

“Yep! All you do is pray to God and ask him for *whatever* you want, and then add this secret phrase: ‘*In Jesus’ name.*’”

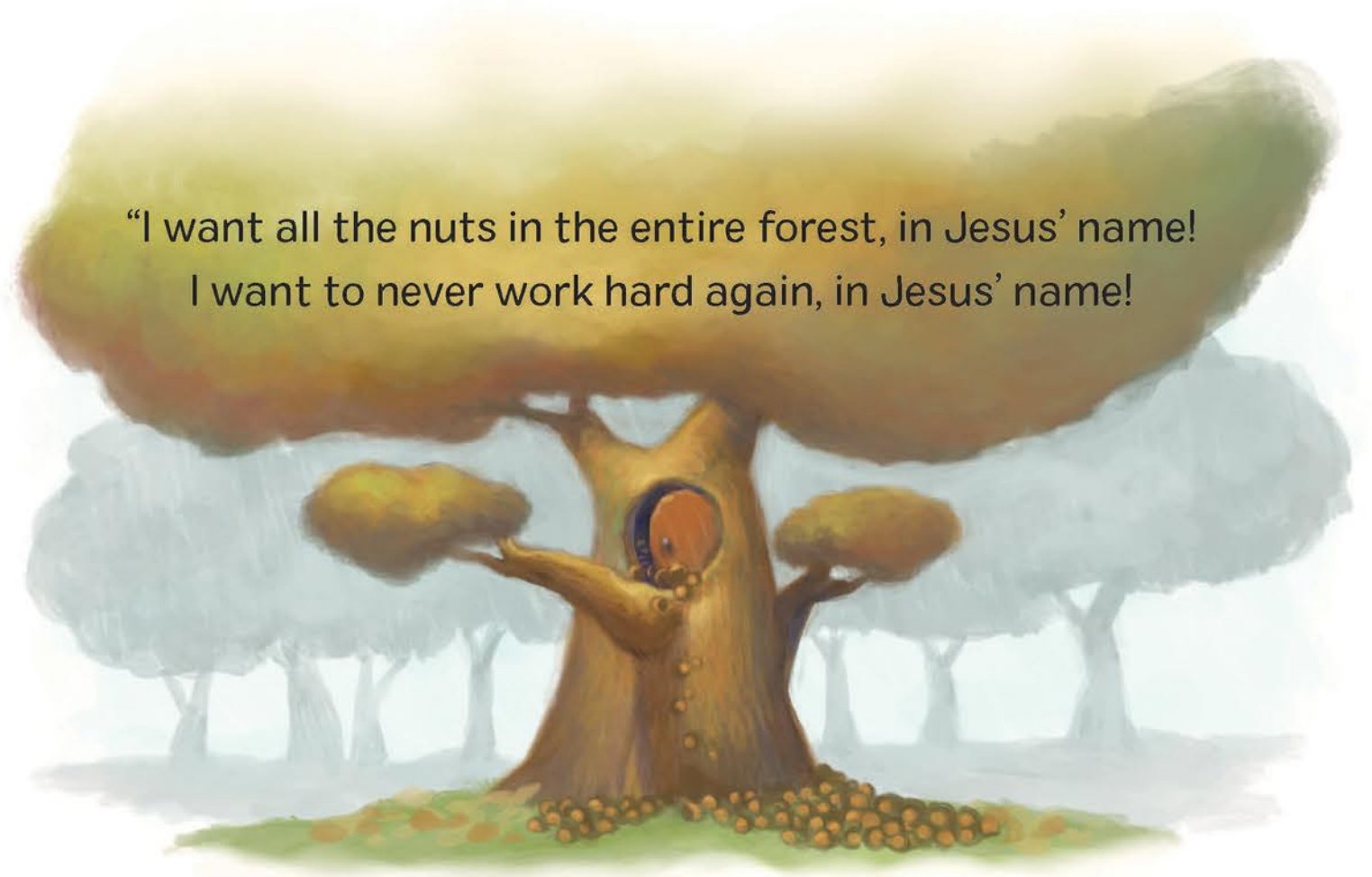
Wow, TJ thought. It all seemed too easy. But after all, he was sure God wanted to give him whatever he wanted and Jo seemed to have a shortcut.



TJ closed his eyes, believed with all his might,
and started shouting out his prayers one by one.



“I want all the nuts in the entire forest, in Jesus’ name!
I want to never work hard again, in Jesus’ name!”



I want to have a big tree house, in Jesus’ name!
I want to have all the toys in the forest, in Jesus’ name!”



“TJ, praying in Jesus’ name is about focusing on what Jesus wants first, not what you want,” Grace explained. “He *will* do anything that you pray in his name, but that doesn’t have to do with getting more toys or having a bigger house.



“Jesus wants us to pray for things that he talks about in the Bible. He promises to help us do those things.



We should pray to love our neighbors,
to share with others,



to obey him, to trust him, and most of all, to believe him.”