

Kitty and Axel  
Story 7  
Ironing

It's a beautiful summer morning; the day promises to be hot. Kitty and Axel are enjoying a rest on the driveway. So far, it's comfortably warm.

Kitty: Axel, what does this bumper sticker mean, *dog is my copilot*?

Axel: That's irony, Kitty.

K: Carl does all the irony.

A: No, that's ironing. Irony is when people mean the opposite or something different from what they say or write. *Dog is my copilot* is a play on *god is my copilot*.

K: But, what does that mean, Axel?

A: Some people believe that god created the world in six days. They also believe that he lives in heaven and that he knows everything we do.

K: Does he know I ate the couch?

A: If you believe that he knows everything about everyone, then yes, he knows you ate the couch.

K: Does god have an airplane?

A: No, *god is my copilot* doesn't mean that god flies an airplane. It's a metaphor, which means you don't take it literally. What people mean when they say *god is my copilot* is that god helps and protects them and is a companion through life.

K: I bet he does have an airplane because he lives in heaven. How else would he get around?

A: God's always around everywhere, like magic. He doesn't need a plane or a car or anything.

K: Can he fly; does he have wings?

A: No, only angels have wings. They can fly.

K: You're wrong, Axel. Birds have wings, too. And they can talk.

A: What do they say?

K: They tattle; just the other day, Marie said a little bird told her it was me who ate Carl's new sandals.

A: I give up.