

# “PUTTING GOD FIRST”

EXODUS 20:1-3

10 PRINCIPLES  
FOR

Healthy  
Families

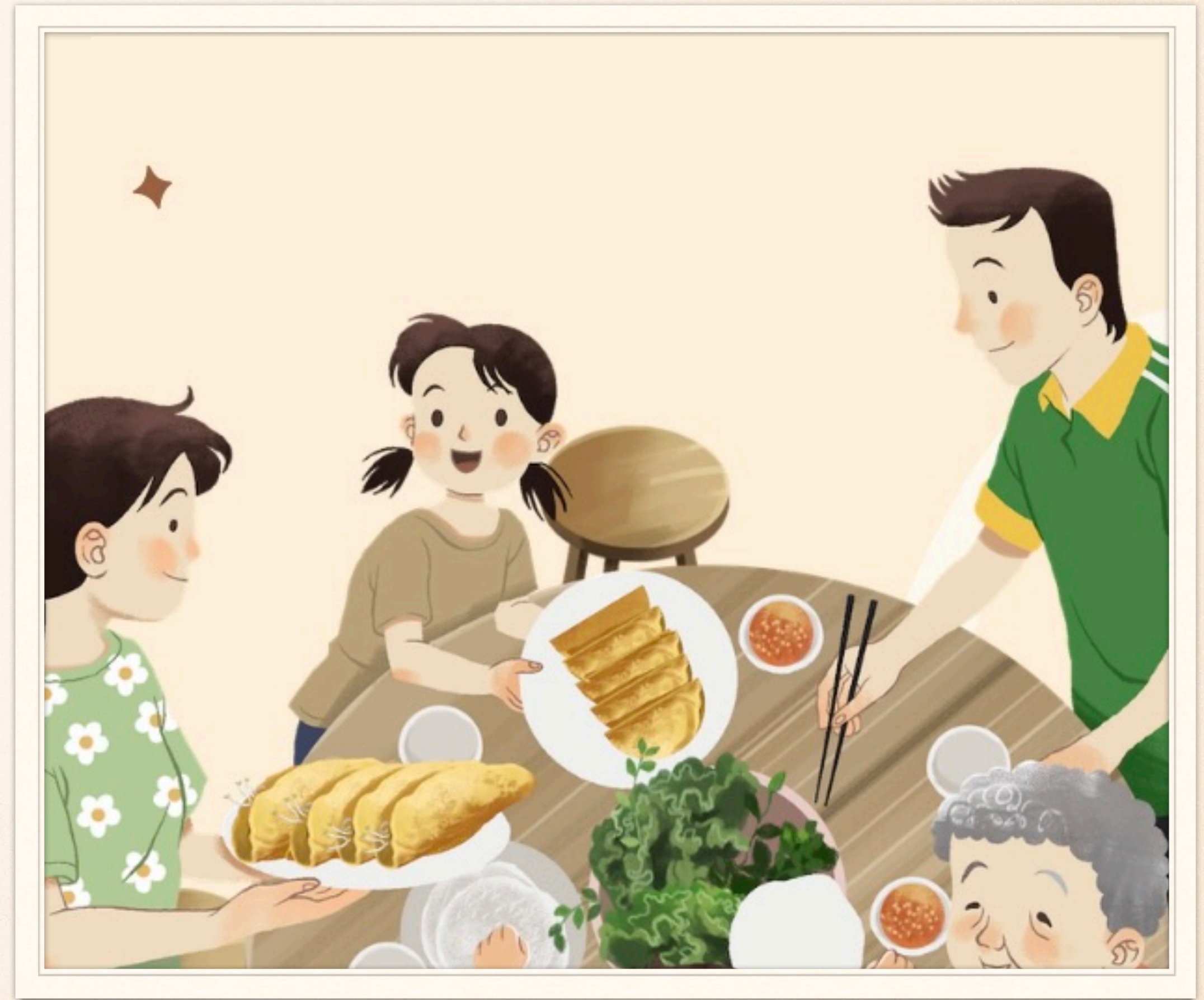
SERMON SERIES



**STRONG FAMILIES BEGIN BY PUTTING GOD  
FIRST IN EVERYTHING**

*Big Idea*

- ❖ A guardrail is a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off limits areas.
- ❖ Guardrails provide safety & direction
- ❖ Guardrails exist on, medians, bridges & curves

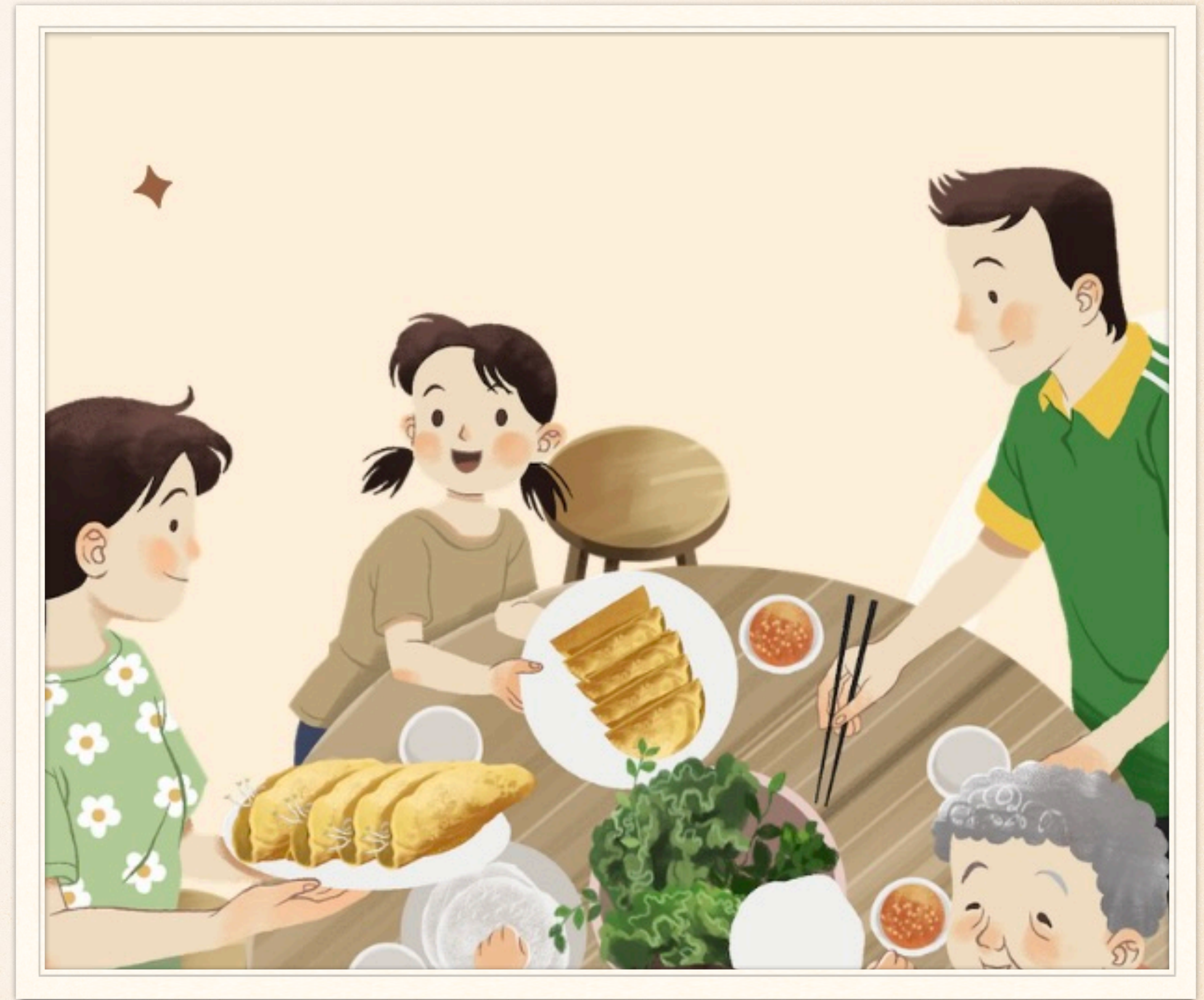


**If guardrails are important on roads, highways, and bridges how much more important are they in how we live our lives, how we work and most importantly how we live in relationships most notably our families and marriages.**

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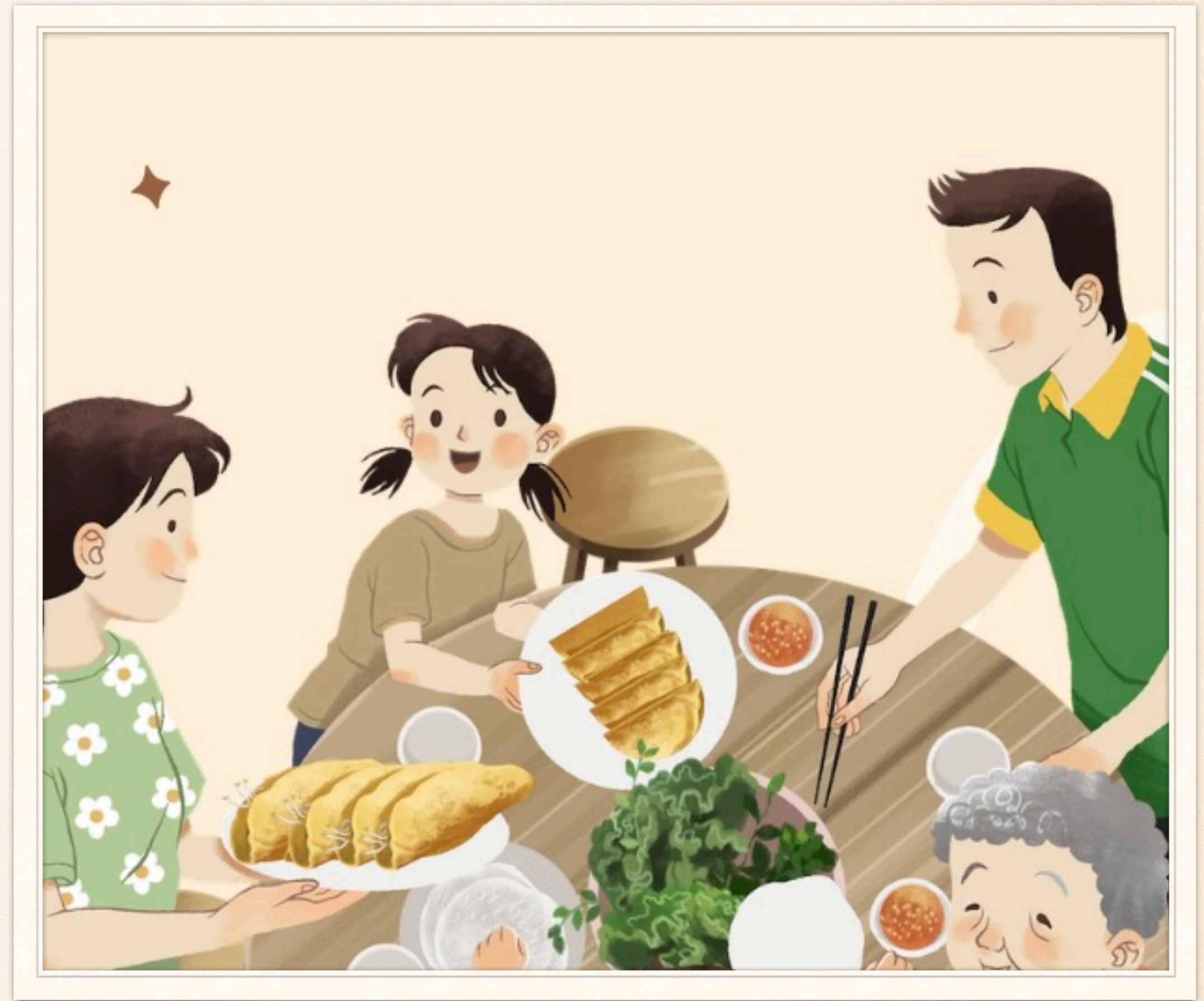
# FAITH IN CANADA

- ❖ Canada is experiencing a rapid shift towards secularism (Bill C-9; Quebec Bill 9)
- ❖ >10% attend weekly church services
- ❖ Largest religious demographic is NON-RELIGIOUS
- ❖ Fastest growing religion is Islam
- ❖ Other nations (Assemblies of God) are sending missionaries to Canada



# GOD'S BIG 10

- ❖ They do NOT bring salvation
- ❖ They are to be passed down to each generation (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
- ❖ Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments into Two great commandments, Matthew 22:37-40

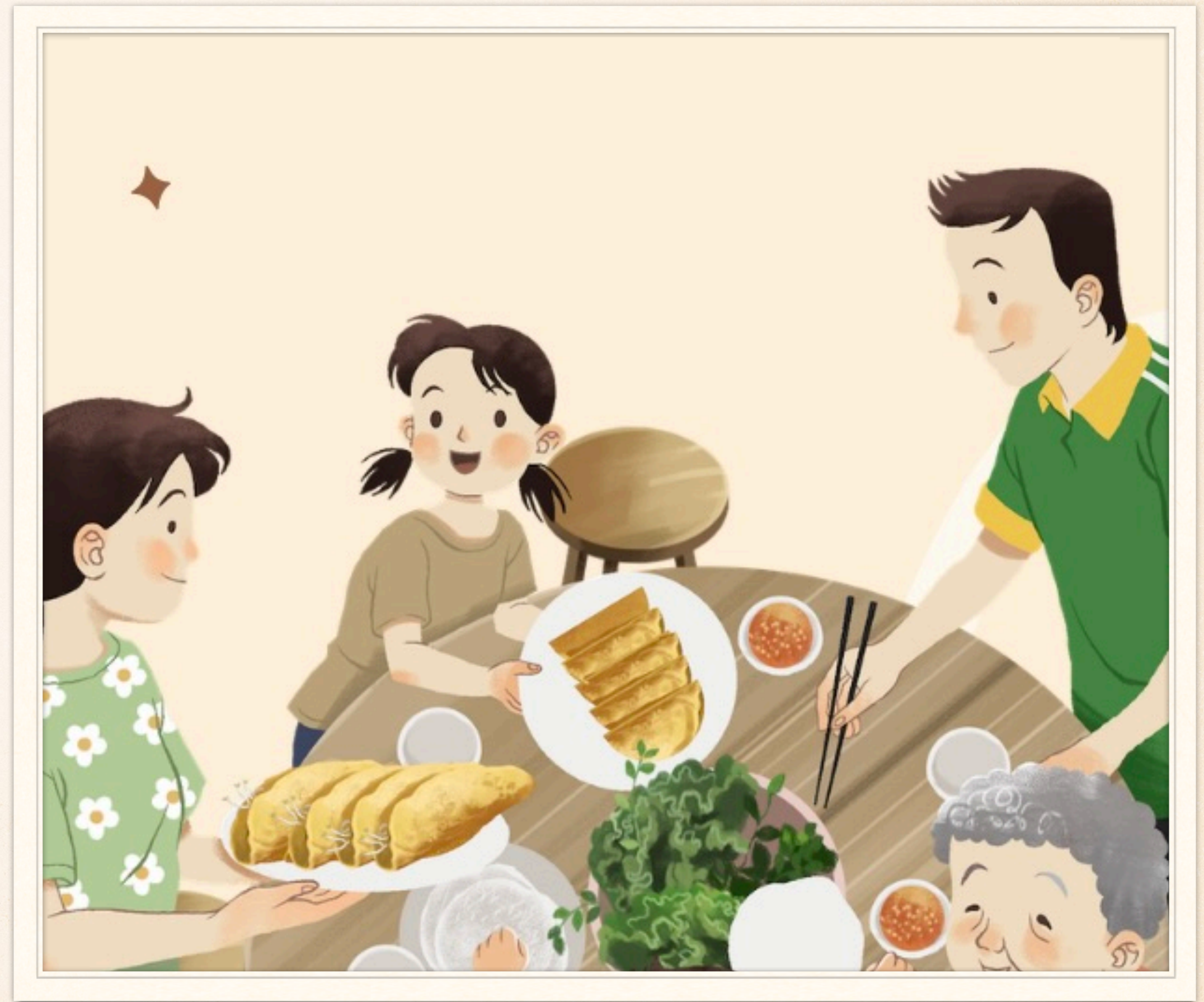


**And God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.**

*Exodus 20:1-3*

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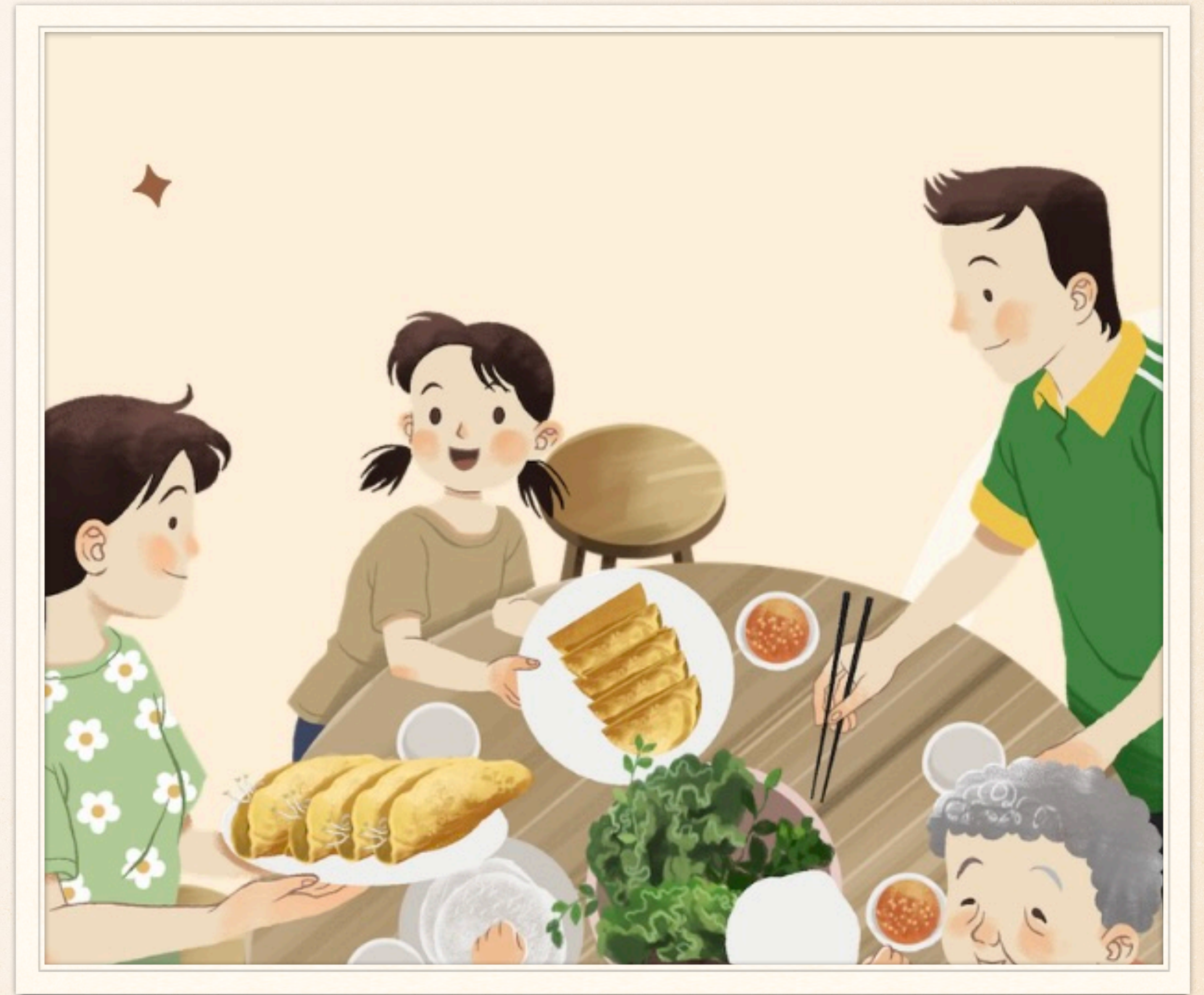
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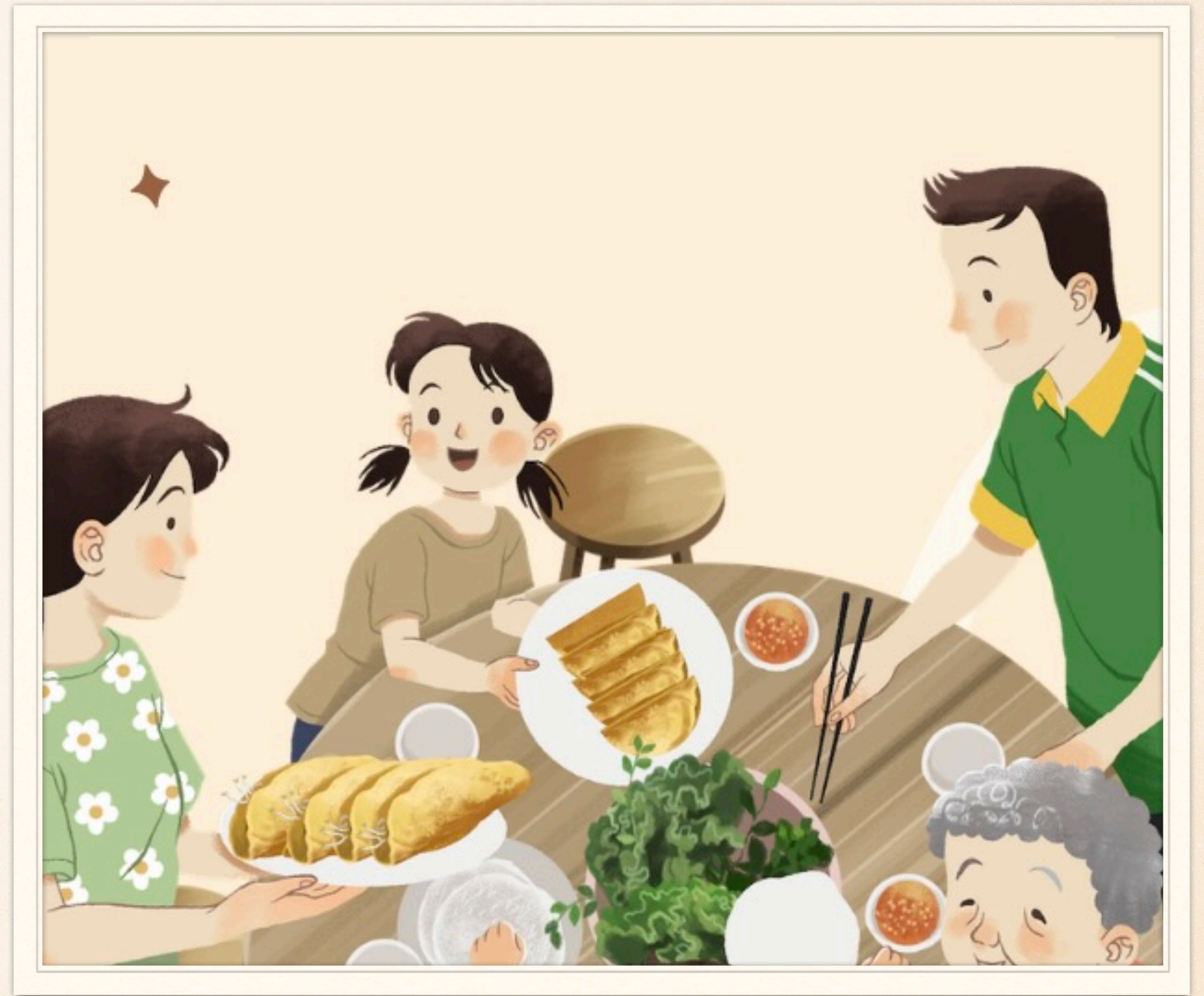
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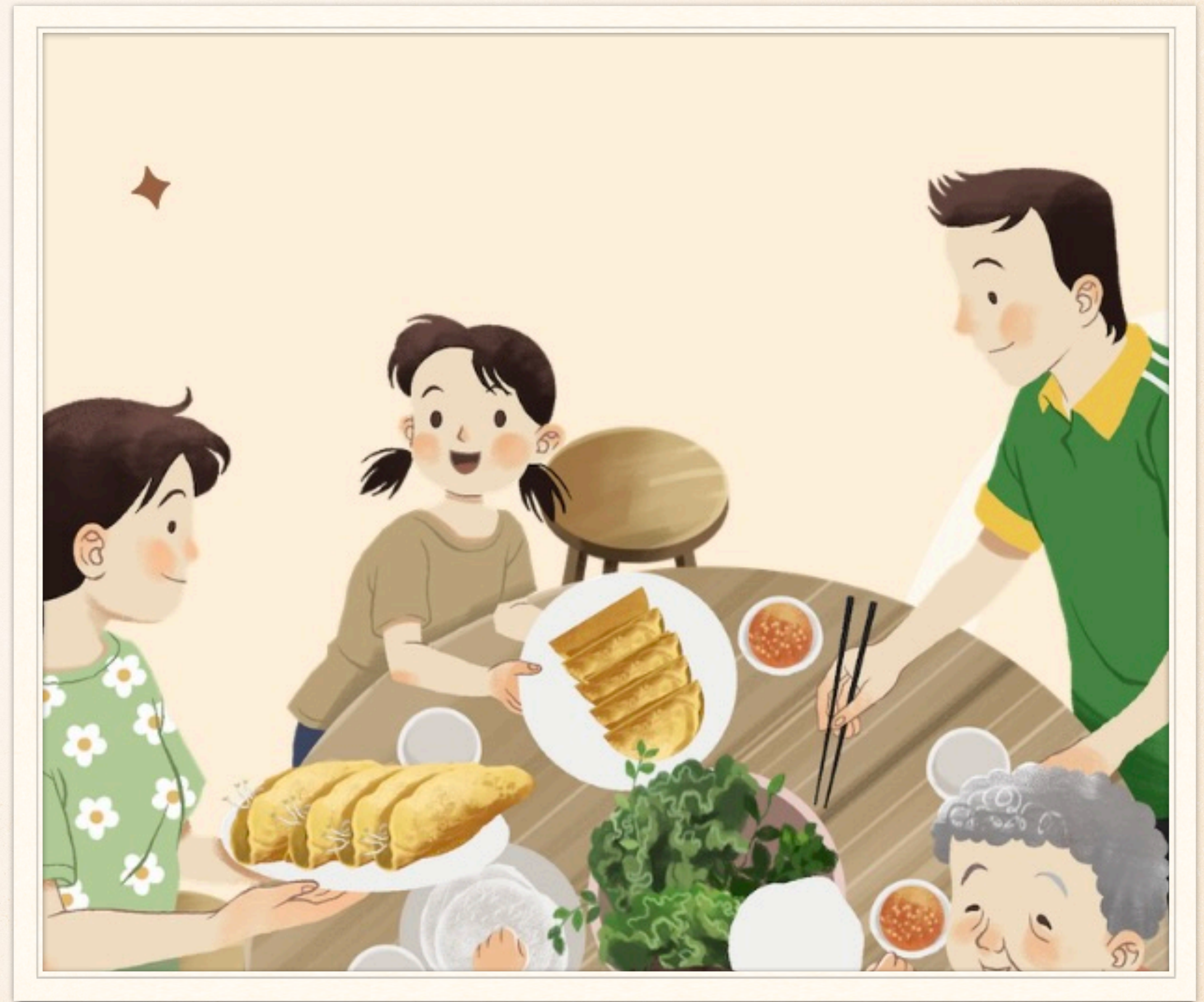
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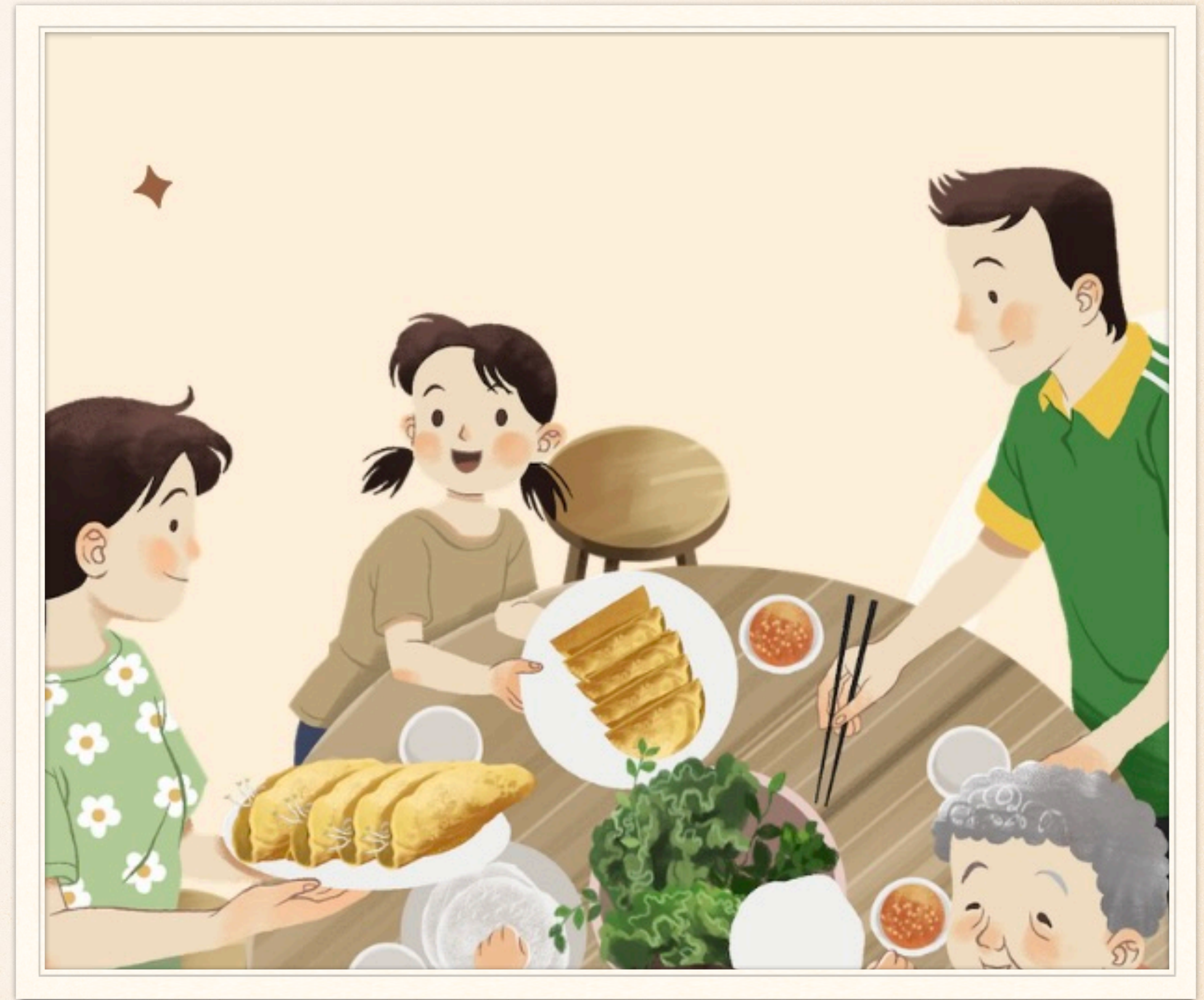
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- ❖ Gods people are Privileged
- ❖ **God's primary PRECEPT is PROHIBITIVE**



**The 10 Commandments begin with God, not with us.**

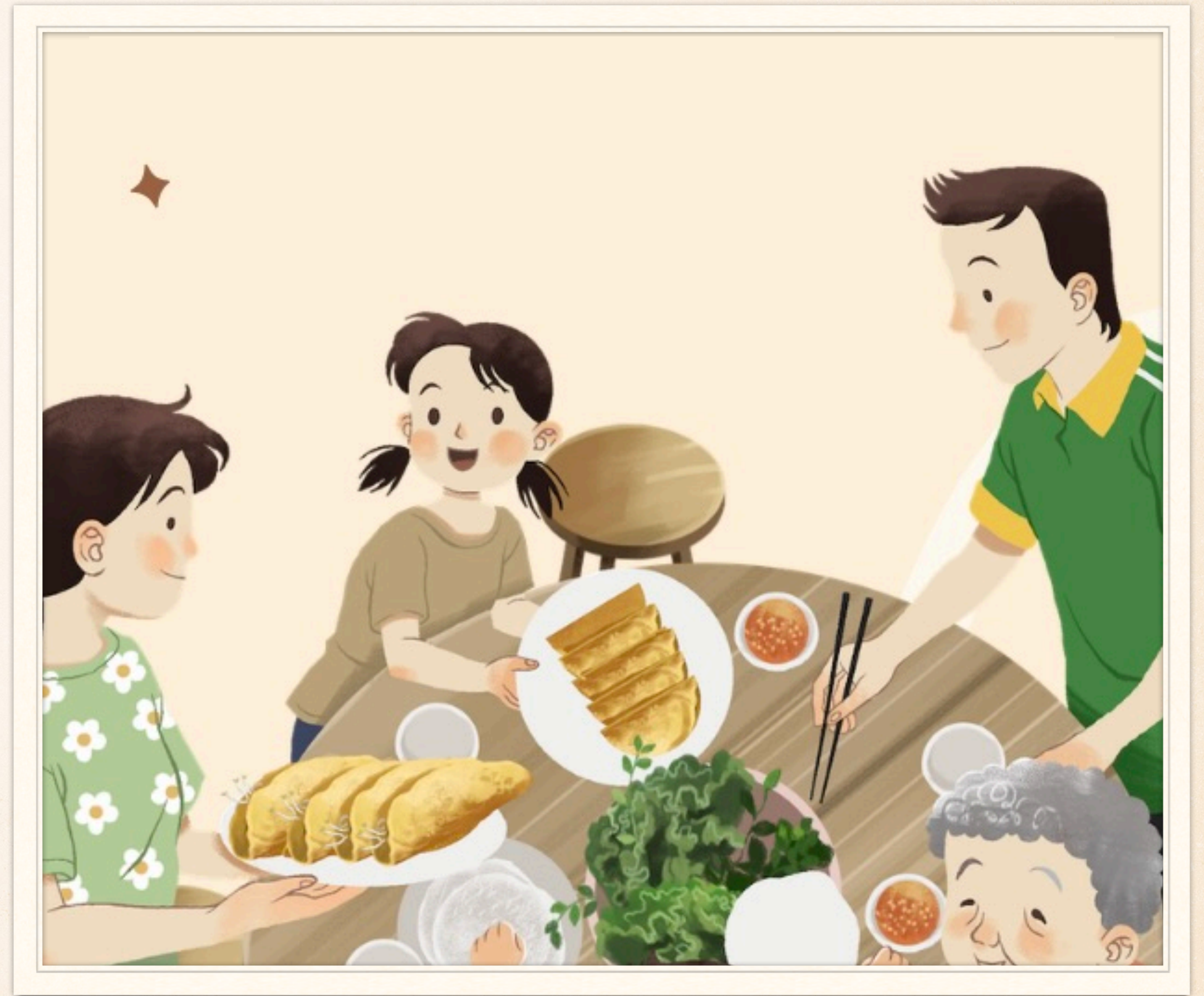
*Quote*

**God doesn't want to be the chief thing in your life; He wants to be everything. ... "If God is not Lord of all, He's not your Lord at all."**

*Quote*

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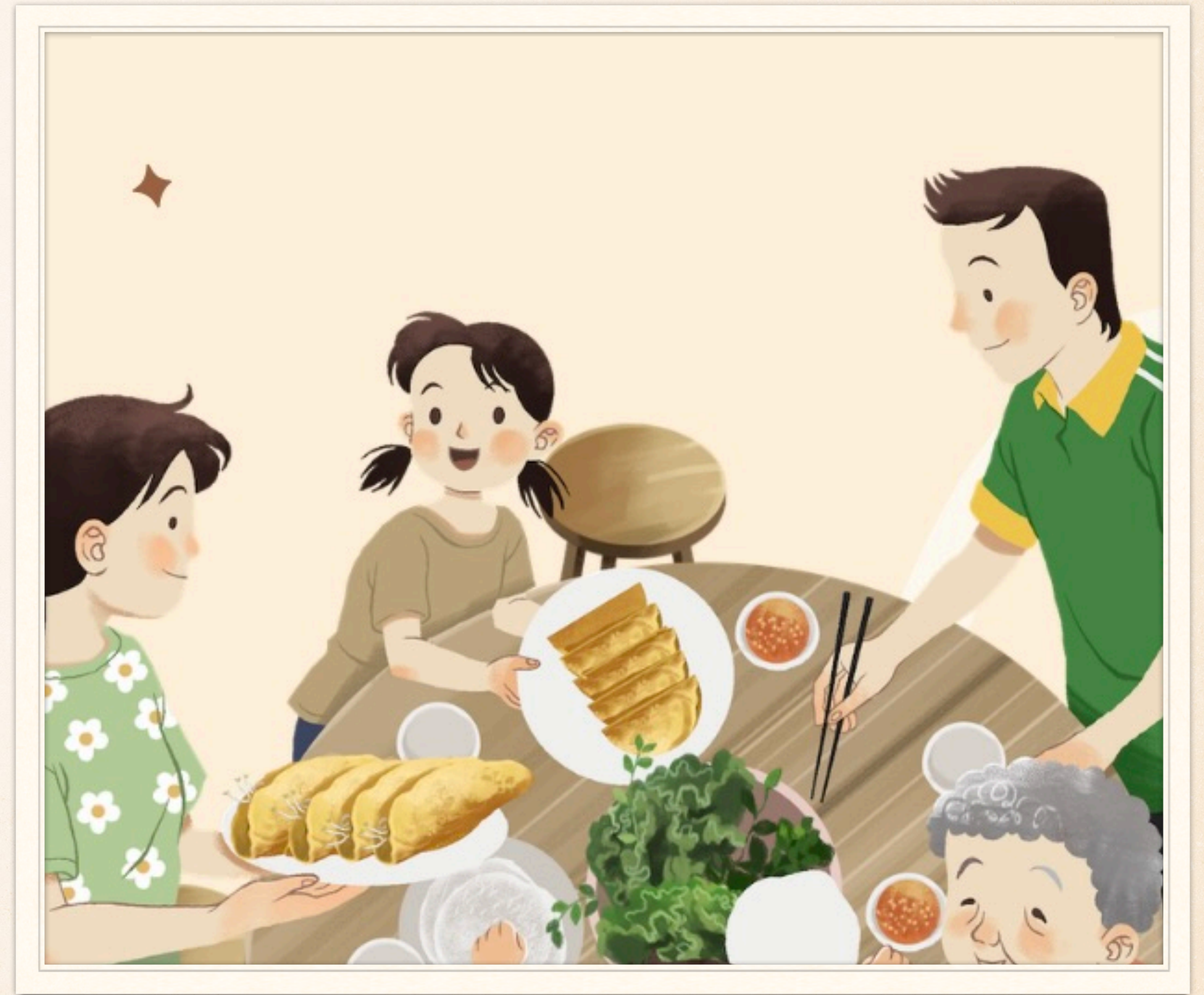
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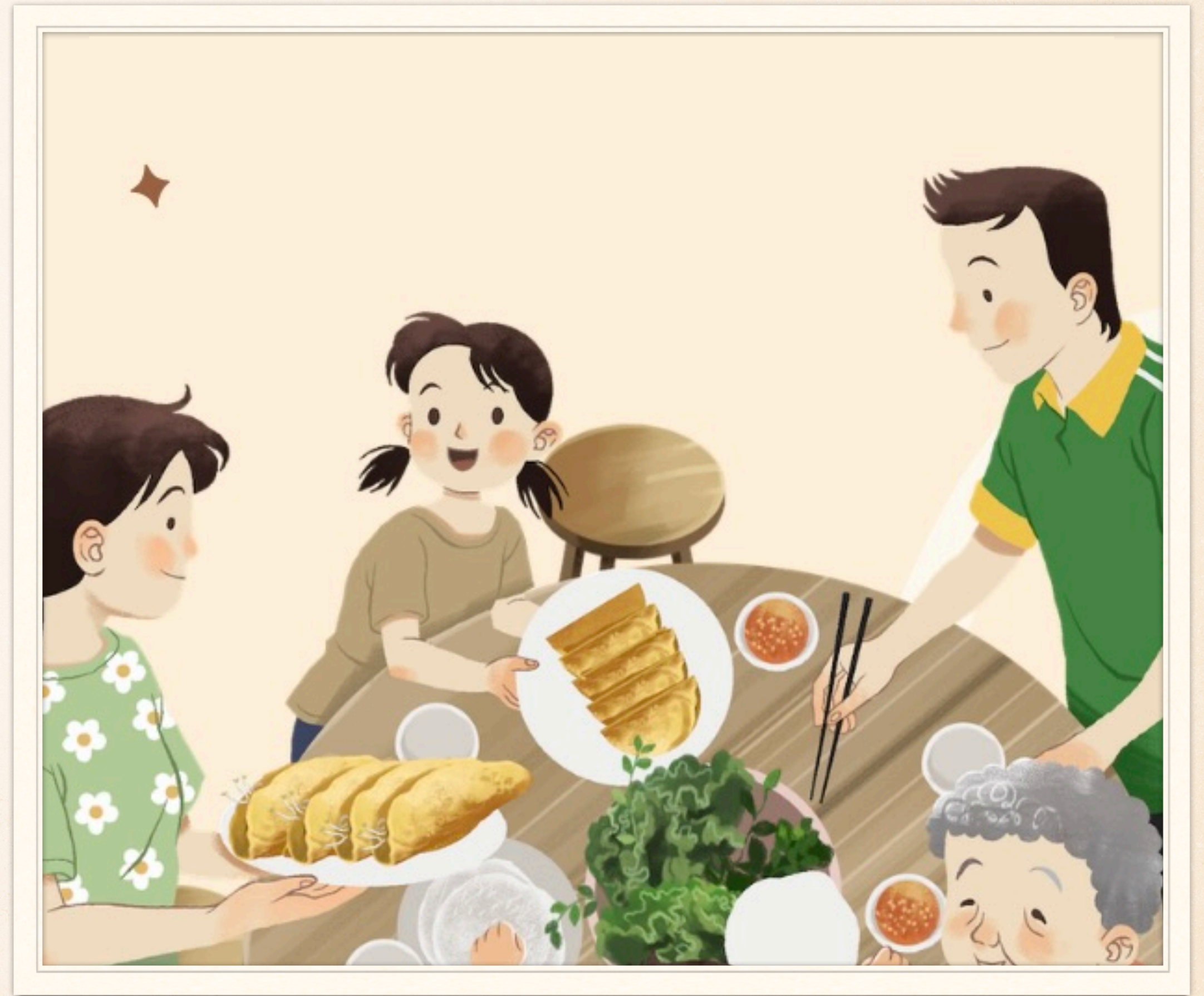
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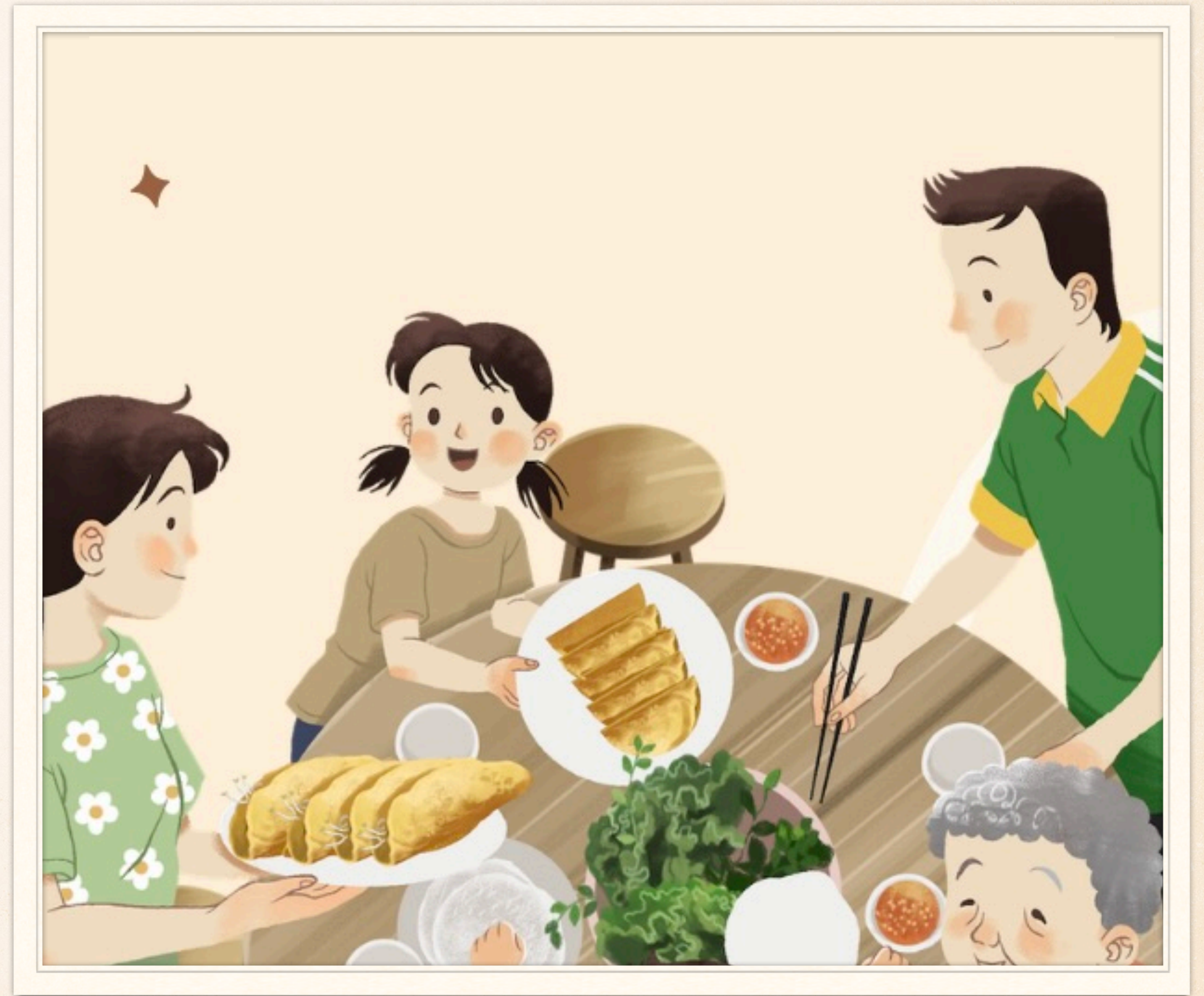
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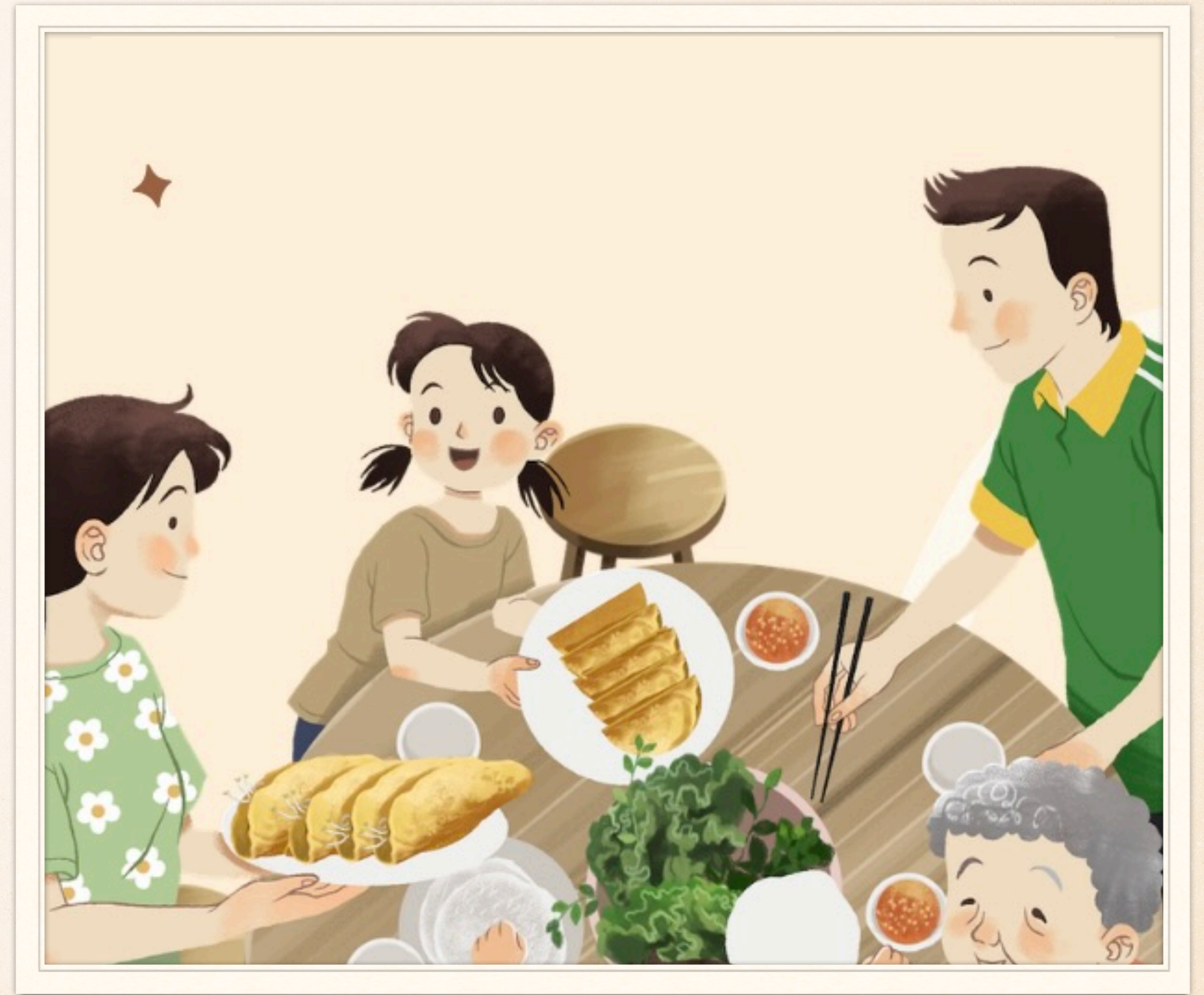
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- ❖ **TROUBLES**



**If you want to build a successful life and a strong family you've got to  
it begins by laying the right foundation...**

**PUTTING GOD FIRST IN EVERYTHING YOU  
DO, EVERYWHERE YOU GO, EVERYONE YOU  
LOVE**

*QUOTE*

# ASK YOURSELF

- 1. Do I love or treasure anything or anyone more than God?**
- 2. Do I prioritize anything or anyone before God?**
- 3. Does anything bring me more pleasure than the things of God?**
- 4. Do I place my identity in anything over my status as a child of God?**
- 5. Do I look to anything or anyone to meet my needs instead of God?**
- 6. Do I seek fulfillment or satisfaction from anything outside of God?**
- 7. Do I seek comfort outside of God?**

**"I'm not ashamed to say I want to build my life on God's values, on values that last. I want to build a strong family with the right foundation. I want God to be first in my finances, interests, relationships, schedule, troubles. Believing that if I follow that principle, He'll keep His promise to bless my life in the areas that I put Him first in.**

*Quote*

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

*Benediction*