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Local Church Budget

One day a fisherman was fishing on the edge of a lake when a grey herring landed next to him. The bird looked into his bucket and saw a feast. When the bird tried to take the fish from the bucket, the fisherman tapped him with the end of his rod and made a deal with him.

“Every other fish I will give to you on the condition that you don’t steal.” The fisherman named the bird Henry.

So the fisherman caught a fish and tossed it to Henry. The next catch went into the bucket. Henry waited for his turn. In an hour, he must have eaten at least 10 to 12 fish. Then he flew away. Each time the fisherman returned to that lake, Henry would fly and land next to him.

The fisherman didn’t have financial resources to give to the local church budget. But he wanted to contribute to the ministries of the church. He donated the fish in the bucket to the new immigrant people who were attending his church. The fisherman questioned if this ministry was a way of working for God since he had limited resources. Henry was God’s answer to him.

In the Bible, God uses animals to touch our lives. “And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.” 1 Kings 17:4 Giving can also come in many forms: time, talent, or tender.