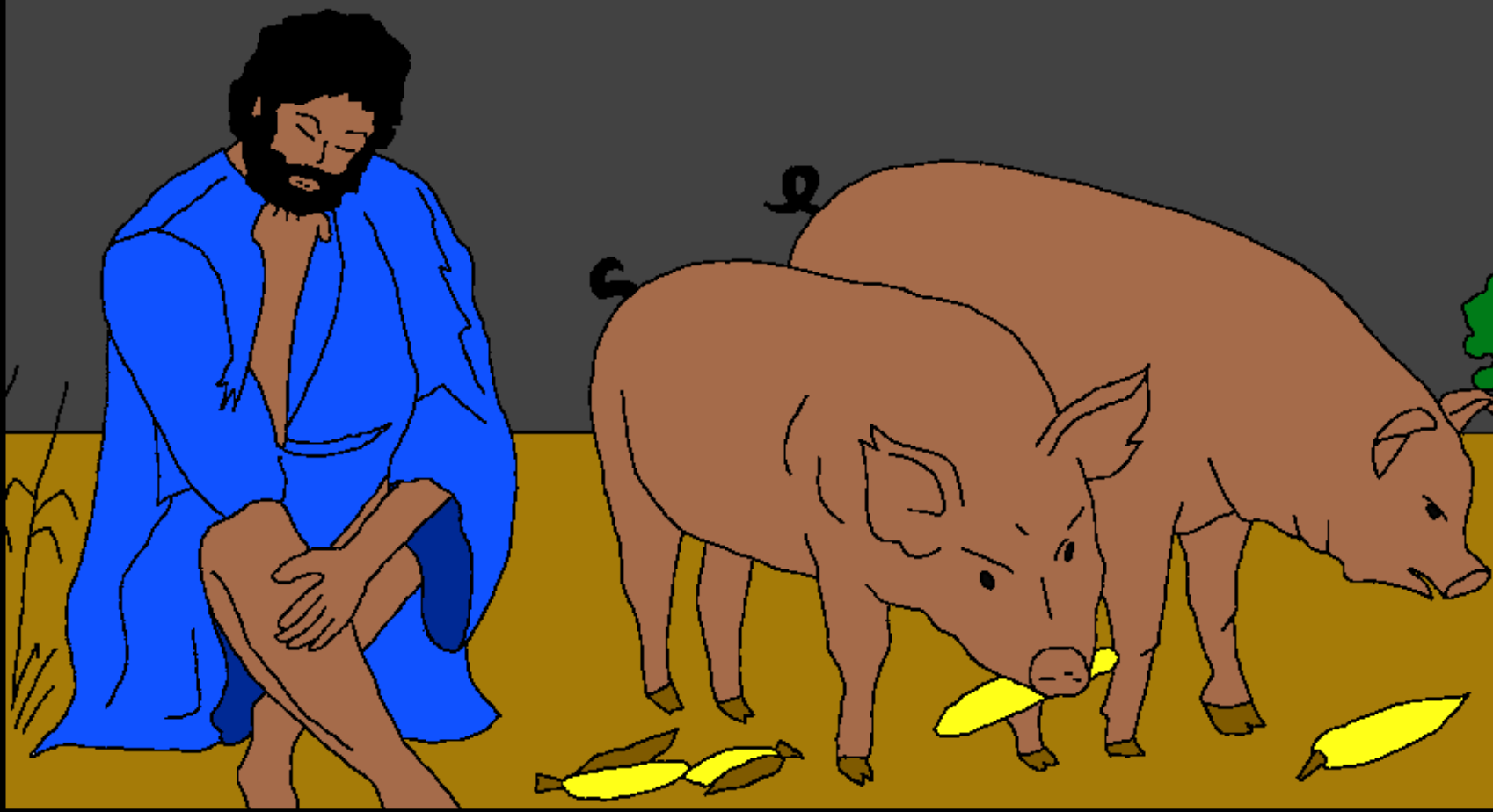


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THE PRODIGAL SON



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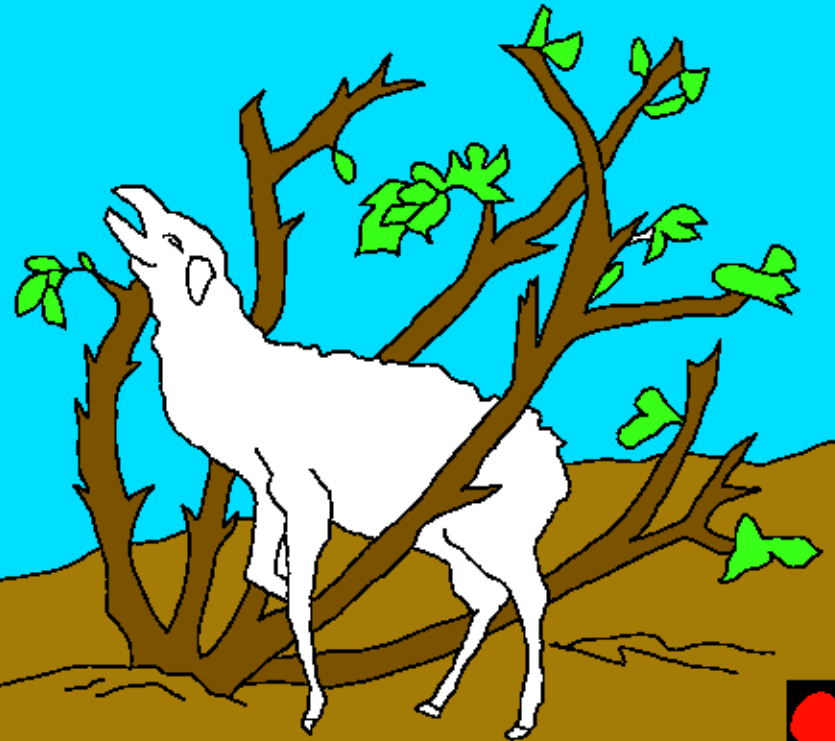
Jesus loved to tell people about God's forgiveness. But Jewish leaders complained about His friendship with sinners.



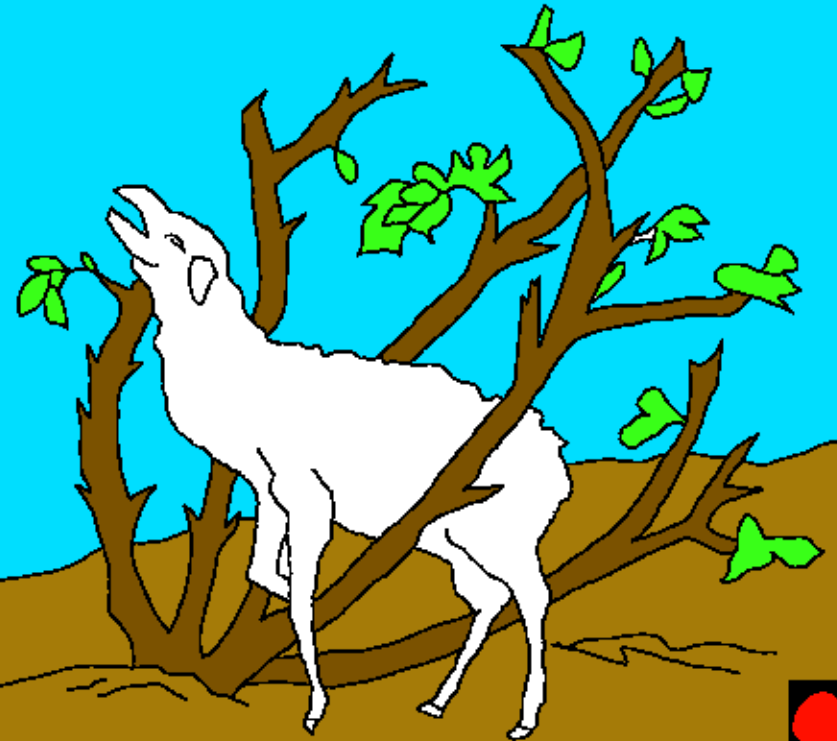
So Jesus told
three stories
to show that
God is happy
when sinners
are sorry for
their sins.



The first story
was about a man with
a hundred sheep.
One got lost.



Right away the shepherd
left the ninety-nine
and went out to find
the missing
sheep.





The shepherd searched
and searched until he
found the sheep.
Then he put it
on his shoulders
and carried it

home joyfully.



He told his friends,
"Rejoice with me,
for I have
found my sheep
which was lost!"



Jesus explained
that there is
great joy in
heaven over
one sinner
who
repents.



To repent
means to be
sorry for our
sins - sorry
enough
to quit!





Jesus' next story was about a lady who had ten silver coins, perhaps her whole life savings. An awful thing happened. She lost one of her coins.



Sweep! Sweep!
Sweep! The lady
looked everywhere.



Finally she found the lost coin.
She was very happy. Can you
guess what she did? Yes,
she told all her friends!





Again
Jesus
said,
"There is joy
in the presence
of God's angels
over one sinner
who repents."



The third story Jesus told was the saddest. It spoke of a boy who left his father's home.

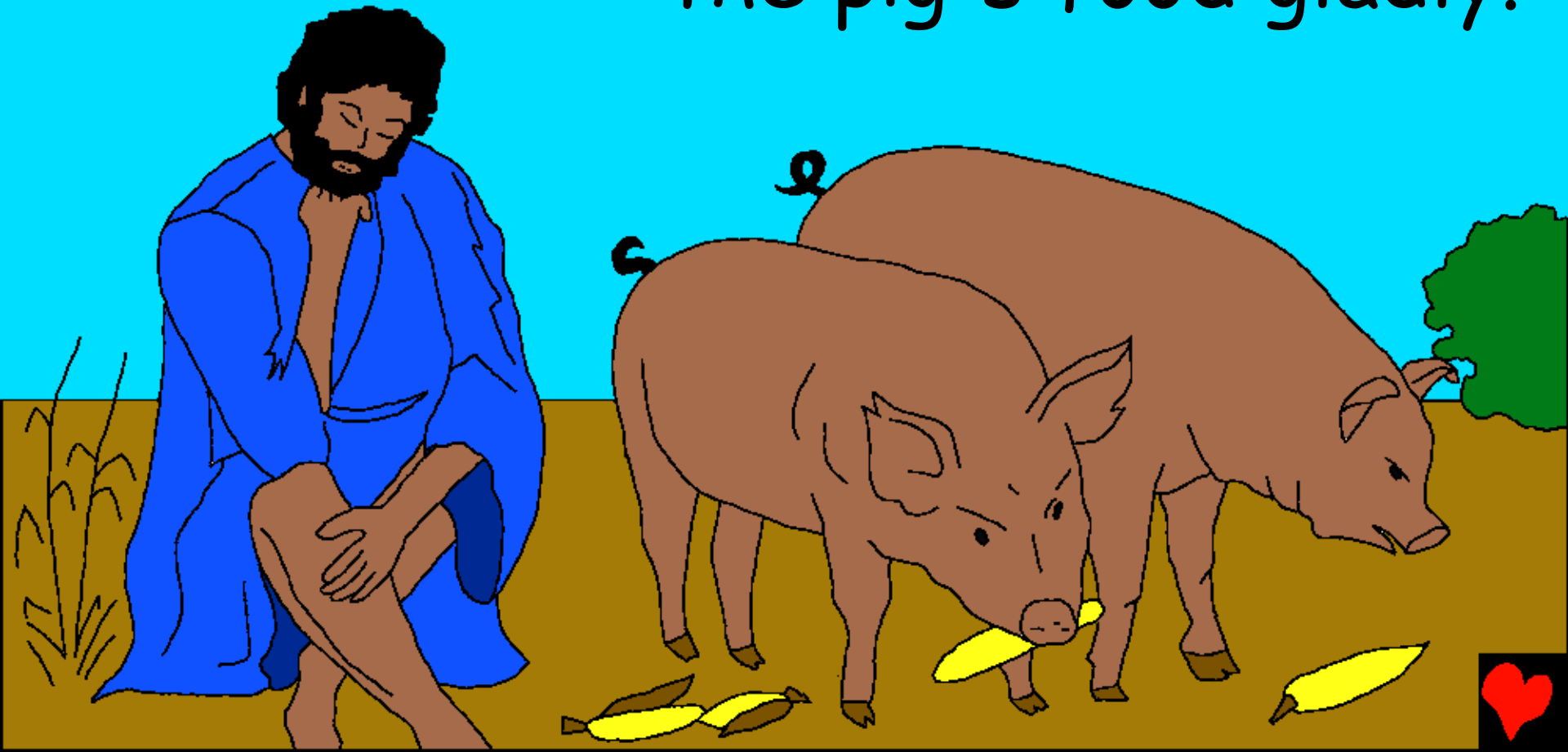


In a far country the boy spent his money foolishly. Now what could he do? To make matters worse, a famine

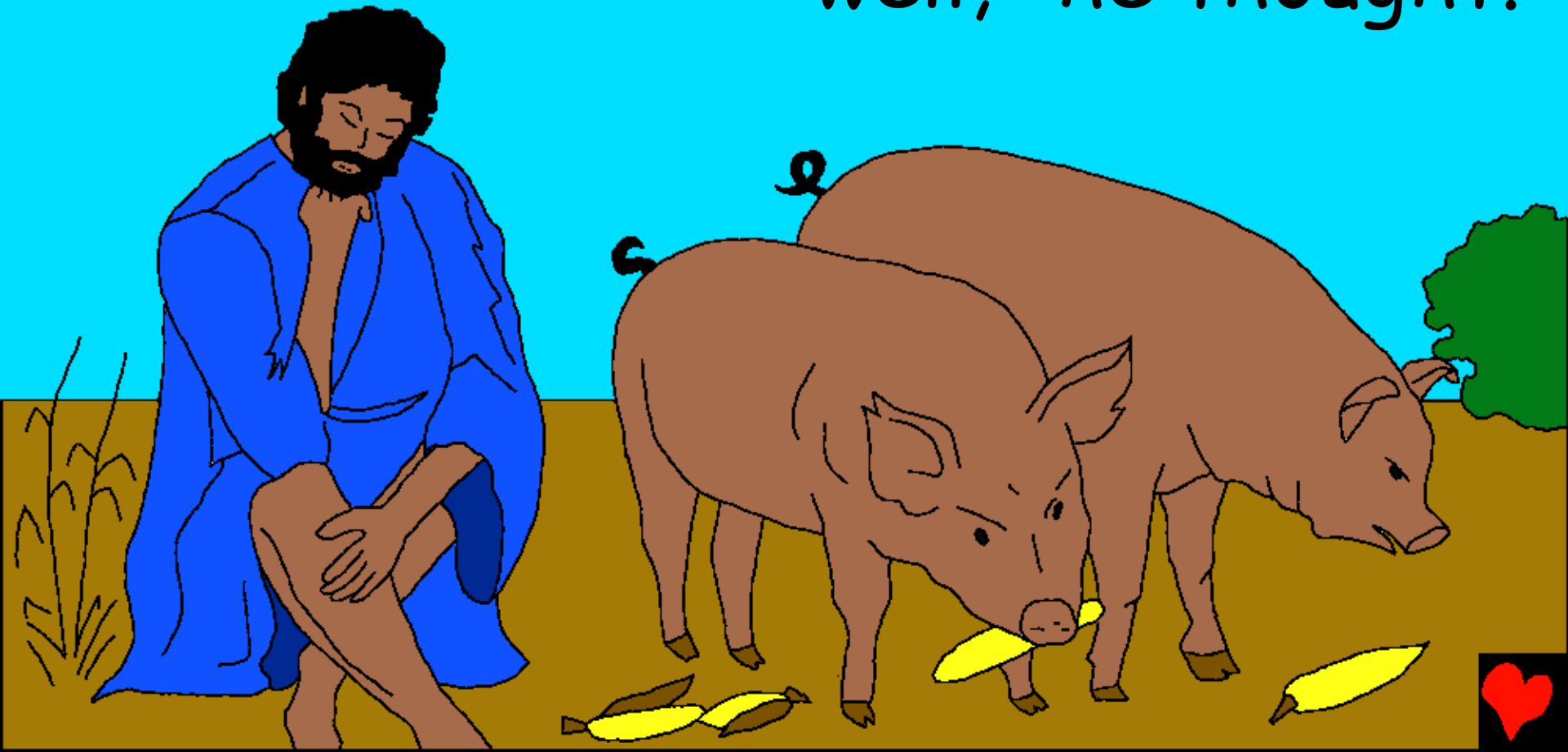
came. The boy could starve to death.



Desperate with hunger, the boy got a job feeding pigs. But no one fed him. He would have eaten the pig's food gladly.



Perhaps he did! Finally, the boy came to his senses. "Back home, even the servants eat well," he thought.





"I'll go home and tell
Father I'm sorry
for my sins. I'm
not worthy to be
his son anymore.
I hope he'll
hire me as a
servant."



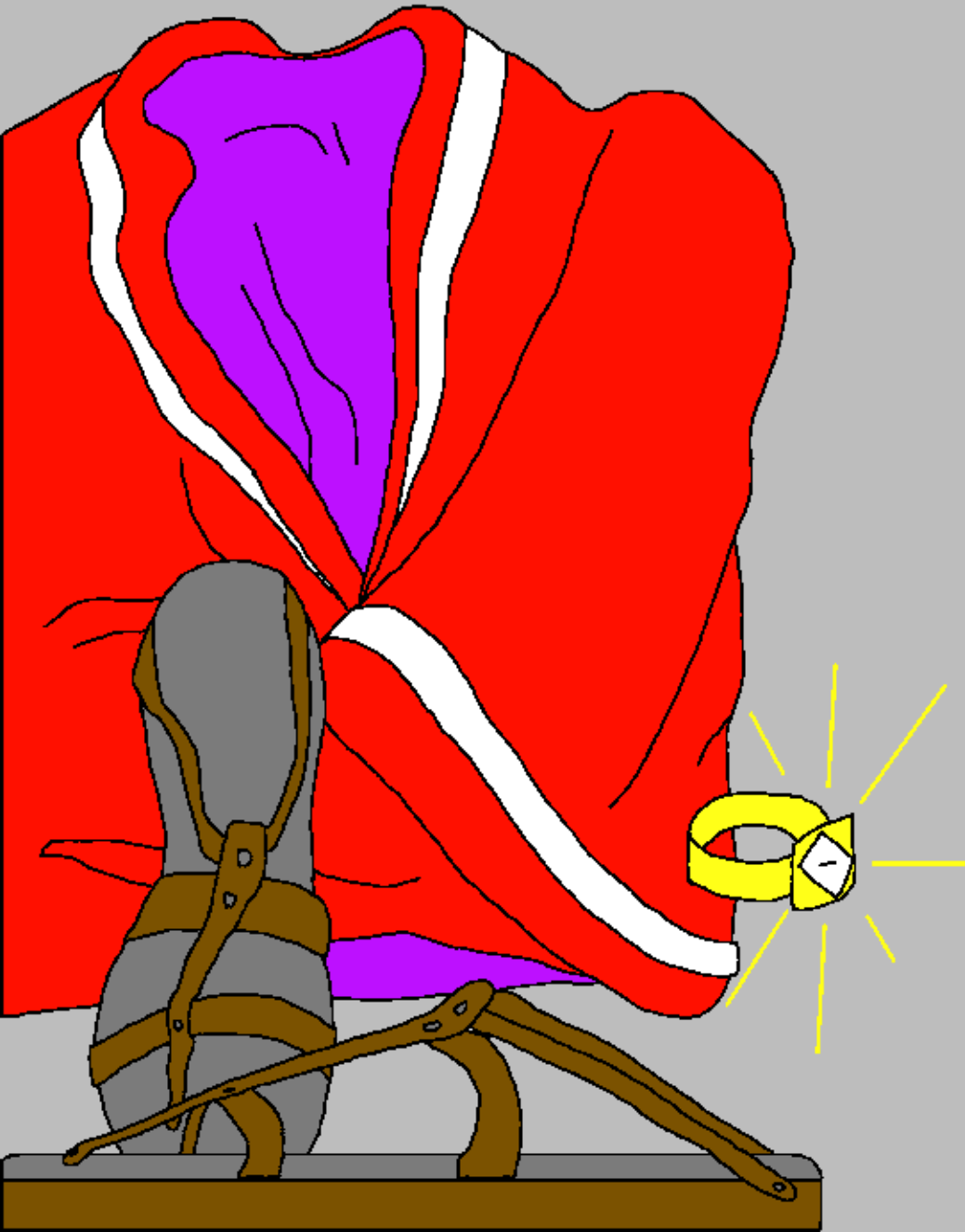
While the boy was still a long way from home, his father saw him coming.

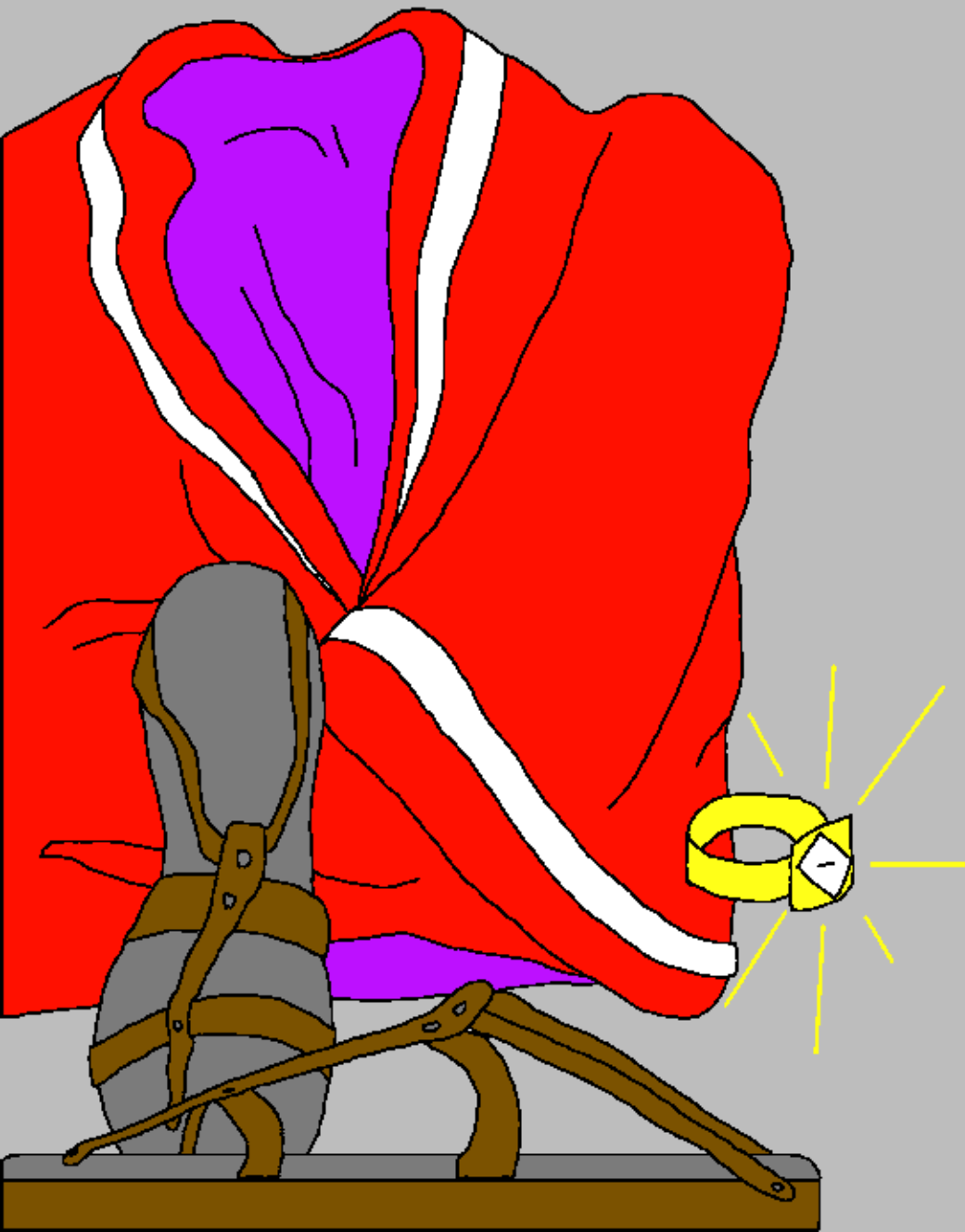
Joyously,
the father
ran
to his

returning son.
He kissed the boy,
and hugged him.



"Father, I have sinned. I'm not worthy to be your son." The boy wanted to ask his father to hire him as a servant.





But Father interrupted. "Bring the best robe, sandals, and a ring for my son. And prepare for a great party."



There was a wonderful
party because
the son who
was lost
had been
found.



Jesus told this story
because it shows
how God loves
to receive
sinners who
repent and
come to
Him.



The Prodigal Son

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Luke 15

"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

