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SAMUEL,  
GOD'S BOY -  
SERVANT



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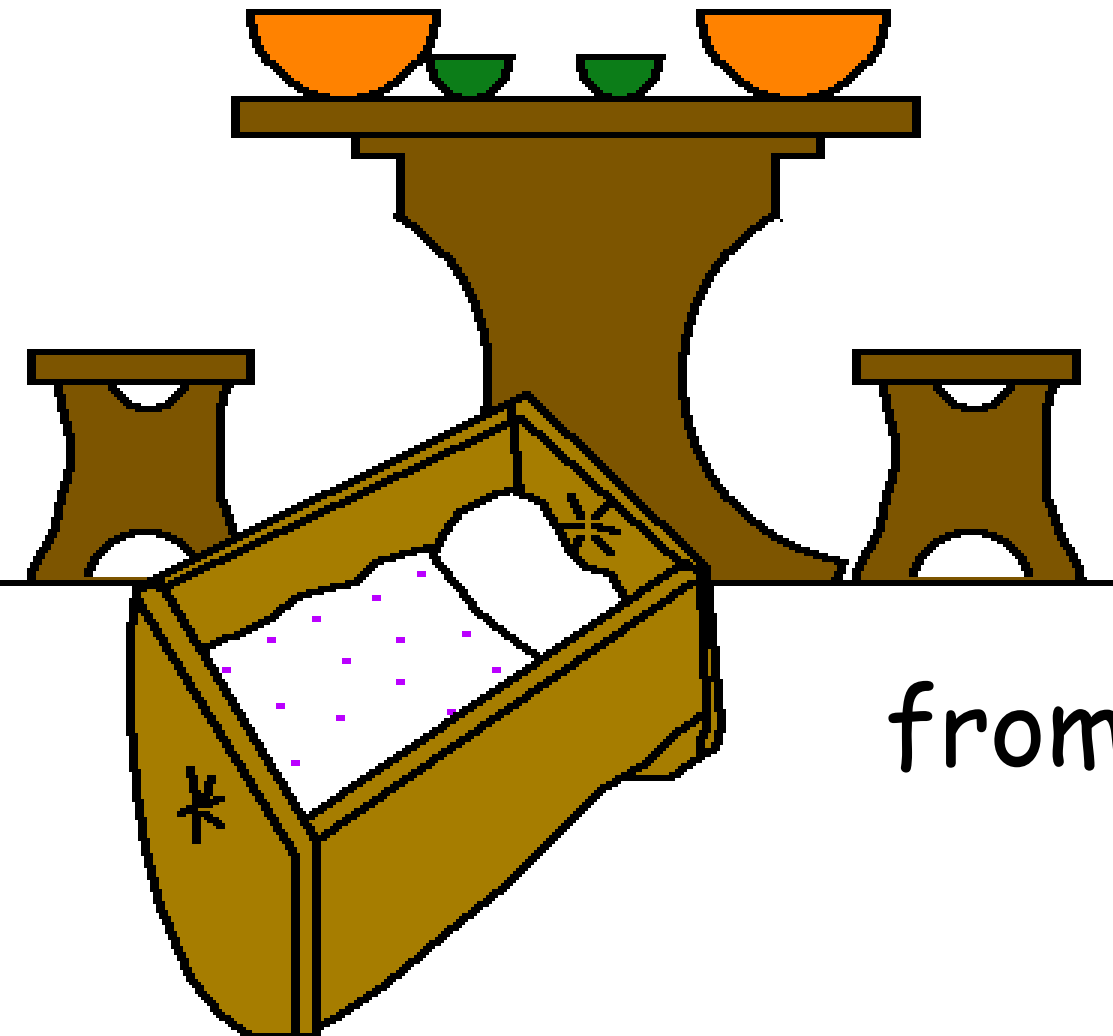
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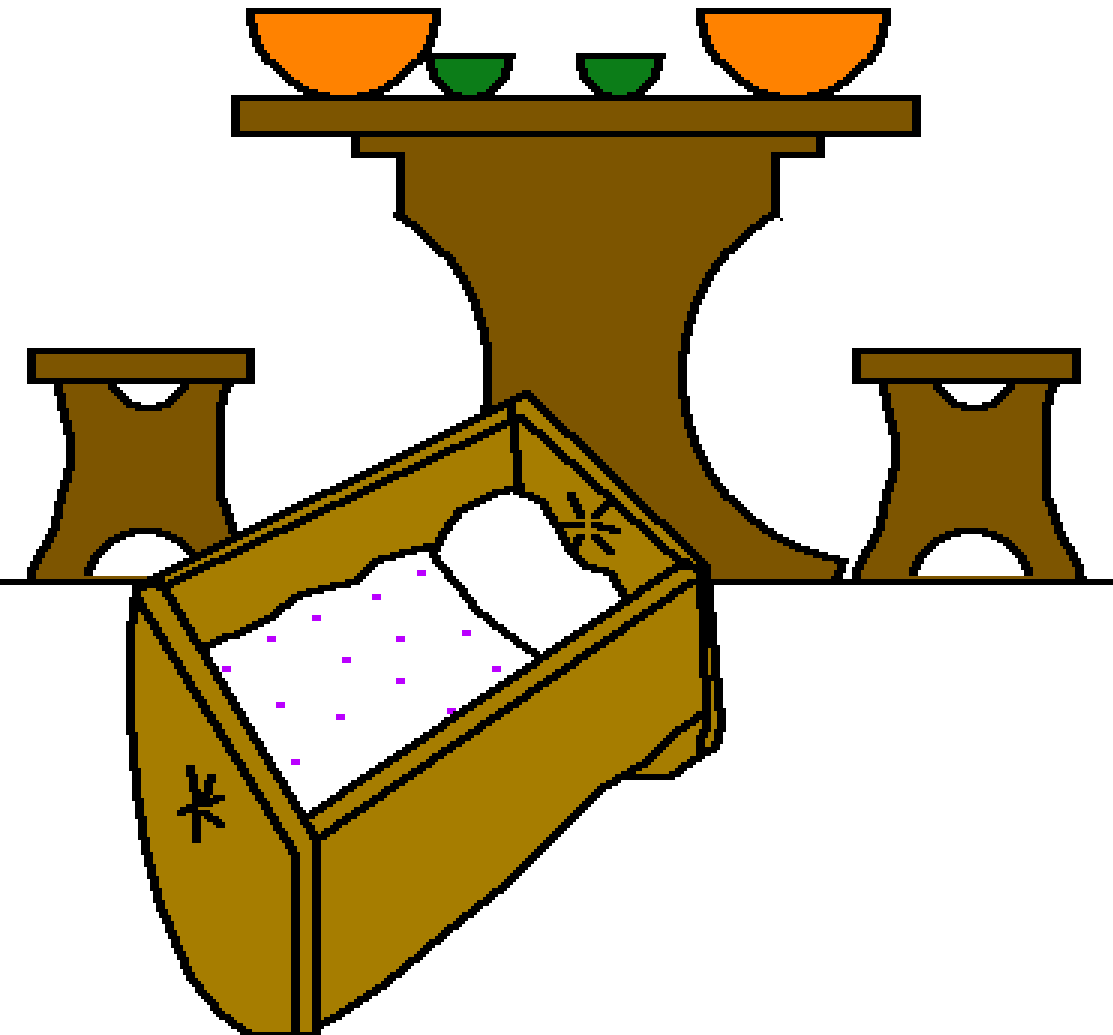
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Hannah was a good woman, married to Elkanah, a good man. They both worshipped God and showed kindness to others. But something was missing from Hannah's life.



She wanted to have a baby. Oh,  
how she wanted a baby! She waited  
and prayed and  
hoped and  
waited some  
more. No  
baby came!





Every year,  
Hannah went  
to worship at  
God's temple.  
One year she  
promised God that if  
He let her have a son,  
she would give the  
boy to be God's  
servant forever.



Old Eli the  
priest saw  
Hannah  
praying.



He thought  
Hannah was  
drunk with wine  
because her lips  
moved but  
no sound  
came.



Eli scolded  
Hannah!



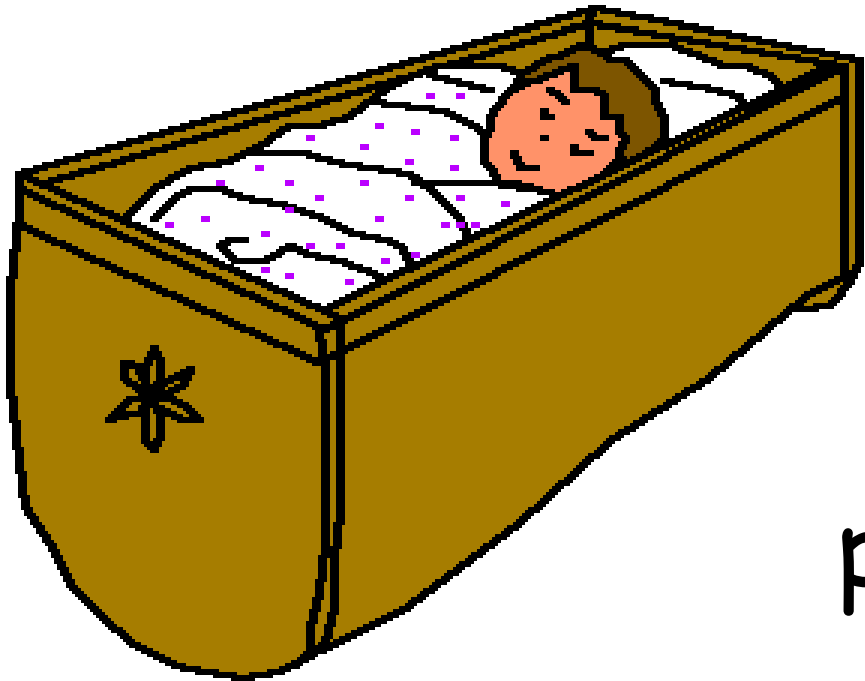
But Hannah  
told Eli about  
her prayer for  
a child and her  
promise to God.  
"Go in peace,"  
Eli answered.



"And  
the God of  
Israel grant  
your petition  
which you have  
asked of Him."  
Eli's words gave  
Hannah hope.



Soon great joy filled Hannah's heart. "The Lord remembered her" and answered her prayer. She and Elkanah had a little boy who was named Samuel (which means "Heard by God"). But would Hannah remember the Lord and her promise to Him?





Hannah  
stopped  
going to  
the temple  
each year.  
Oh, dear!  
Had she  
broken  
her promise  
to God?





No, Hannah was waiting until Samuel was old enough to live at the temple and help Eli in God's service. Then she brought him to the temple.





God honored  
Hannah's  
great  
faithfulness.  
After Samuel,  
God gave her  
three more  
sons and two  
daughters.





Every year,  
Hannah  
went to the  
temple to  
worship God  
- and to bring  
a new robe  
she made  
for Samuel.



Samuel was not Eli's  
only helper. Eli's sons,  
Hophni and Phinehas,  
also worked  
there.



But they dishonored God  
by doing wicked things,  
and would not change  
even when  
their father  
Eli begged  
them.



Eli should have fired  
them from working  
in the temple.  
But he  
didn't.





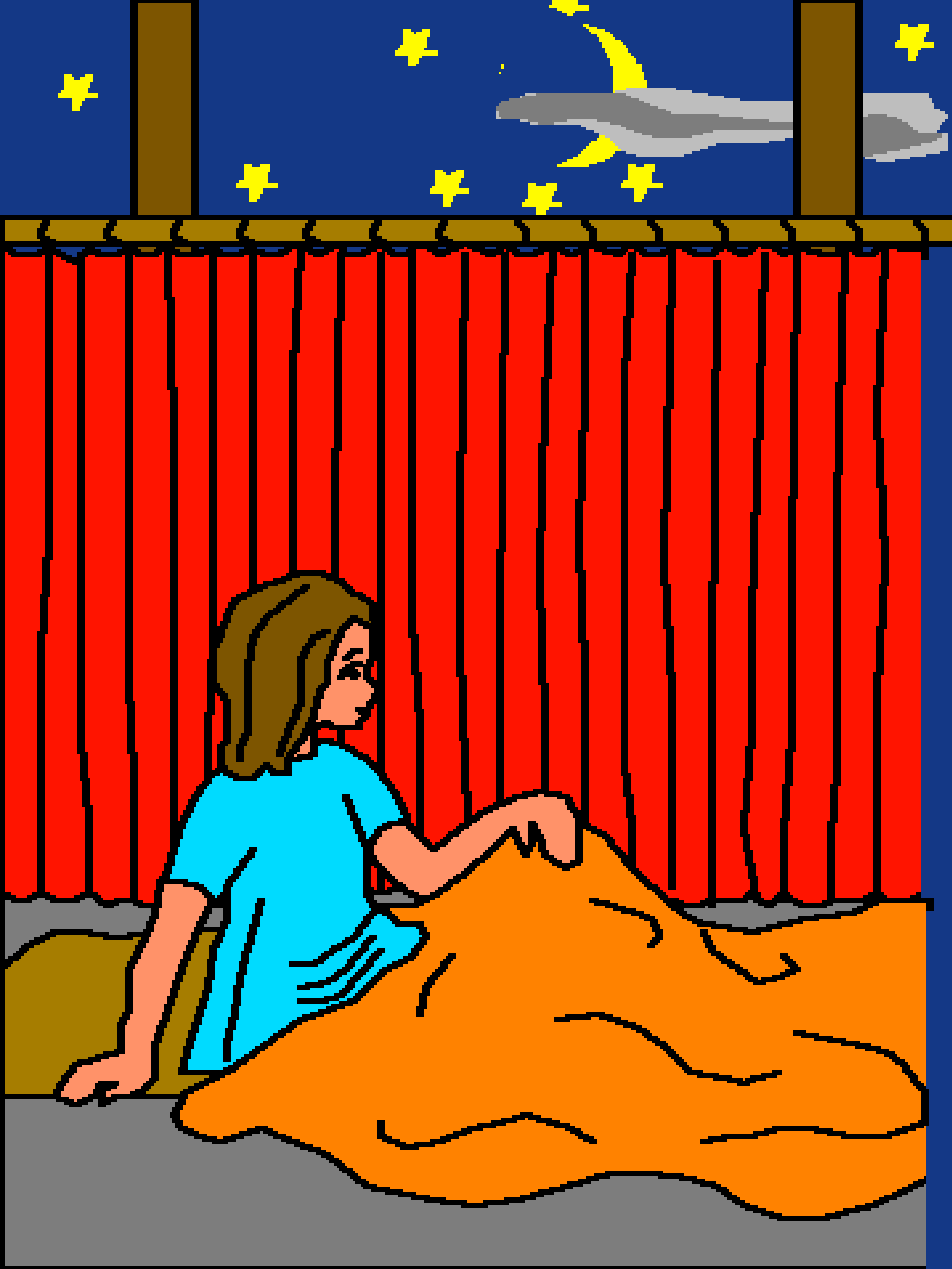
One night,  
Samuel heard  
a voice call  
him. The boy  
thought it was  
Eli calling.  
"Here I am,"  
he said.





"I did not call," Eli replied. This happened three times. Then Eli knew God wanted to speak to Samuel.





Eli told Samuel, "If He calls you, you must say, 'Speak LORD, for Your servant hears.'"

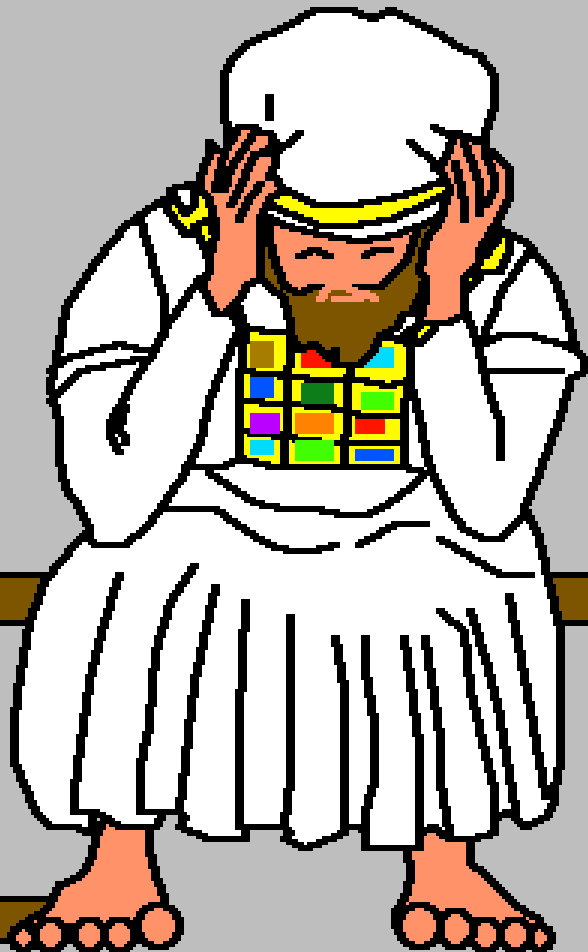




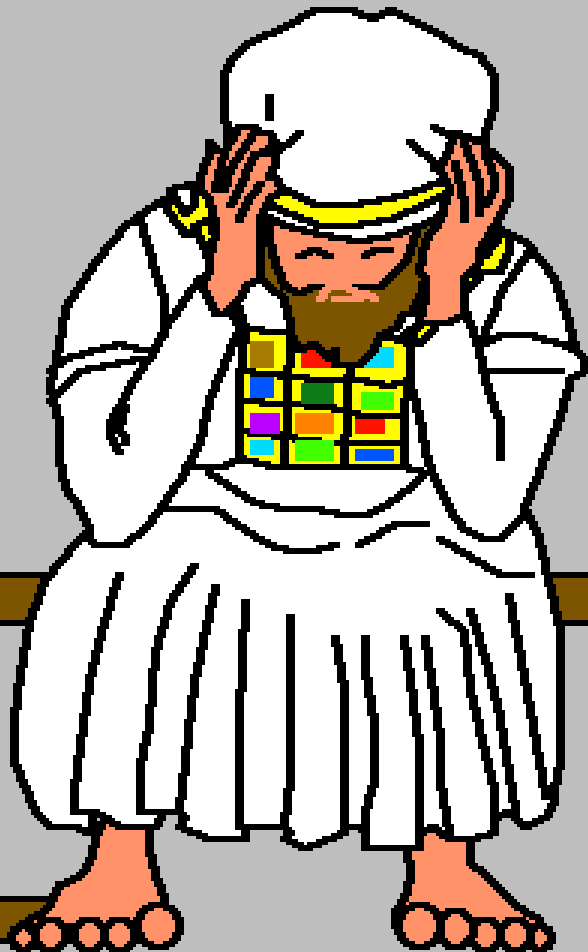
And God did  
call again,  
and gave  
Samuel  
a very  
important  
message.



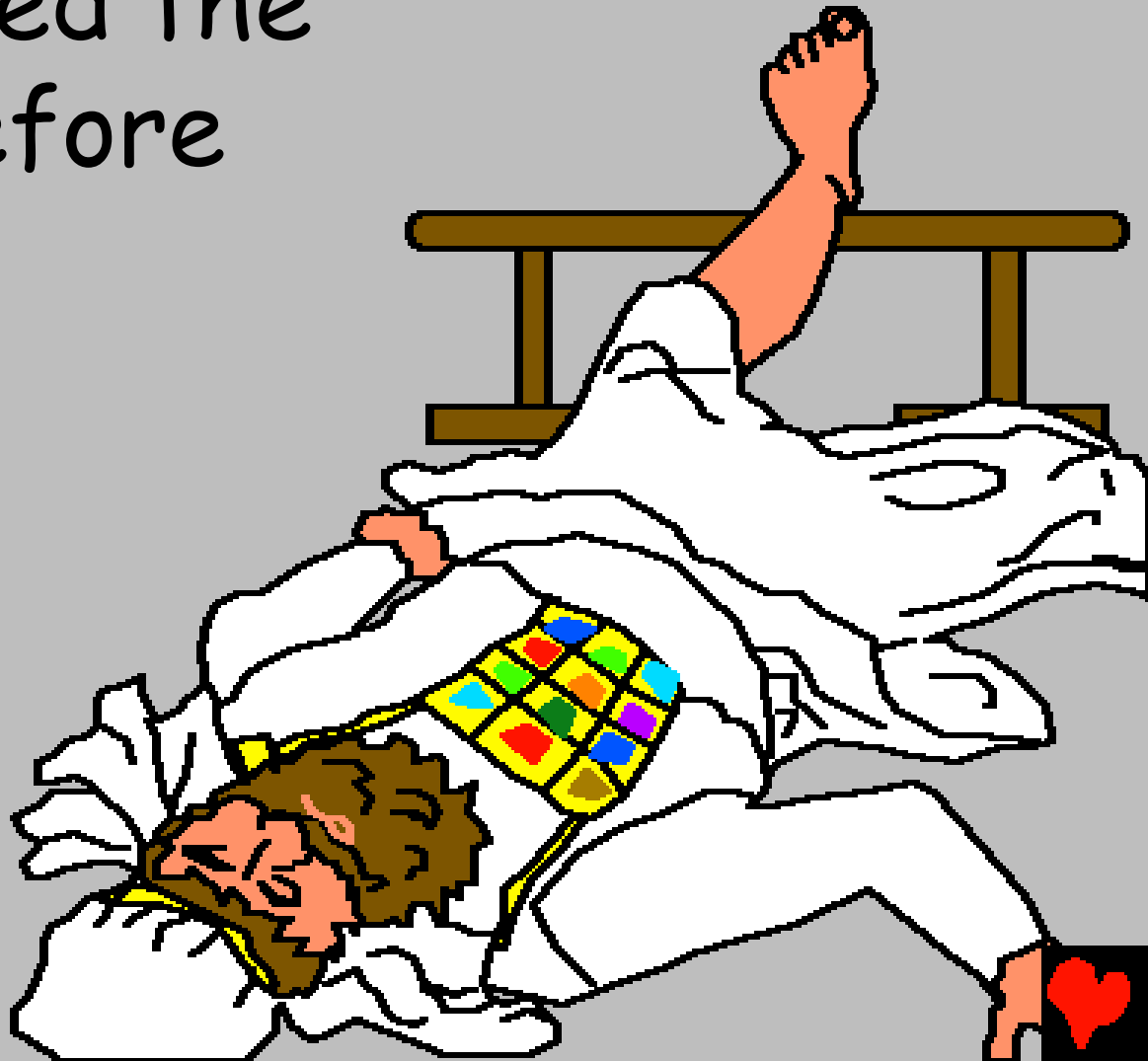
In the morning Eli called Samuel.  
"What is the thing that the Lord  
has said to you?" he asked.  
Young Samuel told  
him everything.



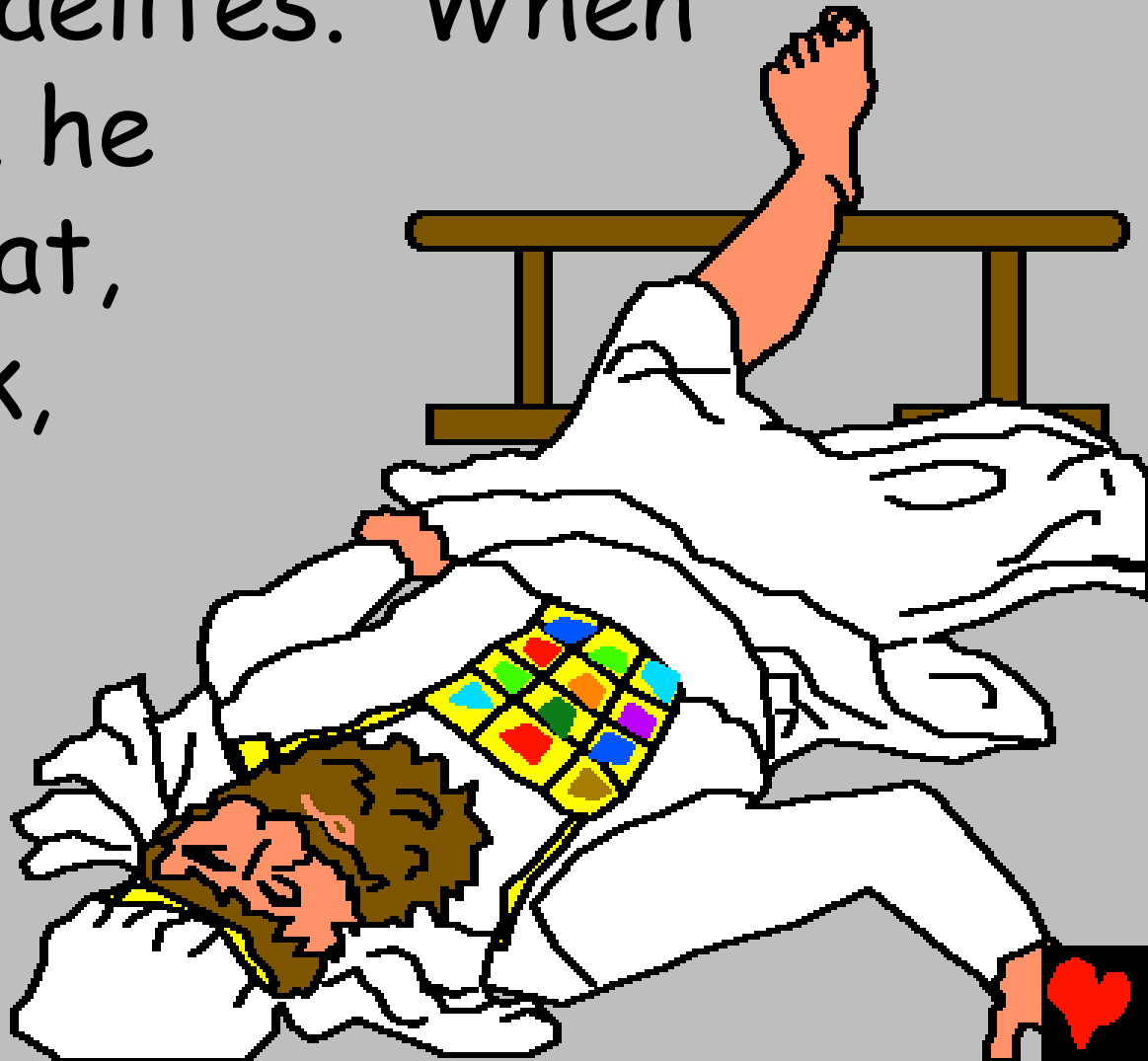
It was a terrible message - God was going to destroy Eli's whole family because Hophni and Phinehas were so wicked.



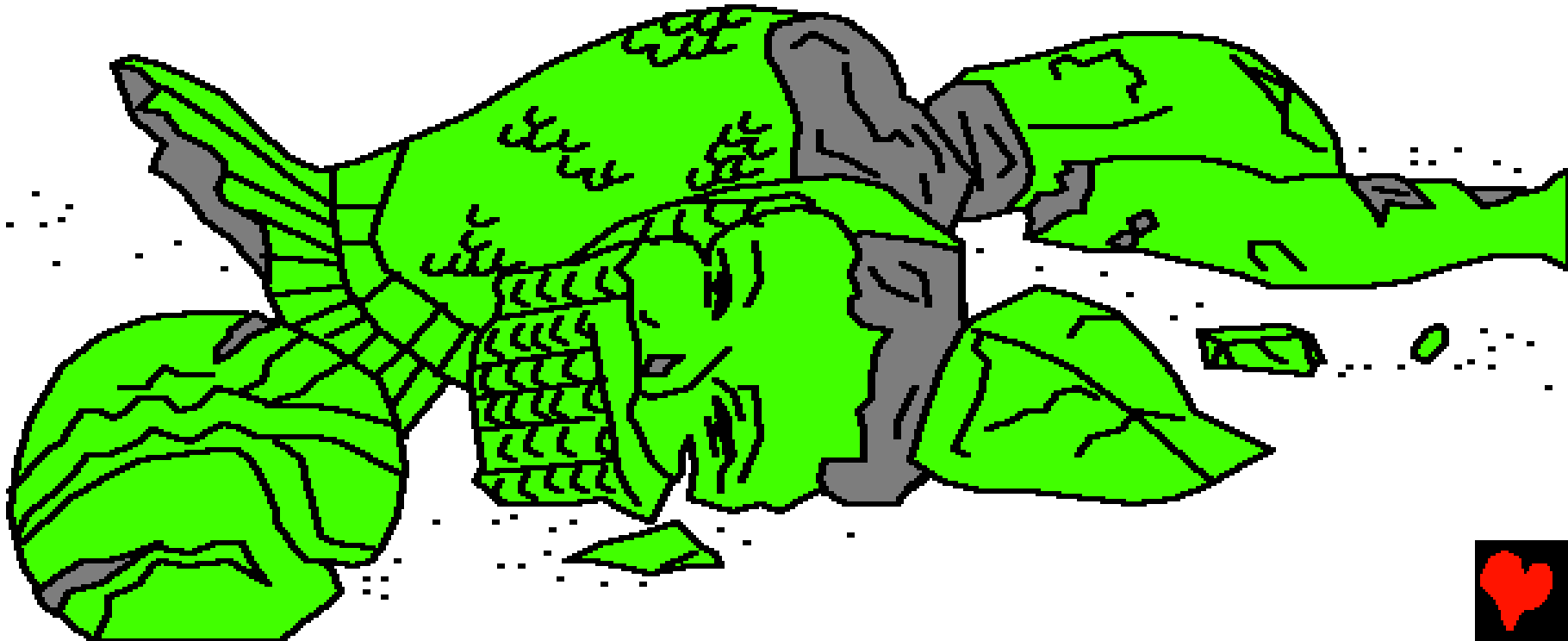
God's warning came true. During a war with the Philistines, Eli's two evil sons led the Ark of God before Israel's army.



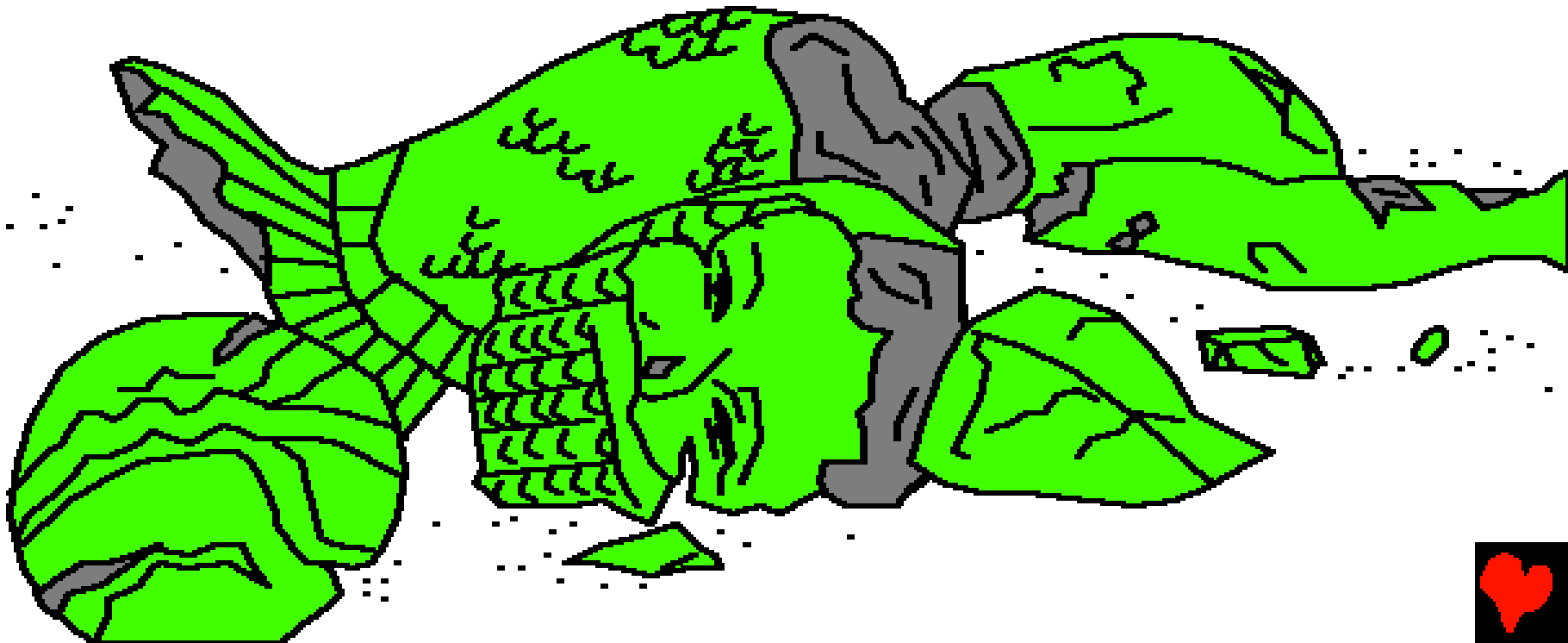
The enemy captured the Ark and killed Hophni and Phinehas along with many Israelites. When Eli heard this, he fell off his seat, broke his neck, and died the same day.

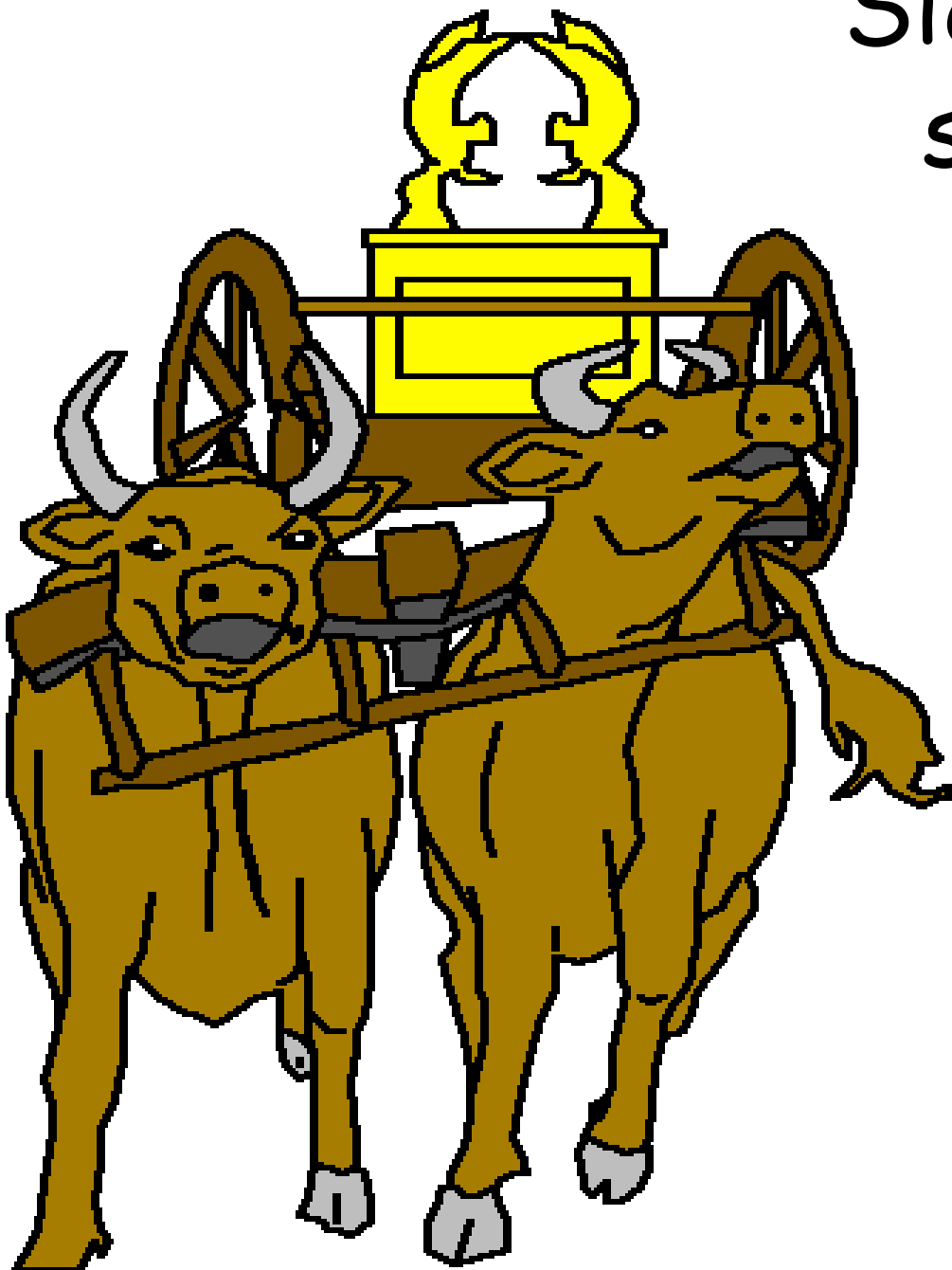


The Ark of God brought trouble to the Philistines. They put it in the temple of Dagon, their false god. In the morning, the idol Dagon had fallen on its face.



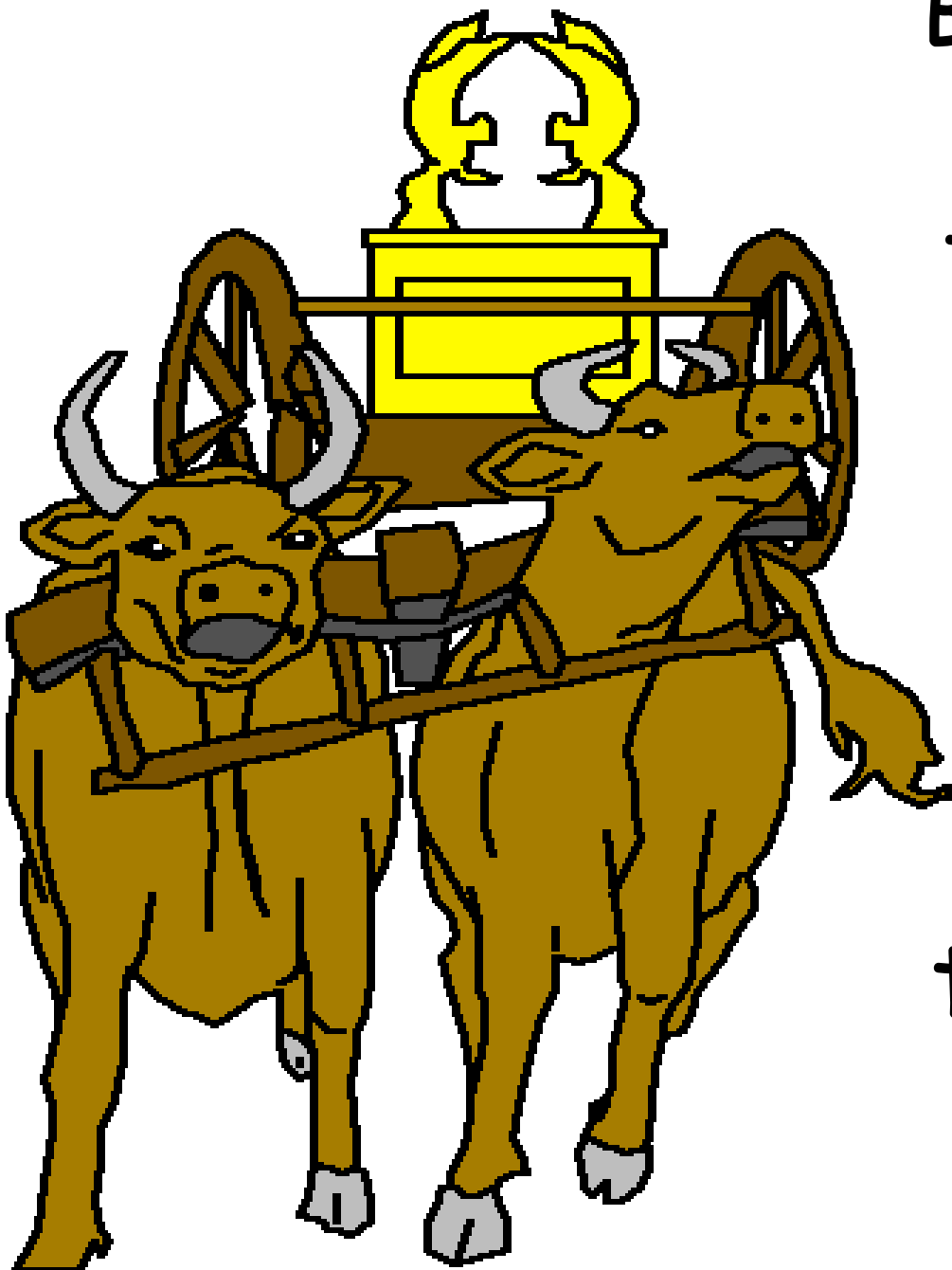
The Philistines lifted Dagon up - but next morning he was down again. This time Dagon was broken in pieces.





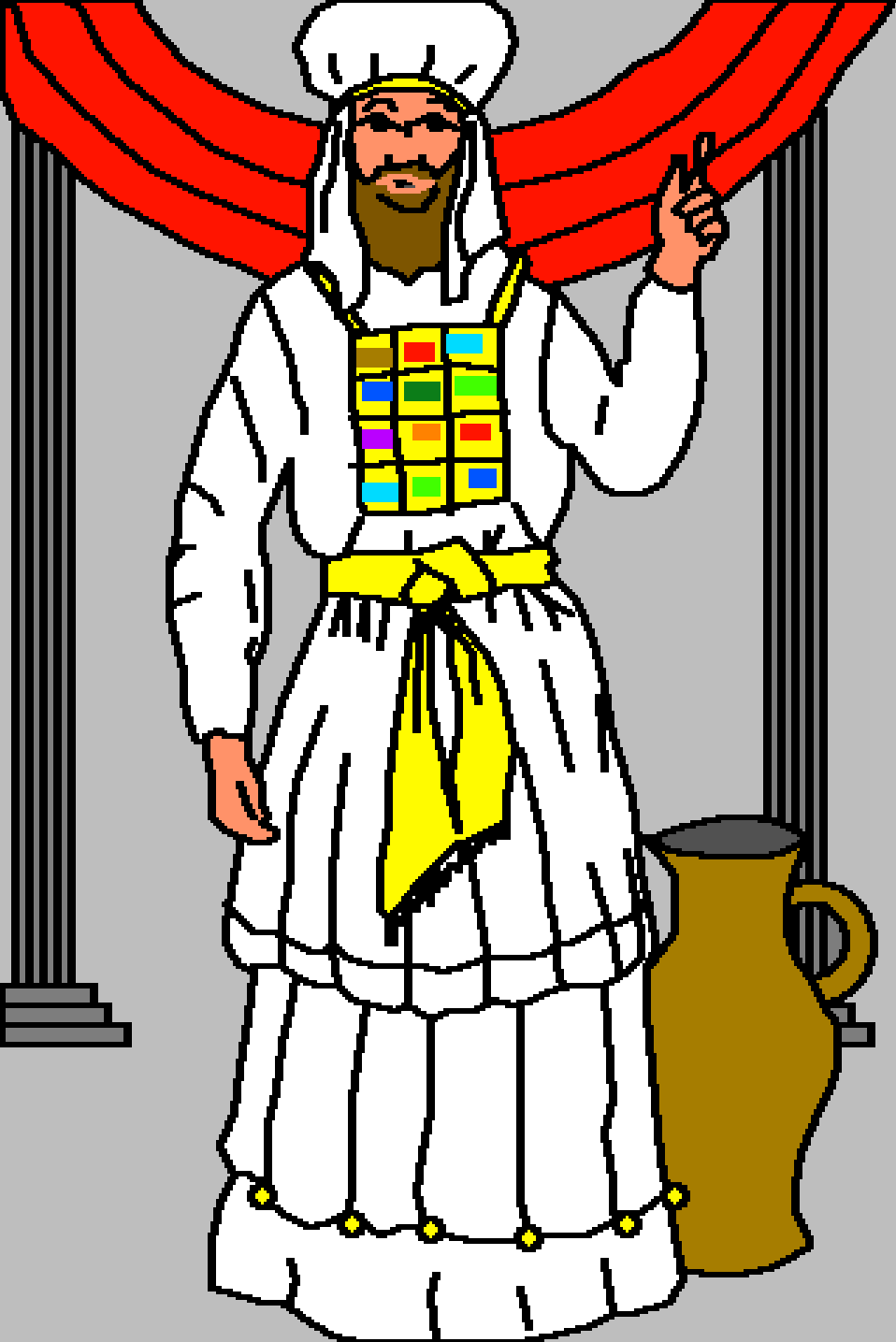
Sickness and death spread among the Philistines. To see if God was punishing them, the Philistines had two cows pull a cart with the Ark aboard.





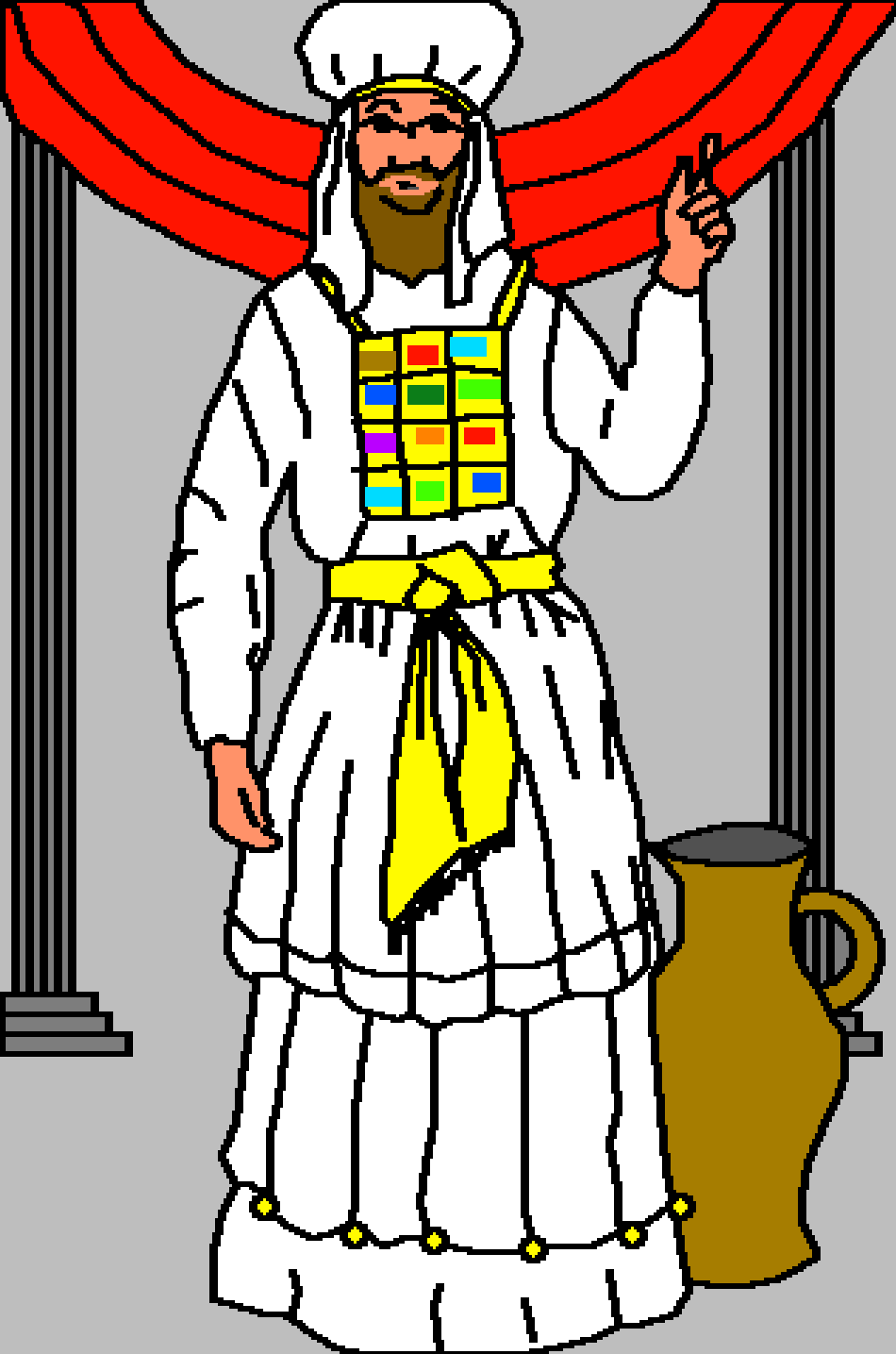
But they kept the cows' calves. "If the cows go up to Israel, and leave their calves, we will know God has done it," they said. And the cows went up!





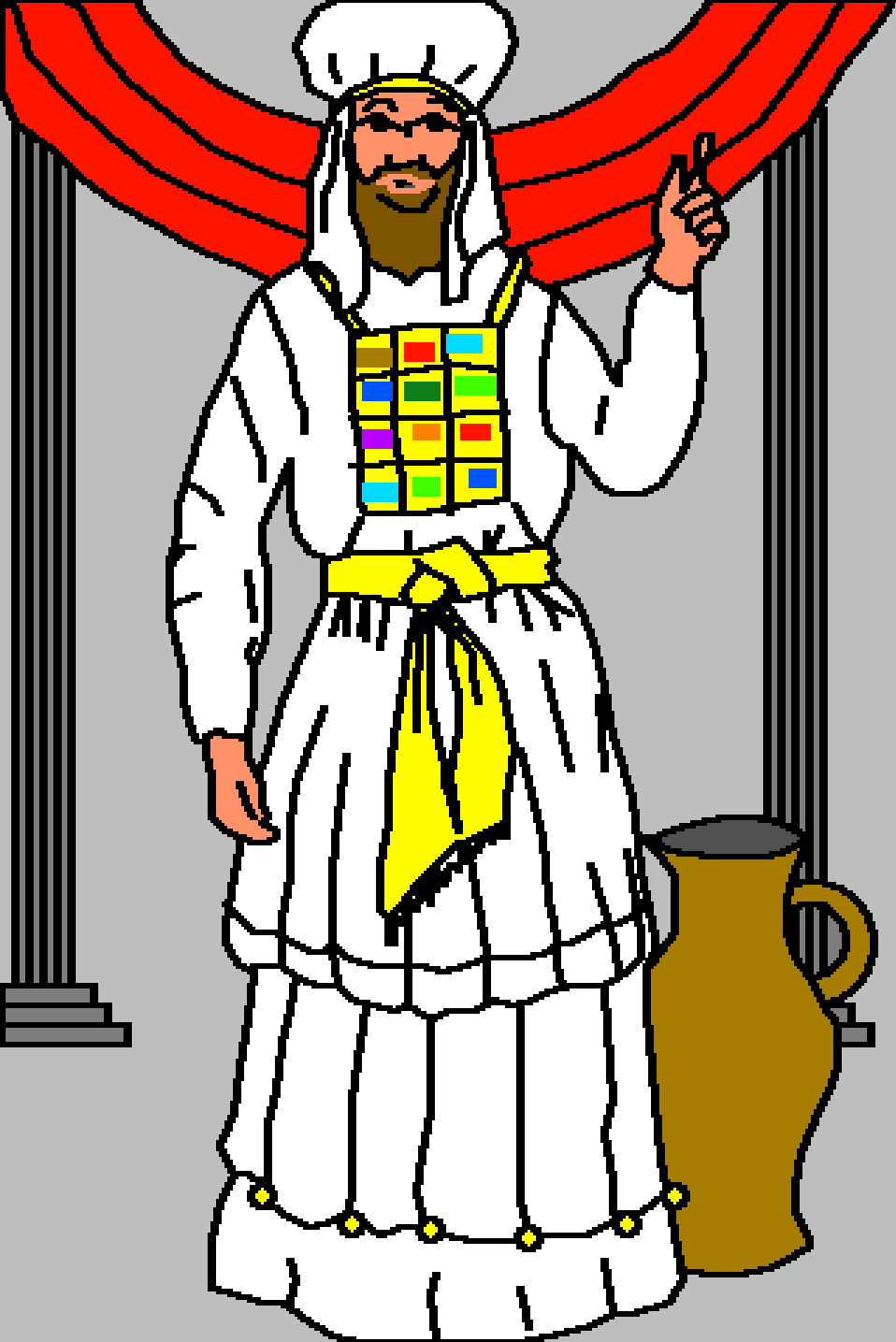
Then Samuel,  
who was now a  
grown man,  
spoke to all  
the people  
of Israel.





"If you return to the Lord with all your heart ... He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."





The people obeyed God's faithful prophet. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.



# Samuel, God's Boy-Servant

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

1 Samuel 1-7

"The entrance of Your Word 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

