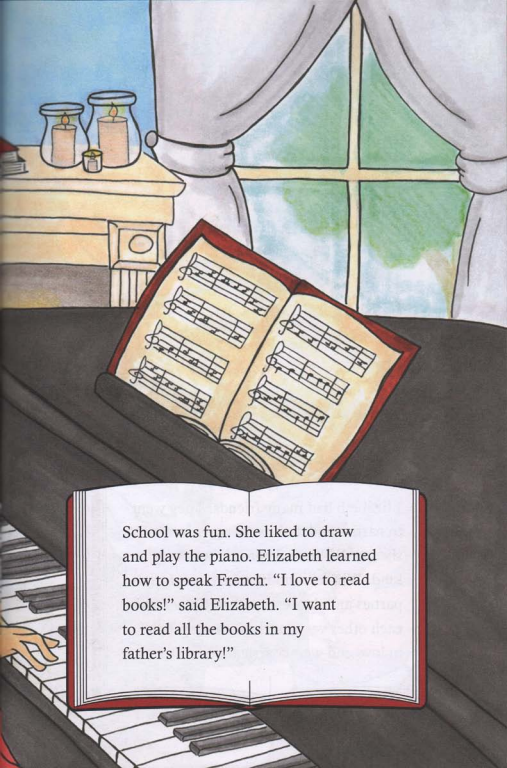


“Little Elizabeth is beautiful,” said Mrs. Bayley. Her husband, Dr. Bayley, smiled. “Yes, she is very beautiful.” Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City in 1774 when America was very young. The city was big. Lots of people lived there.

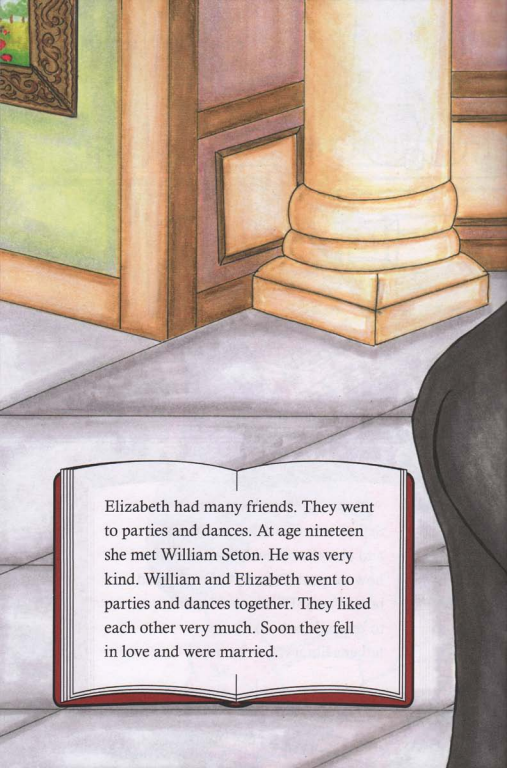
The Bayleys were well-known in New York City. They belonged to the Episcopal Church. Elizabeth liked to go to church on Sundays. She liked to help people. She brought food to families in the poor areas of the city.





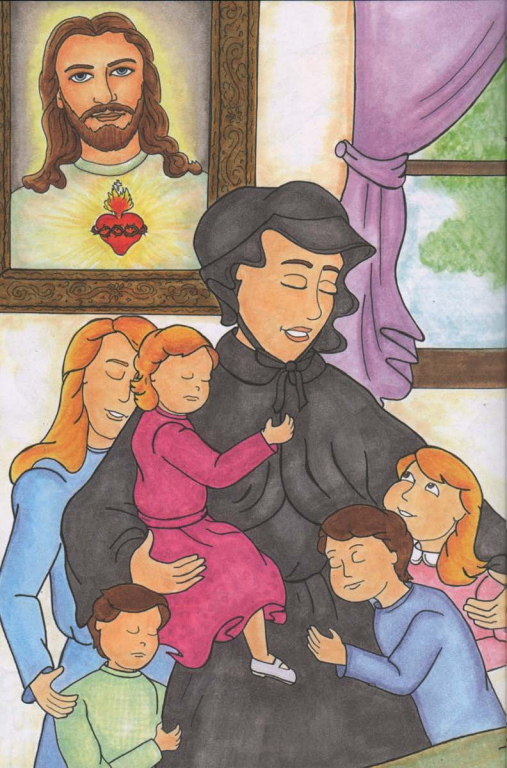


School was fun. She liked to draw and play the piano. Elizabeth learned how to speak French. "I love to read books!" said Elizabeth. "I want to read all the books in my father's library!"

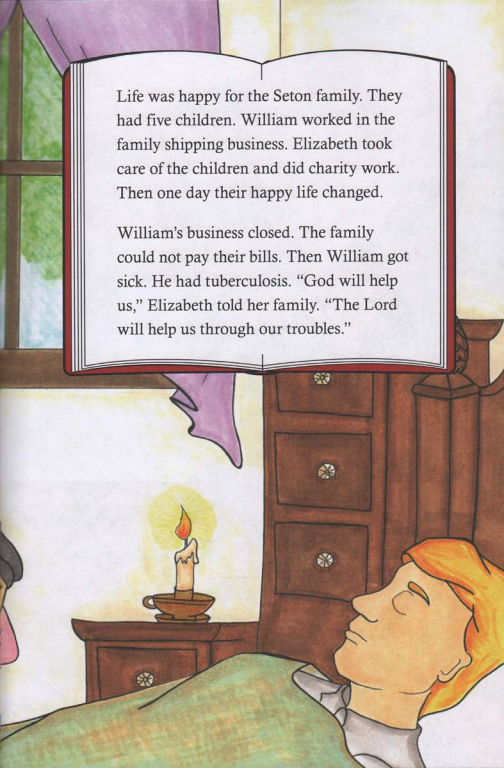


Elizabeth had many friends. They went to parties and dances. At age nineteen she met William Seton. He was very kind. William and Elizabeth went to parties and dances together. They liked each other very much. Soon they fell in love and were married.









Life was happy for the Seton family. They had five children. William worked in the family shipping business. Elizabeth took care of the children and did charity work. Then one day their happy life changed.

William's business closed. The family could not pay their bills. Then William got sick. He had tuberculosis. "God will help us," Elizabeth told her family. "The Lord will help us through our troubles."



