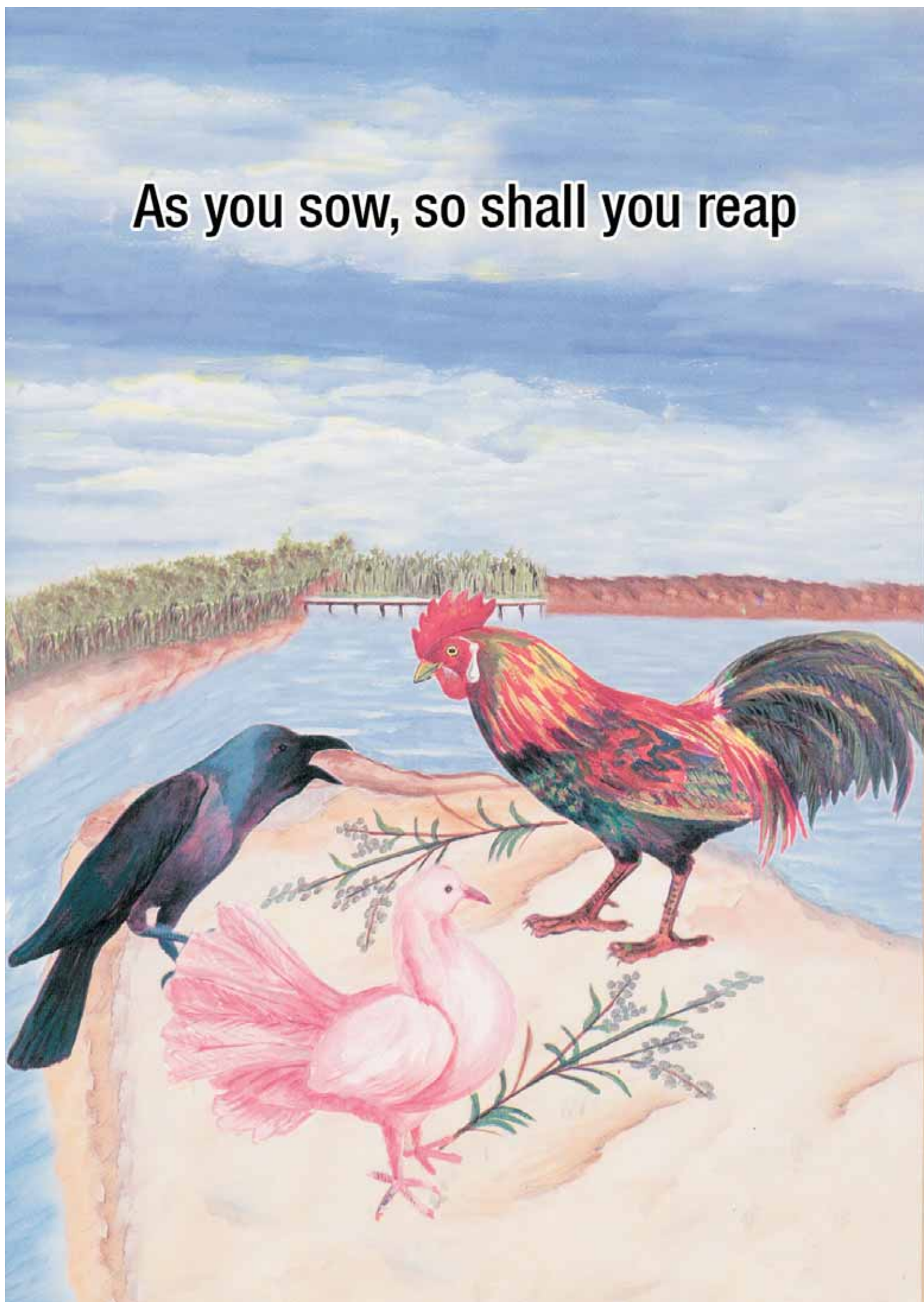


As you sow, so shall you reap



This is a story of 3 birds – a crow, a pigeon and a hen. They all lived in one house and they were the best of friends. One day while on a walk the hen comes across a few kernels of corn on the way. The hen immediately calls her friends and tells them to help collect the seeds so that they can enjoy the corn together. The pigeon replies that she has to go to meet an old friend and the crow says that she is feeling a little ill which is why she may not be able to help the hen. The hen listens to their reasons and agrees to collect the seeds on her own.

When the hen was done collecting the seeds on her own she told her two friends how good the seeds were and that they would feed them well. The crow and the pigeon were very happy when they heard this. But the hen said that before we eat them we would have to grind the seeds. At once the pigeon looked the other way and the crow said he would not be able to find the way to where the hen had collected and saved the seeds. The hen silently agreed to their excuses and said that she would grind the seeds on her own.

When the hen was done grinding the seeds on her own she told her two friends how good the corn flour looked and that it would make some fine cornbread to eat. The crow and pigeon were very happy. They were very hungry and were looking forward to some freshly baked cornbread. The hen then said that she was tired collecting and grinding the seeds. She asked the crow and the pigeon to bake the flour so that they could all enjoy the bread together. The pigeon suddenly made a bad face and claimed that she did not know how to bake bread. The crow too said that he could not do it as he was worried he would get burnt. Once again the hen agreed to their excuses and said that she would bake the bread on her own.

When the hen was done baking the bread on her own she told her two friends how good the bread smelt. She even tasted a bit and told the crow and the pigeon that it tasted good too. The pigeon and the crow were very hungry. They asked the hen to share some of the bread. The hen could not tolerate their laziness and greed. She did not share her bread with the crow and the pigeon and told them that if they do not work hard they will not be given any rewards. She taught the crow and pigeon an important lesson that day. That as you sow so shall you reap.