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THE  
FARMER  
AND THE  
SEED



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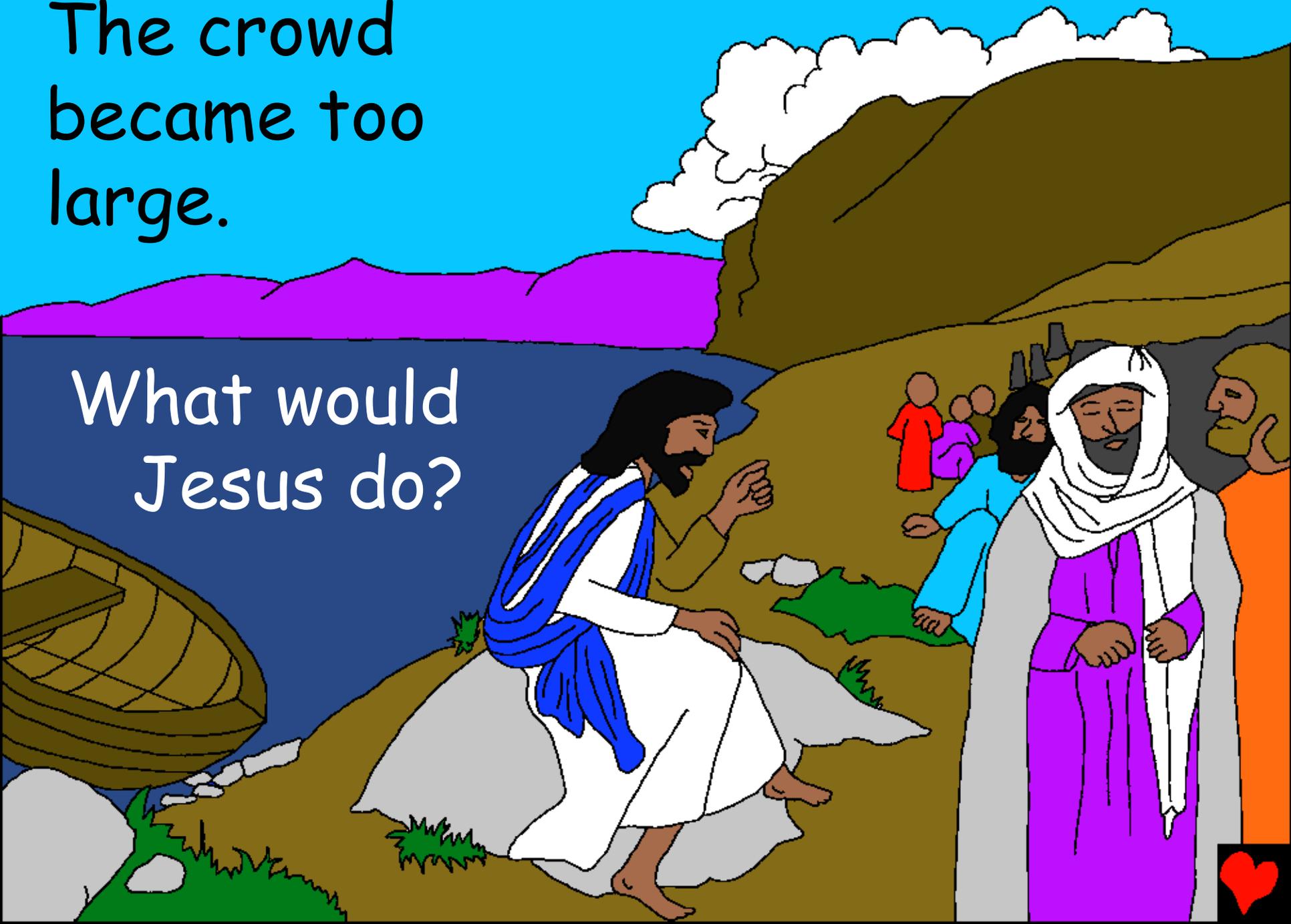
One day Jesus  
taught by the lake  
-side. Lots of

people gathered  
to hear  
Him.



The crowd  
became too  
large.

What would  
Jesus do?



Seeing a boat nearby, Jesus  
climbed aboard. Now He  
could see the people  
and they

could see

and hear  
Him.

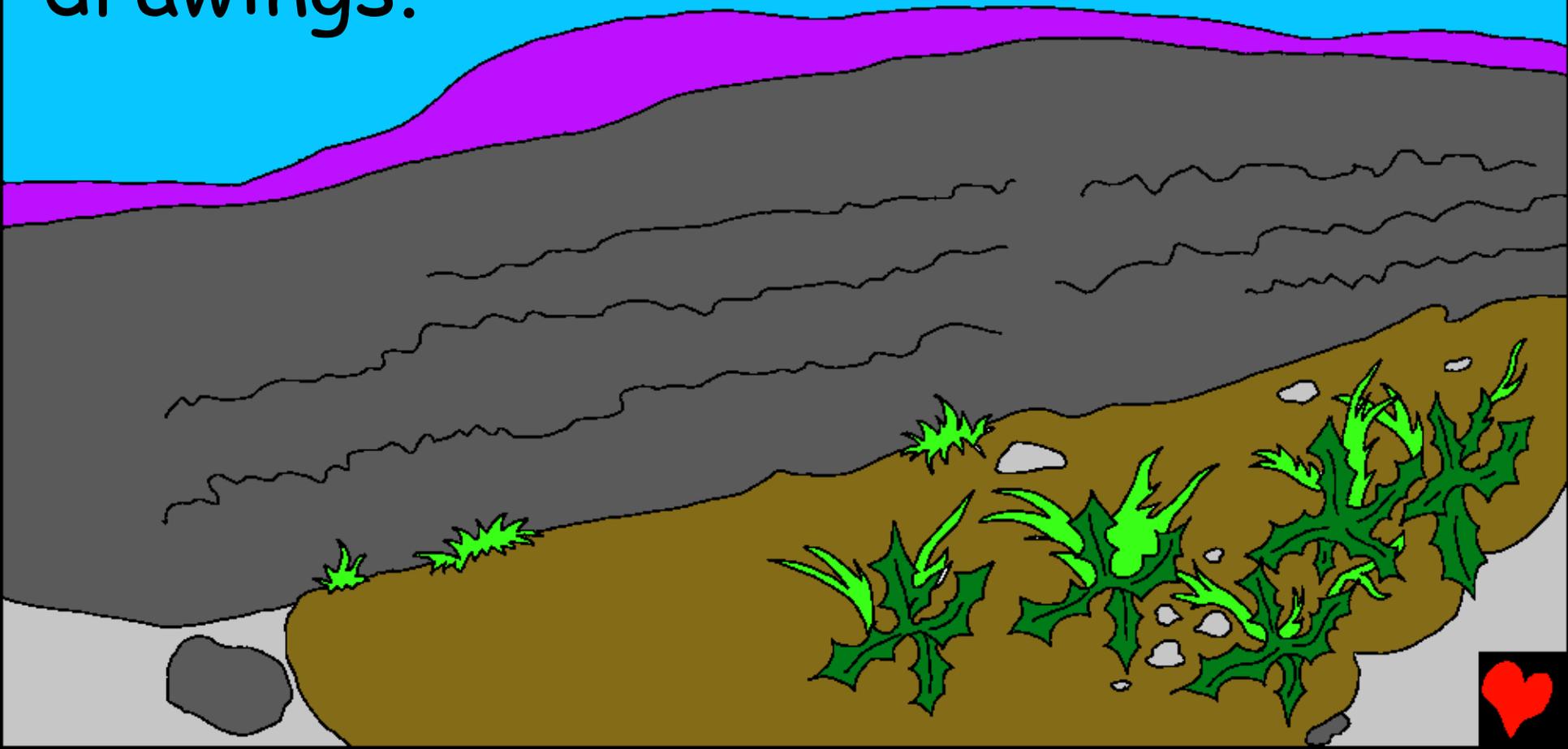


Jesus began to tell parables  
- stories about ordinary  
things, that taught  
people

about  
God.



"A farmer scattered seed on his field." Jesus' story was like a picture with words instead of drawings.



People could picture the farmer working - they had seen it many times.



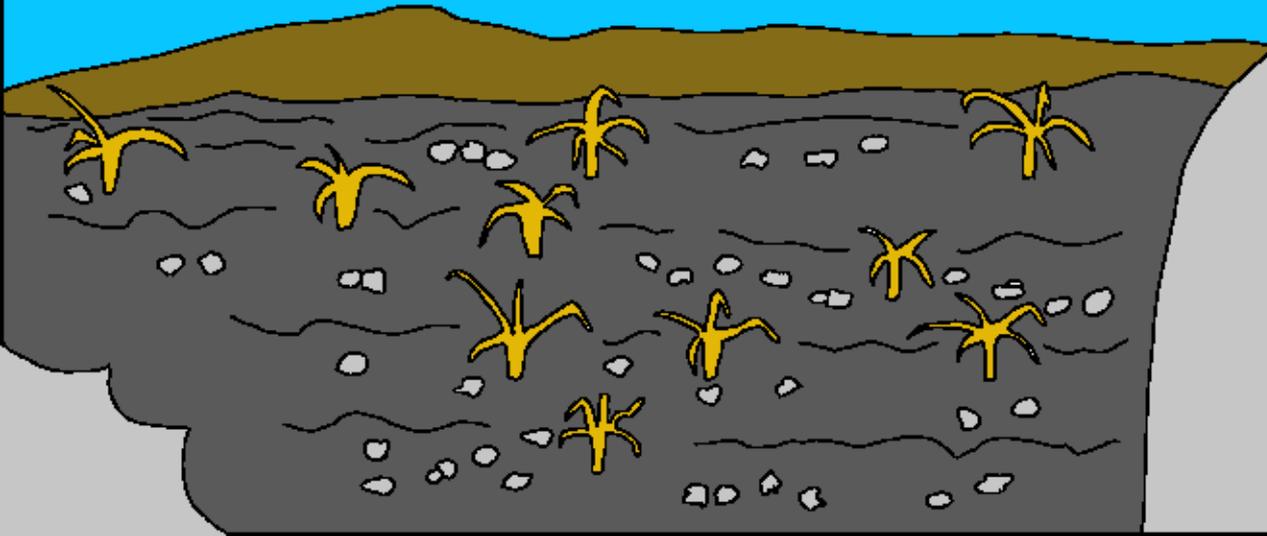
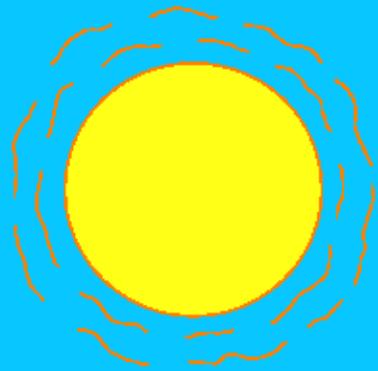
Some of the  
scattered seed lay  
on a footpath.  
Swoosh!



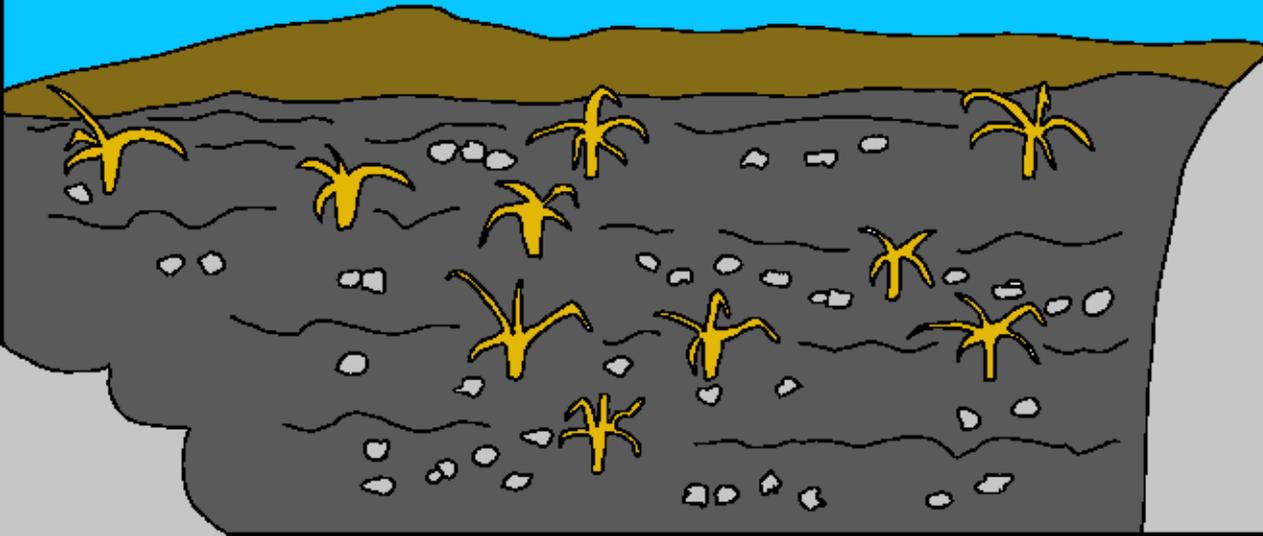
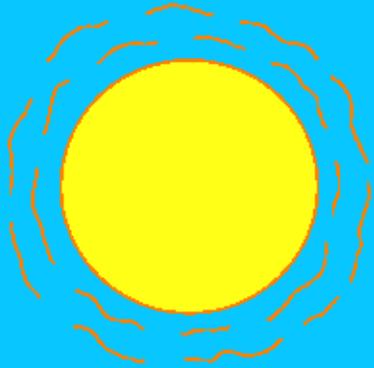
Birds quickly  
swooped down to  
gobble it up.



Some seed landed on stony parts of the field. They quickly grew into spindly puny plants.



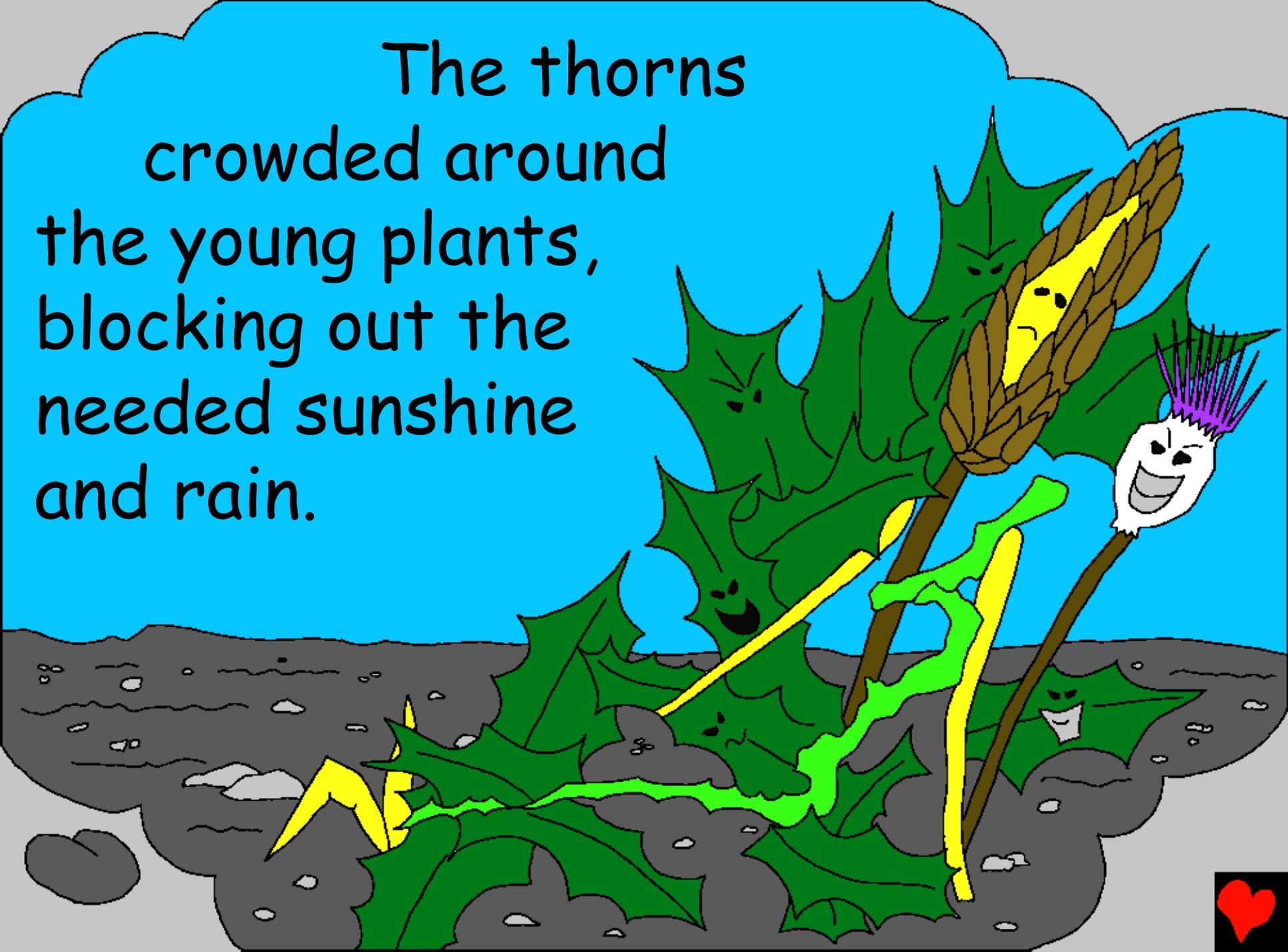
The hot sun soon shriveled them up because they could not root in the shallow soil.



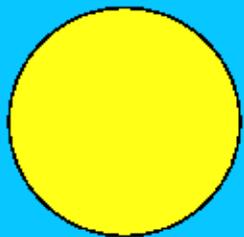
Other seed  
had rooted  
among thorns.  
It didn't  
produce  
grain.



The thorns crowded around the young plants, blocking out the needed sunshine and rain.



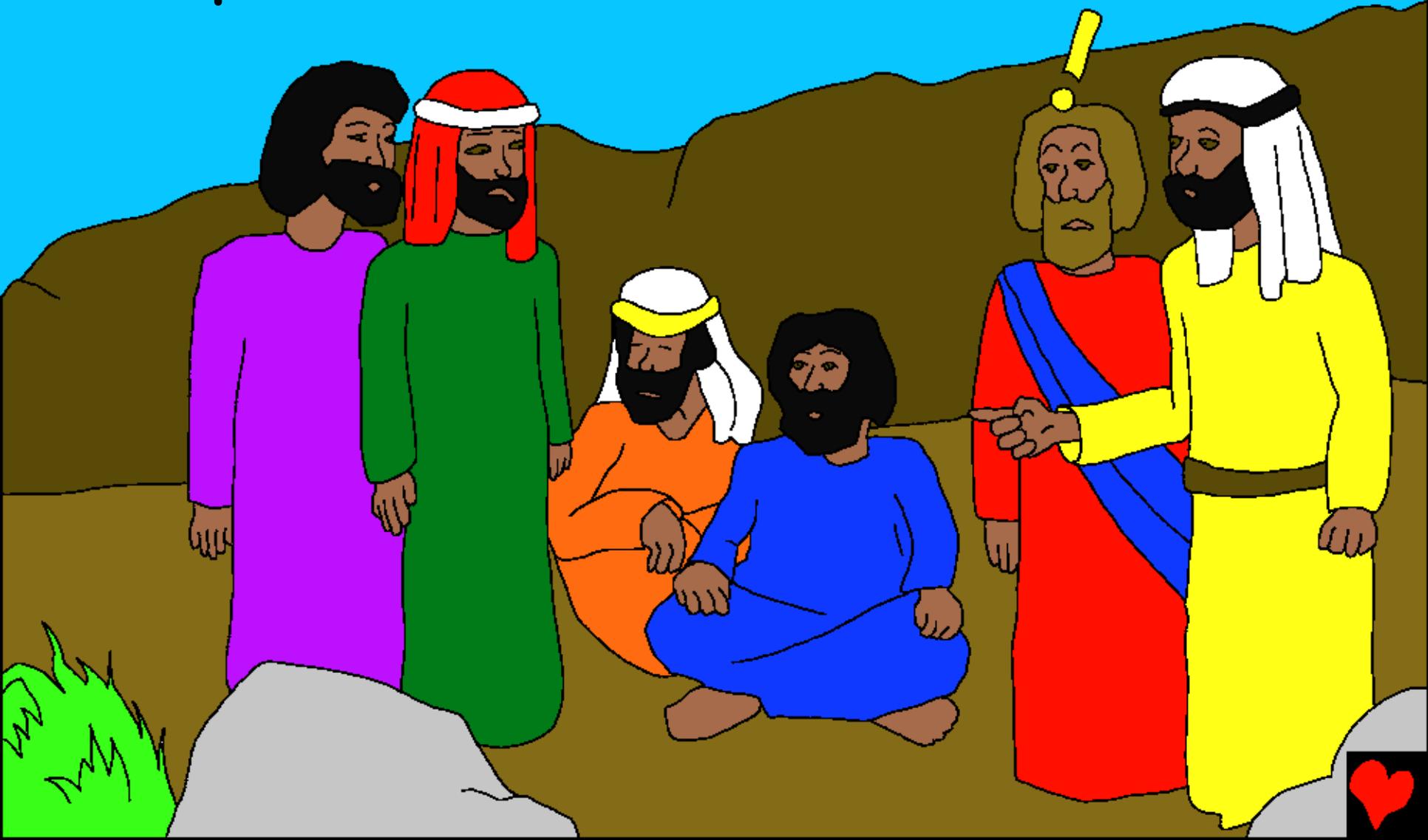
The rest of the seed fell  
on good ground. As time passed,  
the shoots became  
healthy plants  
bearing plenty  
of new grain.



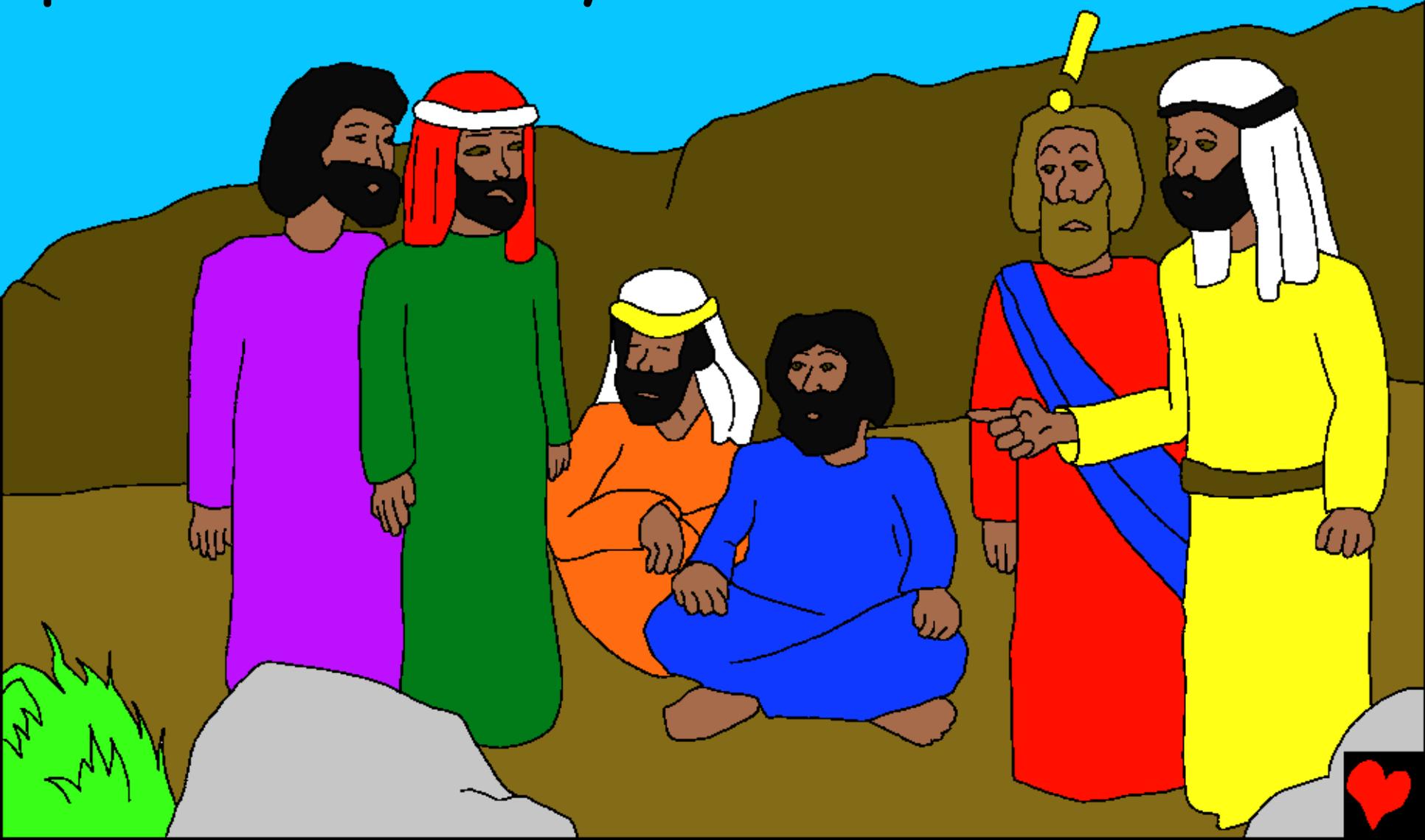
The farmer must  
have been very happy.



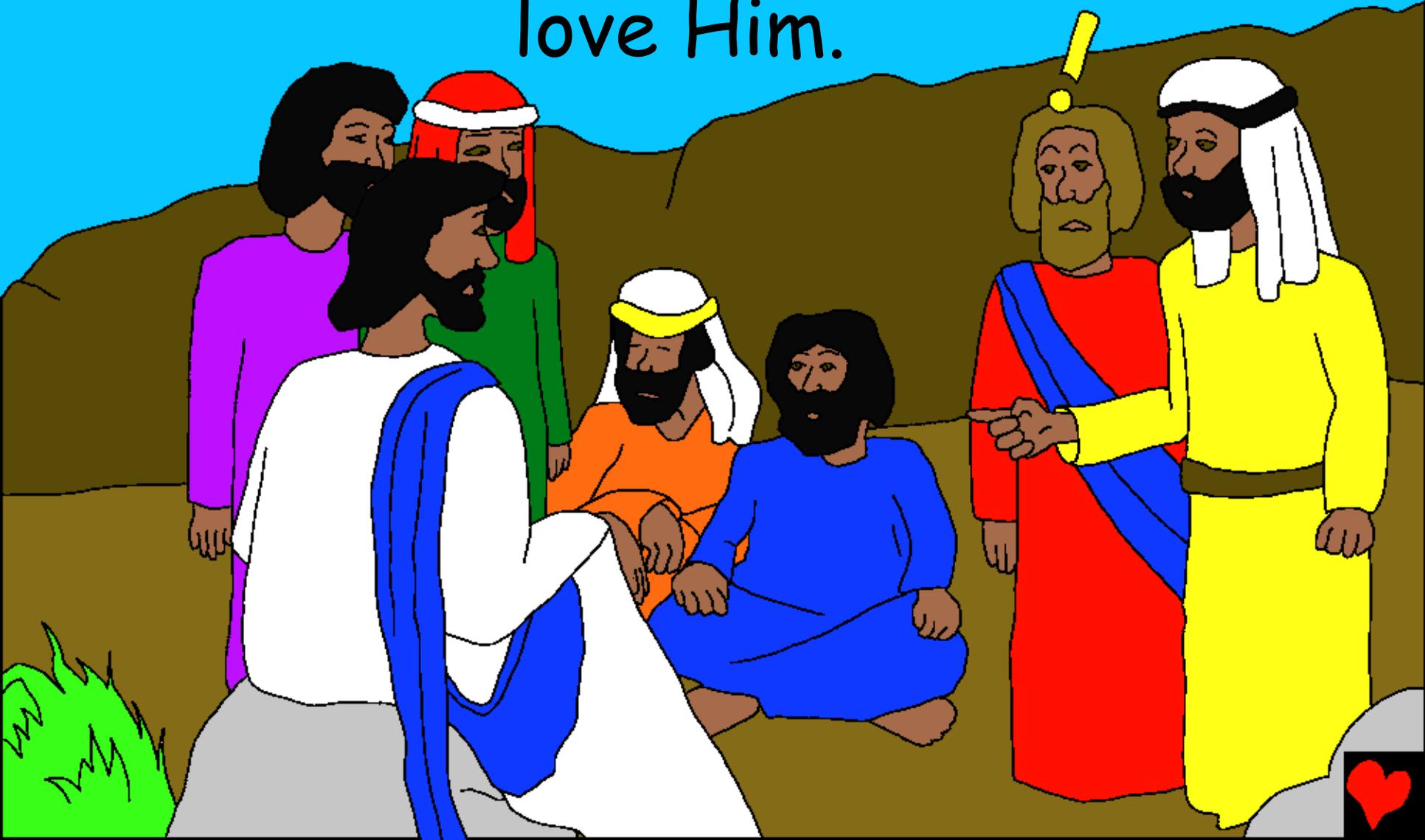
At the end of the story, the disciples came to Jesus.



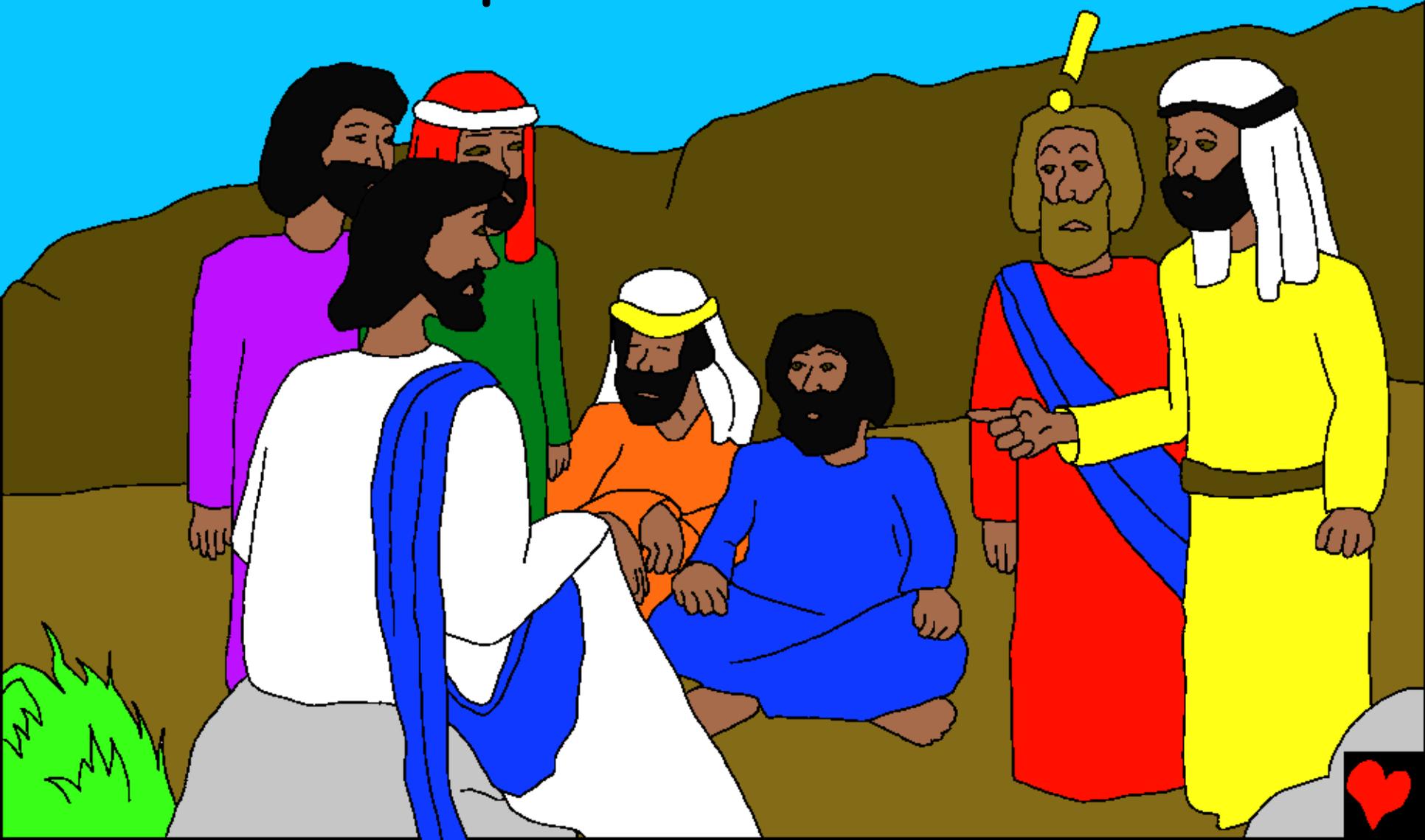
"Why do you teach in parables?" they asked.



Jesus said parables help people understand about God if they really love Him.

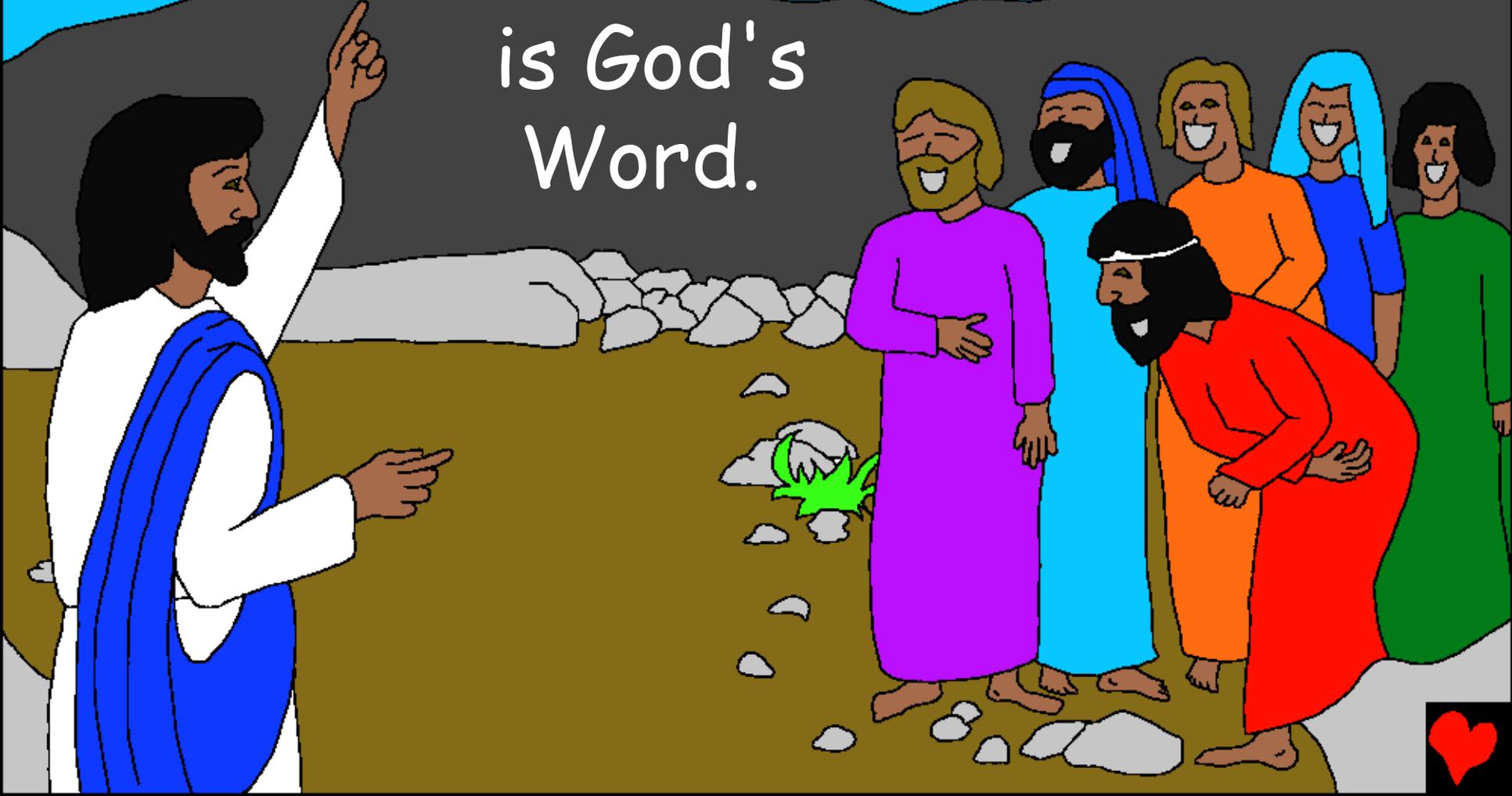


People who don't love God cannot understand parables.



Jesus explained the parable. He said the seed

is God's Word.



Seed on the  
footpath is like somebody

hearing  
but ...

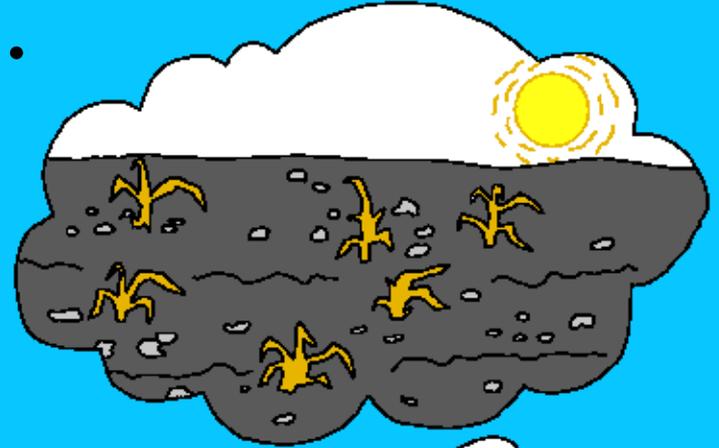


not understanding God's  
Word. Satan makes them forget

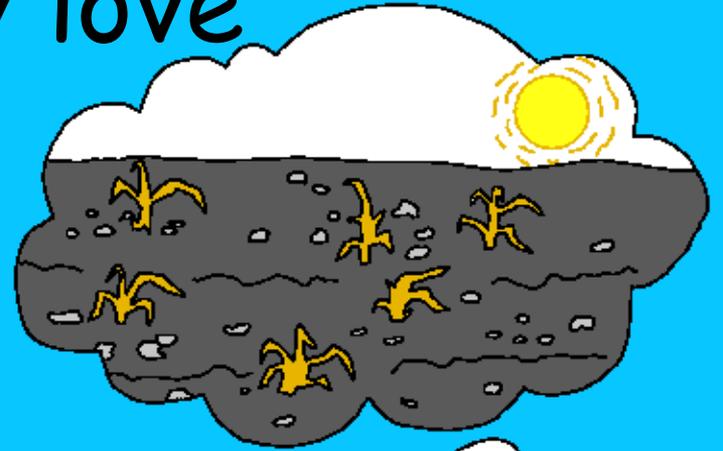
what  
God said.



Some people quickly receive  
God's Word. They are like  
the seed on stony soil.



But as soon as somebody  
mocks them or makes things  
difficult because they love  
God, a sad thing  
happens.



These same people who joyfully started to follow Jesus turn away and stop obeying God's Word.



They don't want to pay the price of following God. How sad that they should want to please friends rather than God!



The thorns  
in the  
parable are  
like worldly  
worries and  
the love for  
money that  
fill some  
people's  
lives.



They are  
so busy  
trying to get  
more money  
and other  
things that  
they leave  
God out of  
their lives.



But the seed that fell on good soil and gave a good harvest is like the Word of God entering hearts and changing people's lives. These people serve and honor God.



The crowds did not want to leave.  
Many wanted to follow God and  
please Him. Jesus' parables helped  
them to understand how  
to obey God.



# The Farmer and the Seed

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Matthew 13

"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

