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DAVID  
THE KING  
(PART 2)



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David was king  
of Judah, in  
southern  
Israel.



But the rest of Israel took Ishbosheth, Son of Saul, as king. Civil war raged for seven years. But David grew stronger and stronger.



Finally King  
Ishbosheth  
was killed by  
two of his  
own soldiers.



Then all the tribes of Israel came to David and anointed him king over

Israel. At long

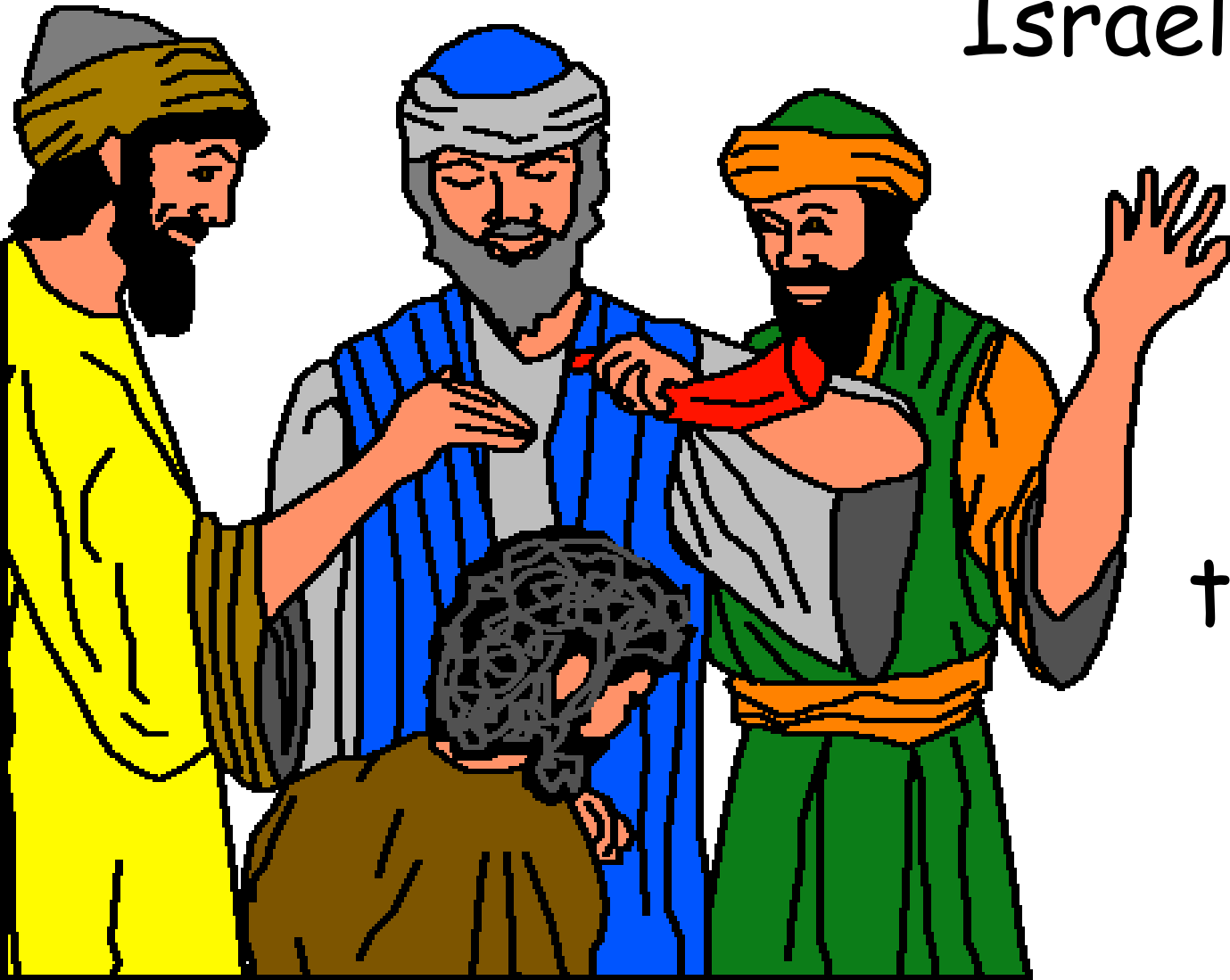
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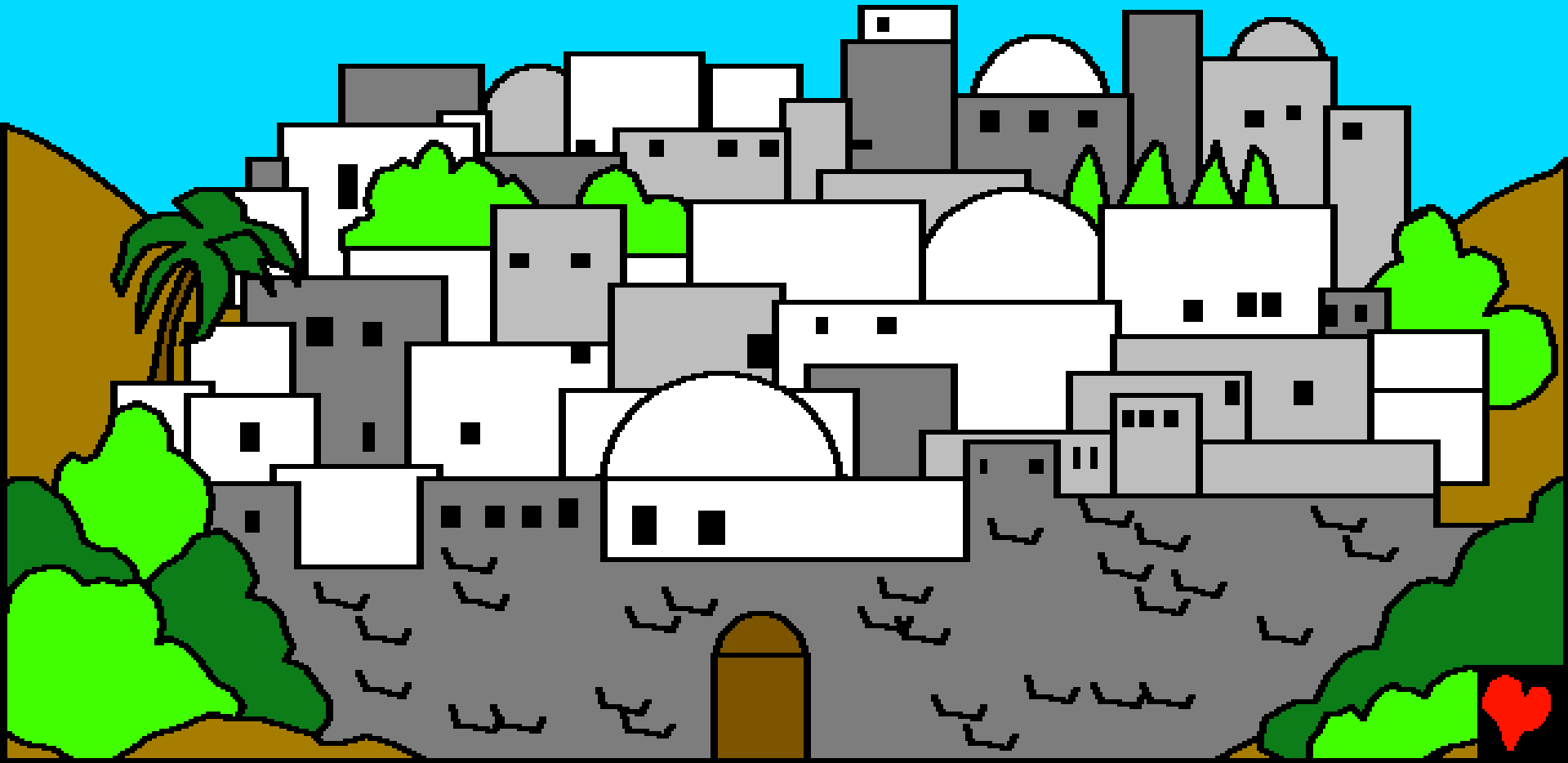
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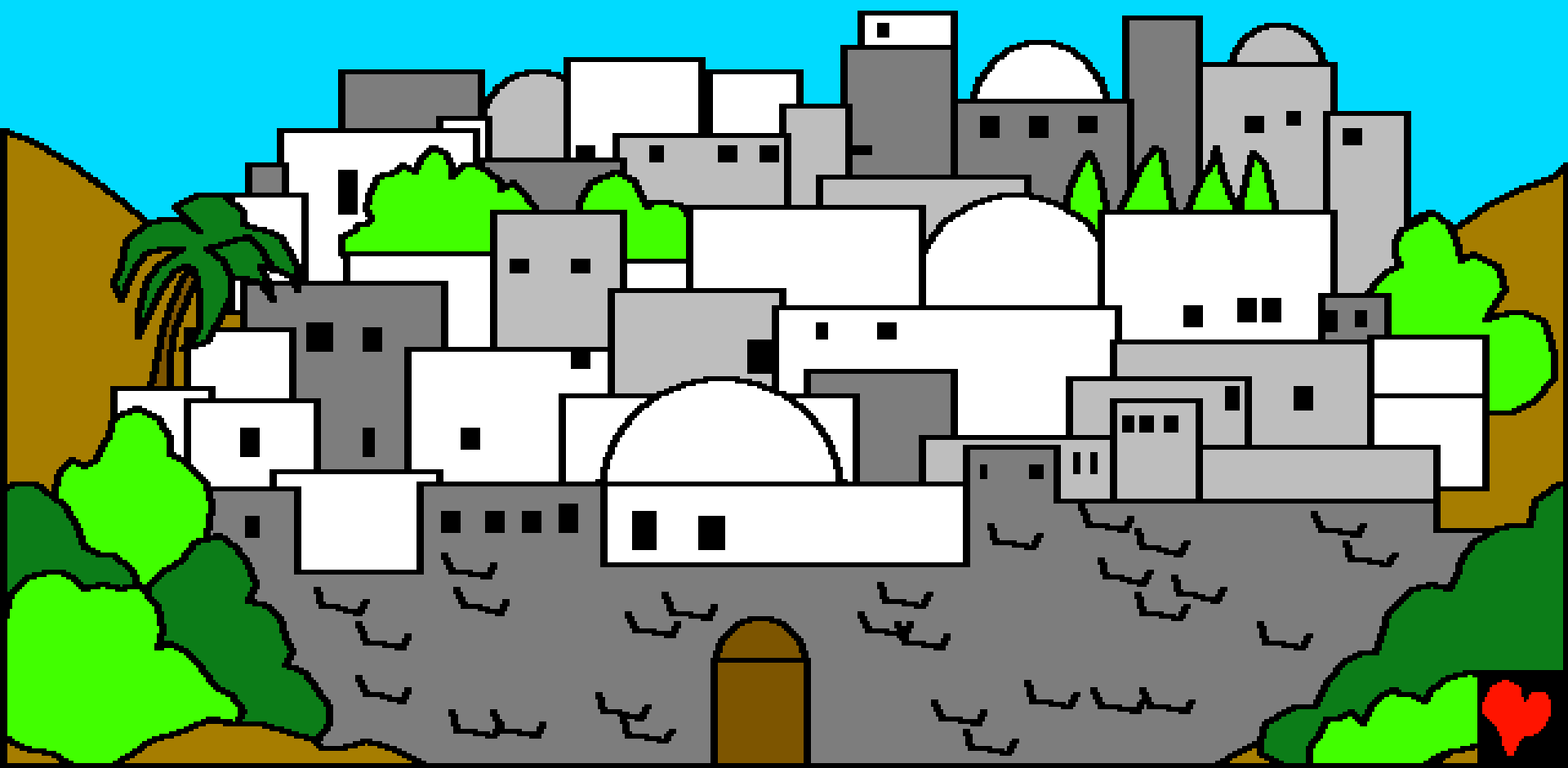
the nation.



The first thing King David did was capture Jerusalem. It became known as the City of David.

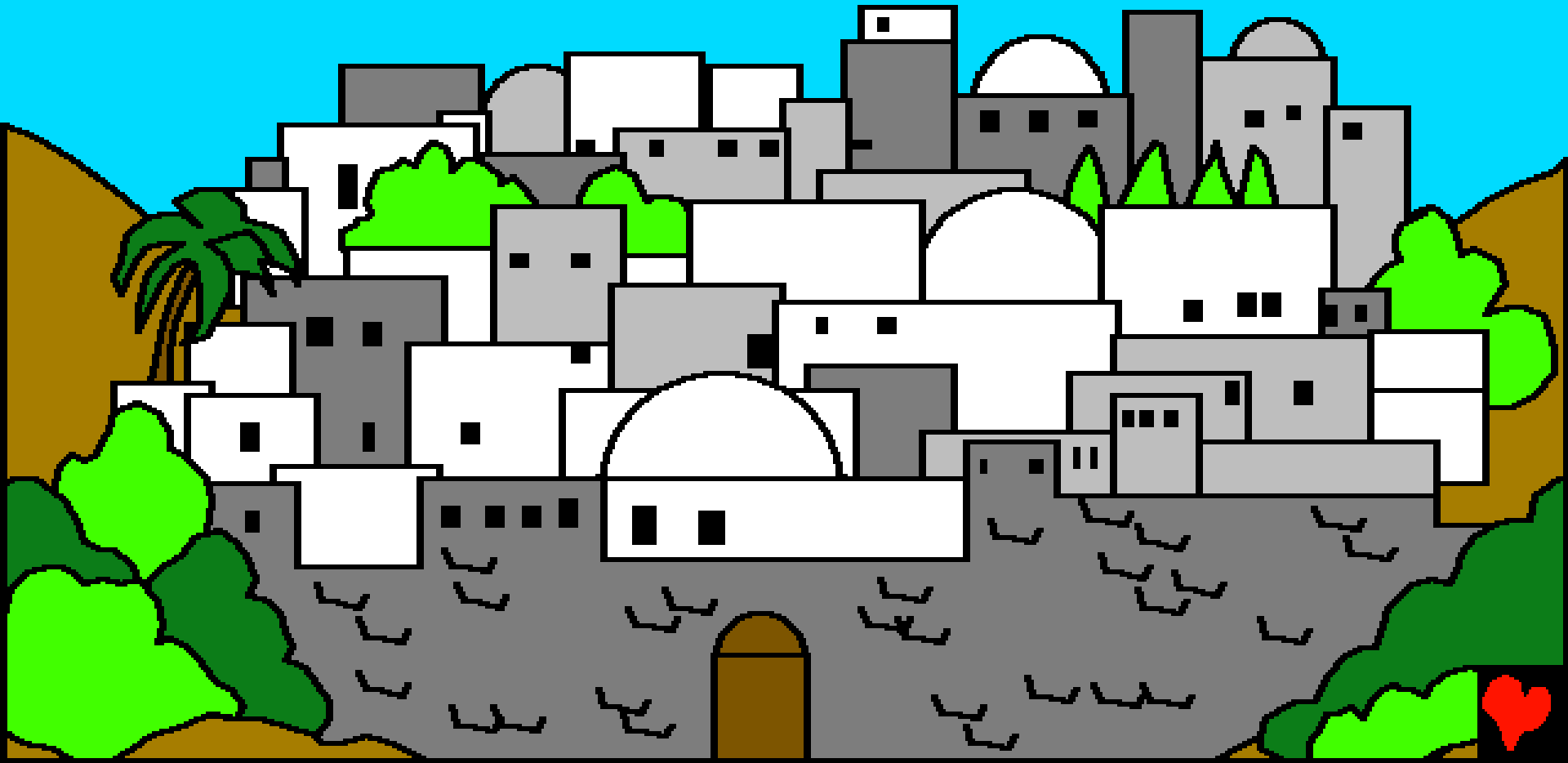


He rebuilt it as a stronghold  
against enemies.

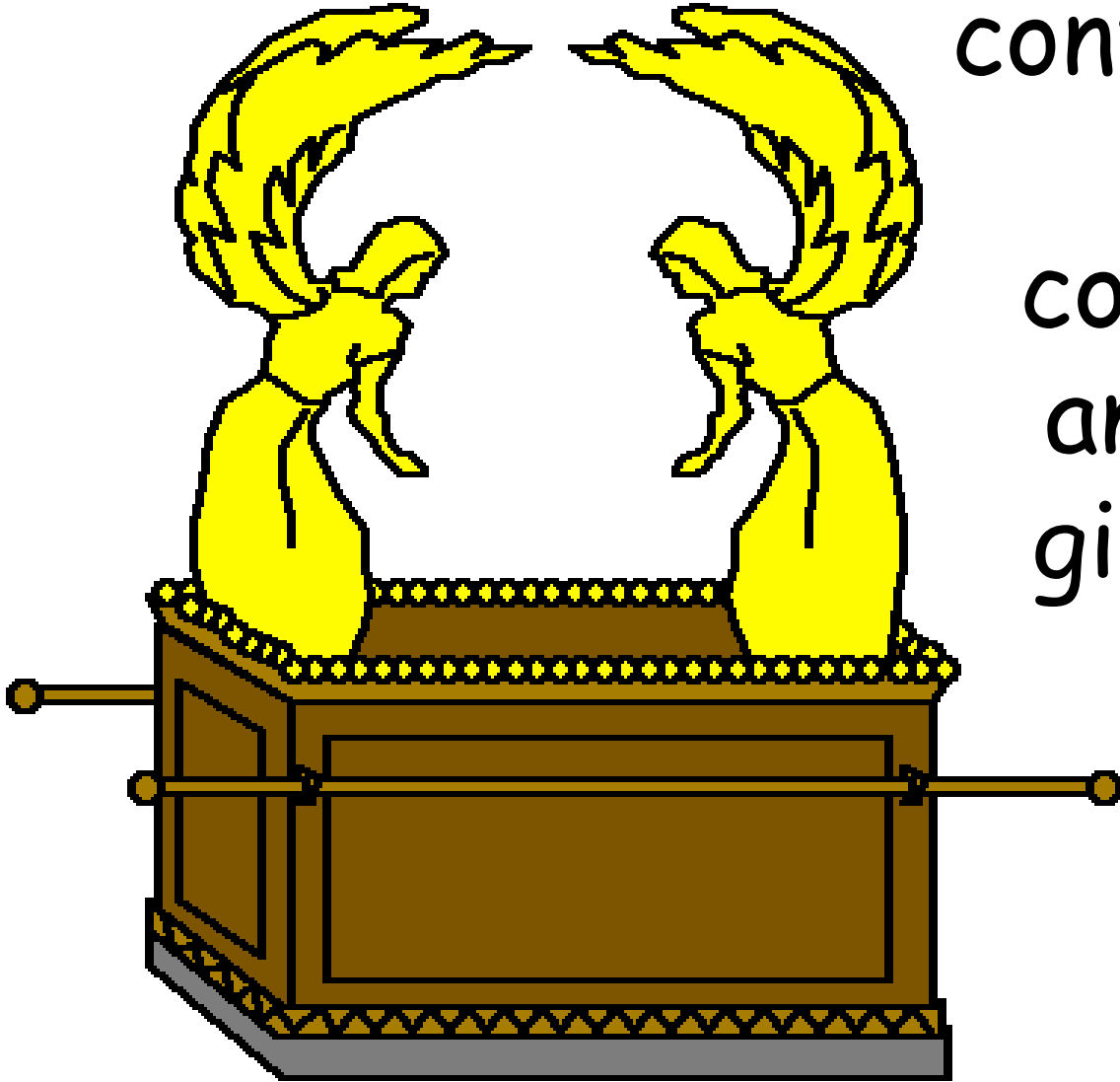




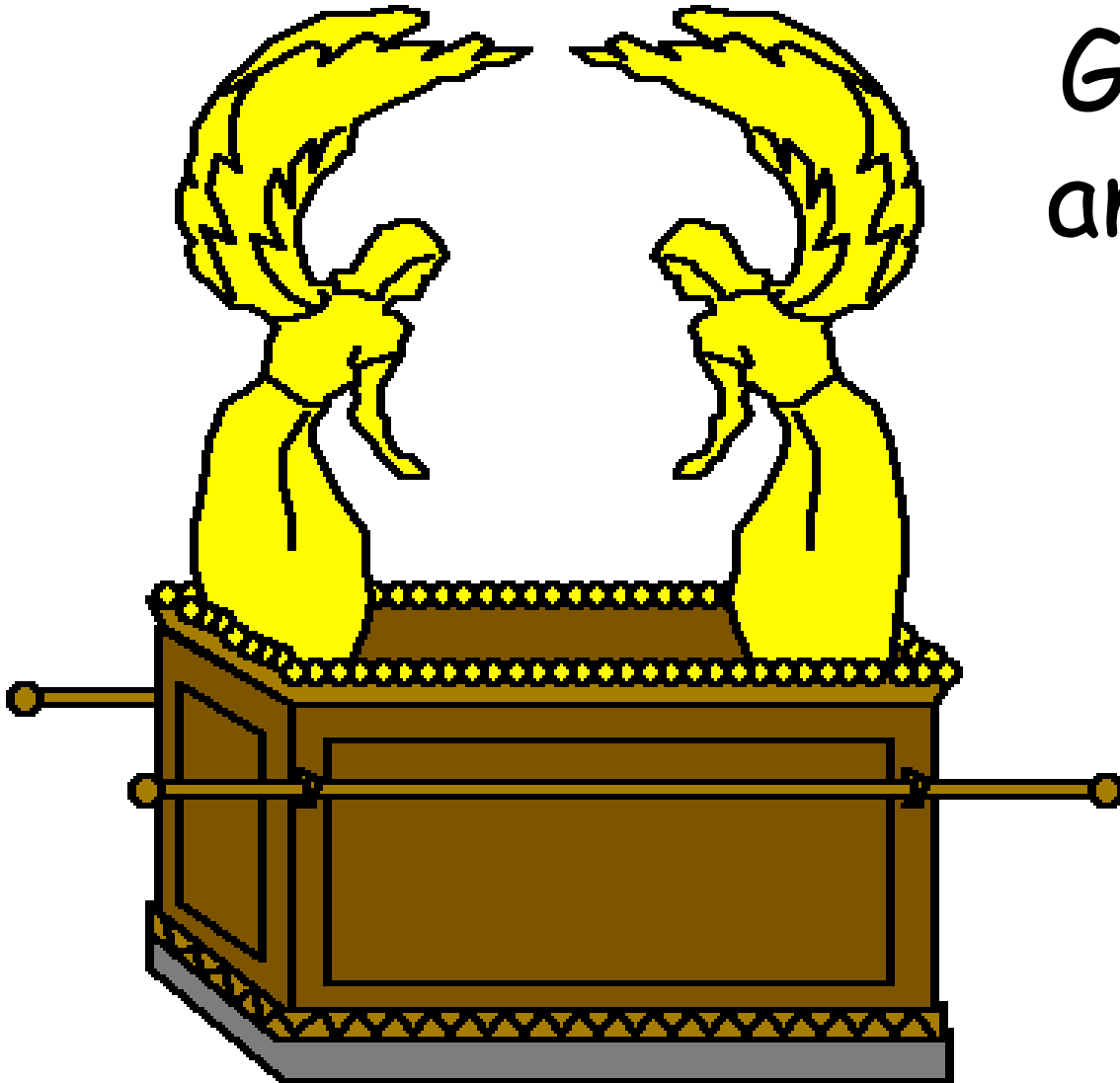
From Jerusalem, David's army went out to conquer the Philistines and other enemies of Israel.



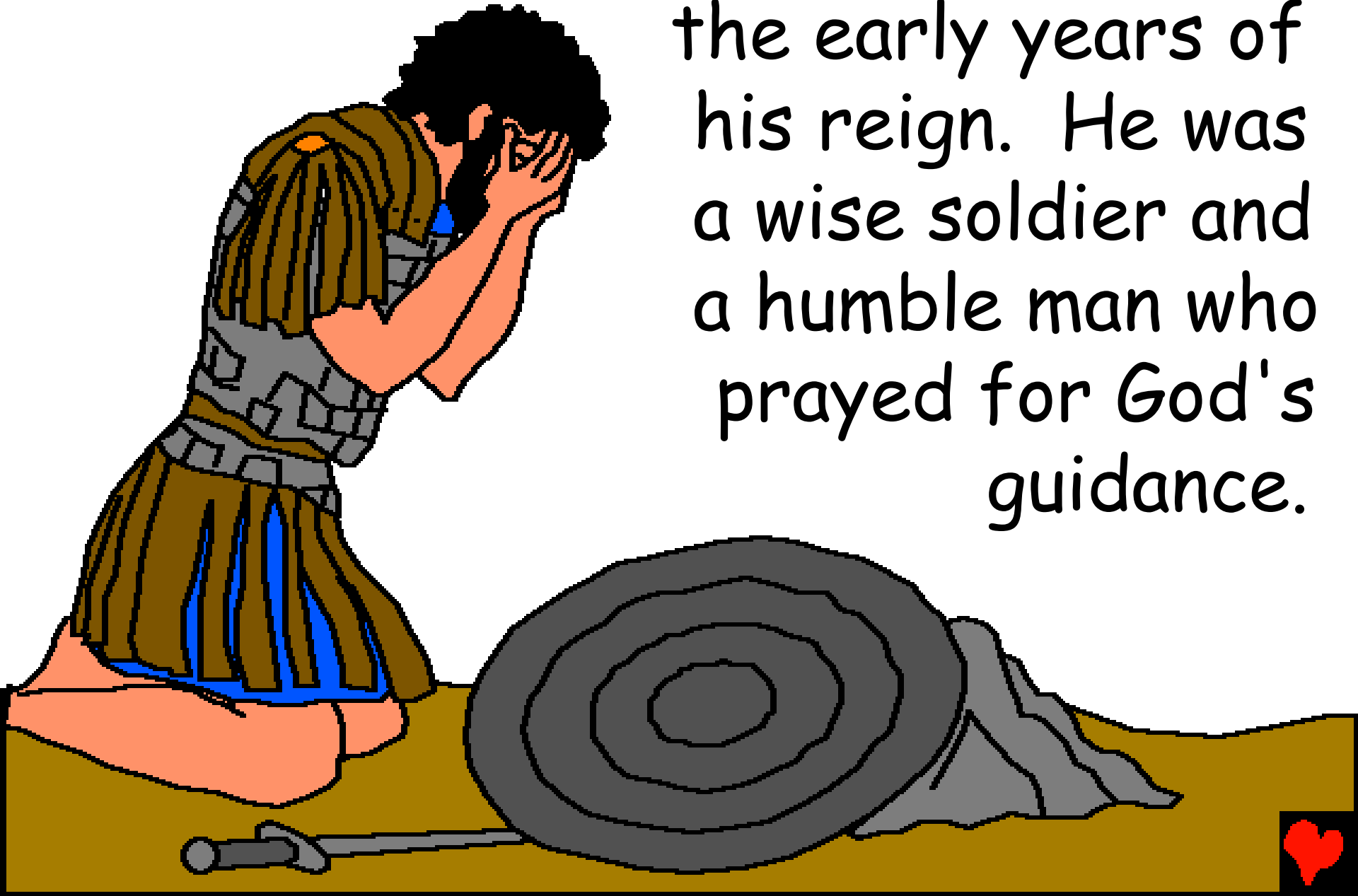
Next, King David brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem. The Ark of God contained copies of the ten commandments and other laws given to Moses by God.

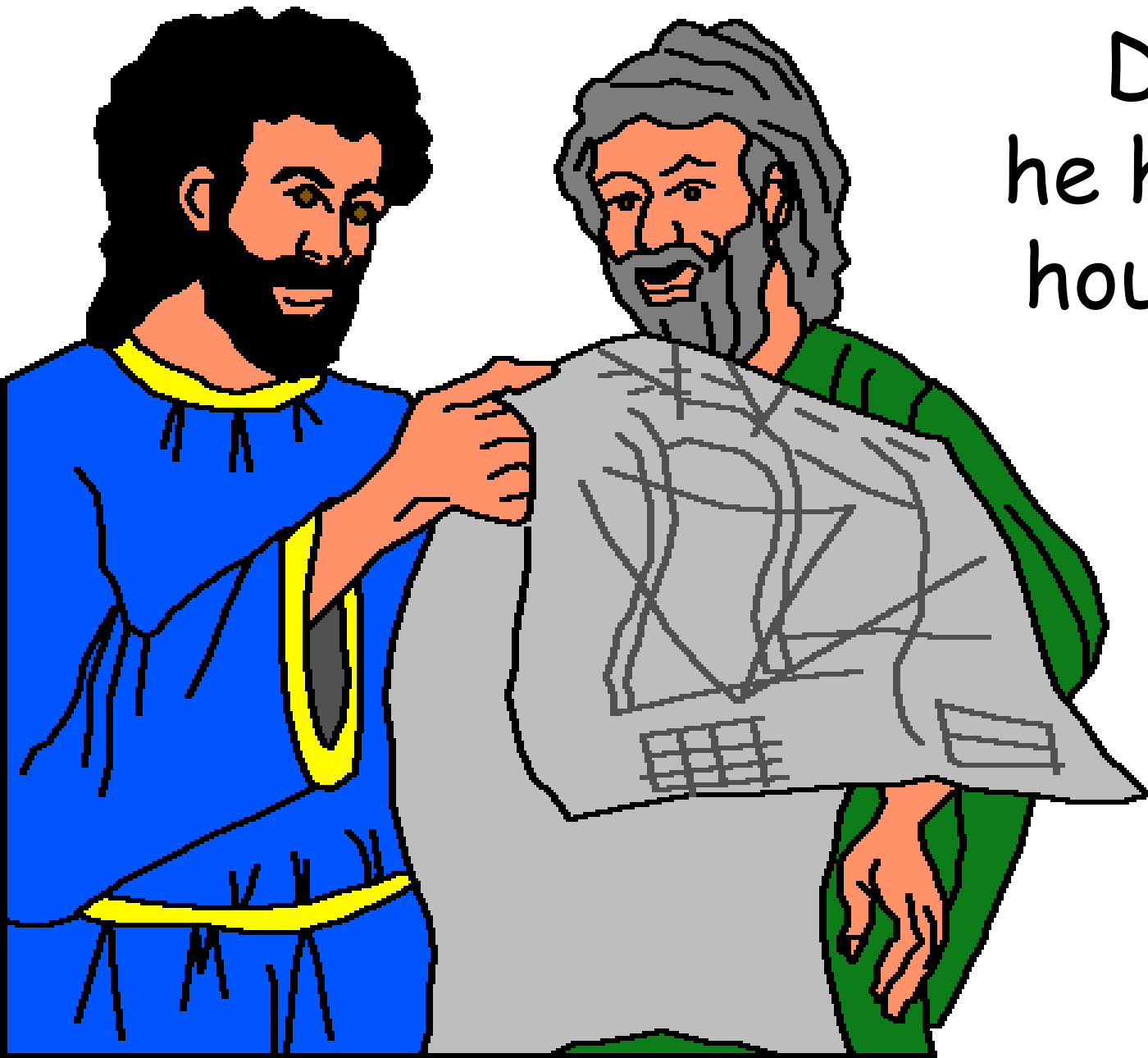


The Ark reminded  
the Israelites of  
God's holiness  
and their need  
to obey Him.



David had to fight many battles in the early years of his reign. He was a wise soldier and a humble man who prayed for God's guidance.

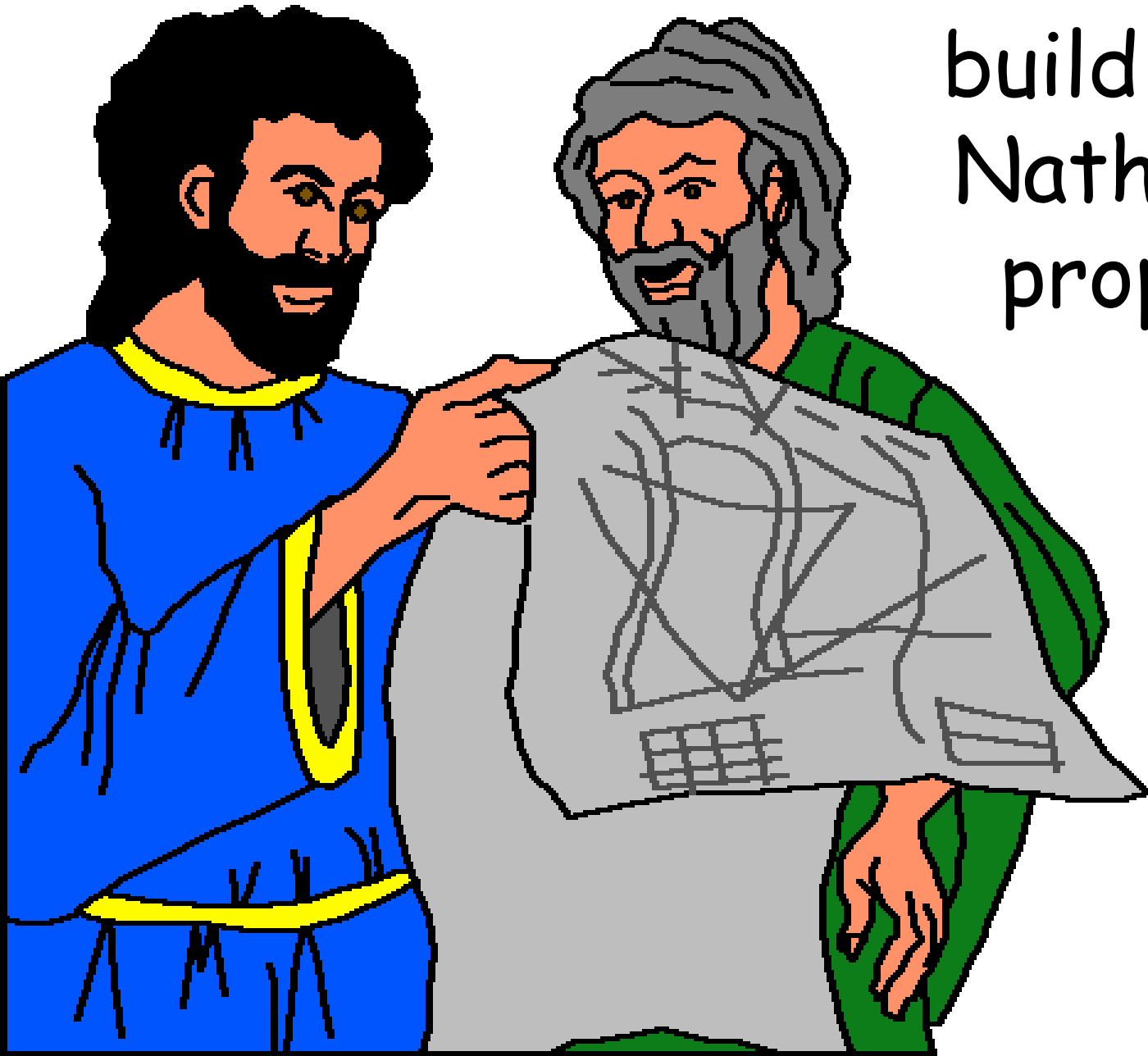




It bothered David that he had a nice house to live in while the ark of God remained in a tent.



David decided to  
build a temple.  
Nathan, God's  
prophet, told  
him to go  
ahead.





That  
night,  
God sent  
a message to

David: "My servant David, the  
LORD will make you a house.





When  
your  
days are  
fulfilled and you  
rest with your fathers, I will set  
up your child as king after you.







He shall  
build a house  
for My name and I will establish the  
throne of his kingdom forever."



David wanted to help any survivors of Saul's family. He found only Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, who was crippled.



"He shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons," David said. David was kind to Mephibosheth because Jonathan had been his best friend.



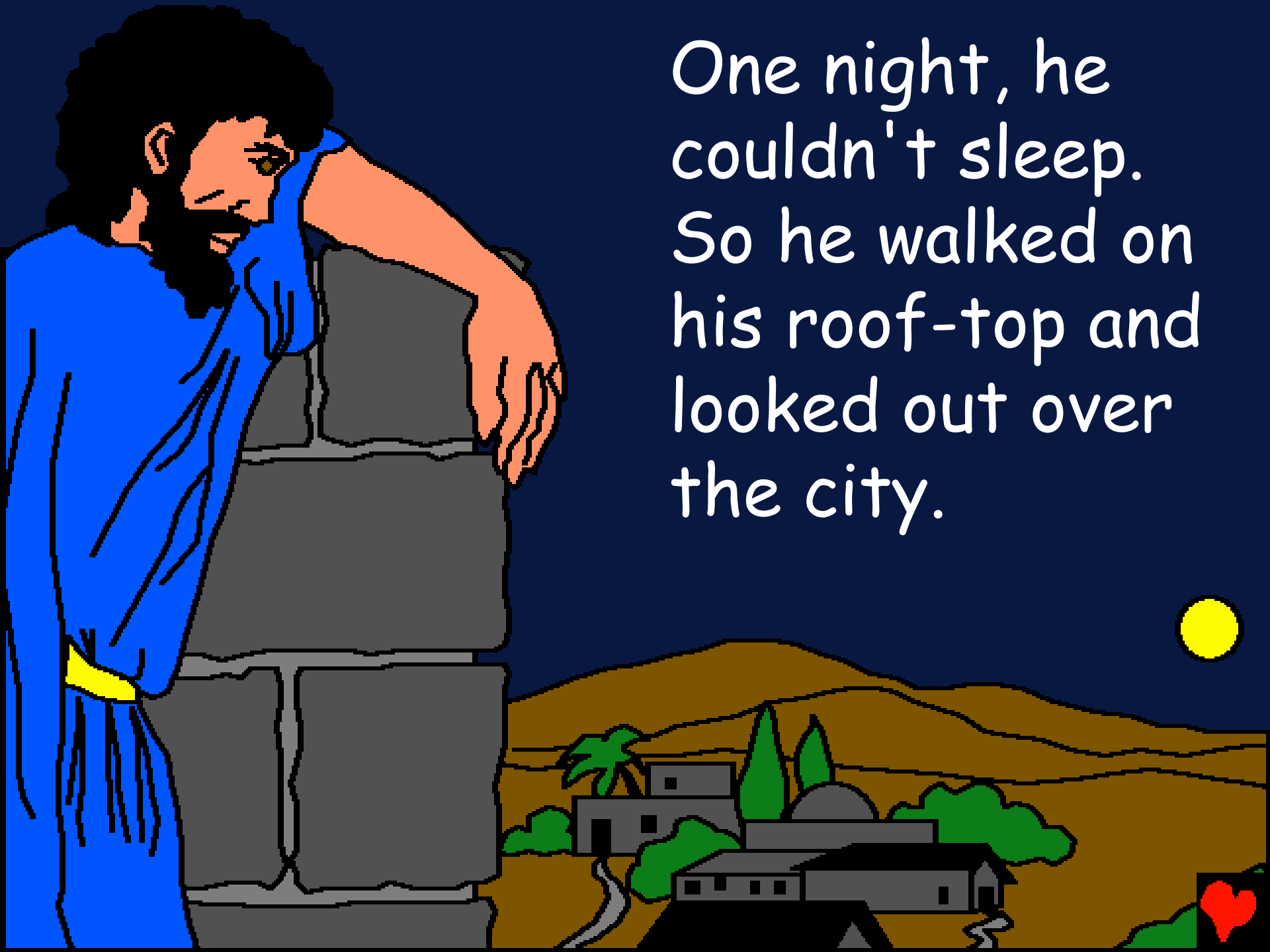
As long as David trusted God and obeyed Him, God helped David to prosper. But one day, a terrible shadow fell on David's life.



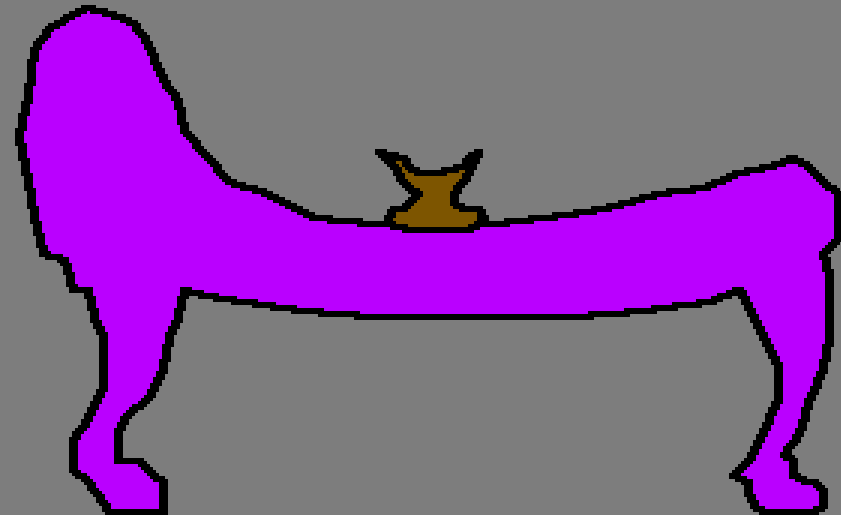
He sent his  
army out to  
fight, while  
he stayed in  
Jerusalem.



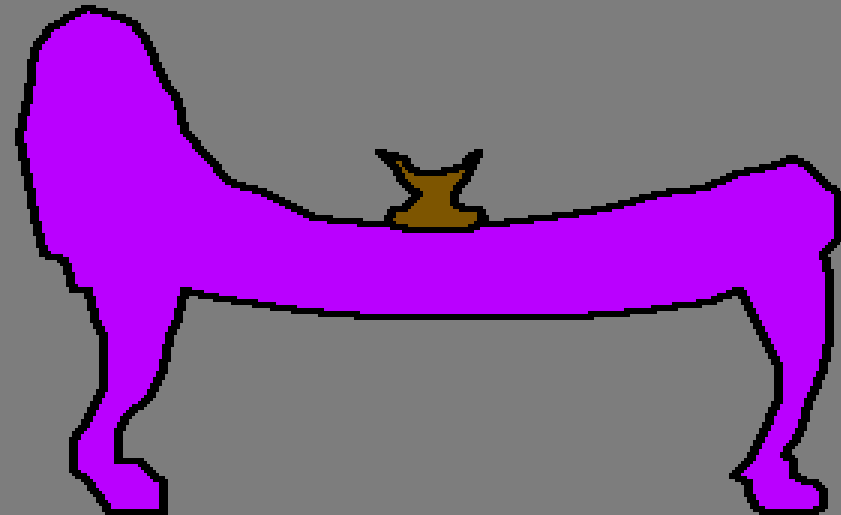
One night, he  
couldn't sleep.  
So he walked on  
his roof-top and  
looked out over  
the city.



David saw a  
beautiful woman  
bathing. Her  
name was  
Bathsheba.

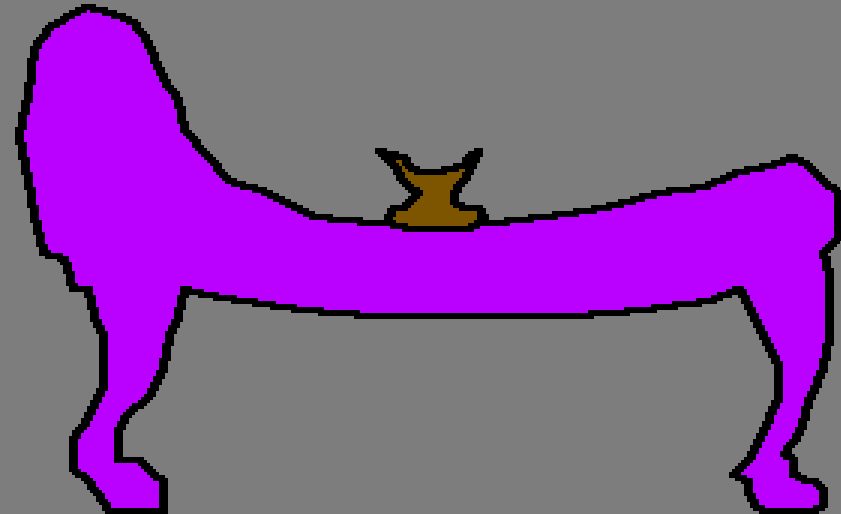


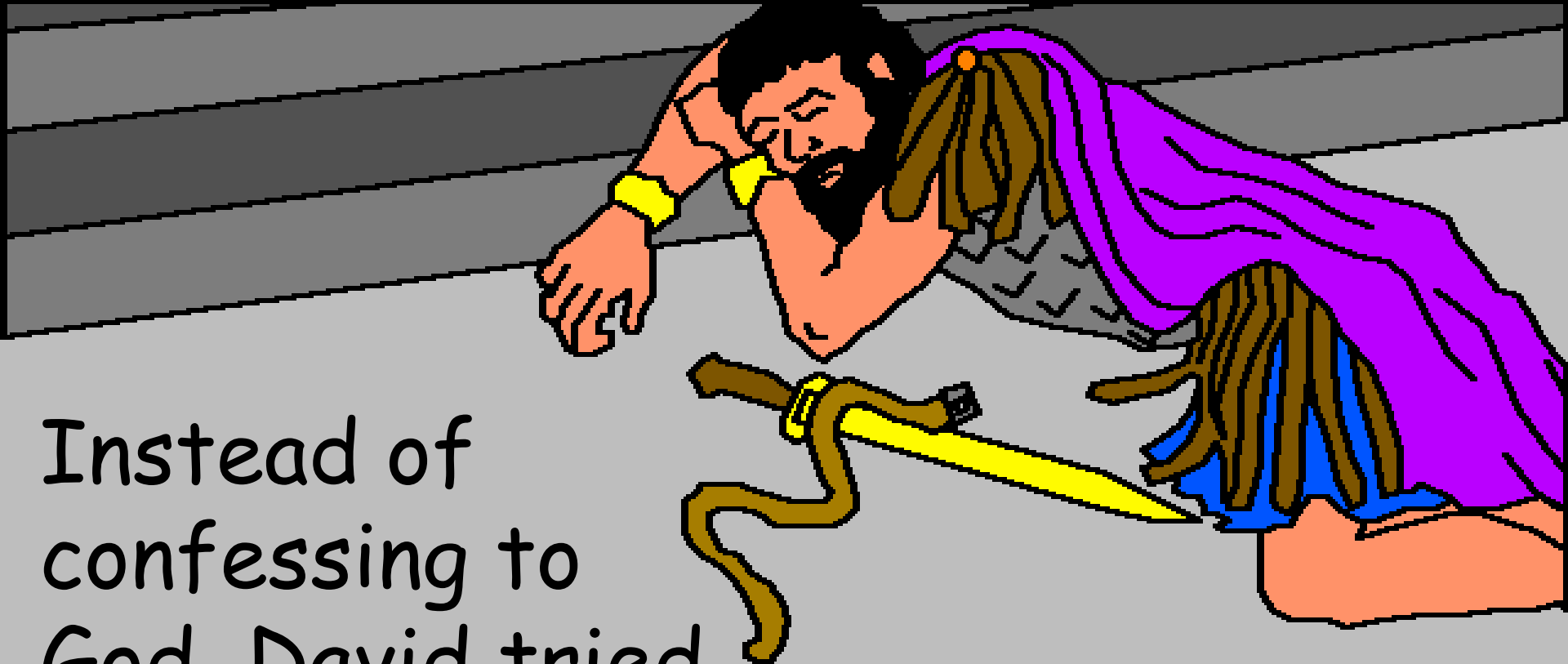
David sinned with Bathsheba even though her husband, Uriah, was one of David's brave soldiers.





When Bathsheba later told David she was going to have his child, David knew his sin was creating more problems.





Instead of confessing to God, David tried to cover his sin. That never works! He called Uriah home from the battle field, hoping that Uriah would think the coming baby was his.





But Uriah would not live at home while his fellow soldiers were at war. Uriah slept at the door of the king's house.



So David did an even more wicked thing. He sent Uriah back to the battlefield with a letter.



The letter told the general to make sure Uriah died in battle. When Uriah was killed, David took Bathsheba to be his wife.



God sent His servant,  
Nathan, to show David  
his sin. Nathan told  
David a story  
about a rich  
man and a  
very poor  
man.





The rich man  
had hundreds  
of sheep.  
But the poor  
man had only  
one little  
lamb, which  
he treasured  
like a  
daughter.



When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man did not kill one of his sheep to feed him. Instead, he took and killed the poor man's lamb.





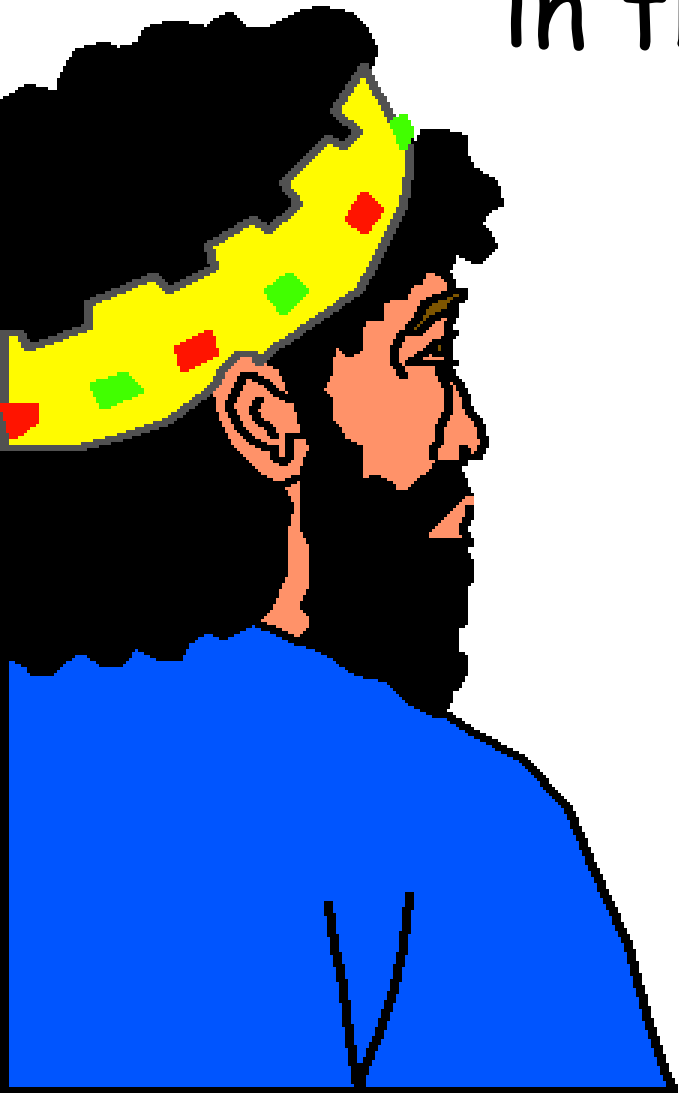
David was angry at the rich man's selfishness. He cried, "The man who has done this shall surely die."



"You are the man!" brave  
Nathan told David.



What David had done was much worse than what the rich man did in the story.



God showed David how wicked he had been. And David was sorry for his sin.

He told God:  
"Against You  
have I sinned  
and done  
this evil."



And God forgave David's sin. But  
Bathsheba's baby  
was very sick,  
and died soon  
after birth.

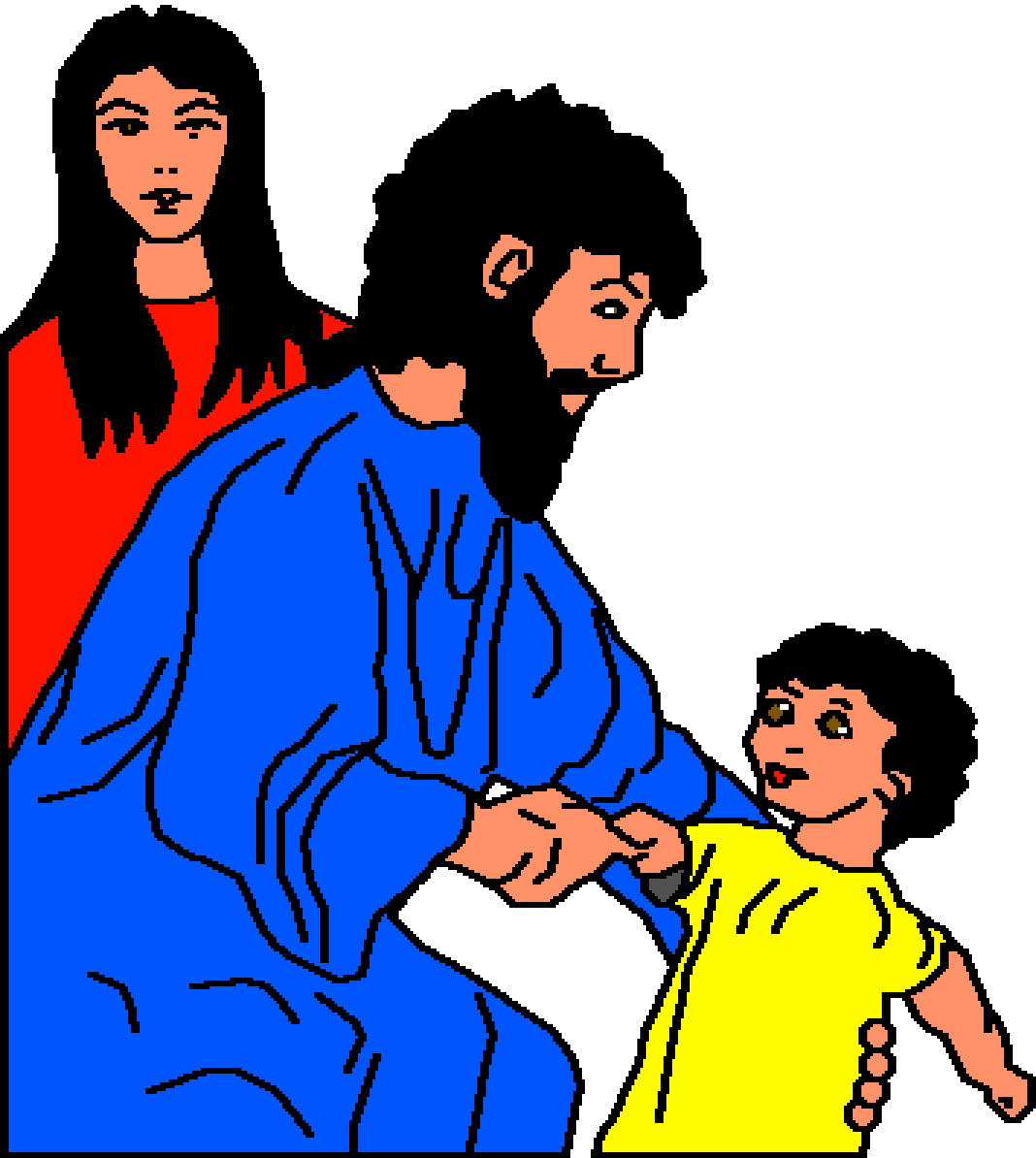


God forgave David  
for his terrible sin.

Then Bathsheba  
had another child,  
Solomon, who was to  
become a great king  
after David.



But King David  
had many  
other children,  
some of whom  
brought him  
great sorrow.



# David the King (Part 2)

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

2 Samuel 1-12

"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

