

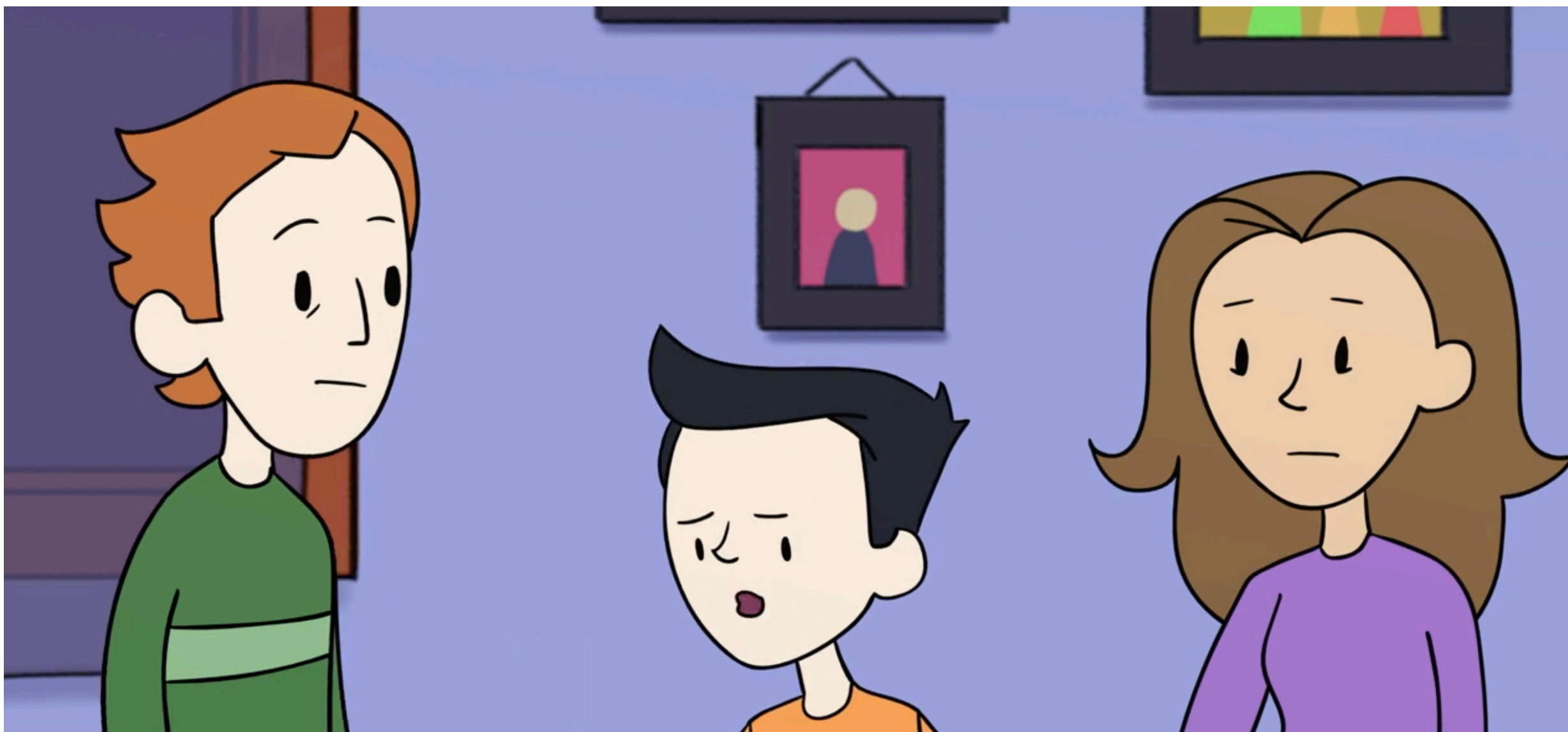




How To Receive A Gift You Don't Like
From Autism Behavior Services, Inc.



“Well, what do you think?” Steven’s mom asks after he opens his gift.



“It’s great,” Steven says unenthusiastically.
“Thank you.”



“You don’t like it?” Steven’s father asks. He can tell his son isn’t very excited.



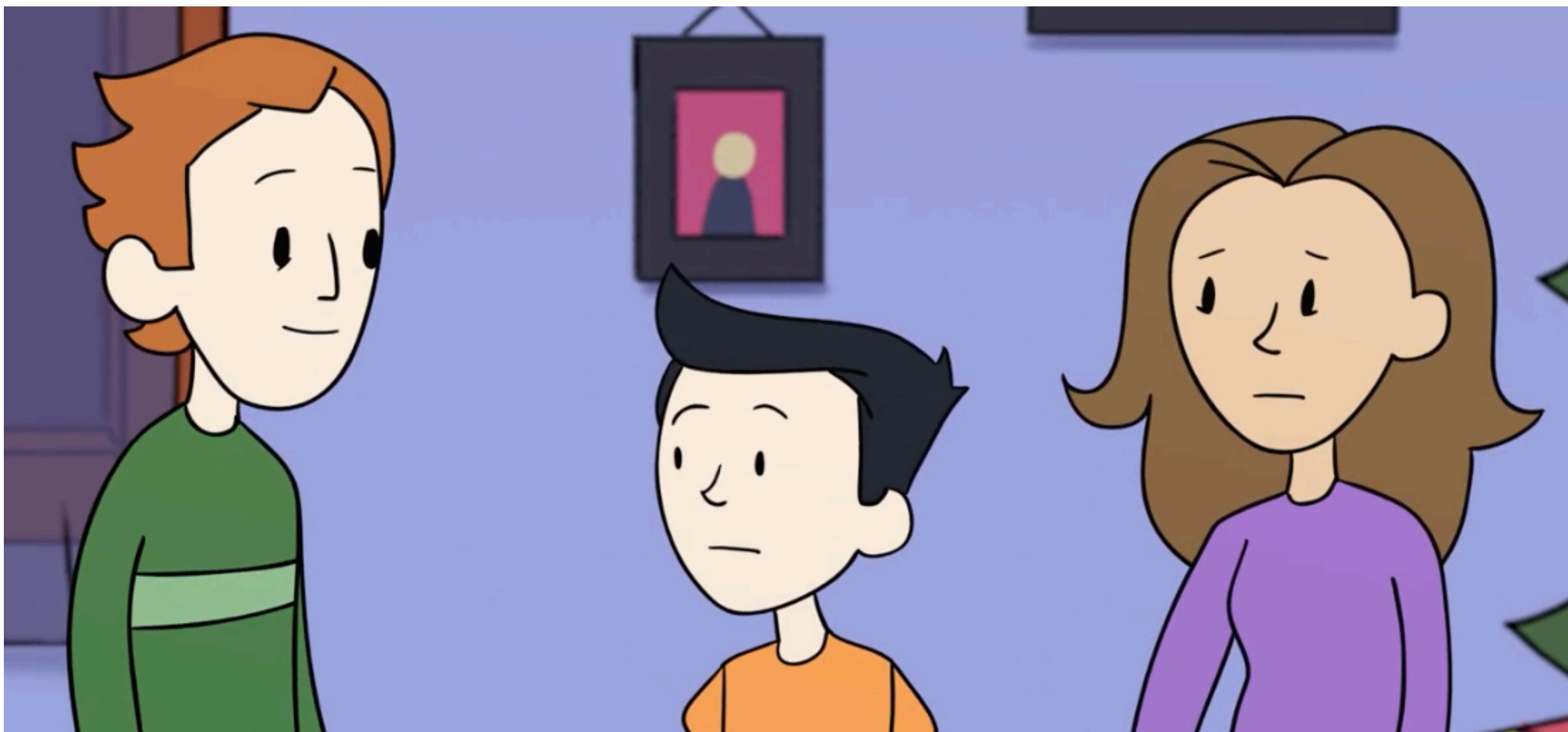
“No, I do. I just thought it would be an electric scooter.” Steven had different expectations for his gift. It’s obvious he feels let down.



Steven's parents are understanding. They also explain that electric scooters are expensive. They unfortunately didn't have the money to get one.



“I understand,” Steven says. “This is a great gift. Coach says I need to work on my swing, now I can.”



Steven reacted very well to getting a gift he didn't really want. He made his parents feel good and he talked about how he would use it.



Meanwhile, Steven's friend Anderson is opening a gift at his house.



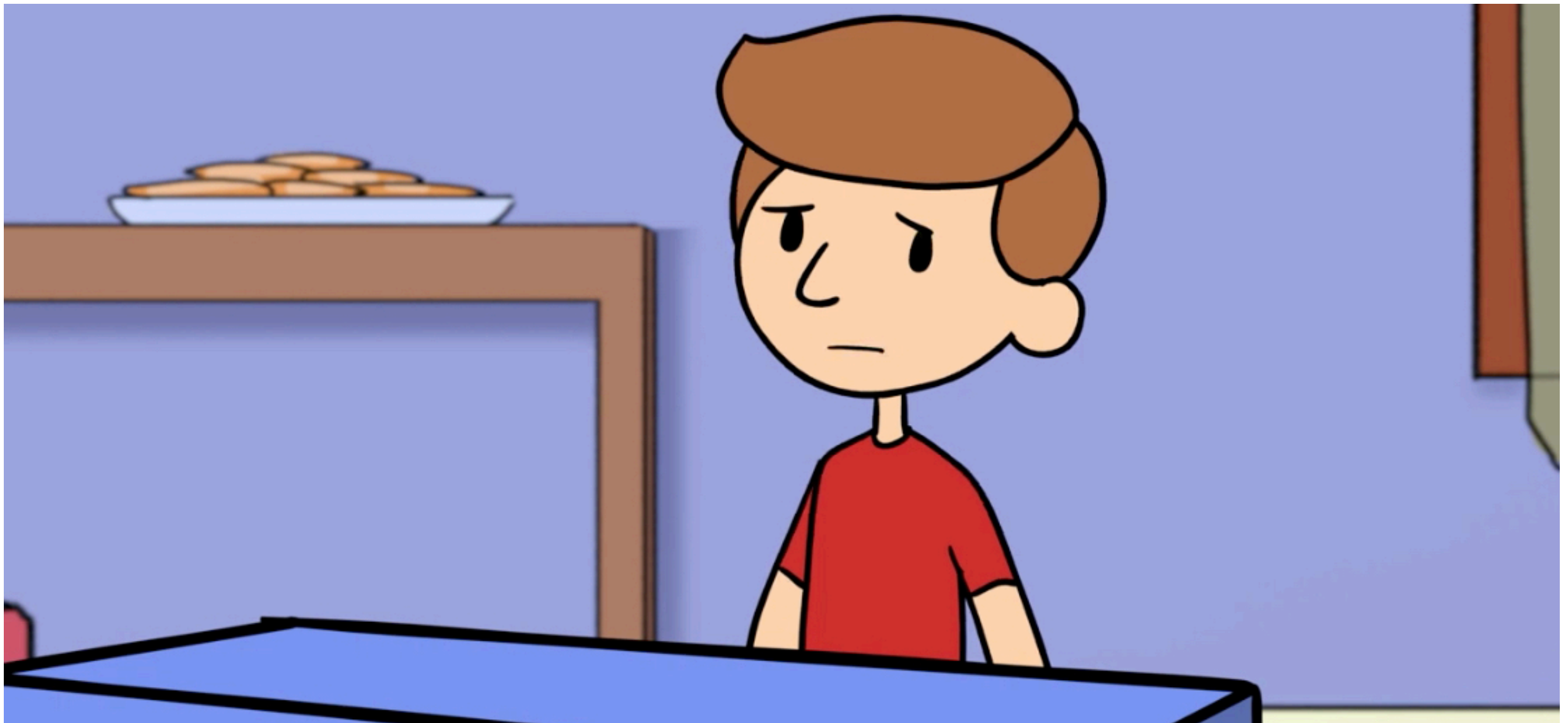
“Well, what do you think?” Anderson’s dad asks.
“Isn’t that the electric scooter you wanted?”



“It was,” Anderson says sharply. “Like 5 months ago! Hailey got the Mach 300! That one goes 20 miles per hour. This one only goes 16!”



“Thanks, though.” Anderson finally says. “Lets open the other gifts I got!”



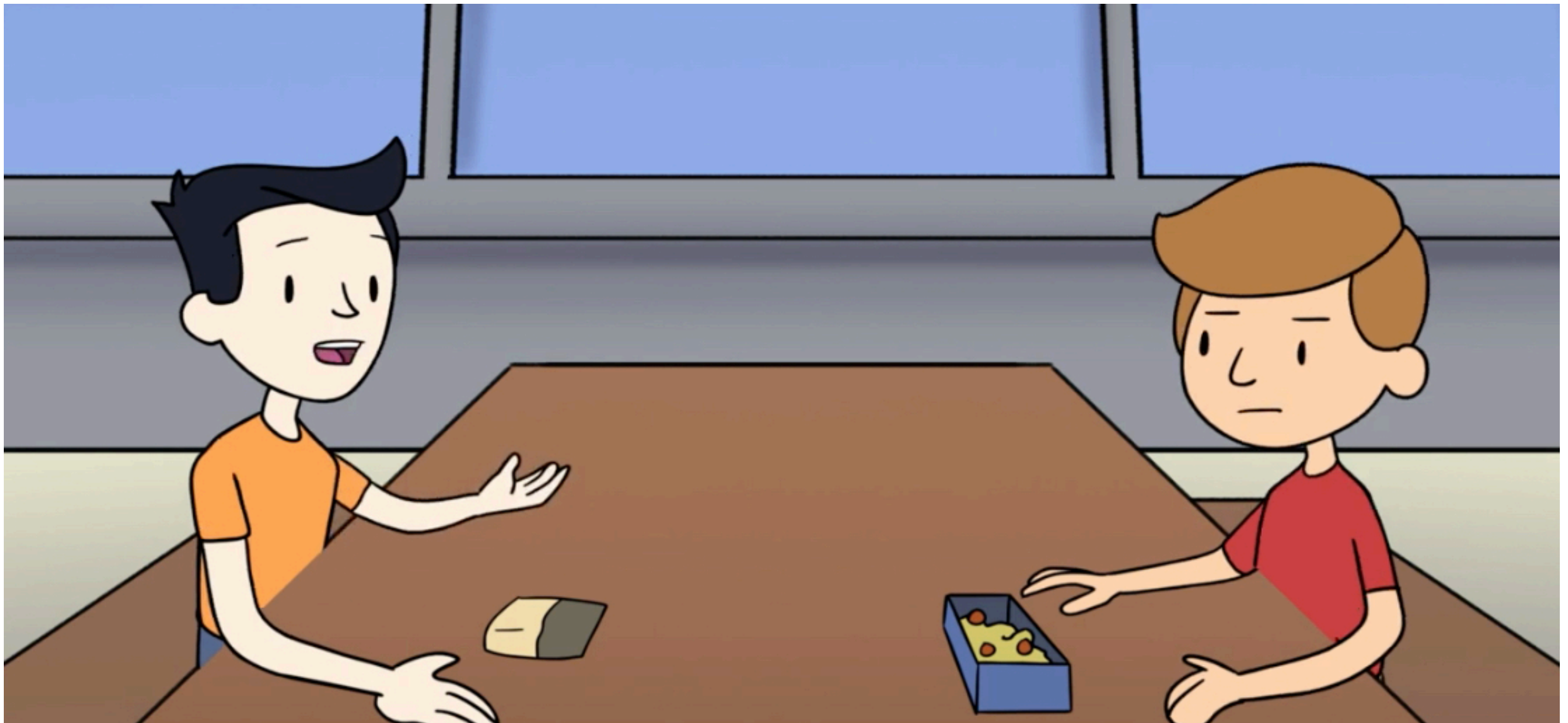
How was Anderson's reaction to his gift? Did he act appropriately?



In school, Steven and Anderson talk about the gifts they each received.



“The holidays were alright,” Anderson says. “I didn’t get what I wanted though.”



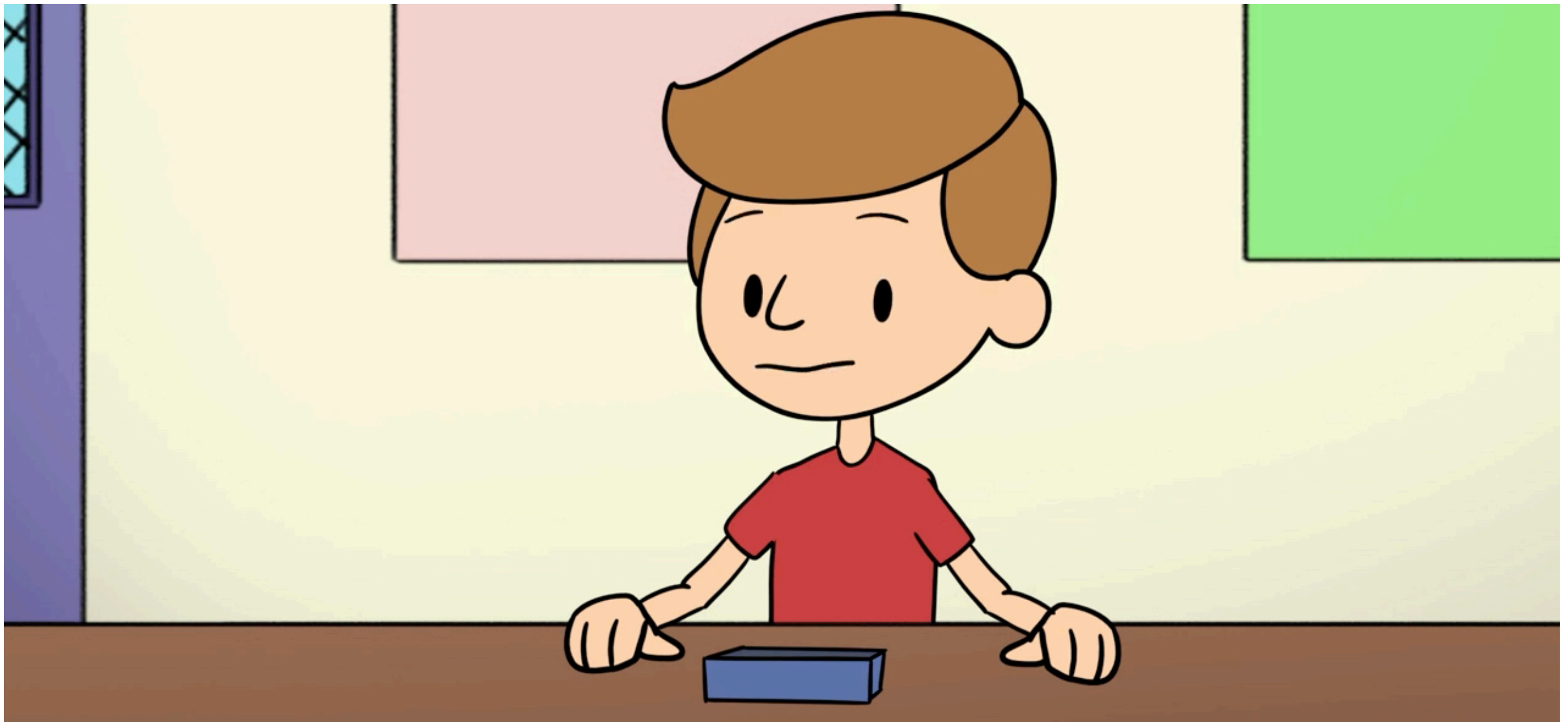
“Me neither,” Steven explains. “My parents couldn’t afford to get me an electric scooter.”



“I got one,” Anderson says. “But it wasn’t the one I wanted. They were supposed to get me the Mach 300.”



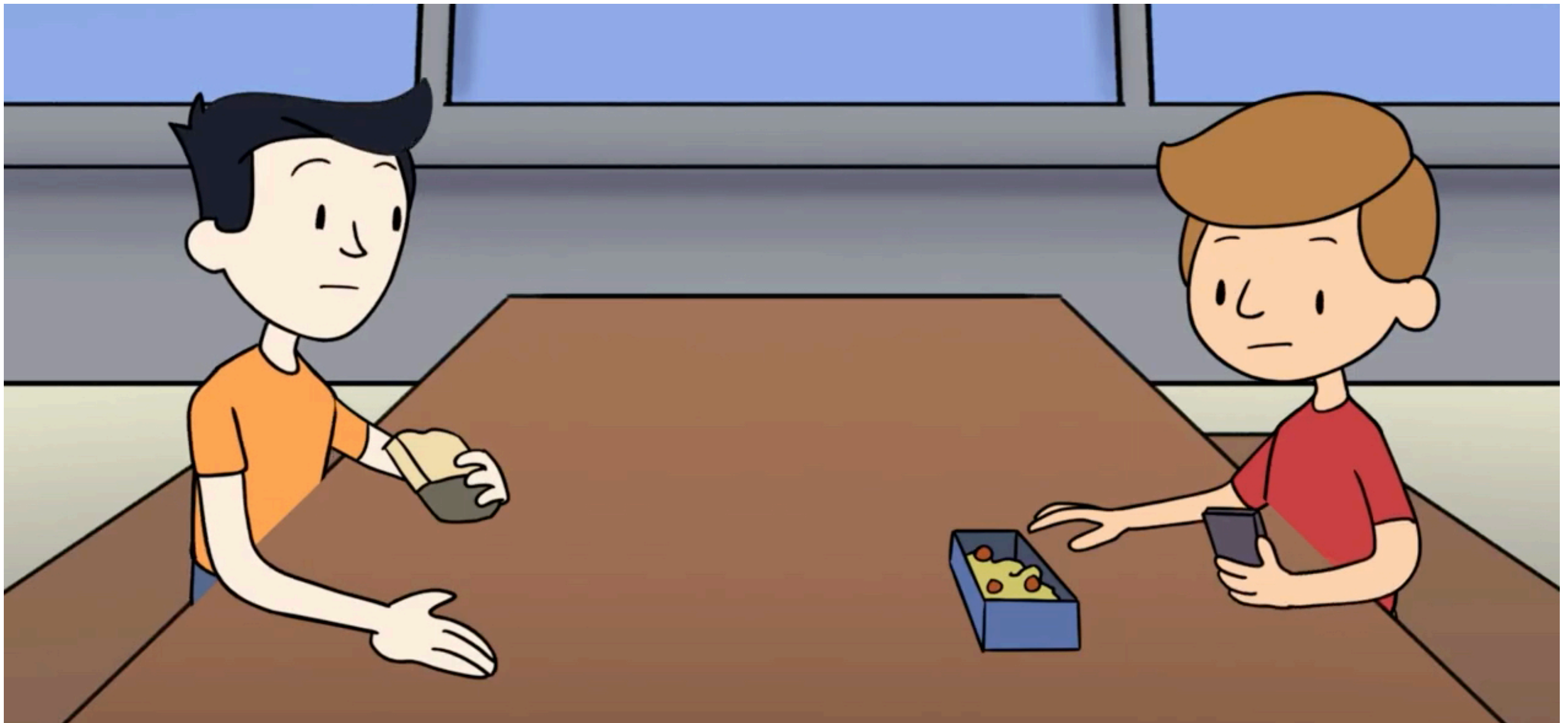
“I would’ve been happy with ANY scooter,” Steven says. “I’m glad you got one, though.”



“Yeah, I guess you’re right.” Anderson says
He realizes he didn’t respond appropriately when
he received his gift.



“I got a Tee-Ball set and some other stuff. I figure it’s better to get some gifts than no gifts.” Steven states.



At this point Anderson takes out his phone.

“Who are you texting?” Steven asks.



“My parents, I’m going to tell them they don’t need to return the scooter they got me. I’m fine with what I have. I wasn’t as nice about my gift as I should’ve been. I should be more grateful for what I have.”



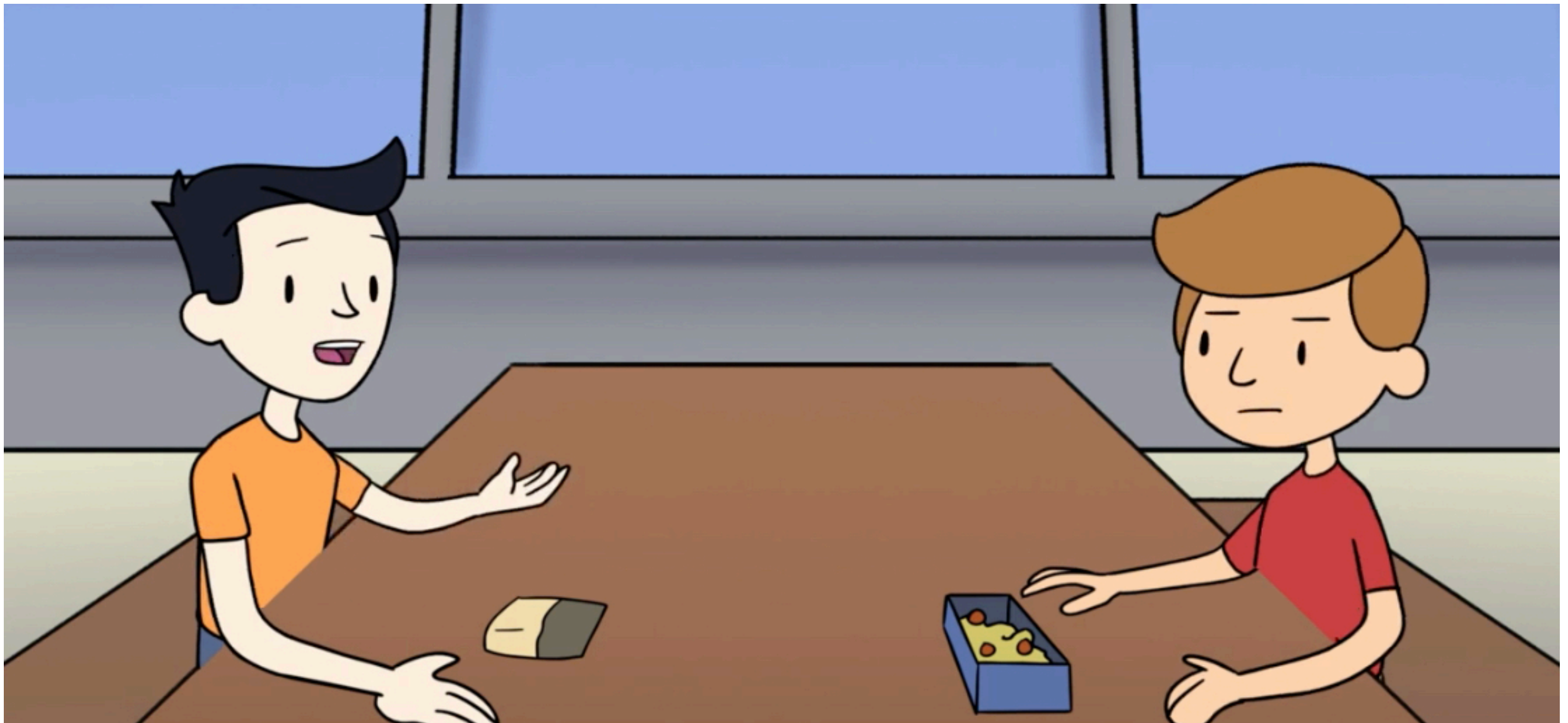
Anderson and Steven make plans to use the scooter after school. They're going to have a great time!



At first Steven wasn't grateful for the gift he received. His parents helped him realize he should be happy to get any gift.



Anderson wasn't grateful for his gift either.



After talking to Steven, Anderson realized he didn't react correctly when he got his gift. No matter how you feel inside, you should always say "Thank You," and be happy that somebody was thoughtful enough to get you something.

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