

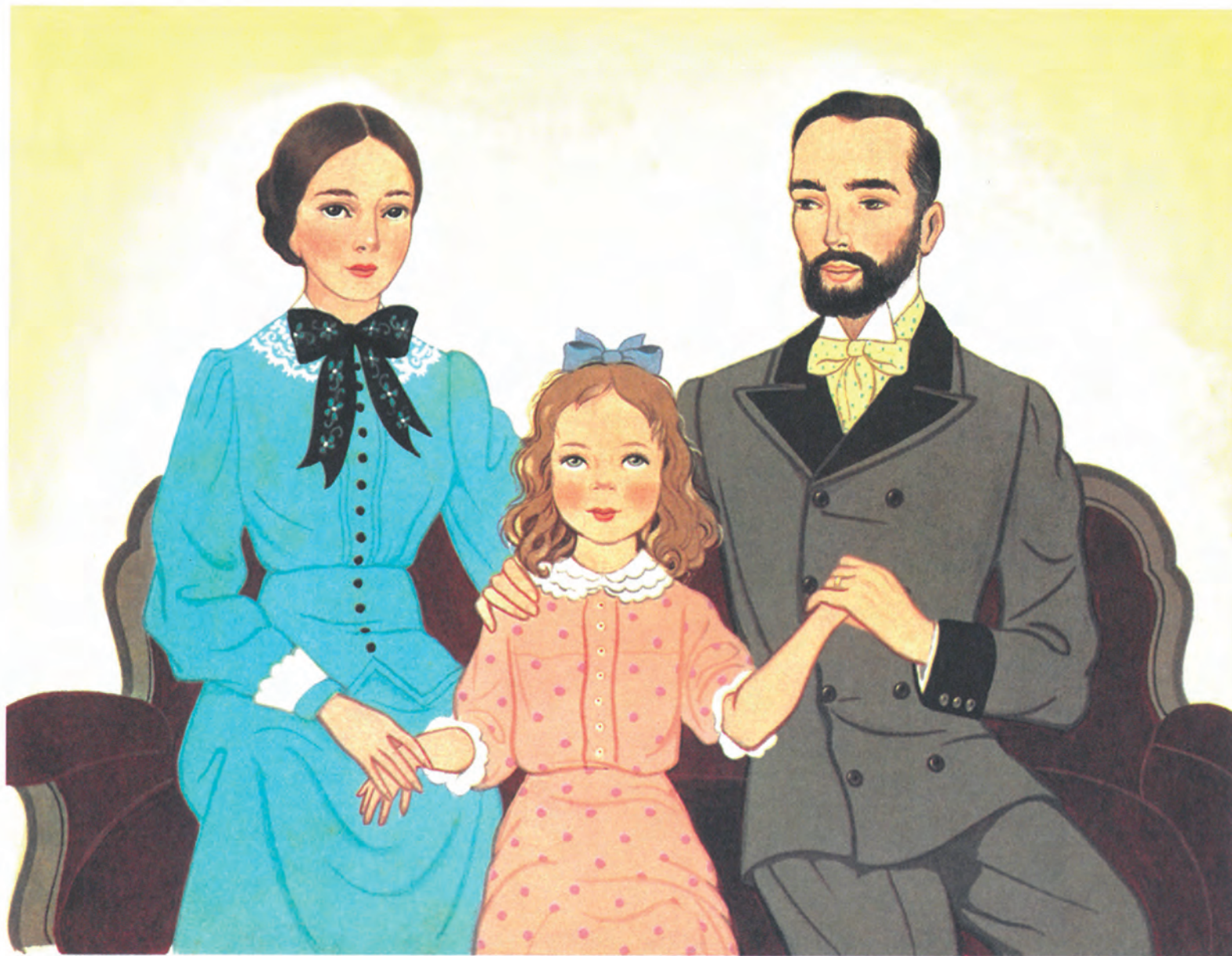
A LITTLE GIRL NAMED THERESE



Therese was a very special little girl. She loved God best. She can show you how to know God, how to love God, how to do things for God, and how to get to Heaven. She did. She is a saint—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.



THIS IS the story of a real little girl.
Her father was Mr. Martin, and her
mother was Mrs. Martin, and they lived in
a country called France.





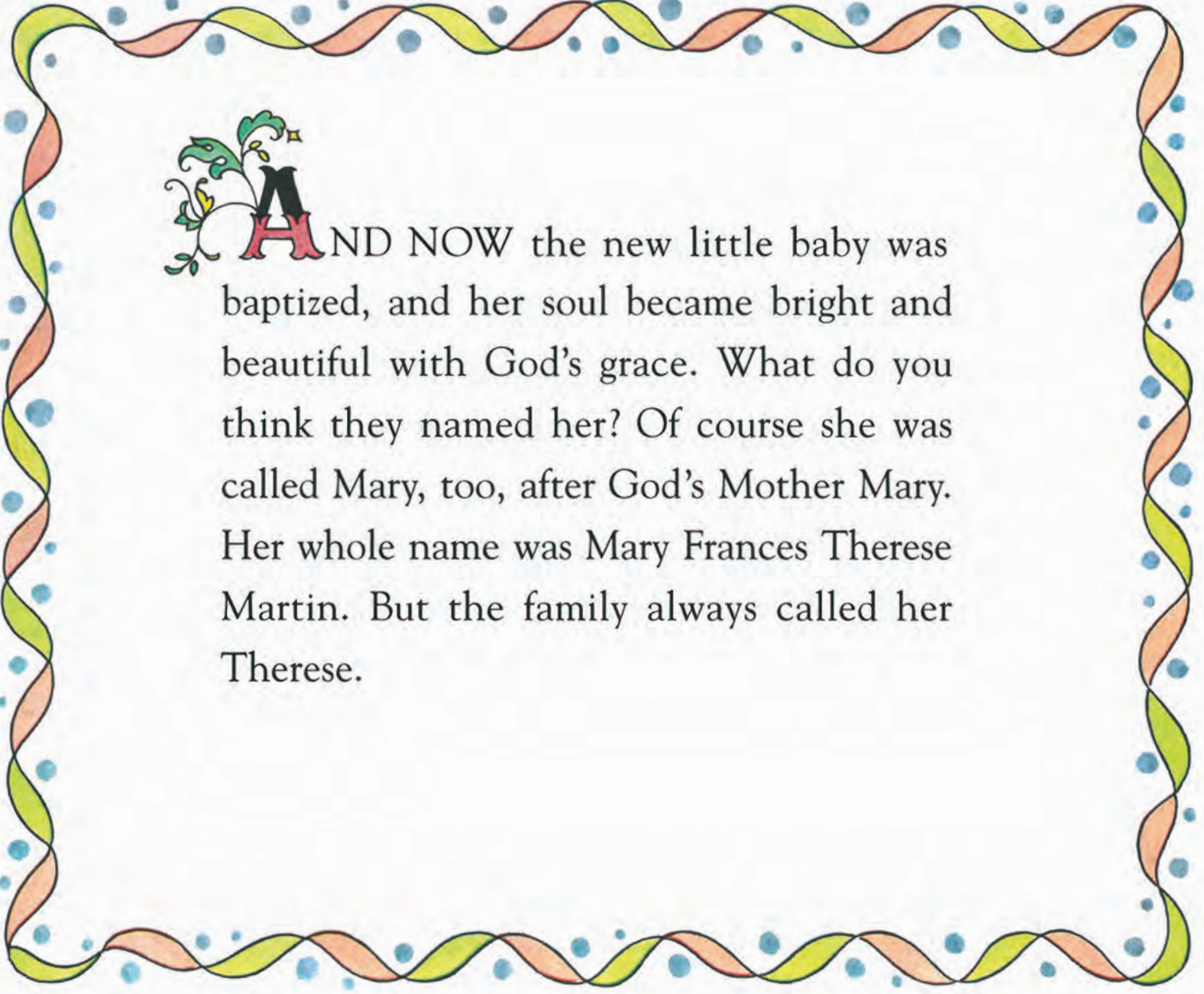
ERE SHE is when she was just a new
little baby.





THE NEW little baby had four beautiful sisters who were all called Mary, after God's Mother Mary. Of course, each of the girls had another name too, so they would not get mixed up. There was Mary Louise, and there was Mary Pauline, and there was Mary Leonie, and there was Mary Celine.





AND NOW the new little baby was baptized, and her soul became bright and beautiful with God's grace. What do you think they named her? Of course she was called Mary, too, after God's Mother Mary. Her whole name was Mary Frances Therese Martin. But the family always called her Therese.





RS. MARTIN loved her darling
Therese as much as she could. Mr. Martin
loved his sweet little girl as much as *he*
could. He called her his Little Queen.
And Baby Therese loved her mother and
her father as much as ever she could.



MORE ABOUT A LITTLE GIRL NAMED THERESE



This is another story about Therese Martin, the little girl who became a saint—
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Here she is with her four beautiful sisters.



ONE DAY when Mrs. Martin was putting Therese to bed, she kissed her baby and said, “Um, um, um! I love you, my darling baby. I love you so much, I could eat you up.”

“Mamma loves baby!” said little Therese. “But God loves you more than Mamma does,” said Mrs. Martin. “God loves you more than your mother, and more than your father, and more than all your sisters love you.”





ONE MORNING just before she dressed little Therese, Mrs. Martin showed her how to talk to God. She said: "Fold your hands first. Then God knows you are going to tell Him something, and He listens."





HERESE liked to talk to God all day long. Sometimes she even talked to God when she could not fold her hands because they were busy doing things. This picture shows Therese talking to God when she was picking flowers.

What do you think she said to God?





HERESE talked to God when she went fishing with her father.

What do you think she said to God *then*?





HERESE had a dog. His name was Tom. She used to race around the garden with him. She even tried to ride on him, but she was too big, and he was too small. Sometimes when she was playing, she would stop a minute and talk to God. She knew God is *everywhere*. We can talk to Him *any* place and *any* time.



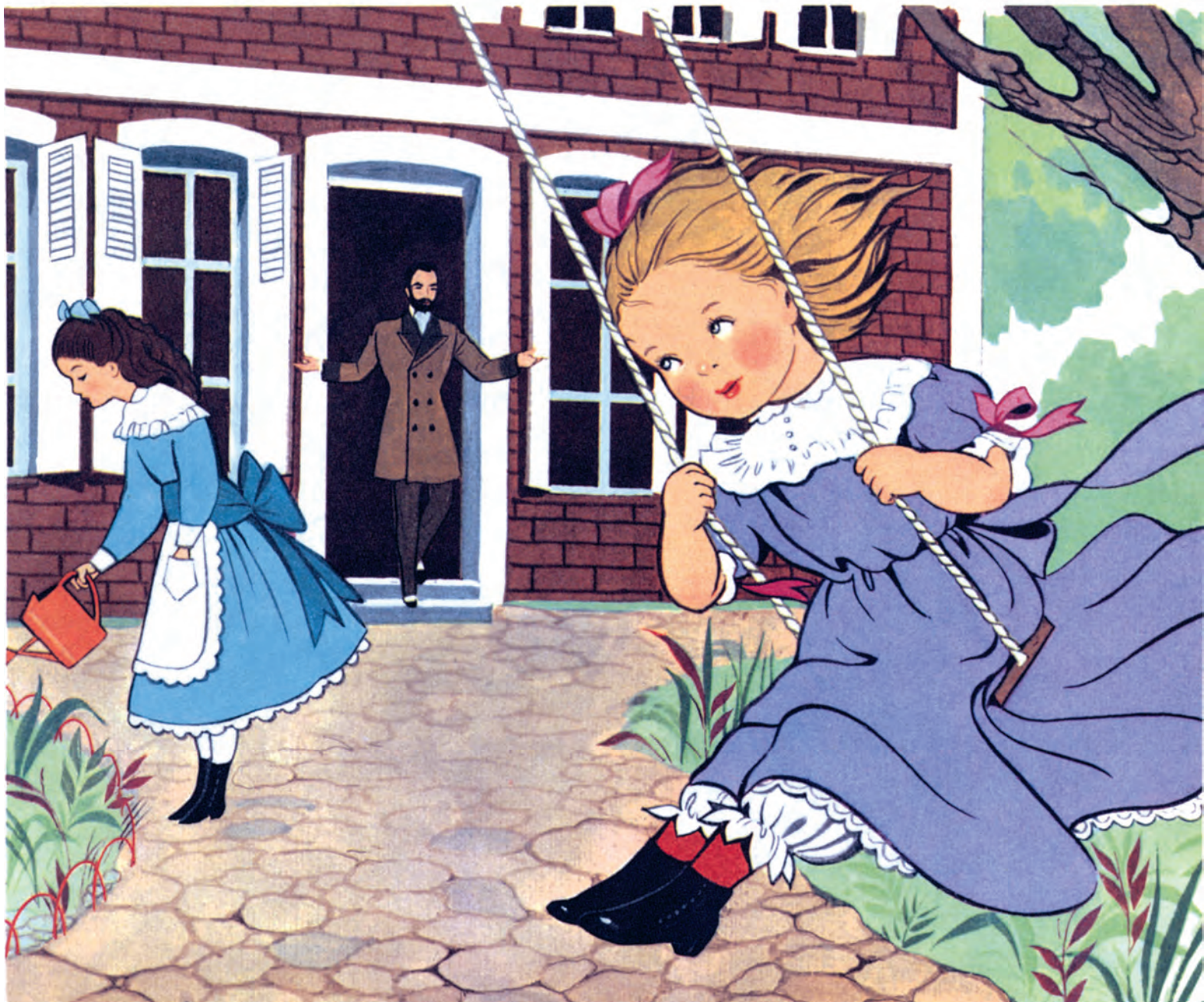
THERESE BEGINS TO GROW UP

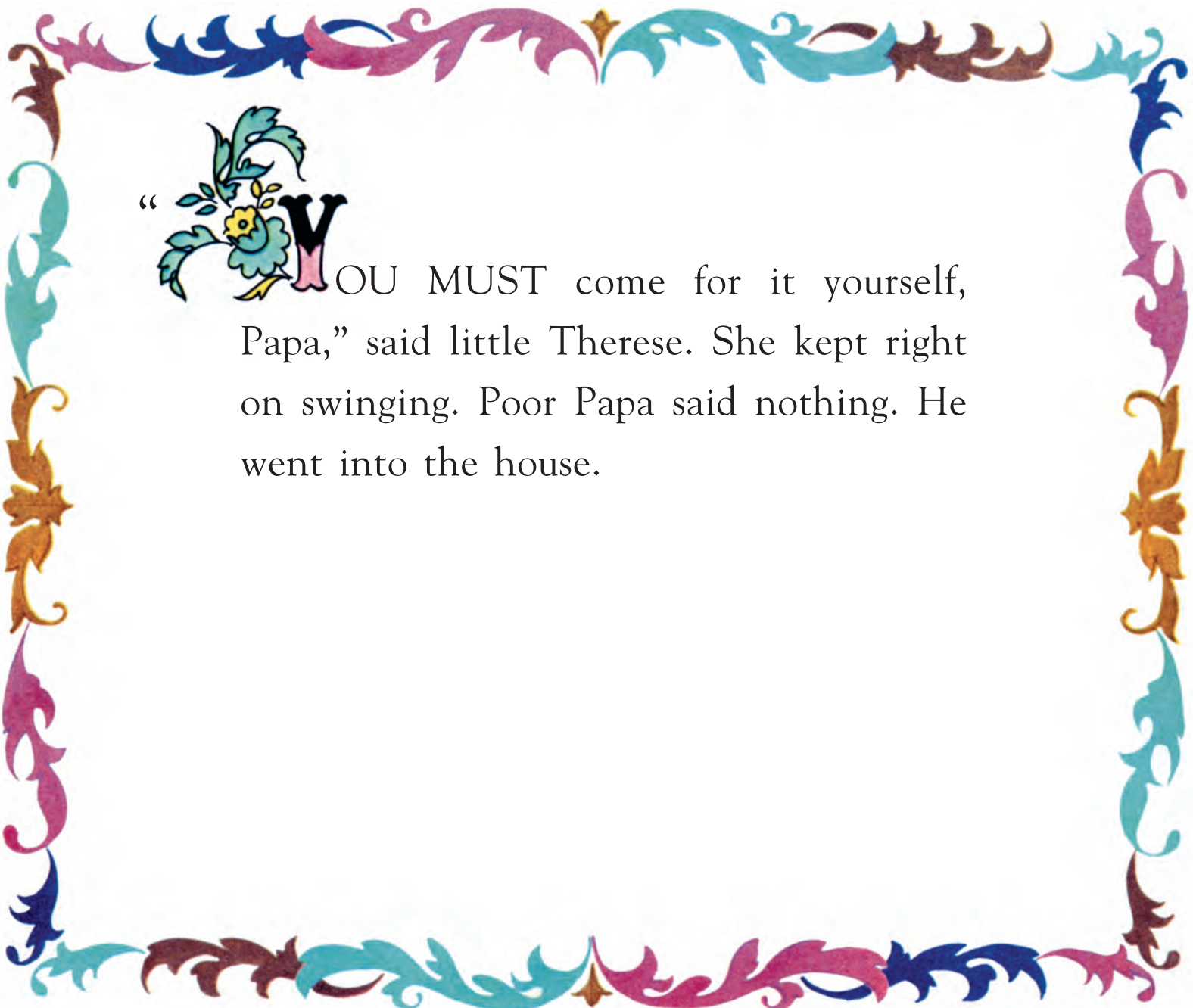



This is another story about Therese Martin, the little girl who said: “I want to love God best. I want to love God every minute.” Therese really meant it. Sometimes it was hard, but Therese kept right on trying and became a Saint—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.

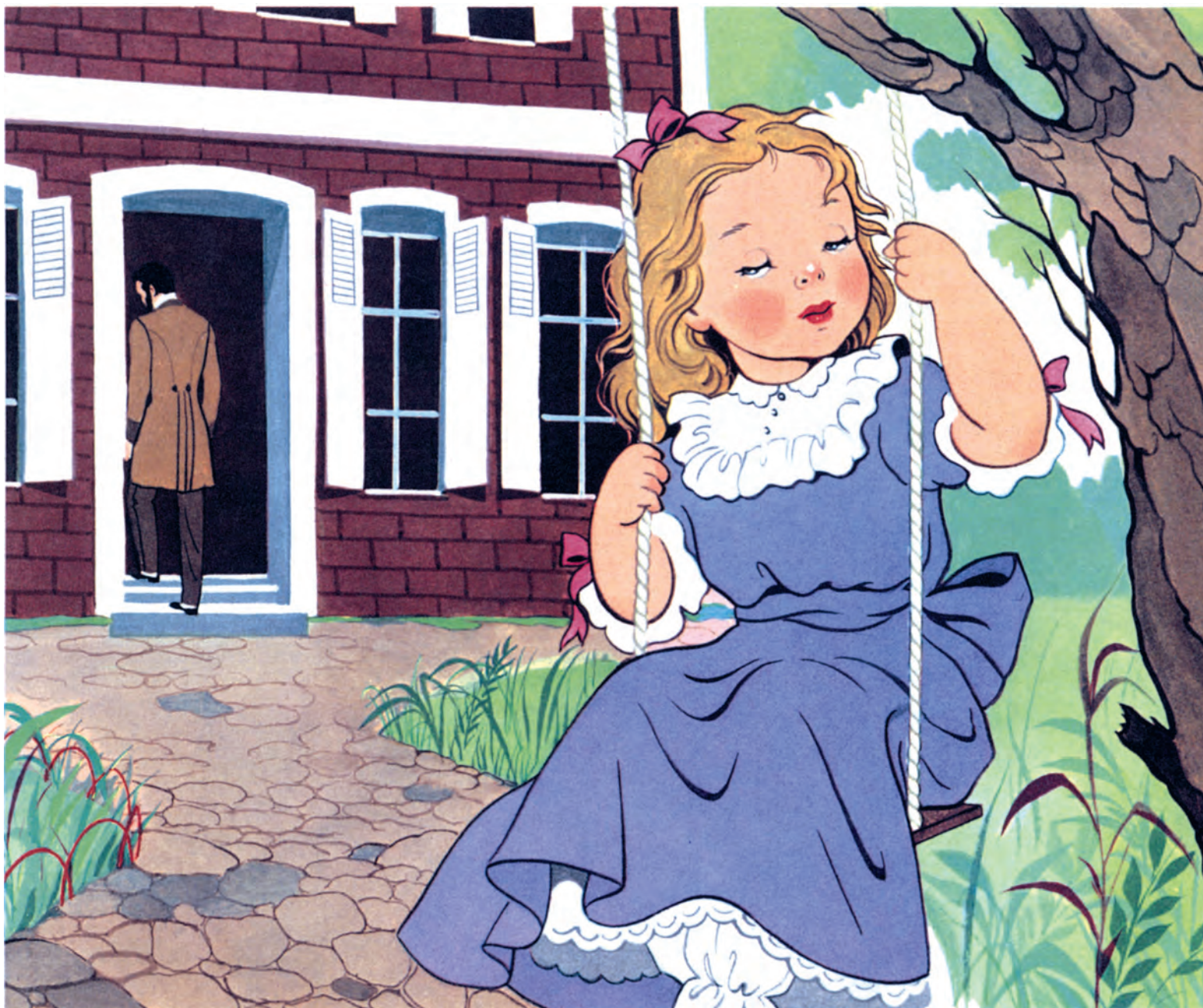


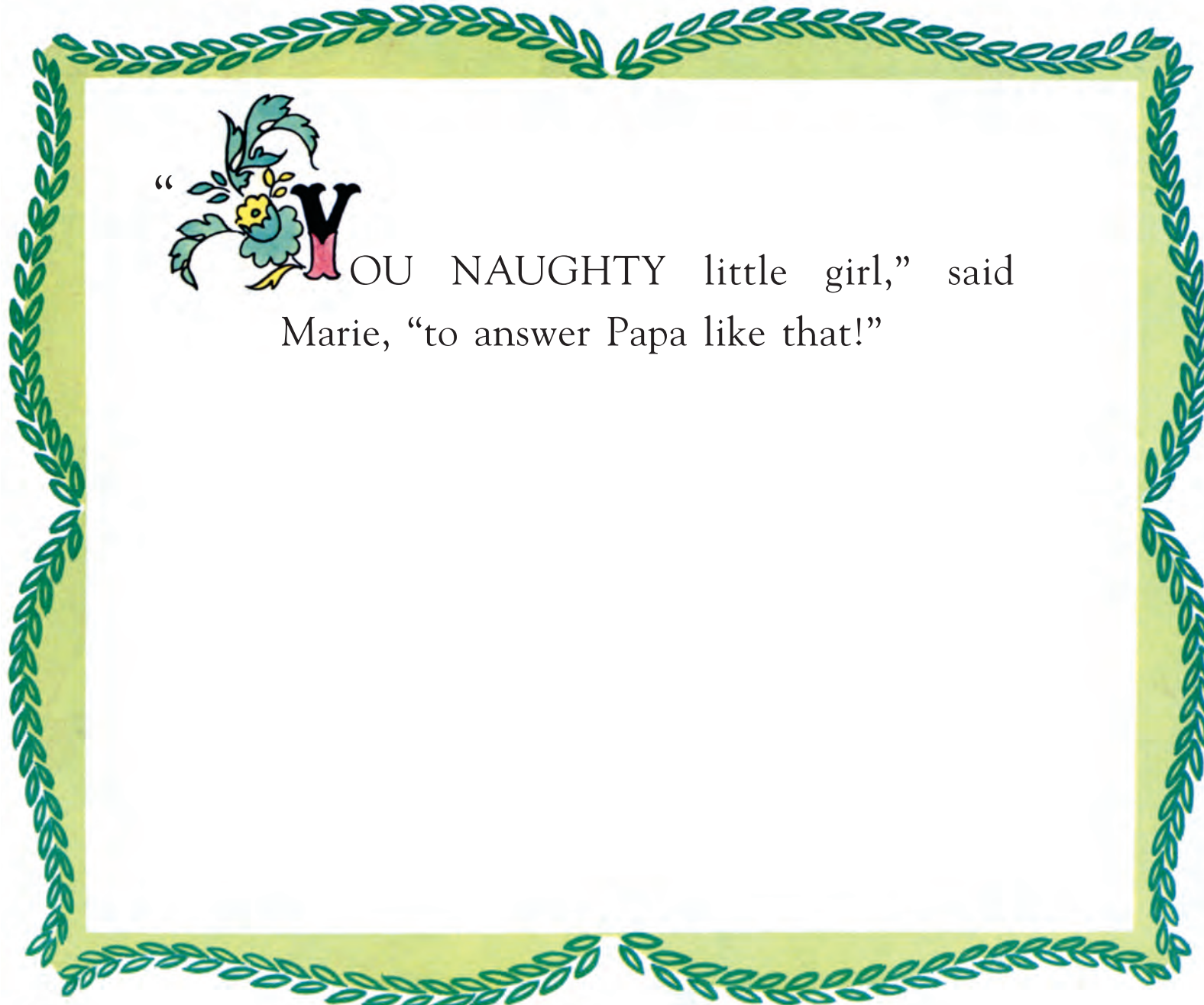
ONE DAY when Therese was out in the swing and her sister Marie was watering the flowers, their father called to Therese, “Come, Little queen, give me a kiss.”






“OU MUST come for it yourself, Papa,” said little Therese. She kept right on swinging. Poor Papa said nothing. He went into the house.





“OU NAUGHTY little girl,” said
Marie, “to answer Papa like that!”





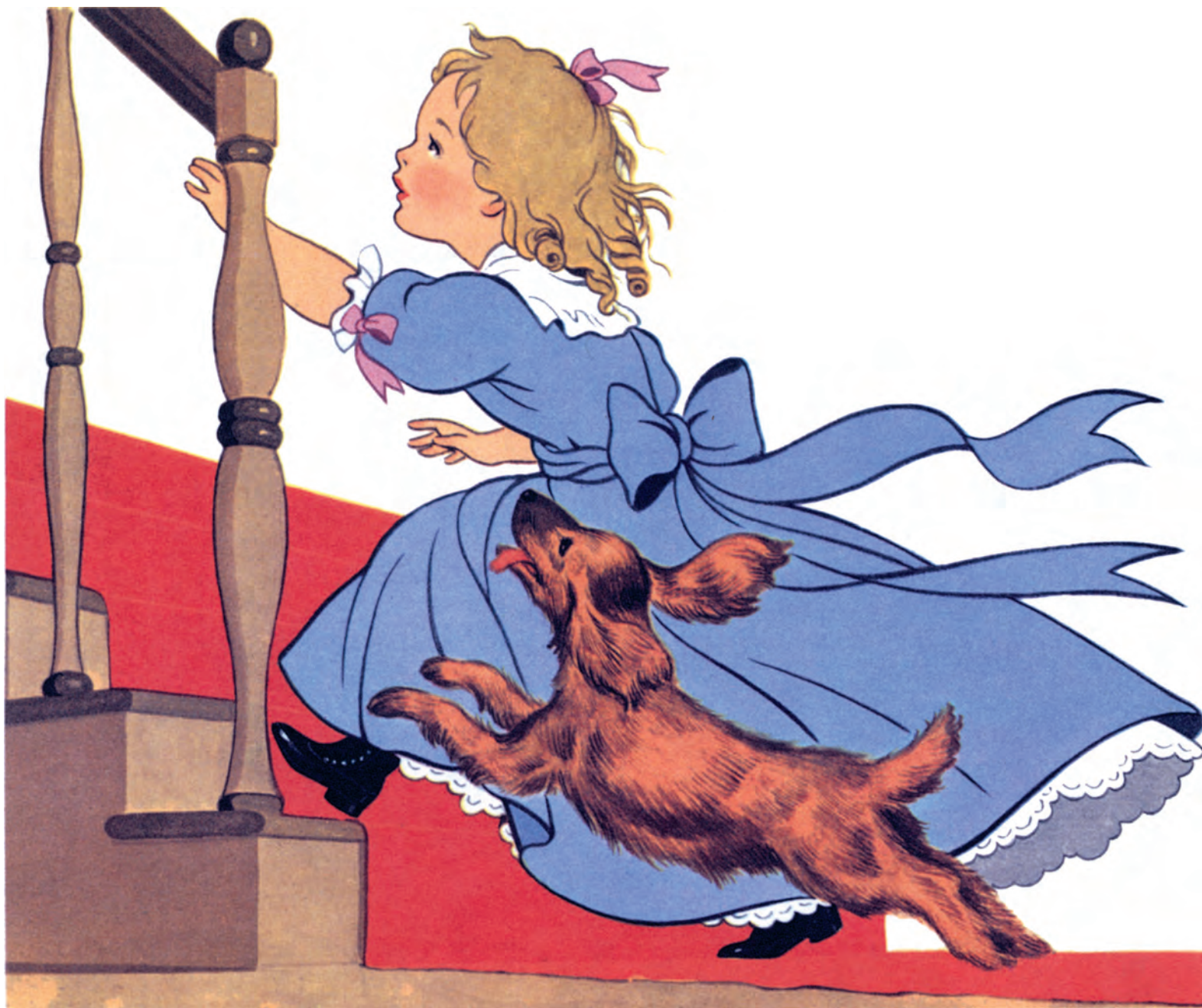
EARS came to Therese's eyes. Therese was so sorry. Her father was sad inside, and she knew it. Do you think God was pleased with her? What do you think she ought to do now?

Well, this is what she did.





HE RAN into the house and up the
stairs with Tom.





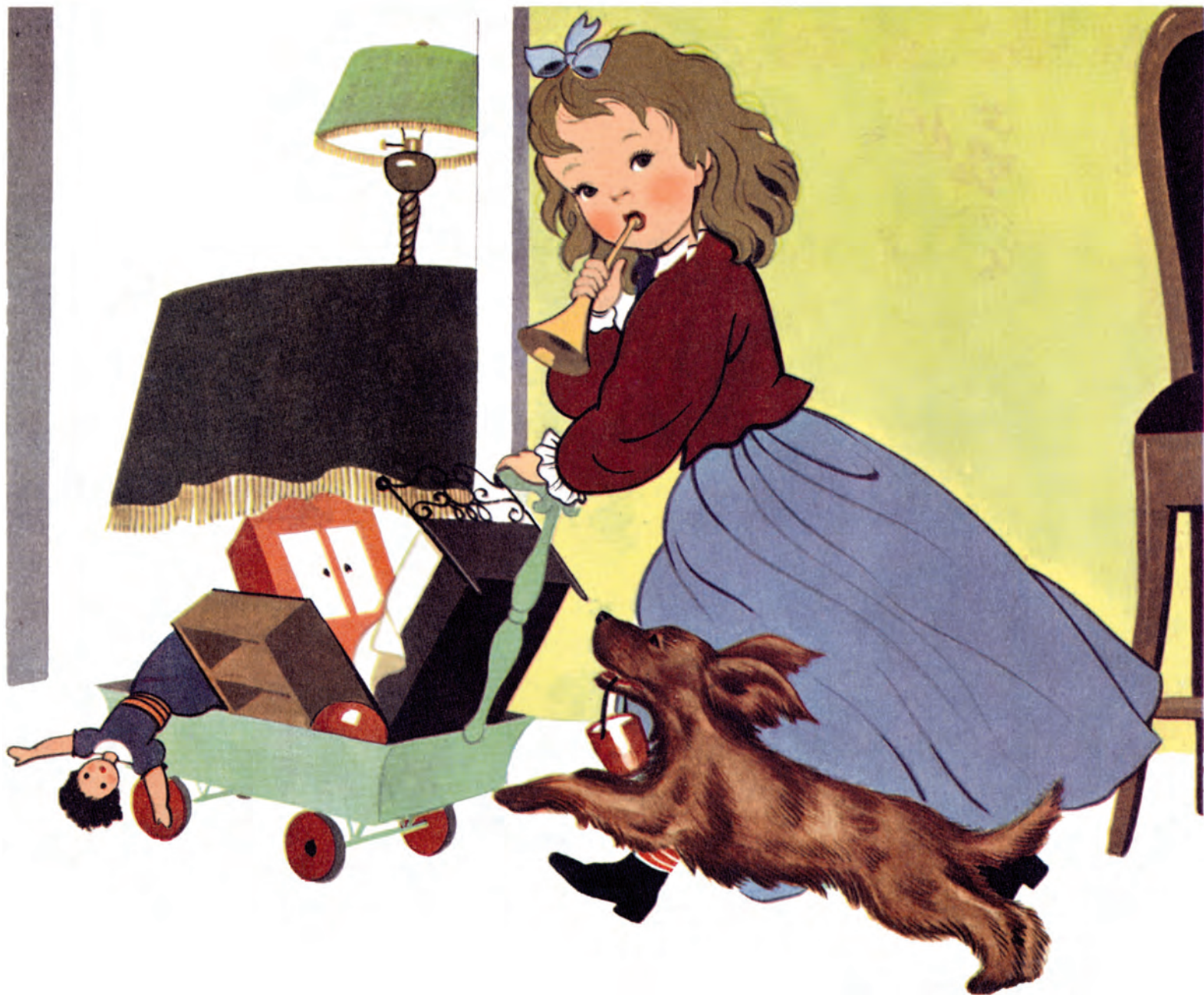
Therese is the little girl who told God she loved Him best and wanted to please Him all day long. She stopped acting like a baby. She is growing up. Therese is becoming a saint. Now we call her Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.



ONE RAINY day Therese was playing
house. Her doll family was moving.

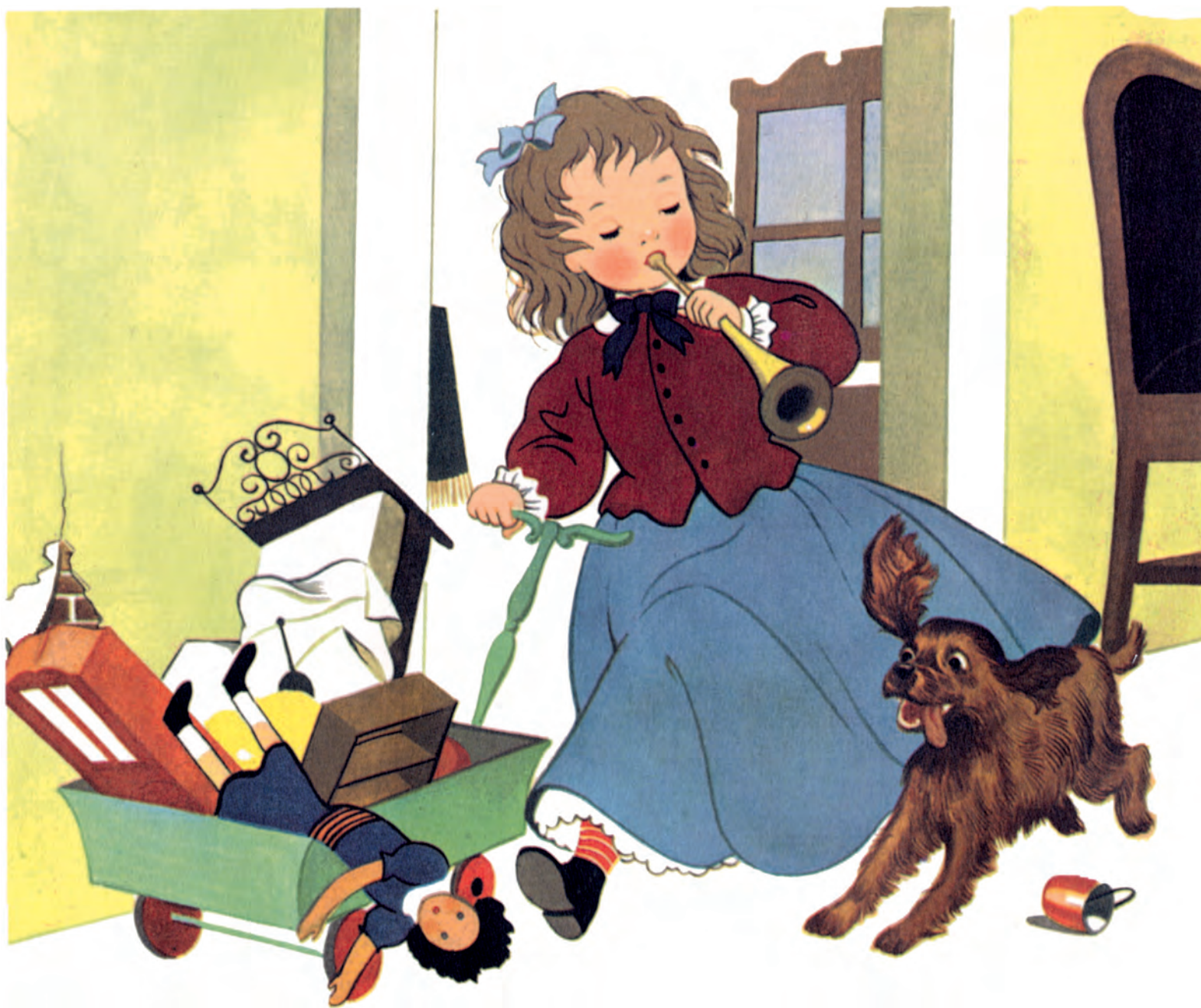
“Toot! Toot! Here we go!”

Off she went with the big load.





UCH A big load! Such a little driver!
Bang!
The wheelbarrow bumped into the wall.
It tore the wallpaper.





“O H, MAMMA, Mamma!” Therese
called. “I tore the wallpaper! I’m so sorry!”





“MY DARLING, don’t cry. Papa can
fix it when he comes home.”

How happy Mrs. Martin was, because
Therese told on herself right away!





WHEN Mr. Martin came home that evening, everybody had forgotten about the wallpaper. Everybody but Therese!

Before Papa could kiss his little Queen, Therese said, "I'm so sorry, Papa! I tore the wallpaper."

Of course he kissed his little Queen and said, "Never mind, I can fix it!"

Papa was very happy inside, because Therese had told him herself right away. Do you think God was pleased, too?





THERESE LEARNS HOW TO MAKE PRESENTS FOR GOD

This is another story about Therese Martin, the little girl who made a promise to God, learned how to keep her promise, and became a saint. Now we call her Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.



ONE DAY Marie, one of Therese's four beautiful sisters, gave Therese a string of beads. She gave one to Celine too.

This is what Marie said about the beads: "Here is a string of beads to count your presents for God. All day long, every time you do something to please God, you pull a bead. When you say your night prayers, you can tell God how many little presents you have for Him."





TERESE and Celine loved their new beads. They did lots of little things every day to please God. Every time they made a present for God, they pulled a bead.






ONE DAY Therese went out into the fields. She chased a butterfly. She stopped to watch a grasshopper. She picked a big bunch of flowers.





HERESE took her flowers home. She sat down in the shade and began to make them into bouquets. Three bouquets! One for Mamma, one for Papa, and one for the statue of Mary, God's Mother.





ALONG came Grandmother. “Therese darling, what lovely flowers,” she said. “I’d love to have them for church. It’s my turn to put flowers on the altar this week.”



MORE PRESENTS FOR GOD



This is the last story about Therese Martin. She kept on making presents for God, and finally she gave *herself* to God. Now we call her Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.



HERESE slept in the same room as her sister Celine. Celine used to tidy up and make Therese's bed. Now Therese tried to get to the room first after breakfast. She made both beds. She hung up her own things and Celine's too. She did all the hanging up and fixing by herself. Then she slipped her hand into her pocket and pulled a bead. Another present for God!





HERESE used to be a real cry-baby sometimes. Everything made her cry.

One day she heard her father say, “Therese is such a spoiled baby!”

Therese wanted to cry when she heard that, but she held back her tears and made herself smile. Then she slipped her hand in her pocket and pulled a bead. Another present for God! And Therese was never a cry-baby after that.





HERESE was growing older and bigger and wiser. One day she said: “Celine, I don’t waste anything anymore. I do *everything* for God now, to tell Him I love Him. Even things I like to do, like watering the tulips, are presents for God, too.”





SOMETIMES Therese was very stubborn. She *had* to have her own way. One day when Celine gave in very sweetly, Therese saw her take out her beads and pull one.

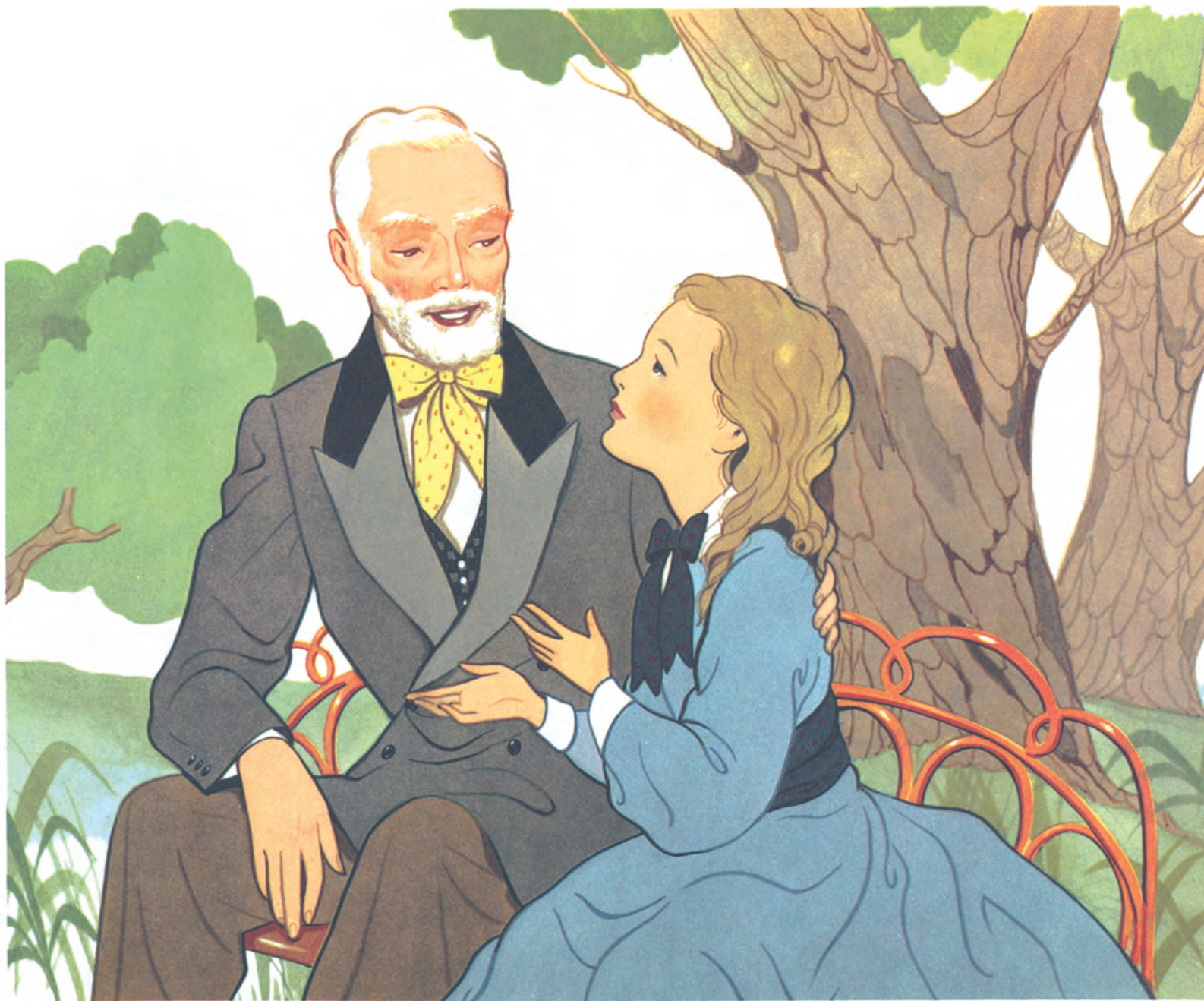
Therese said to herself, “Next time *I’ll* give in so I can make a present for God.”

And she did. She stopped being a stubborn, selfish little girl.





HEN Therese was fifteen years old, she wanted to give her whole self to God for a present. She told her father. He was glad, because he knew God would be pleased to have his Therese in a convent.



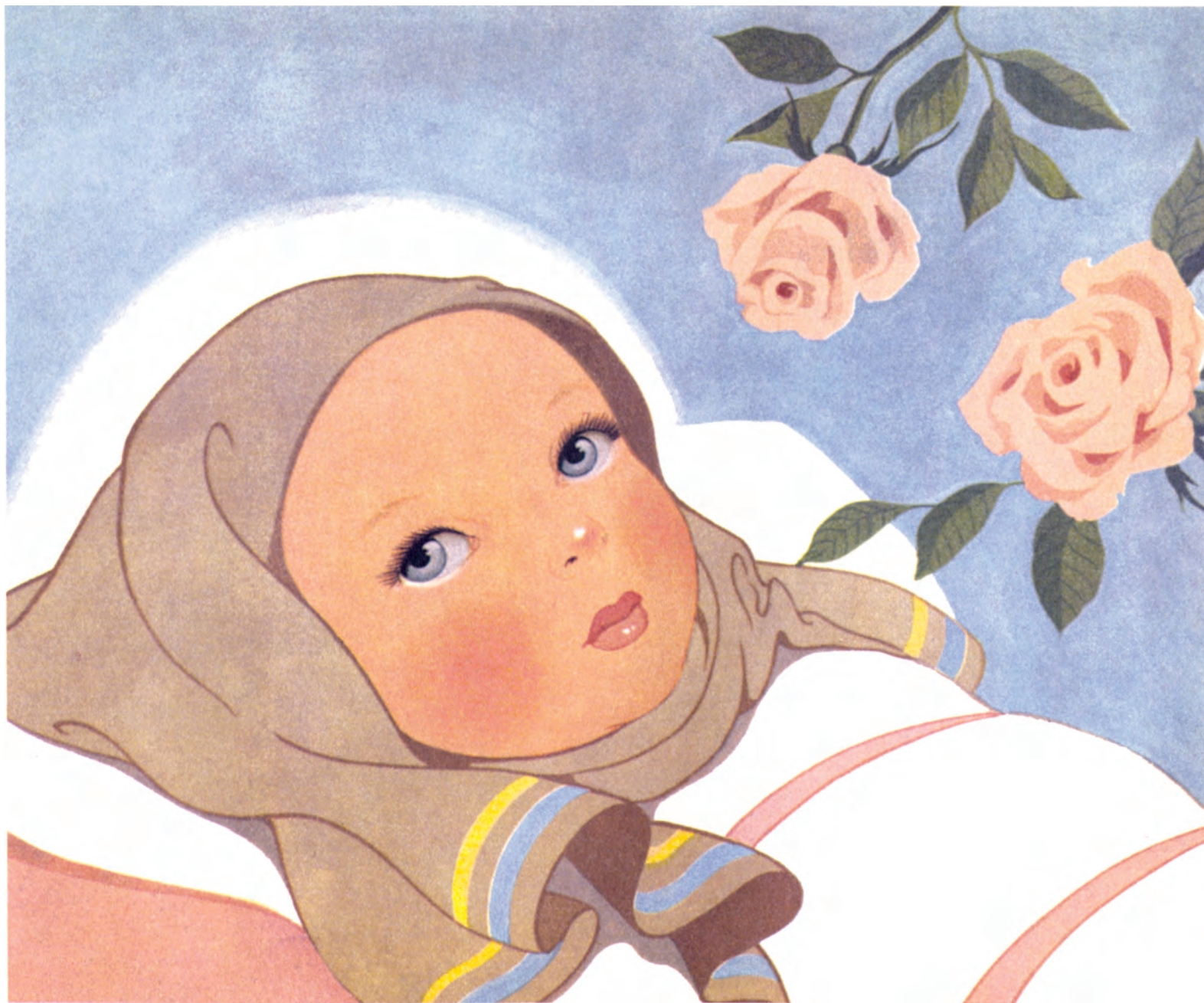
A STORY ABOUT MARY, GOD'S MOTHER





HIS IS a story about a special little girl whom God made. Her name was Mary. Here she is when she was a baby. Mary's soul was pure and bright from the very first moment when God made her.

Mary's father and mother were good people who lived long ago in a place which we call the Holy Land. Their names were St. Anne and St. Joachim.





HIS IS Mary's father. Mary is learning to walk. Mary was God's favorite. That means God loved her best of all. Mary was very good. She was always good.





MARY LIKED to go to church. Here she is going up the church steps. Mary loved God so much that she always did what God wanted. She talked to God all the time in her heart. She liked to pray to God in the big church with all the other people.





ARY LOVED everybody God made.
She used to share everything she had with
other children—even her cakes.

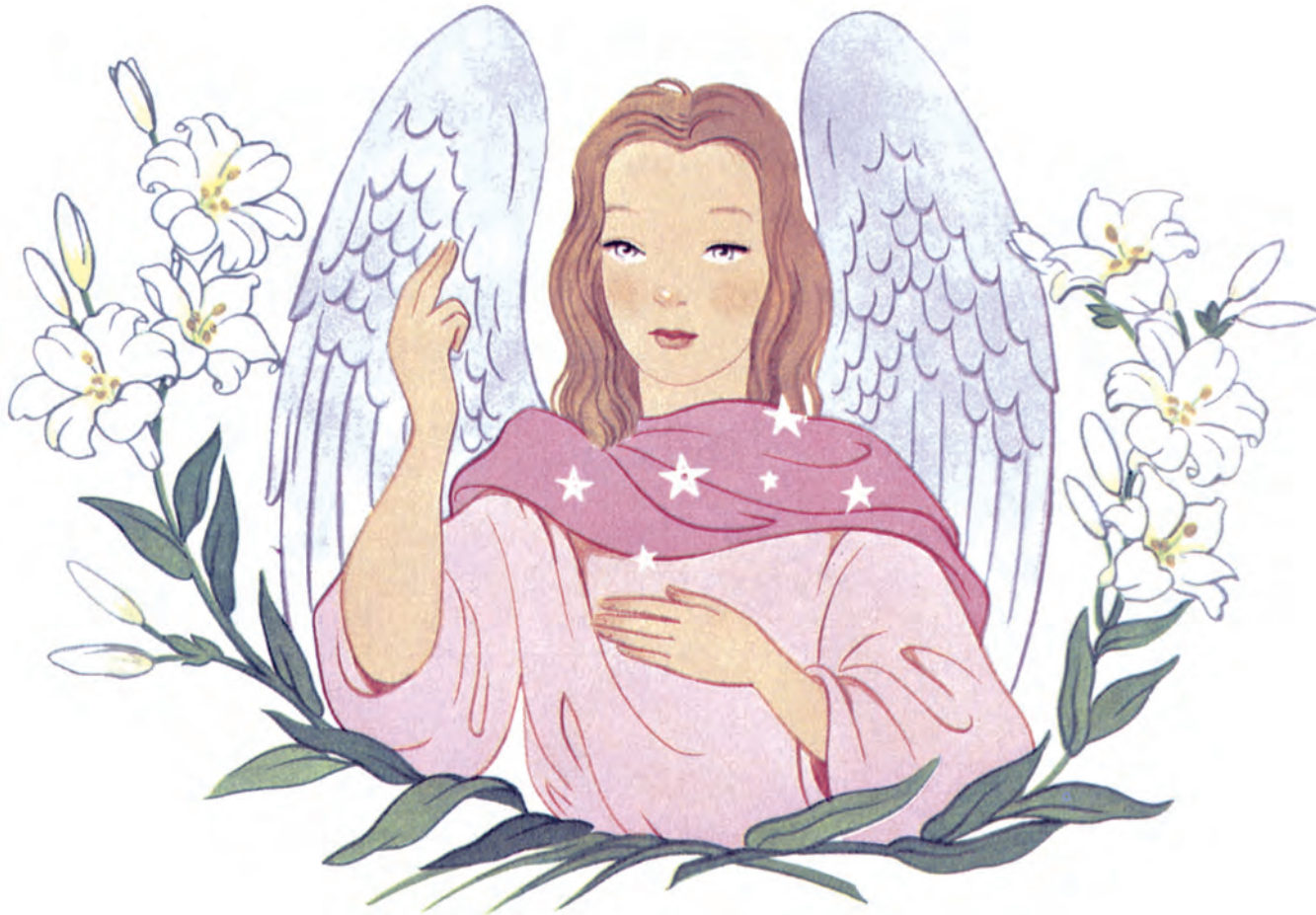




MARY WAS kind to everybody. She loved to help her mother around the house. She did everything with a smile. She was happy because she did everything for God.



MORE ABOUT MARY, GOD'S MOTHER



An Angel came to visit Mary. This is why.



THE GATES of Heaven had been closed for a very long time, because people were bad. *Nobody* could get into Heaven. God felt sorry for all the people outside. He said: "I will send My Son to help them. He will open the gates so that they can come into Heaven." So God's Son was to come down from Heaven! When He came, He would be a little Baby. He would need a mother.





OD CALLED one of His big Angels and said: “I want you to go down and visit My favorite, Mary. Tell her I want her to be the Mother of My Son.” That was why the Angel came to see Mary.





THE BIG Angel found Mary at home, thinking about God, as she always was. The Angel said, “Hail, full of grace!” Then the Angel told Mary, “God wants you to be the Mother of His Son.”





ARY SAID, "I will do what God wants." That was the right answer. God was very pleased.





MARY'S BABY was born on Christmas
—the first Christmas. His name is Jesus.
Jesus is God's Son. Jesus' Father is God, so
Jesus is God too.



A LITTLE GIRL NAMED MARY ANN





HIS IS a story about a little girl whose name is Mary Ann. She lives with her mother and father, and her brothers and sisters, in a nice white house on the corner. Mary Ann wants to be like Mary, God's Mother.





HEN MARY ANN gets up in the morning, she says, "Today I will try to do what God wants."





MARY ANN is on her way to school.
She goes right along and does not stop to
play. She is careful at the crossings. She gets
to school on time. Is Mary Ann doing what
God wants?





ARY ANN is kind. She helps other children when they drop or spill things.





ARY ANN plays nicely. She shares her toys and lollipops. Is Mary Ann doing what God wants? Is she being like Mary, God's Mother?



MORE ABOUT MARY ANN



Do you know Mary Ann, the little girl who wanted to be like Mary, God's Mother? Here she is in school. What story does the picture tell?



MARY ANN helps her mother and does not fuss. She even thinks of ways to help before Mother asks. She is trying to be like Mary, the Blessed Mother.





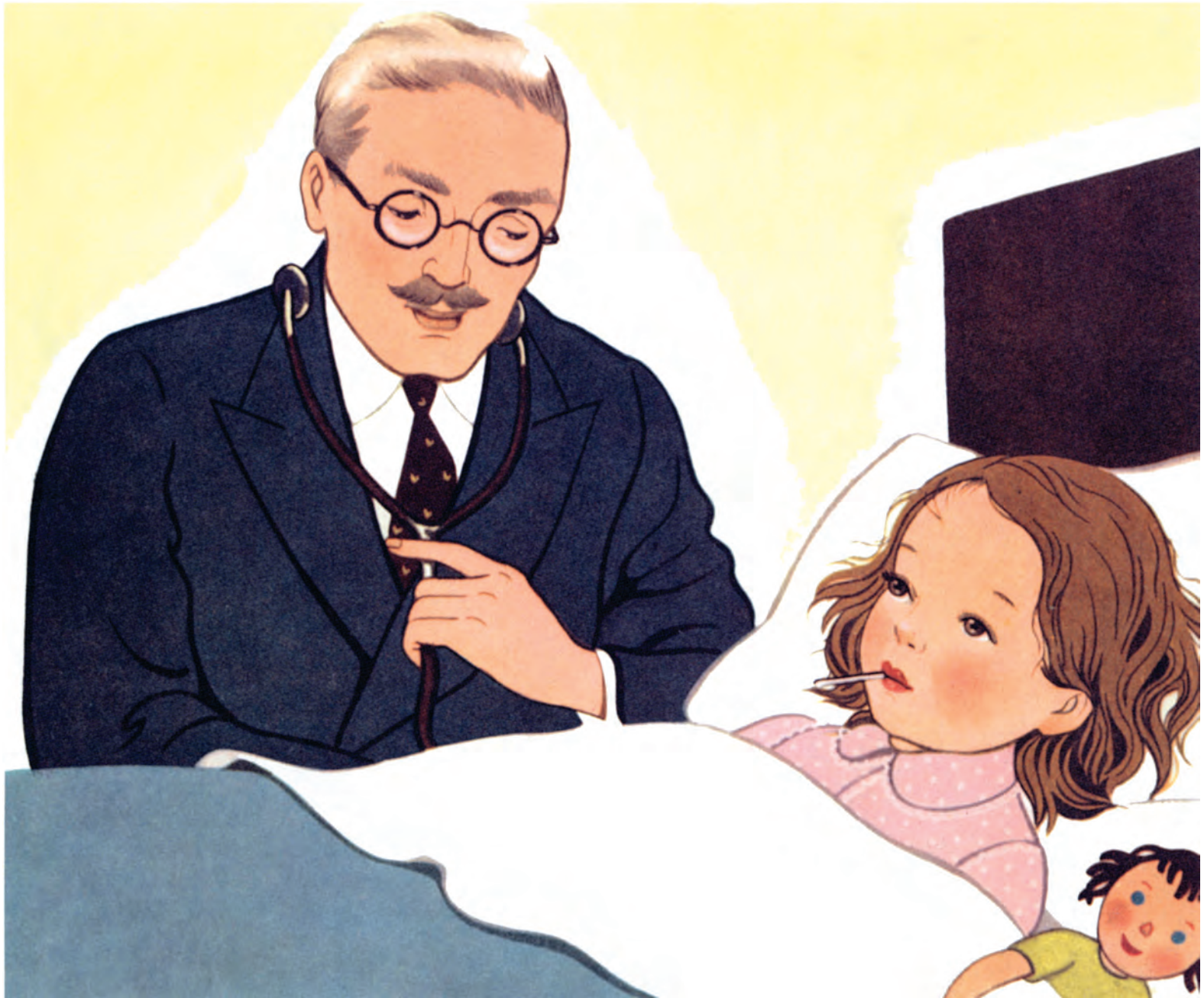
WHEN MOTHER is busy, she says:
“Mary Anne, will you please take care of
the baby. Give him his cereal.” Mary Ann
does it just like a little mother. She always
gives right-away obedience. She never waits
until she is good and ready. Mary Ann
thinks of Mary, God’s Mother, who always
said: “I will do what God wants.”

“Oh, I want to be like her!” said Mary
Ann.





SO WHEN Mary Ann got sick and the doctor came, she did not cry. She did not fuss. She stayed in bed and did exactly what she was told. Is that what God wants?





ONE DAY Mary Ann was playing and got a little rough. She broke the lamp. What do you think she did?

Mary Ann said: “Mother, I broke the lamp. I’m sorry.”

She was honest. She told on herself.





MARY ANN showed her picture books to other children who had none. She said: "I like this book best. It is about Mary, God's Mother." The name of the book was *The Right Answer*.

What is the right answer?

The right answer is: "I will do what God wants."

