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A TEMPLE
LEADER
VISITS
JESUS



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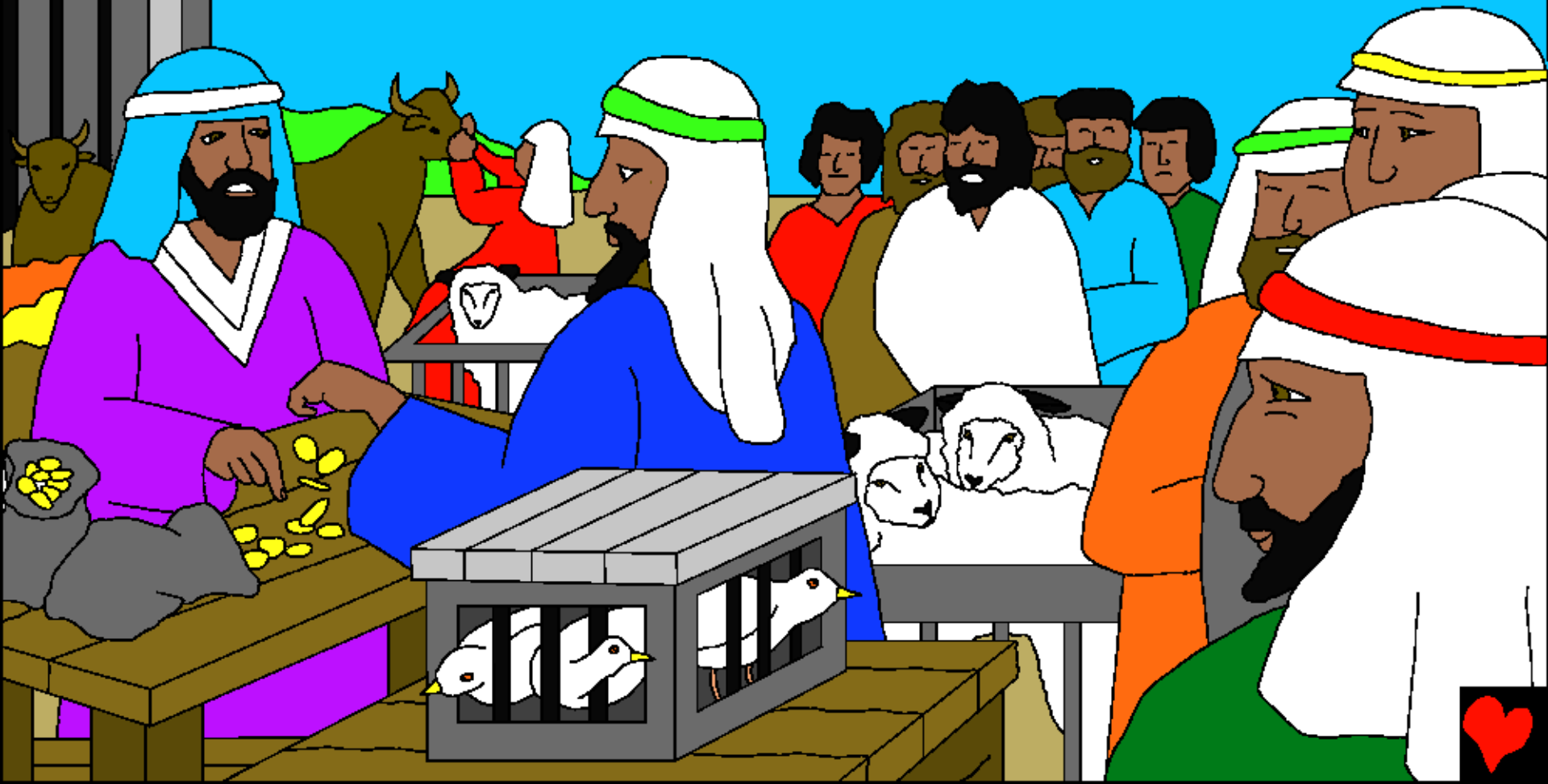
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When Jesus went to the Temple one day, He found people dishonoring God's House.



They were selling animals and exchanging money right in the Temple!

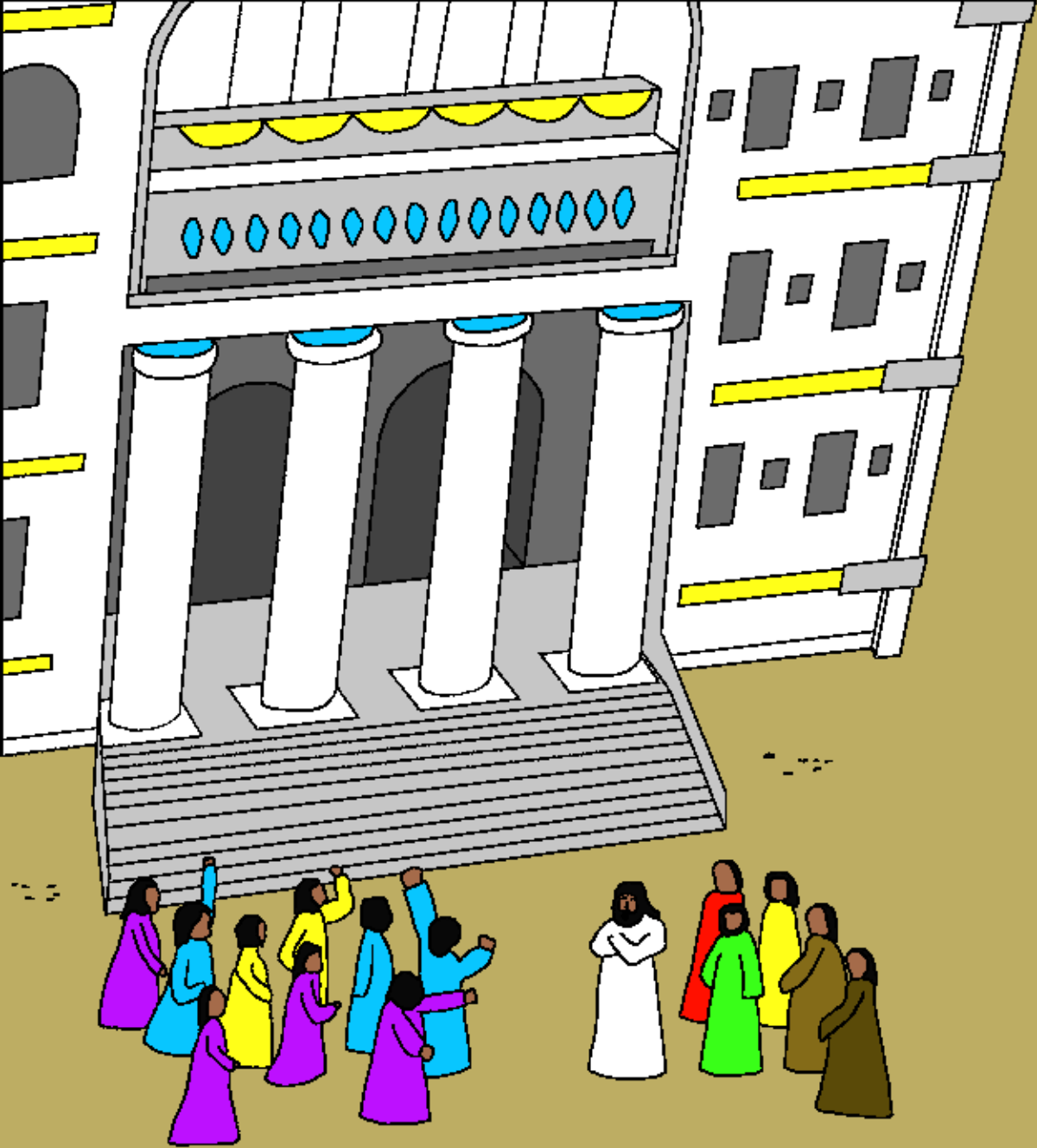


Making a whip from cords, Jesus drove the dealers out of the Temple. "Take these things away," He commanded.



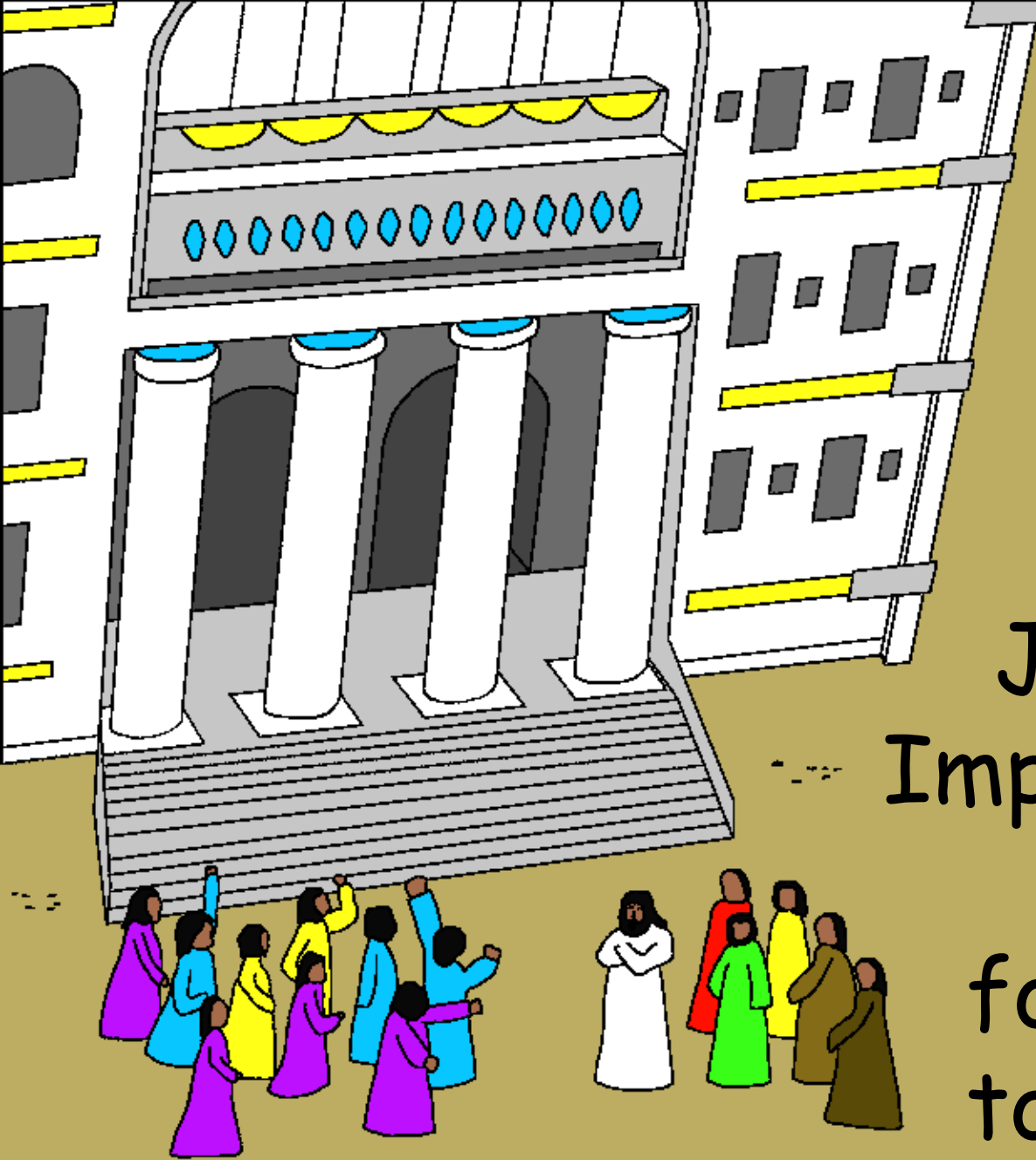
"Don't make my Father's House a place of business." Jesus loved His Father's House.





The leaders demanded a sign to show that Jesus had the right to clear the Temple.

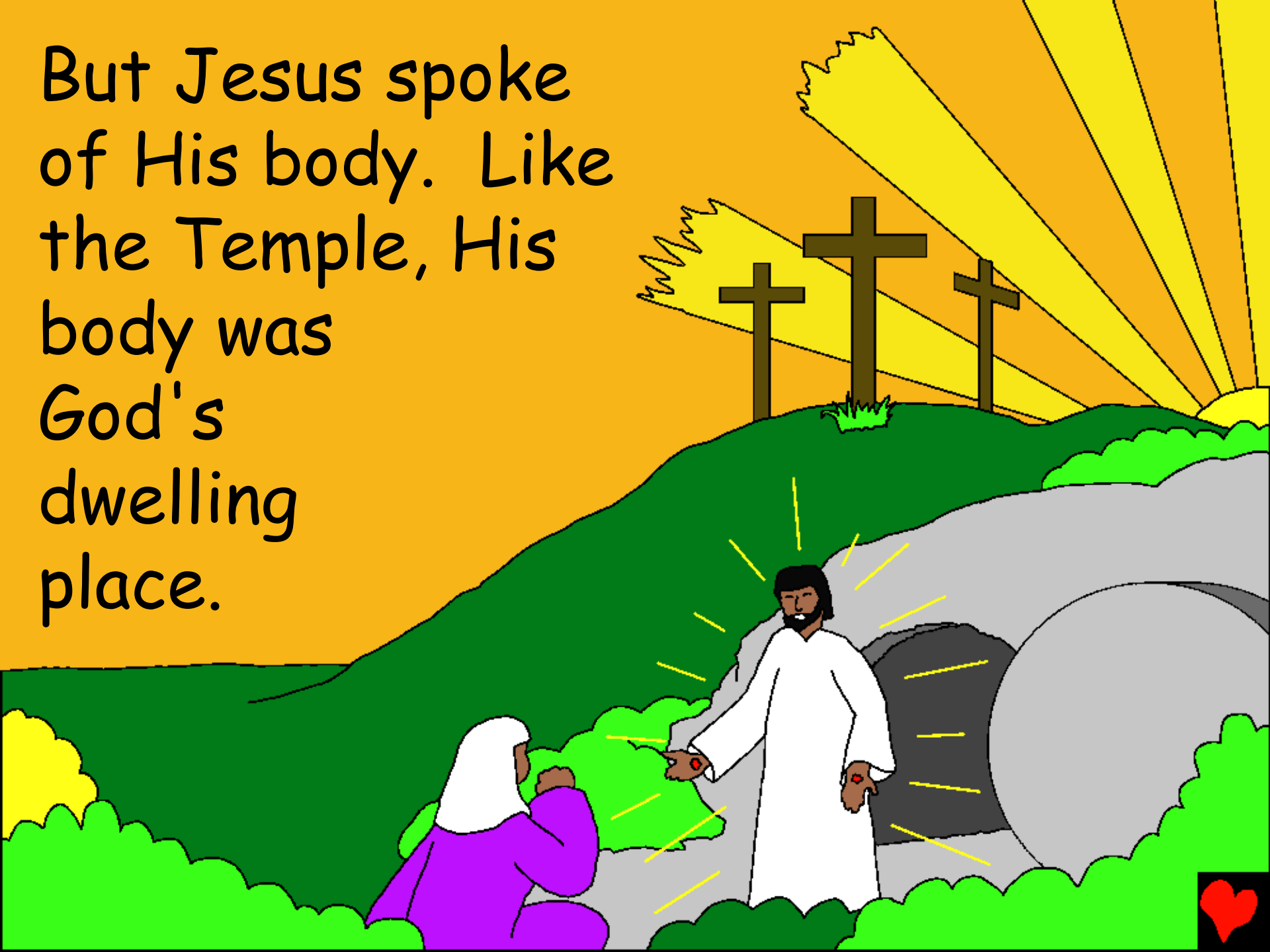




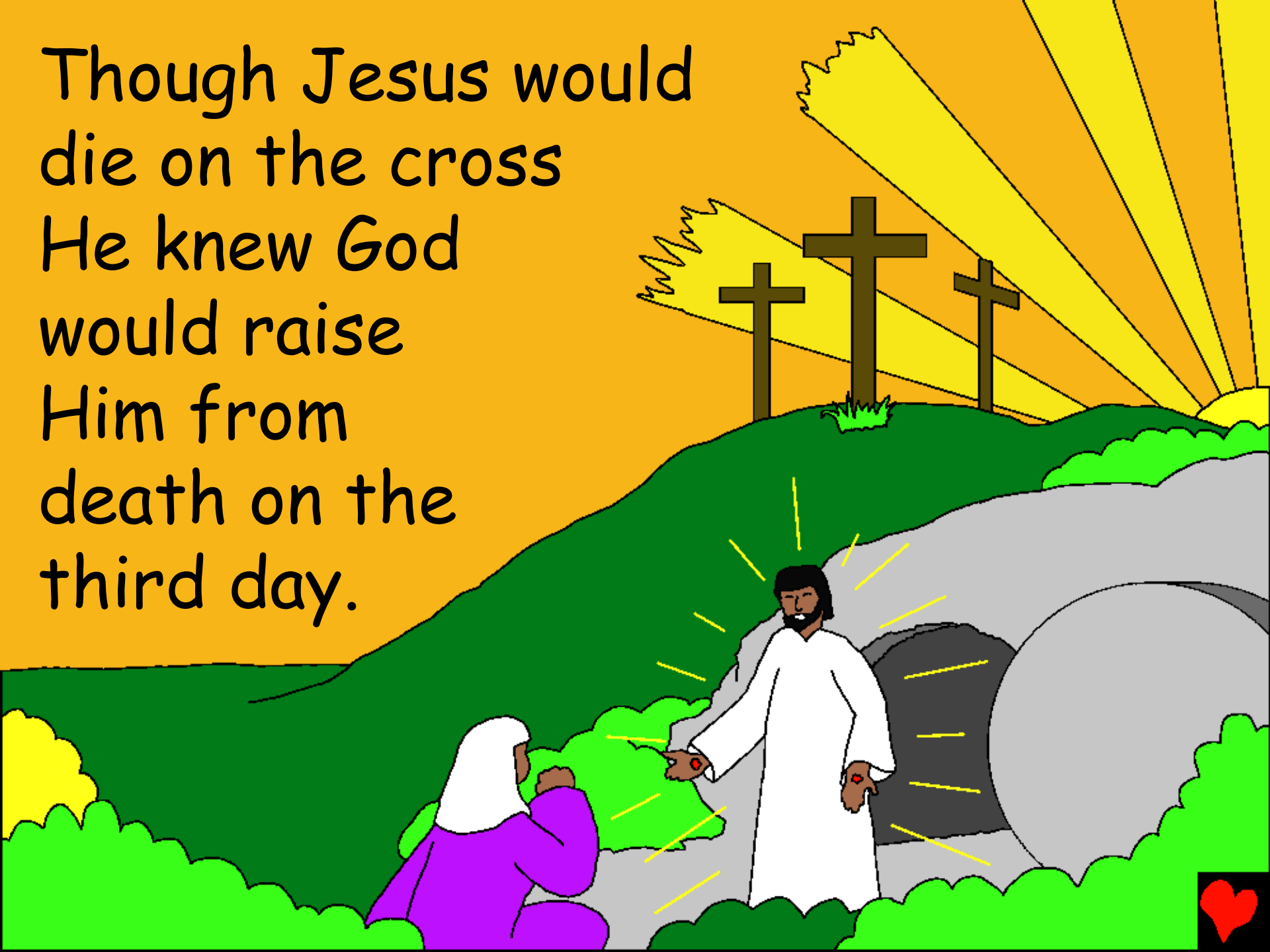
"Destroy this temple and I will raise it in three days," Jesus replied. Impossible! The Temple took forty-six years to build.



But Jesus spoke
of His body. Like
the Temple, His
body was
God's
dwelling
place.



Though Jesus would
die on the cross
He knew God
would raise
Him from
death on the
third day.

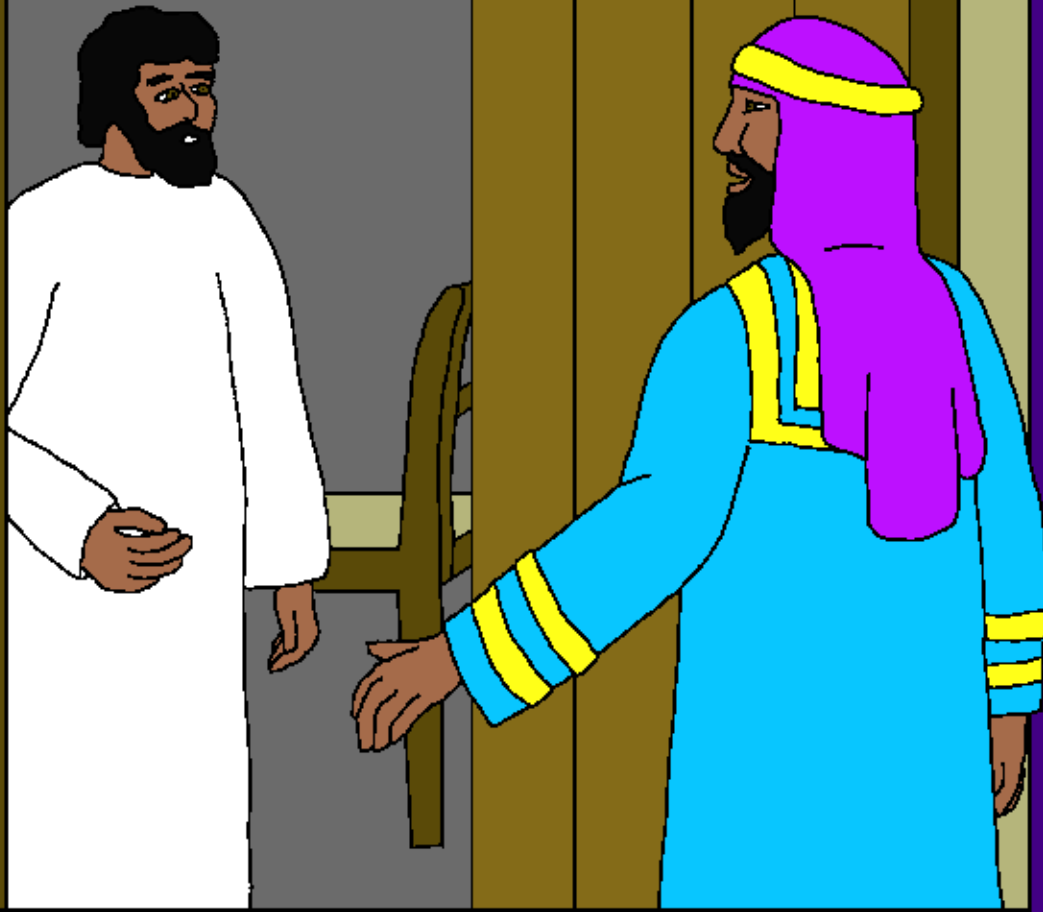




At night, one of the temple leaders visited Jesus. He knew by the miracles that Jesus was sent by God.



Nicodemus
came to
Jesus to
learn more
about God.





Jesus told
Nicodemus that
people must
be born
again to
enter God's
Kingdom.
Nicodemus
did not
understand.





How could a grown man become a baby again? Besides, he was religious. Was that not enough?





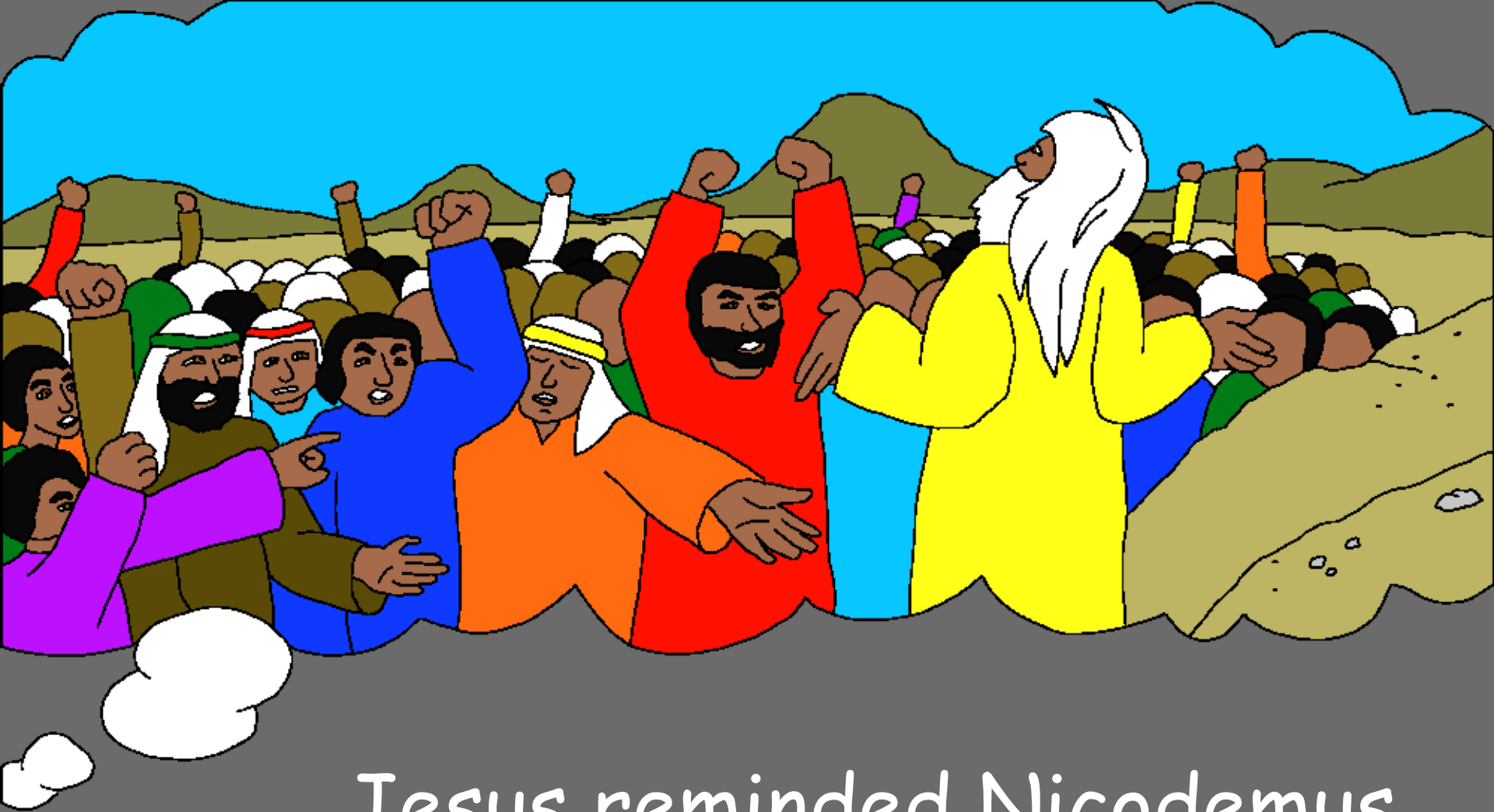
"That which is born of the spirit is spirit," Jesus explained. "God's Spirit is like the wind."





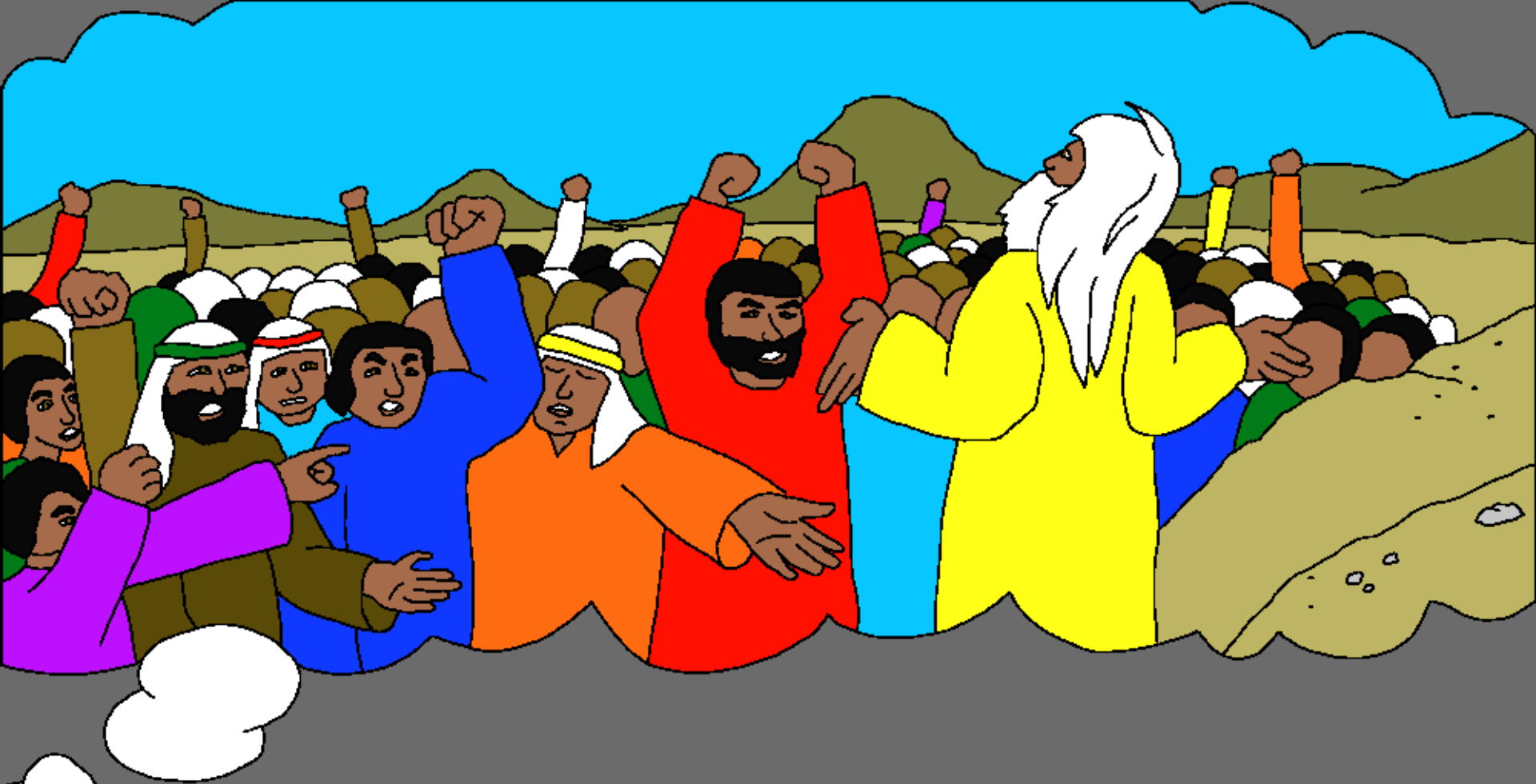
People do not see or understand the wind. They only see what the wind does."





Jesus reminded Nicodemus
about the children of Israel
complaining to Moses long ago.

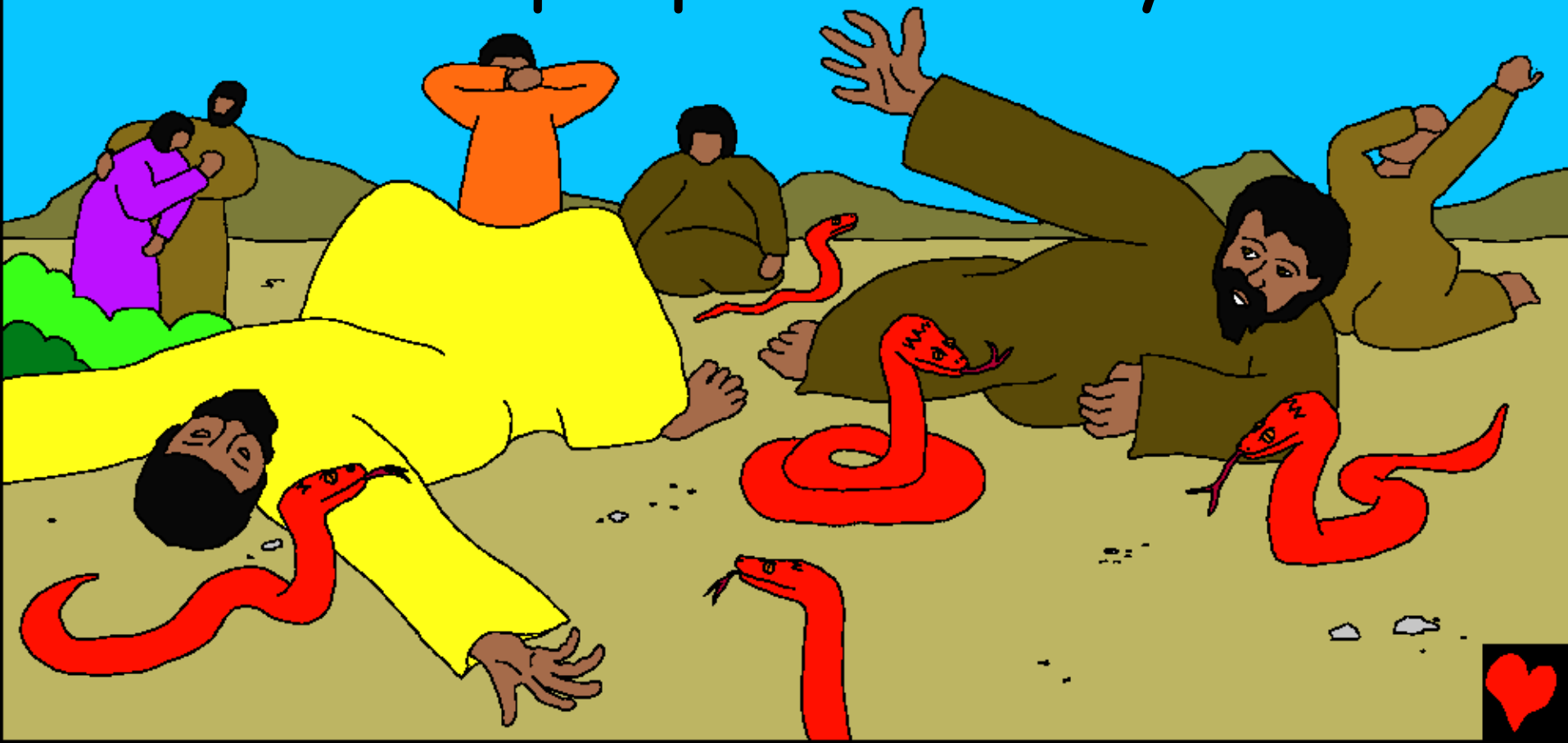




"We have no food, no water, and we hate the bread God gives us," they cried.



The people's sin
angered God. He sent fiery
serpents among them. The serpents
bit the people. Many died.



"We have sinned. Pray that the LORD will take away the serpents," the people begged.



So Moses prayed for them. But God did not take away the serpents.

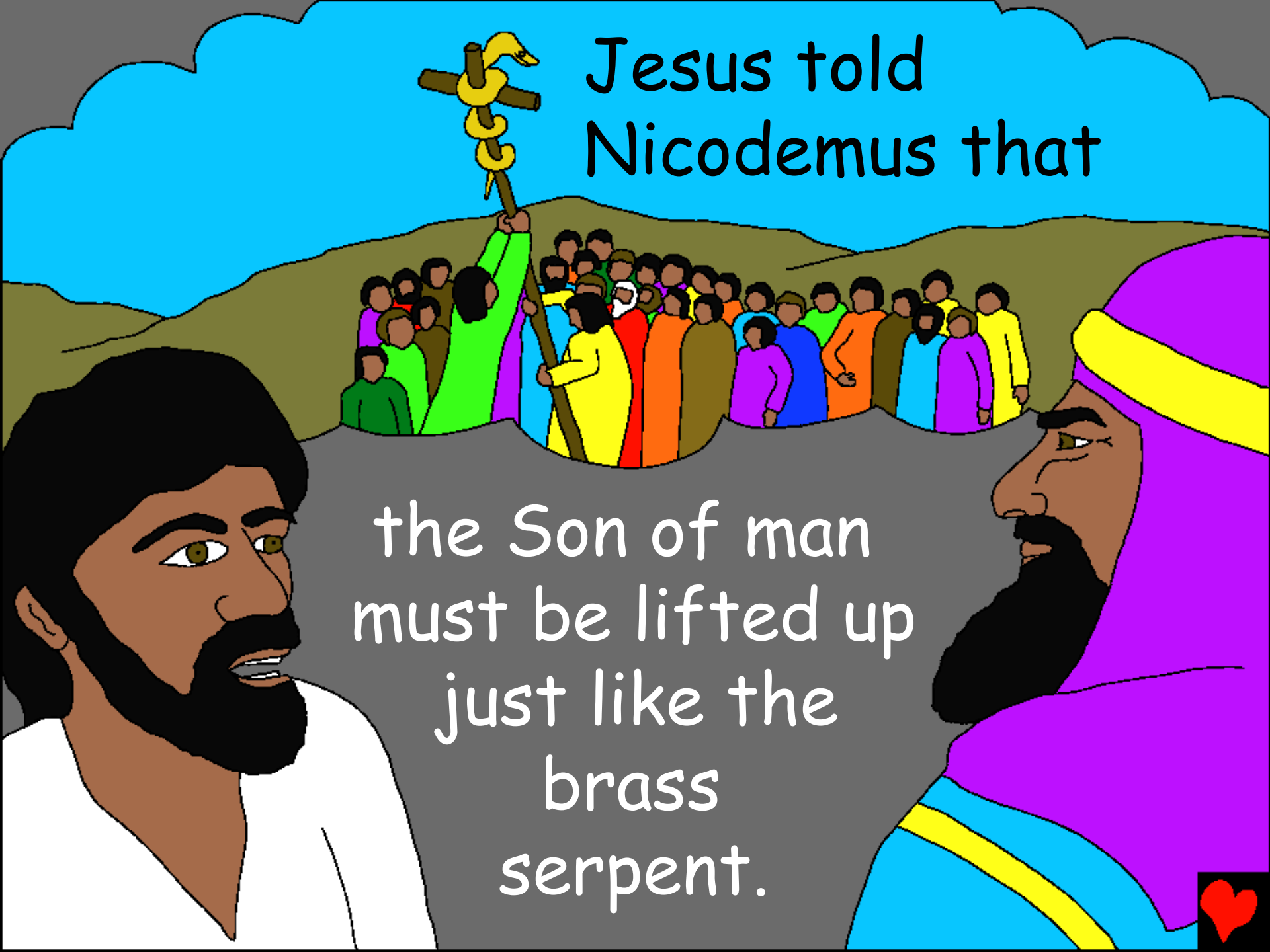


God told
Moses to make a fiery
serpent and set it on a
pole. "Everyone who is
bitten will live when he
looks at the serpent on the
pole," God promised.



Moses made a
brass serpent and
those who looked
at it were healed.

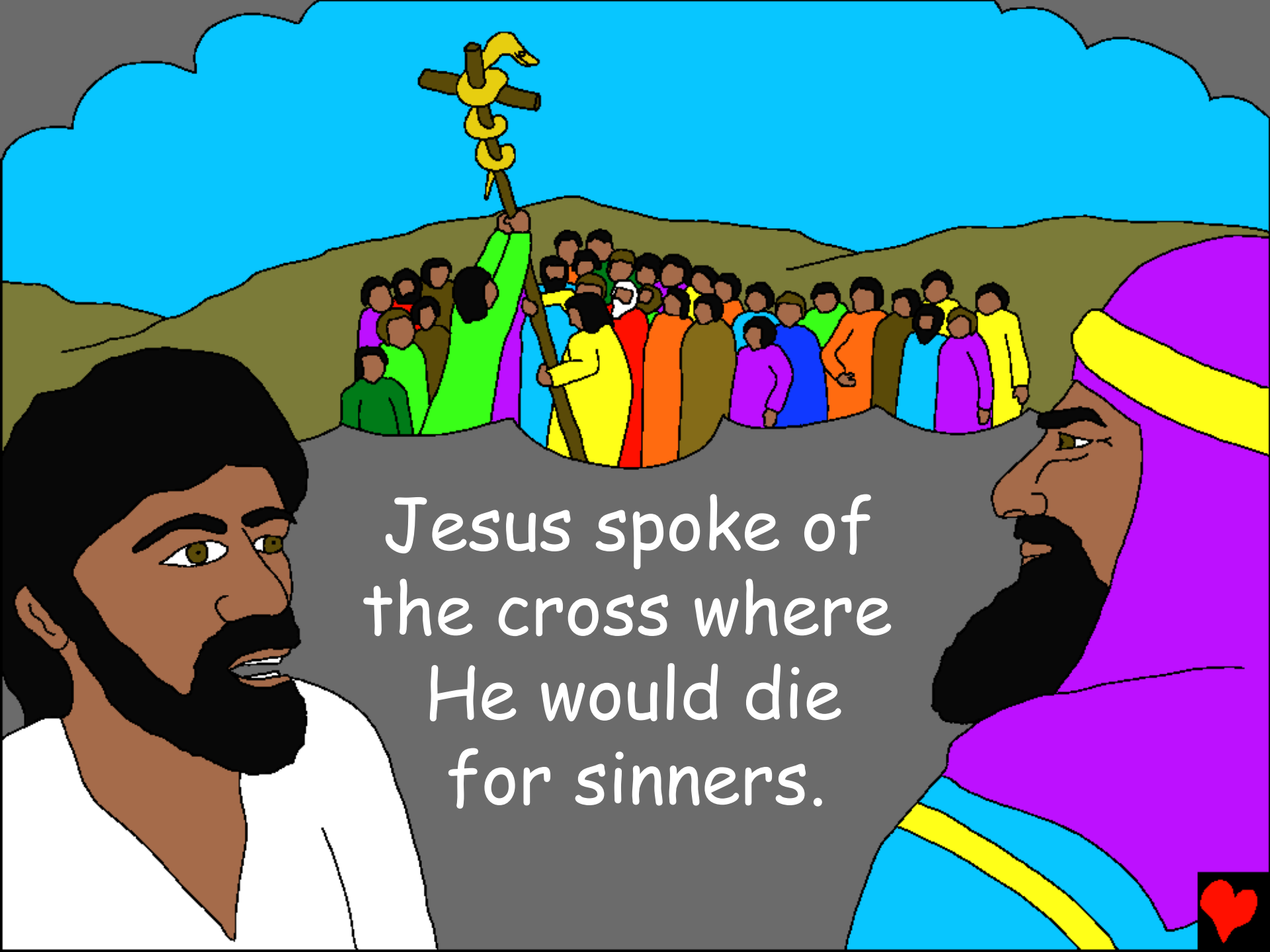




Jesus told
Nicodemus that

the Son of man
must be lifted up
just like the
brass
serpent.





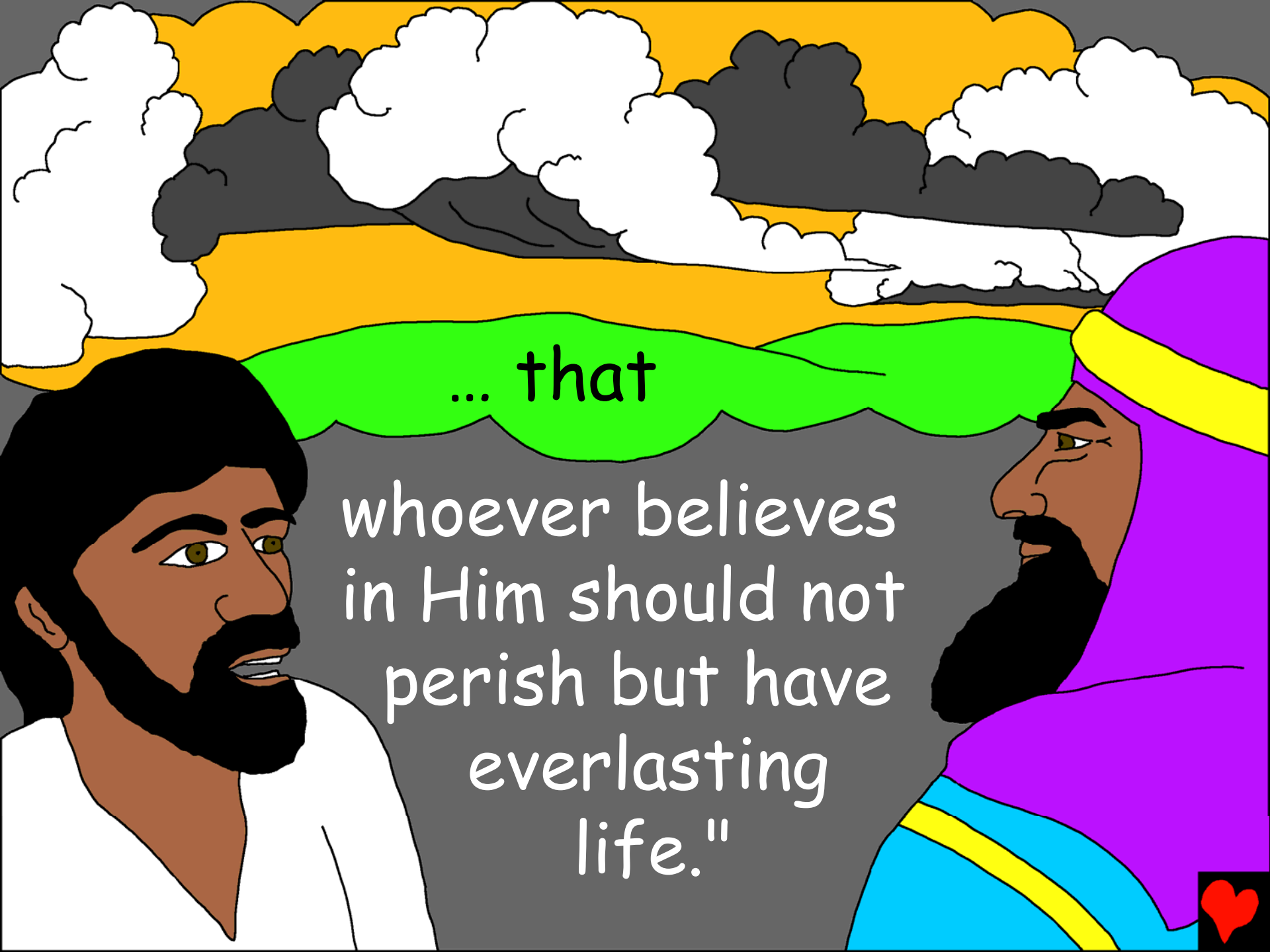
Jesus spoke of
the cross where
He would die
for sinners.





Jesus said,

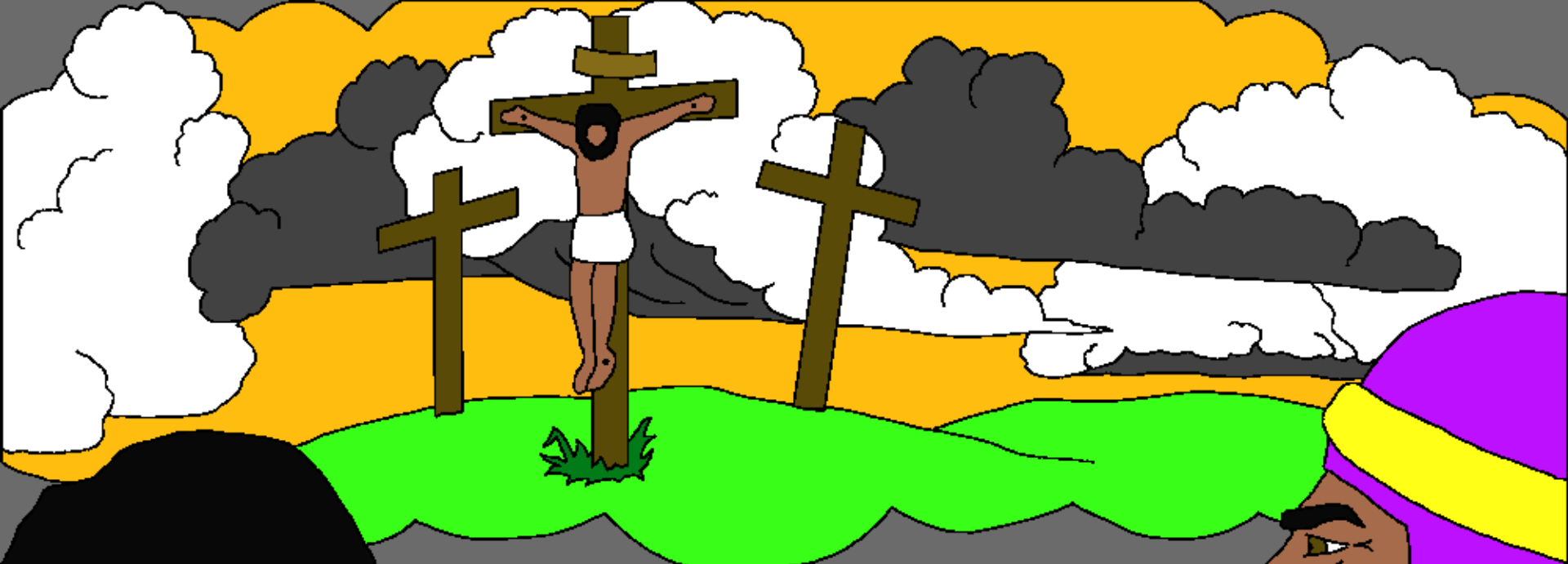
"God so loved the
world that He
gave His only
begotten
Son, ...



... that

whoever believes
in Him should not
perish but have
everlasting
life."





This means that
whoever believes
in Jesus is born
into God's
family.



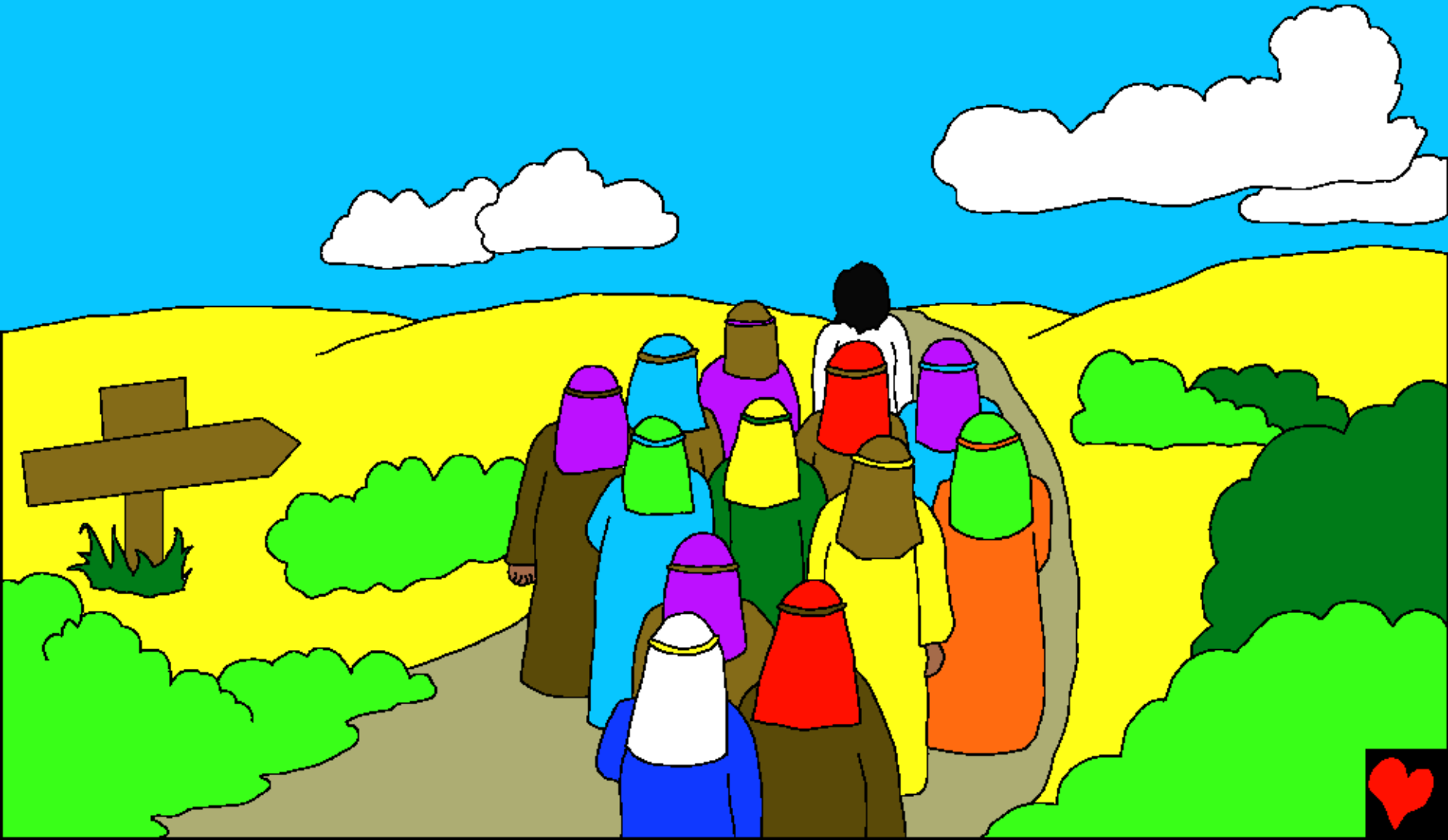
Maybe Nicodemus did not become a disciple of Jesus that night.



But years later, Nicodemus showed that he loved and believed in Jesus by helping to bury the crucified Son of God.



After this, Jesus and His disciples set out to travel North.



Other people needed to hear about God's Kingdom, and have the chance to believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God.



A Temple Leader Visits Jesus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

John 2-3 and Numbers 21

"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

