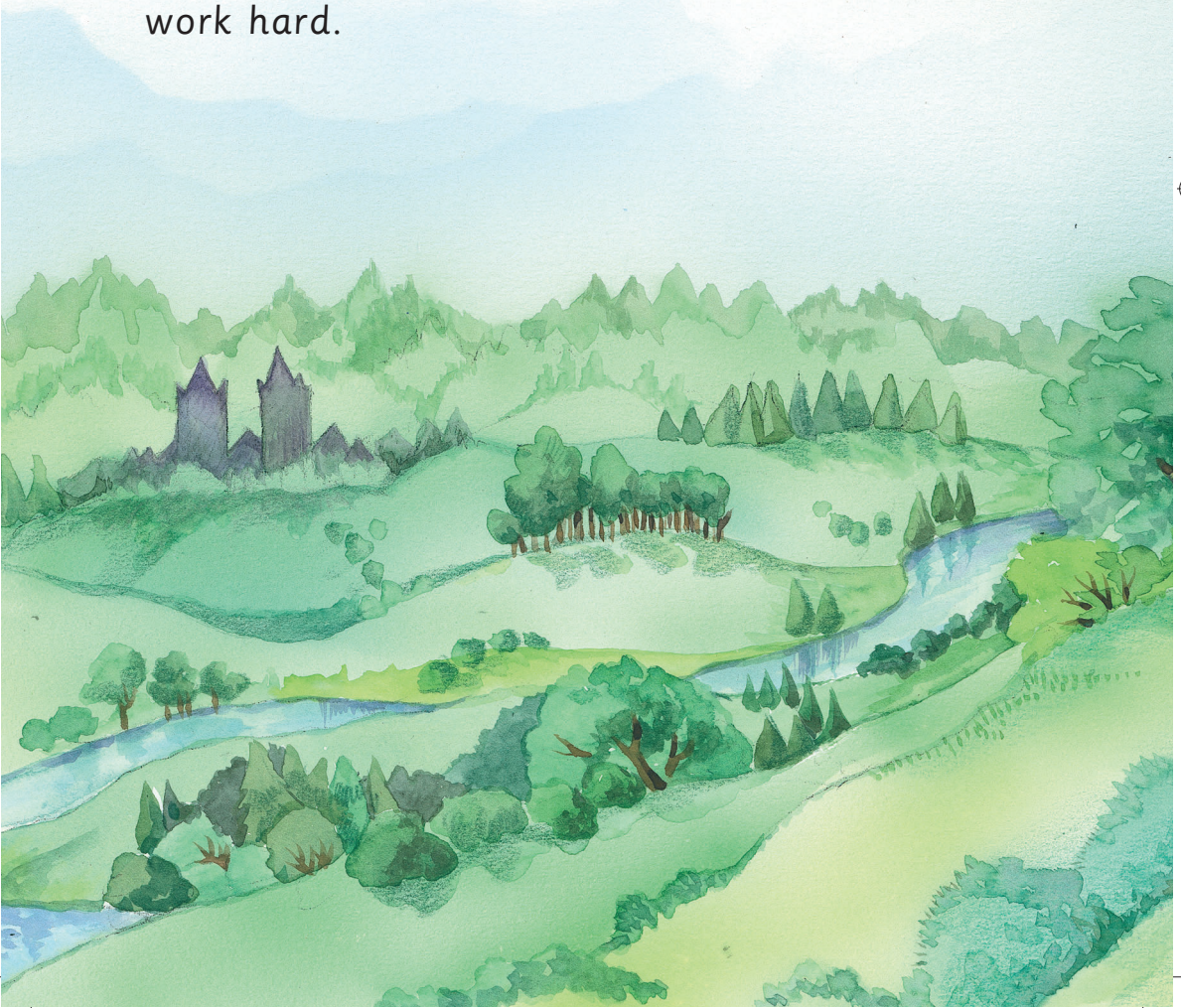




John Calvin lived in the city of Noyon in the country of France over 500 years ago. He had a father and several brothers, but his mother had died when he was just a young boy.

John was clever and loved to read. He longed to go to school. He knew that if he got a good education it would mean great things for his life. His father encouraged him to do his best and work hard.







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When John went to school he got a special hair cut called a tonsure. It was strange at first but all the other boys looked the same. They wore the same clothes too.

John learned his lessons well. His best friends were both from rich families and they let John study at their homes. So it wasn't long before John was doing very well at school. His father was delighted.

