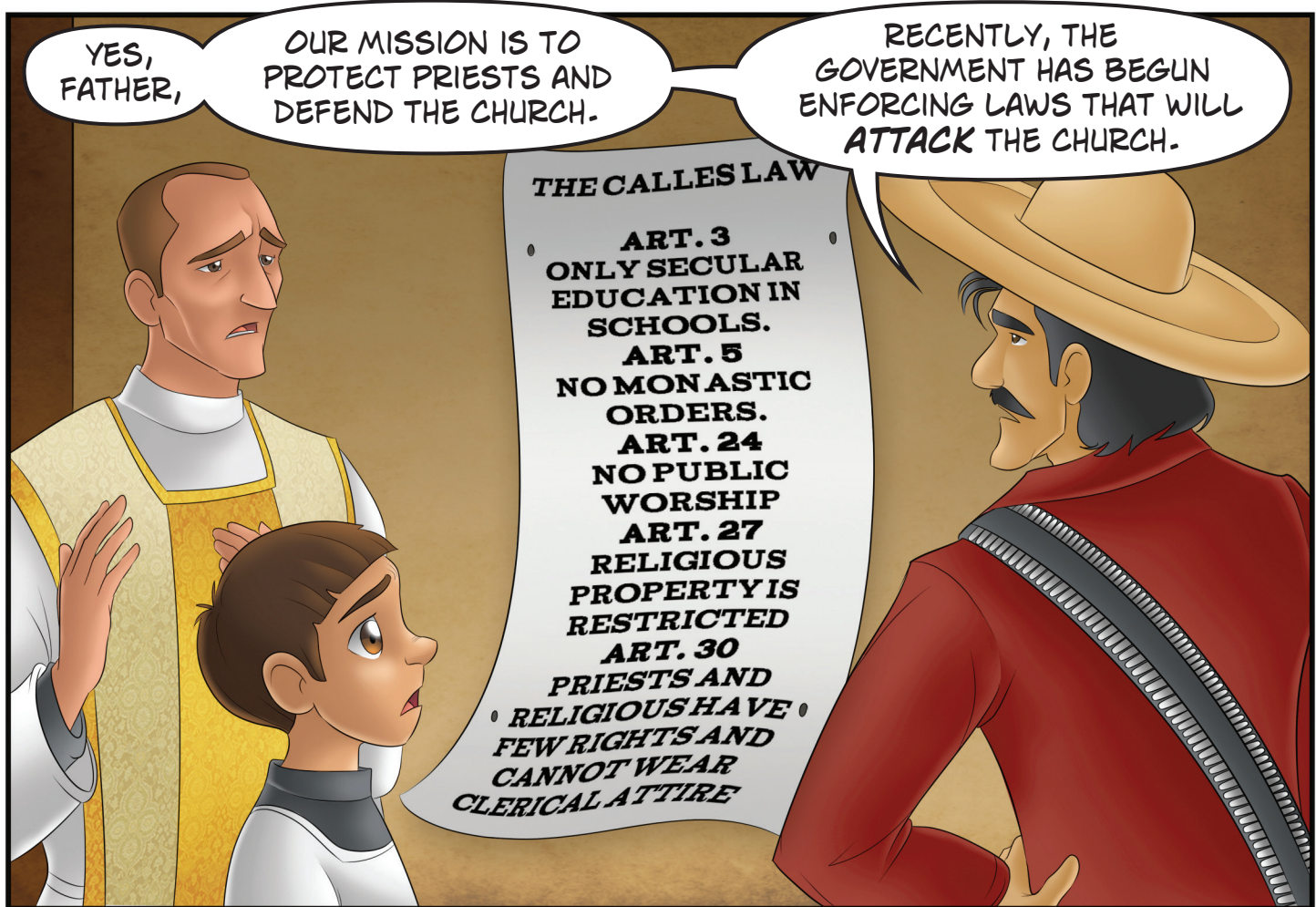
GO HIDE...

YES, OFFICER?



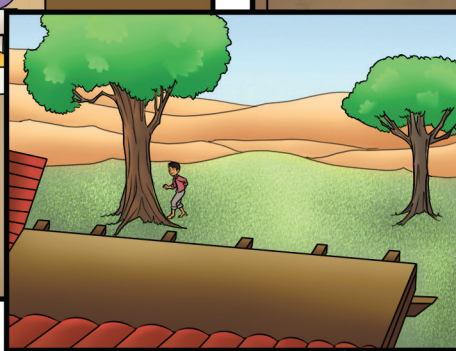
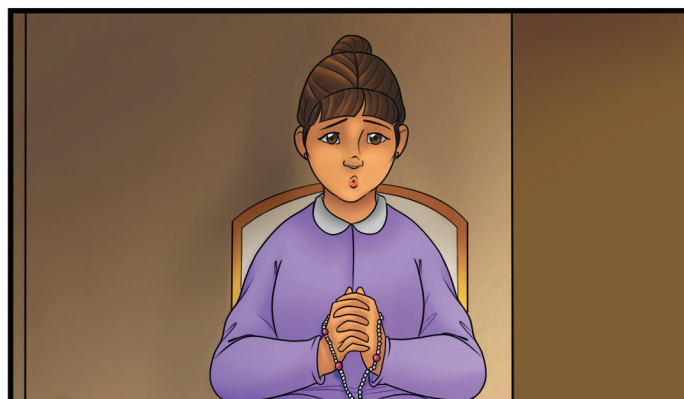
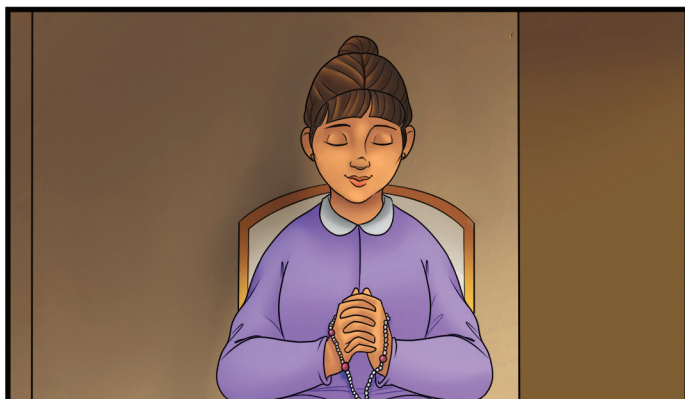
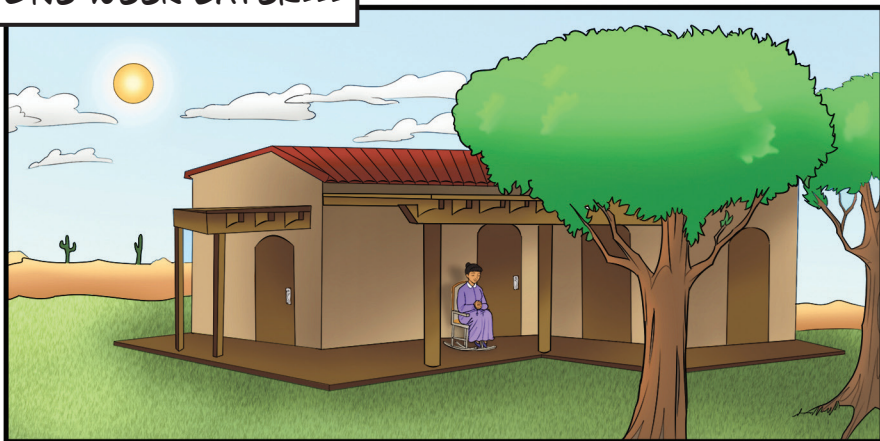




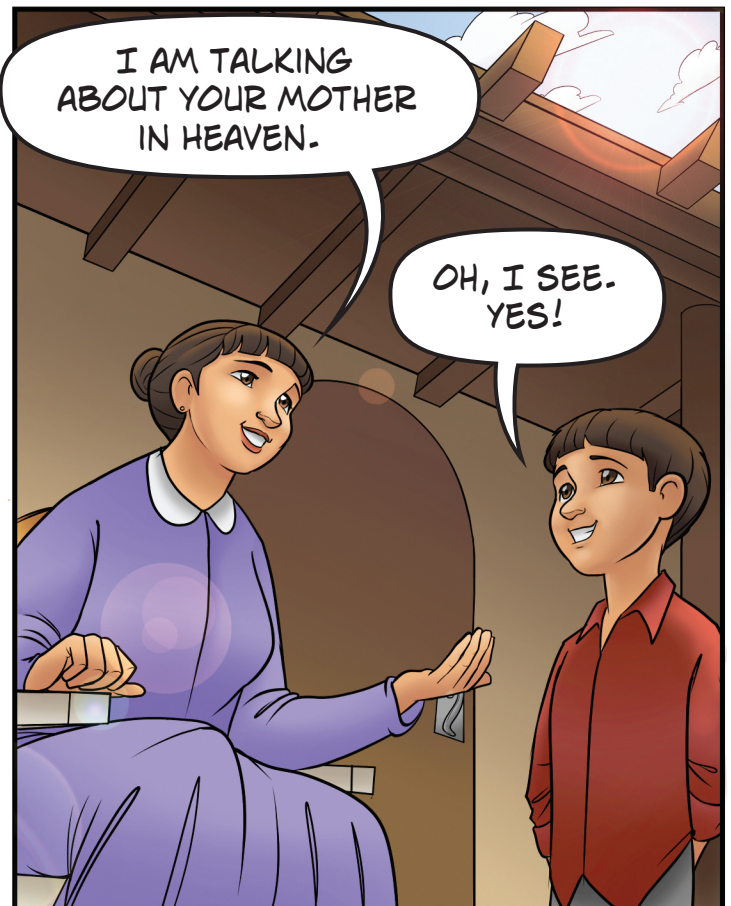
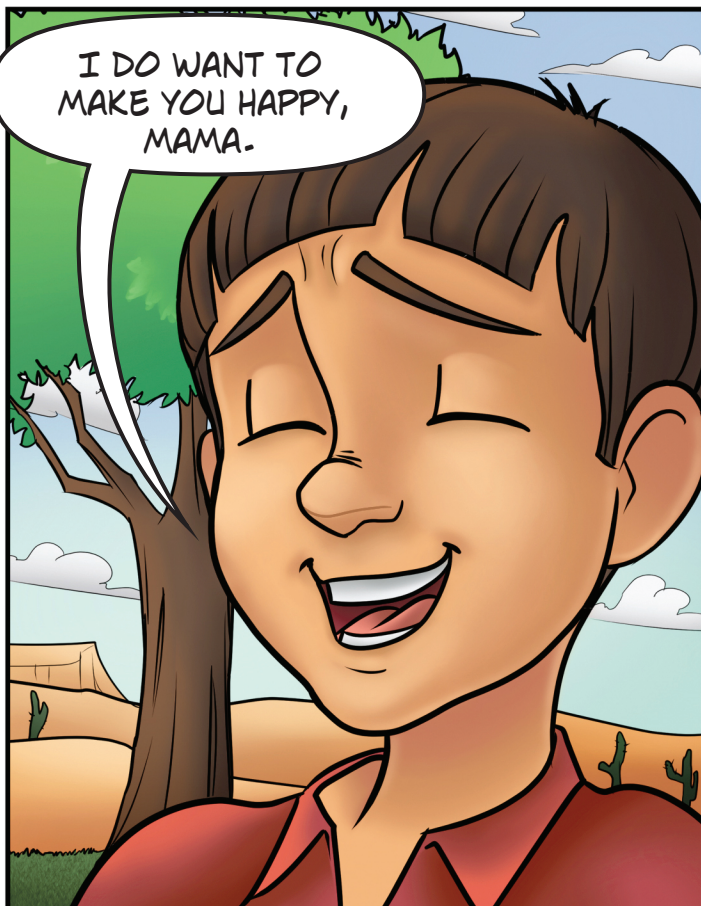
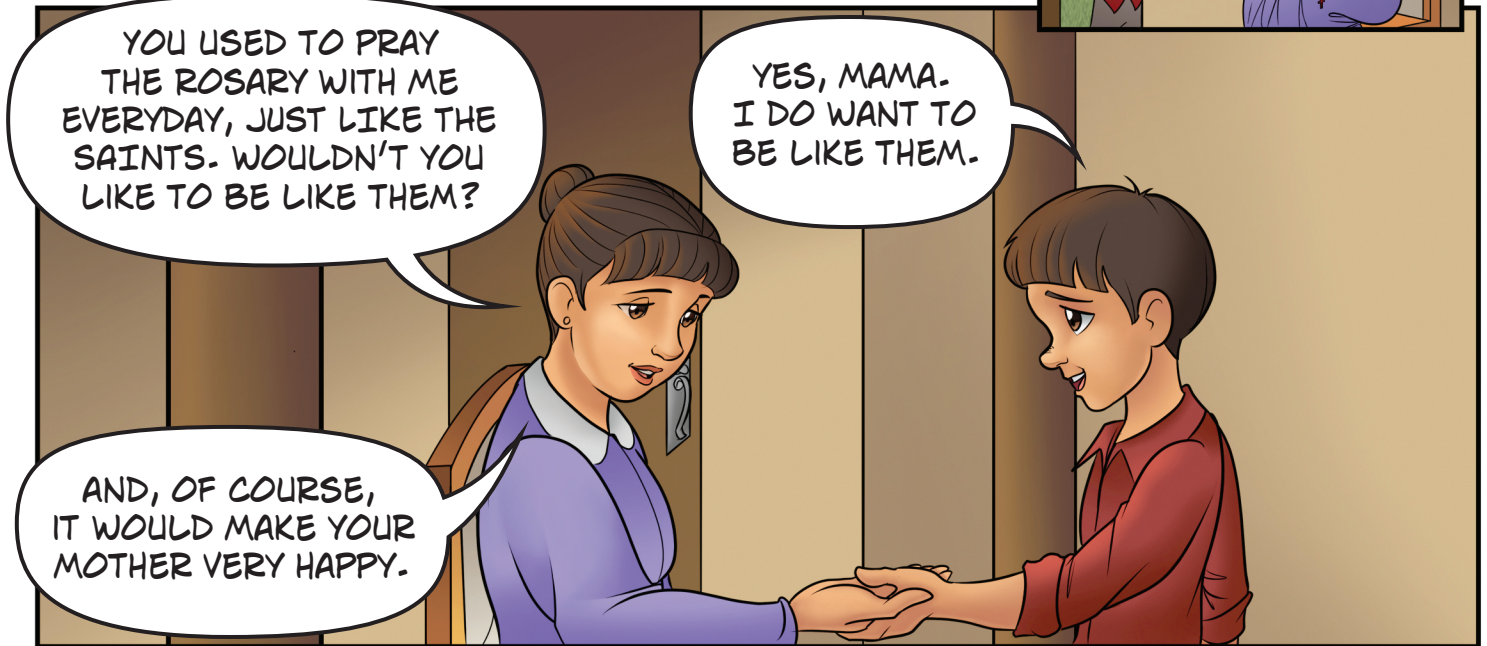
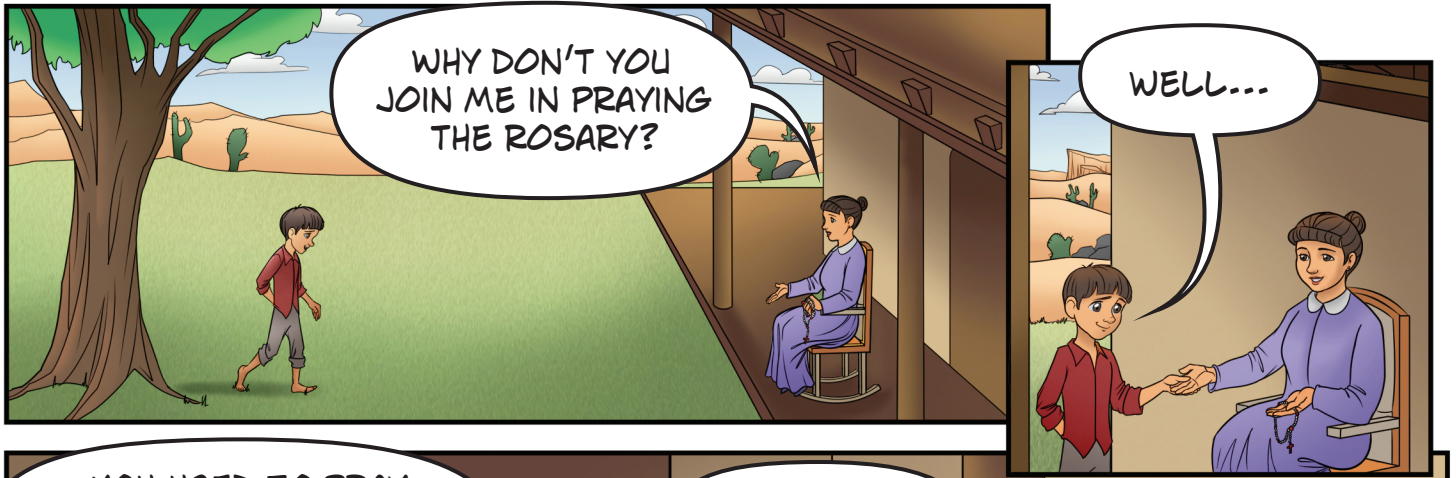




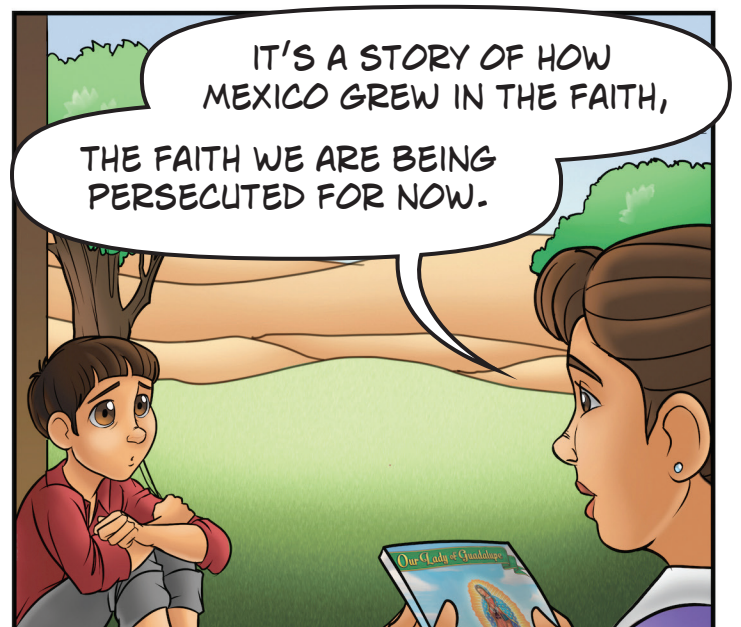
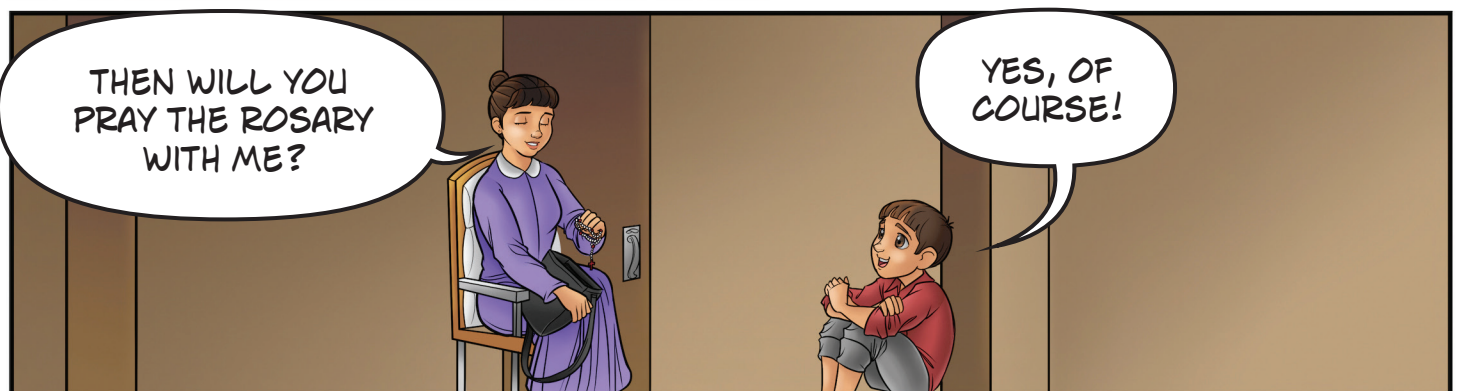
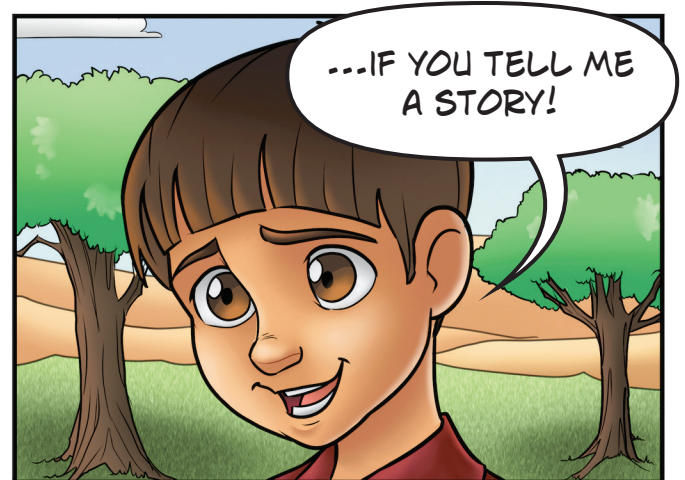
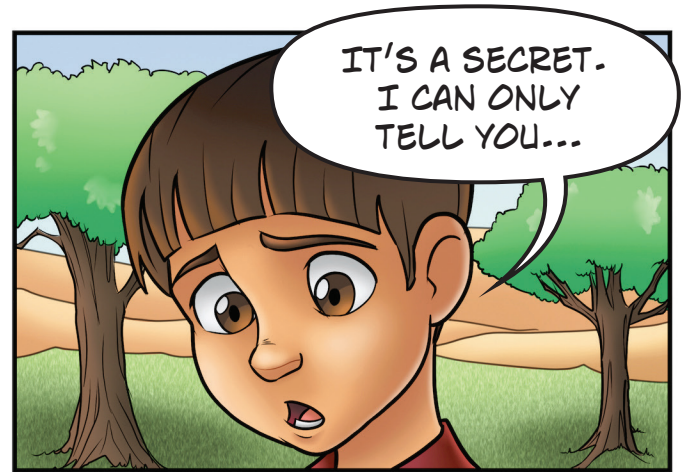
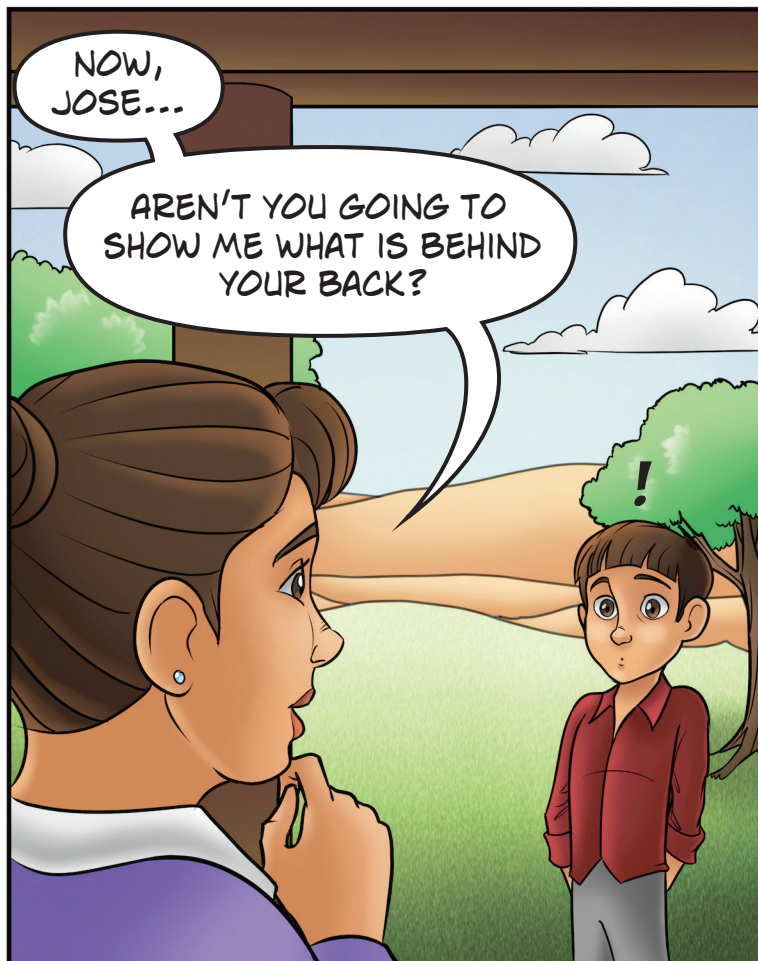
ONE WEEK LATER...





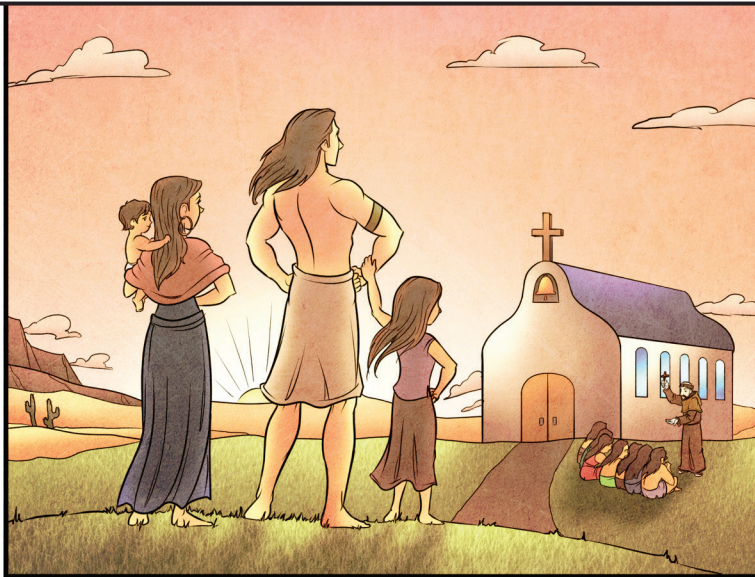








IT BEGAN IN MEXICO WITH A NATIVE AMERICAN AZTEC NAMED TALKING EAGLE.



WHEN THE FRANCISCANS ARRIVED, HE AND HIS FAMILY CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY.



AFTER HE WAS BAPTIZED, TALKING EAGLE RECEIVED HIS CHRISTIAN NAME...

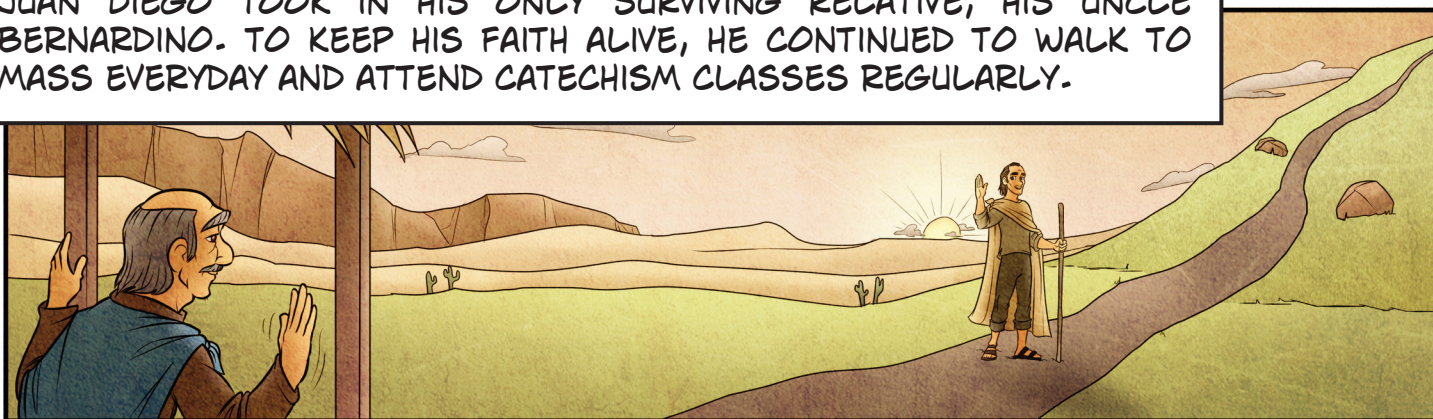


...JUAN DIEGO.

SADLY, HIS FAMILY WAS LOST TO A TERRIBLE DISEASE.

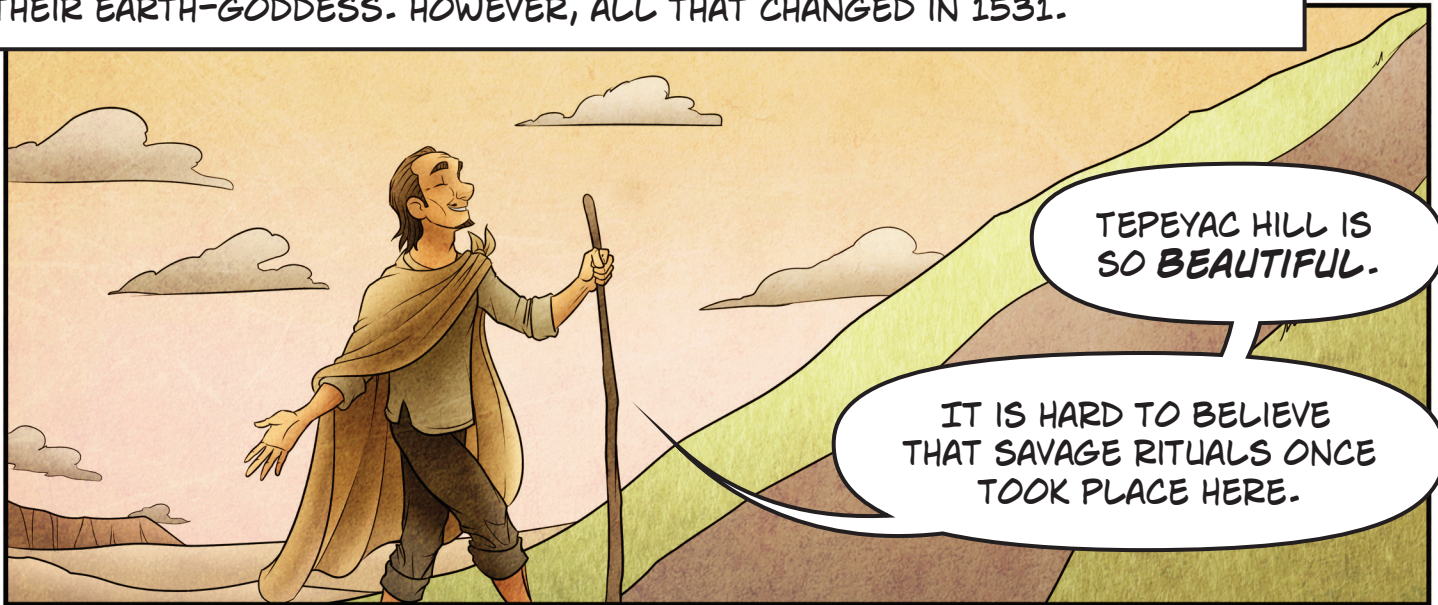


JUAN DIEGO TOOK IN HIS ONLY SURVIVING RELATIVE, HIS UNCLE BERNARDINO. TO KEEP HIS FAITH ALIVE, HE CONTINUED TO WALK TO MASS EVERYDAY AND ATTEND CATECHISM CLASSES REGULARLY.





IN THE PAST, THE AZTECS USED TO COME TO TEPEYAC HILL TO WORSHIP THEIR EARTH-GODDESS. HOWEVER, ALL THAT CHANGED IN 1531.



WHAT ARE RITUALS, MAMA?

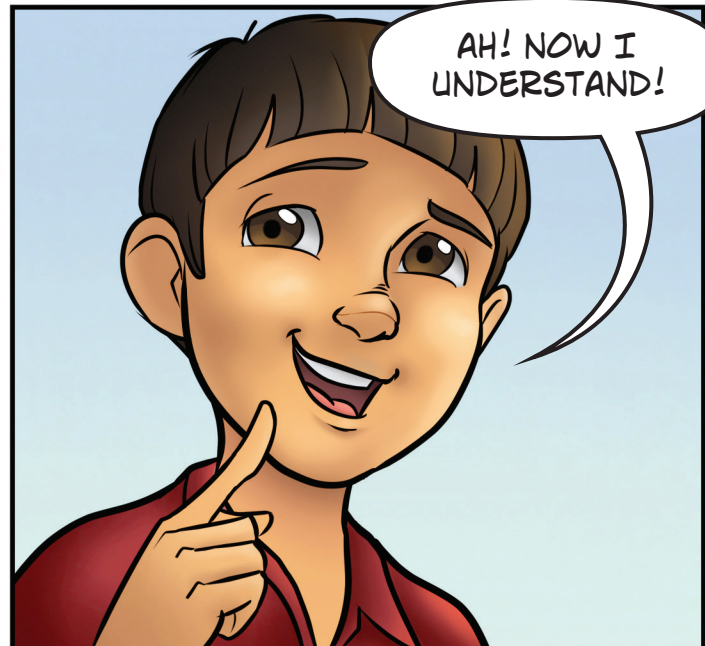
A **RITUAL** IS A RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION. SOME RITUALS ARE GOOD, LIKE THE PRAYERS SAID AT MASS.



BUT SOME ARE EVIL, LIKE THE ONES THE AZTECS PRACTICED.



AH! NOW I UNDERSTAND!





NOW, WHERE WAS I? OH, YES, TEPEYAC HILL!

