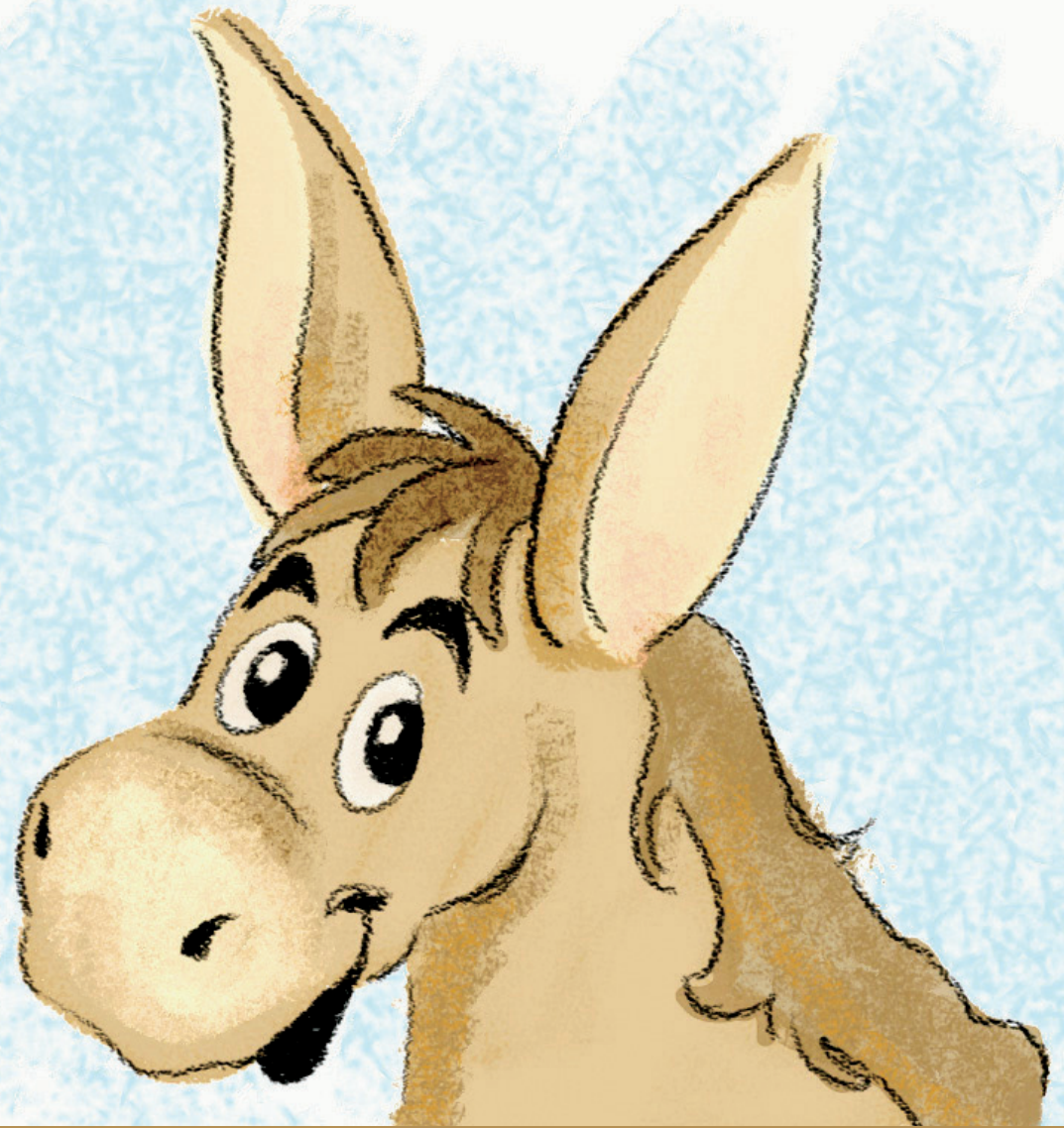


There once was a donkey foal named Dunkin who lived in a nice barn on a large farm. Dunkin was a happy donkey, and the other animals enjoyed being around him. He often expressed his gratitude to Jesus for everything that he had been blessed with.

Dunkin was glad for a nice barn to sleep in that sheltered him from the rain, loving and caring parents who were always doing their best to show Dunkin how much they loved him, all of his animal friends, and Sara, the farmer's daughter who would play with him, and sometimes even scratch his back.

Dunkin was especially happy this evening because he was looking forward to tomorrow, when they would get to go to the big corn field near the farm.



DUNKIN



The next morning, however, Dunkin awoke to the sound of thunder and raindrops falling hard on the barn's roof. *Oh, no! It's raining!*

Dunkin thought to himself. *Oh, why did it have to rain today? It was going to be such an enjoyable day, but now I have to stay in the barn! ...*

Then Dunkin remembered what his father had told him when things didn't go as expected: "When you feel like you want to sulk

over something that has not turned out as you wanted it to, ask Jesus to help you see the situation positively. It makes Jesus sad when we complain and forget about our blessings. If you praise Him for all the good things, Jesus will bless you and make you feel content inside."

Dunkin decided to ask Jesus to help him be thankful and praiseful.



“Dear Jesus,” Dunkin prayed, “please help me see the good in this situation, even though I can’t go outside and play in the field. Thank You for this rain because it means that the crops will grow better, and that will make Farmer Summers very happy. Thank You also that the ducks will have a lot of water in their pond after the rain, and thank You that I get to stay in the barn and play some cool games with the rest of the animals here.”

As Dunkin walked around the barn, Fudge and Bob, the pigs, came up to him.

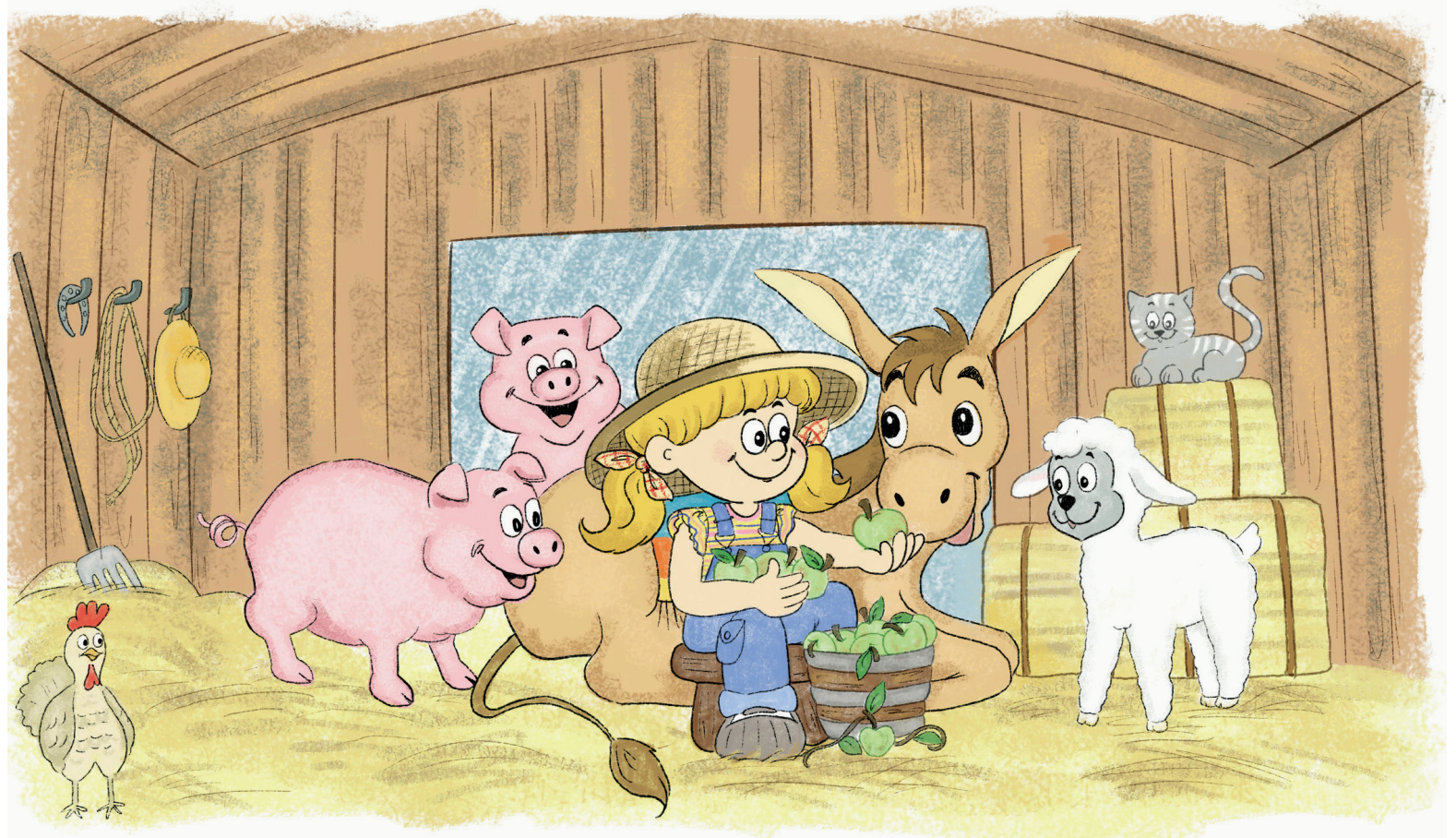
“Dunkin, do you want to play a game with us?” The pigs were organizing a fun game of hide-and-go-seek in the barn with Arnold, the horse foal, and Harriet and Molly, the lambs.

“Certainly!” Dunkin replied.

After they had been playing for a couple of hours, Sara came to the barn. She joined in the game, and they all had even more fun. Afterwards they ate some delicious apples that Sara had brought.

Soon Dunkin's dad came over to where they were playing and said, "Guess what, Dunkin? It's stopped raining and the sun is shining. Farmer Summers has come for us. We're going to the corn field after all."

"Hurray!" exclaimed Dunkin. "I knew it would make Jesus happy if I praised Him. And He blessed me too! Not only do I get to go to the corn field, but I also got to play some fun games with the other animals and Sara. Thank You, Jesus! You're the best!"



Moral: If you ask Me to help you cheer up when you feel down, I can make you feel better. I'll help you to smile and have a good time, even if things aren't exactly how you wanted them to be.—*Jesus*

Bible verse to memorize

I will bless the Lord at all times. (Psalm 34:1 NKJV)