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FROM  
PERSECUTOR  
TO  
PREACHER



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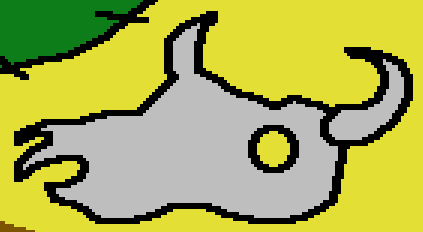
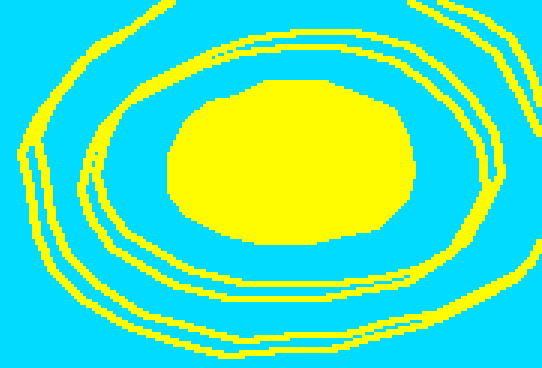
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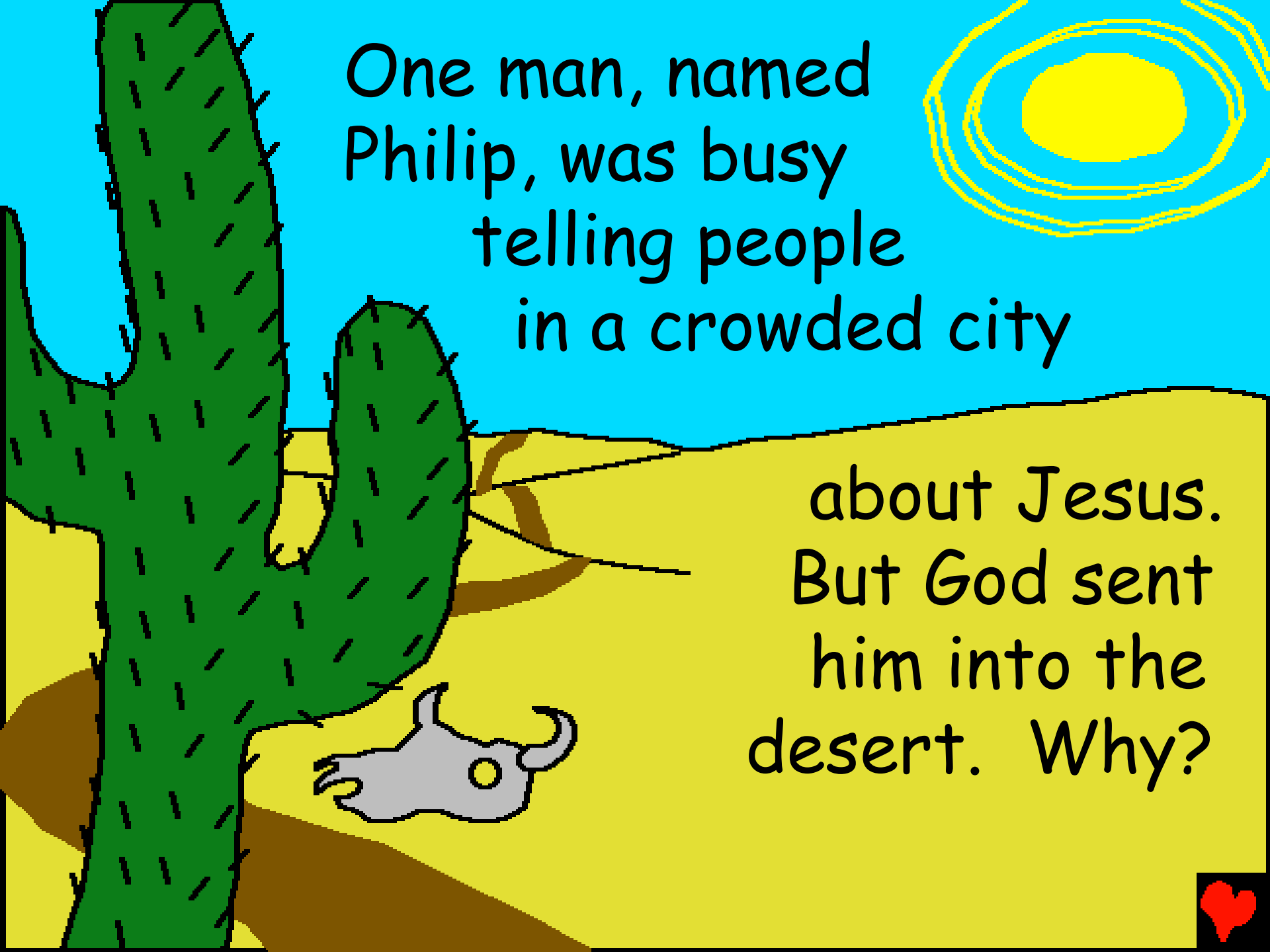
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God did great  
things through  
His people in  
the early church.



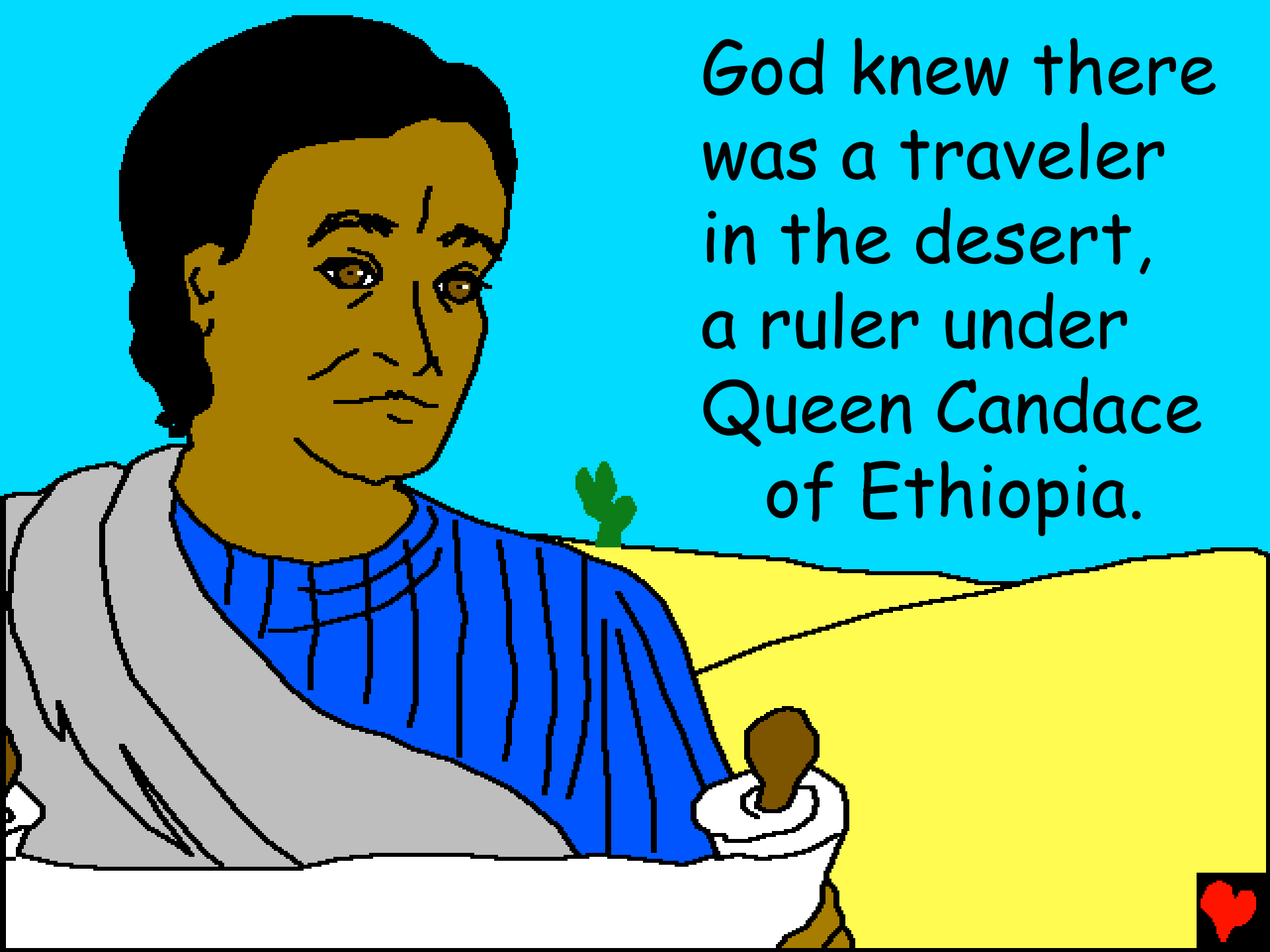


One man, named  
Philip, was busy  
telling people  
in a crowded city

about Jesus.  
But God sent  
him into the  
desert. Why?



God knew there  
was a traveler  
in the desert,  
a ruler under  
Queen Candace  
of Ethiopia.





He was on his way home and he was reading a special Book. Can you guess what the book was?



When Philip obeyed God, God led

him  
straight  
to the  
ruler  
who  
was  
reading God's  
Word without  
understanding it.

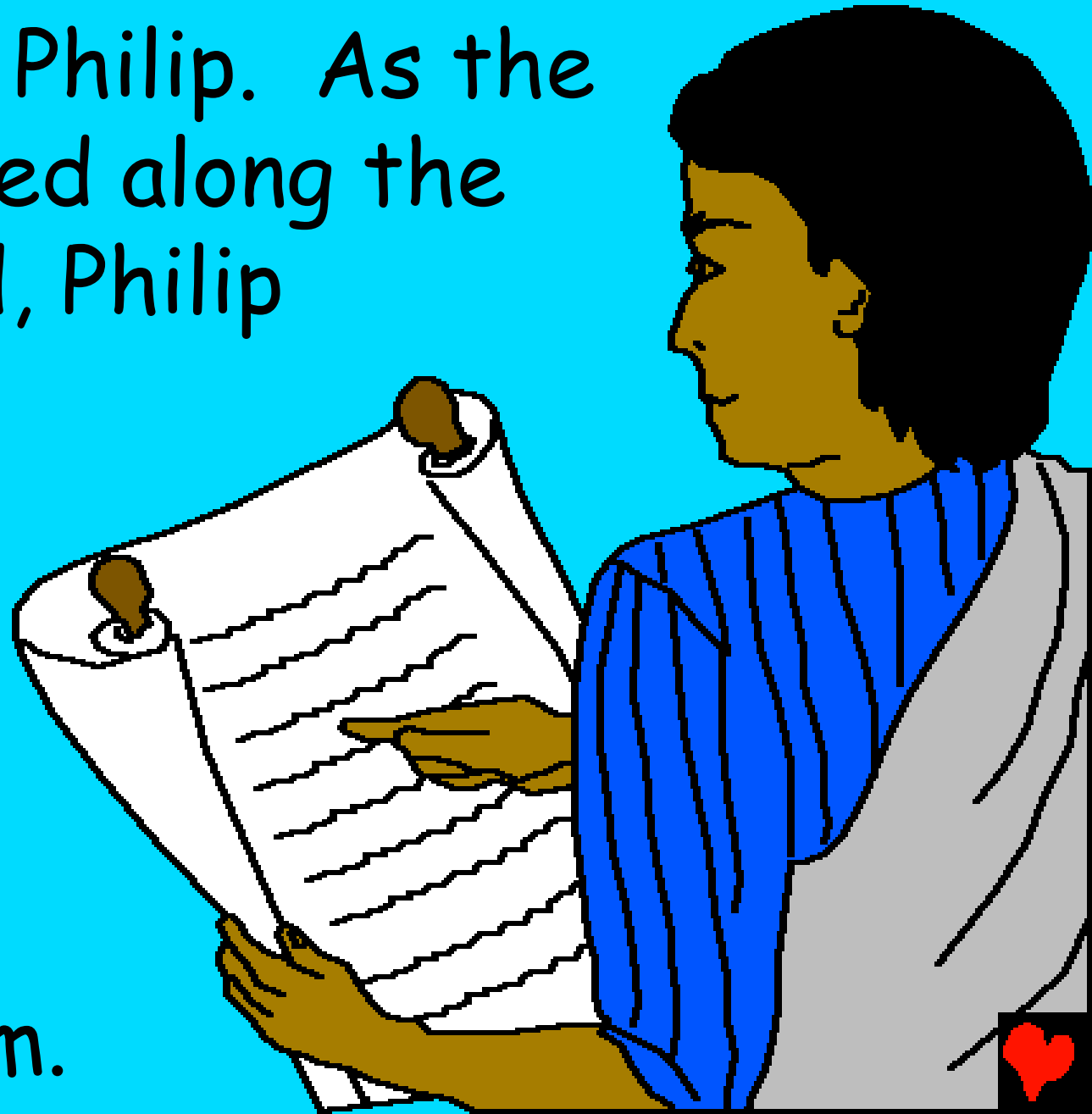




He invited  
Philip to join him.



"What does this mean?" the ruler asked Philip. As the chariot jolted along the desert road, Philip opened his mouth and, beginning at that Scripture, preached Jesus to him.





The African ruler soon believed the message of the Bible, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.





Seeing some  
water, he said,  
"What hinders me  
from being baptized?"



Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." When the ruler answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God," Philip

took him to the water and baptized him.



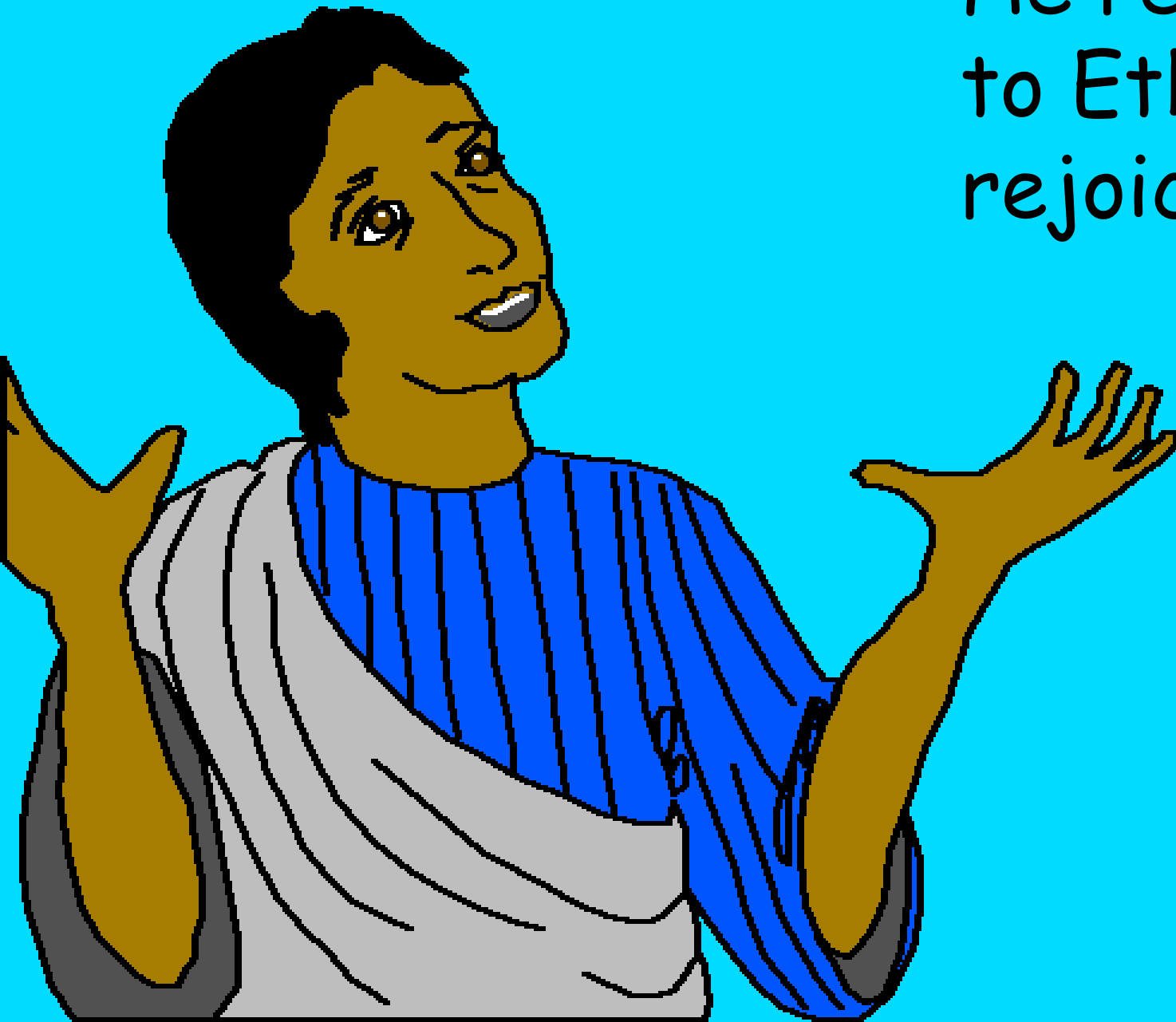


Now when they came up  
out of the water, the  
Spirit of the Lord  
caught Philip away,

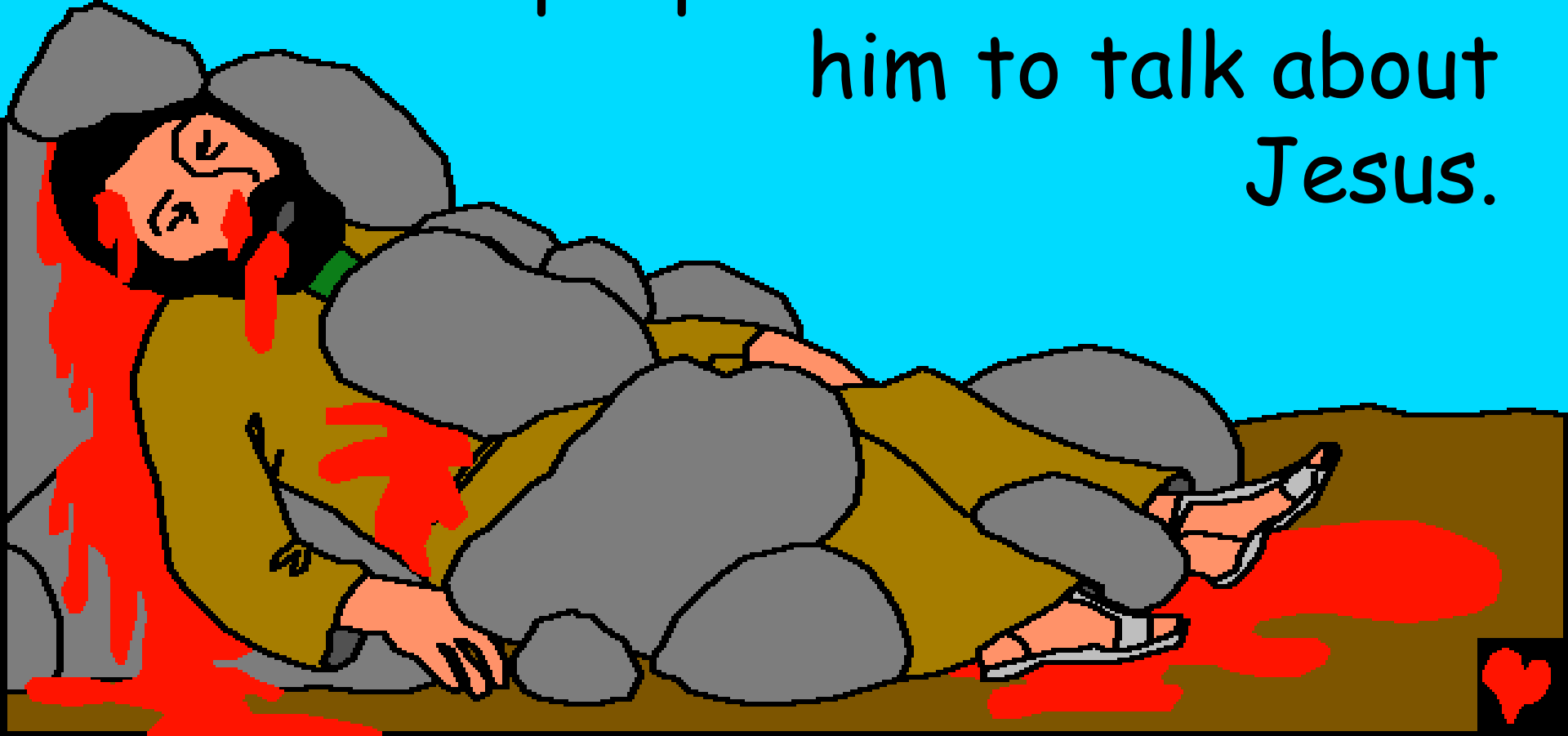
so  
the  
African  
ruler  
saw him  
no more.



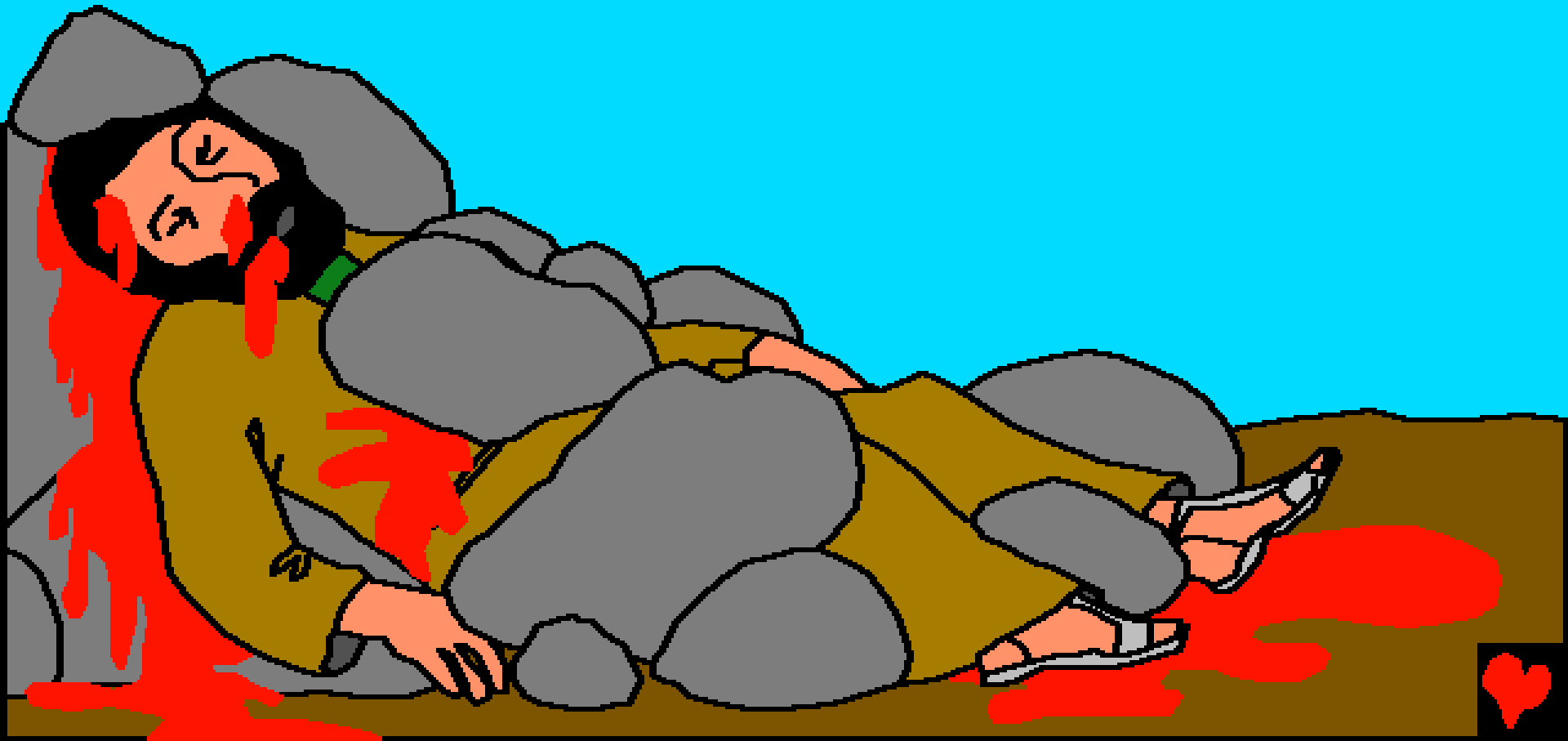
He returned  
to Ethiopia  
rejoicing!



But some people hated the Christians. Stephen, one of Philip's friends, had been killed by angry people who did not want him to talk about Jesus.



A man called Saul from Tarsus had helped to kill Stephen. Saul hated all Christians.





Saul, breathing threats and murder against the Christians, went to the High Priest and got letters giving him the right to arrest men or women who followed Jesus.





Poor Saul of Tarsus!  
He didn't know  
that when he  
hurt God's  
people, he  
was actually  
hurting the  
Lord Jesus  
Himself. God  
had to stop Saul.  
But how?



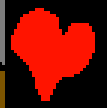
God "arrested" Saul!  
While Saul was on the  
road to the city of  
Damascus, God shone  
a great light from  
Heaven. Saul fell  
to the ground.  
Then he heard  
a Voice.

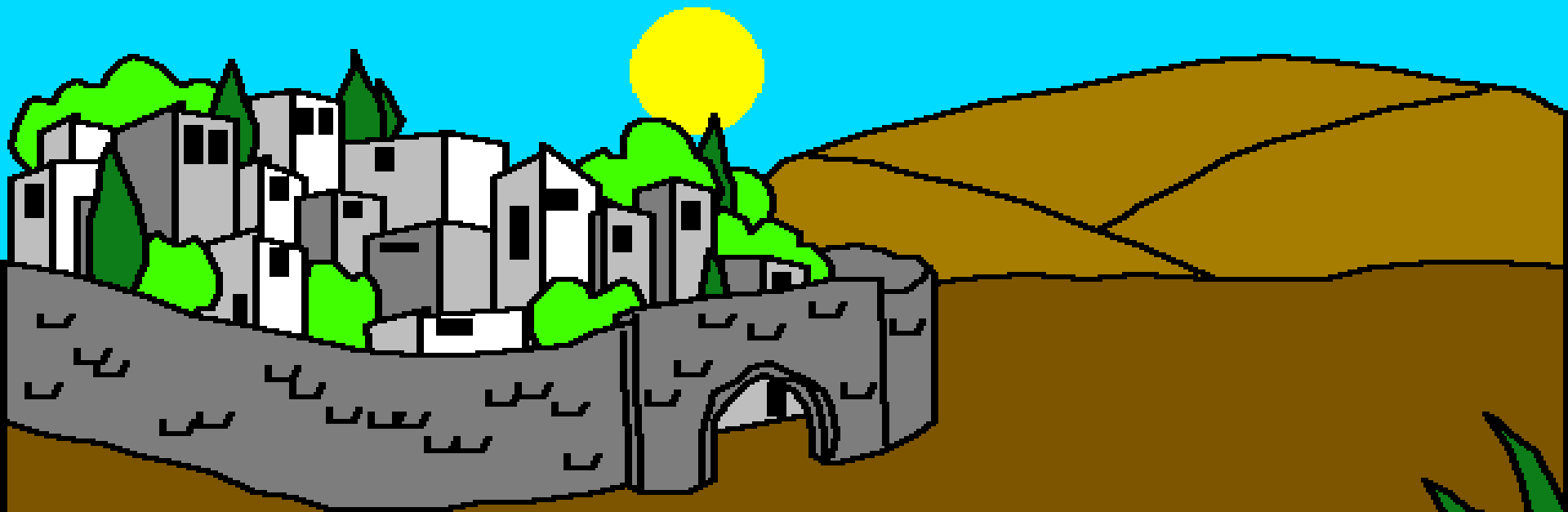




"Who are you, Lord?"

Saul cried out. "I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting." Trembling and astonished, Saul asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"



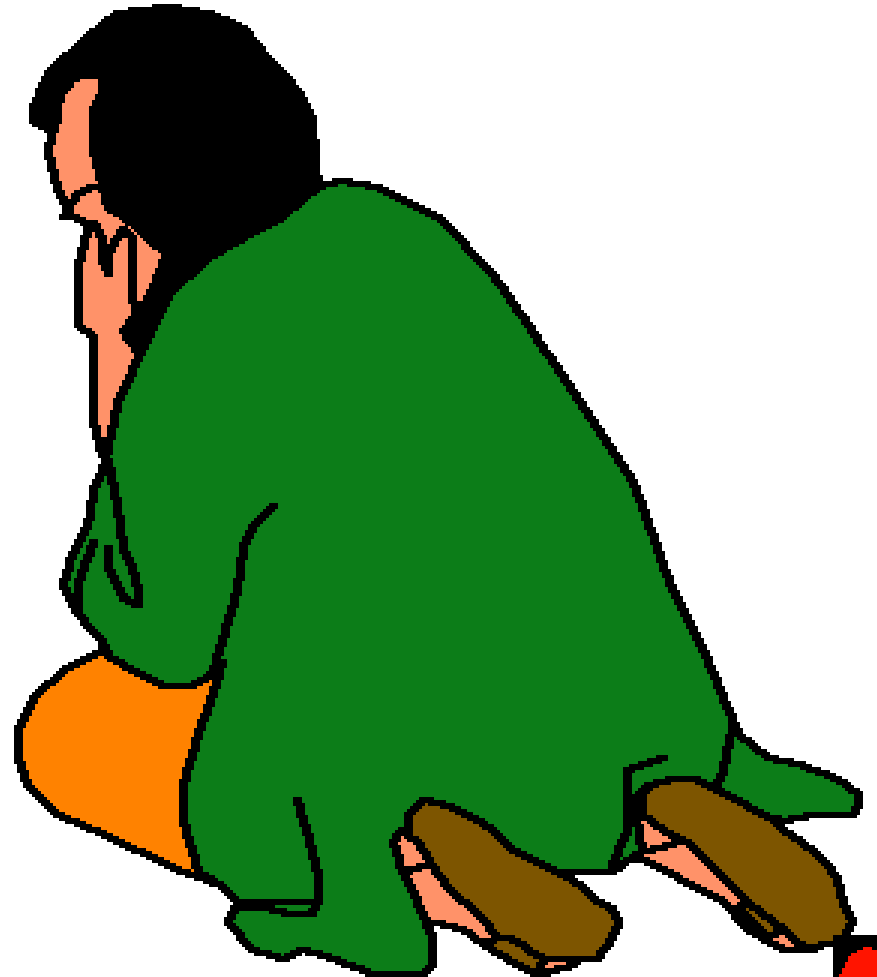


And the Lord said to him,  
"Arise and go into the  
city, and you will be told  
what you must do."

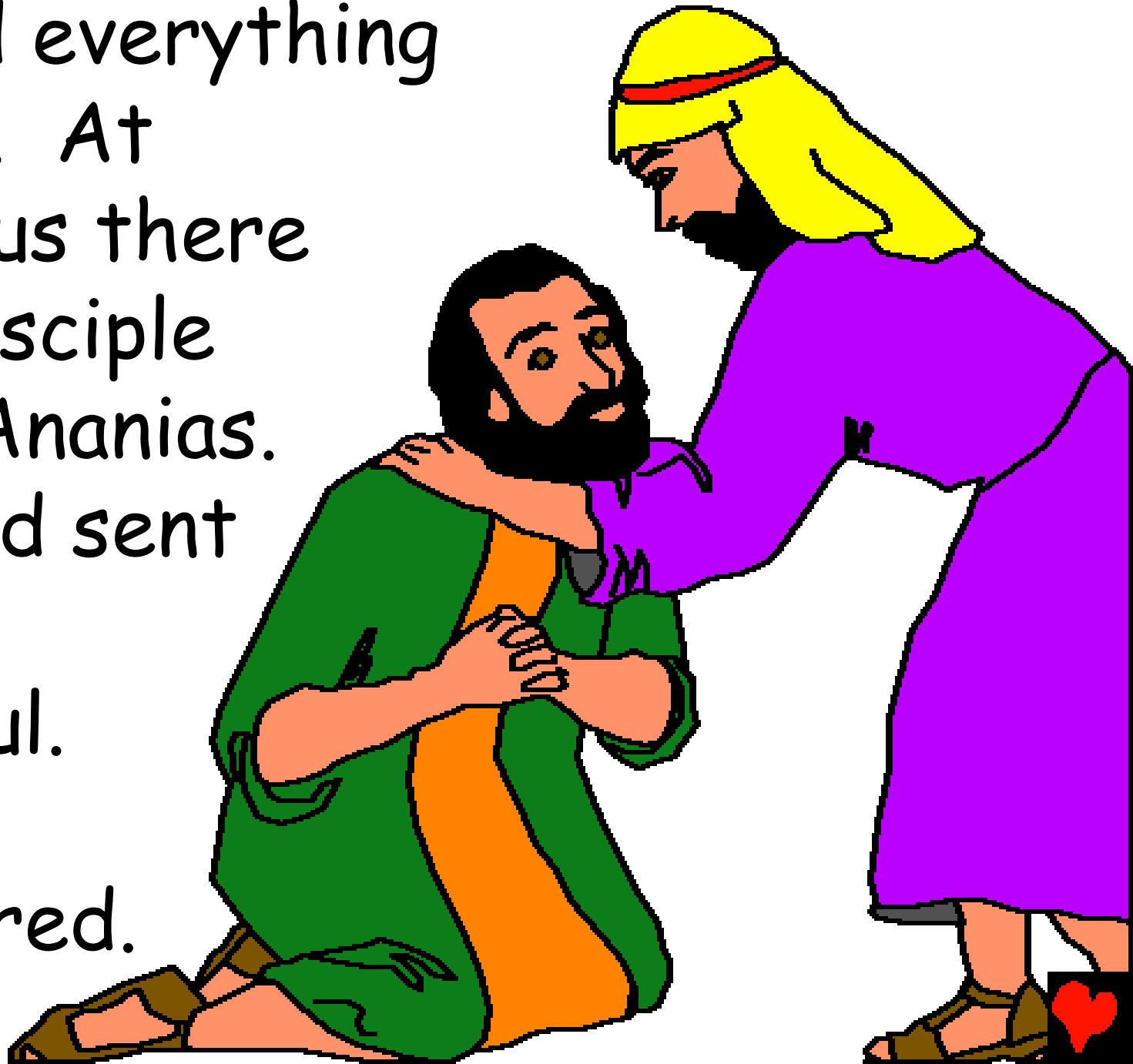
The men with Saul also heard the Voice, but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground - and found he was blind! They led him into Damascus.



In the city, Saul was three days without sight and neither ate nor drank. Perhaps he spent the time praying to the Lord Jesus Who had met him on the Damascus road.



God had everything planned. At Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord sent him to help Saul. Ananias was scared.

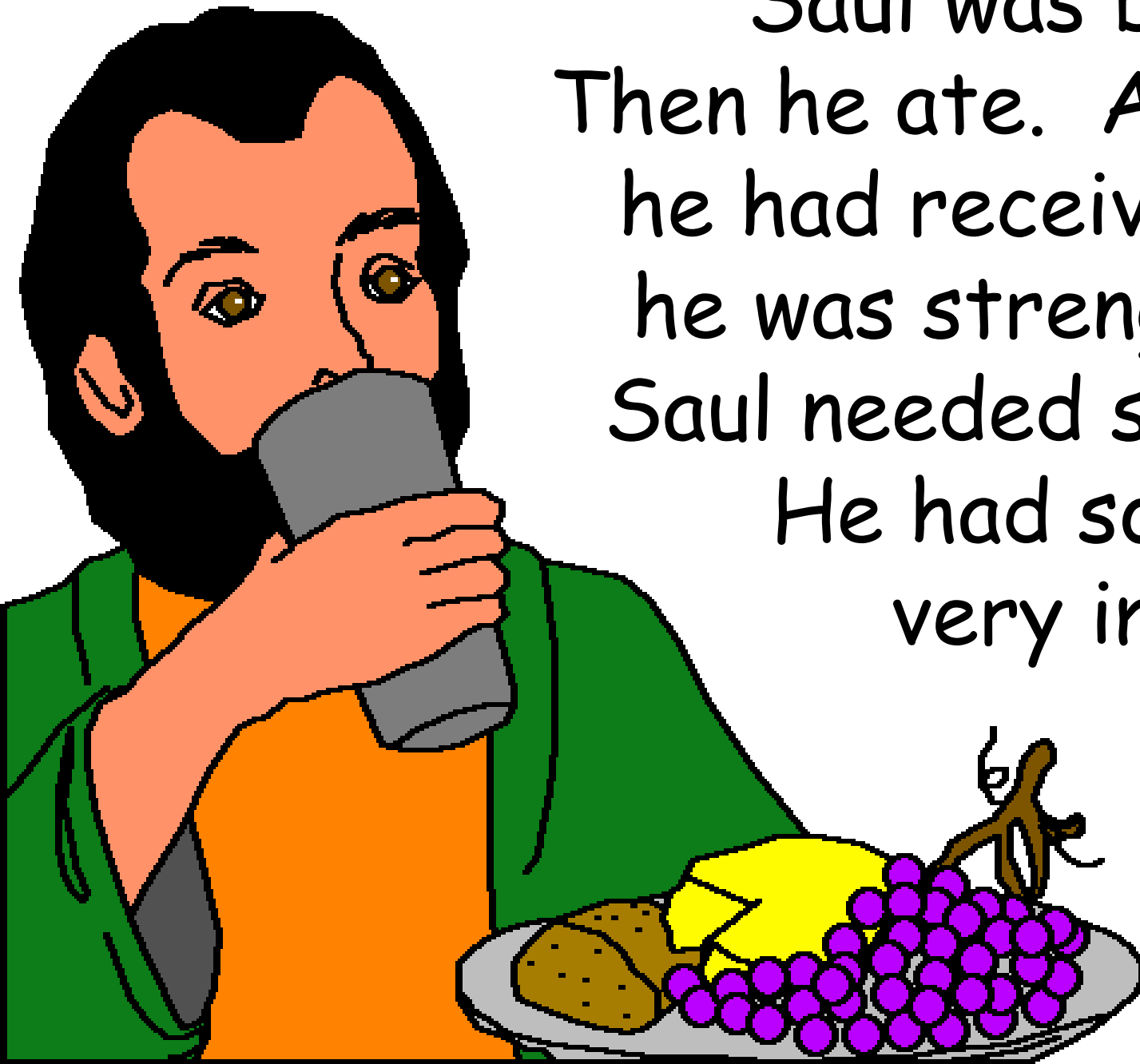




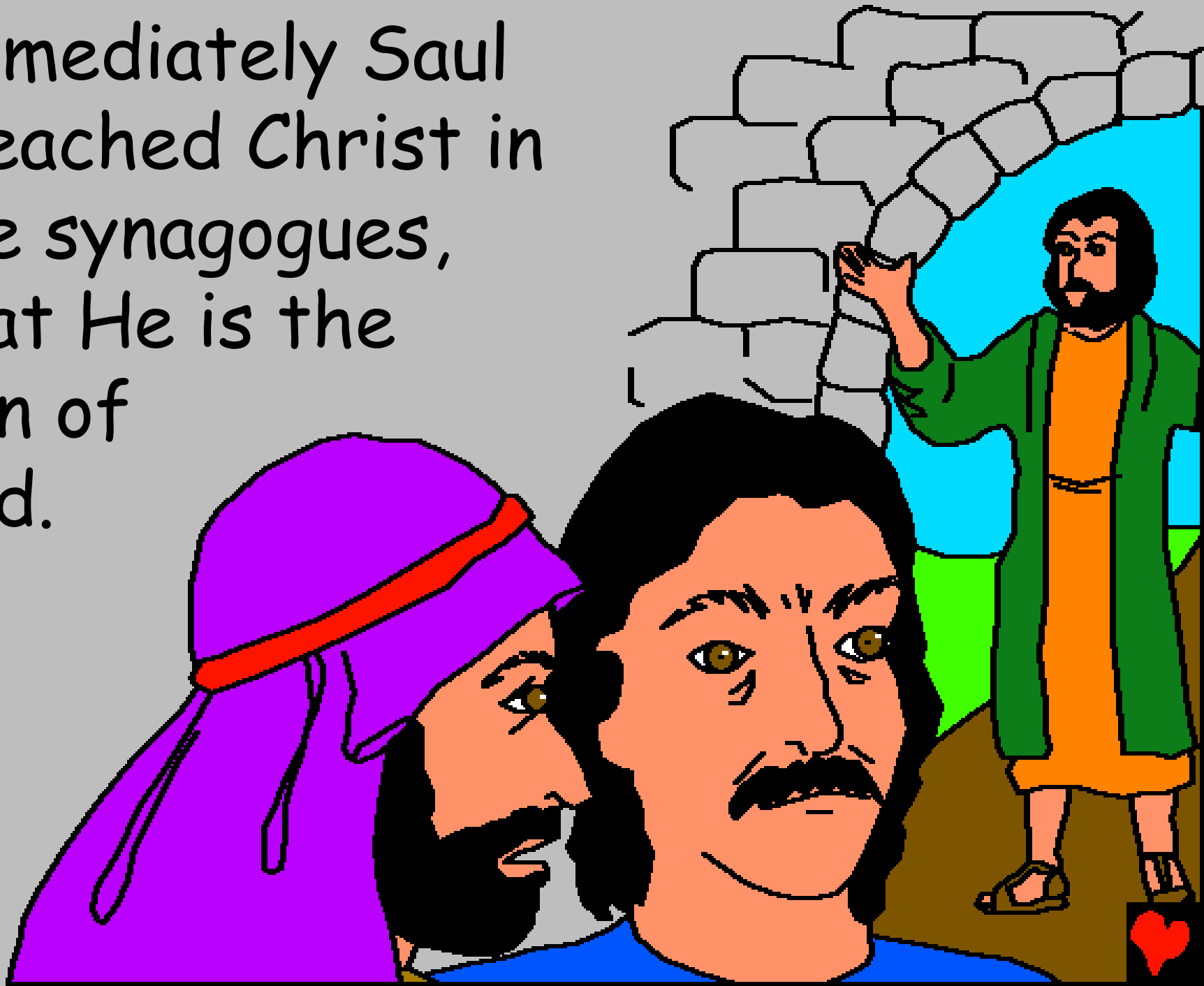
But he obeyed  
God. When he laid  
hands on Saul, the  
blindness left -  
and Saul was  
filled with  
God's Holy  
Spirit.



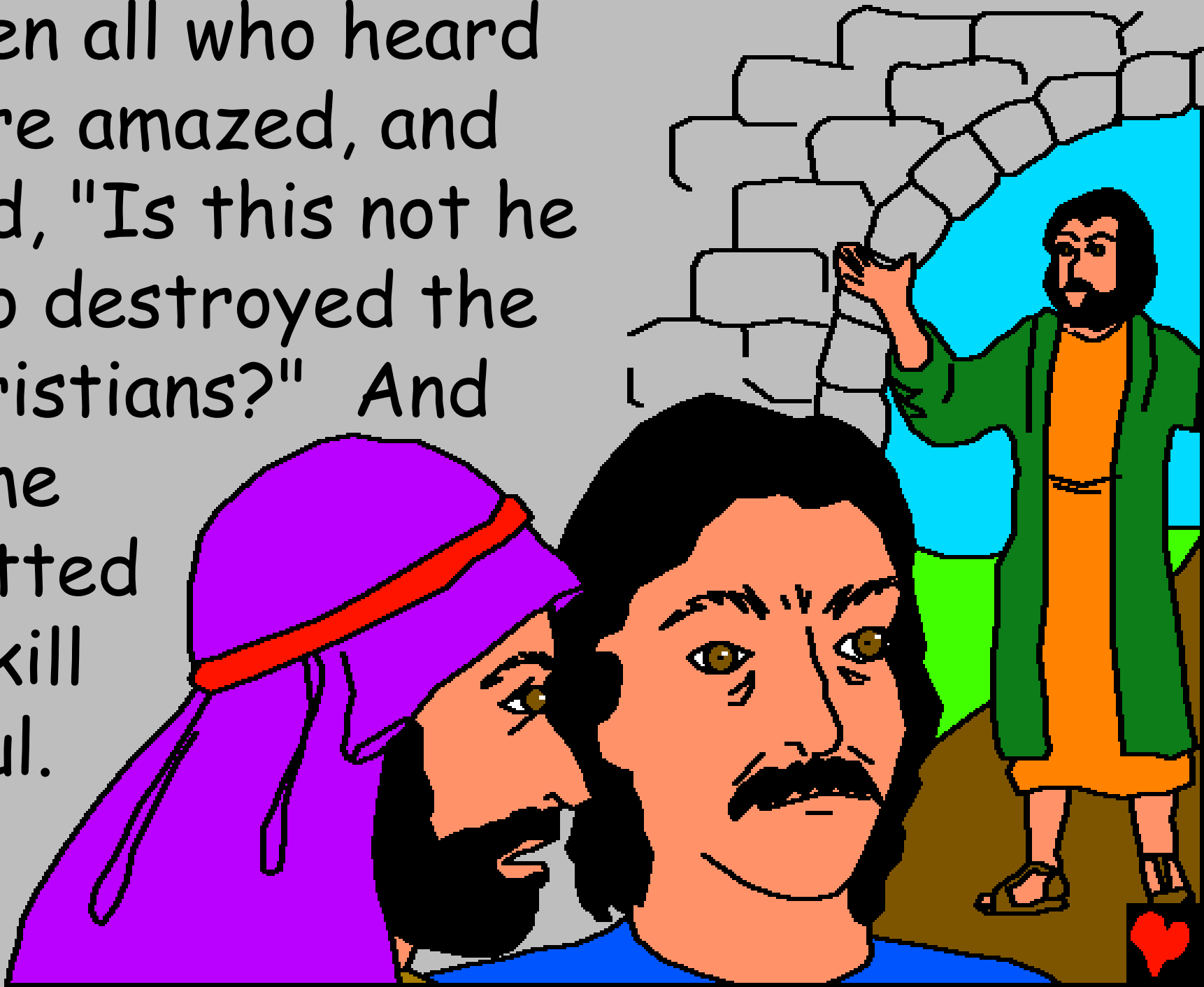
Saul was baptized.  
Then he ate. And when  
he had received food,  
he was strengthened.  
Saul needed strength.  
He had something  
very important  
to do.



Immediately Saul  
preached Christ in  
the synagogues,  
that He is the  
Son of  
God.



Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed the Christians?" And some plotted to kill Saul.





Saul's new enemies watched the city gates to kill Saul if he tried to leave the city.





But his new friends, the Christians, took him by night and let him down over the wall in a large basket.





And from then on, Saul the persecutor of Christians lived as a faithful follower of his new Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.



# From Persecutor to Preacher

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Acts 8 and 9

"The entrance of Your Words gives light."

Psalm 119:130





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

