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JESUS
AND
ZACCHEUS



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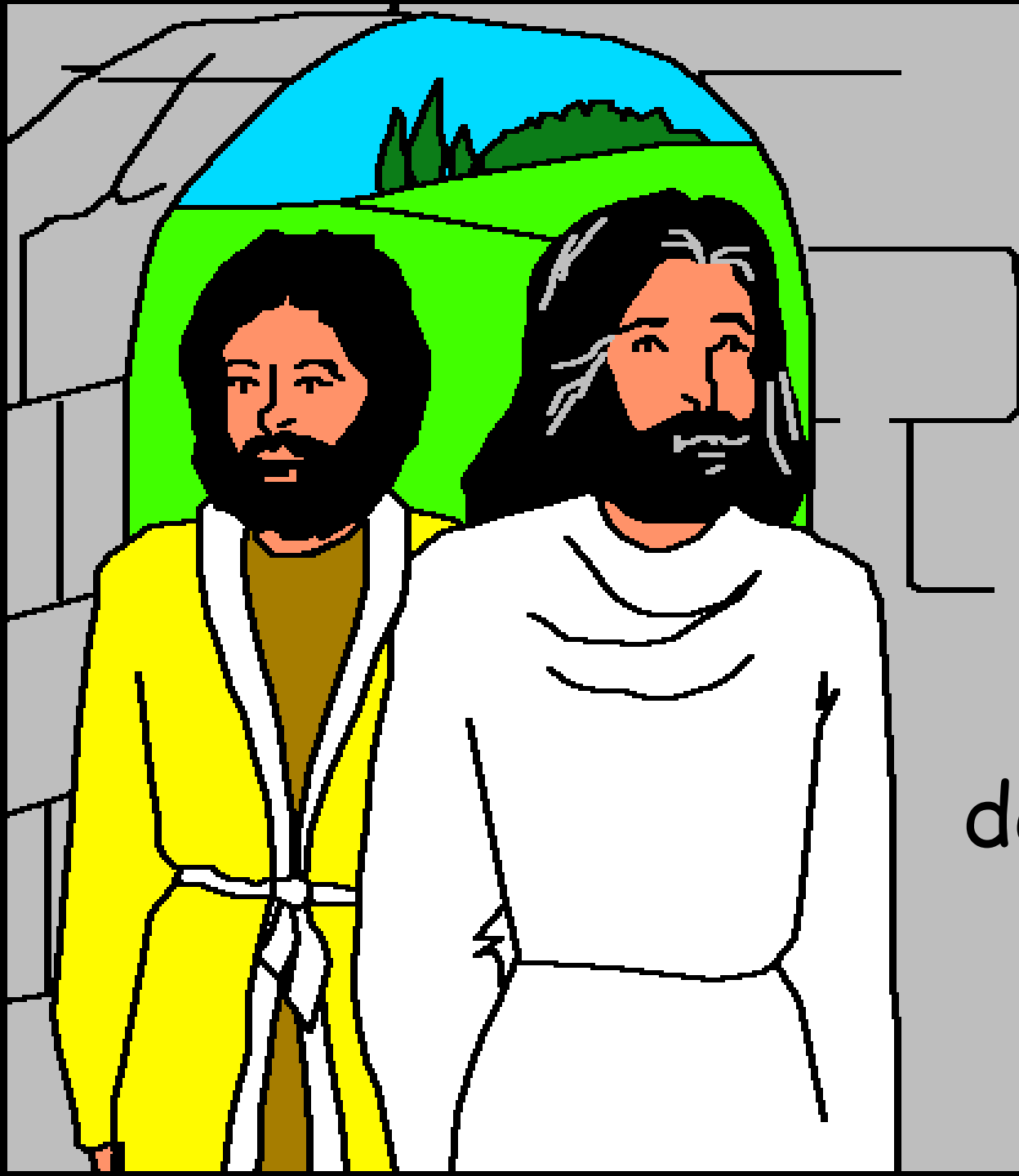
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One day,
Jesus
passed
through
Jericho.
This city
had been
destroyed by
Joshua long
ago.





Now it was rebuilt and many people lived there. Among them was a man named Zaccheus.





Probably the other people in Jericho did not like Zaccheus very much because he collected tax money from them.

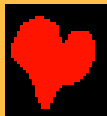
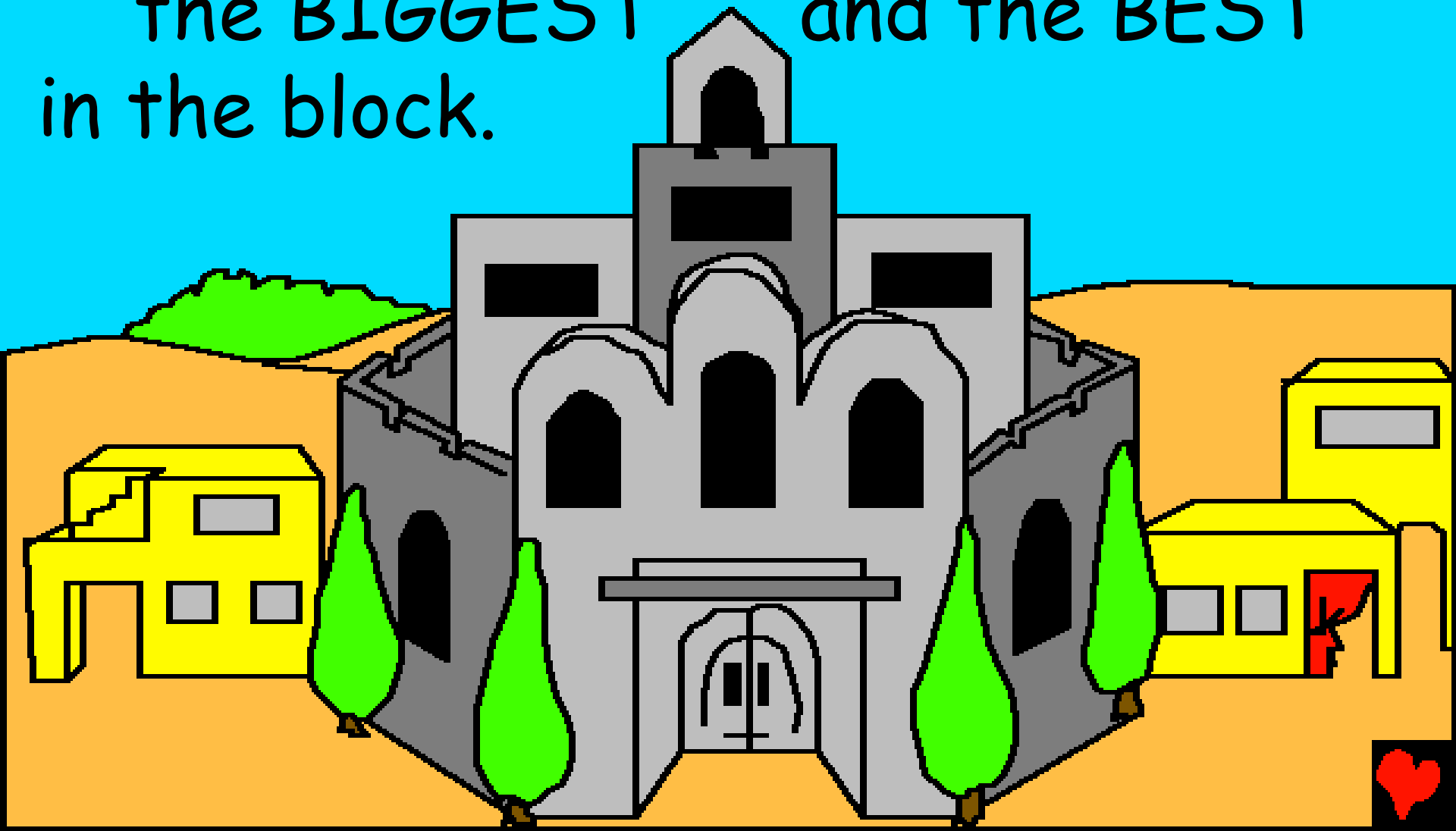




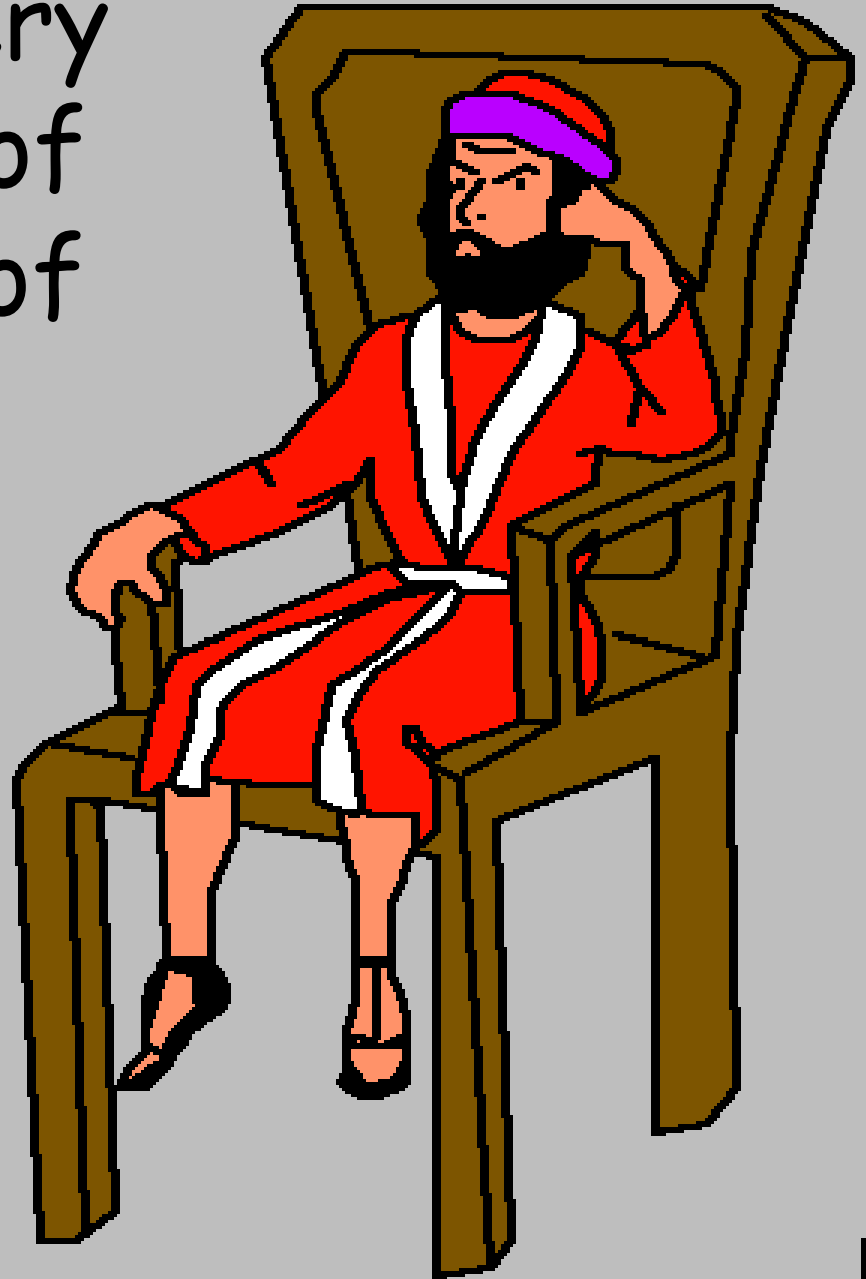
Zaccheus sent some of the money to the government - but kept a lot for himself.



Being a tax collector made Zaccheus very rich. His house may have been the **BIGGEST** and the **BEST** in the block.

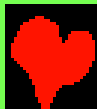


But he was also very short - not short of money, but short of height. Zaccheus had never grown as tall as other people.



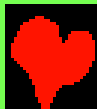


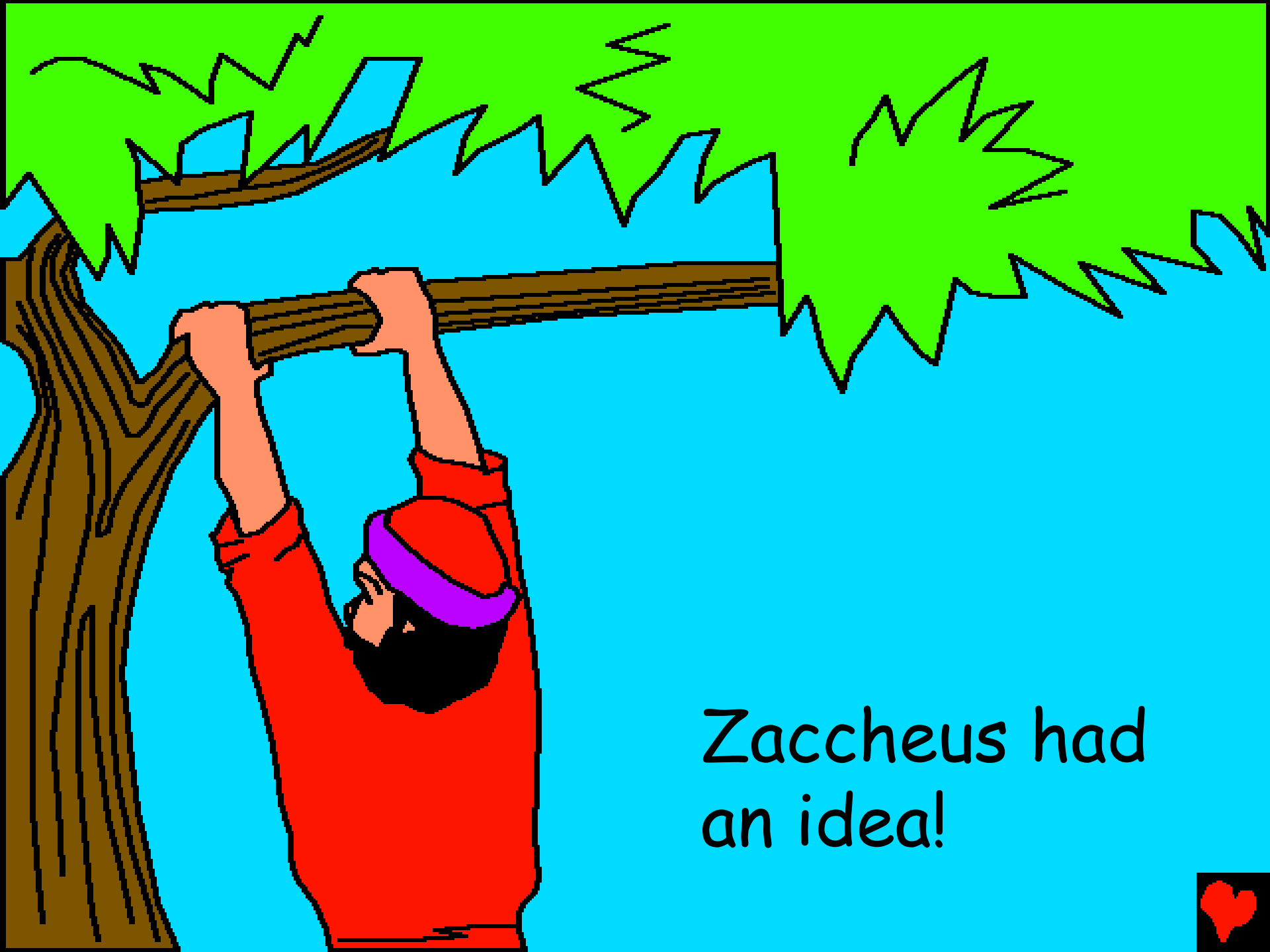
When Zaccheus heard that Jesus was in Jericho, the little tax collector wanted to see the ...





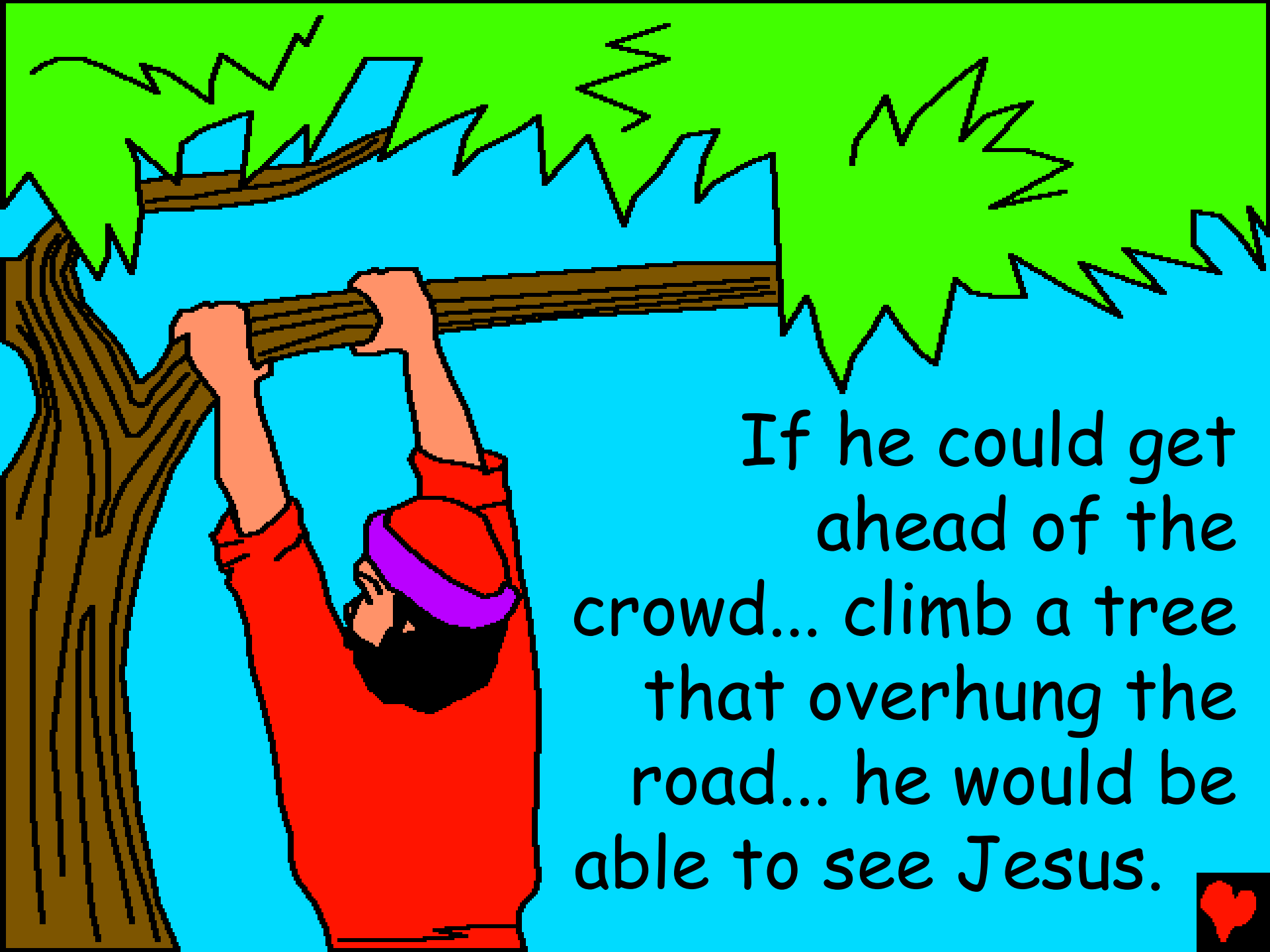
... Man from Nazareth Who claimed to be God's Son. But the crowds were thick ... the people tall.





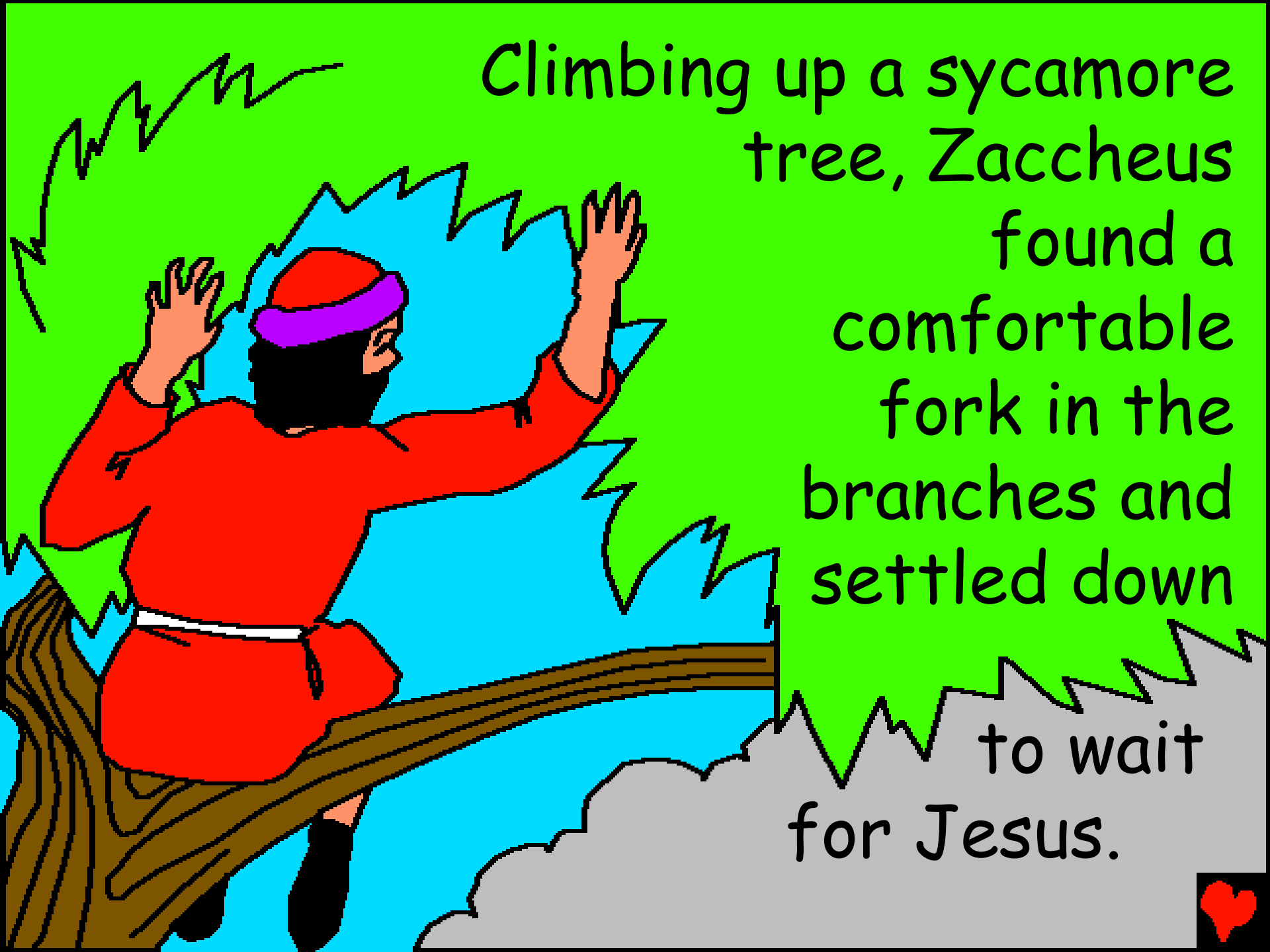
Zaccheus had
an idea!





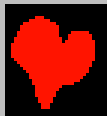
If he could get ahead of the crowd... climb a tree that overhung the road... he would be able to see Jesus.





Climbing up a sycamore tree, Zaccheus found a comfortable fork in the branches and settled down

to wait for Jesus.





"I'll have a good view," he may have thought. "I will see Him without being seen."

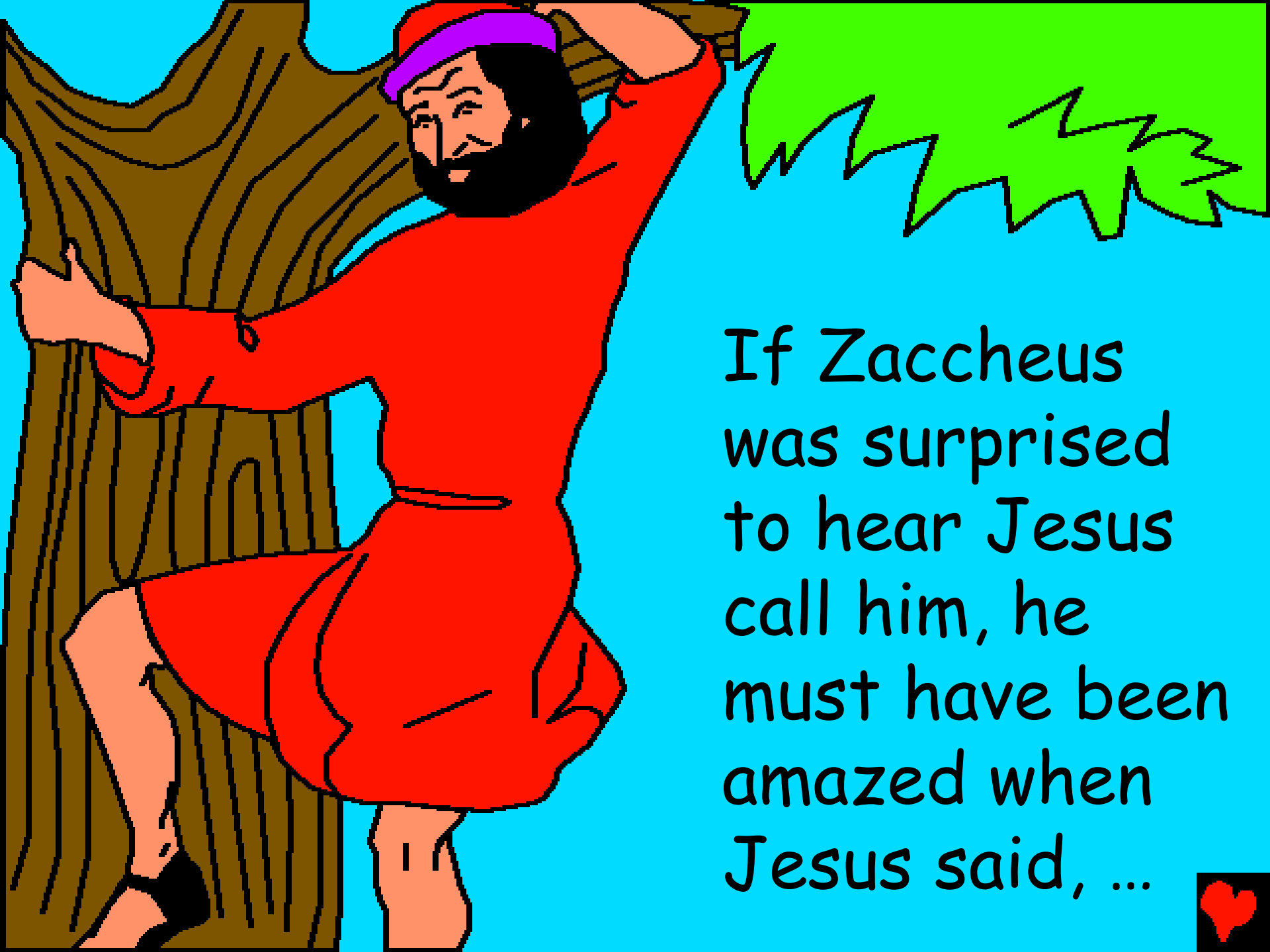


"Zaccheus,
hurry and come
down." The
little tax
collector
could not
believe
his ears.



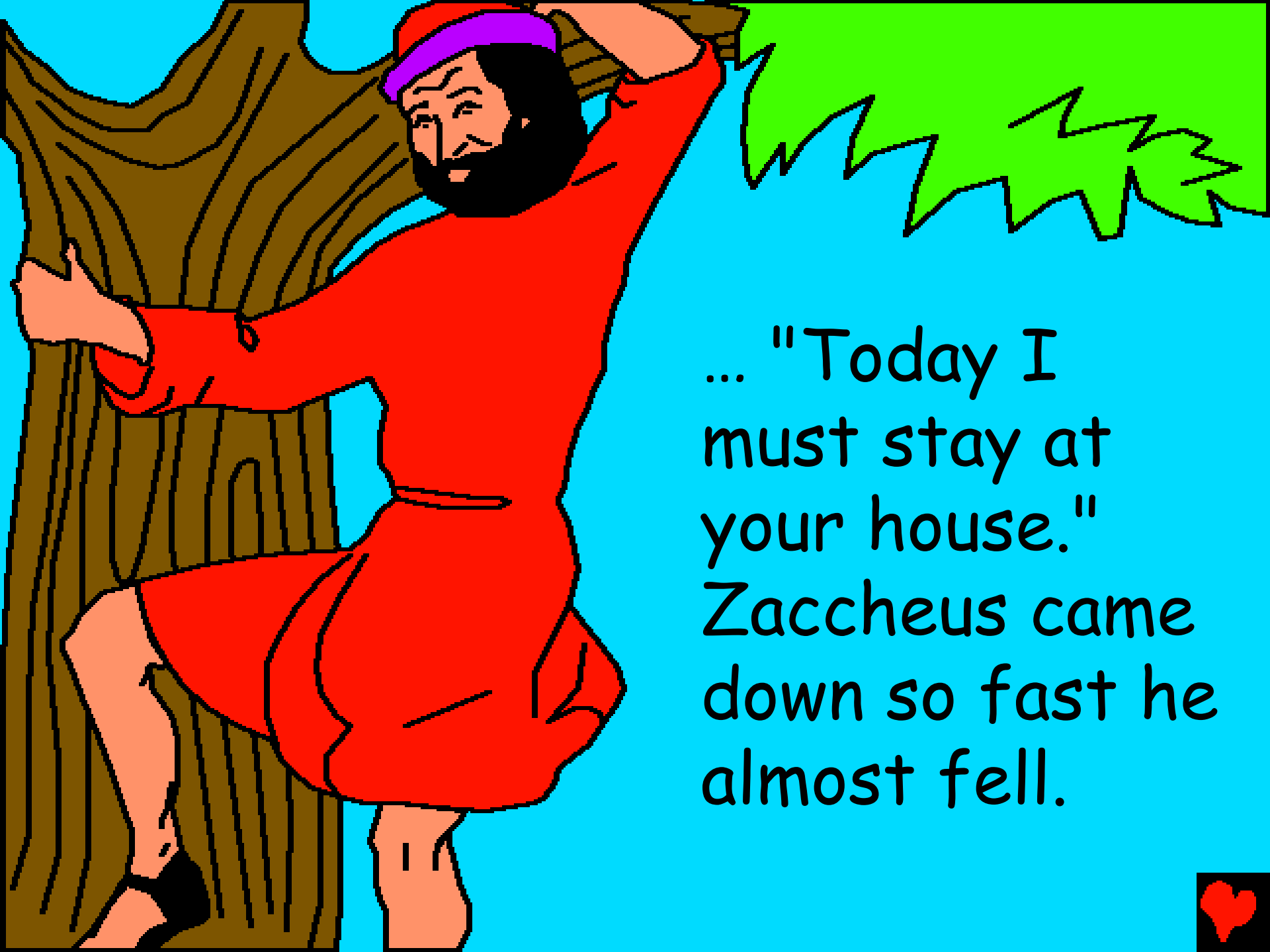
Jesus stood
under the tree.
Jesus was
looking at
him. Jesus
was
calling
him!





If Zaccheus
was surprised
to hear Jesus
call him, he
must have been
amazed when
Jesus said, ...

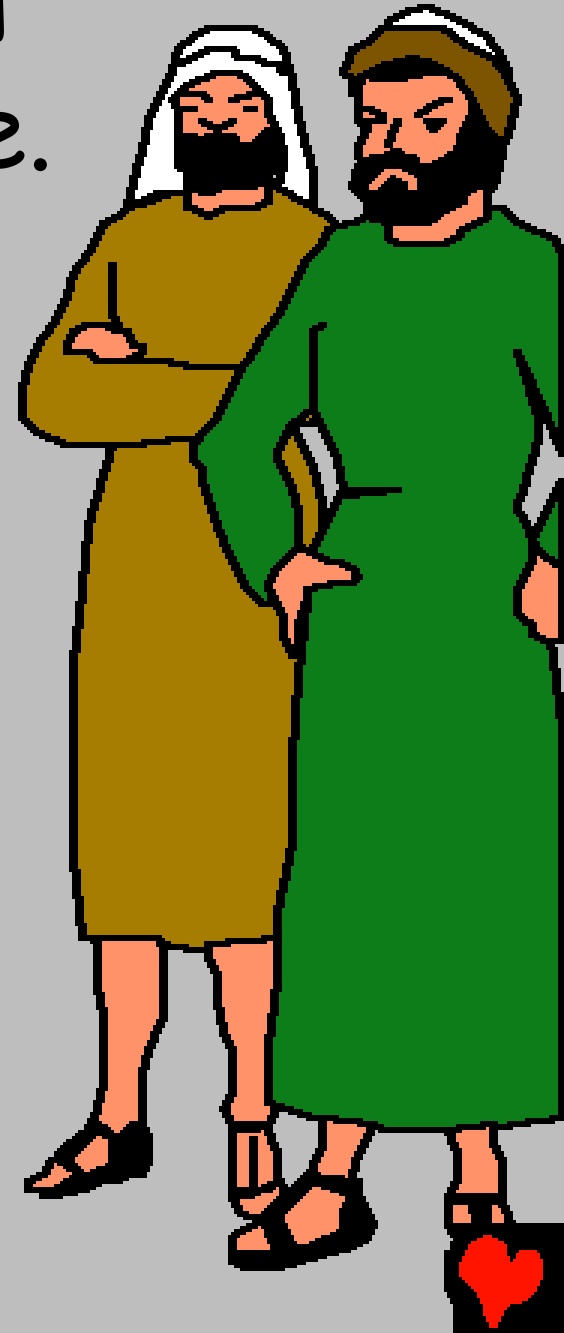




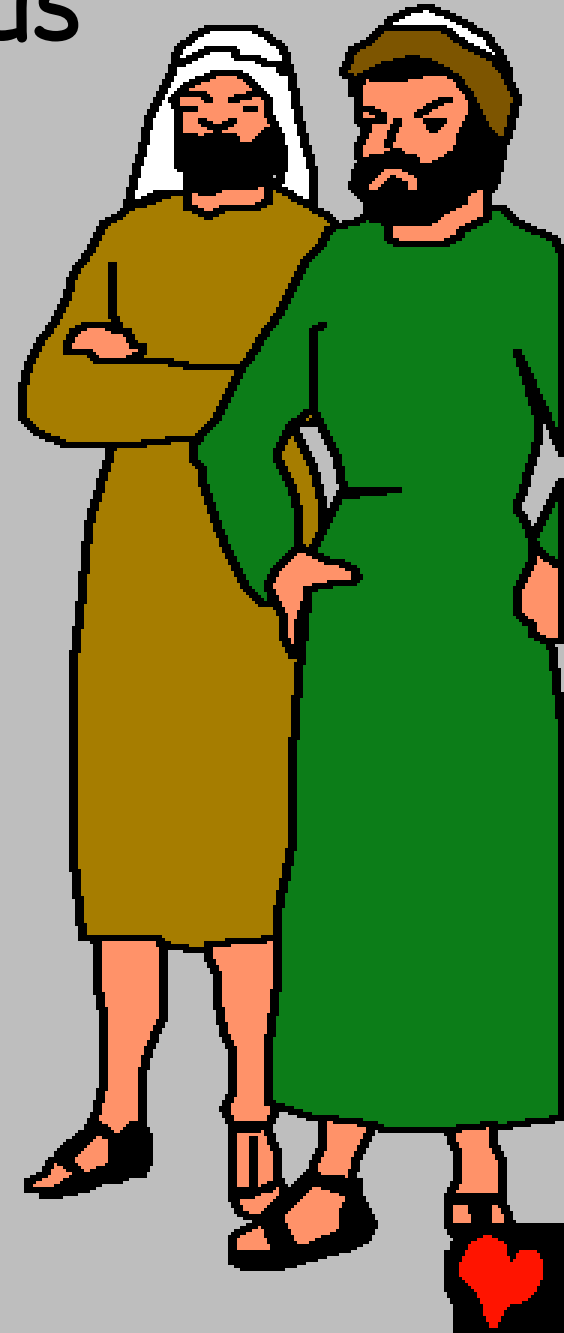
... "Today I
must stay at
your house."
Zaccheus came
down so fast he
almost fell.

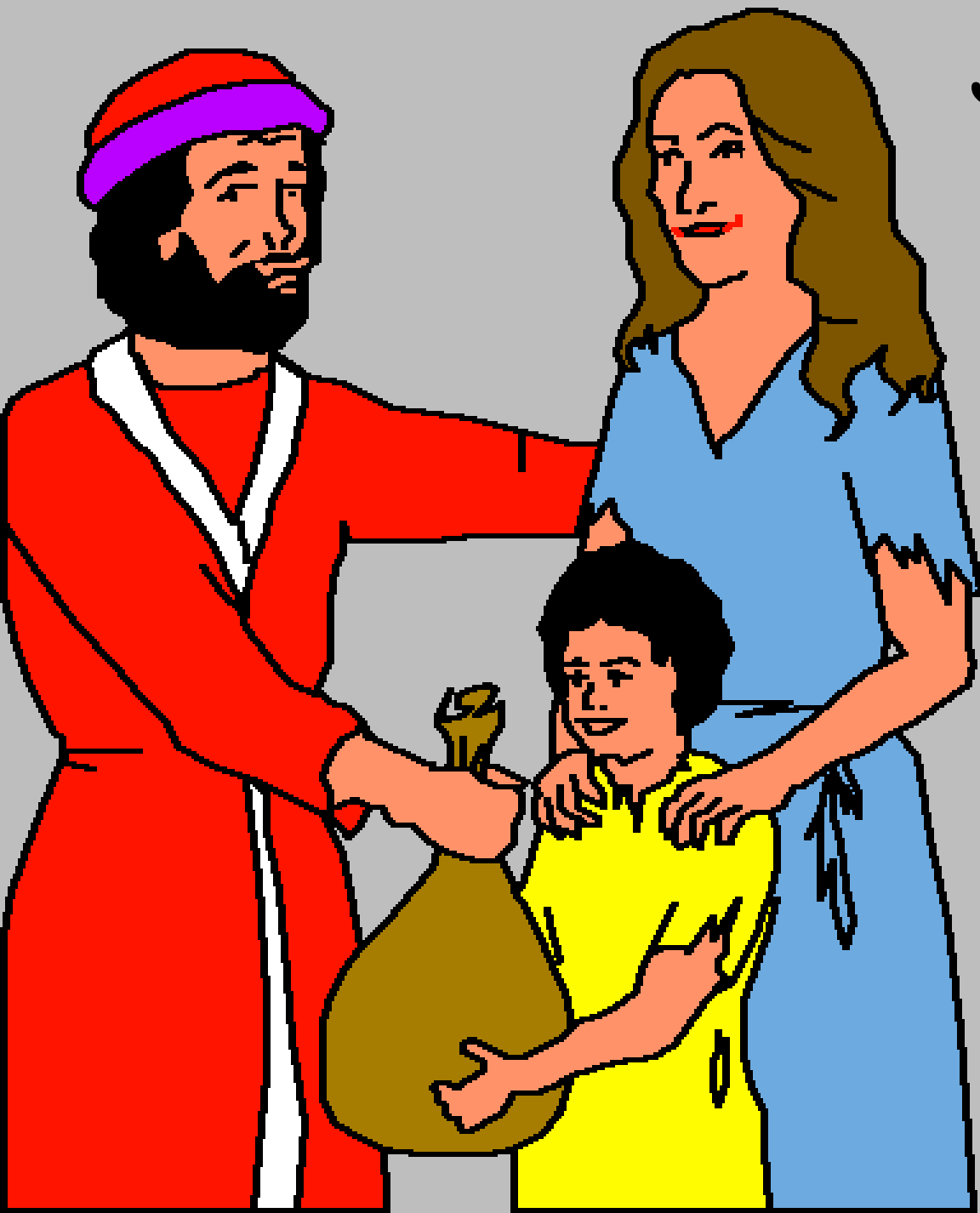


Zaccheus was thrilled that
Jesus would visit his house.
But the people
didn't like it.



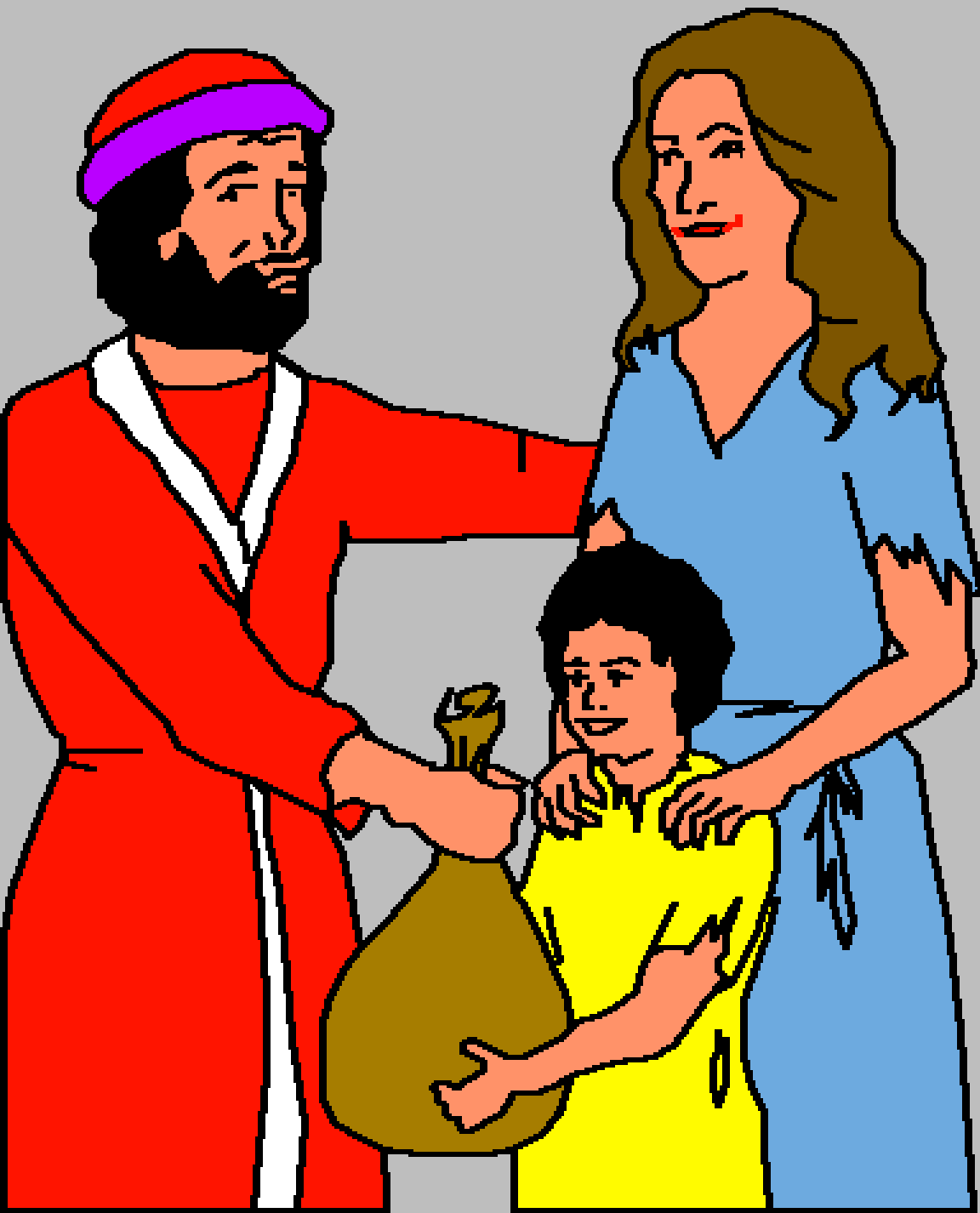
They complained that Jesus should not visit a sinner like Zaccheus.





Jesus brought
a whole new
life to
Zaccheus.
Zaccheus
said, "Lord,
I give half
my goods to
the poor.

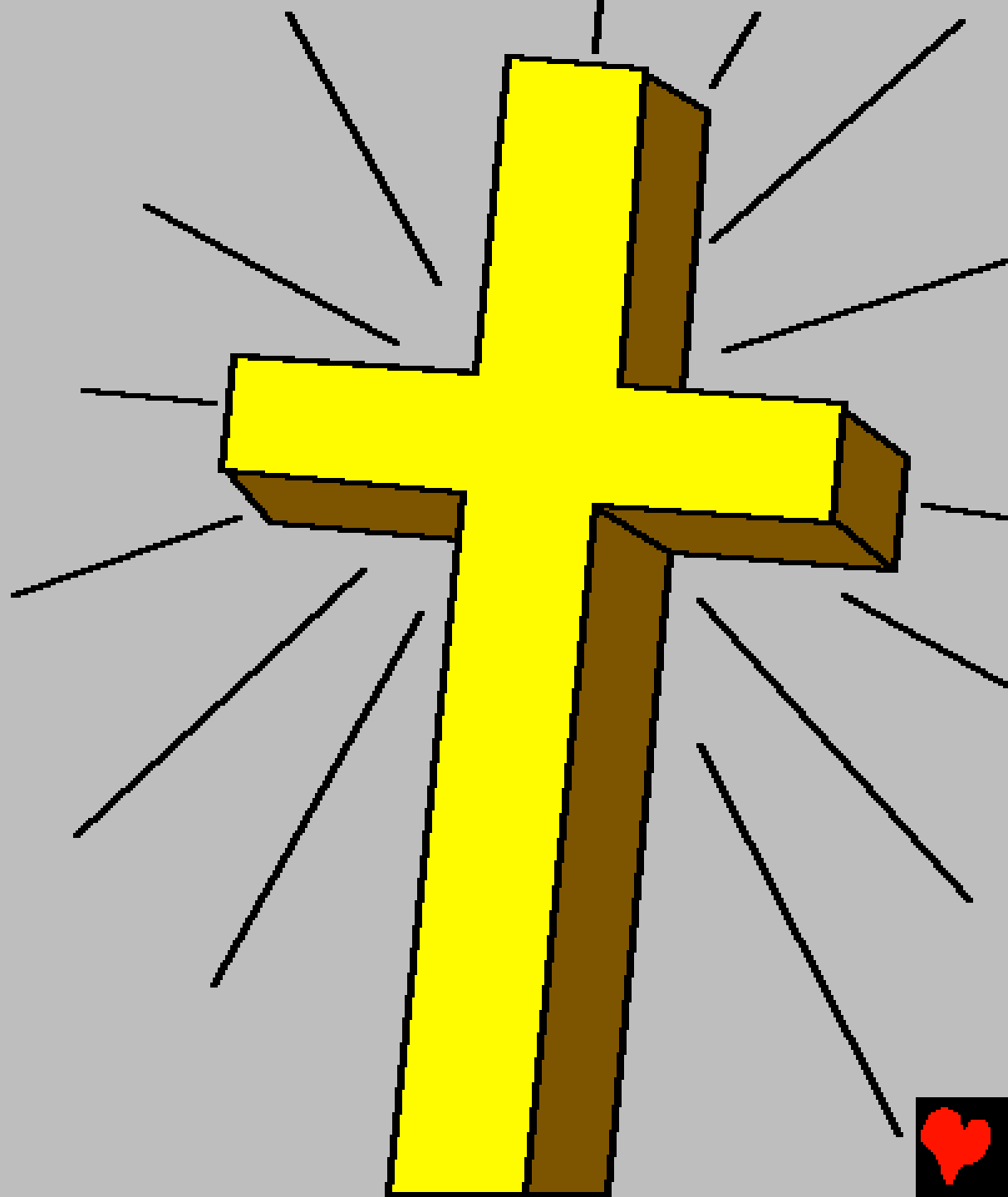




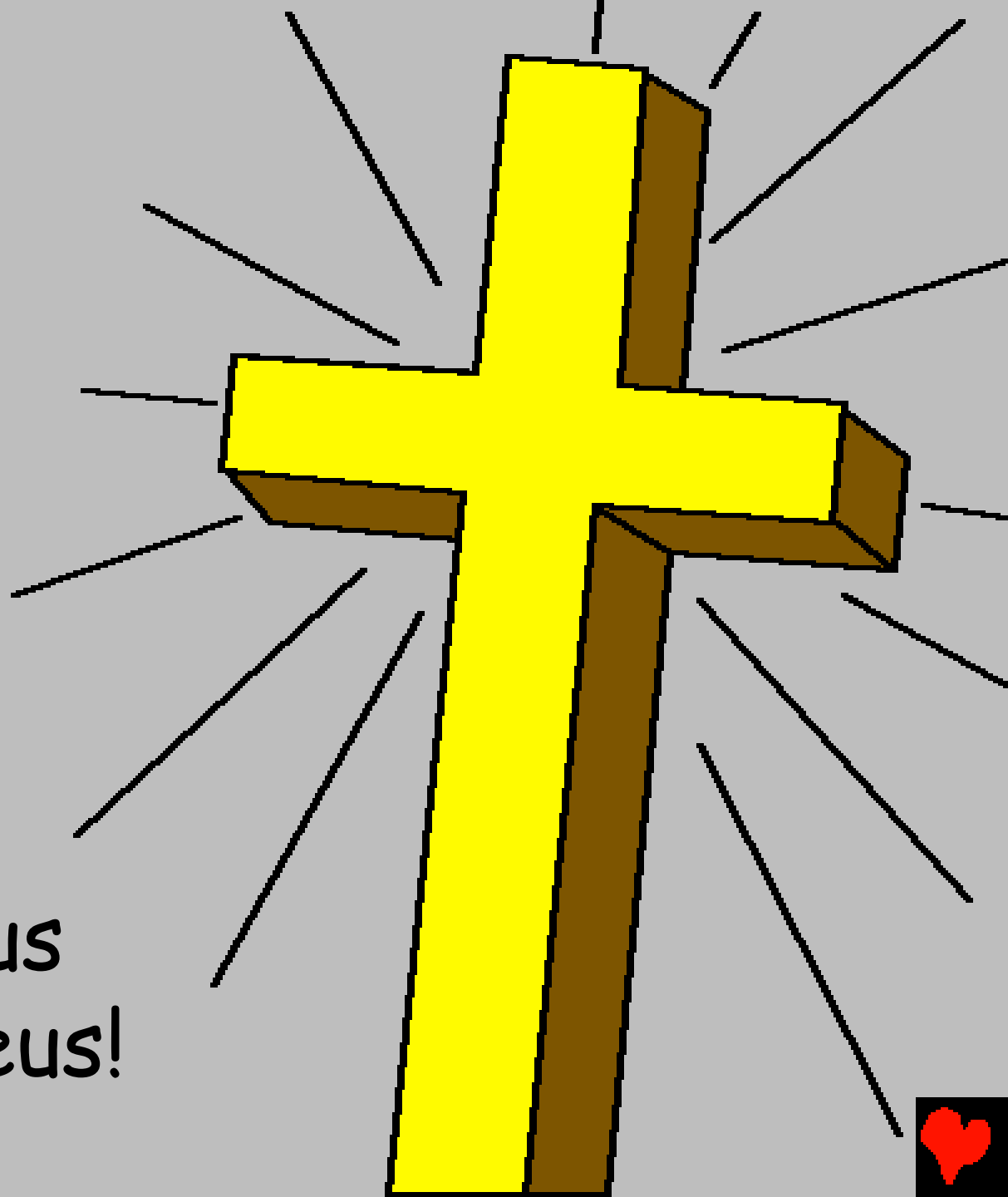
And if
I have
cheated
anyone, I
will give
back four
times as
much."



Jesus was pleased at Zaccheus' new life. He loves to see people turn from sin and do what is right.



Jesus said,
"The Son of
Man came to
seek and
to save
that which
was lost."
That day in
Jericho, Jesus
found Zaccheus!



Jesus and Zaccheus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Luke 19

"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

