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DAVID
THE KING
(PART 1)



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Young David was on the run. King Saul wanted to kill him.



David lived in the wilderness, in a huge cave with four hundred followers.



Sometimes, King Saul's soldiers almost found them. But David kept moving.



Saul's servant, Doeg, told the king the priests had helped David escape. Saul ordered them killed.

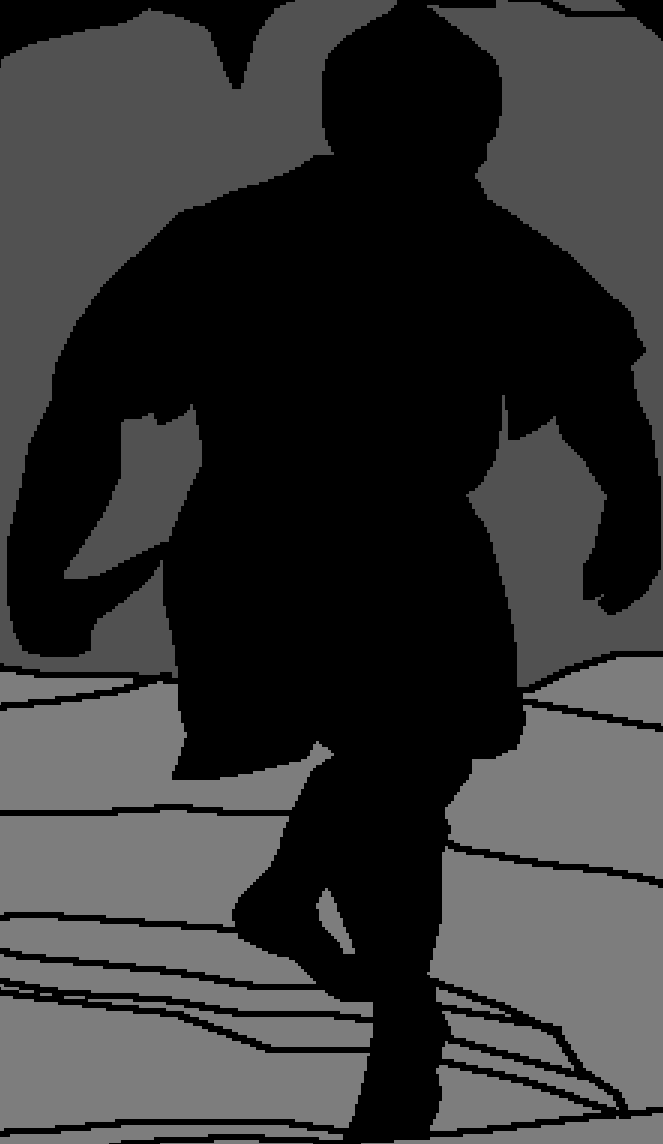


But only Doeg was willing to do it!
He brutally murdered eighty-five
priests and their families
with his sword.

It was very
wicked.



One day, Saul was
hunting David
and walked
right into the
cave where
David and his
men were
hiding. Saul
was alone!



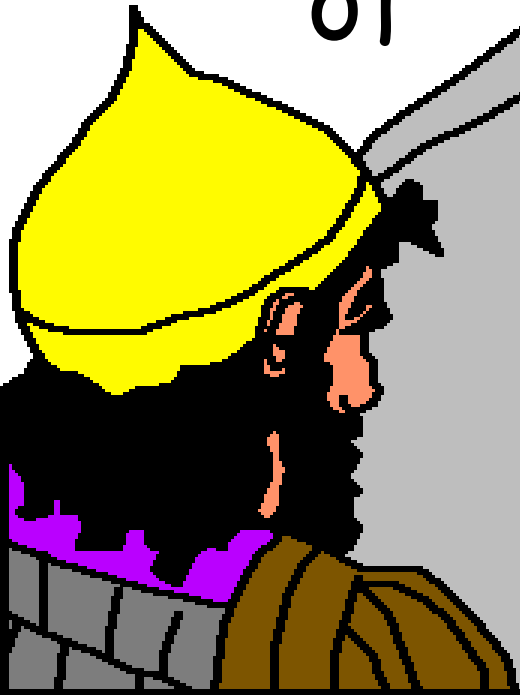
In the cave,
David could
easily have
killed Saul.
Instead,

he crept close and cut
off a piece of Saul's loose
garment with his sharp
dagger.

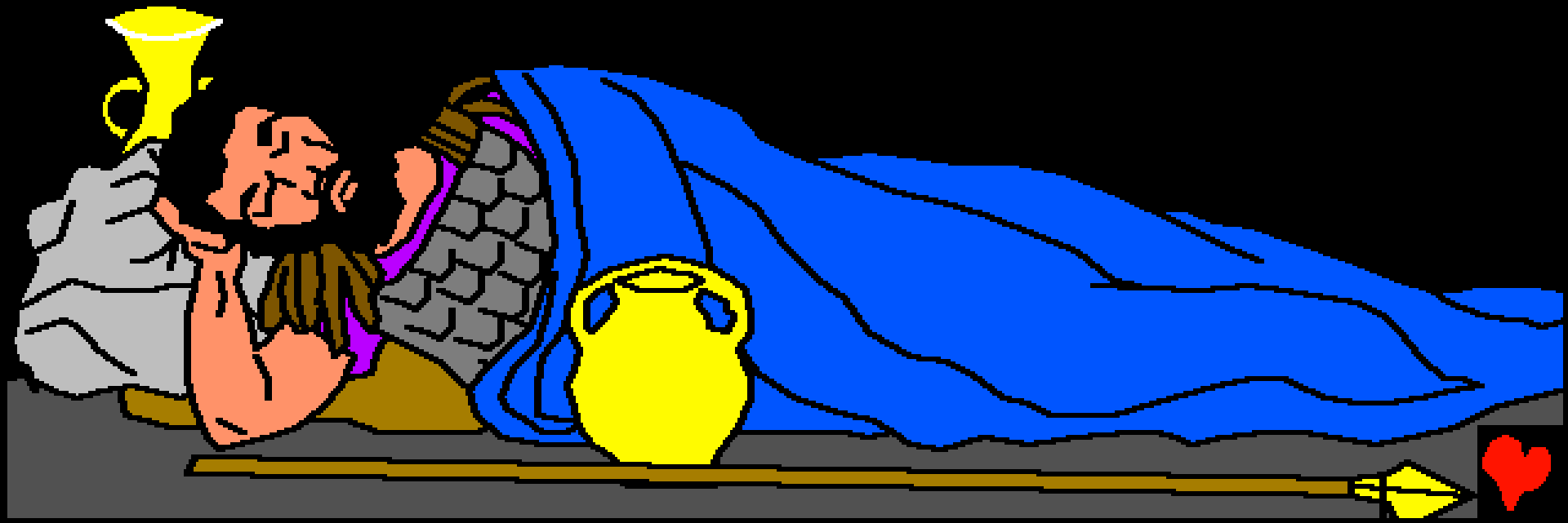


When Saul left,
David called to
him. "In that
I cut off
the corner
of

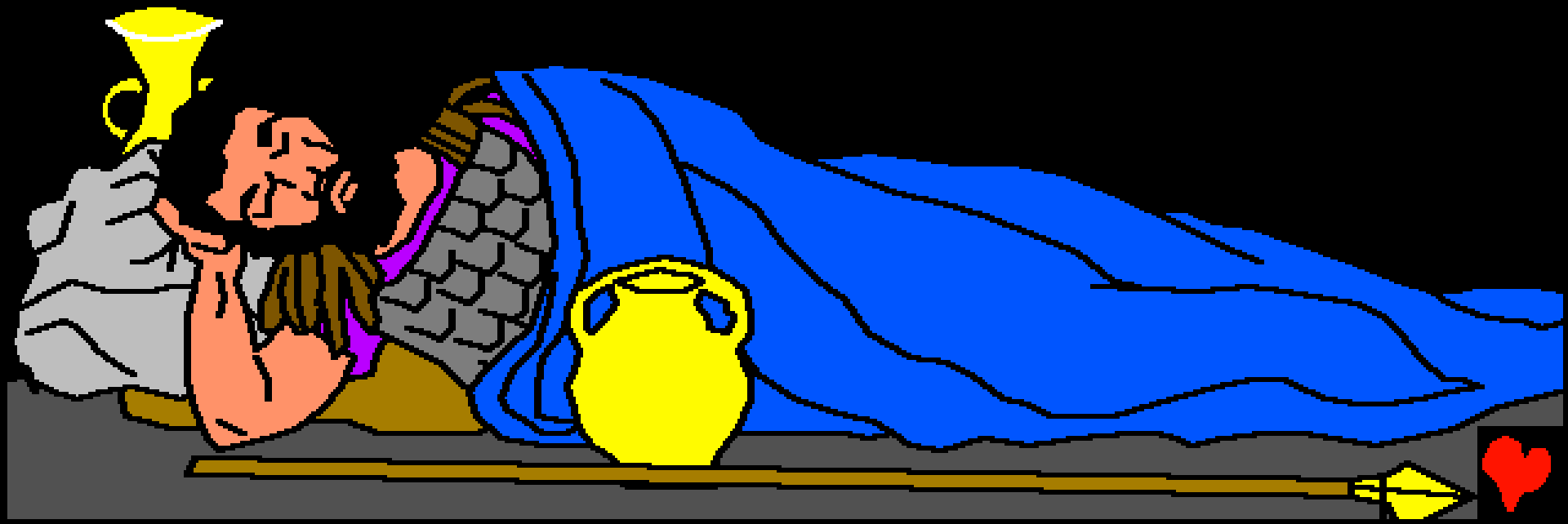
your robe, and did not kill
you, know and see that
there is neither evil nor
rebellion in my hand ..."

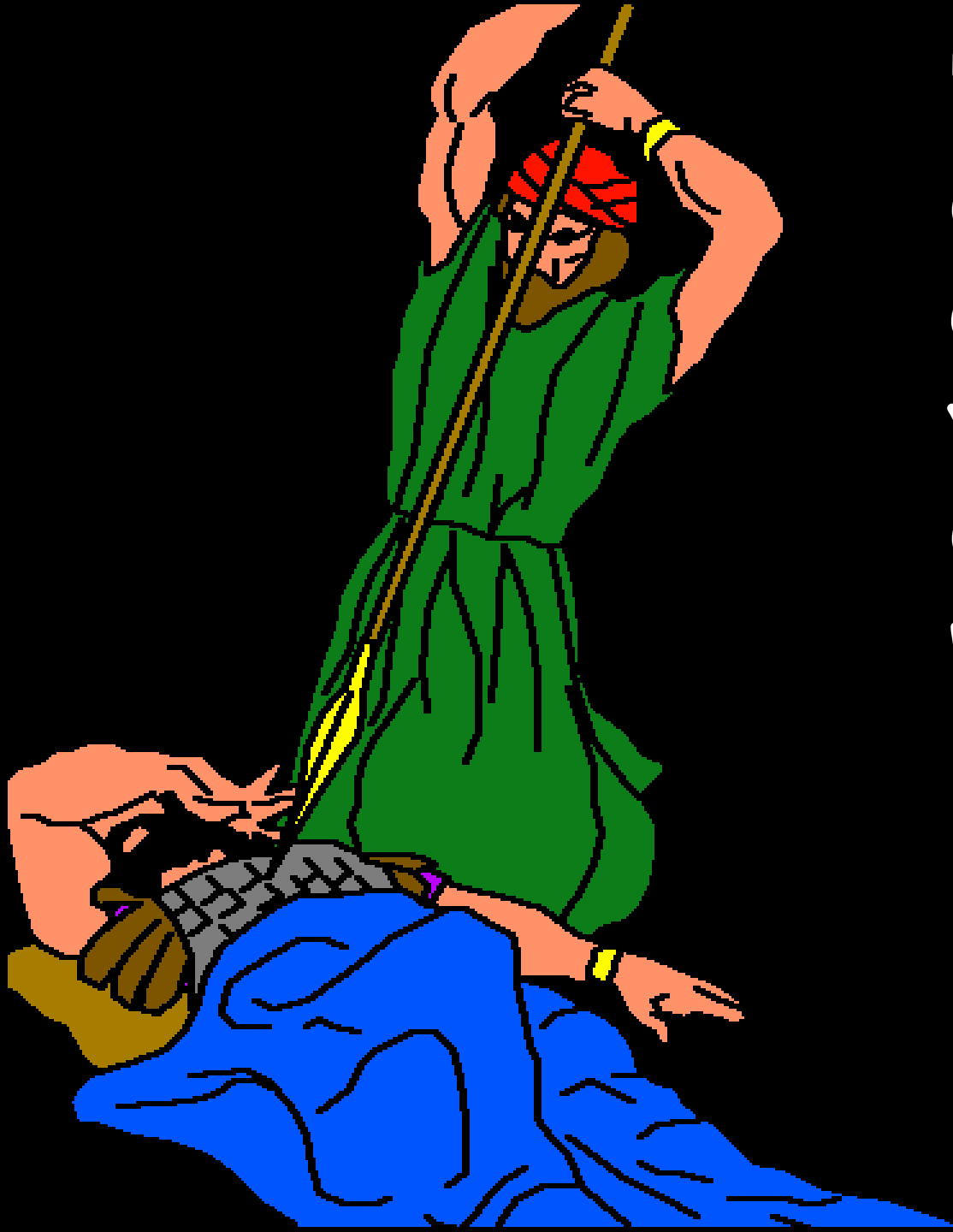


Saul said he was sorry for trying to hurt David. But soon, his old anger came back and he put together an army of three thousand men to kill David.



One night, while the army slept, David and Abishai, one of his soldiers, slipped into the king's campsite to where Saul lay sleeping.





"God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day," Abishai whispered.





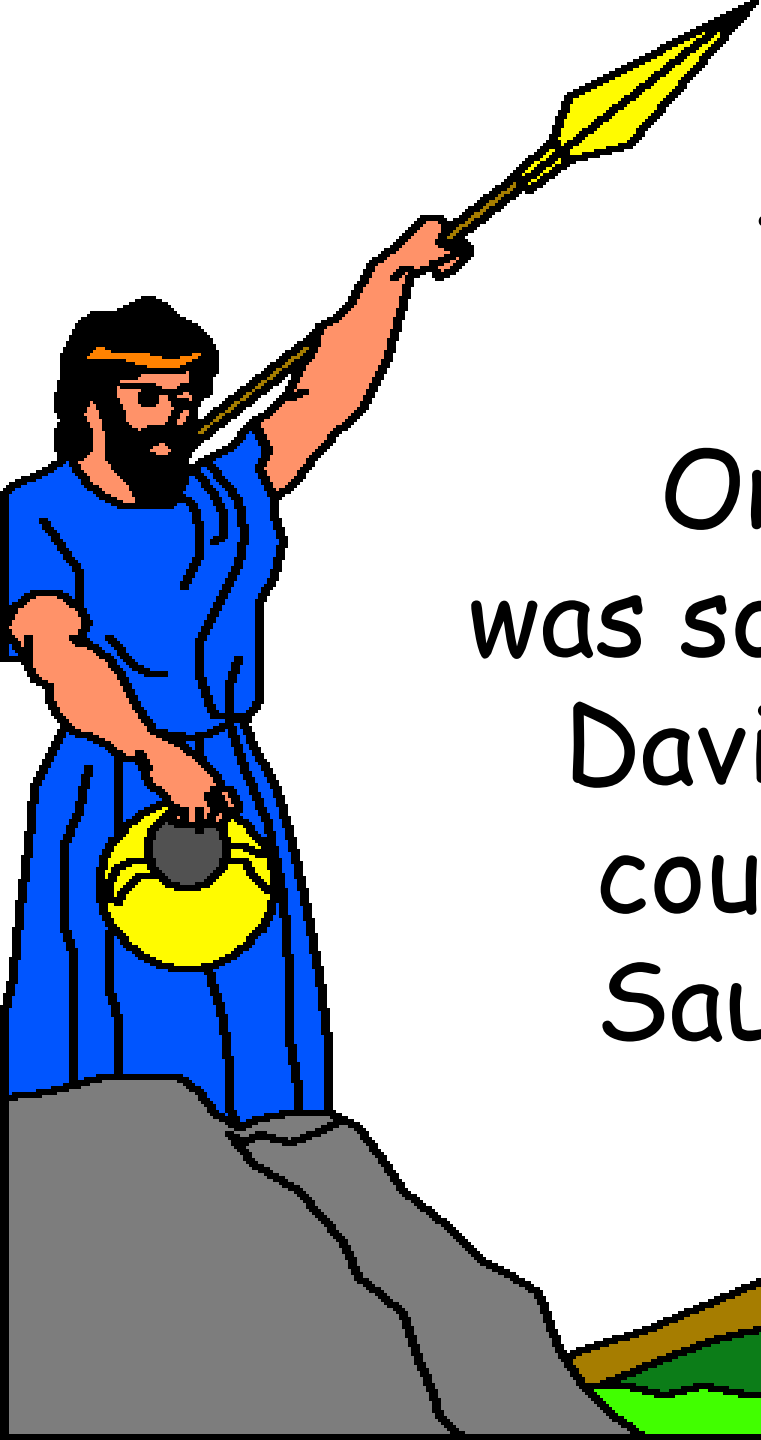
"Please let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the earth: and I will not have to strike him a second time."





David refused.
Taking Saul's spear
and jug, he left the camp.
From a hill across the way,
David shouted until Saul
heard him.

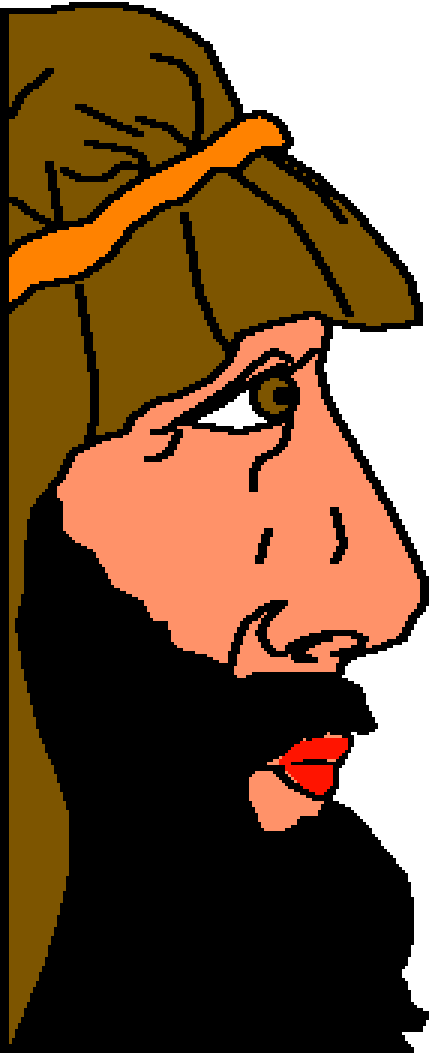




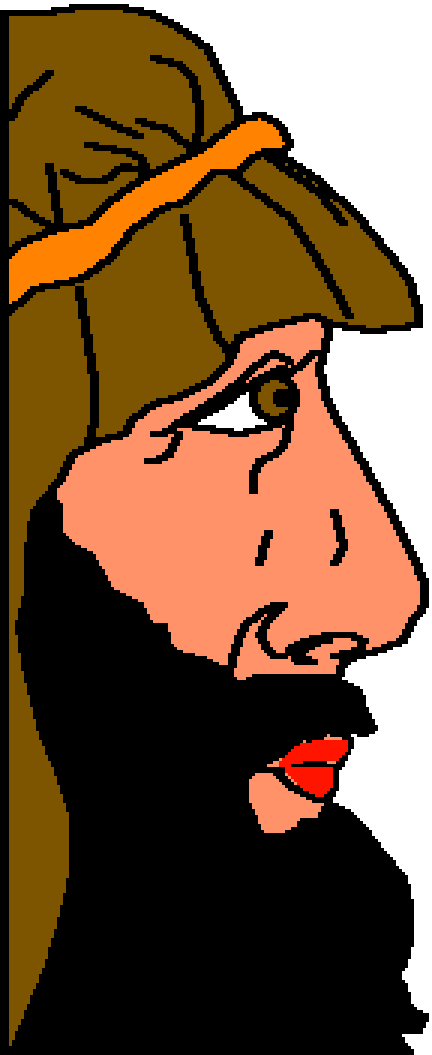
Once more Saul saw that David could have killed him, but didn't. Once more, Saul said he was sorry for trying to hurt David. But David knew he could not trust Saul's word.



By this time Samuel had died. He was the prophet whom God had told to anoint first Saul, then David as king of Israel.



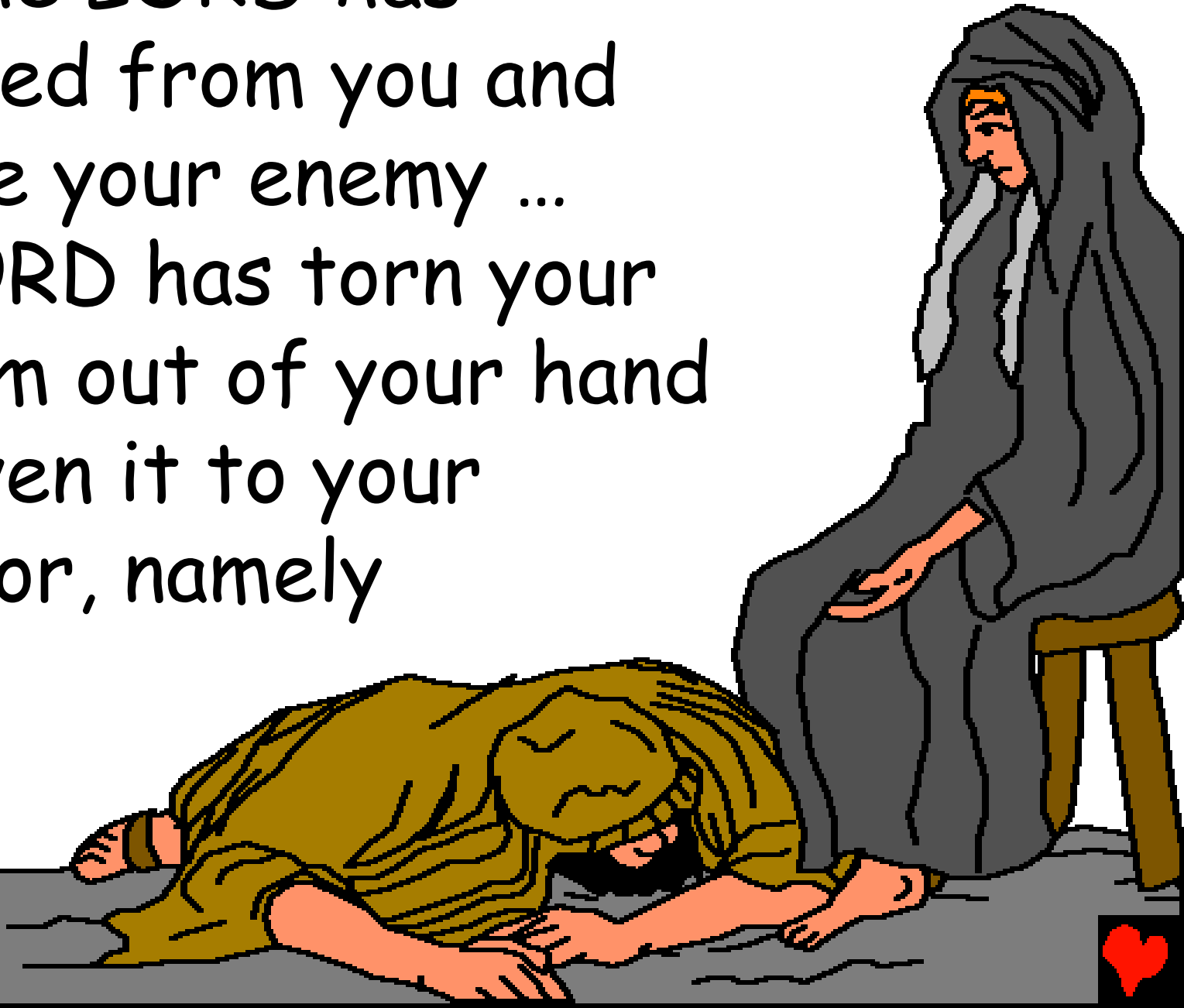
When the Philistines
attacked Israel, Saul
did something
terrible, something
God forbids.



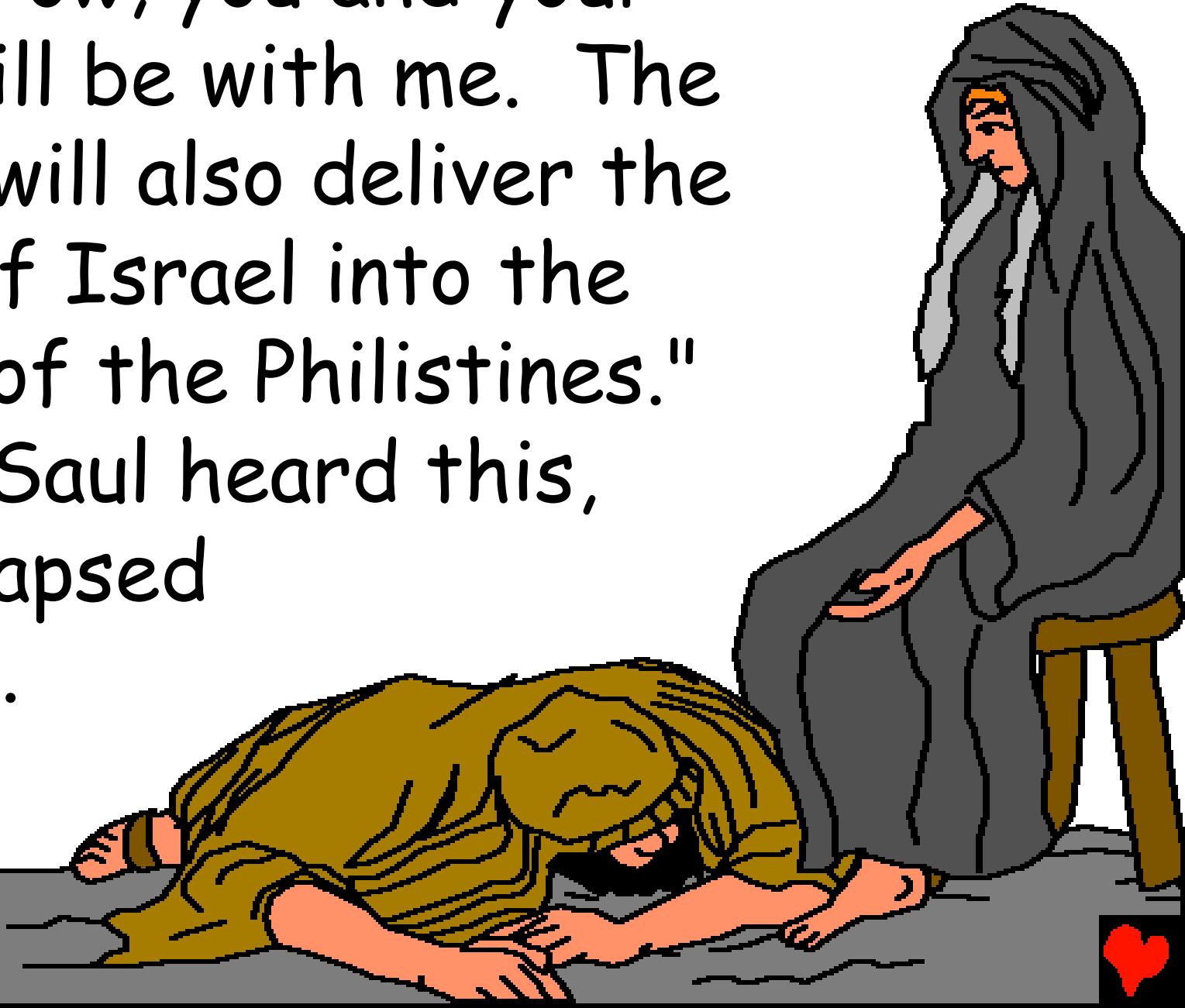
He commanded a woman to call up Samuel from the place of the dead. That night, Saul got a message.



"... The LORD has departed from you and become your enemy ... the LORD has torn your kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, namely David.



Tomorrow, you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines." When Saul heard this, he collapsed in fear.



The Philistines fought
against Israel, and
the men of
Israel
fled.



The Philistines killed
Saul's sons, including
Jonathan,
David's good
friend.



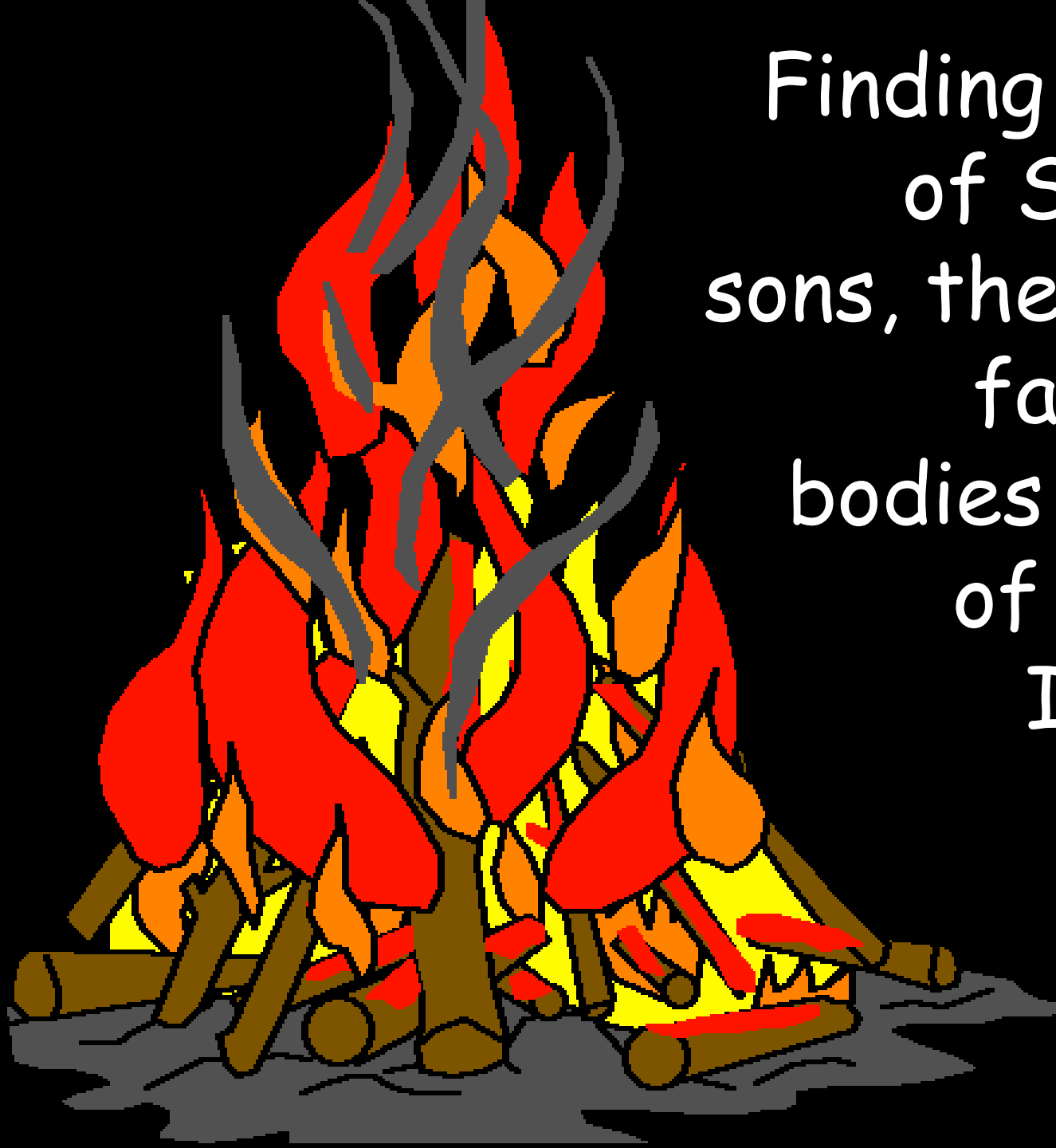
Saul was severely wounded by the archers. And he said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust me through with it, lest these wicked men come and thrust me through and abuse me."



But his armour-bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. So, Saul took a sword and fell on it.



Finding the bodies
of Saul and his
sons, the Philistines
fastened the
bodies to the wall
of a captured
Israeli city.



Some brave
Israelites rescued
the bodies, took
them home and
burned them
before burying
the remains in
Israel.



When David heard
the terrible news,
he mourned and
wept and fasted
until evening for
Saul, ...

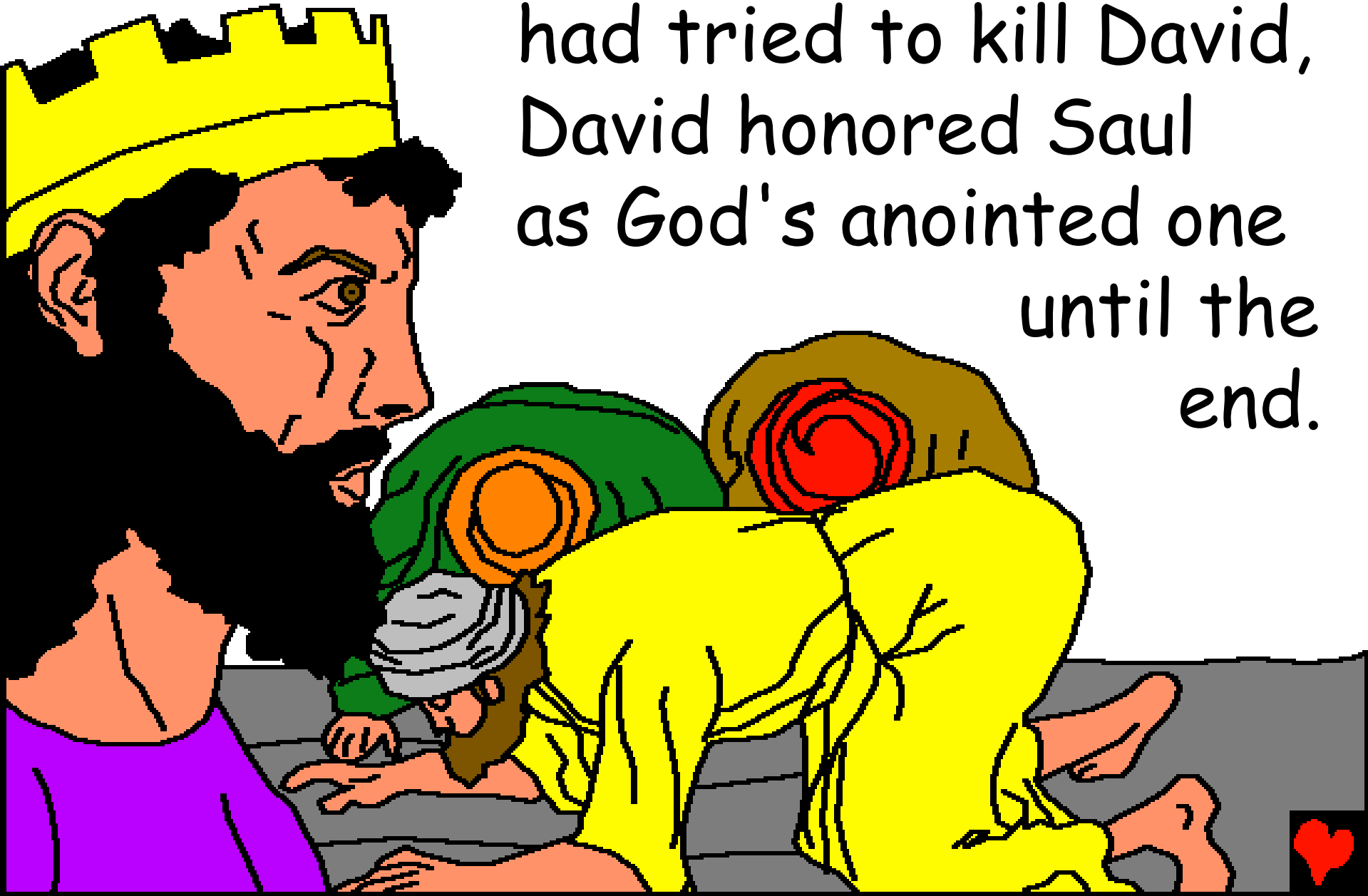




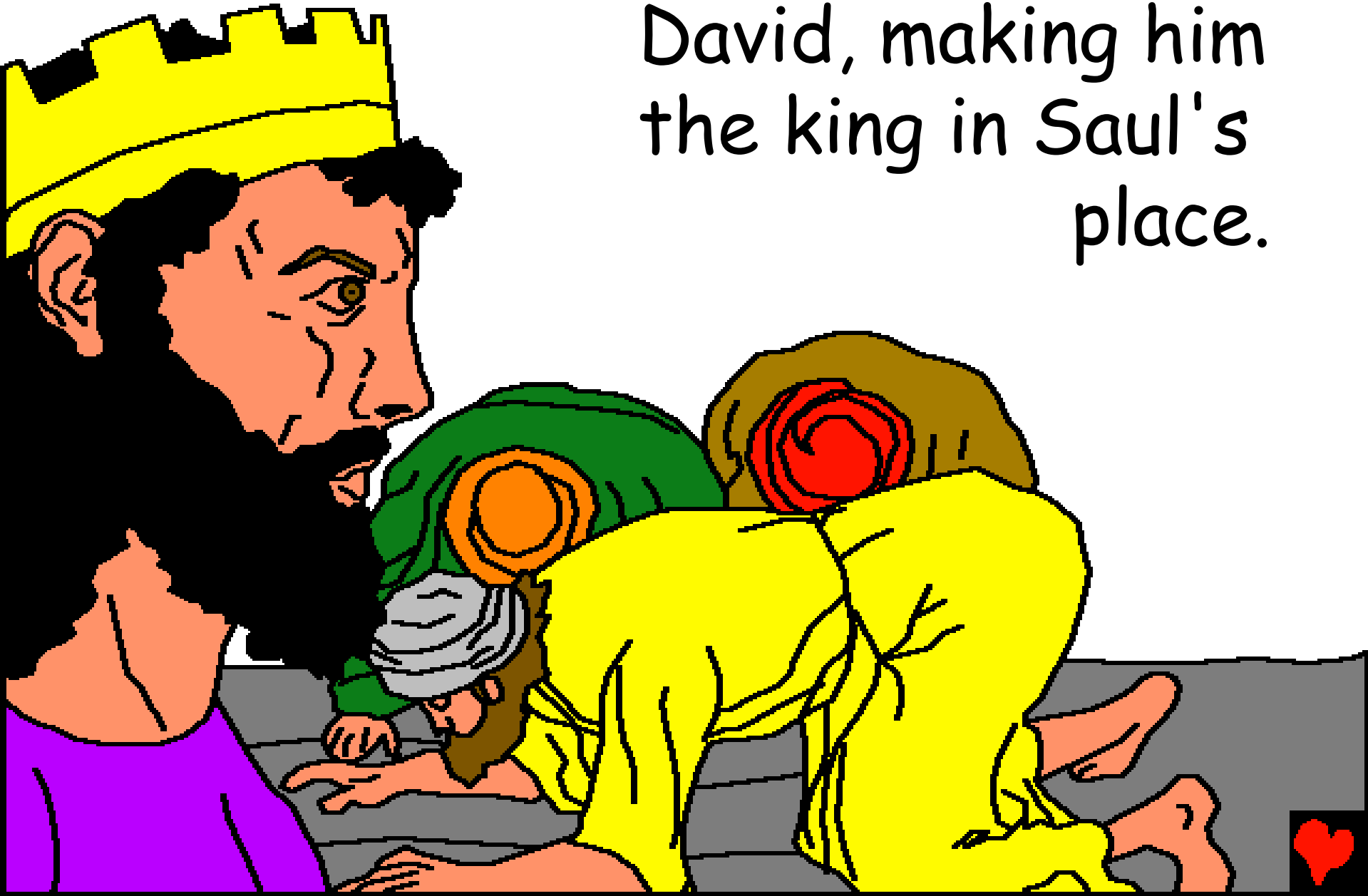
... for Jonathan
his son, and for
the people of
the LORD,
because they
had fallen by
the sword.



Even though Saul
had tried to kill David,
David honored Saul
as God's anointed one
until the
end.



Now God honored
David, making him
the king in Saul's
place.



David the King (Part 1)

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

1 Samuel 24-31; 2 Samuel 1-2

"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

