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A FAVORITE  
SON  
BECOMES  
A SLAVE



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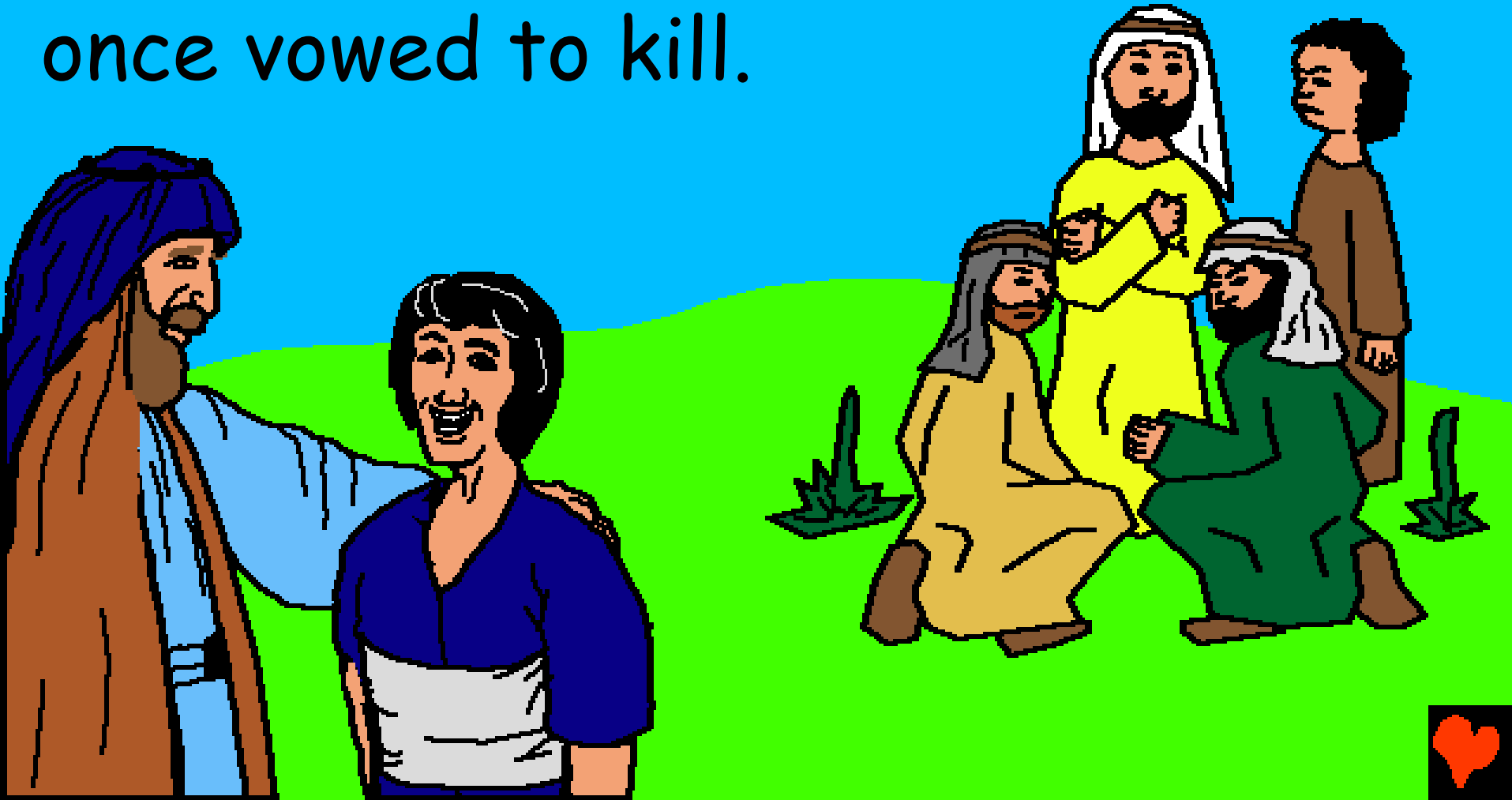
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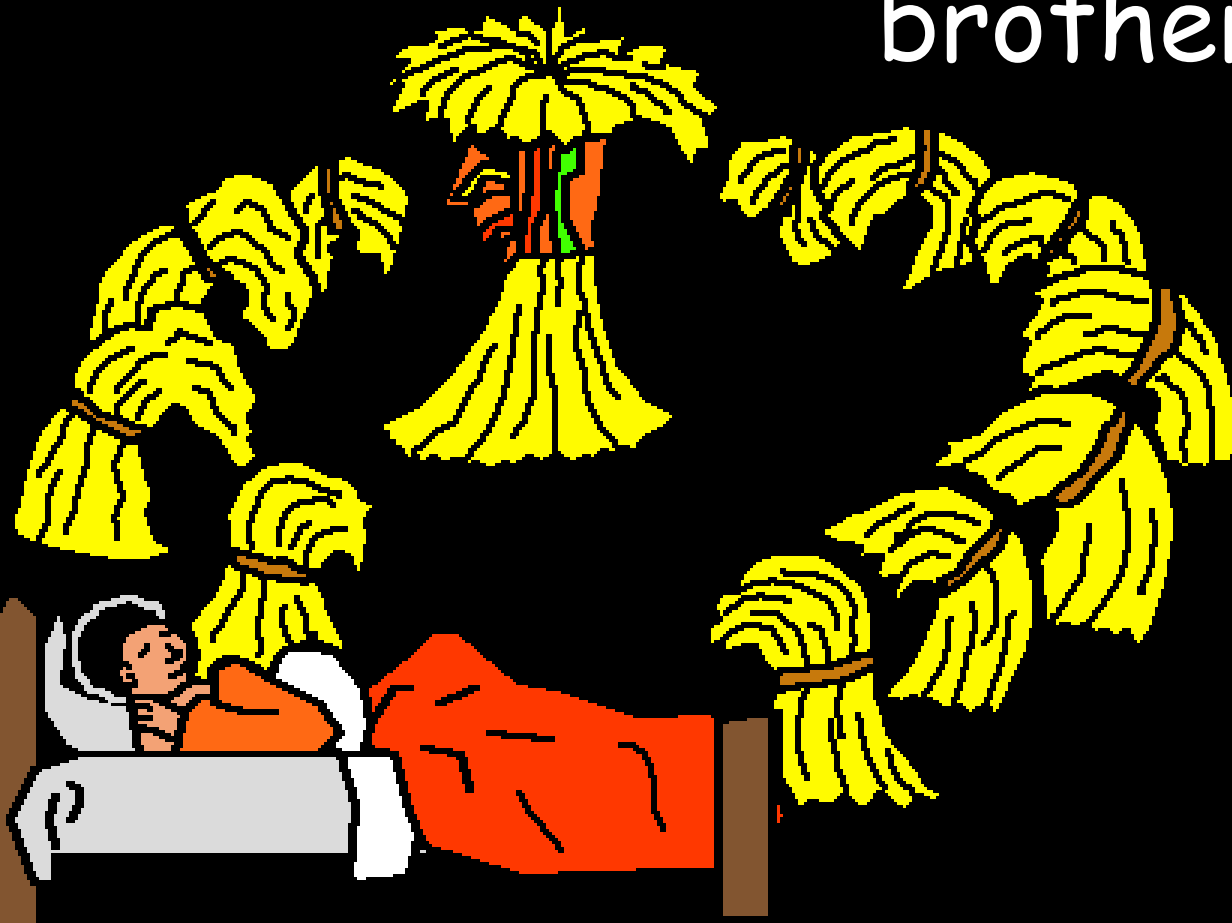
Isaac was very happy. His son Jacob was home. Even Esau welcomed the brother he once vowed to kill.



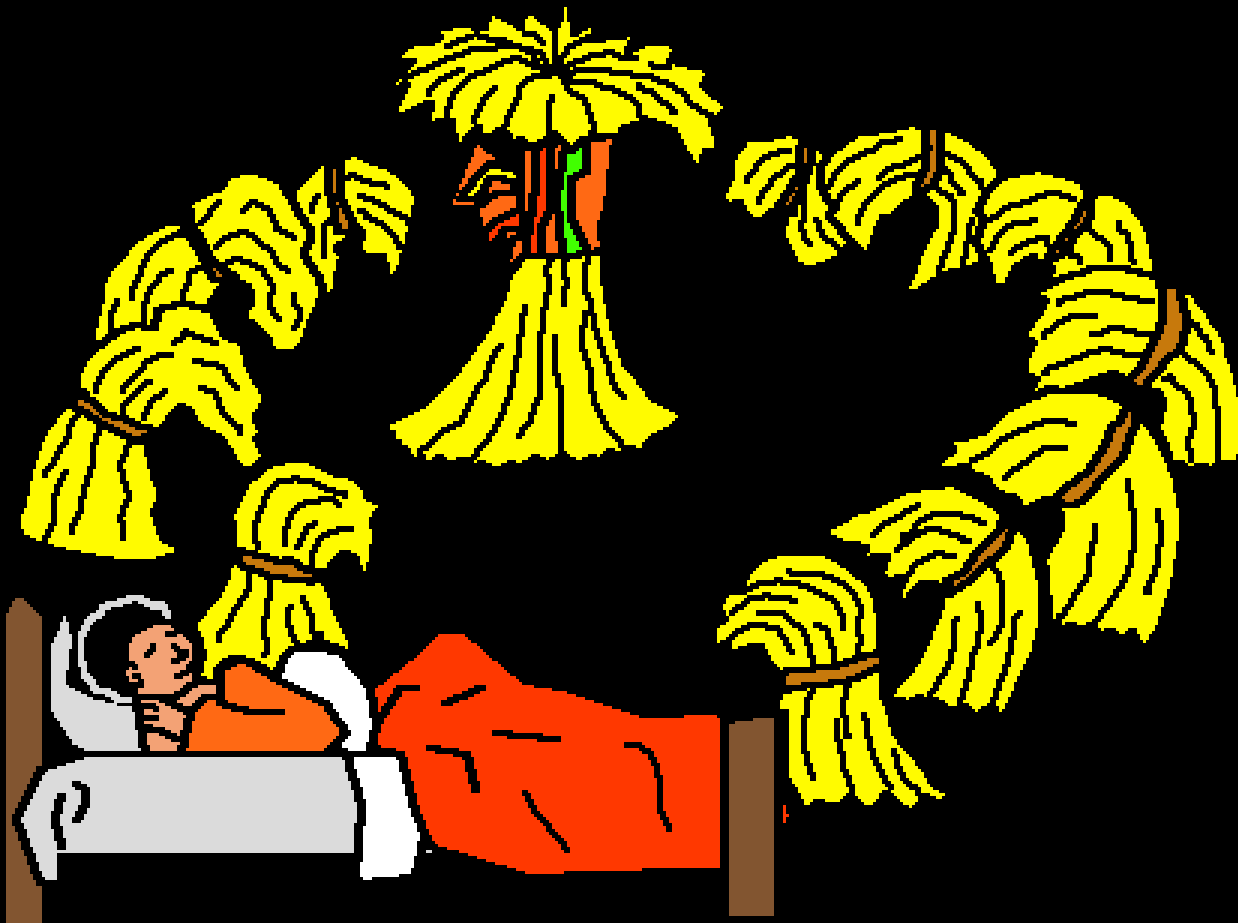
But Jacob's sons were not happy because Joseph, their younger brother, was father's favorite.



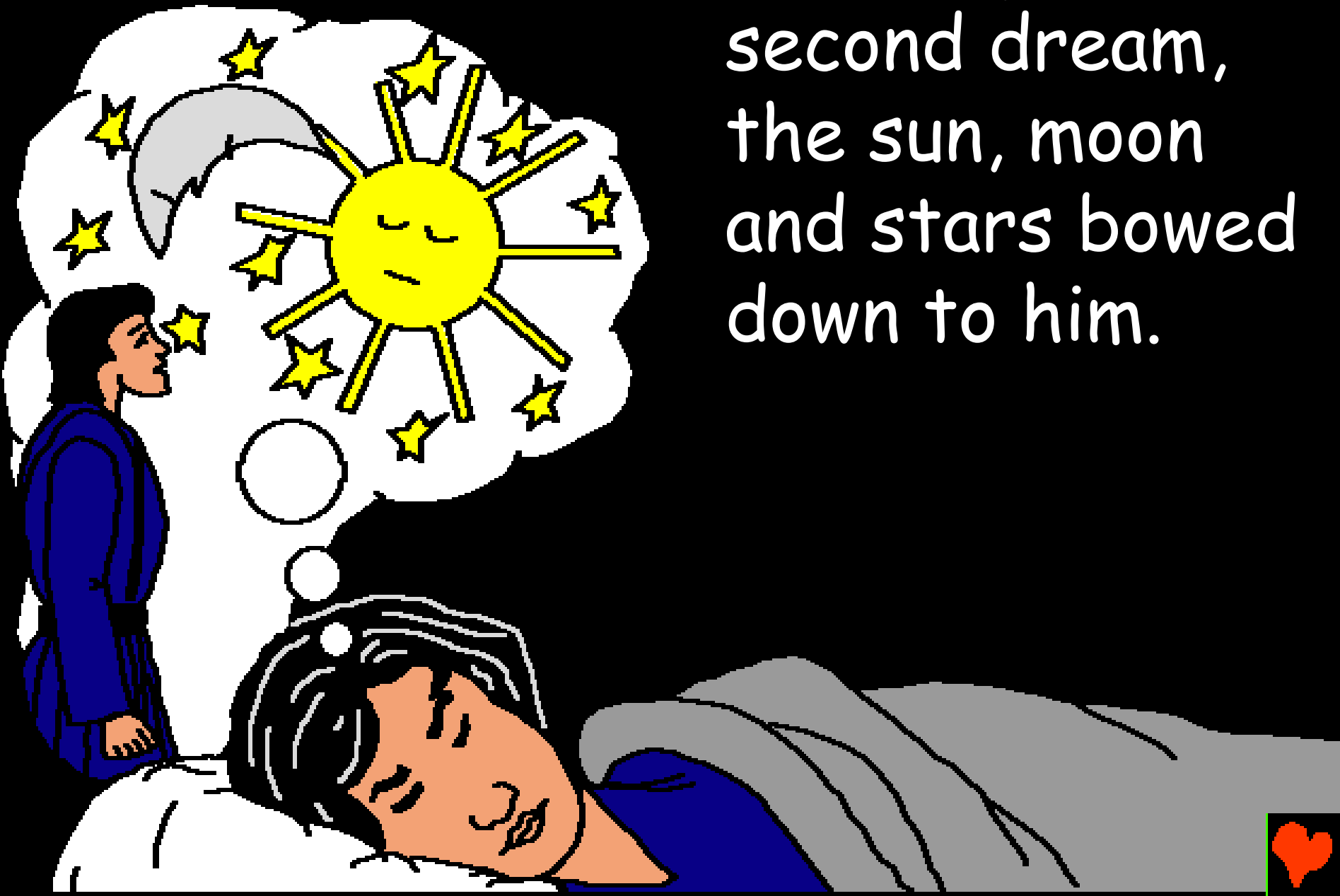
Joseph's brothers became more angry when he told them his dreams. "My sheaf of grain stood tall and my brothers' sheaves bowed in honor," Joseph said.



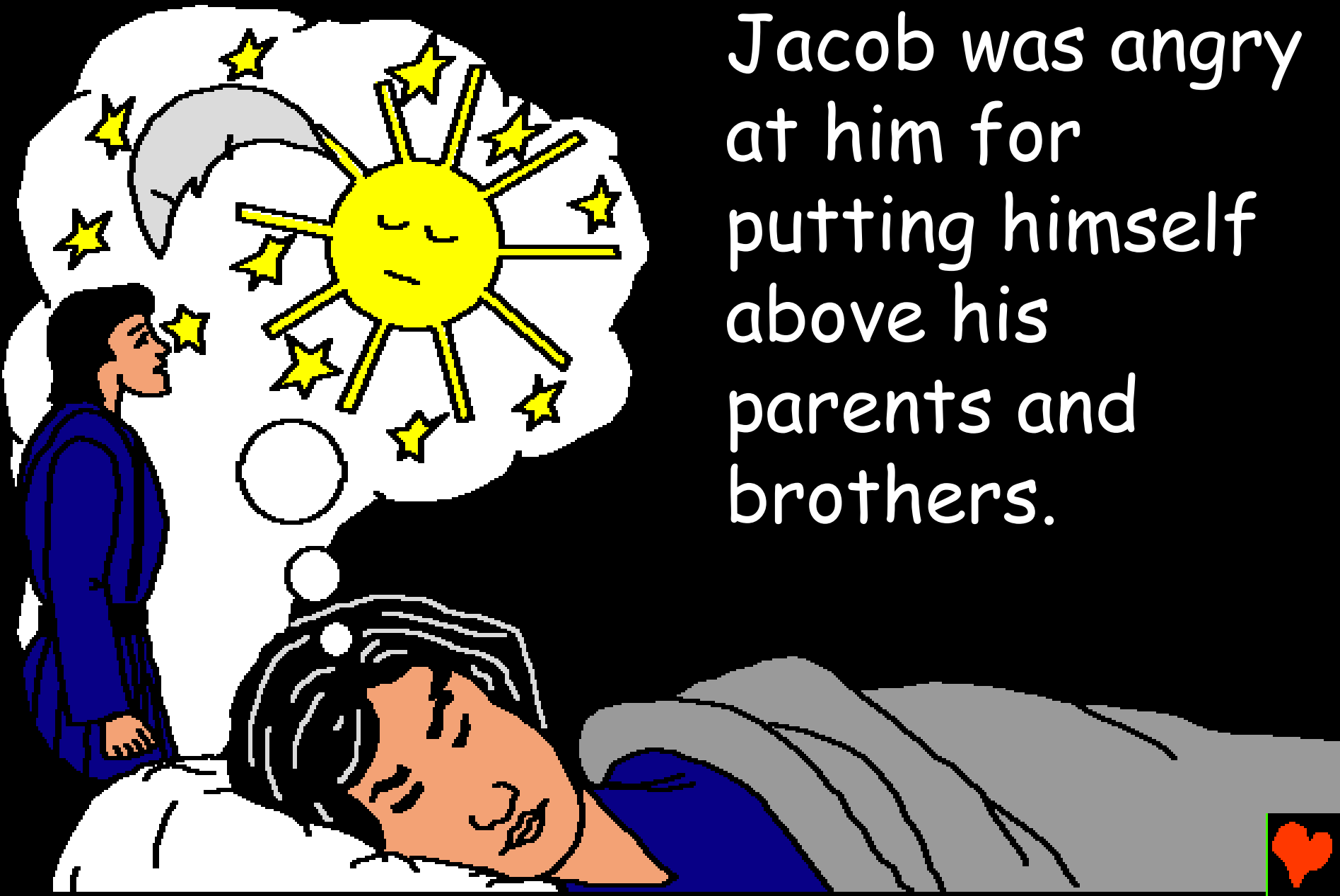
This dream meant Joseph would be more important than his brothers.



In Joseph's second dream, the sun, moon and stars bowed down to him.

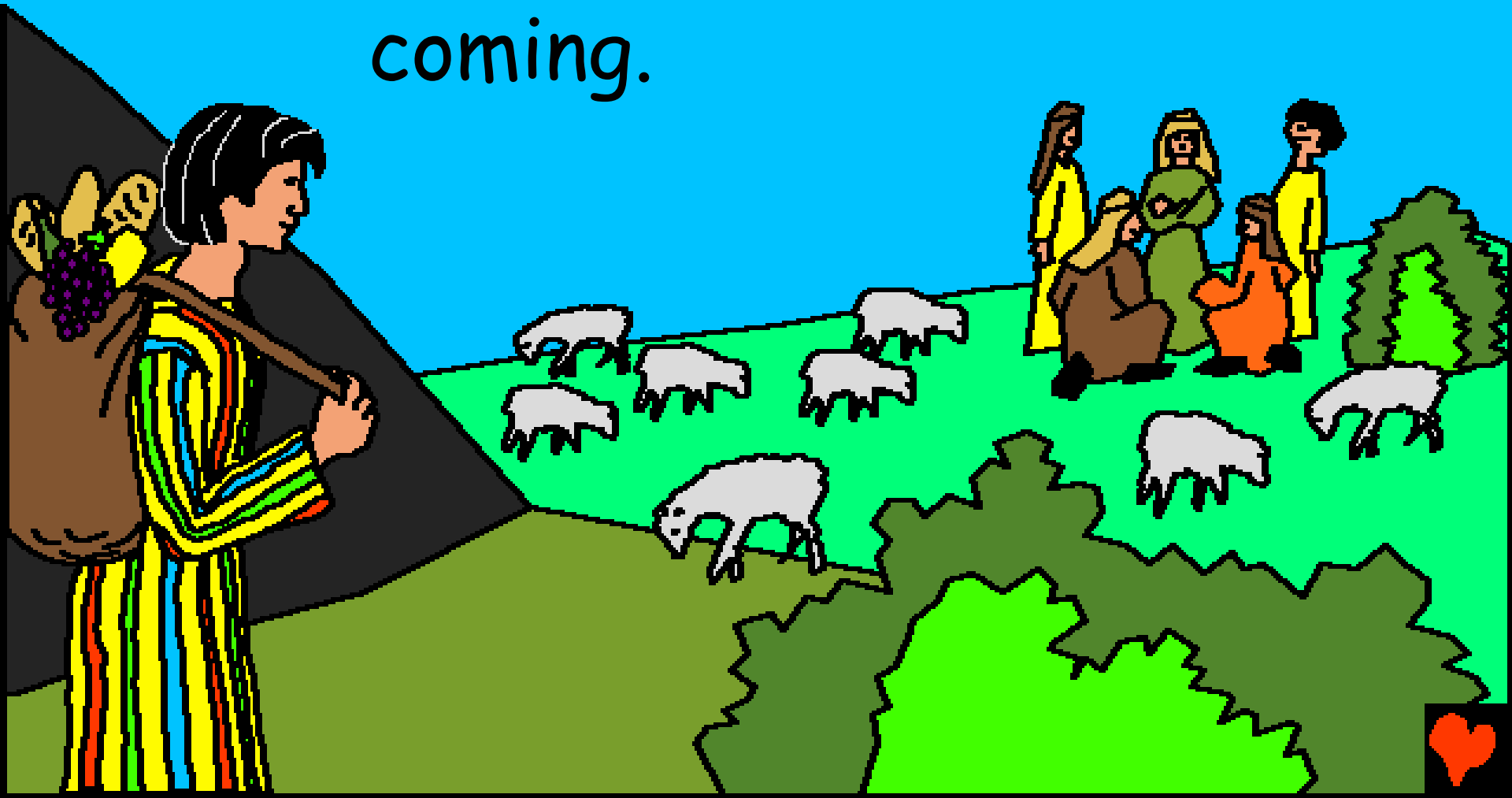


Even his father Jacob was angry at him for putting himself above his parents and brothers.

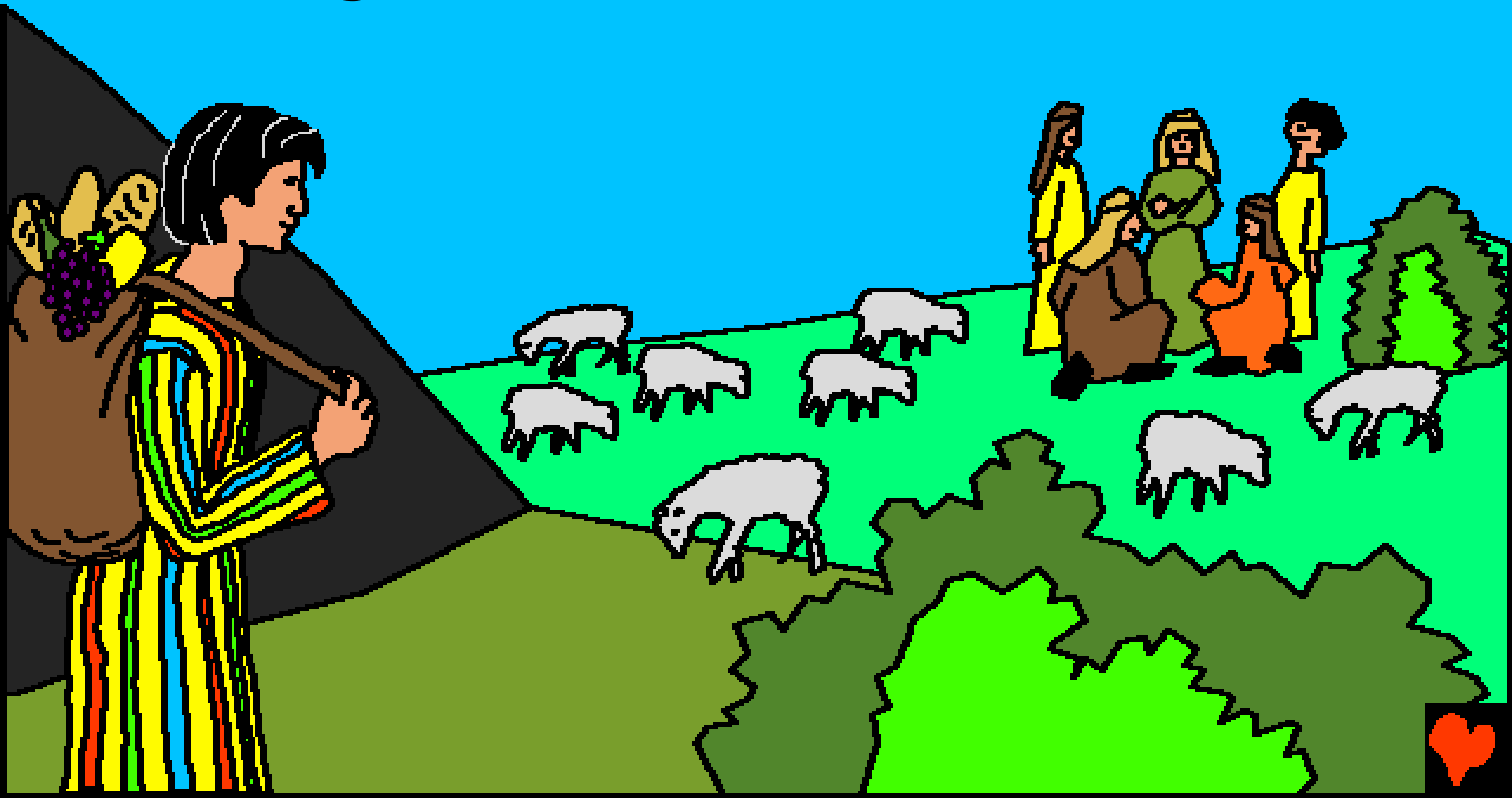




One day Jacob sent Joseph to the field where his brothers tended their flocks. His brothers saw him coming.



"Let's kill this dreamer," they muttered. Joseph did not know the danger before him.



Reuben, the oldest brother disagreed. "We must not shed blood," he said.



"See, here's a pit. Let him die there!" Reuben planned to rescue Joseph at night-fall.



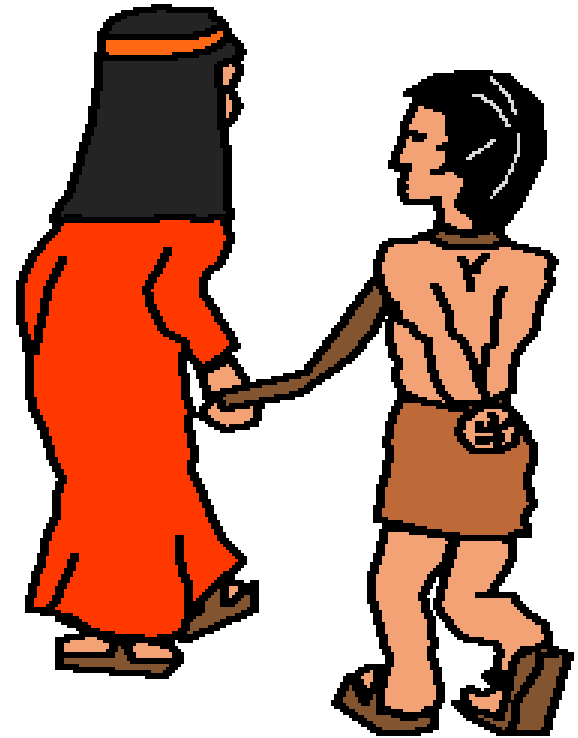
When Joseph arrived, his brothers grabbed him, and took off the colored coat ...



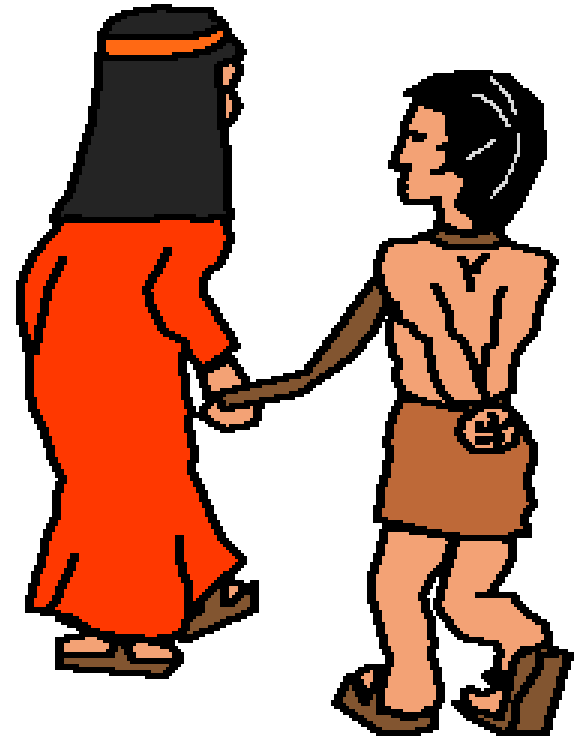
... Jacob had specially made for his favorite son. Then they threw him into the awful pit.



While Reuben was absent, a caravan of camels drew near on their way to distant Egypt.



"Let's sell Joseph,"  
cried Judah, his  
brother. The deal  
was made. They sold



Joseph  
for twenty  
pieces of  
silver.



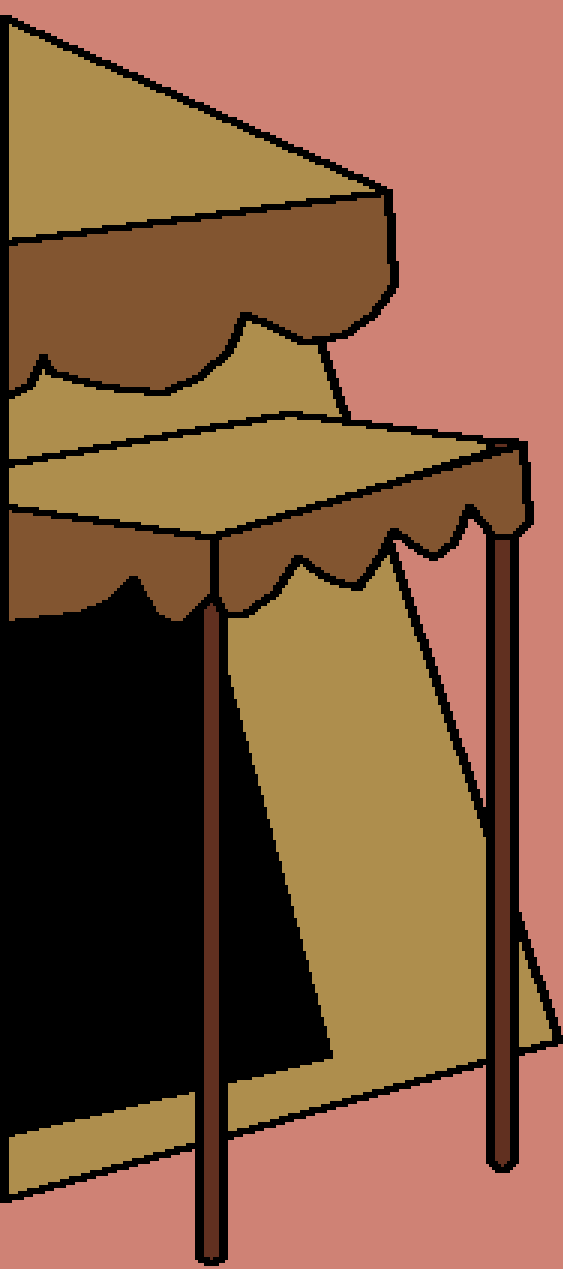


Tearful and afraid, Joseph watched helplessly as the lurching camel led him away from his family and

homeland.



"Is this Joseph's coat?  
It's bloody. We found it  
in the desert." The cruel  
brothers allowed  
Jacob to believe  
a wild animal  
had killed his  
favorite son.



Jacob tore his  
clothes and  
mourned.  
Nobody could  
comfort him.



In Egypt,  
Joseph must  
have been  
afraid and  
lonely. Maybe  
he longed for  
home. But he  
could not  
escape.

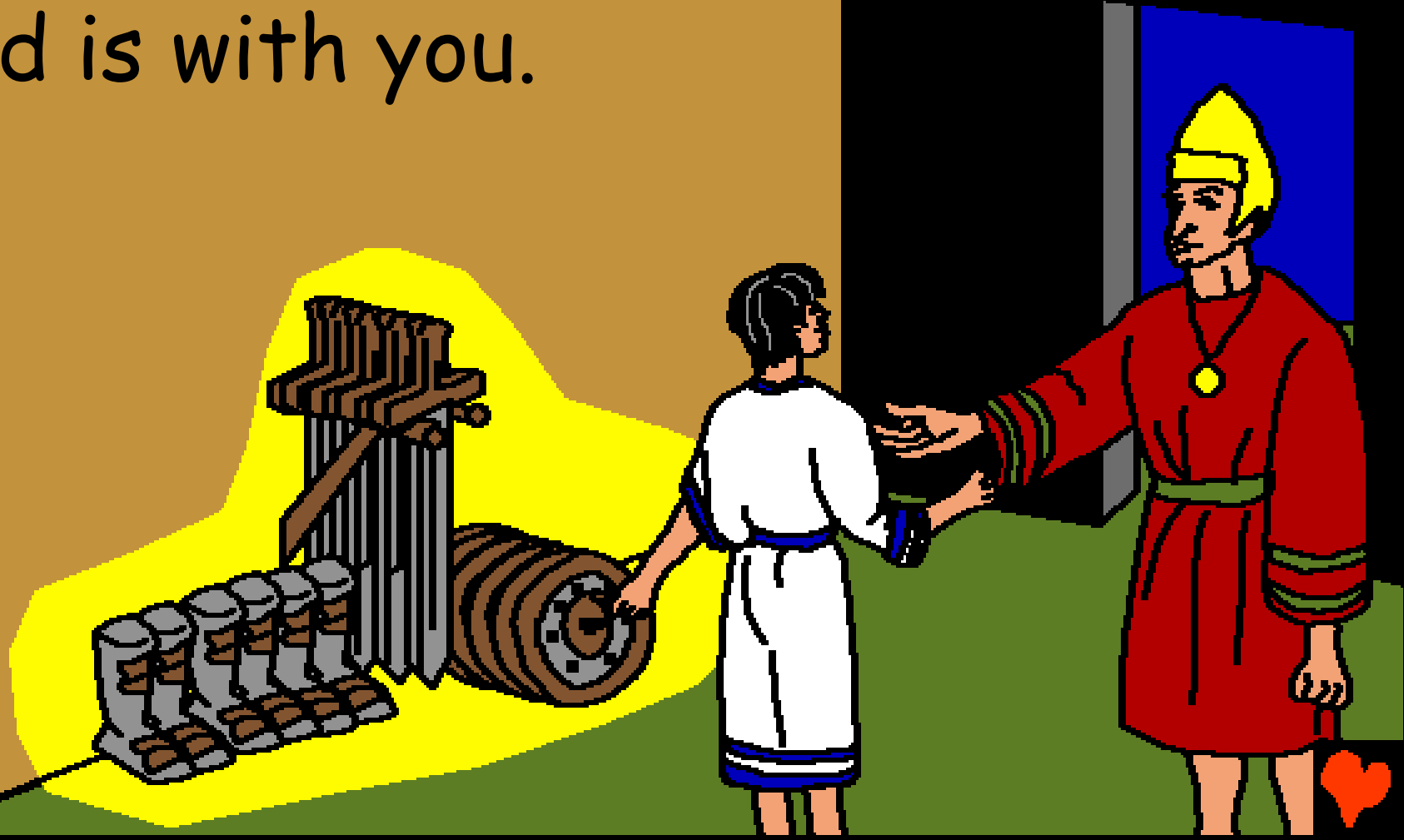




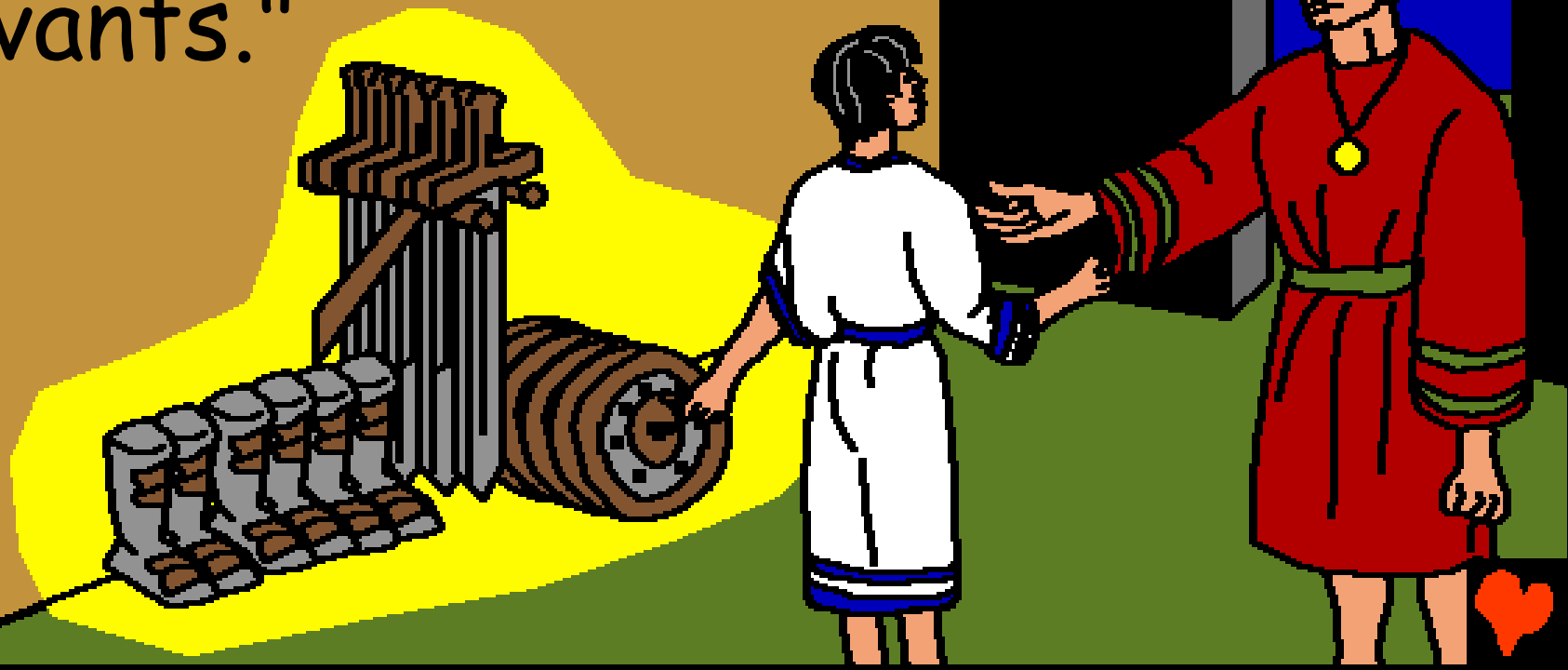
He was a slave in the house of Potiphar, an important Egyptian. Potiphar saw that Joseph always worked hard and could be trusted.



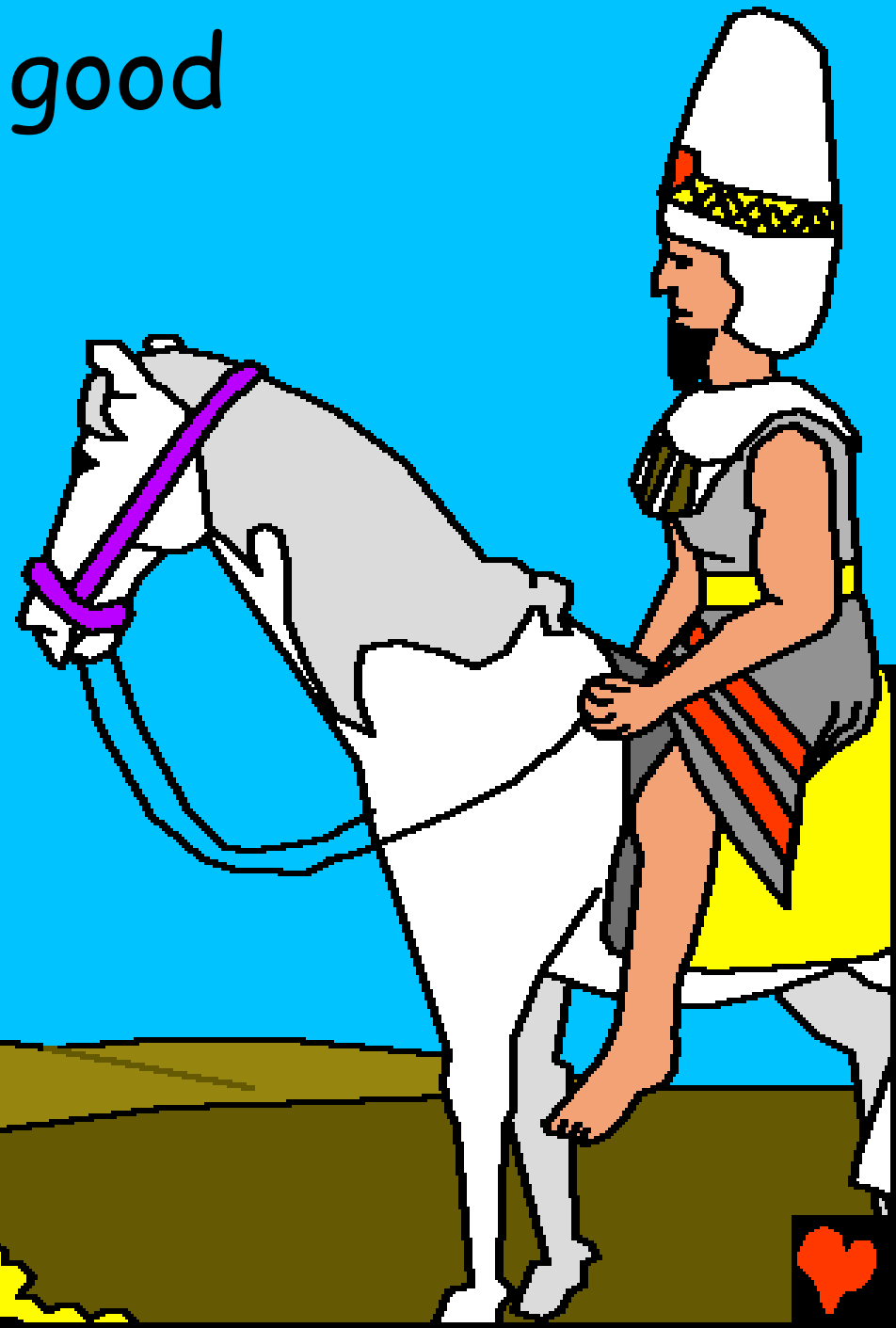
"All you do turns out well," Potiphar told Joseph one day.  
"God is with you."



I want you to be my chief servant, in charge of all my business and master of all my other servants."

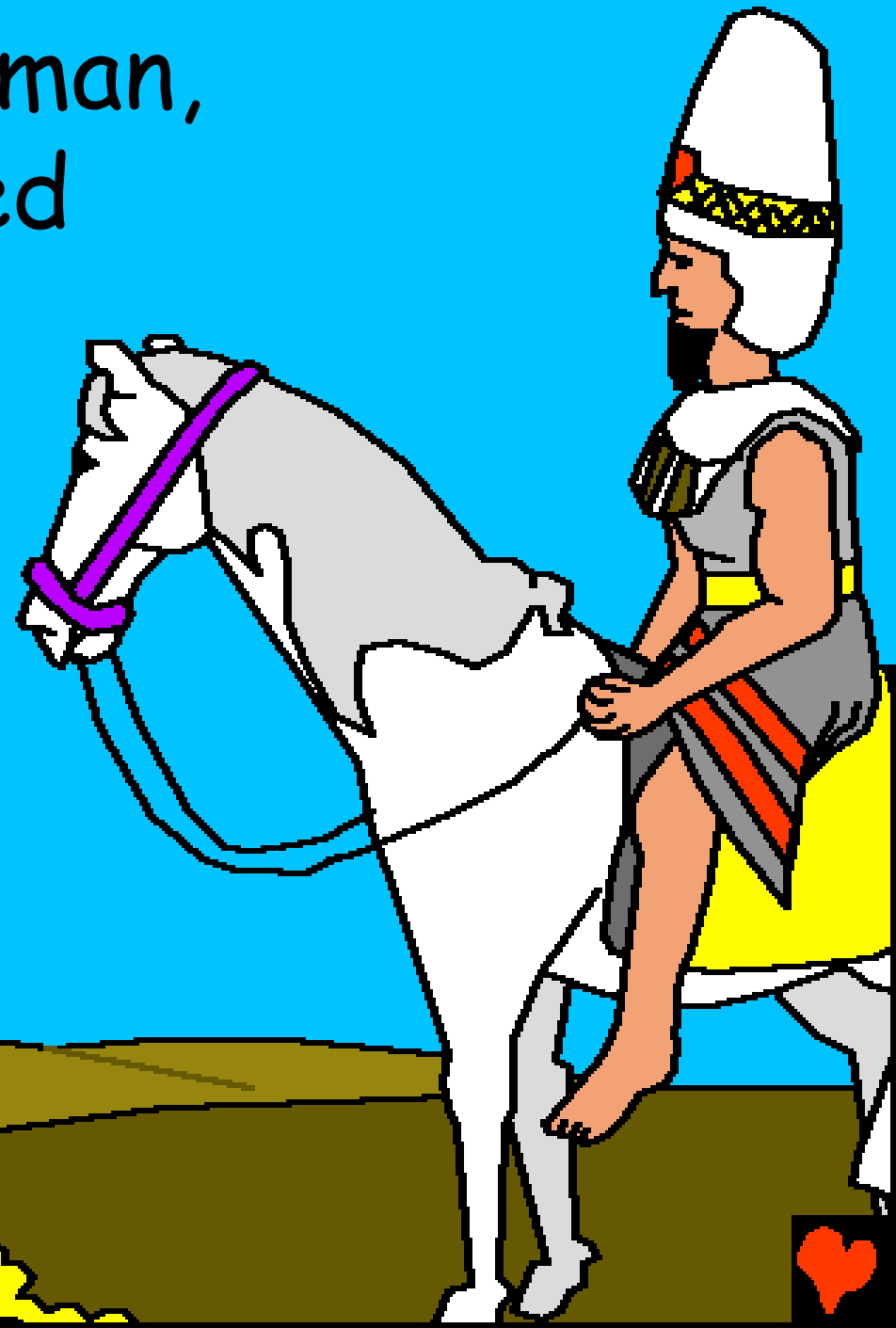


God gave Potiphar good harvests and many riches because of Joseph.





Now an important man,  
Joseph still trusted  
and served God  
faithfully. But  
trouble came  
to Joseph.



Potiphar's wife was a wicked woman.  
She asked Joseph  
to take the  
place of her  
husband.



Joseph refused. He would not sin against God by wronging Potiphar.



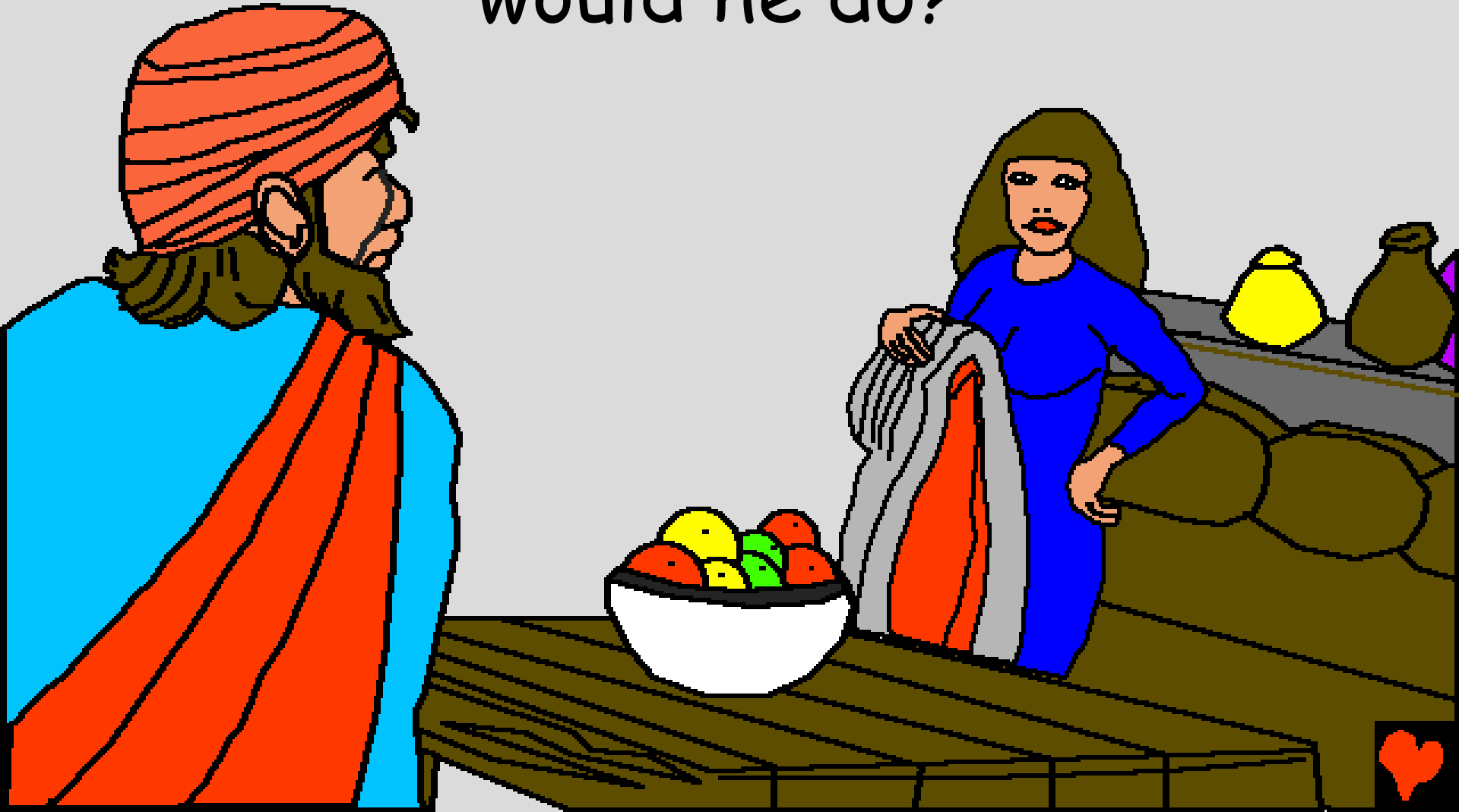
When the woman tried to force him, he ran. But she caught and held his coat.

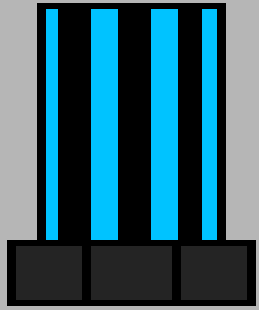


"Your slave attacked me," Potiphar's wife complained. "See, here's his coat!" Potiphar was angry.



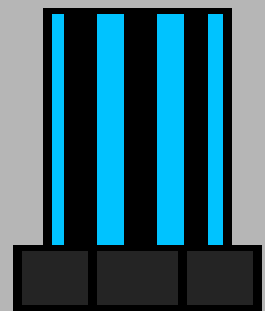
Maybe he knew his wife was lying.  
But he had to do something. What  
would he do?



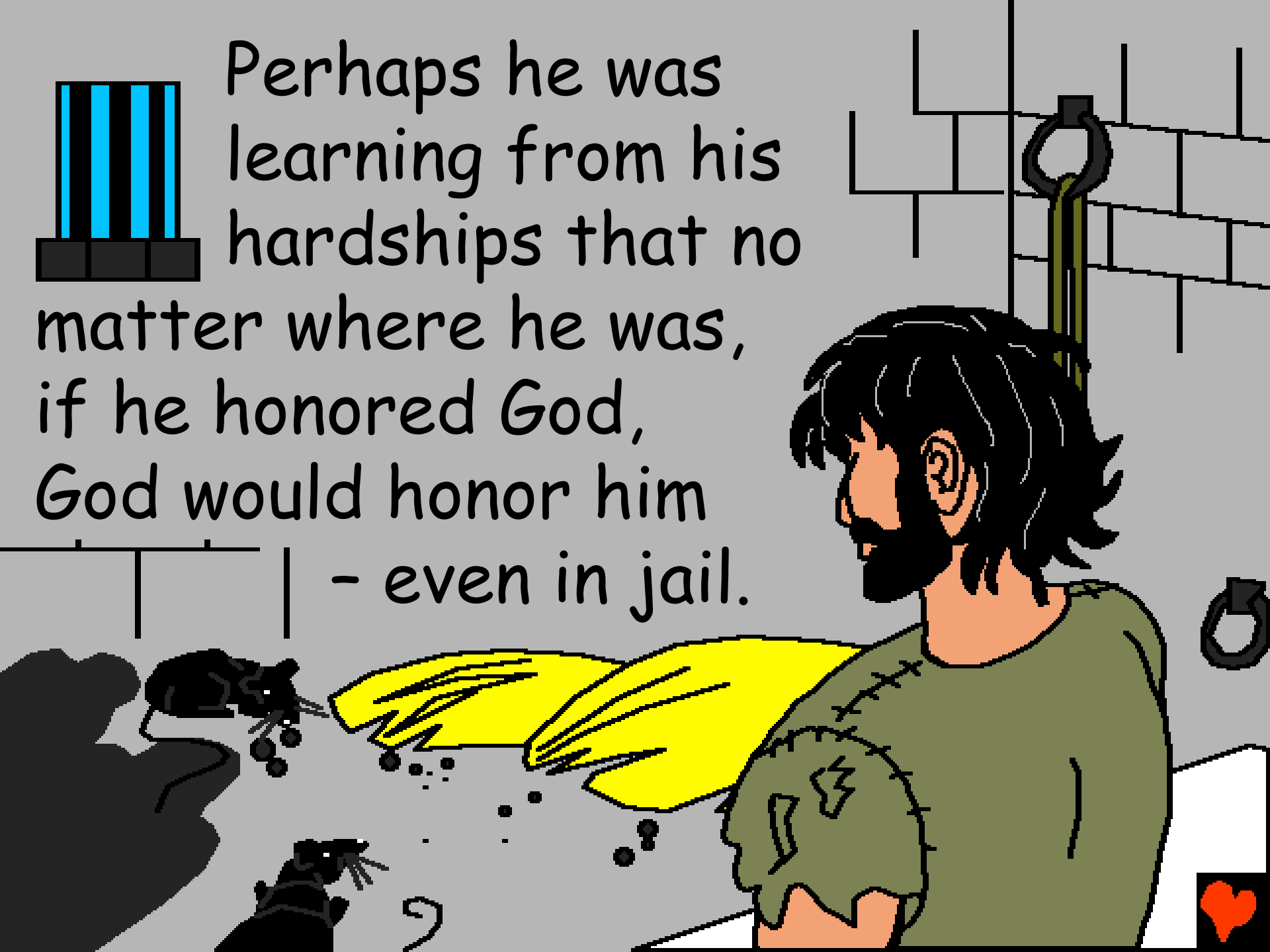


Potiphar put Joseph in prison. Although he was innocent, Joseph was not bitter or angry.





Perhaps he was  
learning from his  
hardships that no  
matter where he was,  
if he honored God,  
God would honor him  
- even in jail.





# A Favorite Son Becomes a Slave

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Genesis 37 and 39

"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

