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For Seth and Hope:
May beloved community be yours.

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One snowy day, when I was at school,
we learned of Martin Luther King.
We heard him speak a **courageous** dream
with the power to change everything.

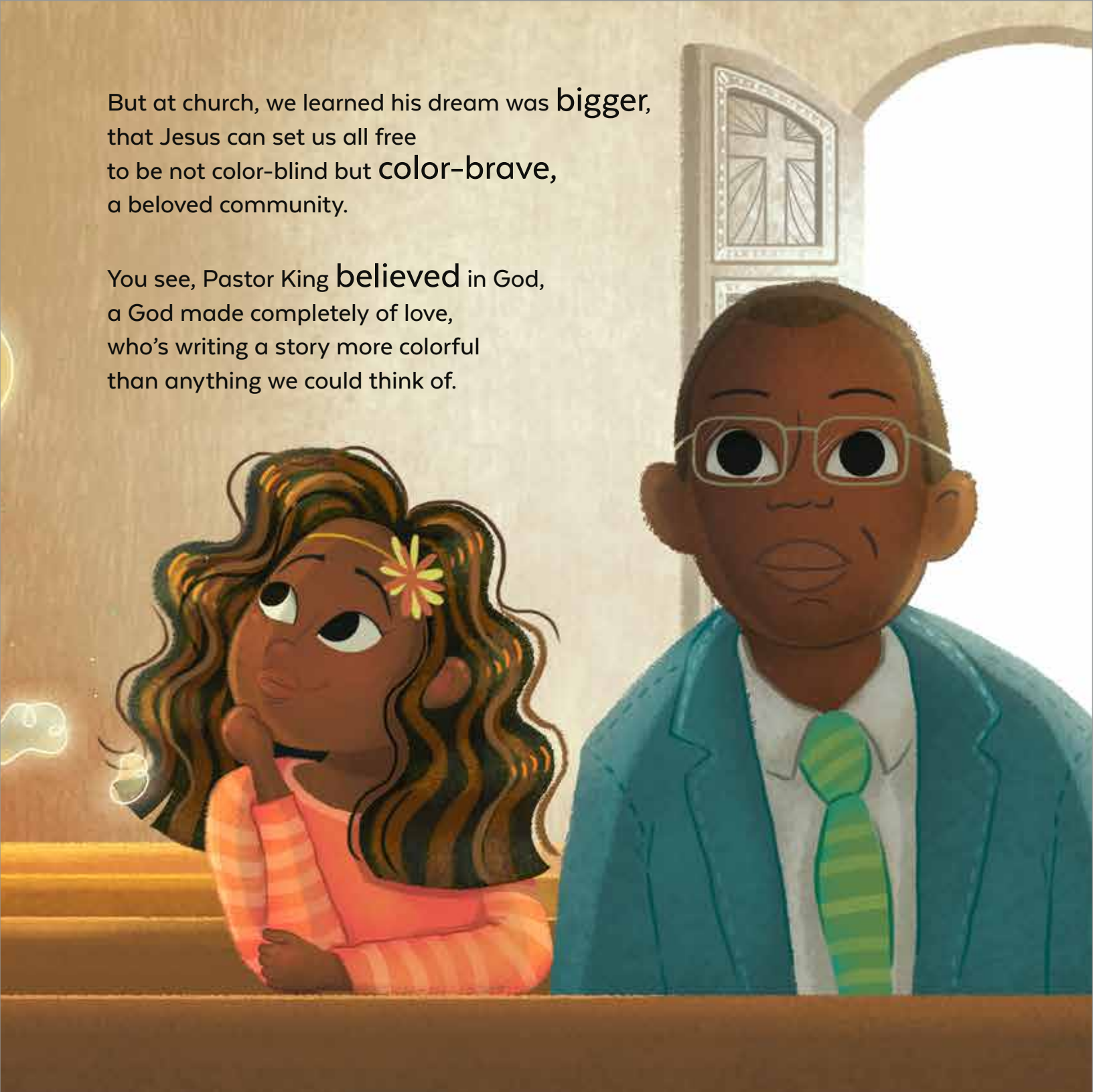
Some say Pastor King's dream was color-blind,
ignoring our eyes, hair, and skin,
and looking only at what's inside,
the content of character within.





But at church, we learned his dream was **bigger**,
that Jesus can set us all free
to be not color-blind but **color-brave**,
a beloved community.

You see, Pastor King **believed** in God,
a God made completely of love,
who's writing a story more colorful
than anything we could think of.





Before the beginning, God was three-in-one,
not floating all lonesome in space.
God was Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
beloved community **already in place.**

And one day God said, "Though this is fun,
I want to embrace so many more."
So God began to spill out his love
in a beautiful **love downpour!**



God birthed a creation full of delight,
diverse in every way,
brimming with vibrant variety:
land and sea, plant and beast, night and day.

Behold colorful crowns of cockatoos.
Look there at flamingos and crows.
See the laughing hyenas, the croaking frogs,
the surprising splash of rainbows!





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