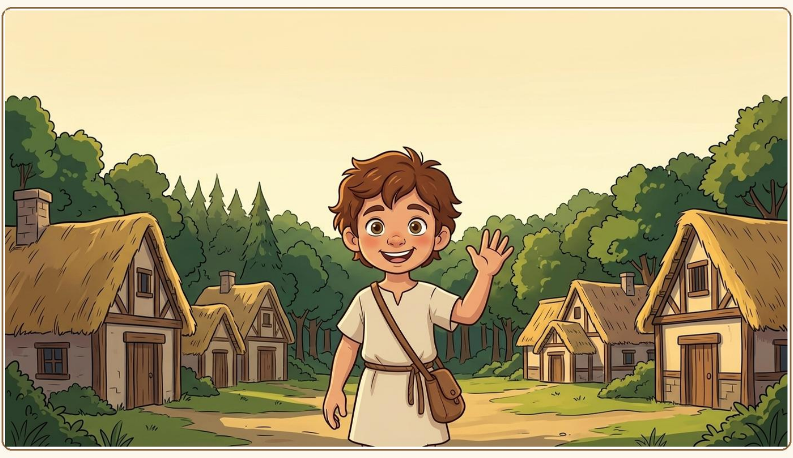
The Kingdom in the Woods

Sunday School comic proof, v2 with consistent Keeper identities



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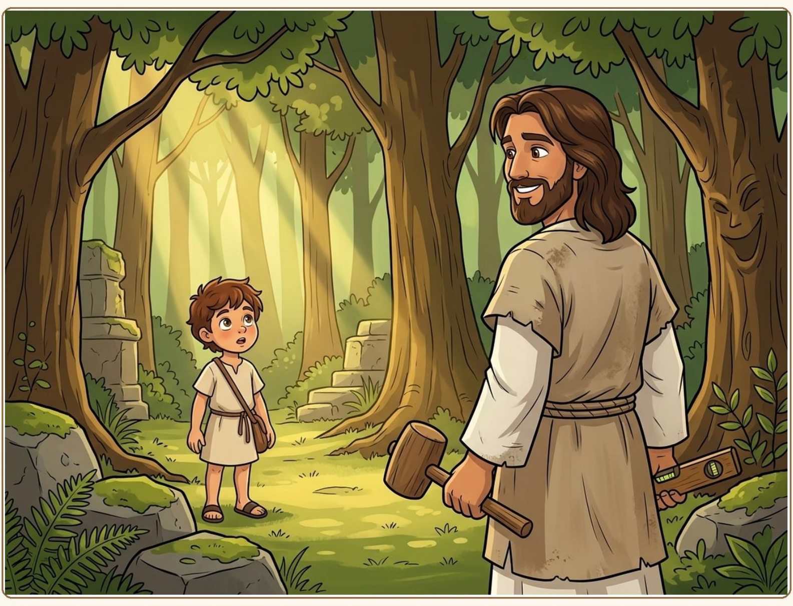
Once upon a time, in a small village nestled near a great forest, lived a little boy named Leo.



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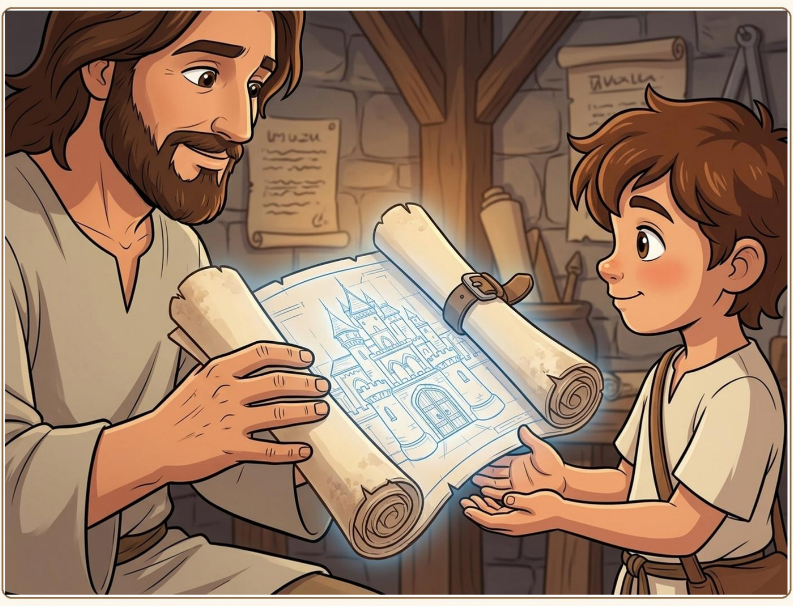
For as long as Leo could remember, his father, the Master Builder, had been working on a magnificent secret project deep inside the woods.



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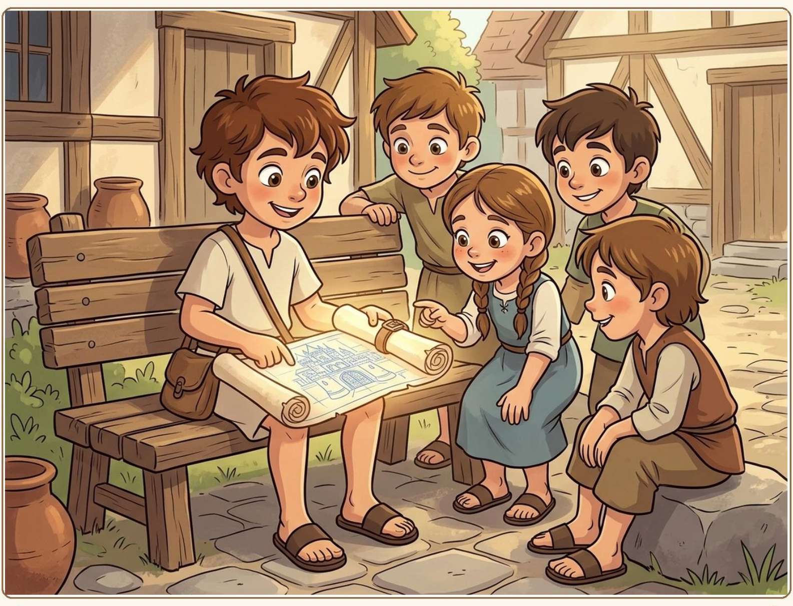
Master Builder: "Leo, this is the Blueprint. It holds the absolute truth of what I am going to build. Keep it safe. Study it. It will tell you exactly what the reality will look like."



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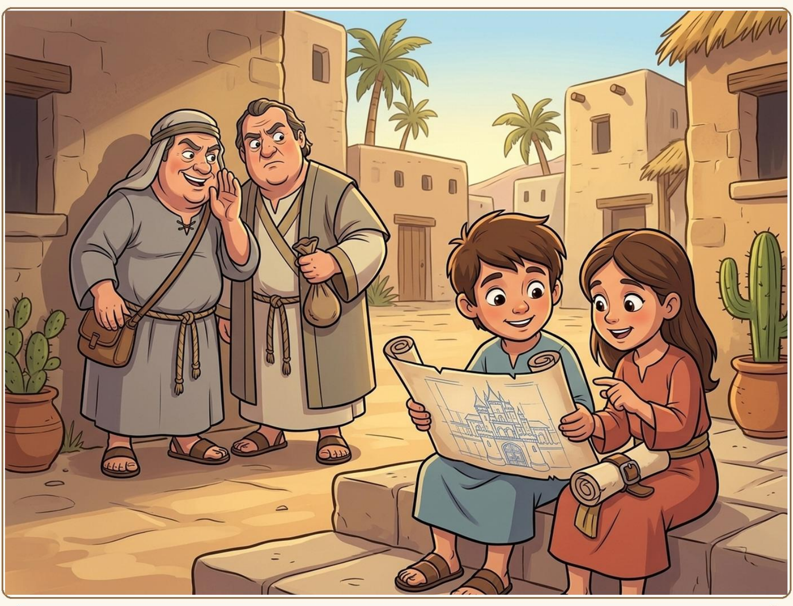
Leo loved the Blueprint. He showed it to everyone in the village.



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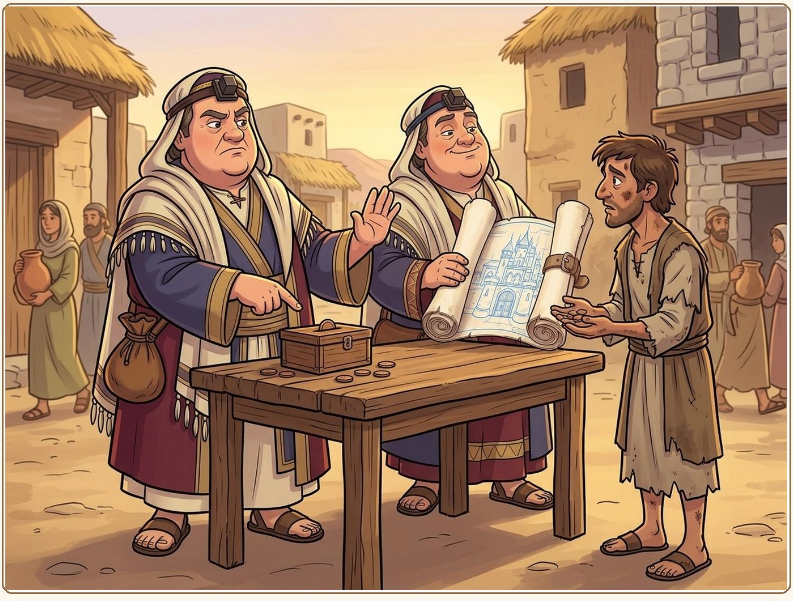
But over time, some of the village leaders, called the Keepers, started acting very strange.



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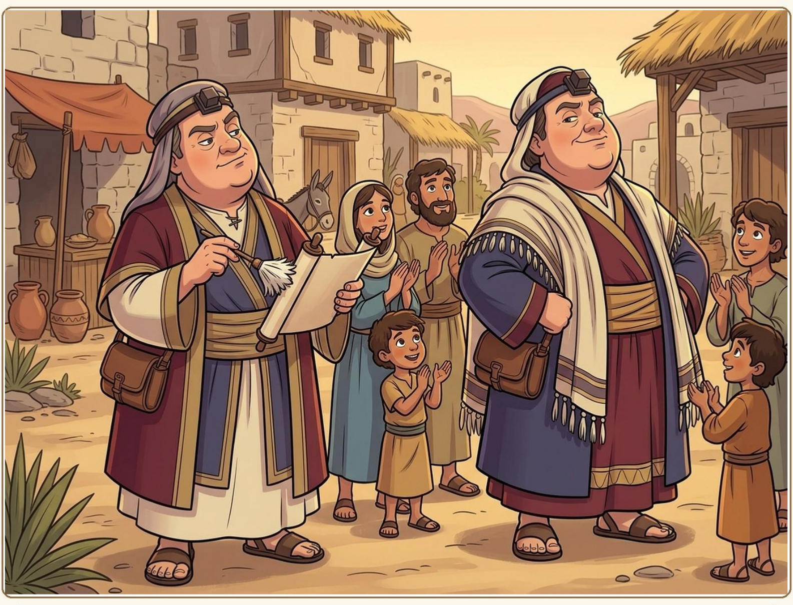
The Keepers began wearing fancy robes and charging people money just to look at the scroll.



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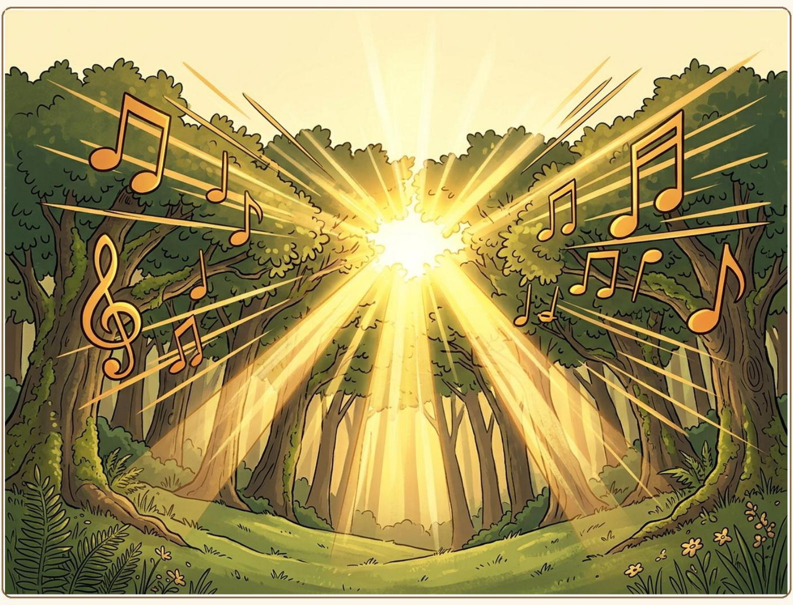
The Keepers bragged about how clean they kept the paper. They loved the praise of the villagers, but they didn't actually care about the building at all. They just loved being important.



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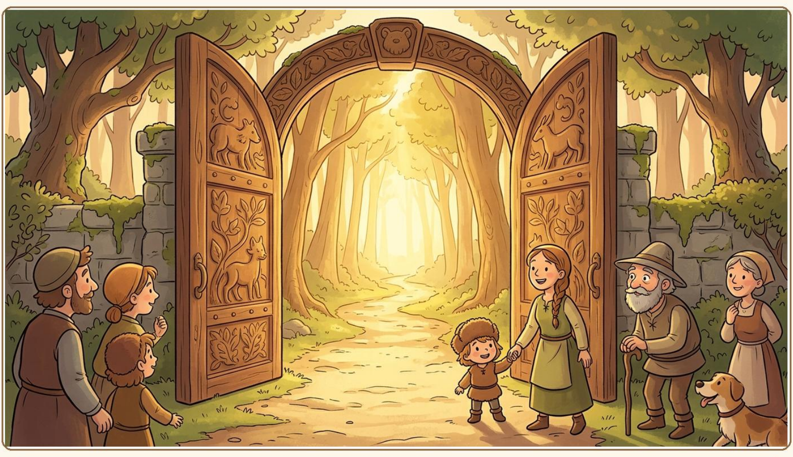
One sunny morning, a trumpet blew through the trees.



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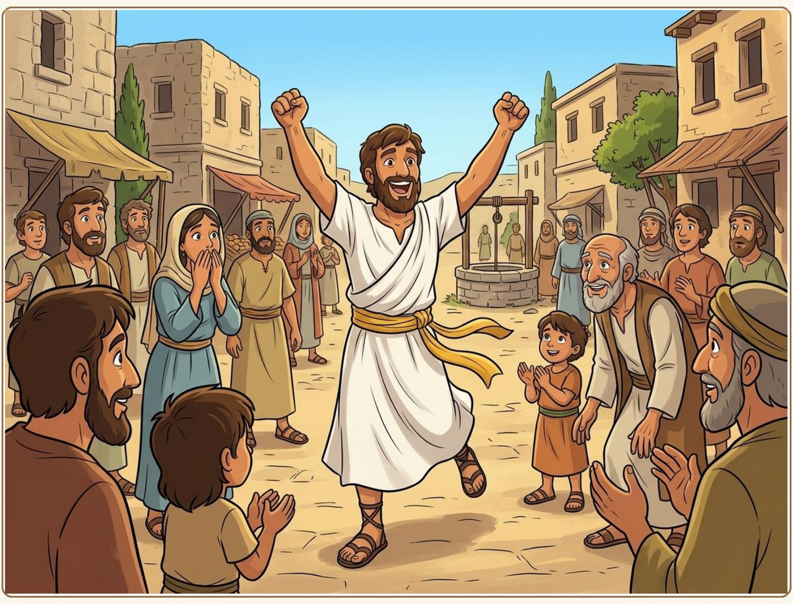
The gate to the forest swung wide open!



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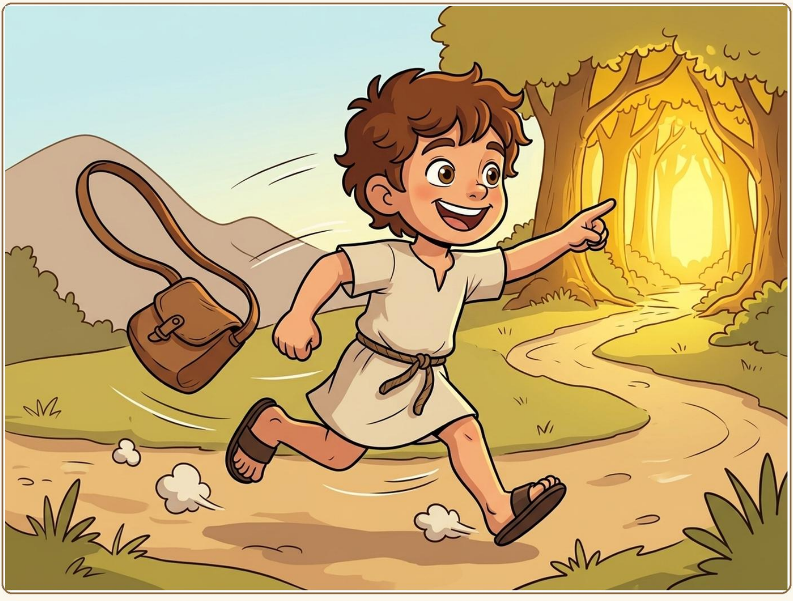
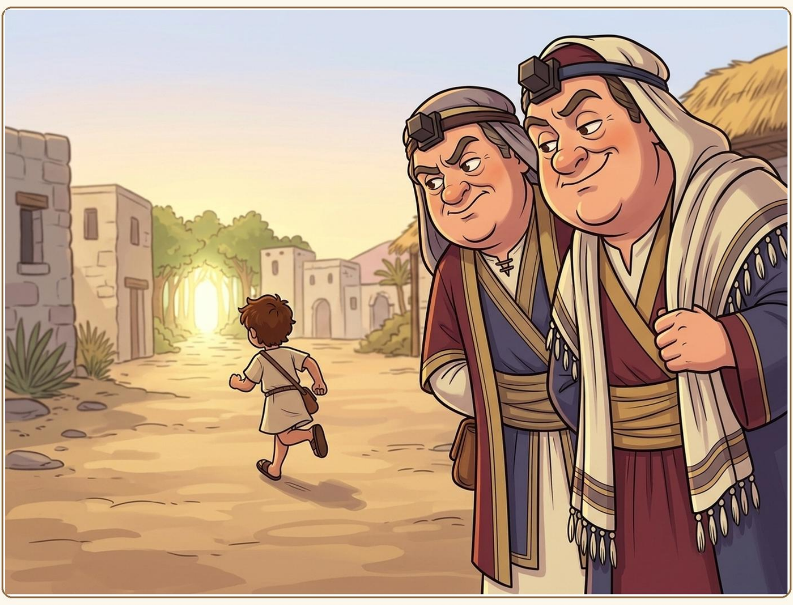
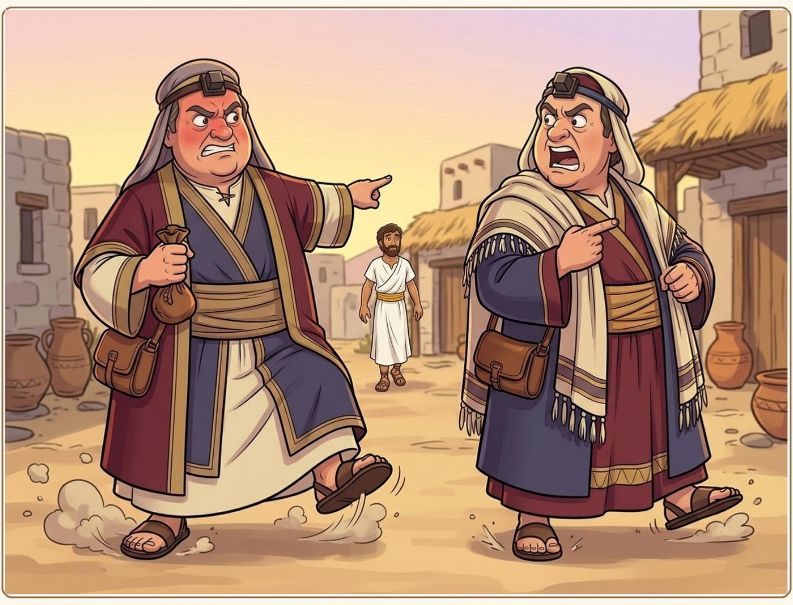
Messenger: "The waiting is over! The Master Builder has finished! The Kingdom is open, and everyone is invited to run inside!"



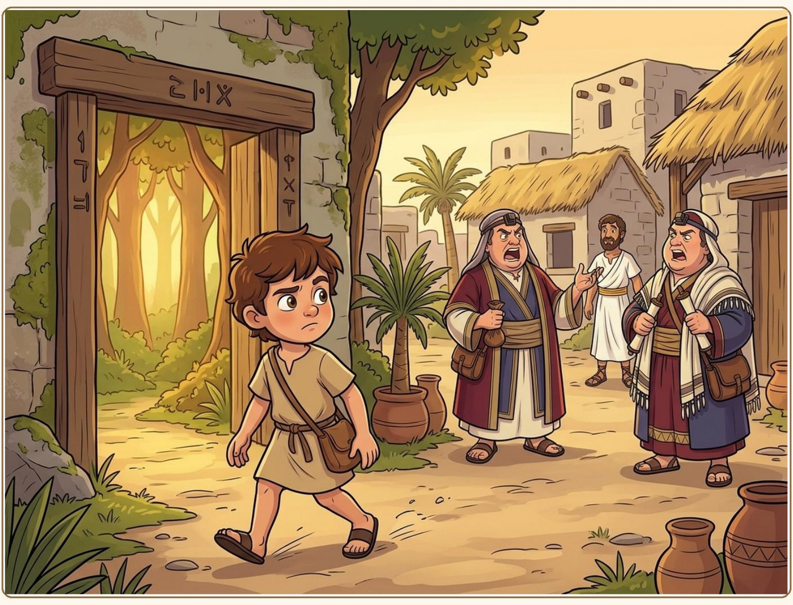
11 Leo was so excited! He began running toward the forest gates.



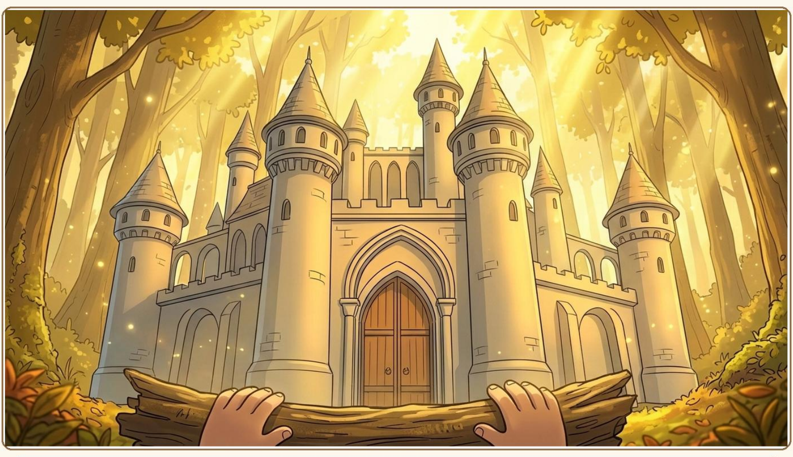
12 But as Leo ran past the Keepers, he heard them laughing and sneering.



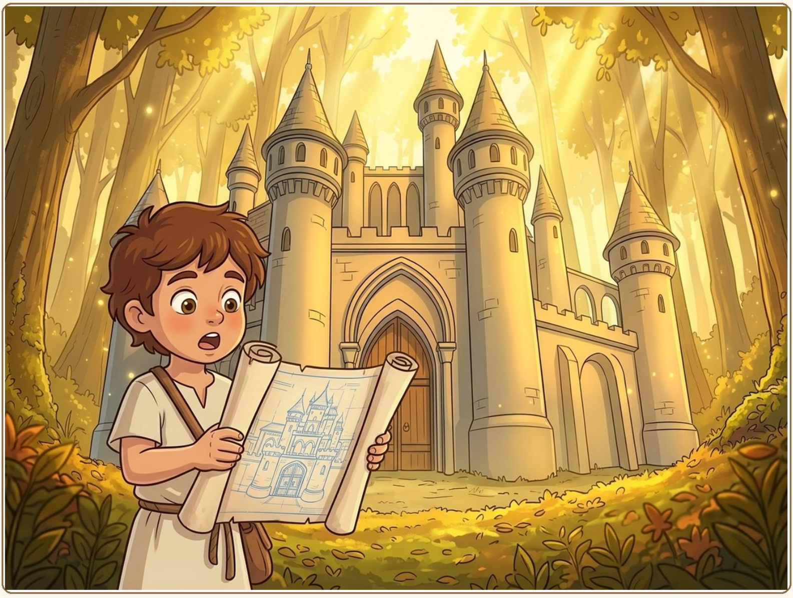
13 **Keepers:** "Stop! That man is trying to throw away our beautiful Blueprint! He is changing the rules!"



14 Leo stopped at the gate and looked back at them as the Keepers yelled, pointing at the messenger.

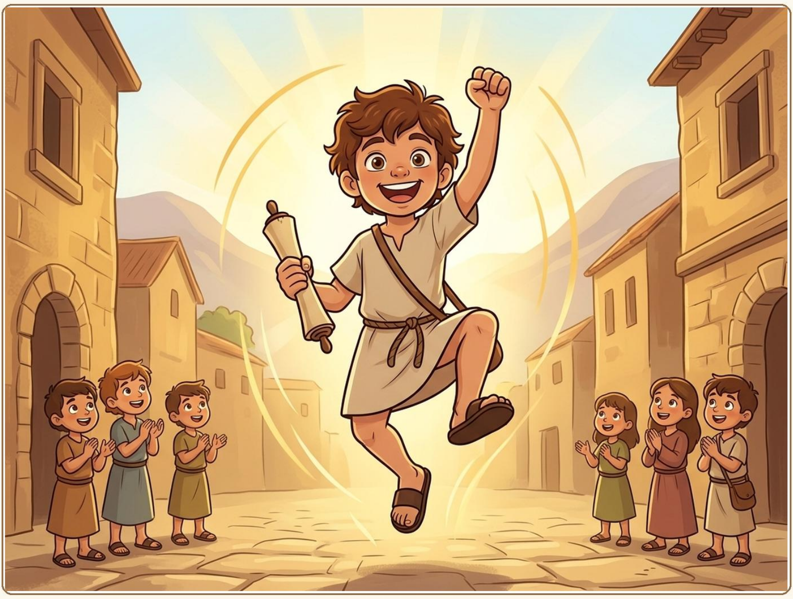


15 Then, Leo looked into the forest. There, standing in the golden sunlight, was the most beautiful stone castle he had ever seen.

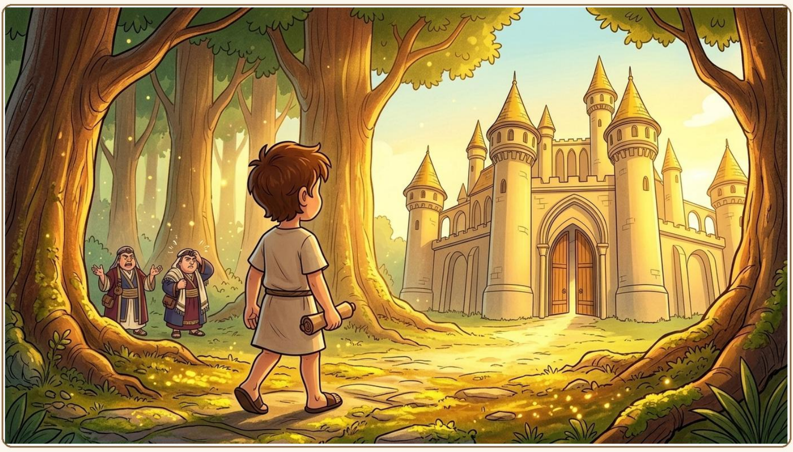


16 **Leo (small):** Gasp!

Leo pulled the old Blueprint out of his bag and unrolled it. He looked at the paper, and then he looked at the castle. He gasped. The castle had the exact same towers, the exact same archways, and the exact same heavy wooden doors as the drawing.



17 **Leo:** "The messenger isn't throwing away the Blueprint! He brought it to life! Every single line on this paper is real now!"



18 Leo didn't care about the Keepers' fancy robes or their angry shouting anymore. He smiled, tucked the scroll safely under his arm, and walked through the gates into his father's beautiful, finished kingdom.