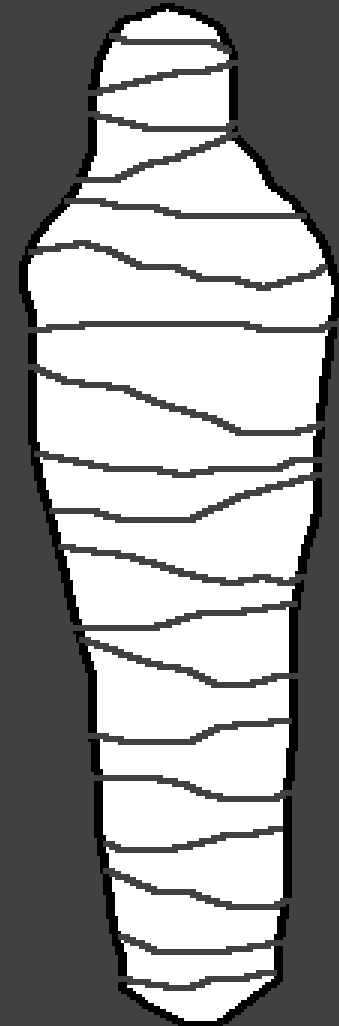


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JESUS
AND
LAZARUS



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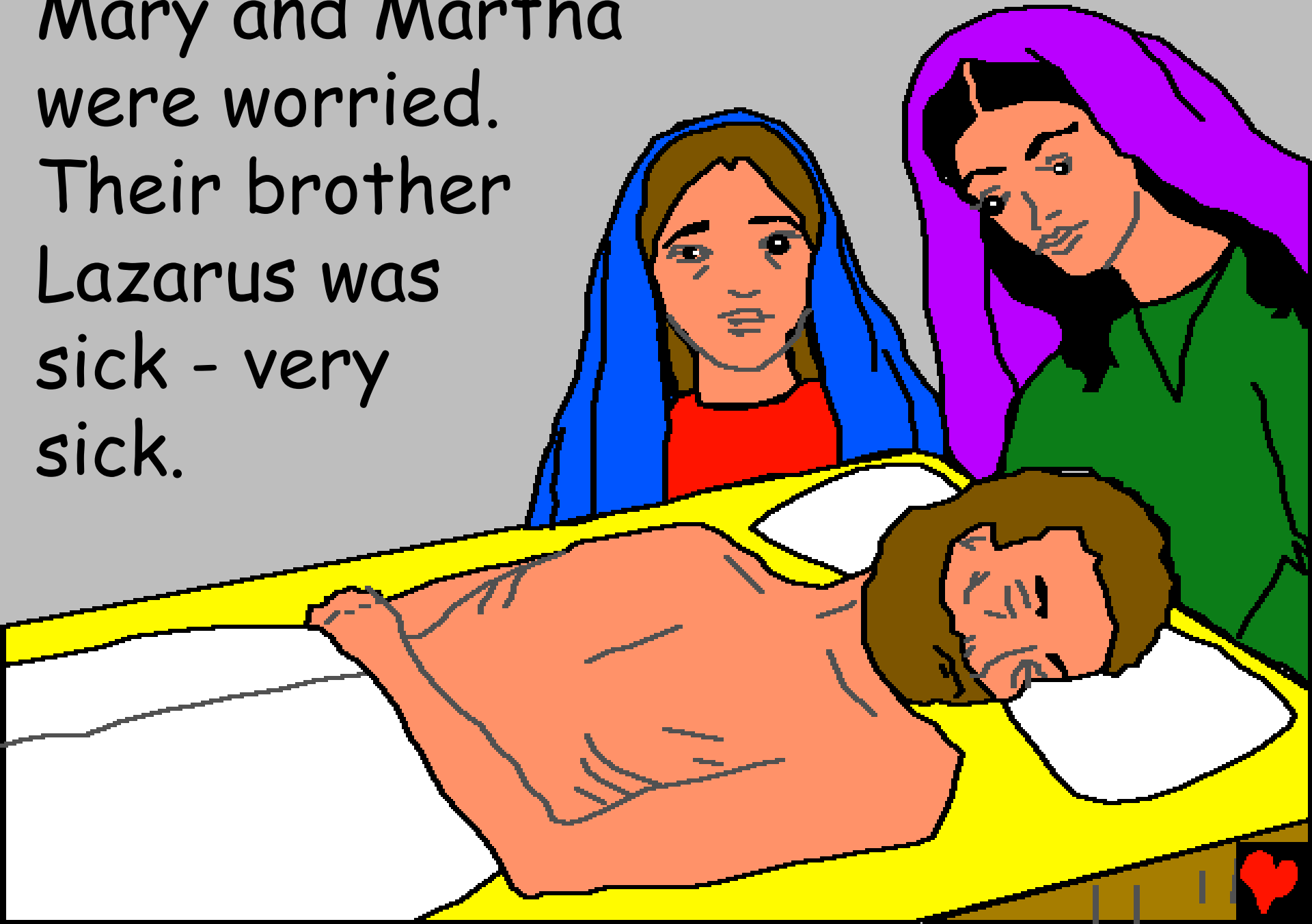
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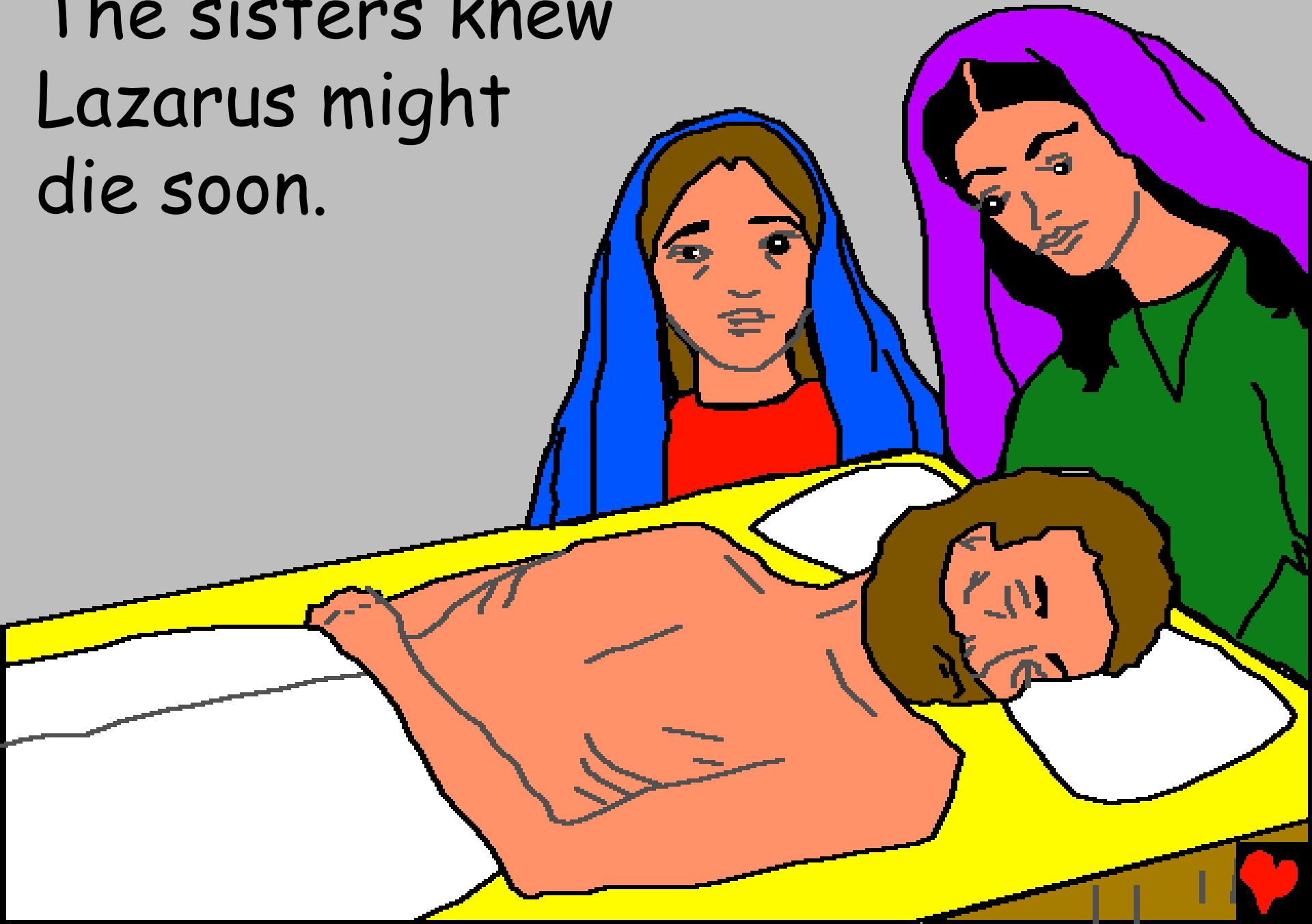
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Mary and Martha
were worried.
Their brother
Lazarus was
sick - very
sick.



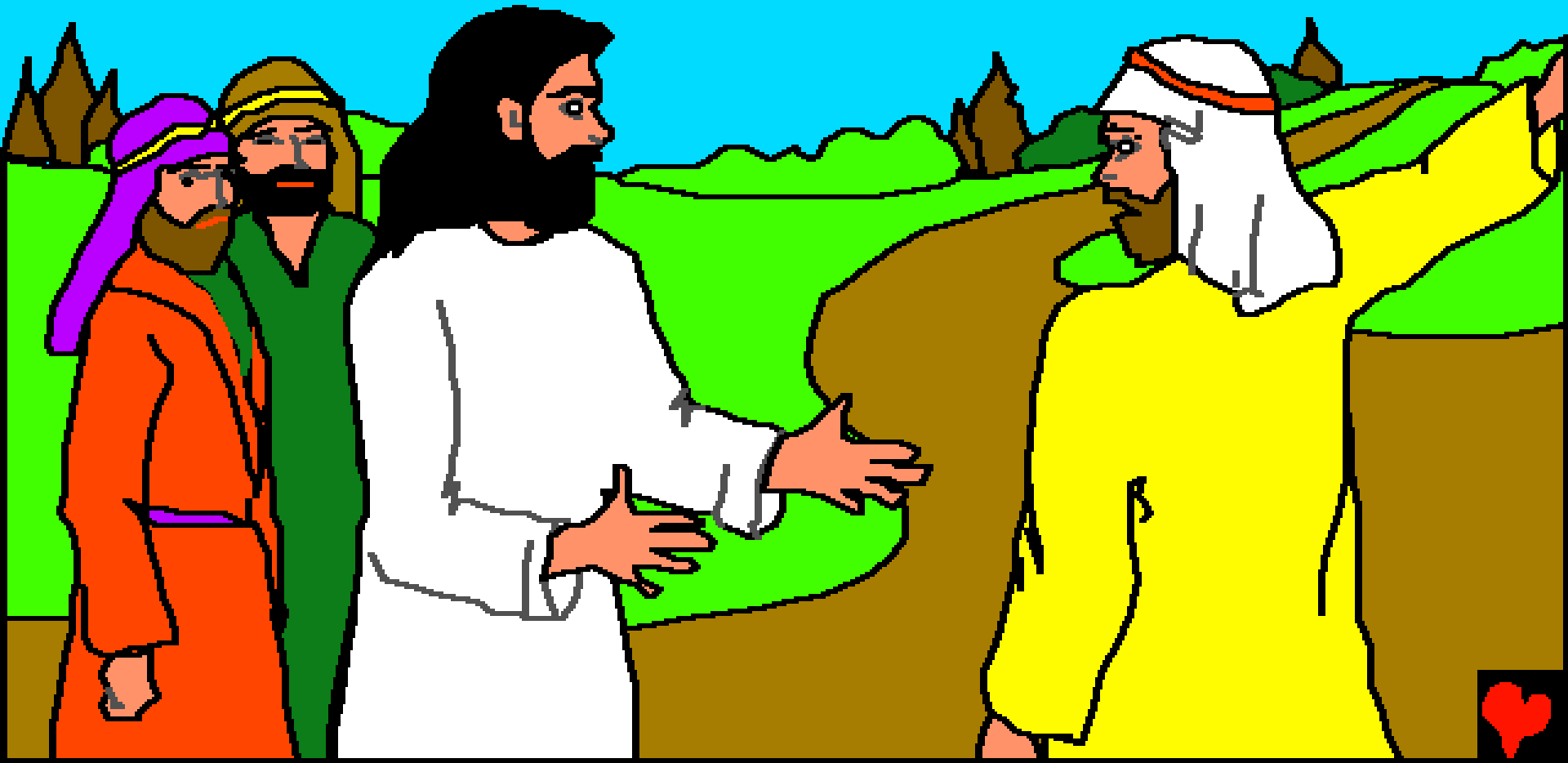
The sisters knew
Lazarus might
die soon.



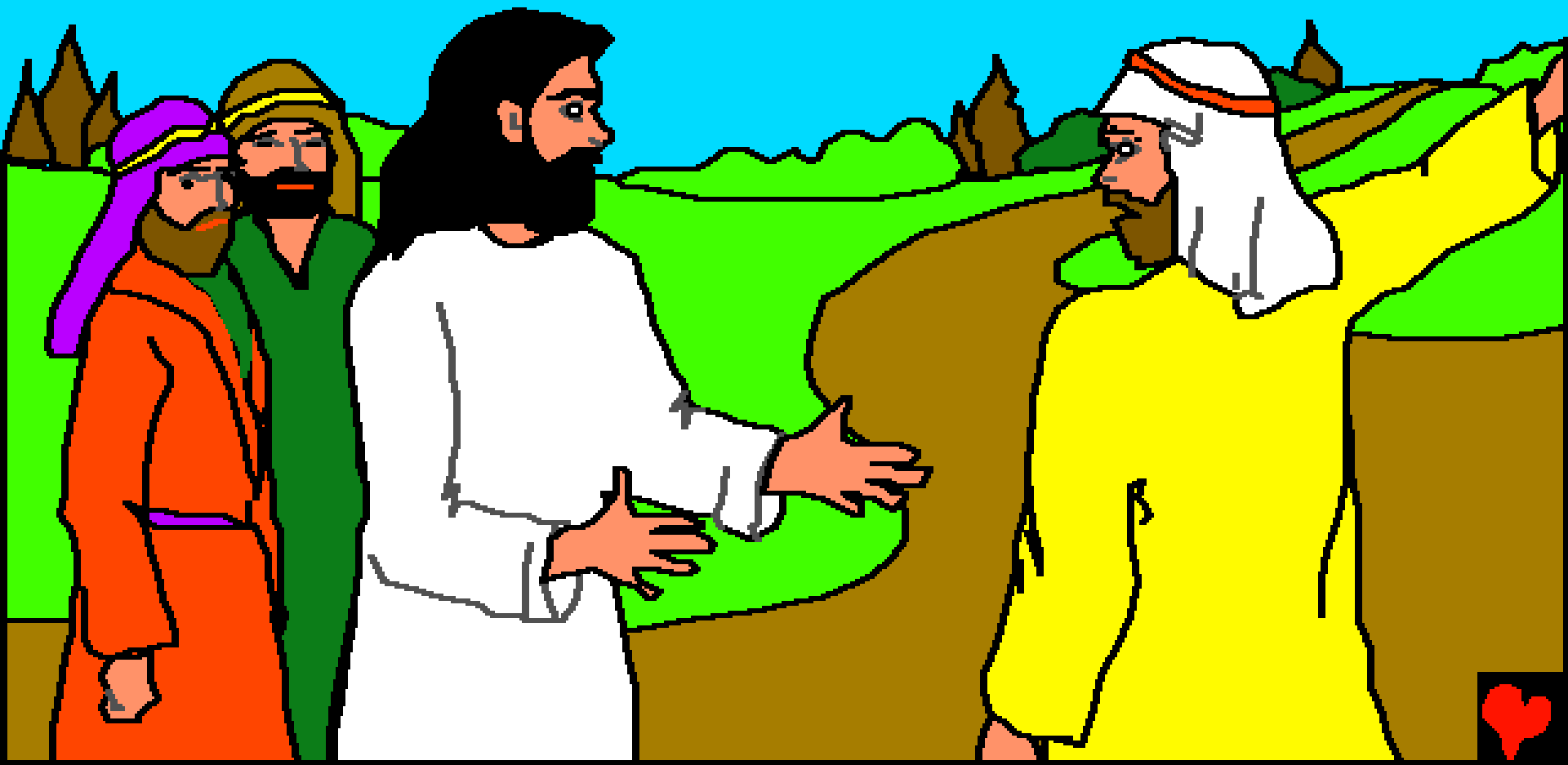
They sent for Jesus.
He loved this
little family
from
Bethany.



When Jesus heard about Lazarus He told His disciples, "This sickness will not end in death."



Although Jesus was many miles away, He knew exactly what was going to happen to Lazarus.



Jesus waited two days before leaving for Bethany. Then He said something which puzzled His disciples.

"Lazarus is dead."



I'm glad I was not there so you may believe." What did these strange words mean? What was Jesus planning to do?

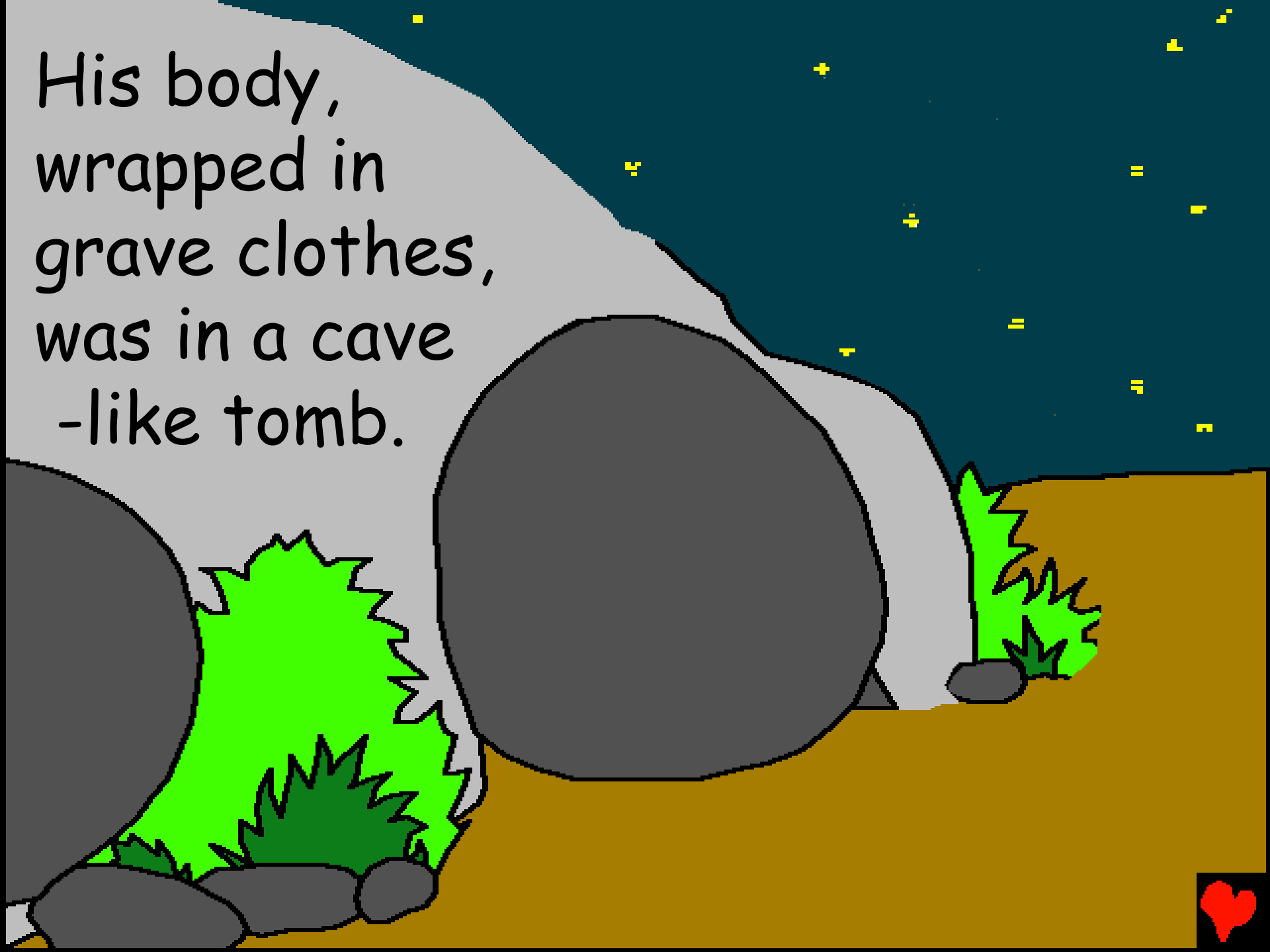


When
Jesus arrived
at Bethany,
Lazarus had
been dead

for four
days.



His body,
wrapped in
grave clothes,
was in a cave
-like tomb.



Martha went to meet Jesus. "Your brother will rise again," Jesus said. "I know - in the resurrection at ...

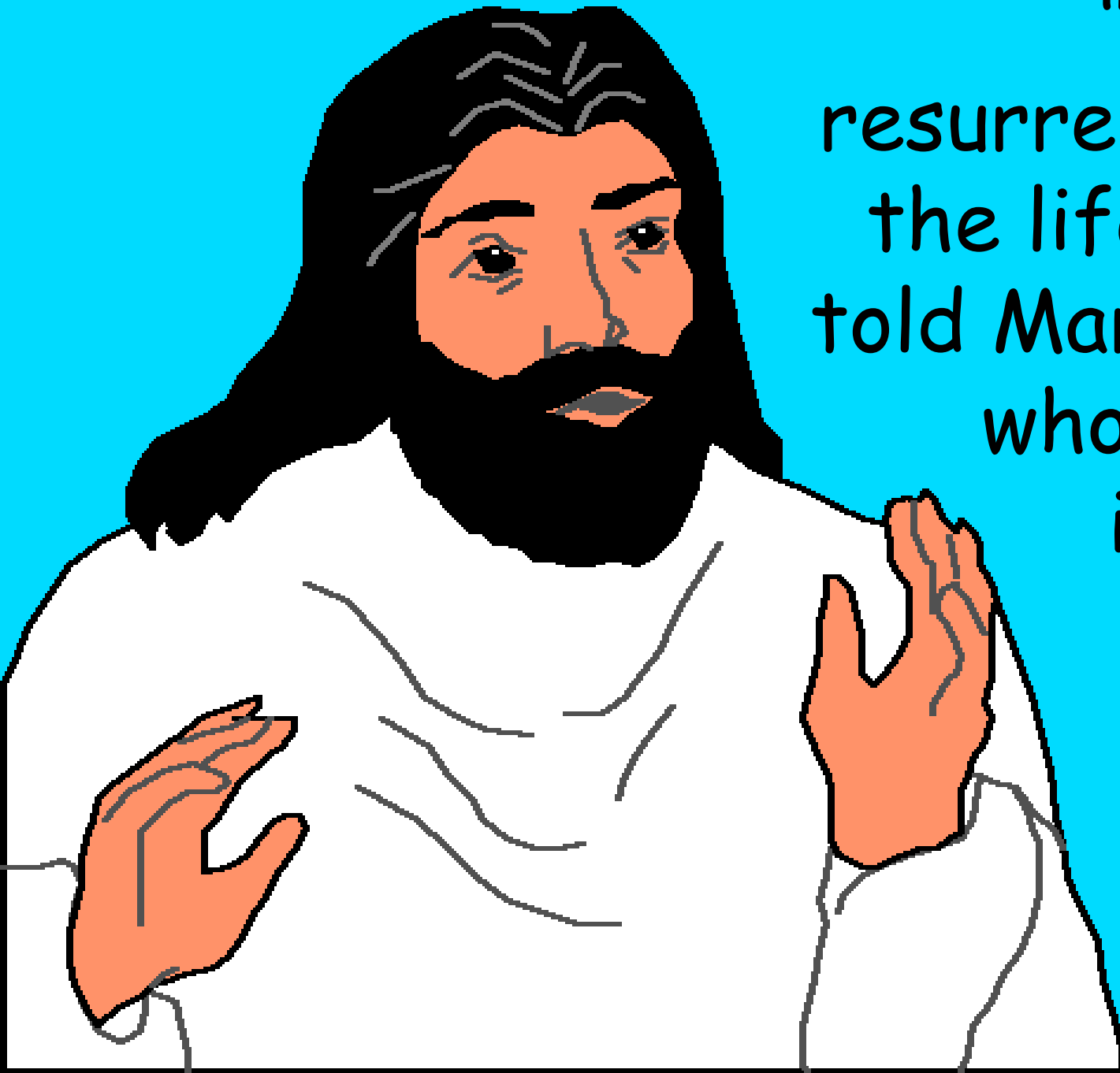


... the last day," Martha replied. She thought she had to wait until the end of time to see Lazarus again.



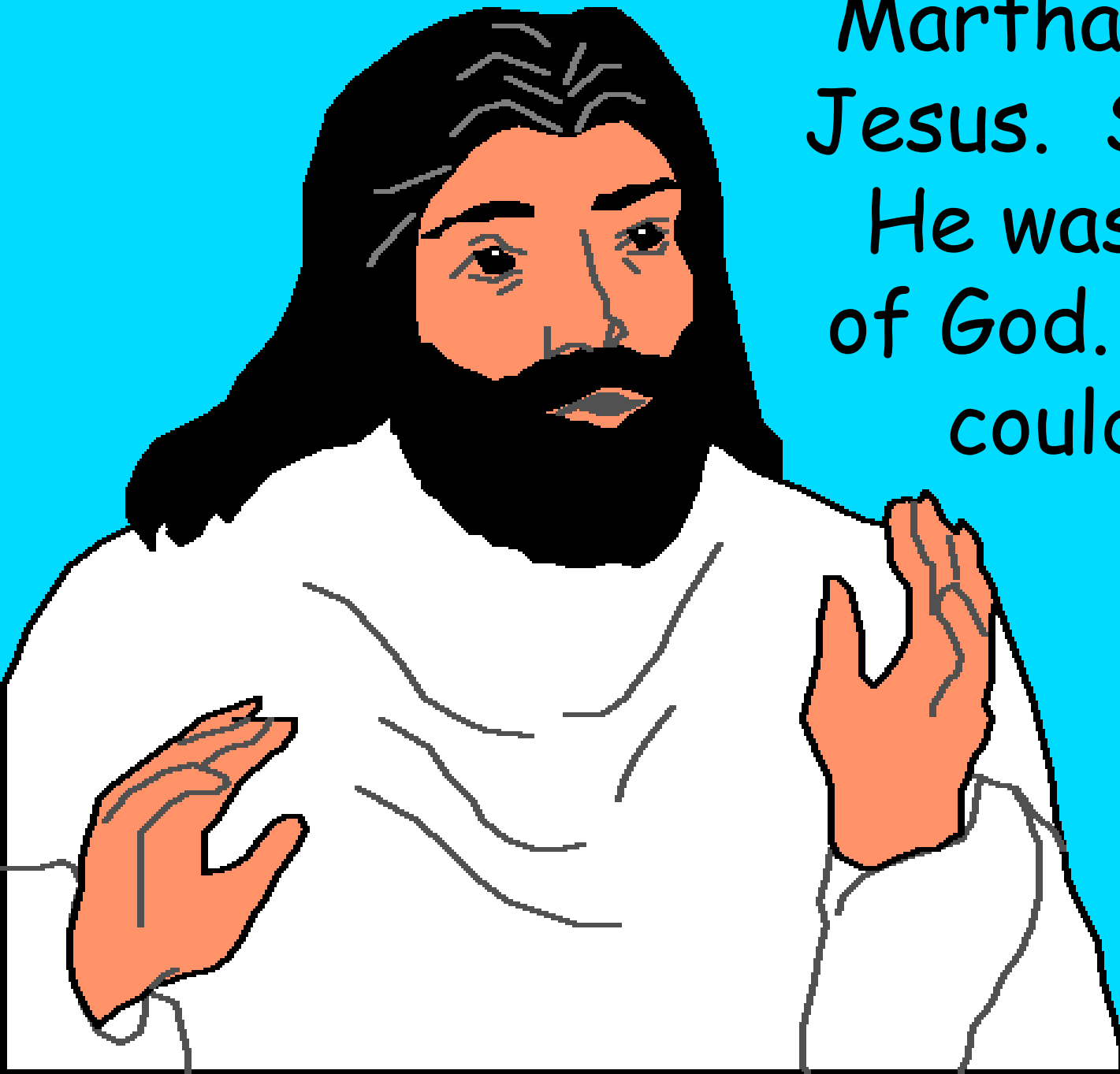
But Jesus meant something different.





"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus told Martha. "He who believes in Me will live even though he dies."

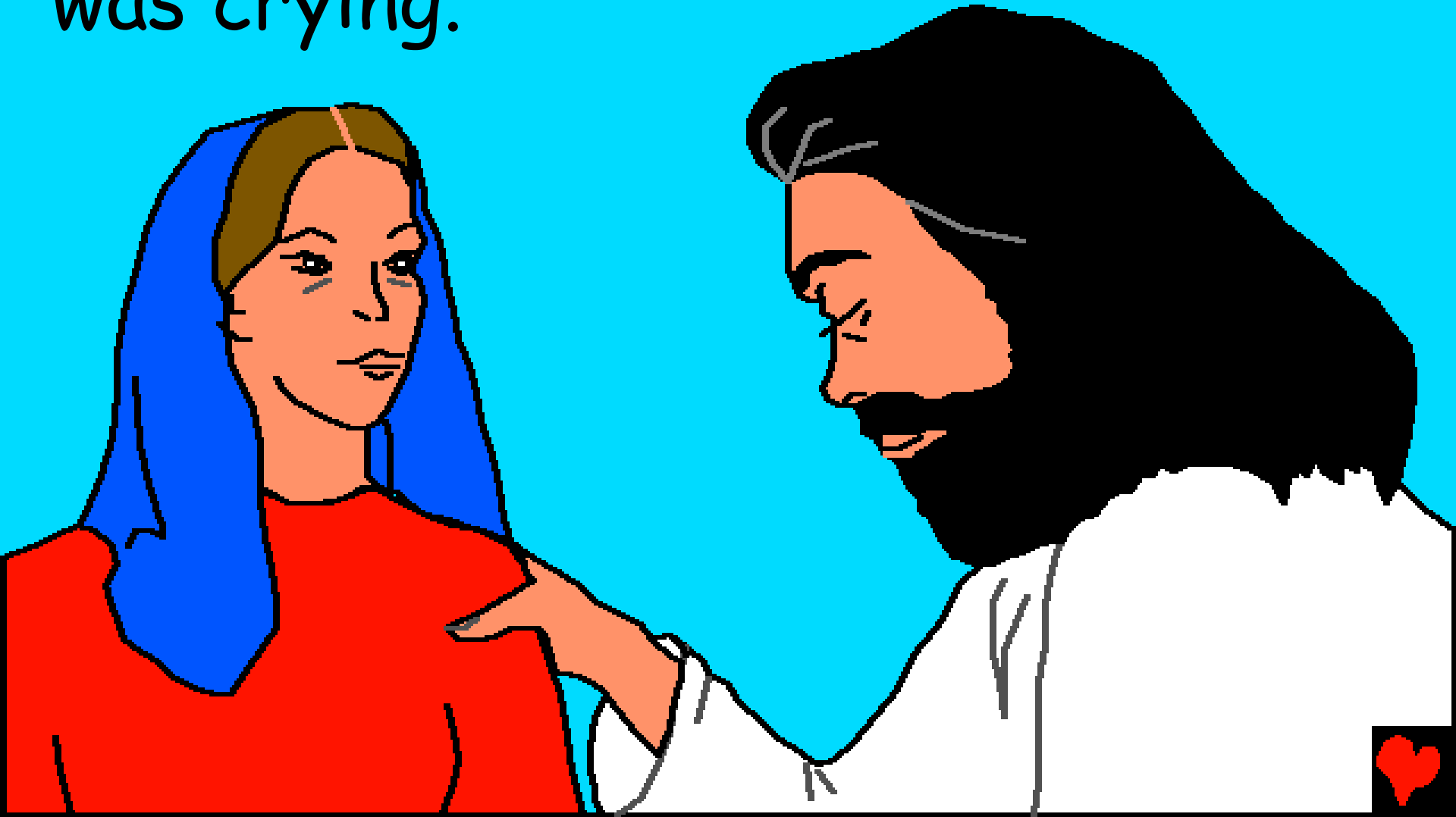




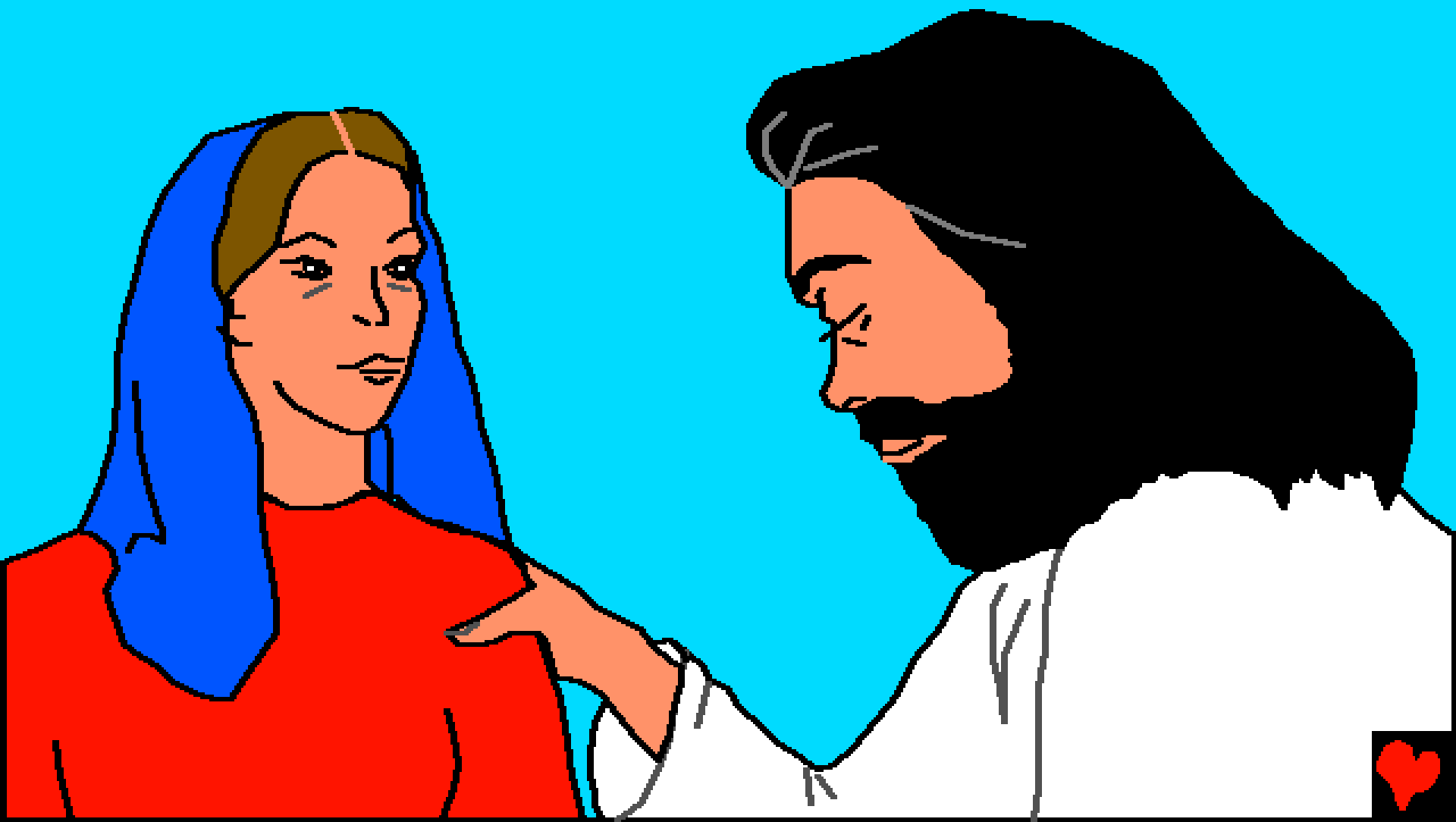
Martha believed
Jesus. She knew
He was the Son
of God. But how
could He help
Lazarus?



Everybody was sad because Lazarus had died. His sister Mary was crying.



So were her friends who tried to comfort her. Jesus cried too.



Jesus went with
the people to
the tomb.

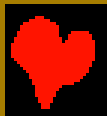
A large
stone lay
across the
doorway.




"Take away the stone," Jesus commanded.



"Lord," Martha answered, "by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

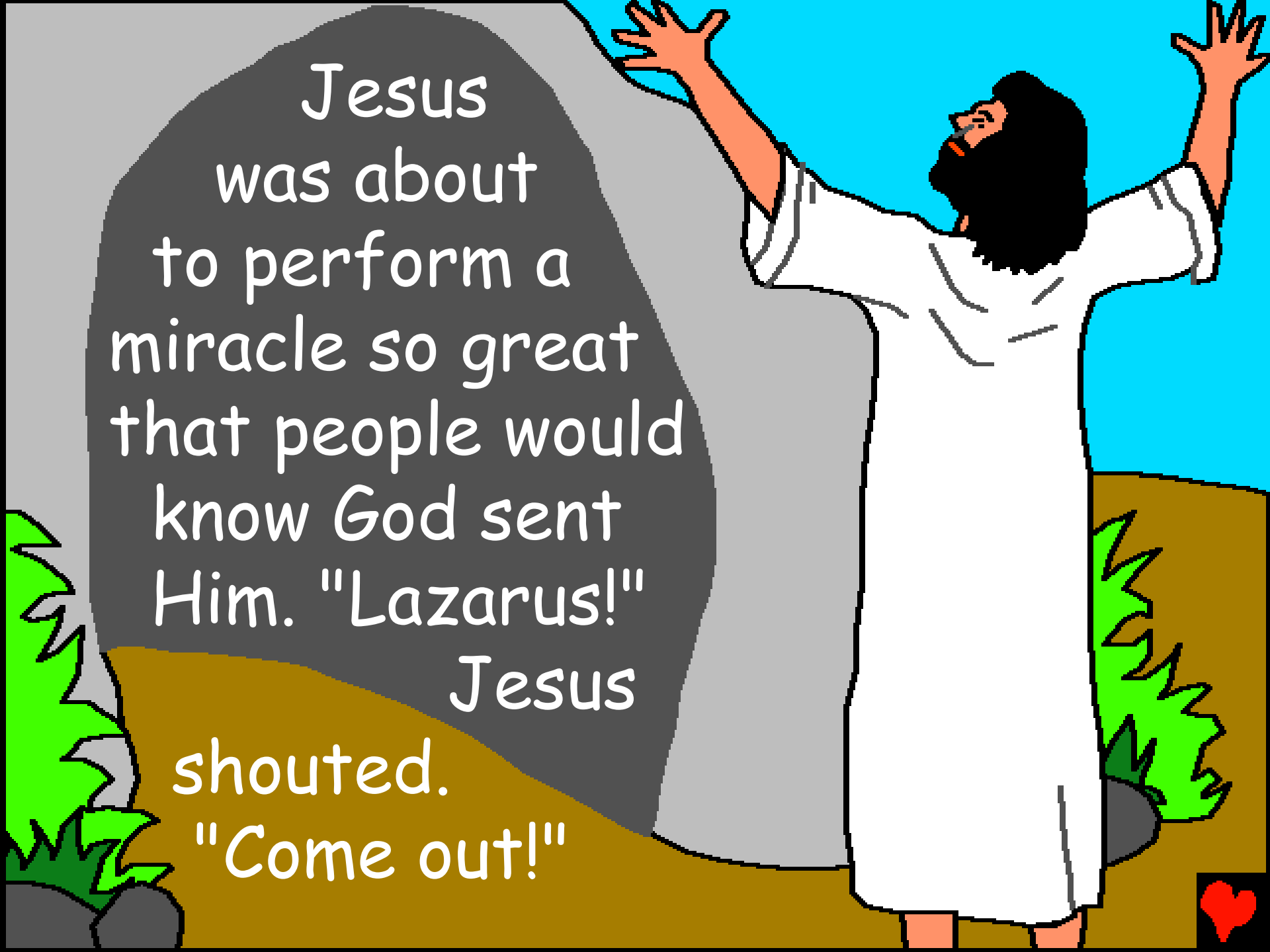




At Jesus'
command the
men took away
the stone.

Then Jesus
prayed to
His

heavenly
Father.



Jesus
was about
to perform a
miracle so great
that people would
know God sent
Him. "Lazarus!"

Jesus
shouted.
"Come out!"



The
people must
have stared
at the cave
in amazement.
Could Jesus make
a dead man
live?





YES!
Lazarus
came
out of
the
cave, ...





... all
wrapped
up in
grave
clothes

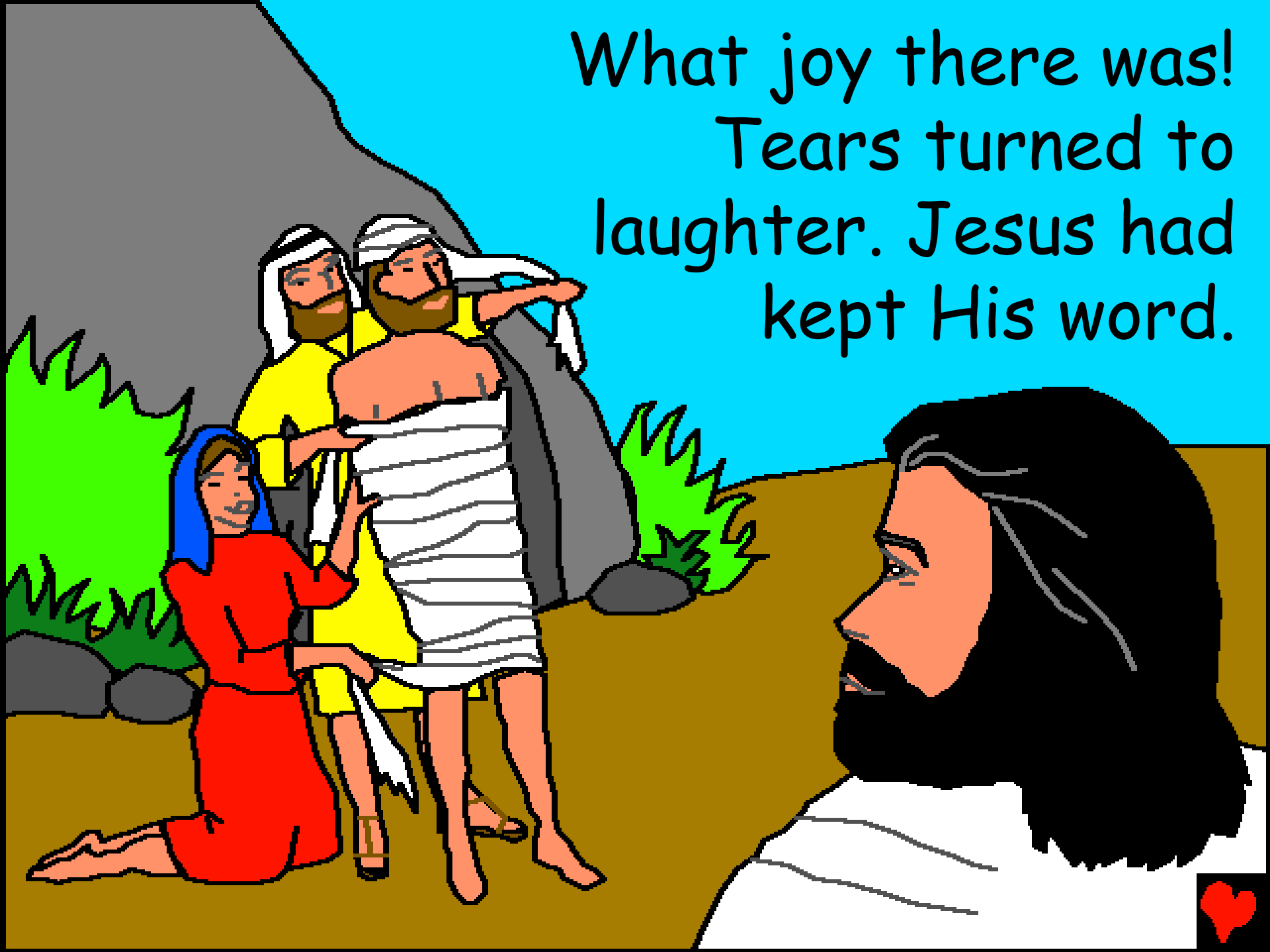
- ALIVE!



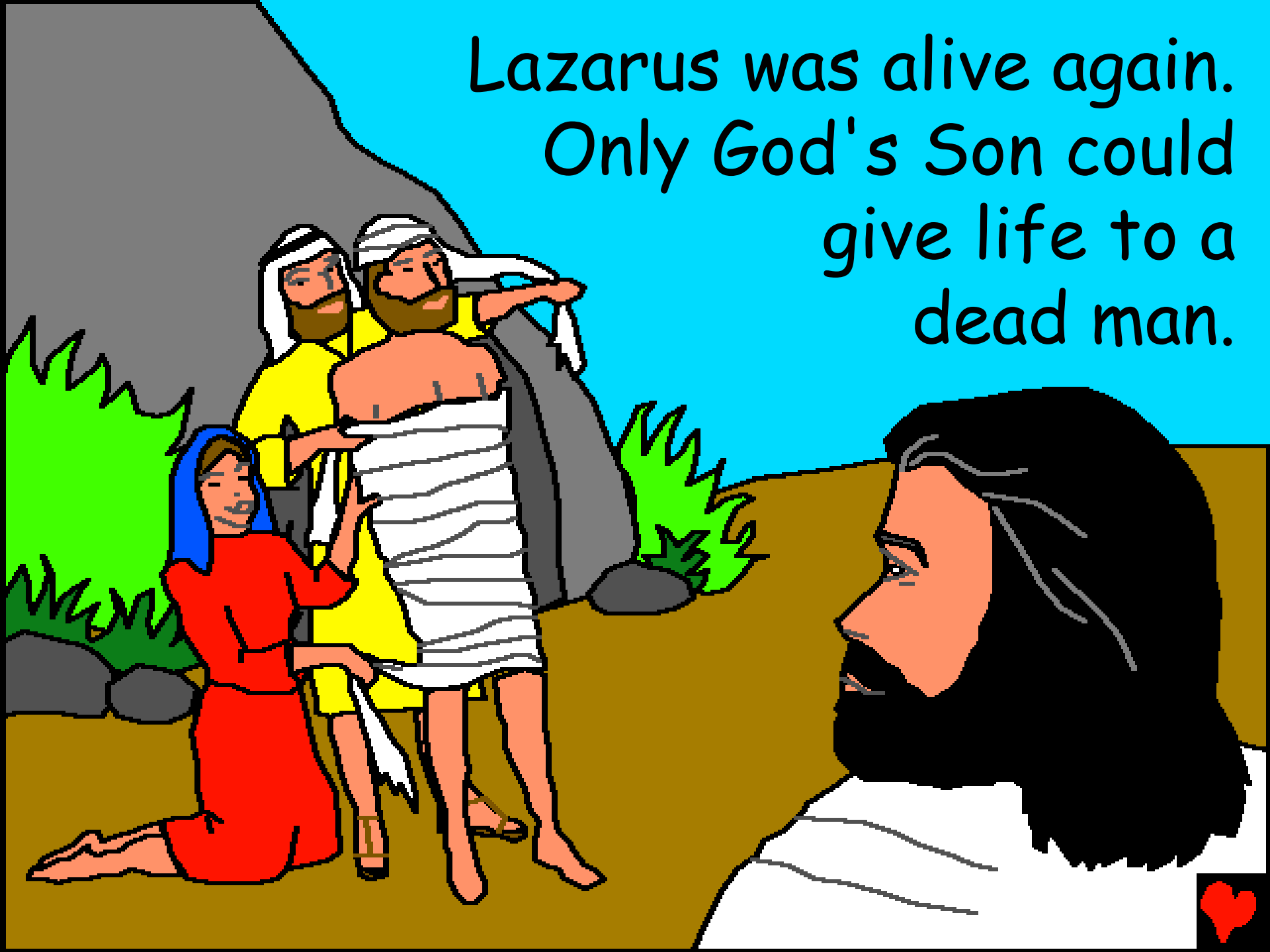
"Loose him," Jesus said. "Let him go."



What joy there was!
Tears turned to
laughter. Jesus had
kept His word.



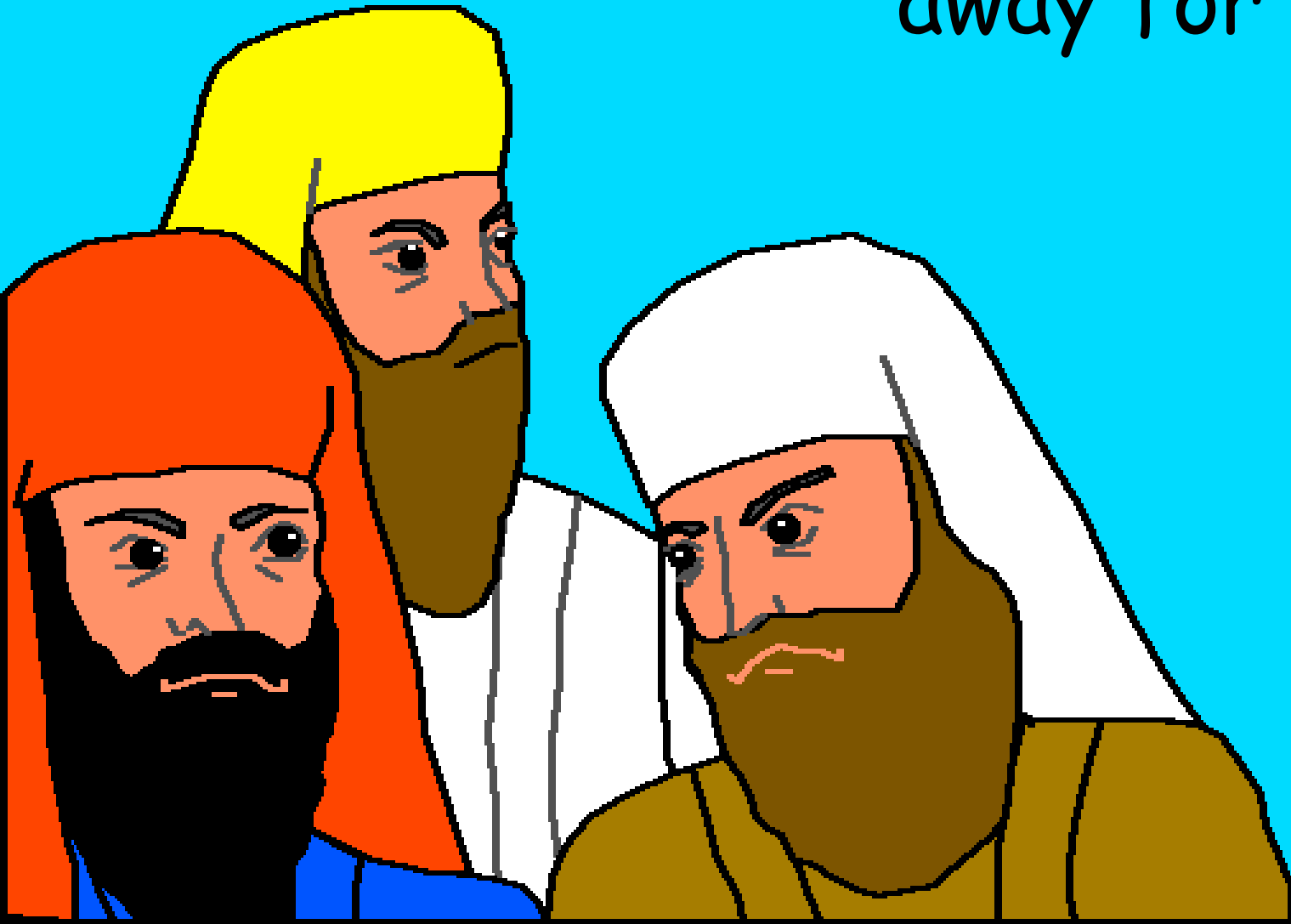
Lazarus was alive again.
Only God's Son could
give life to a
dead man.



Many people who saw this miracle believed in Jesus. But some others reported Him to His enemies - the temple leaders.



Jealously they plotted to kill Jesus.
When Jesus knew this He went
away for awhile.



Jesus and Lazarus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

John 11

"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

