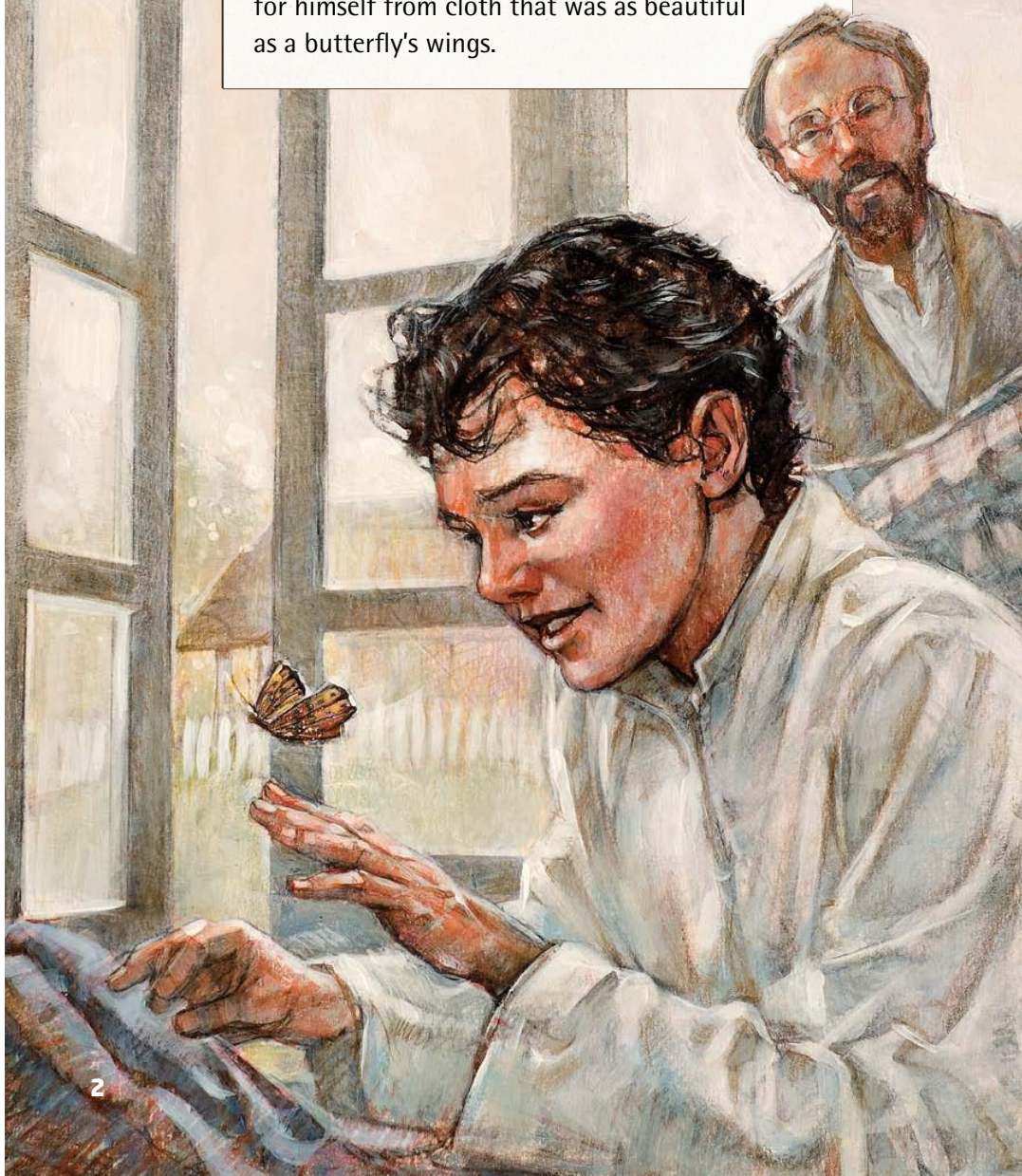


Once there was a boy named Joseph who worked in his father's tailor shop. Together, he and his father made clothes for the rich people of the town.

Joseph was a very good tailor.

He dreamed of making a warm winter coat for himself from cloth that was as beautiful as a butterfly's wings.



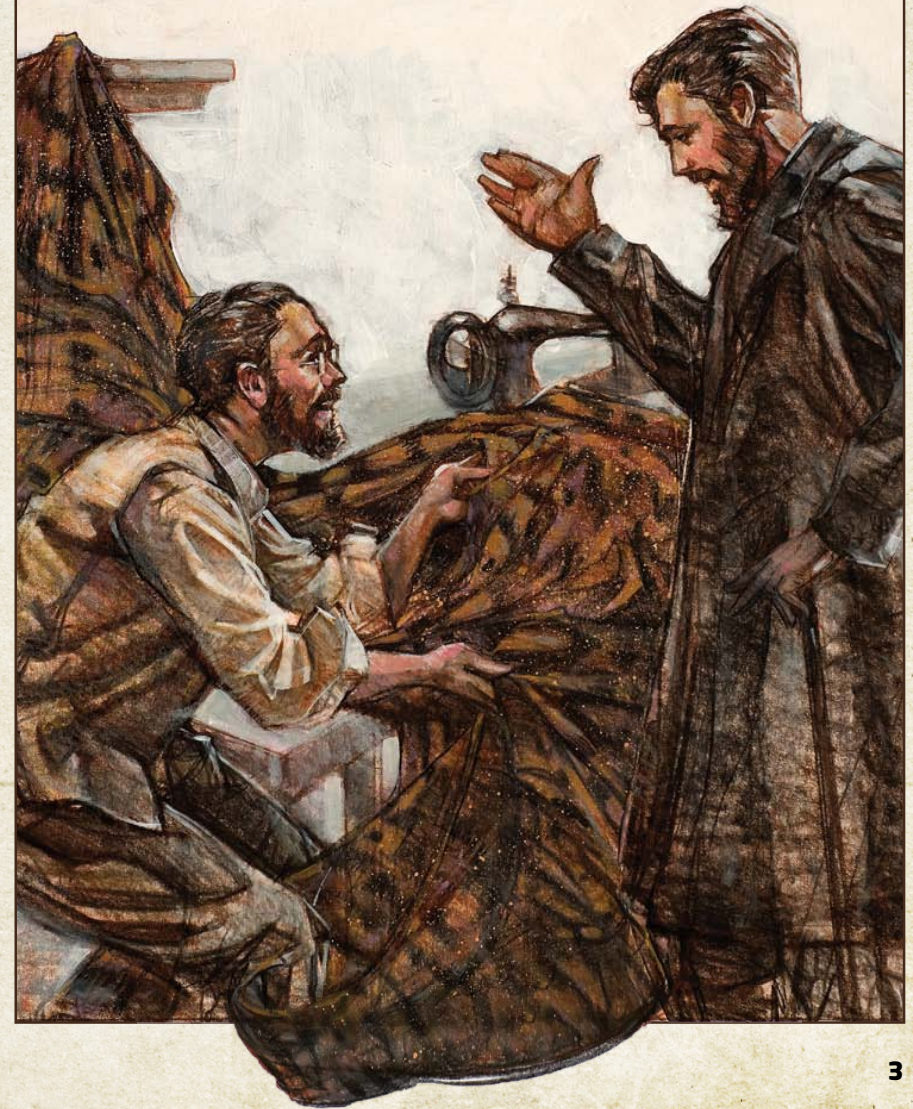
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One day, a man came to the shop with a large piece of cloth. The cloth was as beautiful as the wings of a butterfly!

The man asked Joseph's father to make him a vest.

"You have enough cloth here to make ten vests!" said Joseph's father.

The man just waved his hand. "I only need one vest," he said. "When you're finished with it, you can throw away the cloth that is left."



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Facts About Clothes Made from Recycled Materials

People around the world throw out more than a billion tons of empty cans, plastic bottles, and other trash each year! This trash fills up landfills, and can make our water unsafe to drink and our air unsafe to breathe. To help protect our planet, a lot of trash is recycled. That means it is used to make new things. One of these things is clothing.

Clothes Made From Plastic Bottles

Recycled plastic bottles are being used to make fleece jackets and T-shirts. It takes five plastic soda bottles to make one T-shirt. At the 2010 World Cup soccer games, players on teams from nine countries wore shirts made from recycled plastic. Those shirts, as well as shirts sold to fans, kept about 13 million bottles out of landfills.



Clothes Made From Tires

Old rubber tires are being used to make some items of clothing. The tire rubber is broken into small pieces and recycled into belts, boots, the soles of shoes, and sneakers. The worn-out rubber tires from race cars and bicycles can also be used to make these clothing items.

Clothes Made From...Clothes

Tons of clothes are thrown in the trash each year. But one American clothing company is trying to reduce some of this waste. This company collects old clothes and recycles them into new fabric that is then used to make new clothing! Recycling clothes instead of making them from new material saves energy, which helps the environment.

