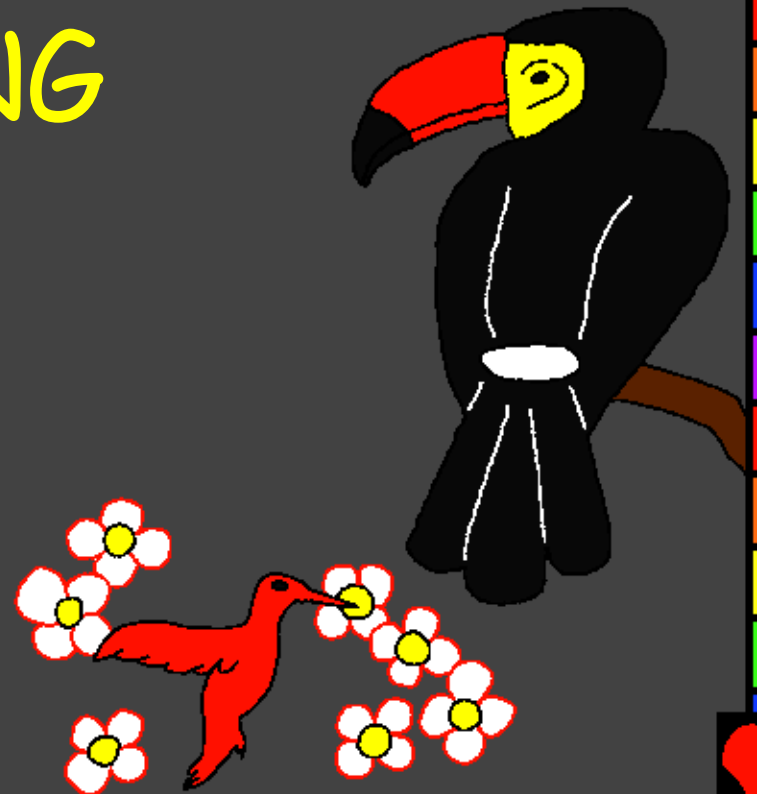
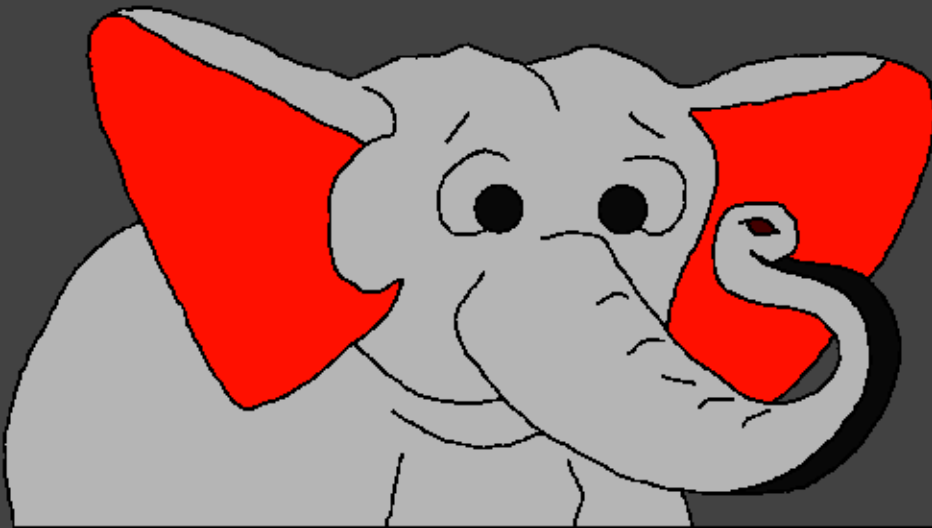


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WHEN GOD MADE EVERYTHING



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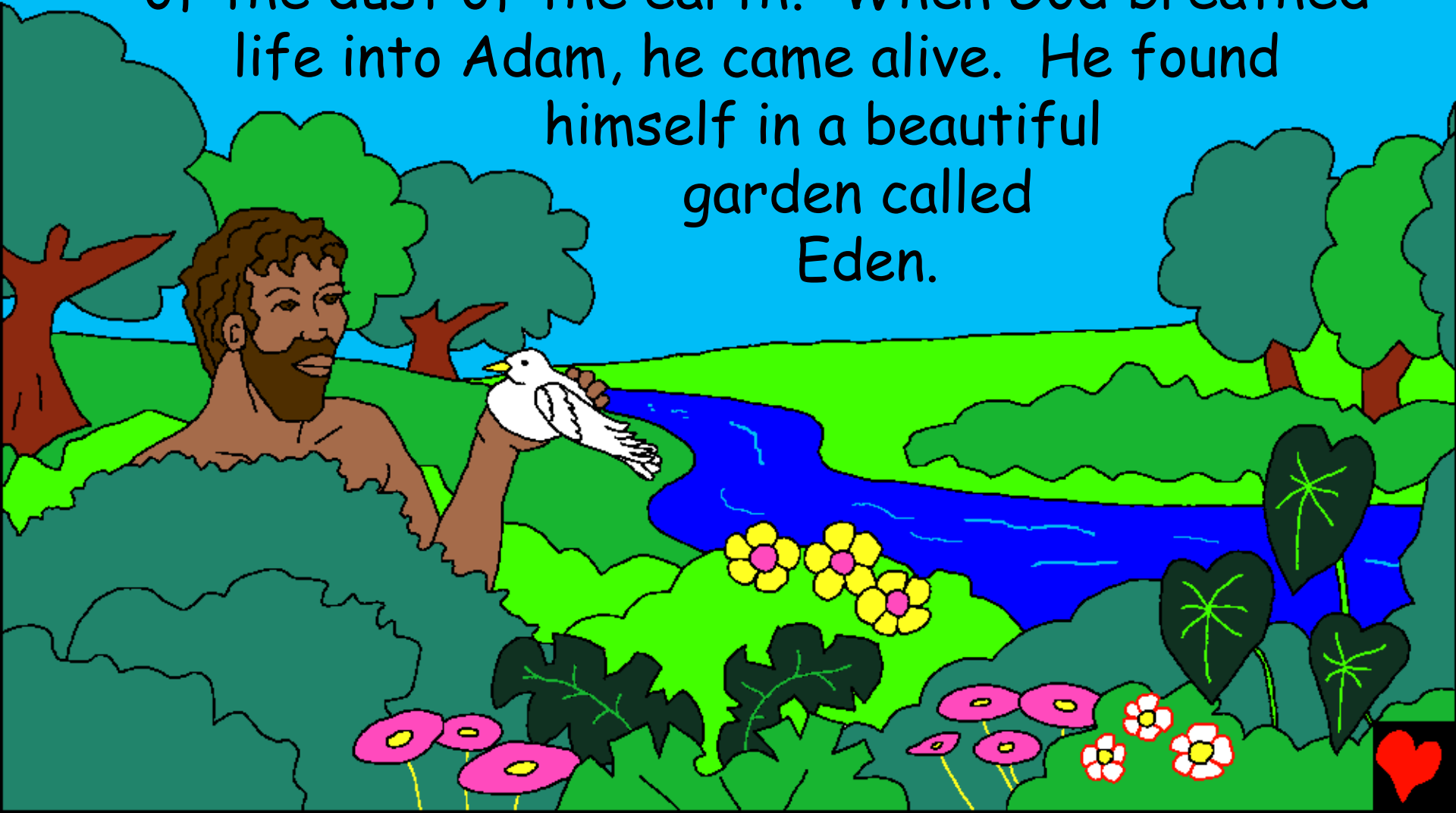
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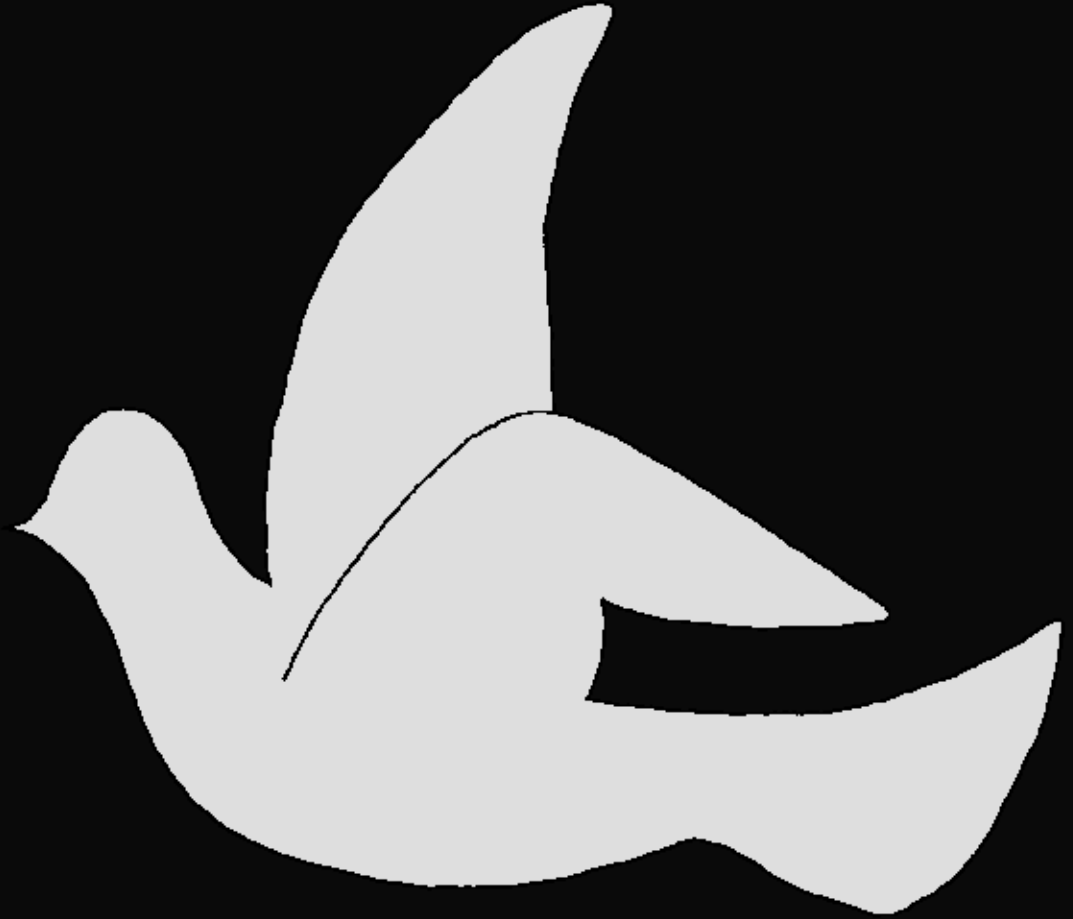
Who made us? The Bible, God's Word, tells how the human race began. Long ago, God made the very first man and named him Adam. God made Adam out of the dust of the earth. When God breathed life into Adam, he came alive. He found himself in a beautiful garden called Eden.



Before God made Adam, He made a beautiful world filled with wonderful things. Step by step God made hilly places and prairie spaces, fragrant flowers and tall trees, brightly-feathered birds and buzzing bees, wallowing whales and slippery snails.



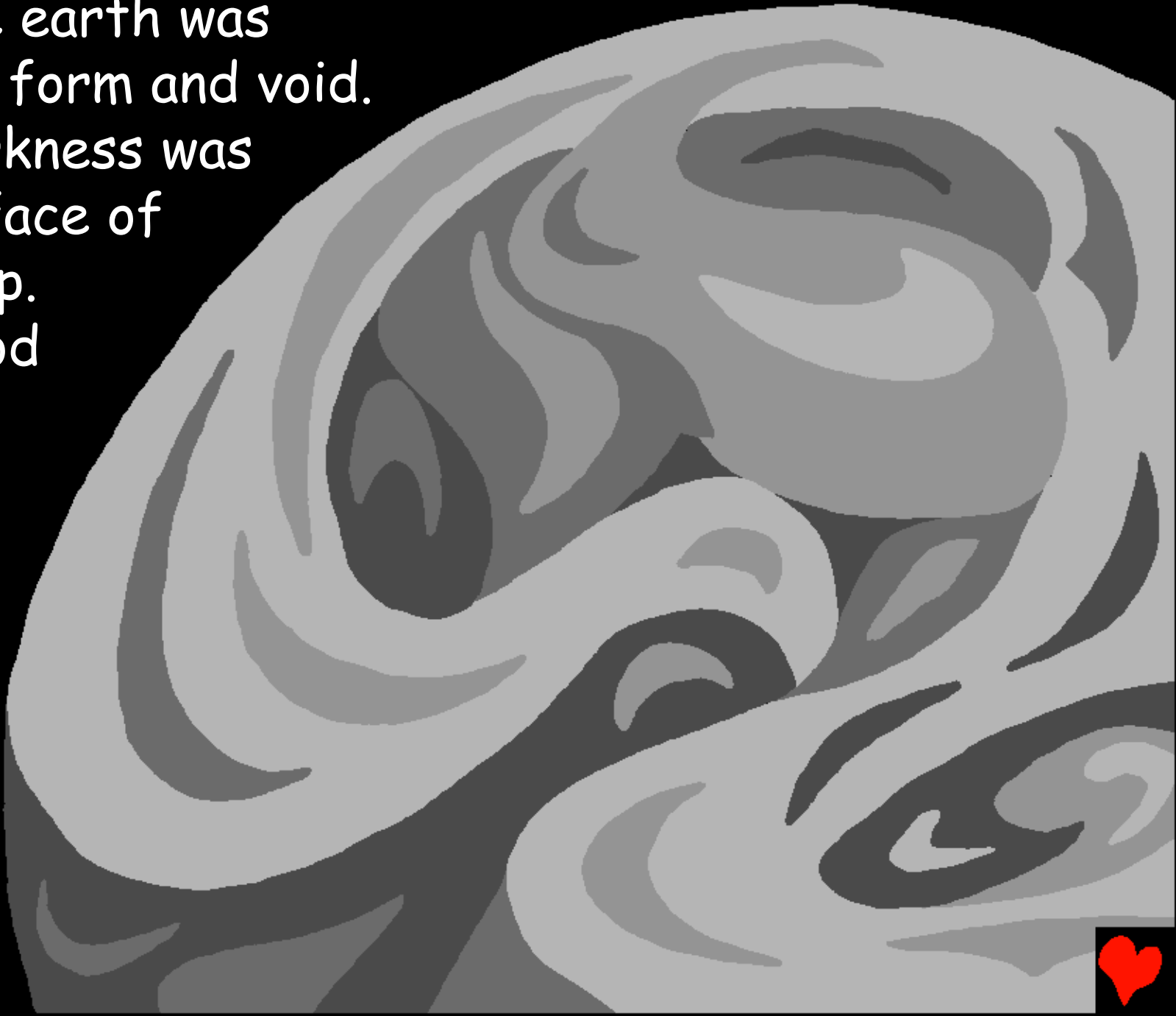
In the very beginning,
before God made
anything, there was
nothing except God.
No people or places
or things. Nothing.
No light and no
darkness. No up
and no down. No
yesterday and no
tomorrow. There
was only God Who
had no beginning.
Then God acted!



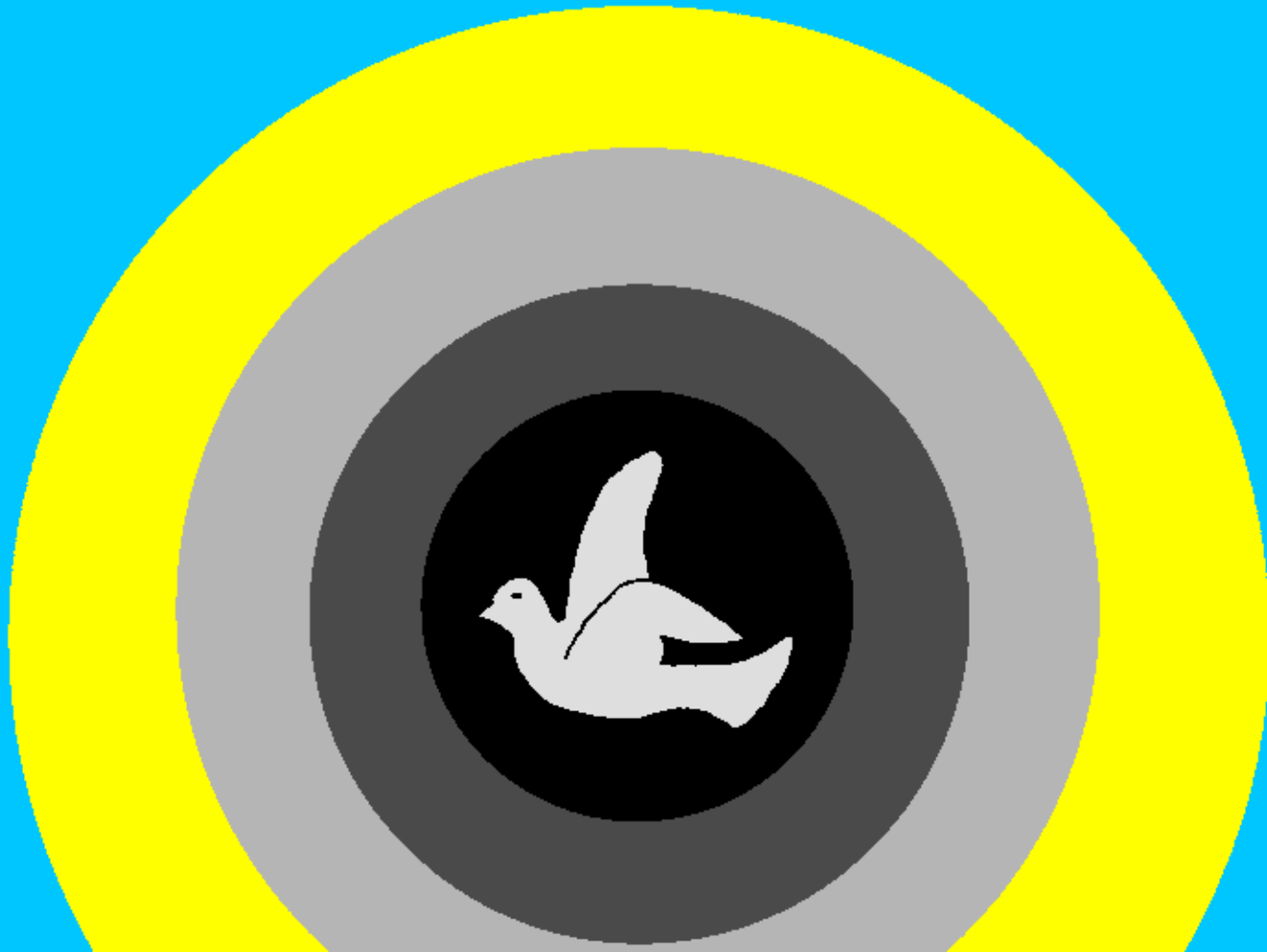
In the beginning,
God created
the heavens and
the earth.



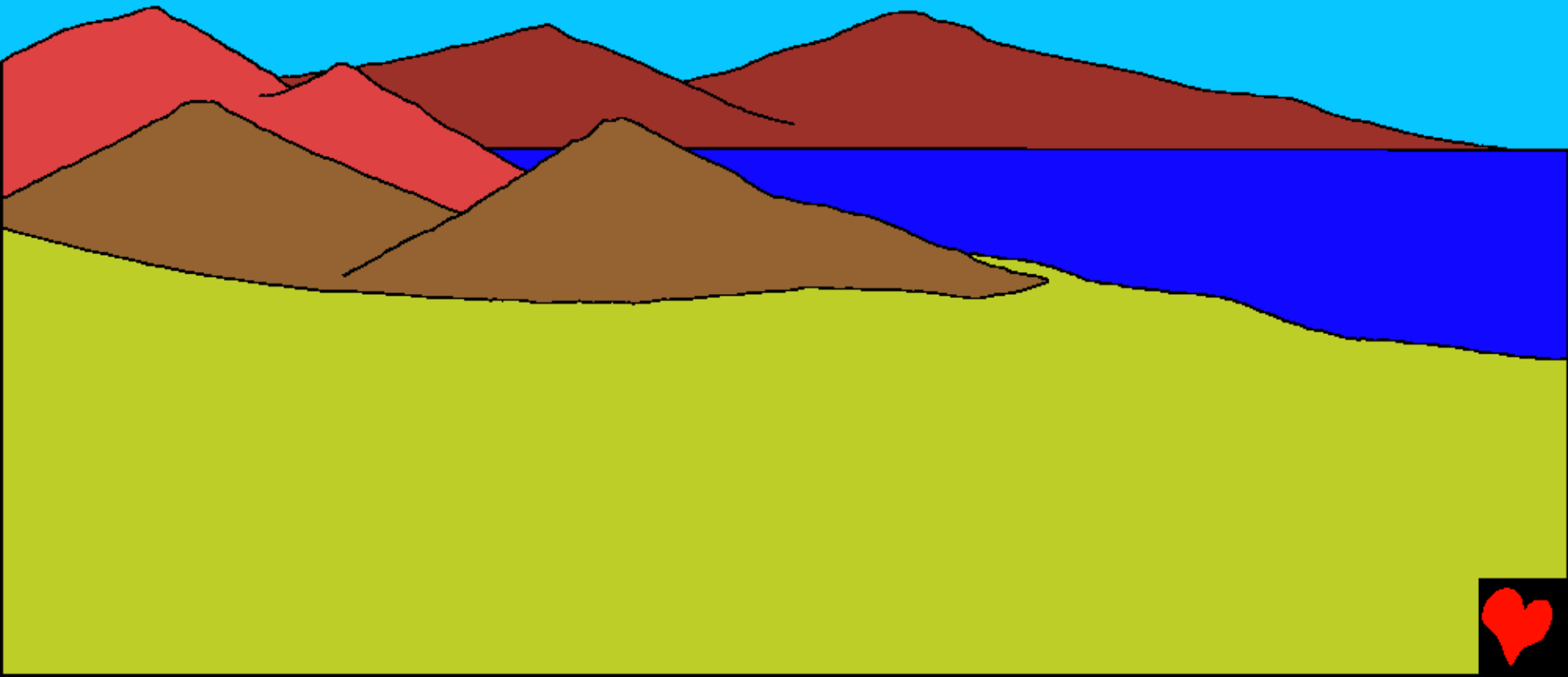
And the earth was
without form and void.
And darkness was
on the face of
the deep.
Then God
spoke.
"Let
there
be
light."



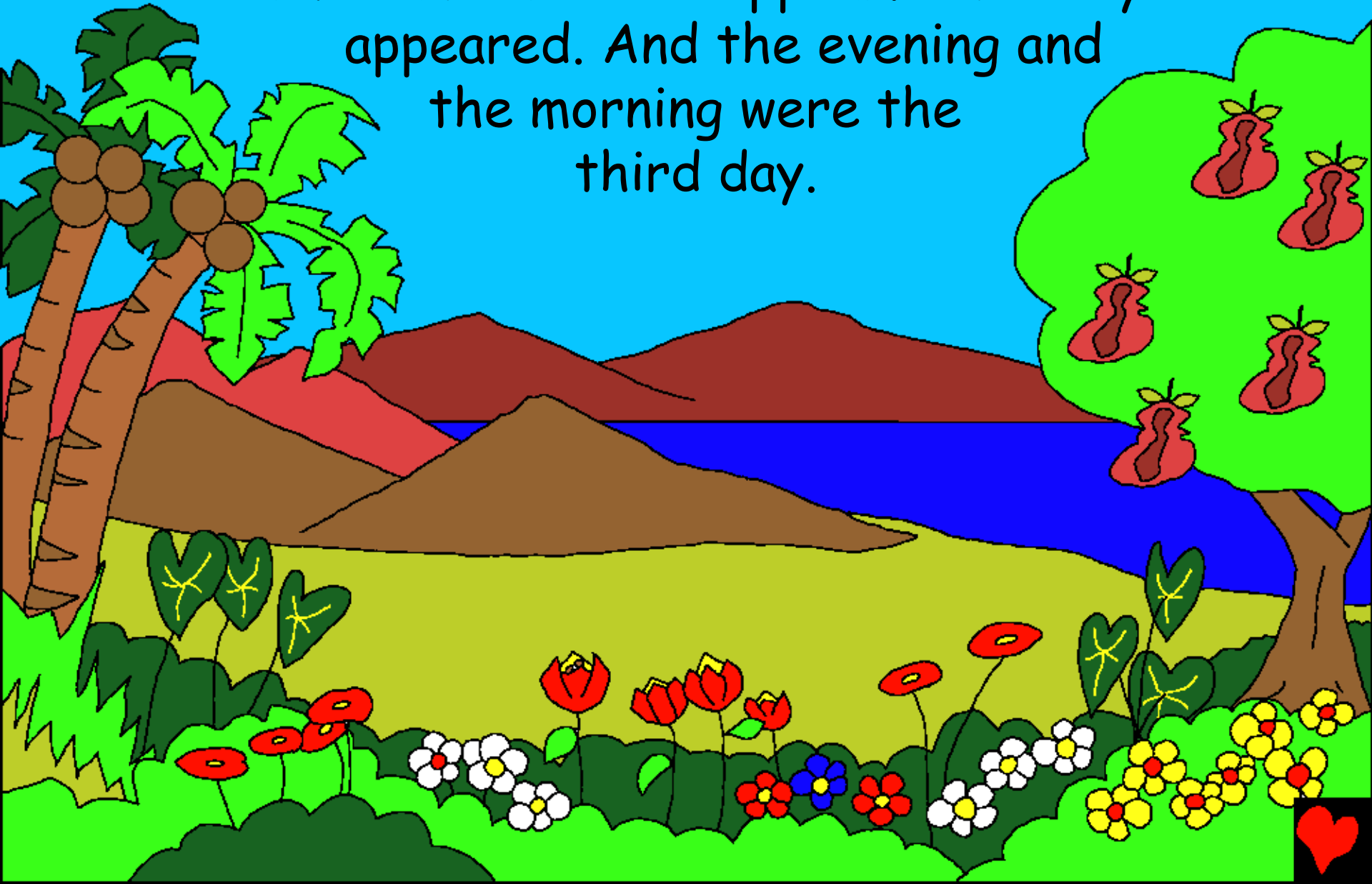
And there was light. God called the light Day
and the darkness He called Night.
And the evening and the
morning were the first day.



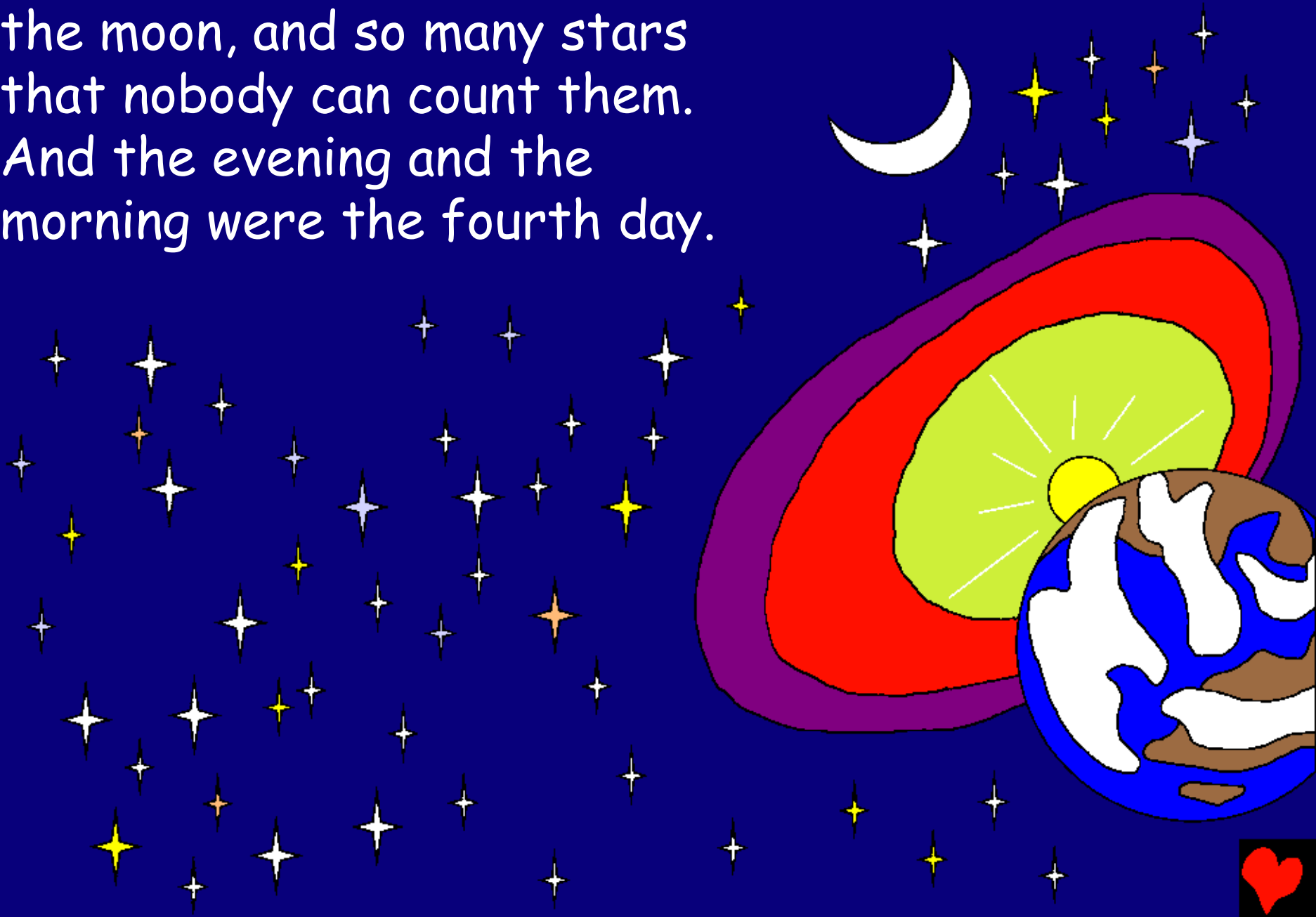
On the second day, God brought the waters of the oceans, seas and lakes into order under Heaven. On the third day, God said, "Let the dry land appear." And it happened.



God also commanded the grass and flowers and shrubs and trees to appear. And they appeared. And the evening and the morning were the third day.



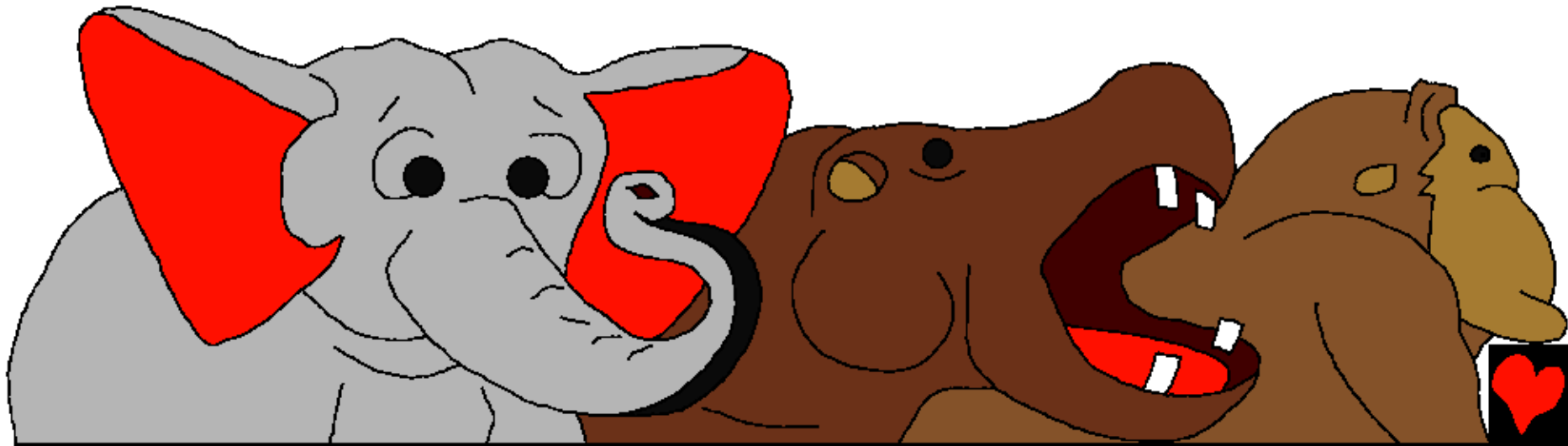
Then God made the sun, and
the moon, and so many stars
that nobody can count them.
And the evening and the
morning were the fourth day.



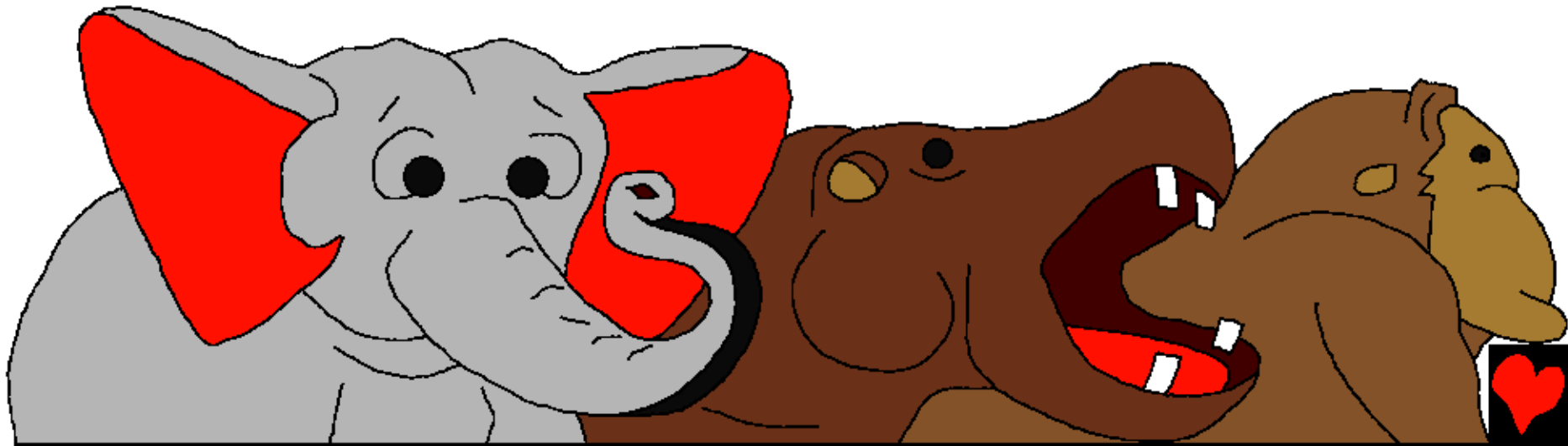
Sea creatures and fish and birds were next on God's list. On the fifth day He made big swordfish and tiny sardines, long-legged ostriches and happy little humming birds. God made every kind of fish to fill earth's waters and every kind of bird to enjoy the land and sea and sky. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.



After that, God spoke again. He said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures . . ." Every kind of animal and insect and reptile came into being. There were earth-shaking elephants and busy beavers. Mischievous monkeys and clumsy crocodiles. Wiggly worms and cheeky chipmunks. Gangly giraffes and purring pussy cats. Every kind of animal was made by God that day.



And the evening and
the morning were the sixth day.



God did something else on the sixth day - something very special. Everything was now ready for Man. There was food in the fields and animals to serve him. And God said, "Let Us make man in Our image. Let him be lord over everything on the earth." SO GOD

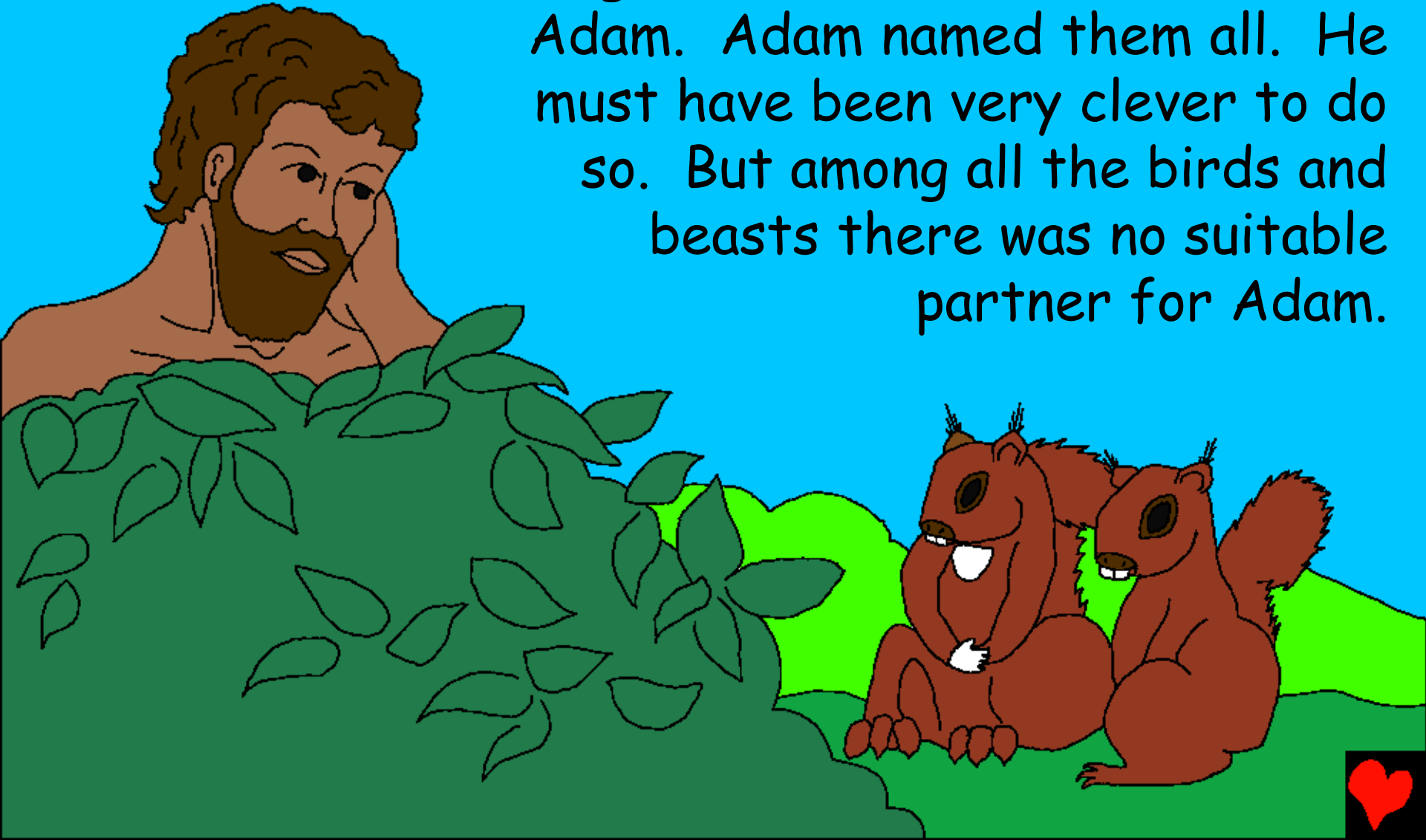
CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM...



God spoke to Adam. "Eat what you wish from the garden. But do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat from that tree you will surely die."



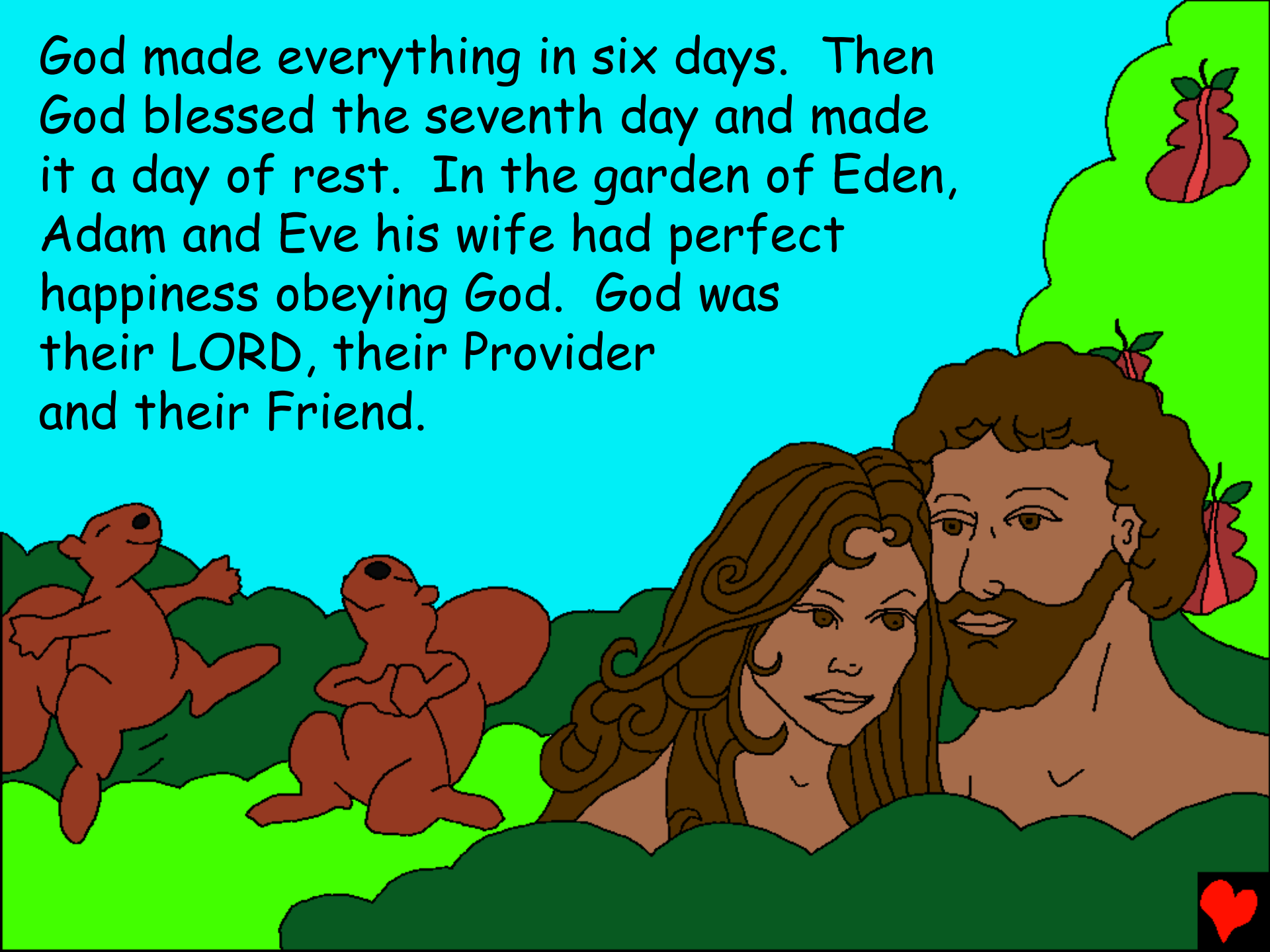
And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone. I will make a helper for him." God brought all the birds and beasts to Adam. Adam named them all. He must have been very clever to do so. But among all the birds and beasts there was no suitable partner for Adam.



God brought Adam into a deep, deep sleep.
Removing one of the sleeping man's ribs, God
formed Woman from Adam's rib.
The woman God made was
exactly right to be a
partner for Adam.



God made everything in six days. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it a day of rest. In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve his wife had perfect happiness obeying God. God was their LORD, their Provider and their Friend.



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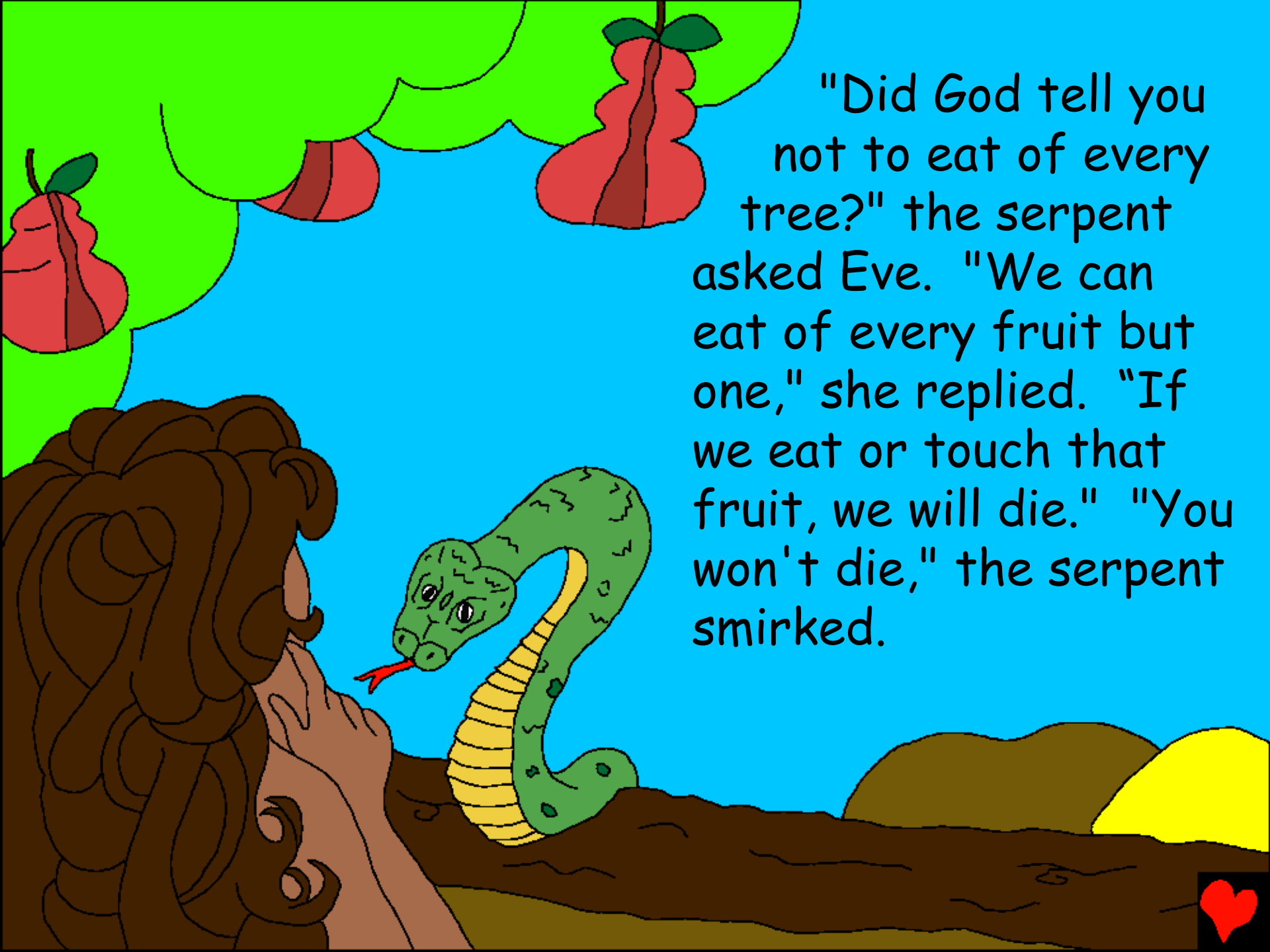


GOD MADE EVERYTHING!

When God made the first man,
Adam, he lived in the Garden of
Eden with his wife, Eve. They

were perfectly
happy obeying God
and enjoying His presence
until one
day ...





"Did God tell you not to eat of every tree?" the serpent asked Eve. "We can eat of every fruit but one," she replied. "If we eat or touch that fruit, we will die." "You won't die," the serpent smirked.



"You'll become like God." Eve wanted the fruit of that tree. She listened to the serpent and ate the fruit.



After Eve disobeyed God she
led Adam to eat the fruit also.
Adam should have said, "No! I
will not disobey God's Word."

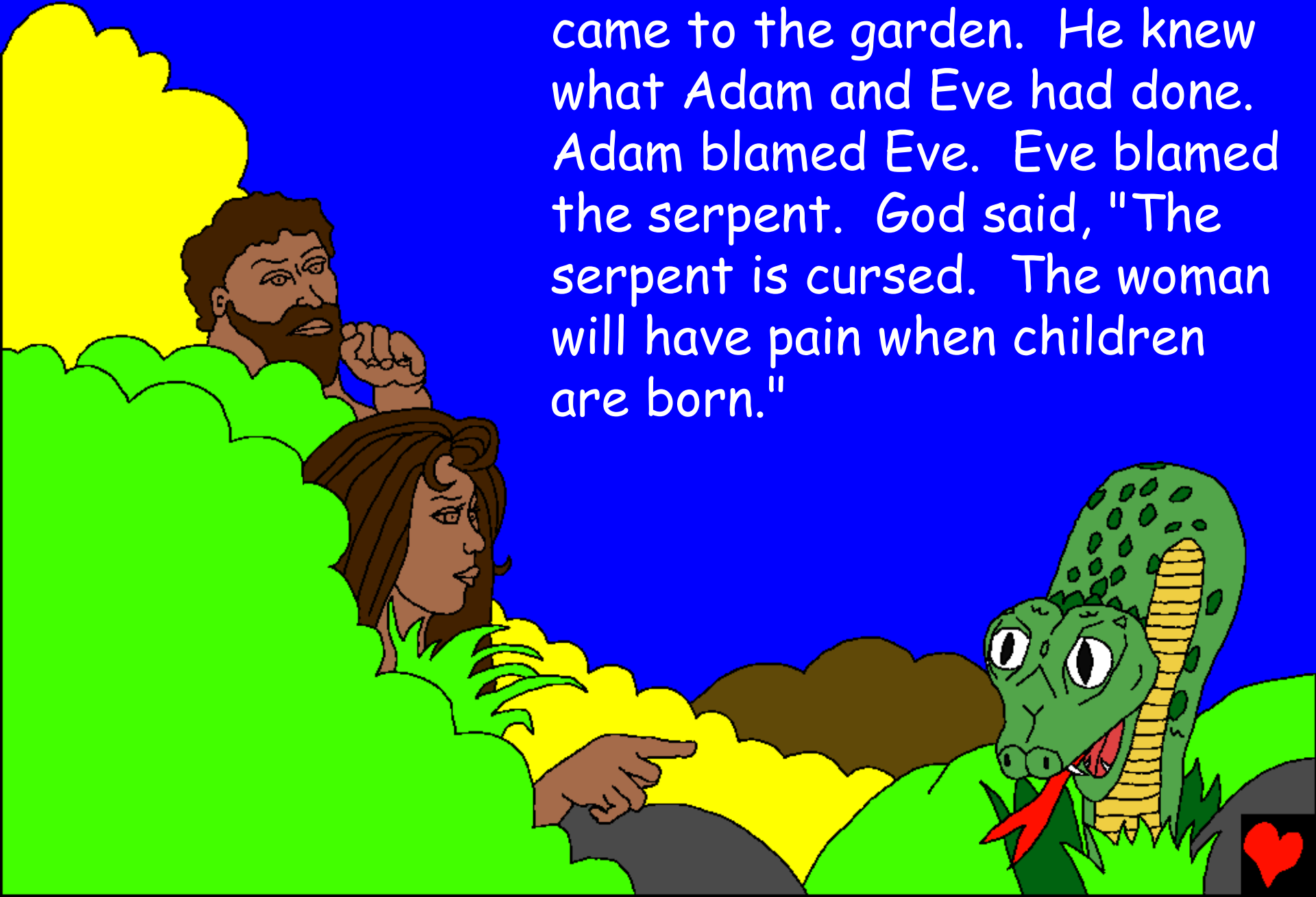




When Adam and Eve sinned, they both knew they were naked. Sewing fig leaves into aprons, they covered themselves and hid in the bush from God's presence.



In the cool of the evening God came to the garden. He knew what Adam and Eve had done. Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent. God said, "The serpent is cursed. The woman will have pain when children are born."



"Adam, because you sinned, the earth is cursed with thorns and thistles. You will toil and sweat to get your daily food."



God put Adam
and Eve out of the
wonderful garden.
Because they sinned,
they were
separated
from the
life-giving God!





God made a flaming sword to keep them out. God made coats of skin for Adam and Eve. Where did God take the skins from?

In time, a family was born to Adam and Eve. Their first son, Cain, was a gardener. Their second son, Abel, was a shepherd.



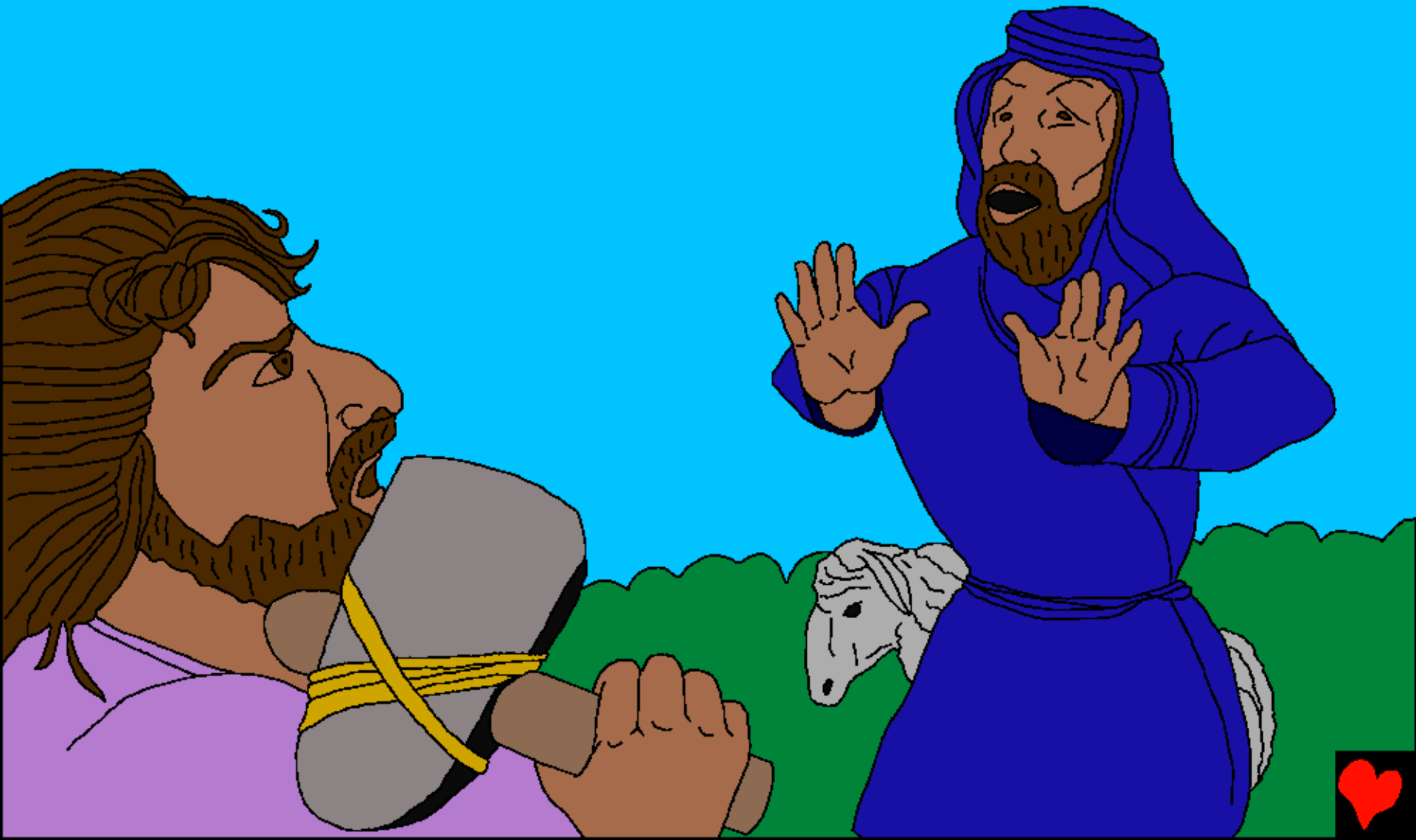
One day Cain brought God some vegetables as a gift. Abel brought some of the very best of his sheep as his gift to God. God was pleased with Abel's gift.



God was not pleased with Cain's gift. Cain got very angry. But God said, "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?"



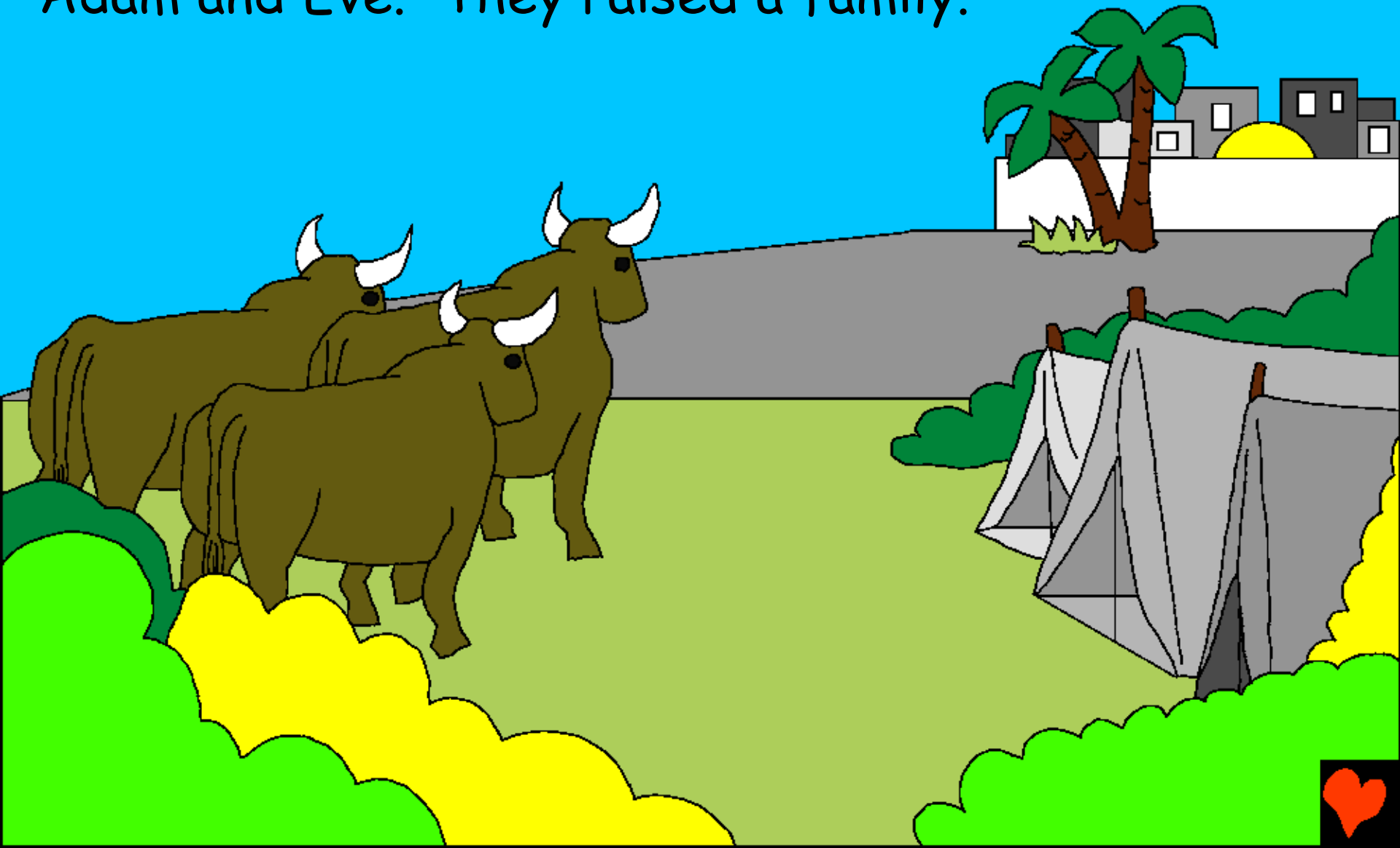
Cain's anger didn't go away.
Some time later in the field he
attacked Abel - and killed him!



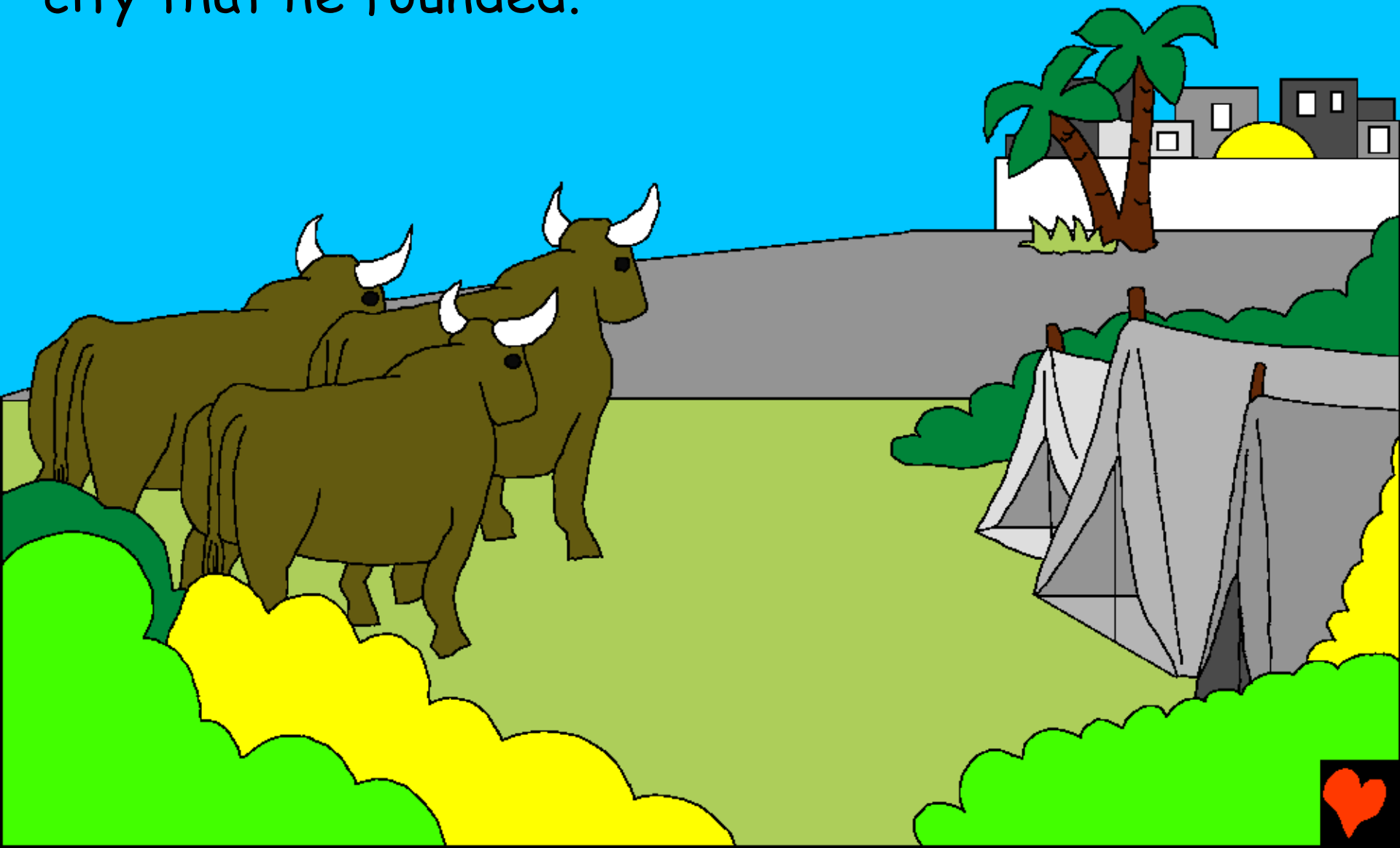
God spoke to Cain. "Where is your brother, Abel?" "I don't know," Cain lied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" God punished Cain by taking away his ability to farm and making him a wanderer.



Cain went out from the presence of the LORD. He was married to a daughter of Adam and Eve. They raised a family.



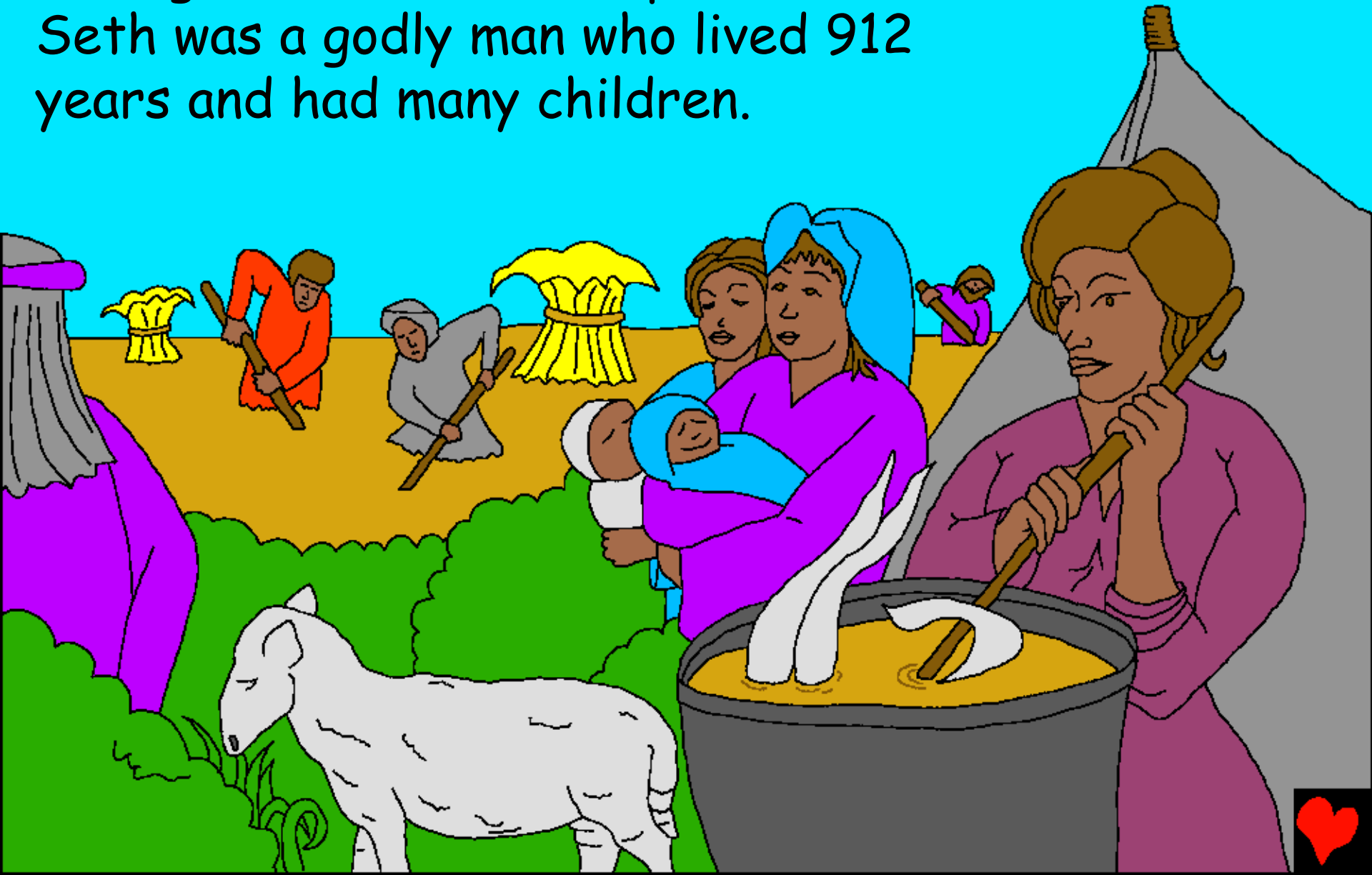
Soon, Cain's grandchildren and great-grandchildren filled the city that he founded.



Meanwhile, the family of Adam and Eve grew quickly. In those days, people lived much longer than today.



When her son Seth was born, Eve said,
"God gave me Seth to replace Abel."
Seth was a godly man who lived 912
years and had many children.



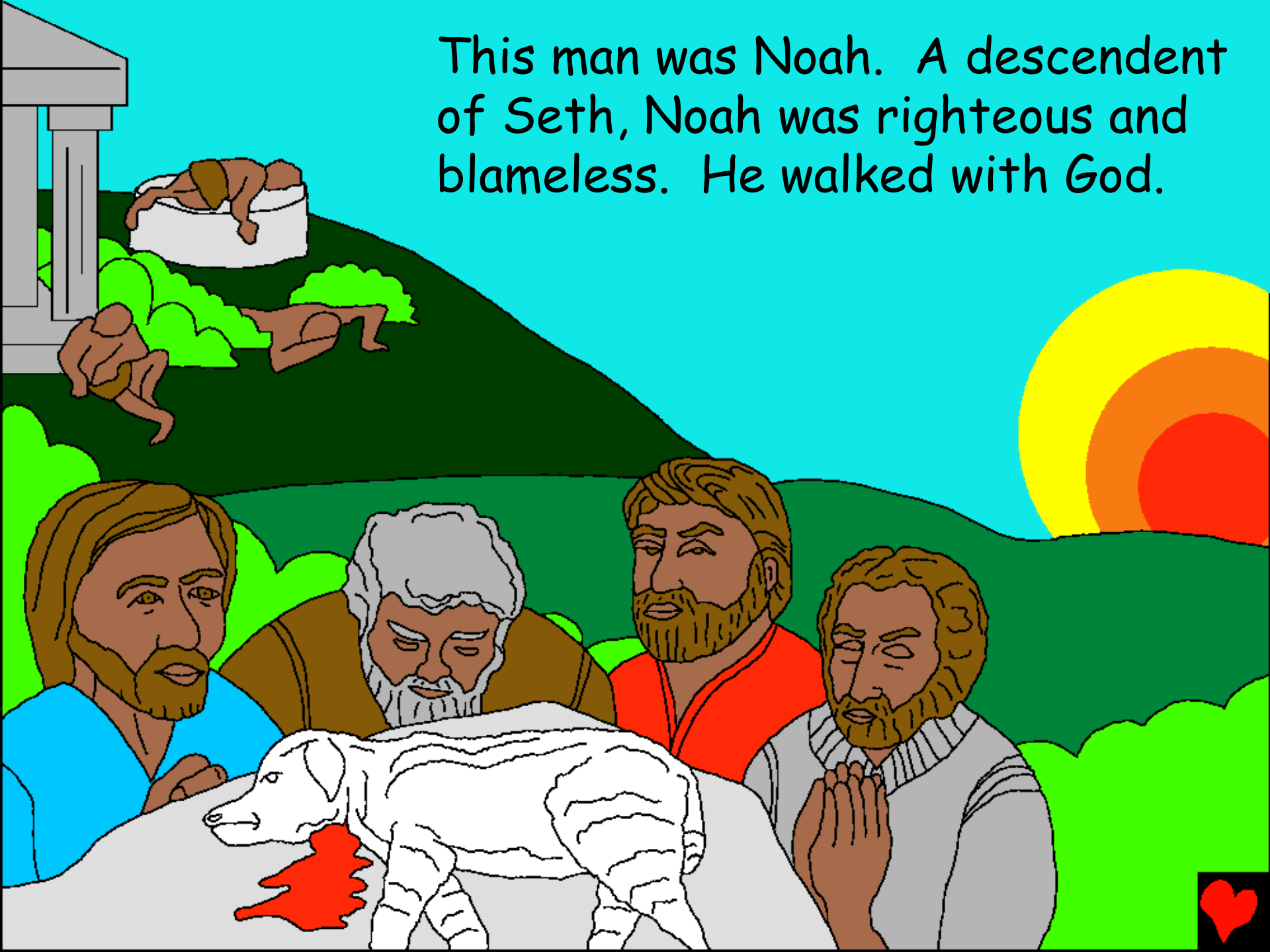
In the world, people became more and more wicked as one generation followed another. Finally, God decided to destroy mankind and ...



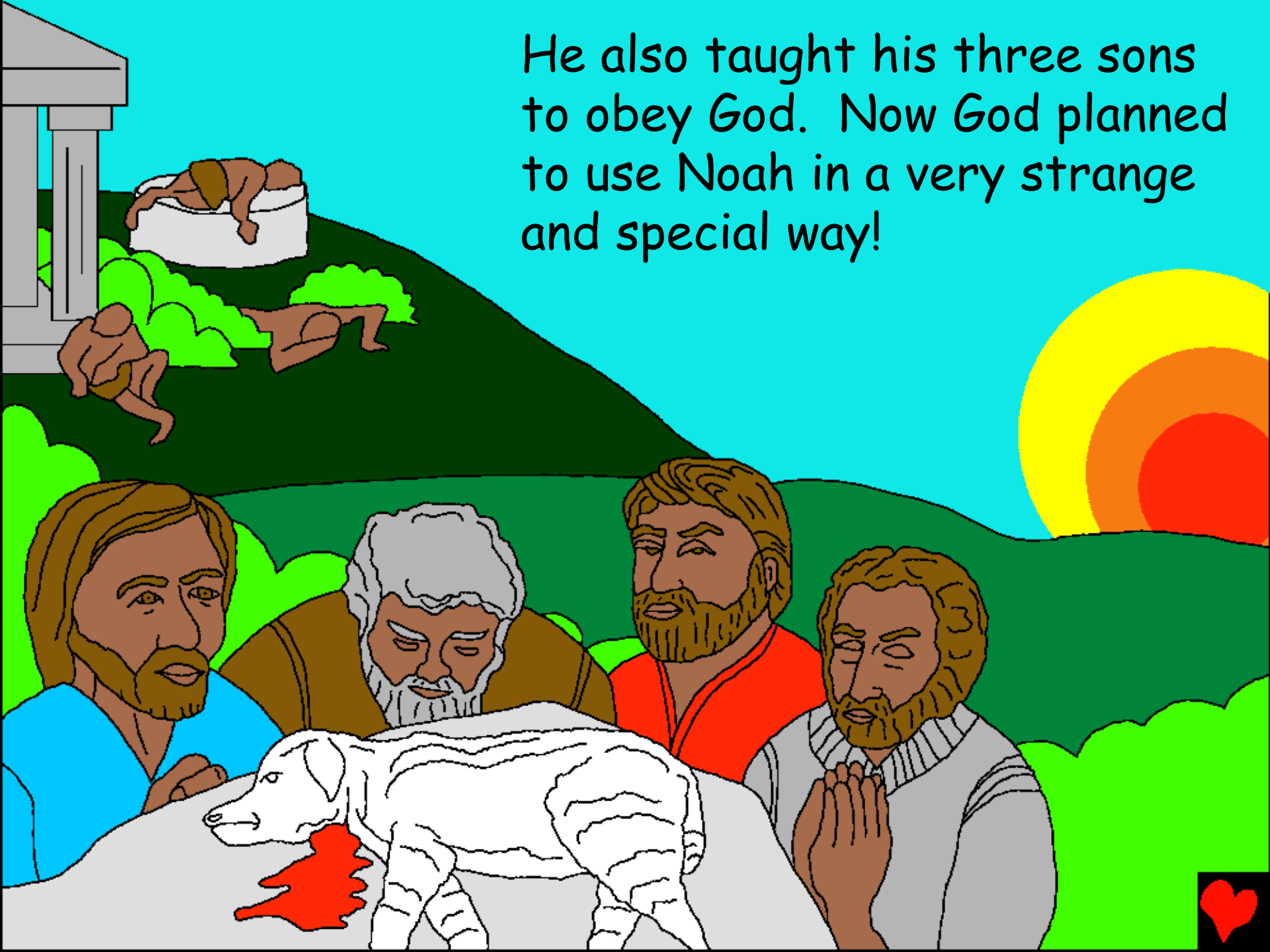
... all beasts and birds. God was
sorry he had made man. But one
man pleased God ...



This man was Noah. A descendent of Seth, Noah was righteous and blameless. He walked with God.



He also taught his three sons to obey God. Now God planned to use Noah in a very strange and special way!



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Noah was a man who
worshiped God. Everyone
else hated and disobeyed
God. One day, God said
something shocking.



"I will destroy this wicked world," God told Noah. "Only your family will be saved."



God warned Noah that a great flood would come and cover the earth. "Build a wooden ark, a boat big enough for your family and many animals," Noah was ordered. God gave Noah exact instructions. Noah got busy!





Probably people
mocked as Noah
explained why he
was making
an ark.

Noah kept
building. He
also kept
telling people
about God.
Nobody
listened.



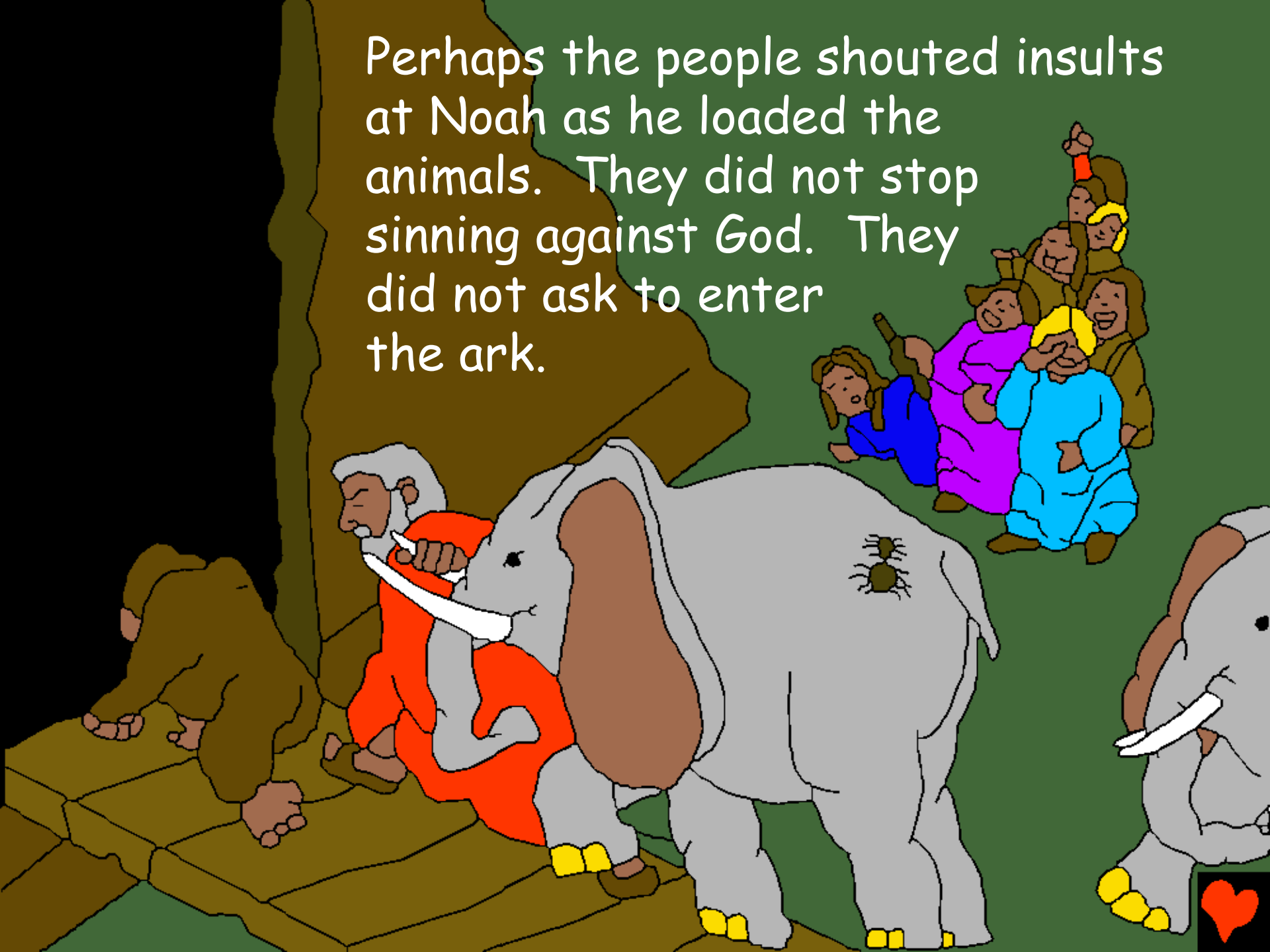
Noah had great faith.
He believed God even
though rain had never
fallen before. Soon
the ark was ready to
be loaded with supplies.

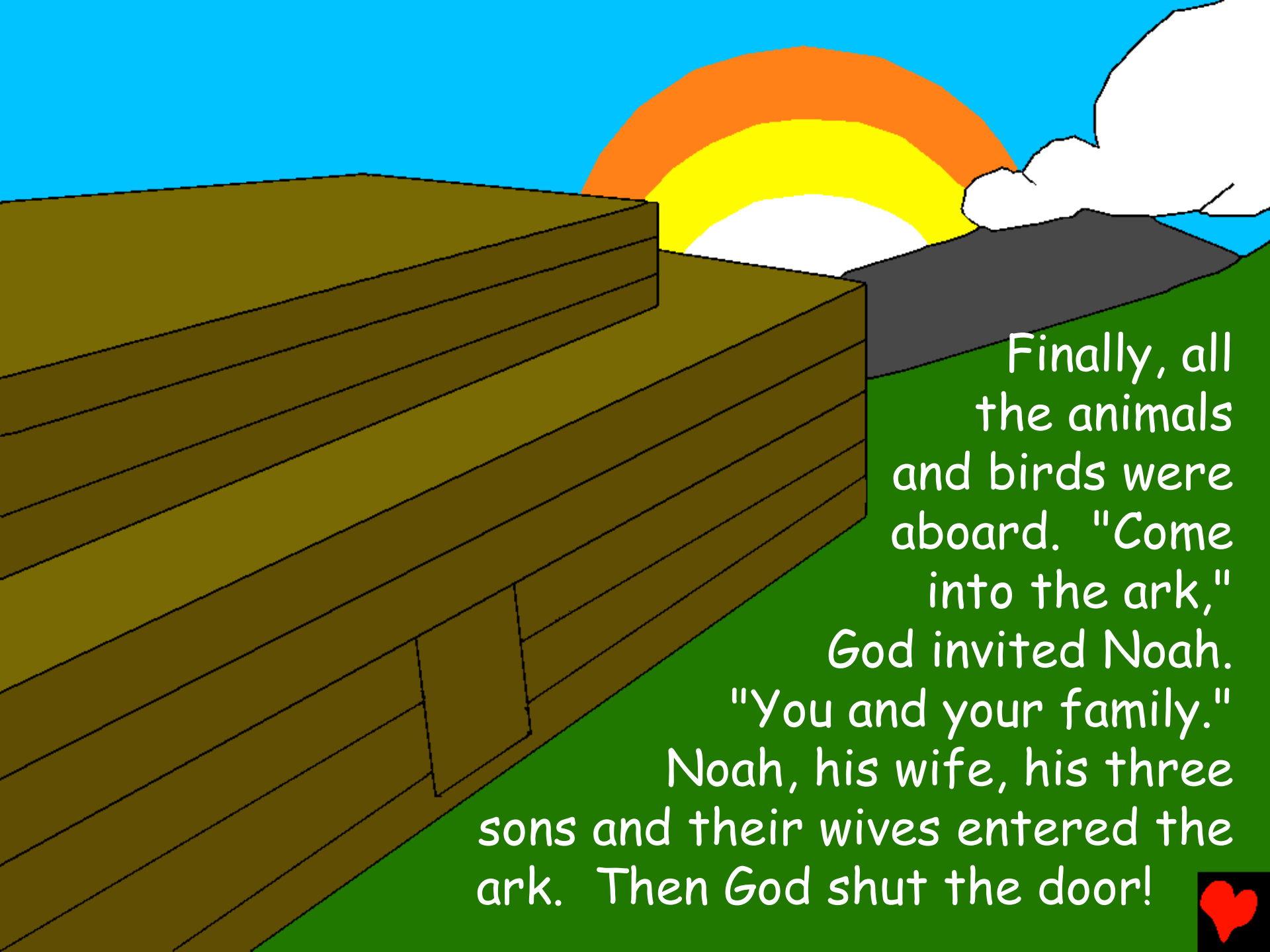


Now came the animals. God brought seven of some species, two of others. Birds great and small, beasts tiny and tall made their way to the ark.



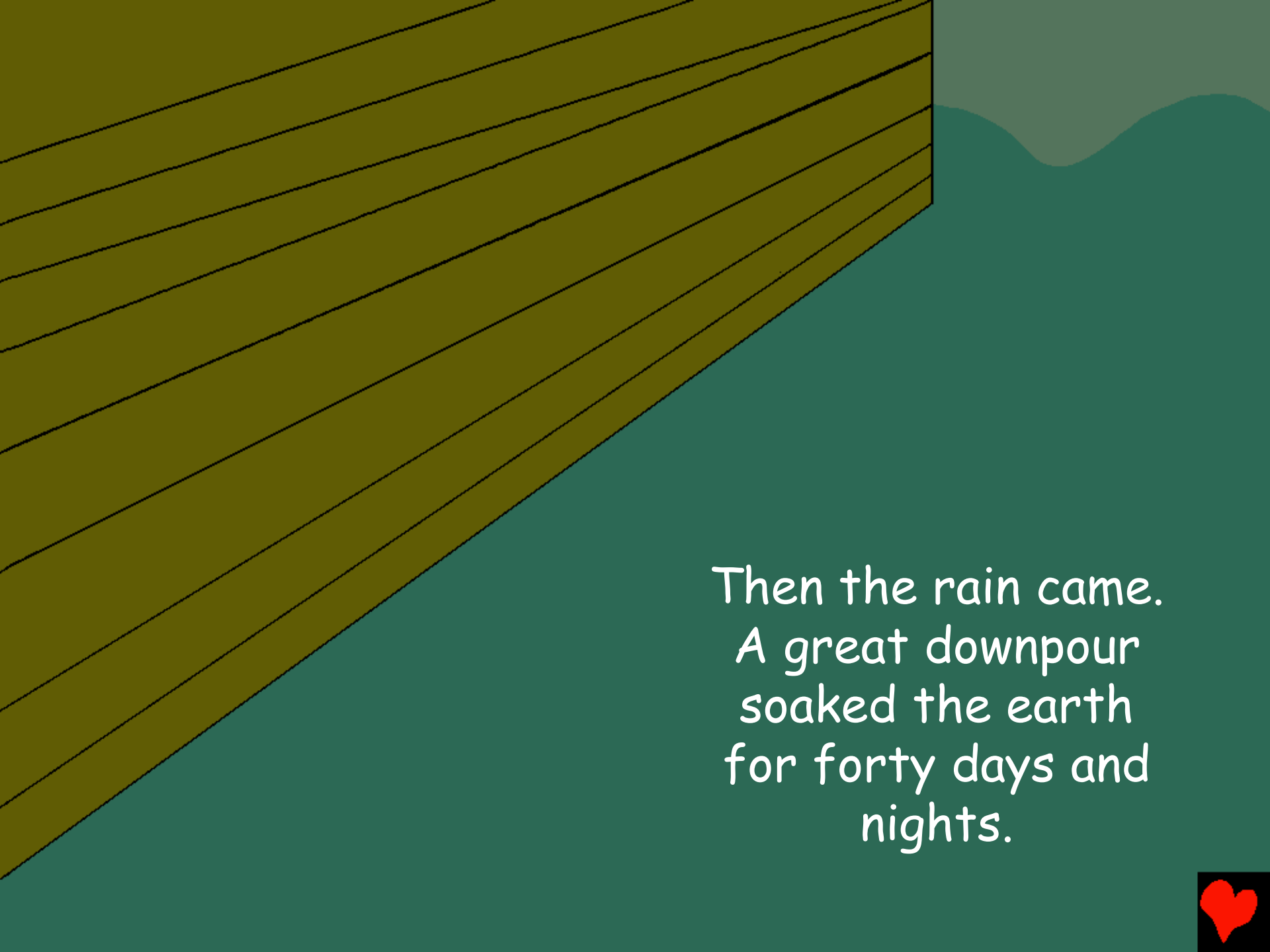
Perhaps the people shouted insults at Noah as he loaded the animals. They did not stop sinning against God. They did not ask to enter the ark.



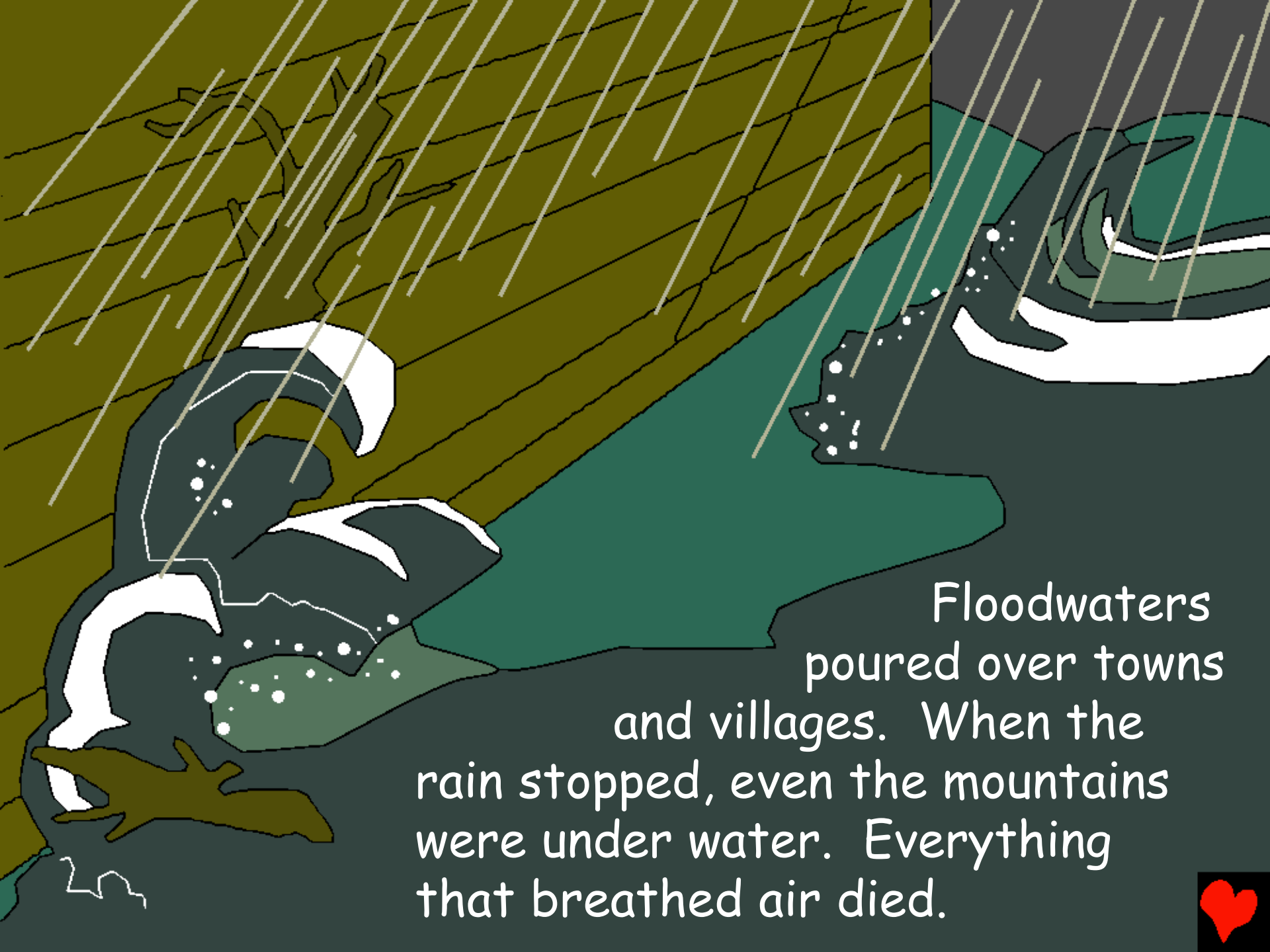


Finally, all the animals and birds were aboard. "Come into the ark," God invited Noah. "You and your family." Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives entered the ark. Then God shut the door!





Then the rain came.
A great downpour
soaked the earth
for forty days and
nights.



Floodwaters
poured over towns
and villages. When the
rain stopped, even the mountains
were under water. Everything
that breathed air died.



As the waters rose, the ark floated on top. It may have been dark inside, maybe bumpy, maybe even scary. But the ark sheltered Noah from the flood.



After five months of flooding, God sent a drying wind. Slowly, the ark came to rest high in the mountains of Ararat. Noah stayed inside another forty days as the water lowered.



Noah sent a raven and a dove out of the ark's open window. Not finding a dry, clean place to rest, the dove returned to Noah.





A week later, Noah tried again. The dove came back with a new olive leaf in its beak. The next week Noah knew the earth was dry because the dove did not return.



God told Noah it was time to leave the ark. Together, Noah and his family unloaded the animals.



How grateful
Noah must have
felt! He built
an altar and
worshiped God
Who had saved
him and his
family from
the awful flood.



God gave Noah
a wonderful
promise. Never
again would He
send a flood to
judge human sin.

God gave a great
reminder of His
promise. The
rainbow was
the sign of
God's promise.



Noah and his
family found new
beginnings after the flood.
In time, his descendants
re-peopled the whole earth.
All the nations of the
world came from
Noah

and his children.



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THE BIRTH OF JESUS

A cartoon illustration of the birth of Jesus. Mary, with long brown hair and wearing a blue tunic and white robe, is kneeling on a yellow field of grass. She is looking down at a newborn baby lying in a wooden manger, wrapped in a white cloth. The background is a solid grey color.

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Long after Noah, God sent the angel Gabriel to a sweet young Jewish maiden named Mary. He told her, "You will have a son and call His Name Jesus. He will be called the Son of the Highest. He will reign forever."



"How can this be?" the amazed girl asked. "I have not been with any man." The angel told Mary the child would come from God. There would not be a human father.



The angel then told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was having a baby in her old age. This was a miracle, too. Soon after, Mary visited Elizabeth. They praised God together.



Mary was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. Joseph was sad when he learned Mary was expecting a baby. He thought some other man was the father.



In a dream, God's angel told Joseph that this child was God's Son. Joseph was to help Mary look after Jesus.



Joseph trusted and obeyed God. He also obeyed his country's laws. Because of a new law, he and Mary left for their hometown, Bethlehem, to pay their taxes.



Mary was ready
to have her baby.
But Joseph could
not find a room
anywhere. All the
inns were full.



Joseph finally found a stable. There, Baby Jesus was born. His mother laid Him in a manger, a place where the animals' food was usually put.



Nearby, shepherds guarded their sleeping flocks.
God's angel appeared and told
them the wonderful news.



"There is born to you this day in the city of David
a Savior Who is Christ the Lord.
You will find the Baby lying in a
manger."



Suddenly, many more bright angels appeared,
praising God and saying, "Glory to God
in the Highest and on earth peace,
good will toward
men."



The shepherds hurried to the stable.
After seeing the Baby they told
everyone they met what the angels
had said about Jesus.



Forty days later, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem.

There a man named Simeon praised God for the Baby, while old Anna, another servant of the Lord, gave thanks.



Both knew Jesus was God's Son,
the promised Savior. Joseph
sacrificed two birds.
This was the
offering God's law
said poor people
should bring
when they
presented
a newborn
child to
the Lord.



Sometime later,
a special star led
Wise Men from an
Eastern country to
Jerusalem.

"Where is He Who is born
King of the Jews?" they
asked. "We want to
worship Him."



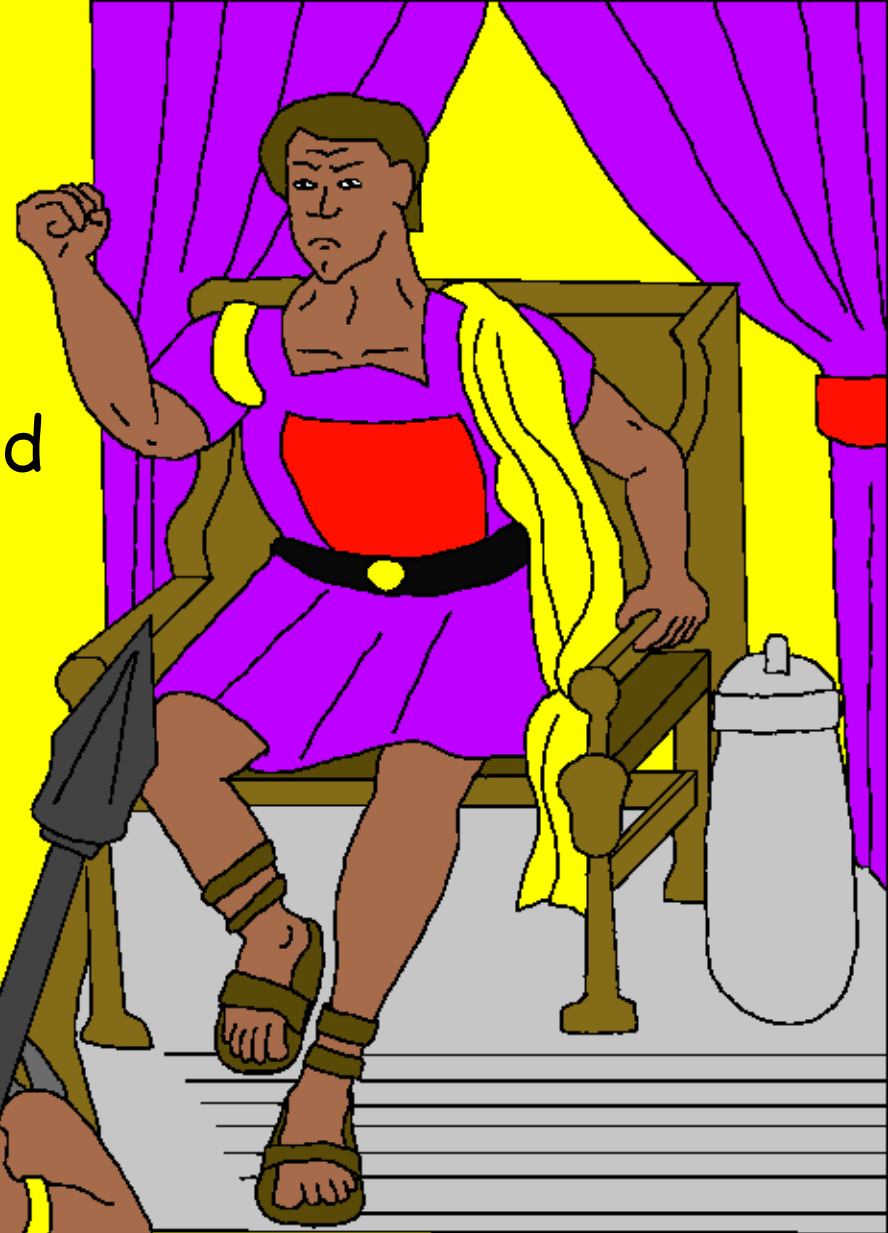
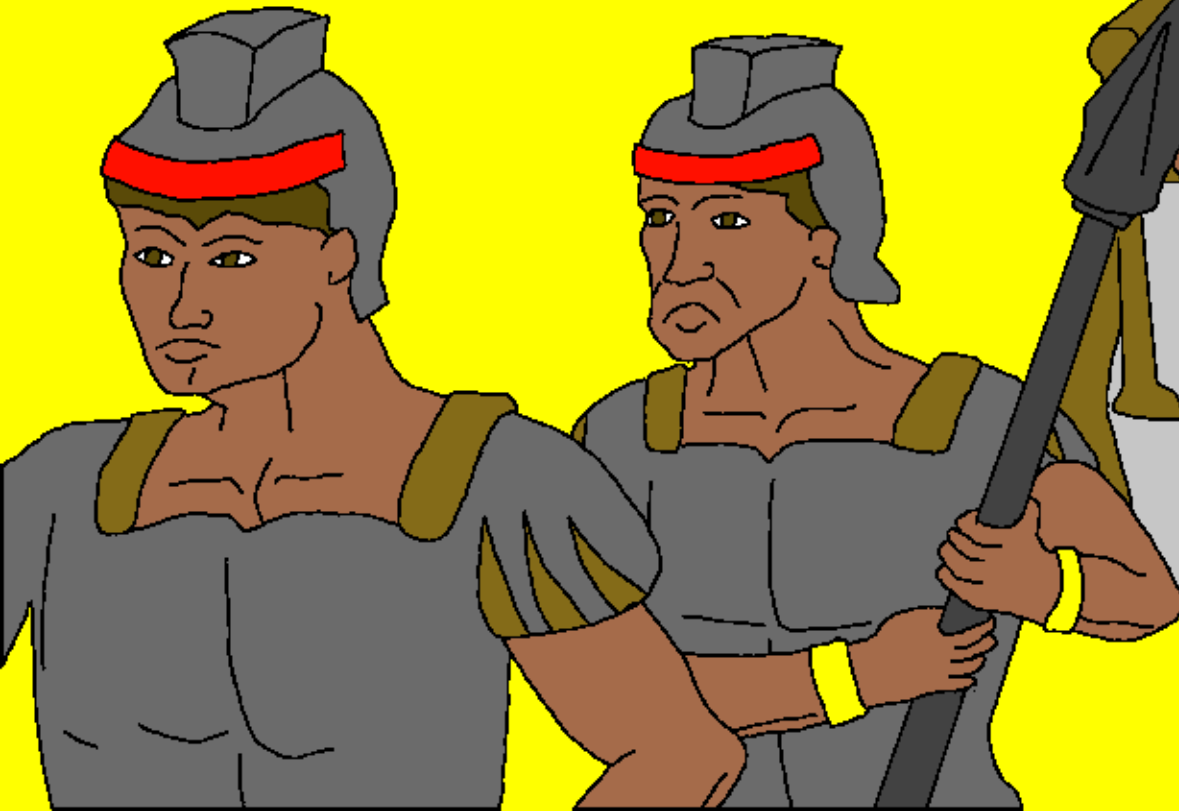
King Herod heard about the Wise Men. Troubled, he asked them to tell him when they found Jesus. "I want to worship Him, too," Herod said. But he was lying. Herod wanted to kill Jesus.



The star led the Wise Men to the exact house where Mary and Joseph lived with the young Child. Kneeling in worship, the travelers gave Jesus rich gifts of gold and perfume.



God warned the Wise Men
to return home secretly.
Herod was furious.
Determined to destroy
Jesus, the wicked ruler killed
all boy babies in Bethlehem.



But Herod could not
harm God's Son!
Warned in a dream,
Joseph took Mary
and Jesus to safety
in Egypt.





When Herod died
Joseph brought Mary and Jesus
back from Egypt. They lived in the
little town of Nazareth, near the sea of Galilee.



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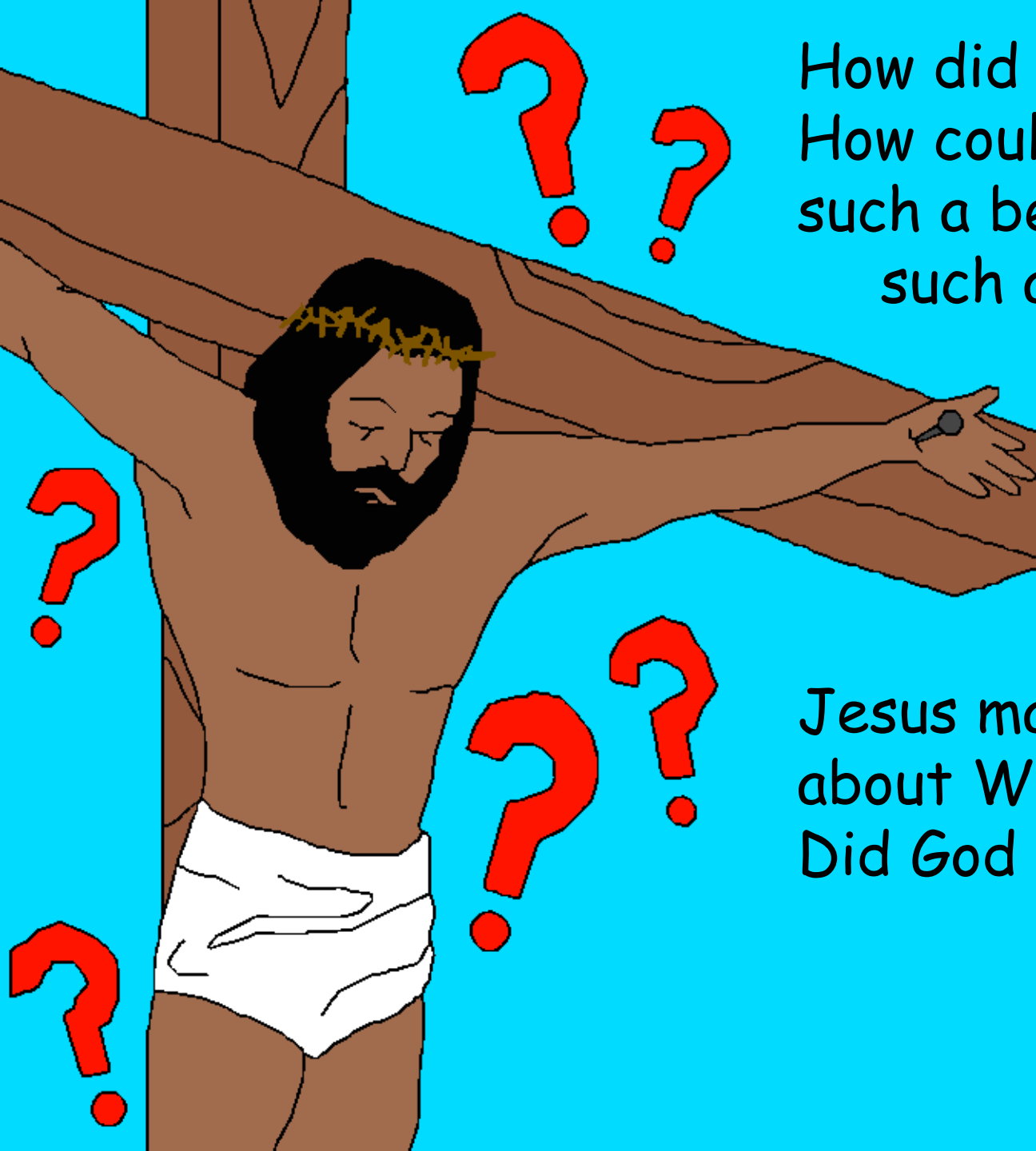
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Thirty-three years
after Jesus was
born, a lady stood on
a noisy hillside, her
sad eyes looking up
to a terrible scene.
Her Son was dying.
The mother was
Mary, and she
stood near the
place where
Jesus was
nailed to a
cross.





How did all this happen?
How could Jesus end
such a beautiful life in
such an awful way?

How could God
allow His Son
to be nailed
to a cross to
die there? Did

Jesus make a mistake
about Who He was?
Did God fail?





No! God didn't fail.
Jesus hadn't made any
mistake. Jesus always
knew He would be put
to death by wicked
men. Even when Jesus
was a baby, an old man
named Simeon had told
Mary that sadness lay
ahead.

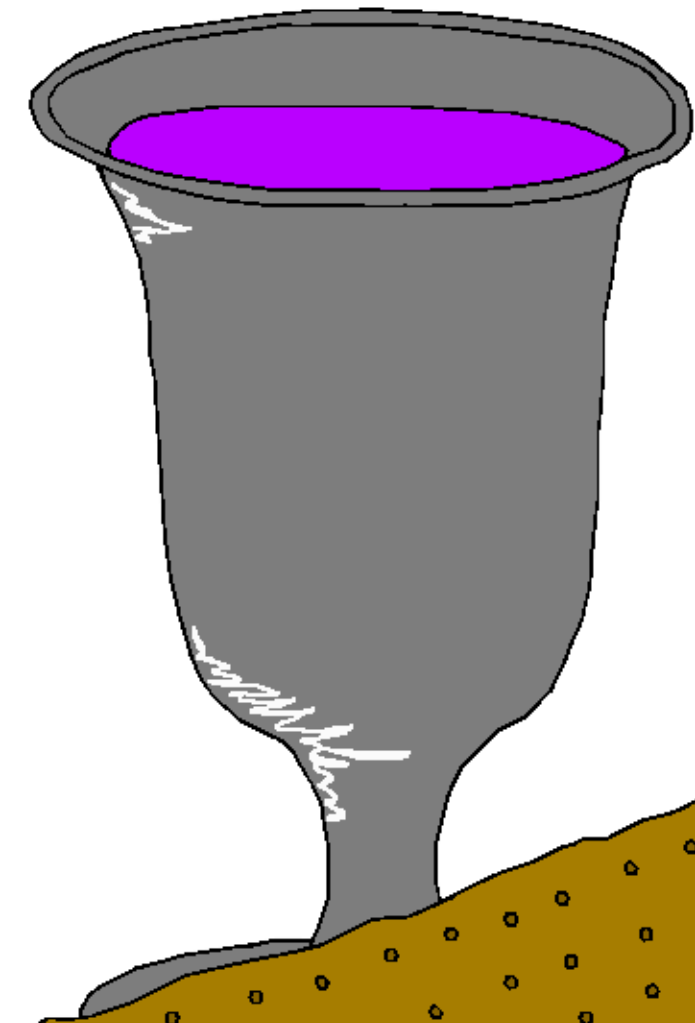


A few days before Jesus was killed, a lady came and poured perfumed ointment on His feet. "She's wasting money," the disciples complained. "She's done a good work," Jesus said. "She did it for my burial." What strange words!

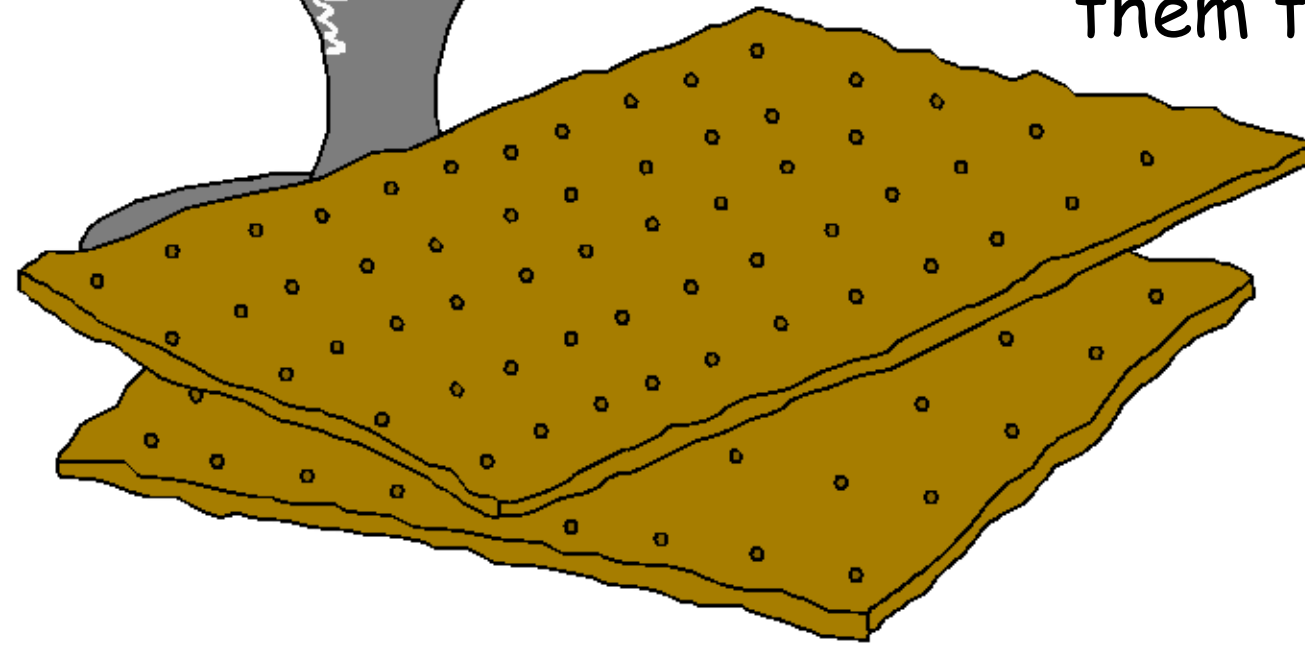


After this, Judas, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, agreed to betray Jesus to the chief priests for 30 pieces of silver.

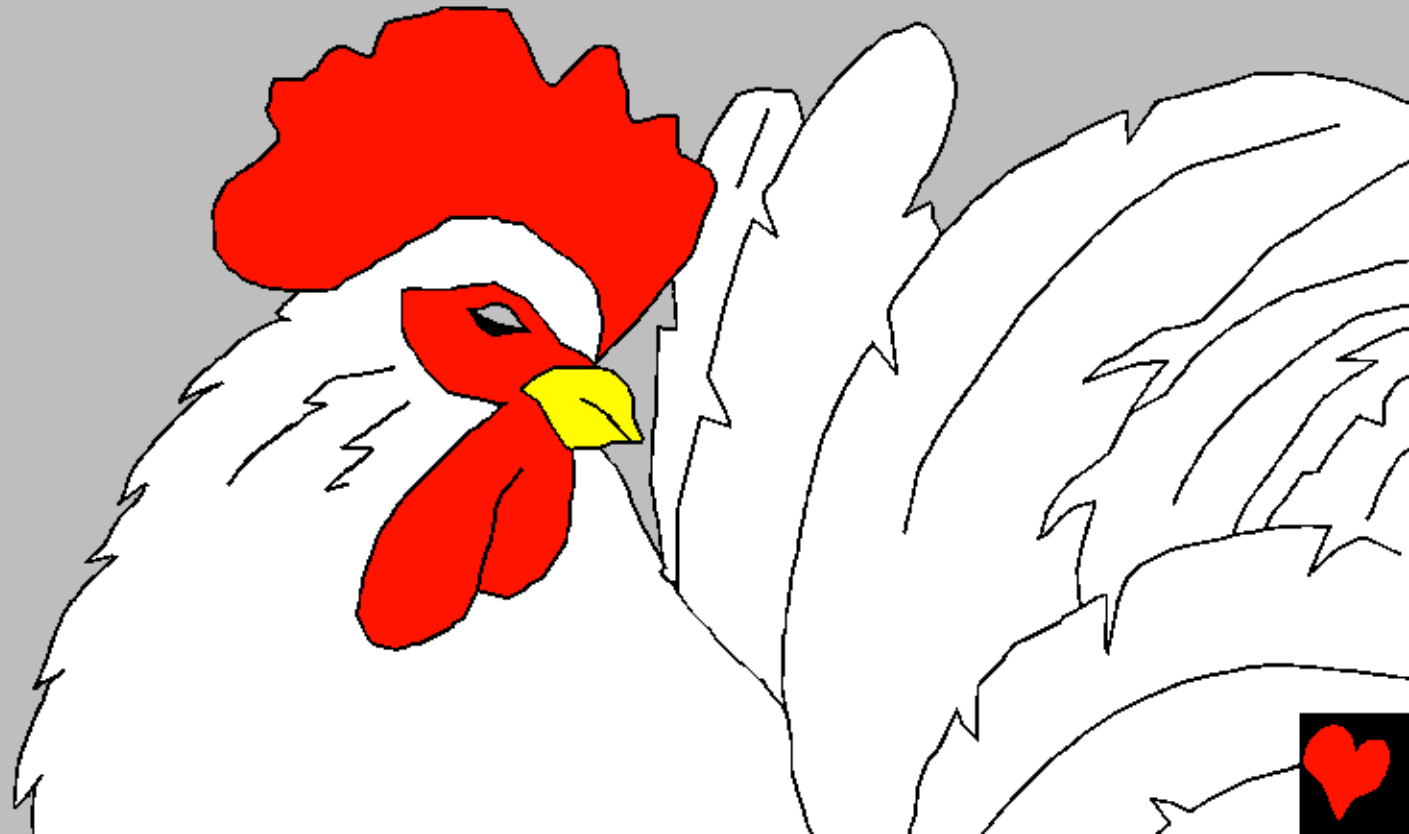




At the Jewish Passover feast, Jesus had His last meal with His disciples. He told them wonderful things about God and His promises to those who love Him. Then Jesus gave bread and a cup for them to share. These were to remind them that Jesus' body and blood were given to bring forgiveness for sins.



Then Jesus told His friends that He would be betrayed, and they would run away. "I won't run away," Peter insisted. "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times," Jesus said.





Later that night, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. The disciples who were with Him fell asleep. "O My Father," Jesus prayed, "... Let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."



Suddenly a mob marched into the garden, led by Judas. Jesus did not resist, but Peter cut off a man's ear. Quietly, Jesus touched the man's ear and healed him. Jesus knew His arrest was part of God's will.



The mob took Jesus to the high priest's house.
There, the Jewish leaders said Jesus should die.

Nearby, Peter stood
beside the servants'
fire and watched.

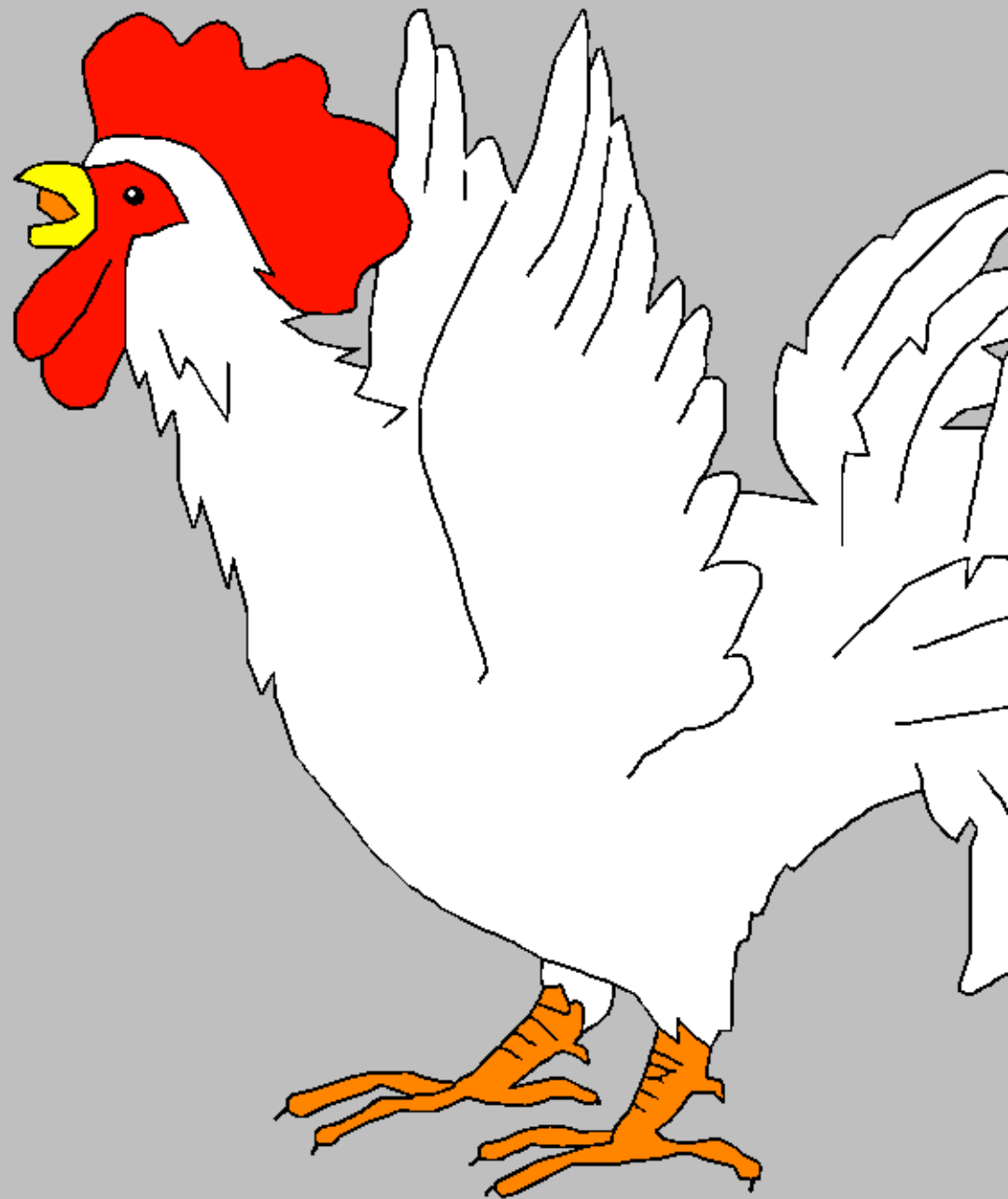


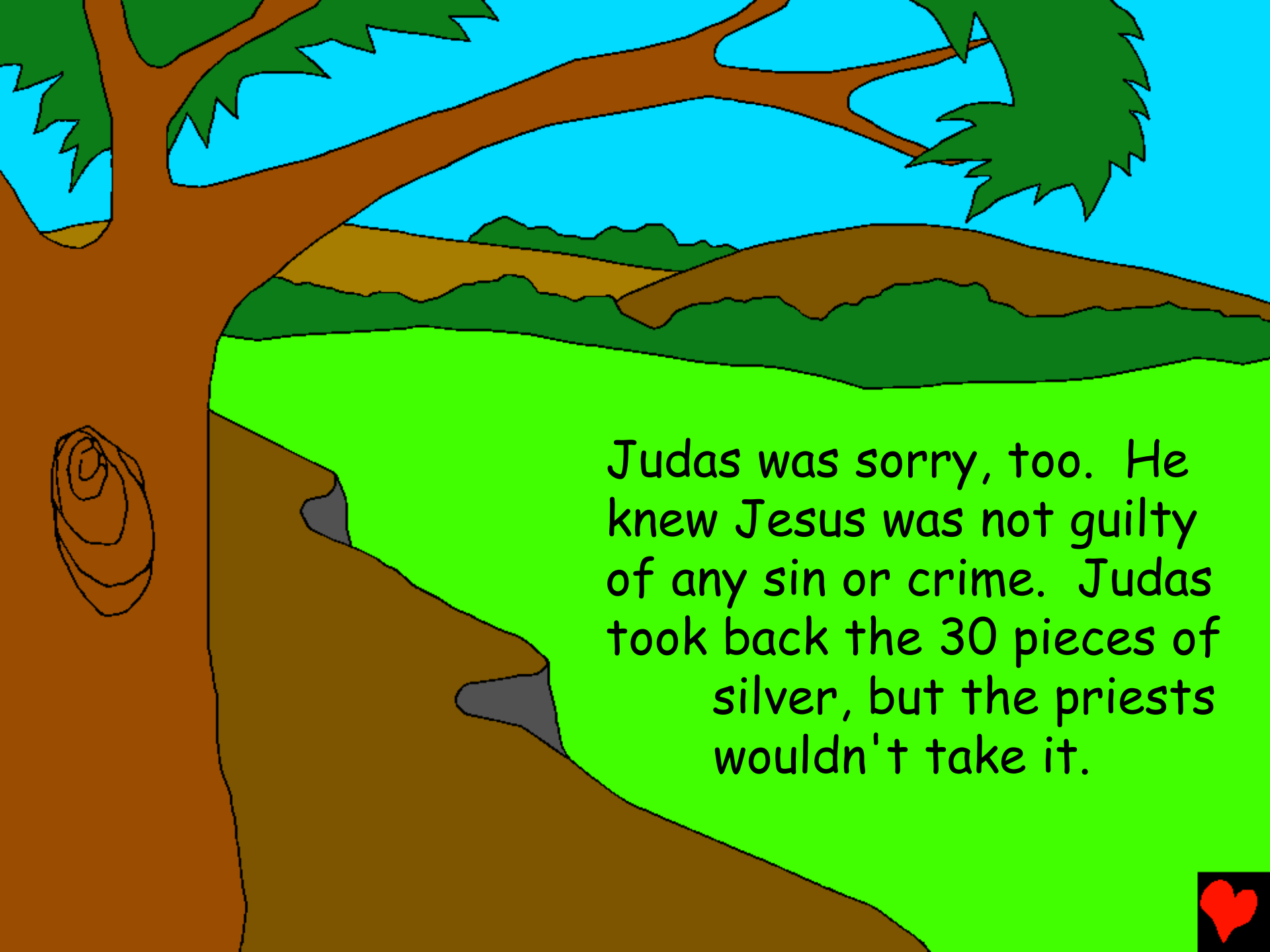
Three times people stared at Peter and said,
"You were with Jesus!" Three times Peter denied
it, just as Jesus said
he would. Peter even
cursed and swore.



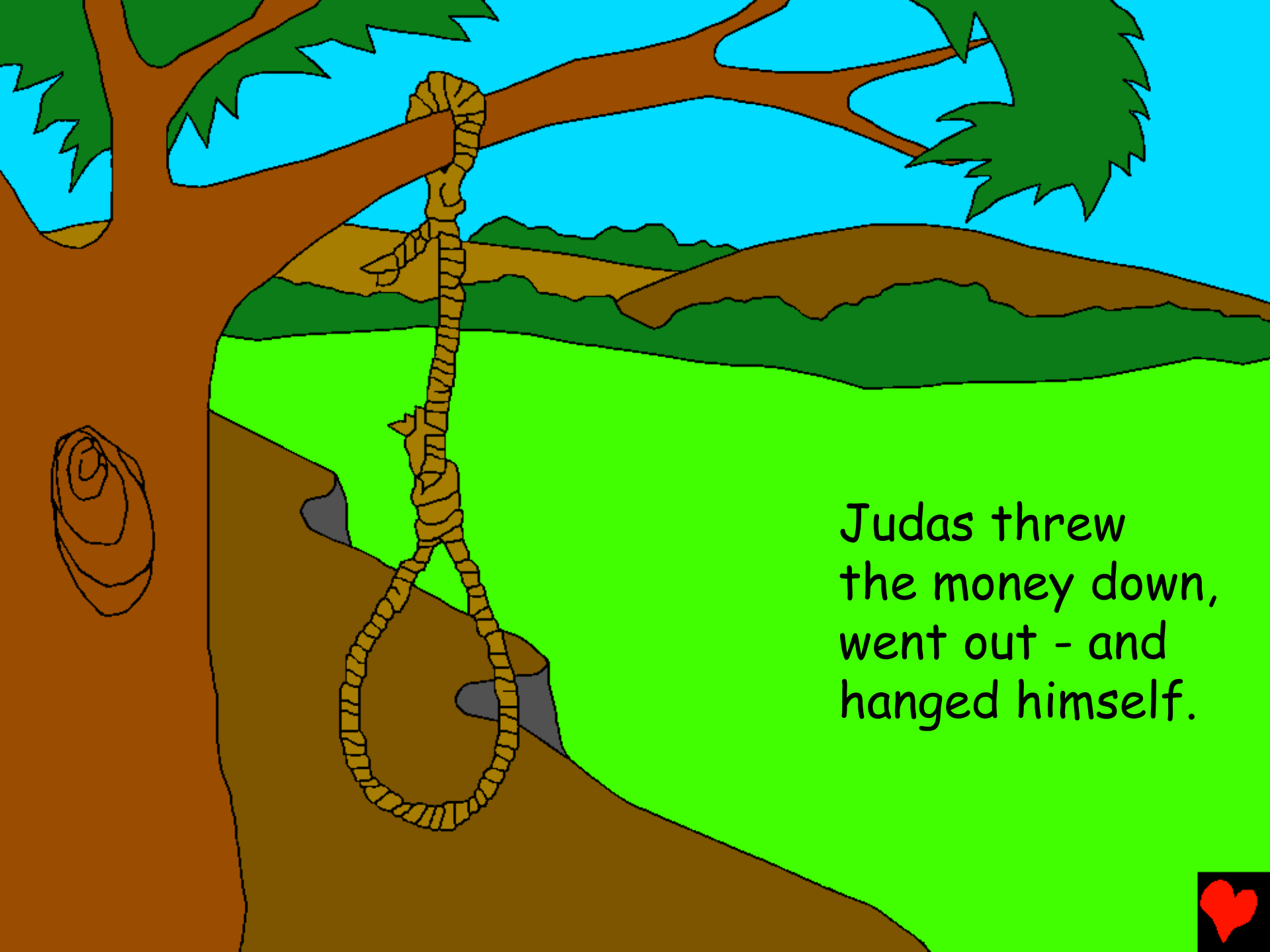
**COCK-A-
DOODLE-DOO**

Just then, a rooster crowed. It was like God's voice to Peter. Remembering Jesus' words, Peter wept bitterly.





Judas was sorry, too. He knew Jesus was not guilty of any sin or crime. Judas took back the 30 pieces of silver, but the priests wouldn't take it.



Judas threw
the money down,
went out - and
hanged himself.



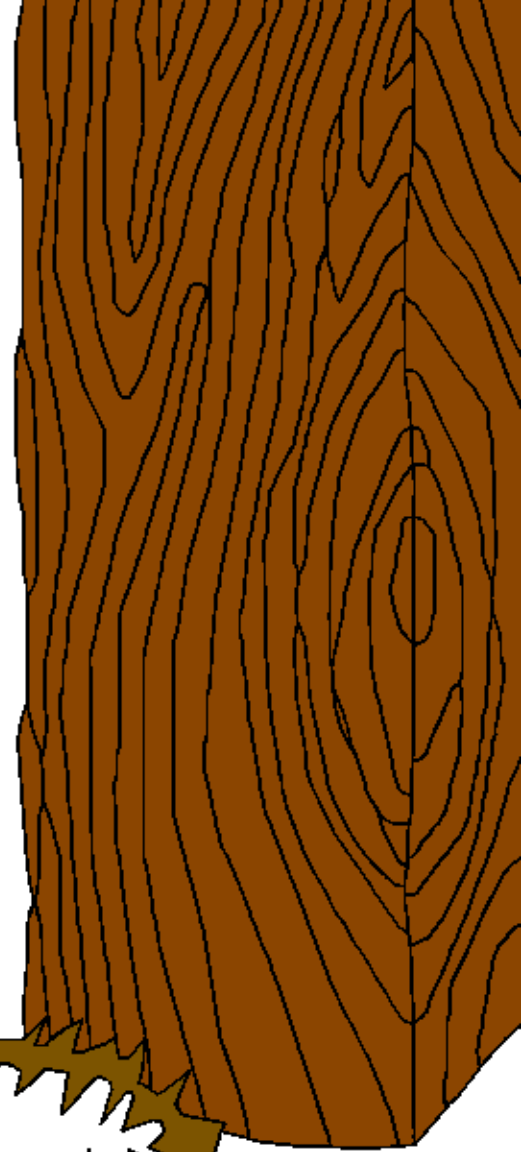
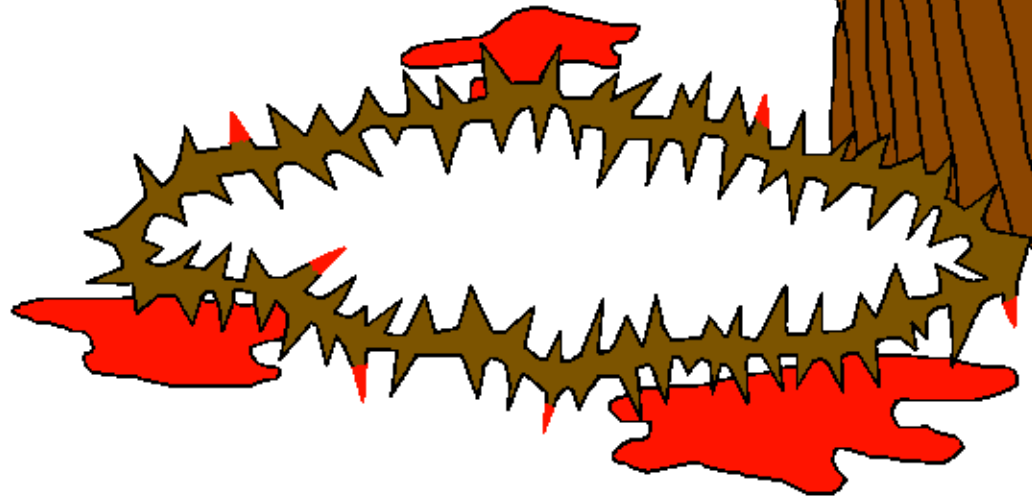


The priests brought Jesus before Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate said, "I have found no fault in this Man."

But the mob kept crying, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

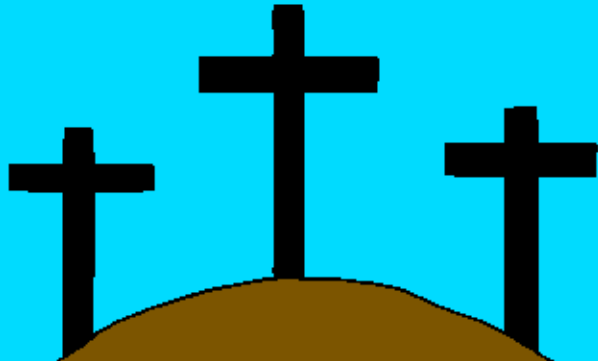


Finally Pilate gave in, and sentenced Jesus to die on a cross. The soldiers punched Jesus, spit in His face, and whipped Him. They made a cruel crown of long sharp thorns and pressed it onto His head. Then they nailed Him to a wooden cross to die.

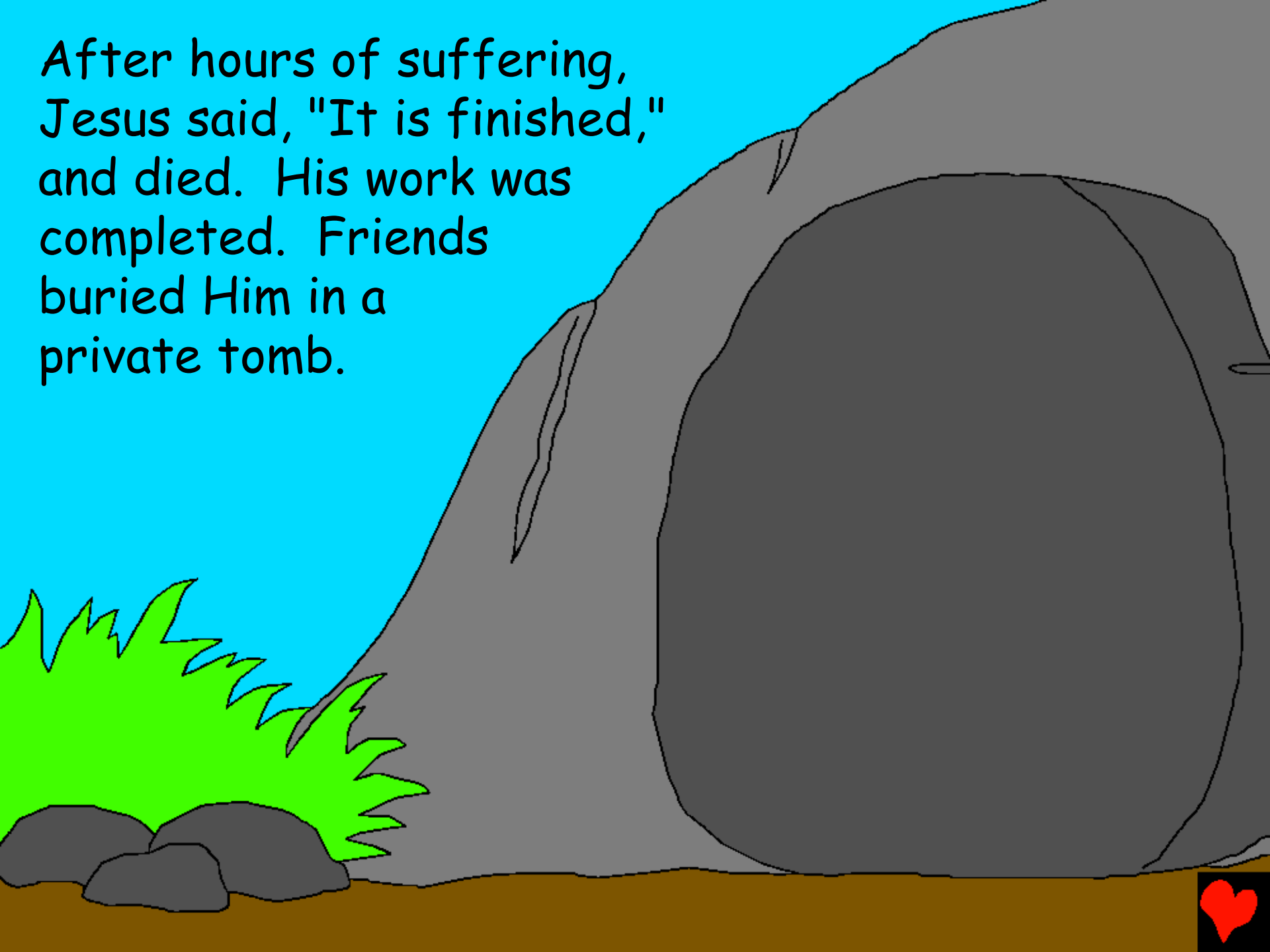


Jesus always knew He would die that way. He also knew that His death would bring forgiveness for sinners who put their trust in Him. Two criminals

were crucified beside Jesus. One believed on Jesus - and went to Paradise. The other didn't.



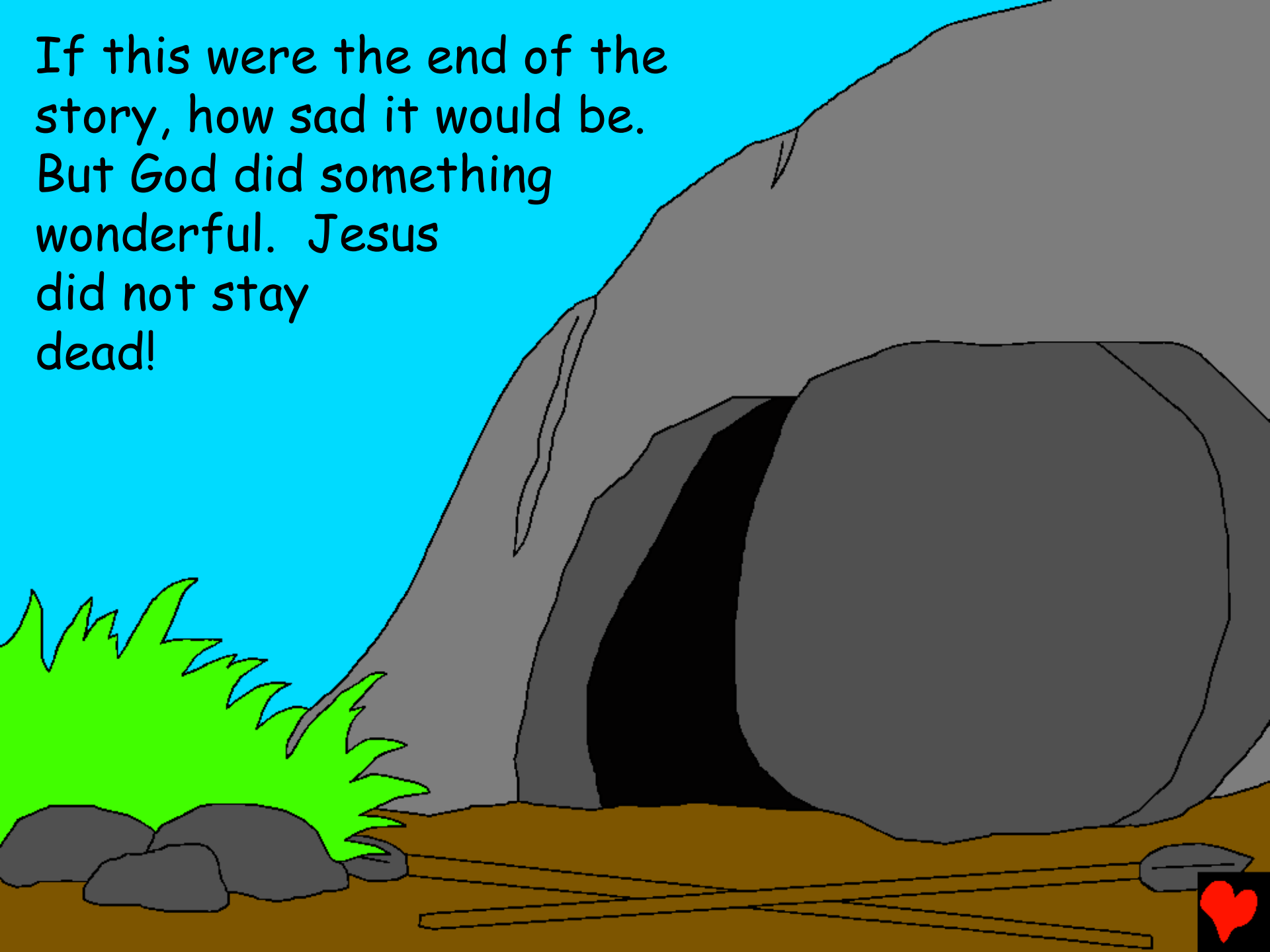
After hours of suffering,
Jesus said, "It is finished,"
and died. His work was
completed. Friends
buried Him in a
private tomb.



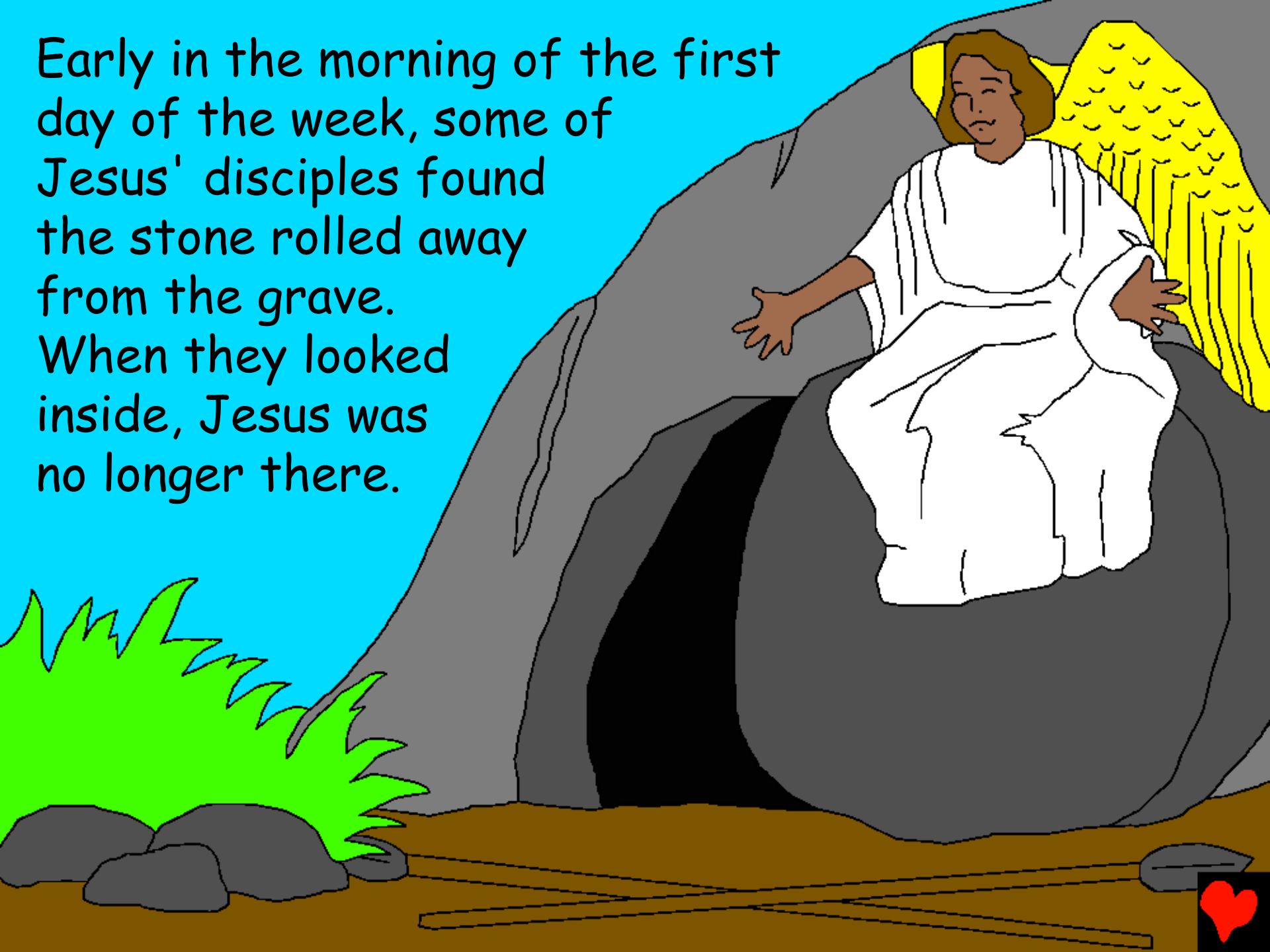
Then Roman soldiers
sealed and guarded
the tomb. Now
nobody could
get in - or out.



If this were the end of the
story, how sad it would be.
But God did something
wonderful. Jesus
did not stay
dead!

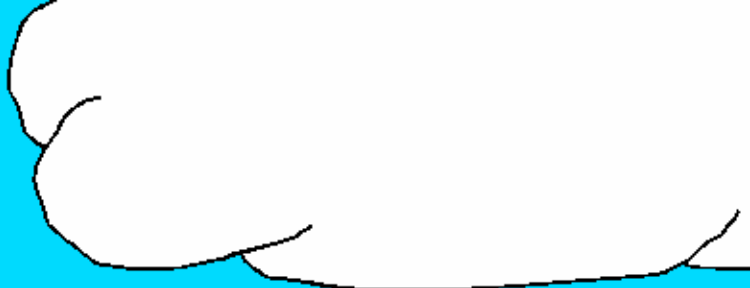


Early in the morning of the first day of the week, some of Jesus' disciples found the stone rolled away from the grave. When they looked inside, Jesus was no longer there.



One woman stayed, weeping by the tomb. Jesus appeared to her! She rushed back joyfully to tell the other disciples. "JESUS IS ALIVE! JESUS HAS COME BACK FROM THE DEAD!"





Soon Jesus came to the disciples, and showed them His nail-scarred hands. It was true. JESUS WAS ALIVE AGAIN! He forgave Peter for denying Him, and told His disciples to tell everybody about Him. Then He went back to heaven where He had come from.



The First Easter

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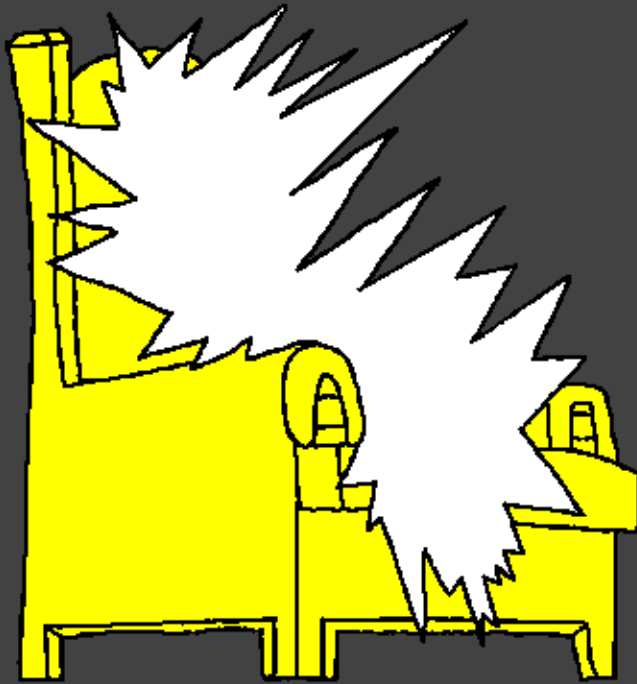
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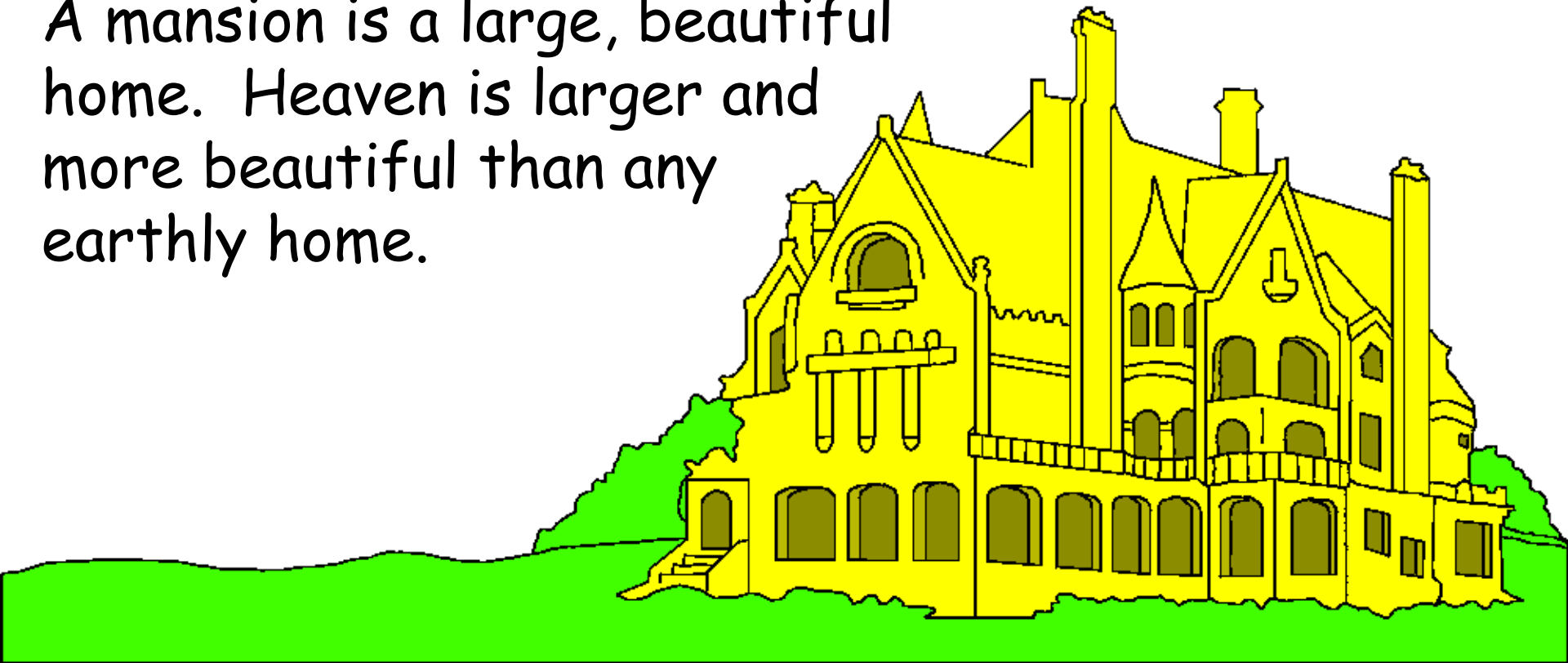
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When Jesus lived on earth He told His disciples about Heaven. He called it "My Father's House", and said there were many mansions there.

A mansion is a large, beautiful home. Heaven is larger and more beautiful than any earthly home.



Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself." Jesus did go to Heaven, after He arose from the dead. While His disciples watched, Jesus was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

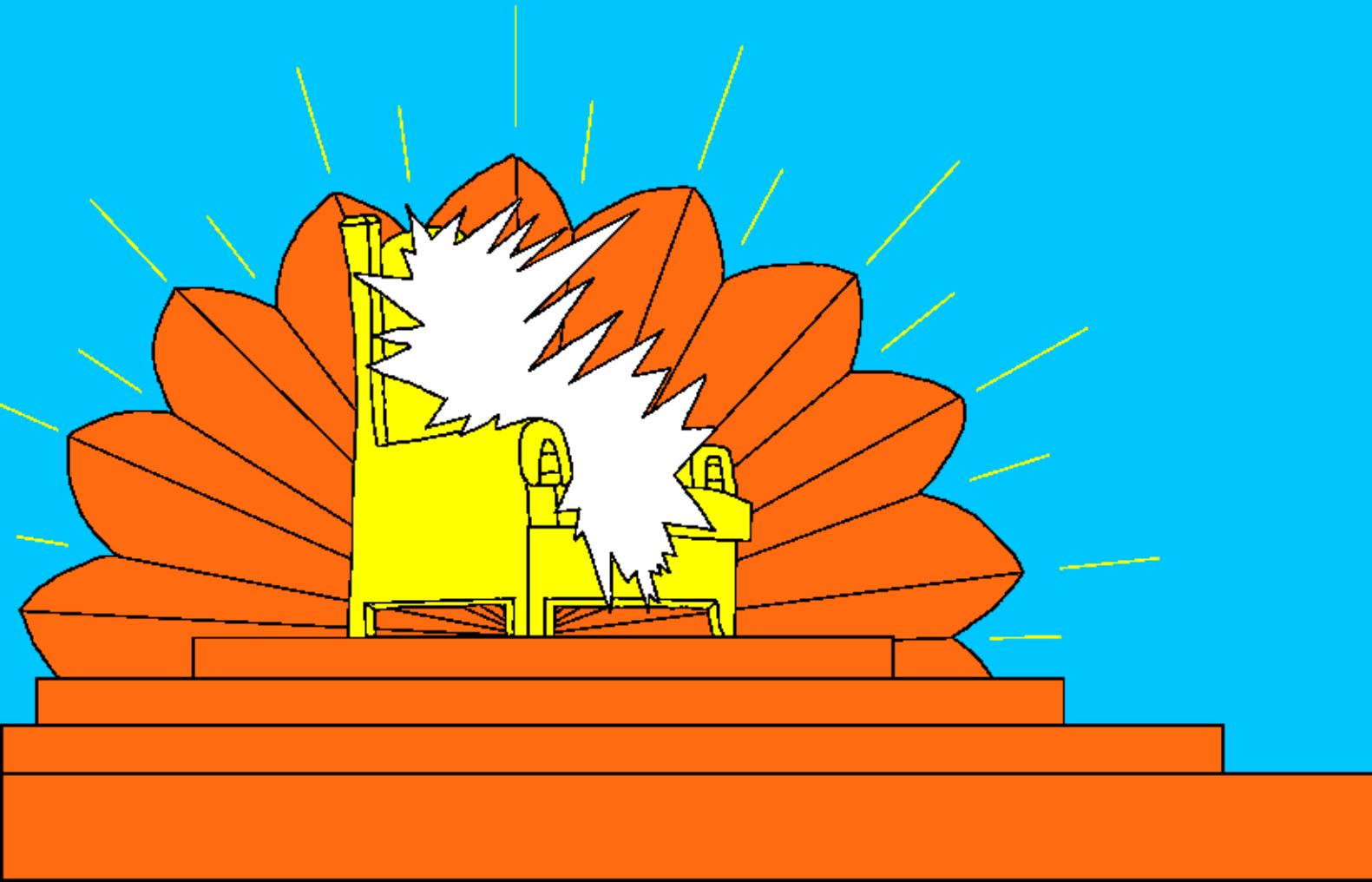


Since then, Christians have remembered Jesus' promise to come back and get them. Jesus said He would return suddenly, when least expected. But what about Christians who die before He comes? The Bible says they go straight to be with Jesus. To be absent from the body is to be

present with the Lord.



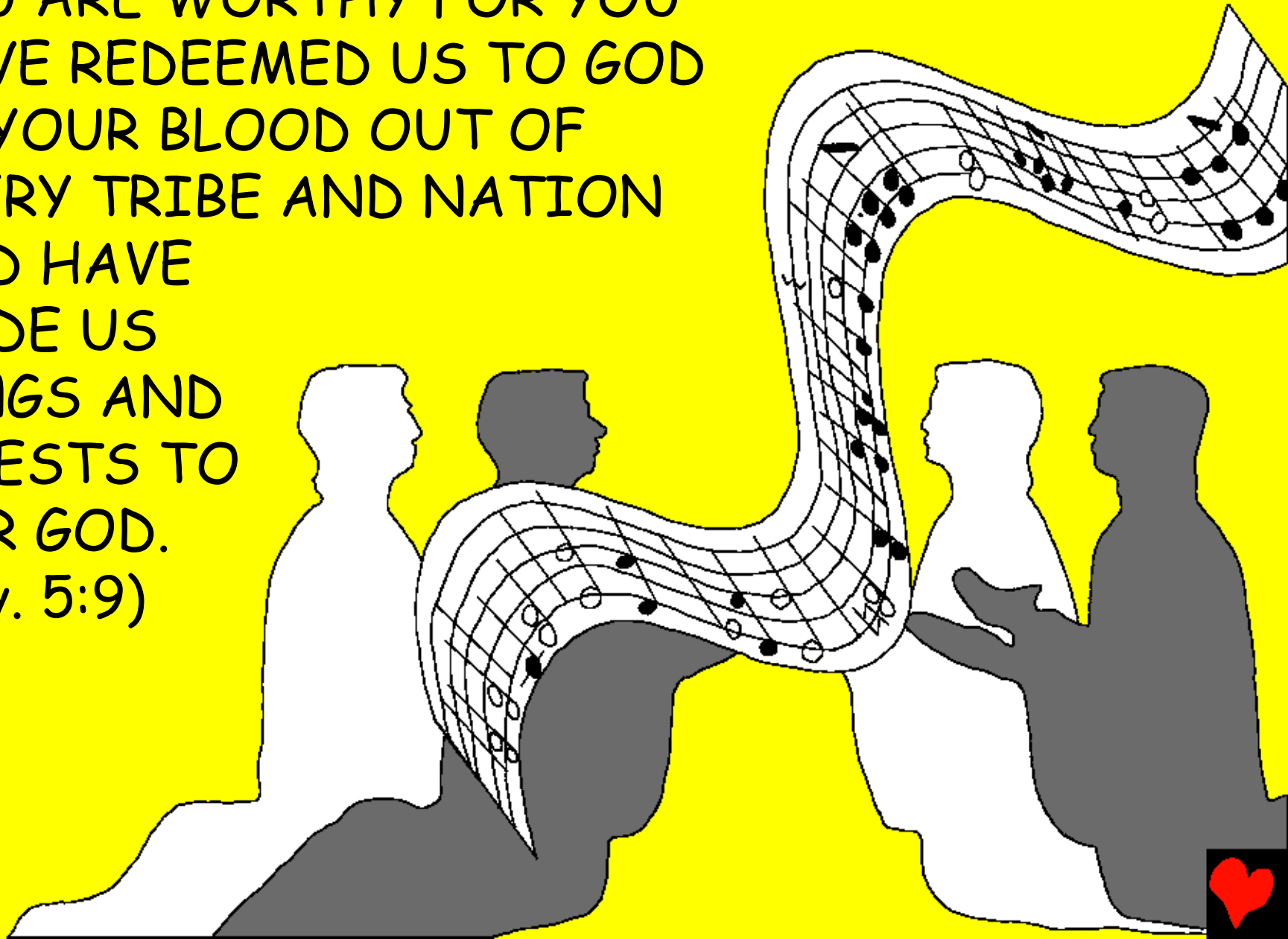
Revelation, the last book in the Bible, tells us how wonderful Heaven is. The most wonderful thing is that, in a very special way, Heaven is God's home. God is everywhere, but His throne is in Heaven.



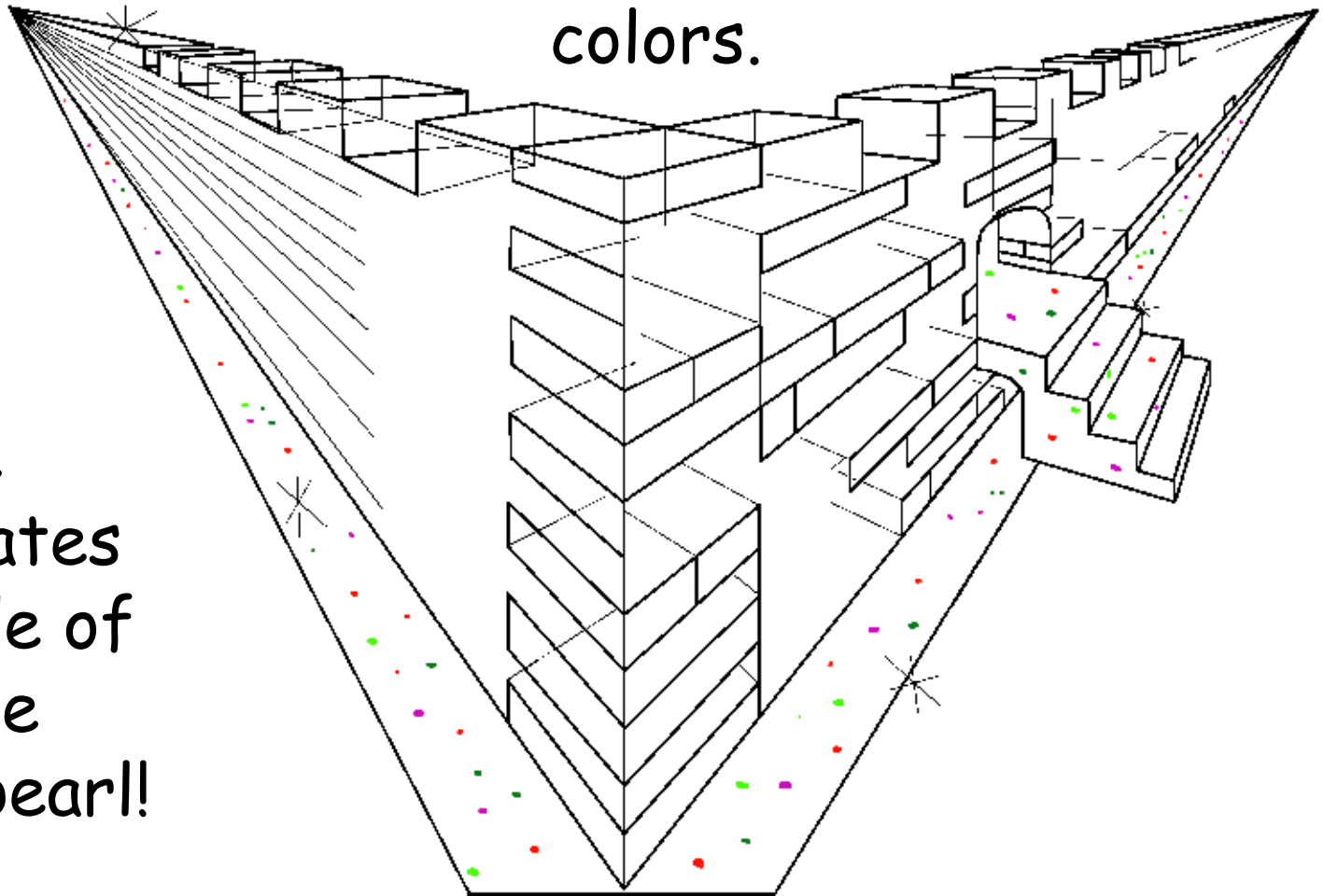
Angels and other heavenly beings worship God in Heaven. So do all God's people who have died and gone to Heaven. They sing special songs of praise to God.



Here are some words from one song they sing:
YOU ARE WORTHY FOR YOU
HAVE REDEEMED US TO GOD
BY YOUR BLOOD OUT OF
EVERY TRIBE AND NATION
AND HAVE
MADE US
KINGS AND
PRIESTS TO
OUR GOD.
(Rev. 5:9)



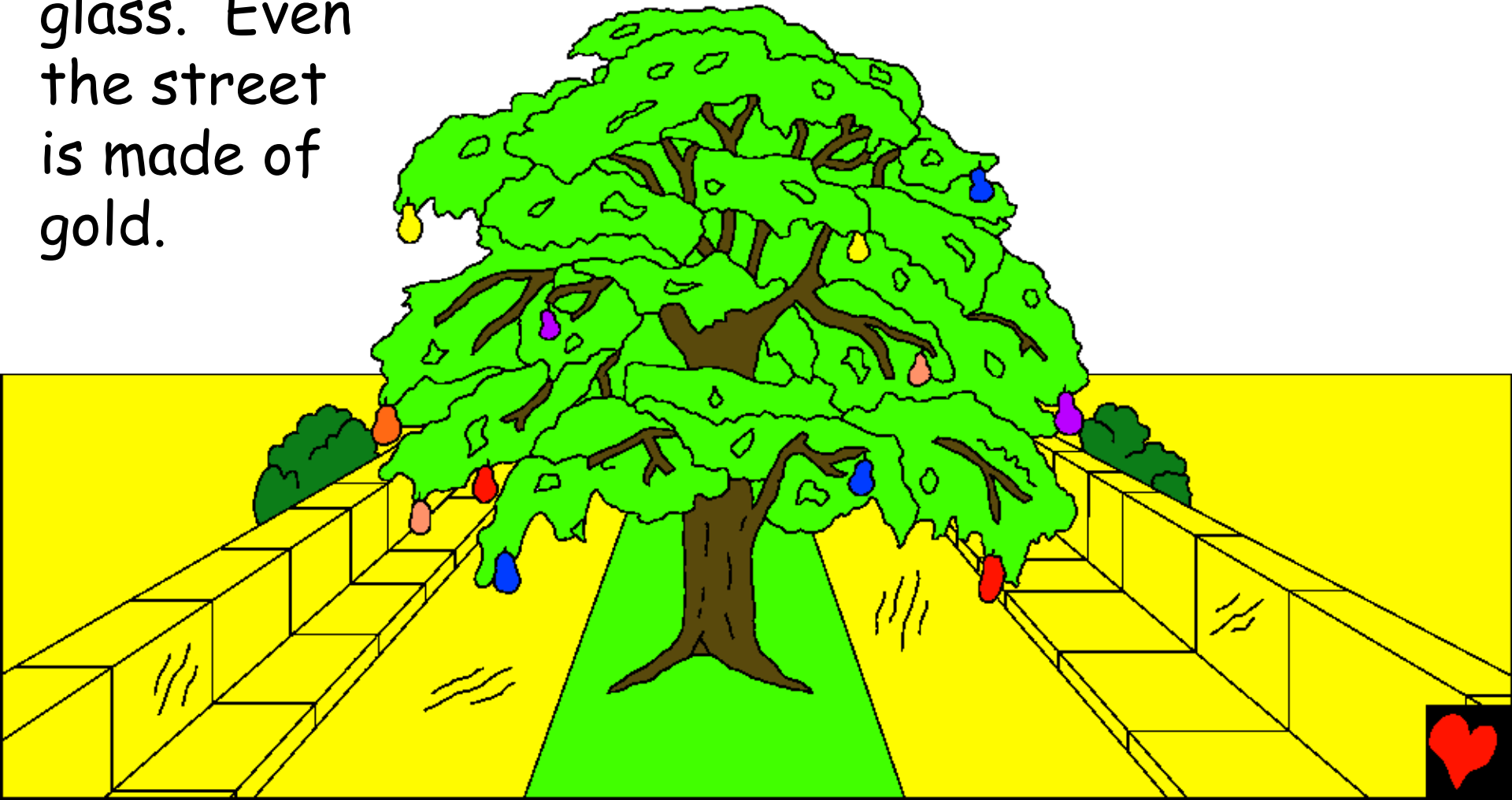
The very last pages of the Bible describe Heaven as "The New Jerusalem". It is very, very big, with a high wall outside. The wall is of jasper stone, clear as crystal. Jewels and precious stones cover the foundation of the wall, sparkling with gorgeous colors.



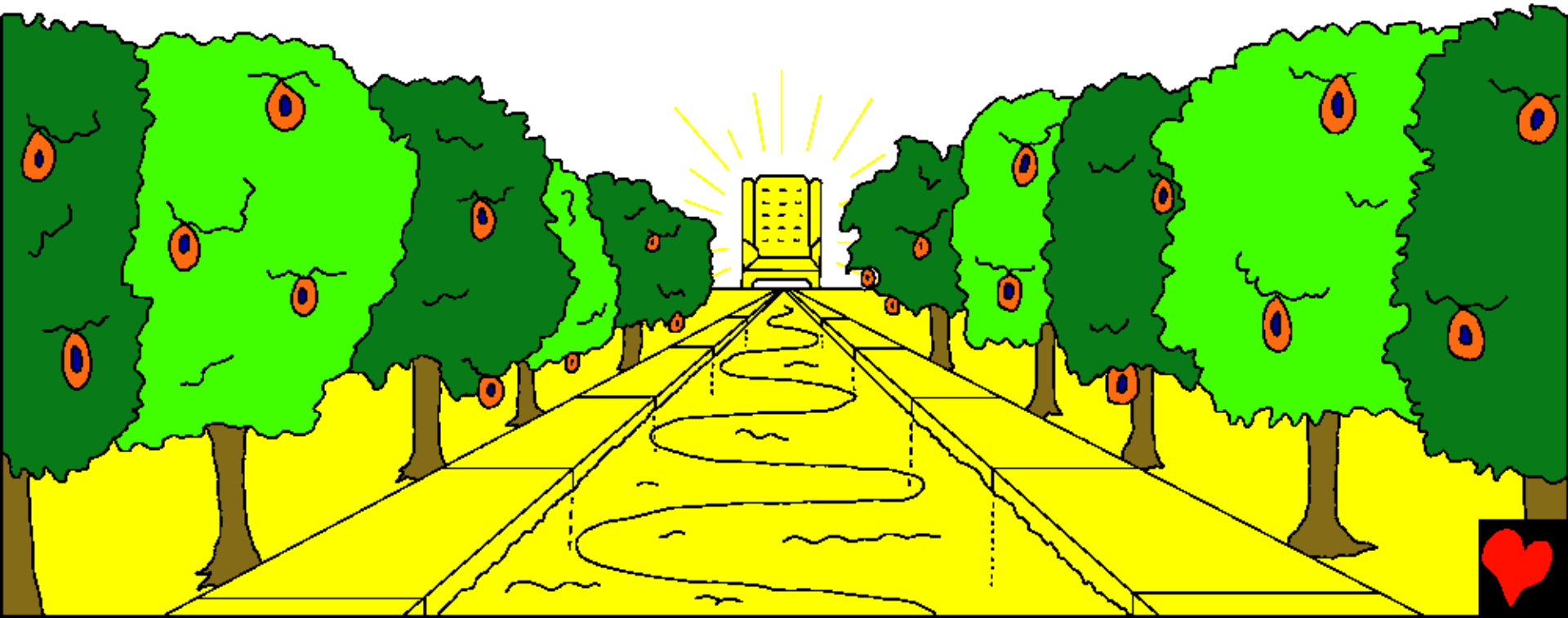
Each of the city gates is made of a single huge pearl!



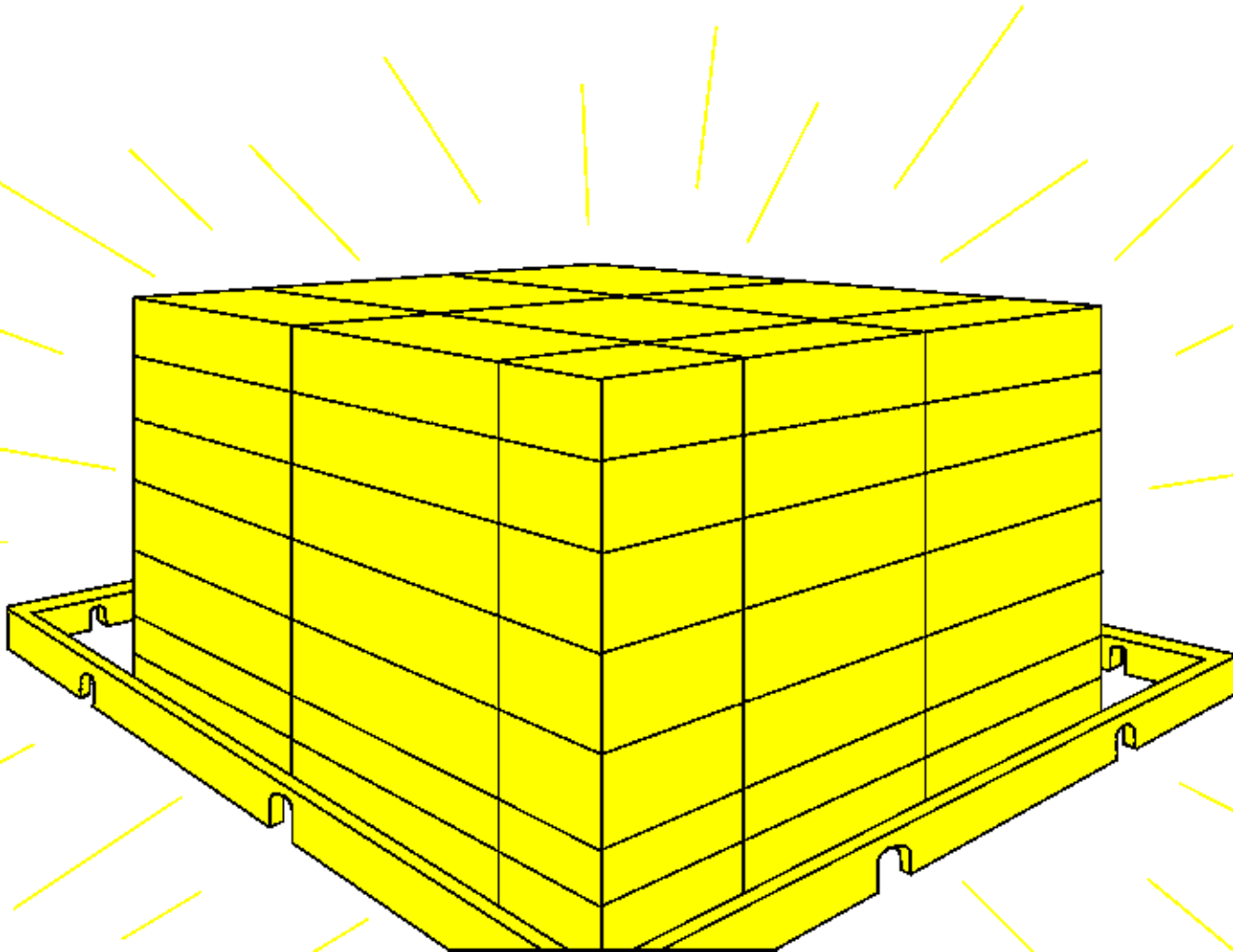
Those great pearly gates are never closed. Let's go in and have a look around...WOW! Heaven is even more beautiful inside. The city is made of pure gold, like clear glass. Even the street is made of gold.



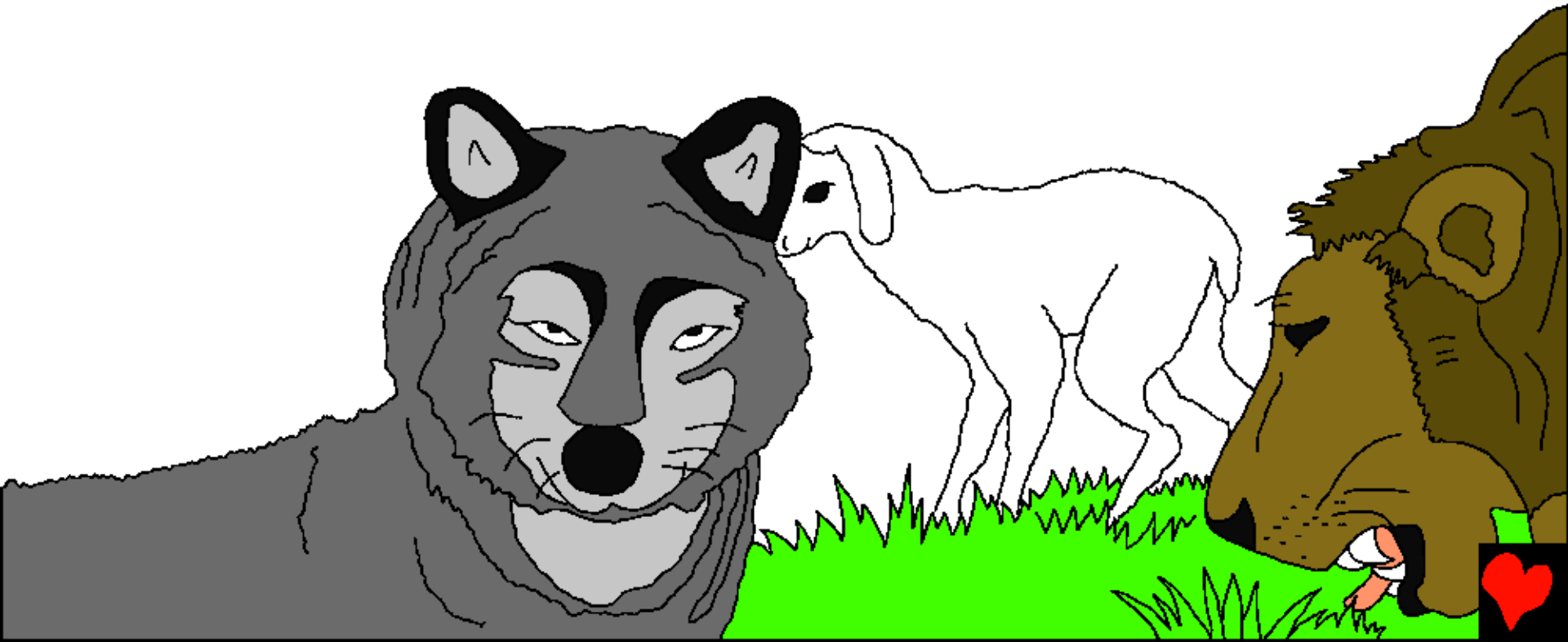
A beautiful, clear river of the water of life flows from God's throne. On either side of the river is the tree of life, which was first found in the Garden of Eden. This tree is very special. It bears twelve different kinds of fruit, a different kind each month. And the leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations.



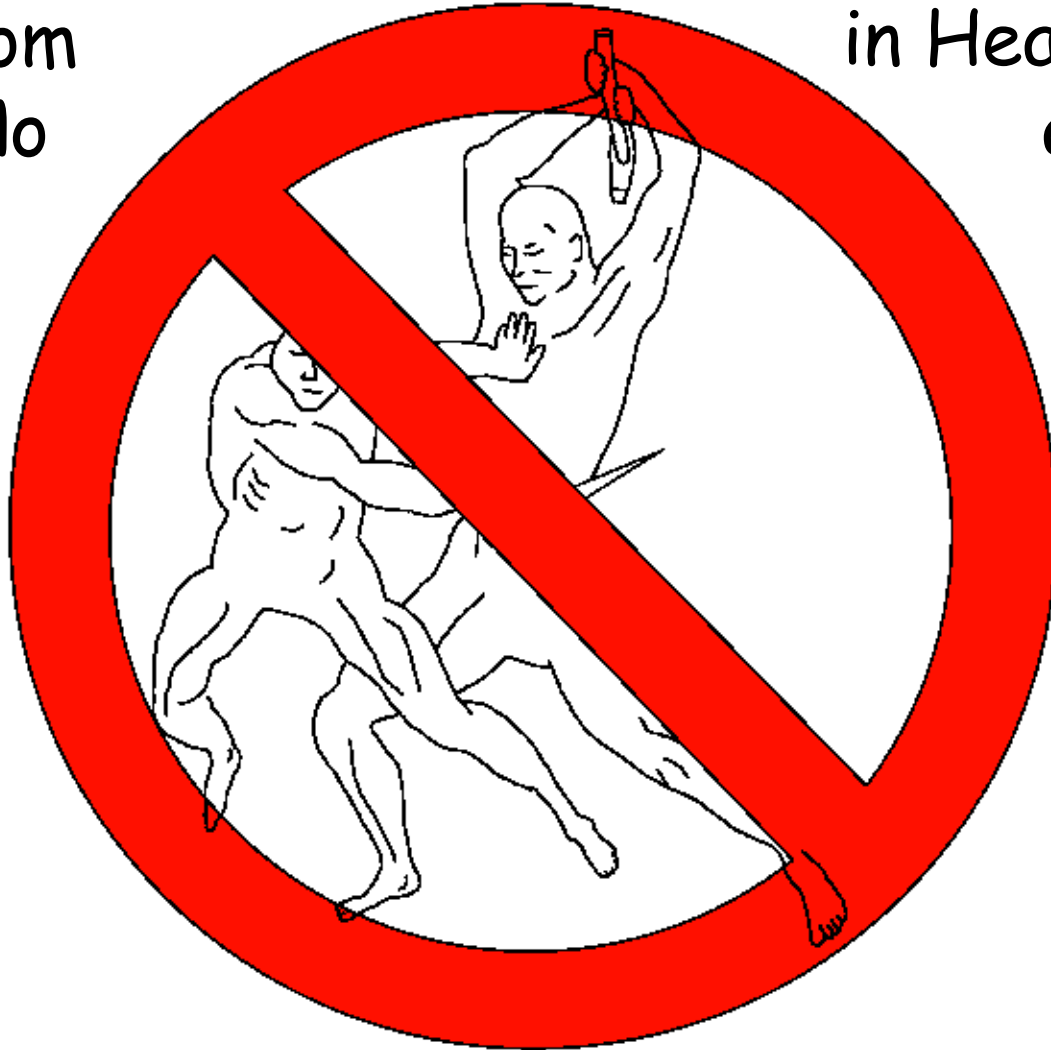
Heaven does not need the sun or moon for light.
God's own glory fills it with wonderful light.
There is never any night there.



Even the animals in Heaven are different. They are all tame and friendly. Wolves and lambs feed on grass together. Even mighty lions are eating straw like the ox. The LORD says, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain."



As we look around,
we notice that
there are things
missing from
Heaven. No
angry
words
are ever
heard.
Nobody
is fighting
or being
selfish.



There are no locks
on the doors, because
there are no thieves
in Heaven. There
are no liars,
murderers,
sorcerers,
or other
wicked
people.
There is
no sin of
any kind in
Heaven.

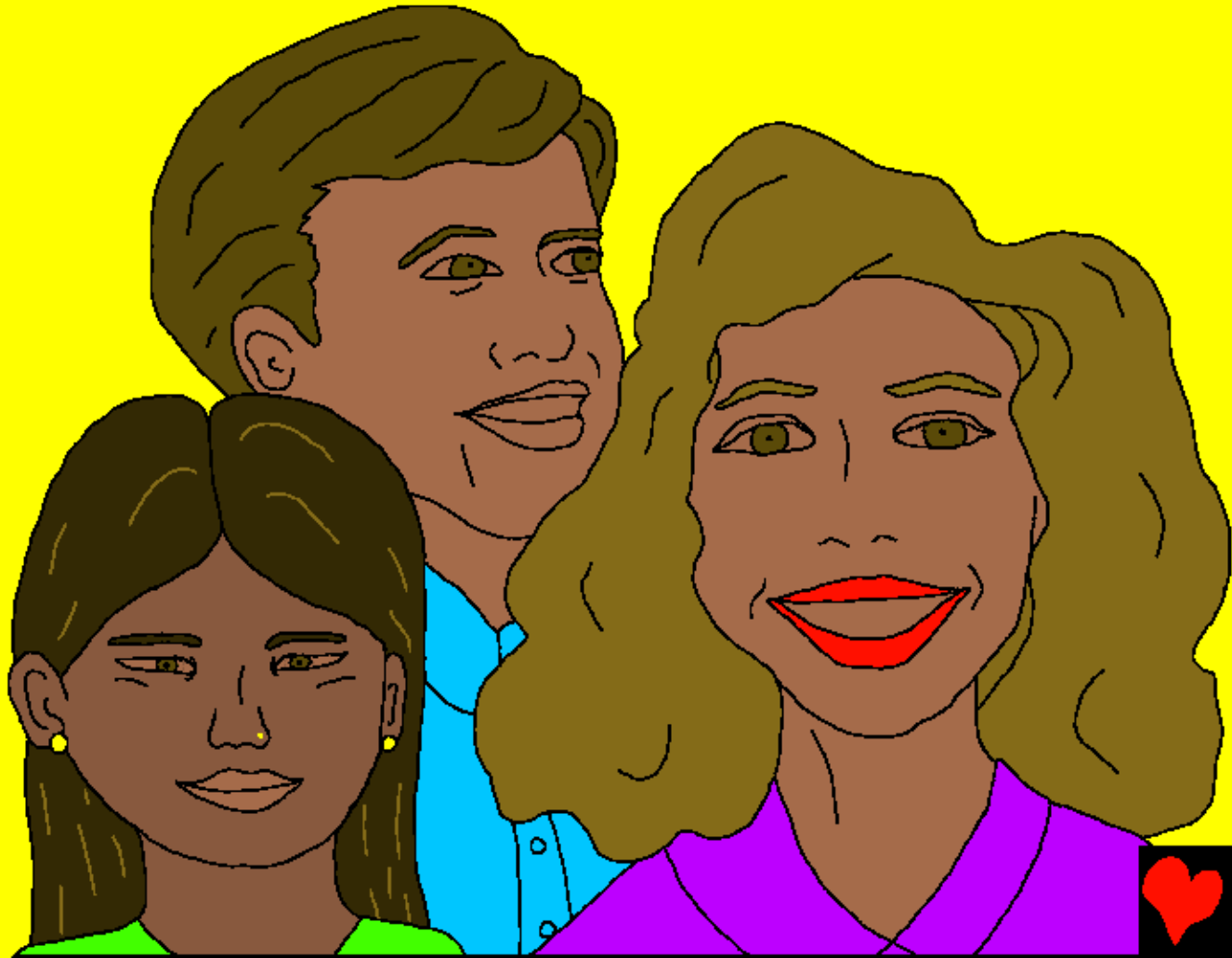


In Heaven with God
there are no more tears.
Sometimes, God's people
cry because of great
sorrows in this life. In
Heaven, God will wipe
away all tears.

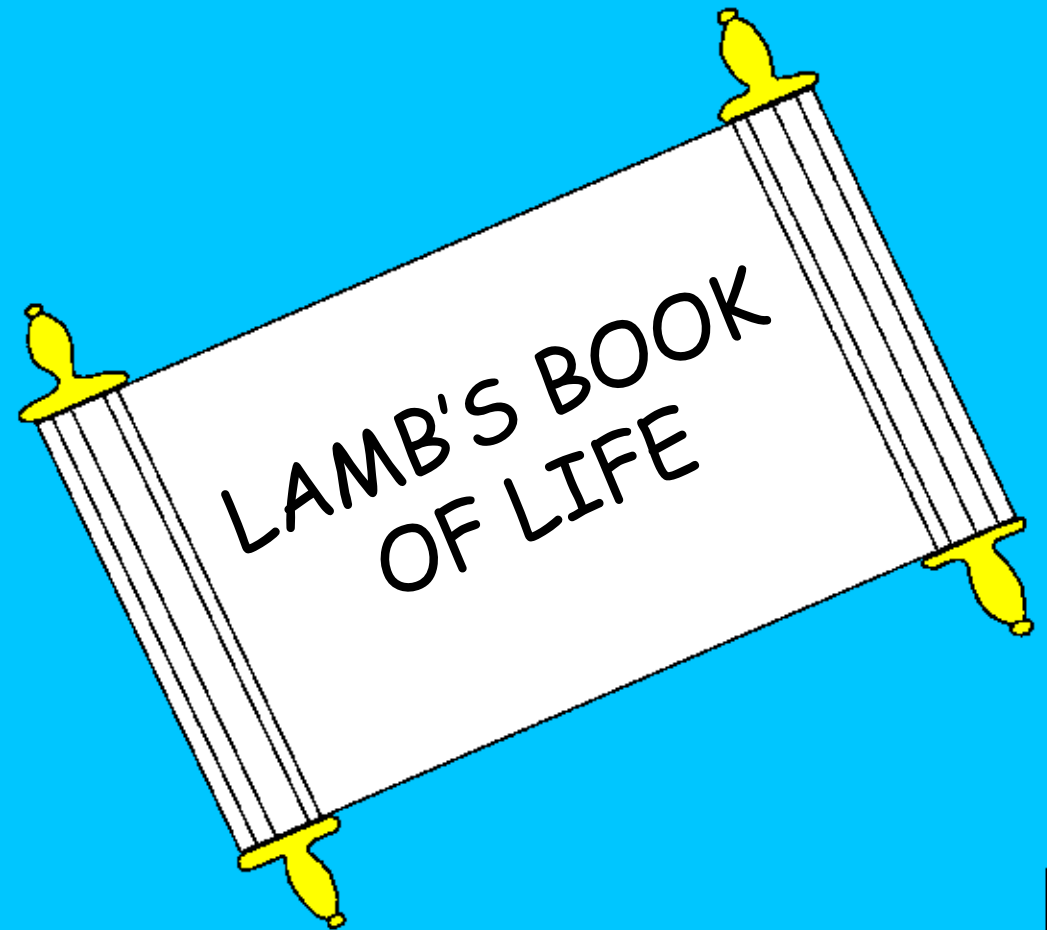


There is no death in Heaven, either. God's people will be forever with the Lord. There is no more sorrow, no more crying, no more pain. No sickness, no parting, no funerals.

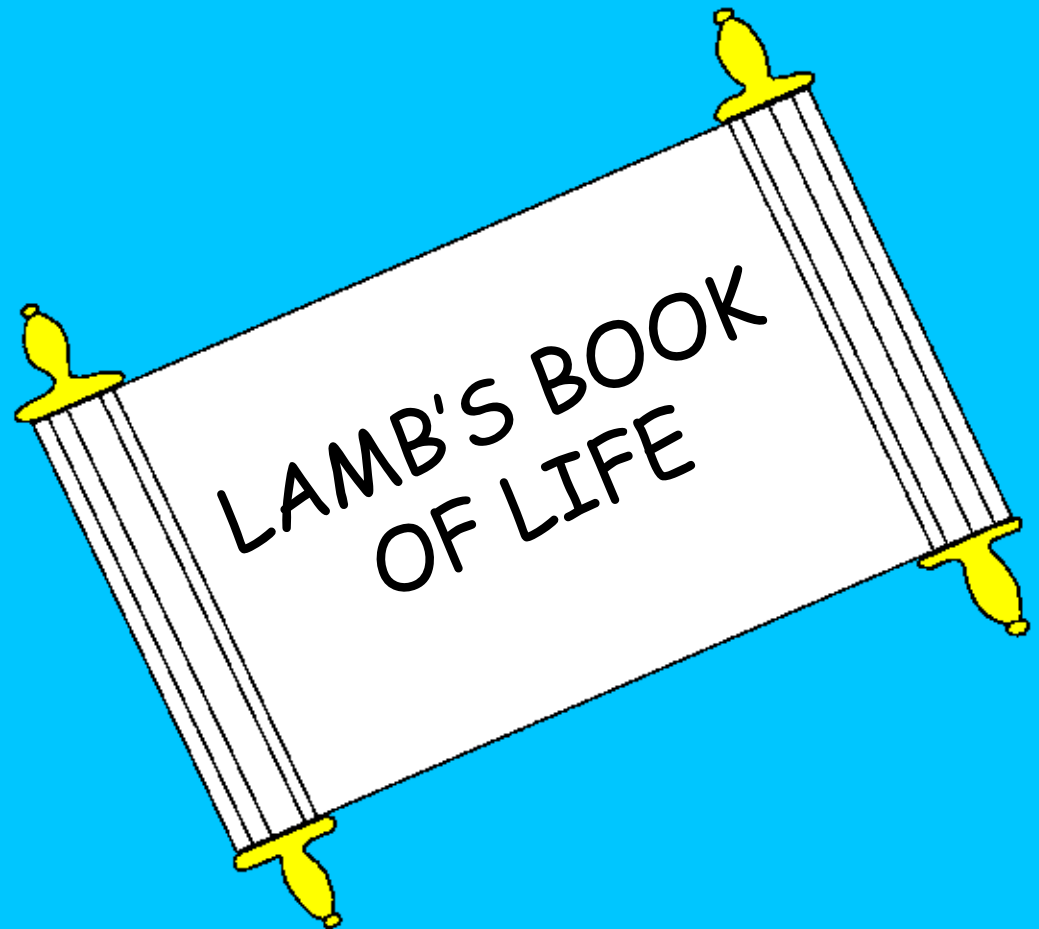
Everyone in Heaven is happy forever with God.



Best of all, Heaven is for boys and girls
(and grown-ups too) who have believed
on Jesus Christ as their Saviour and
have obeyed Him as their Lord.



In Heaven there is a book called the Lamb's Book of Life. It is full of people's names. Do you know whose names are written there? All the people who put their trust in Jesus.
Is your name there?



The Bible's last words about Heaven are a wonderful invitation. "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. And whosoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."



Heaven, God's Beautiful Home

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The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin.

The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so that I can have new life now, and one day go to be with You forever. Help me to live for You as Your child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every day! John 3:16

