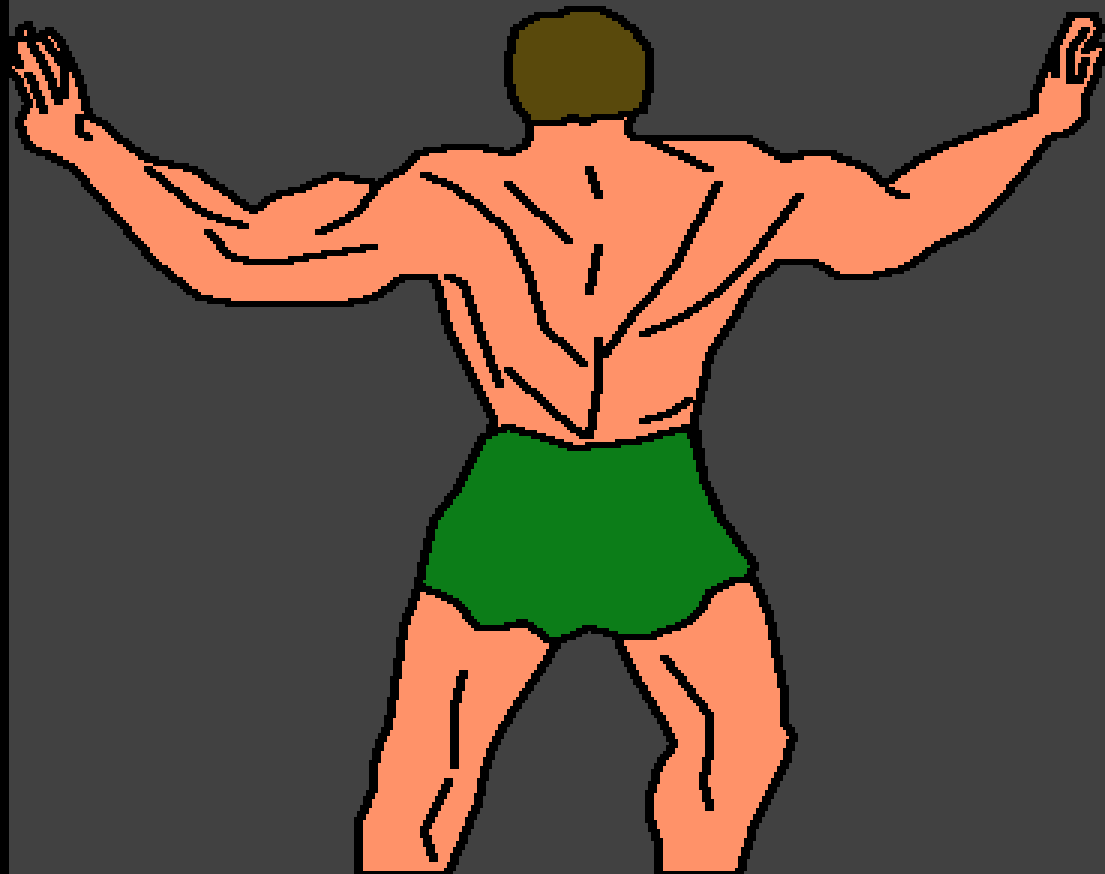


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SAMSON,  
GOD'S  
STRONG  
MAN



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Long ago, in the land of Israel, lived a man named Manoah. He and his wife had no children.



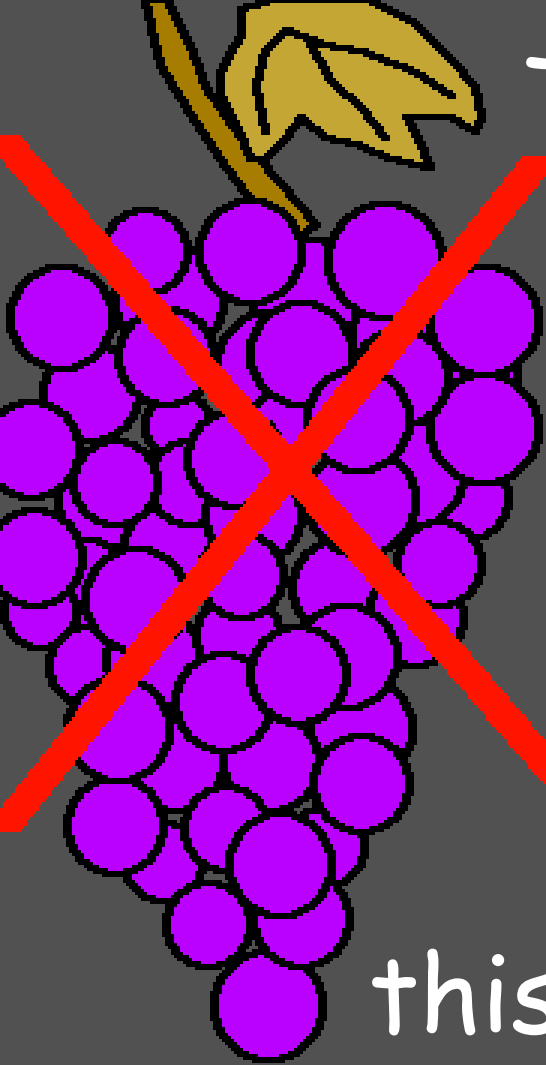
One day the Angel of the LORD  
appeared to Mrs. Manoah.  
"You will have a very  
special baby,"  
He said.



She told her husband the wonderful news. Manoah prayed, "Oh my Lord

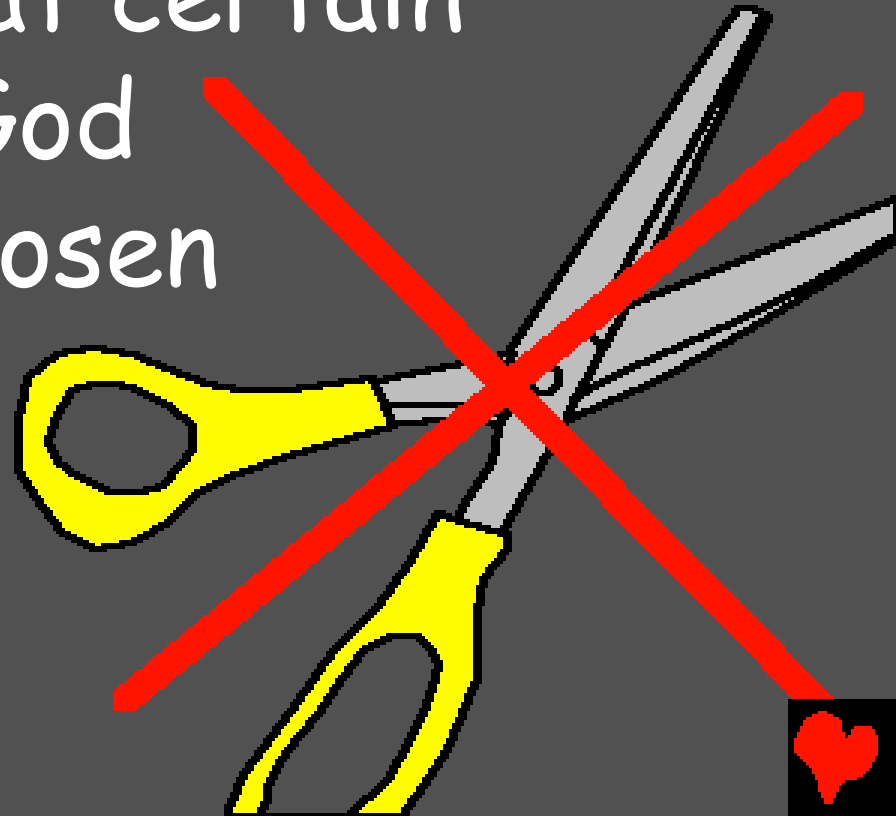
... come to us again. Teach us what we shall do for the child."

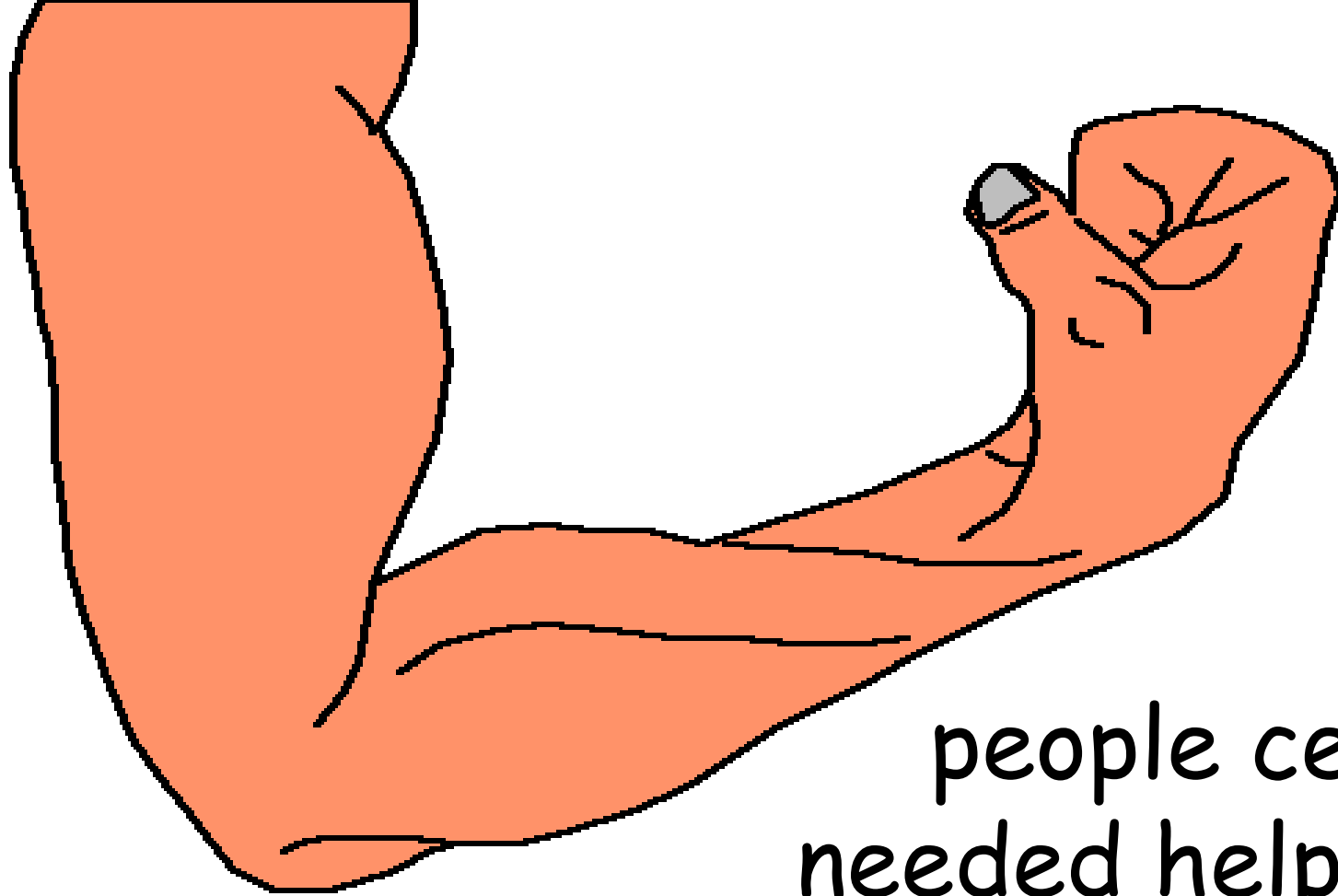




The Angel told Manoah the child must never have his hair cut, must never drink alcohol, and must never eat certain foods. God had chosen

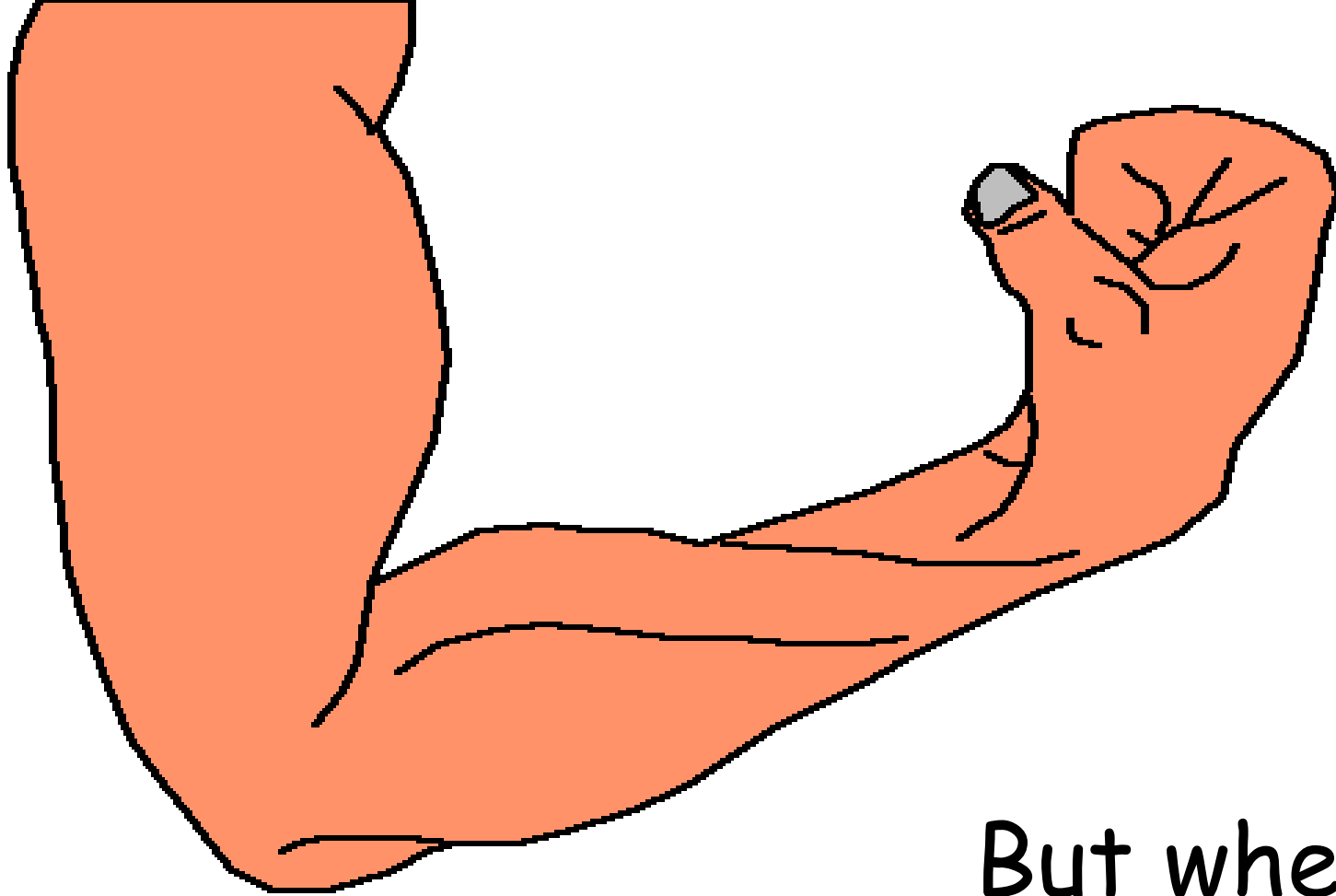
this child to be a judge. He would lead Israel.





God's people certainly needed help. They left God out of their lives, and then were bullied by their enemies, the Philistines.





But when they  
prayed, God heard. He  
sent this baby who would become  
the world's strongest man.

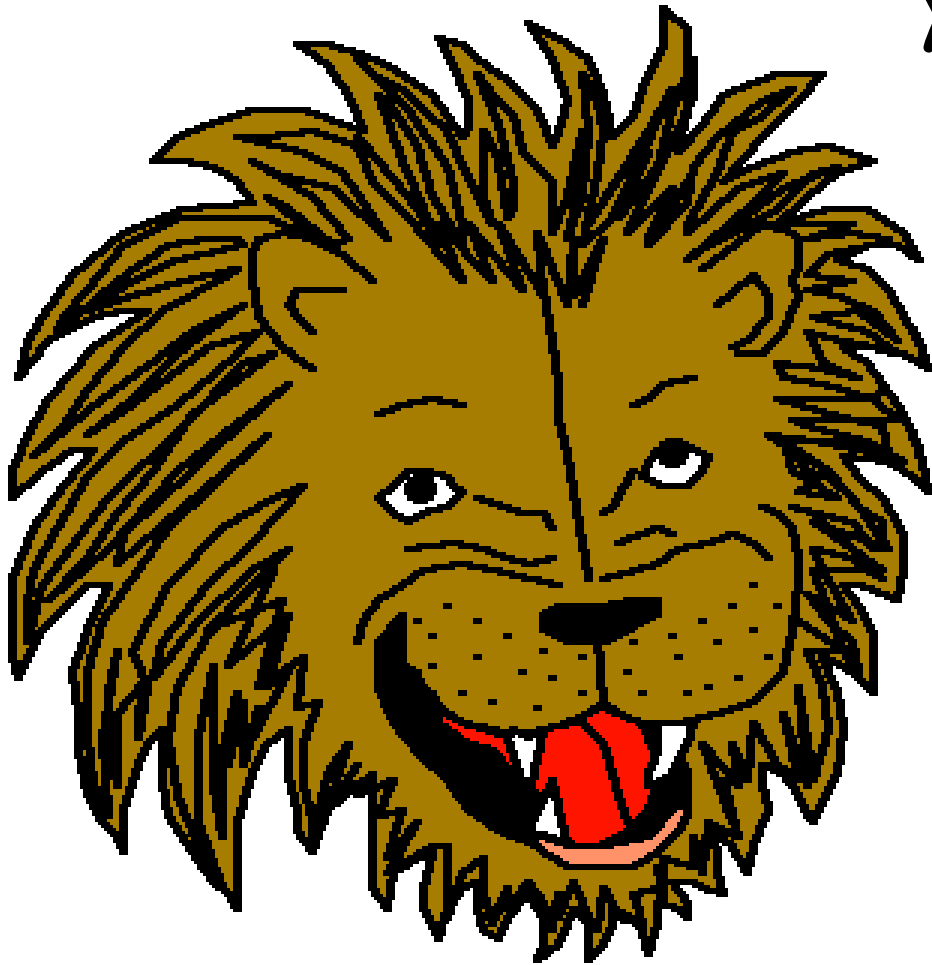




"So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the spirit of the LORD began to move upon him."



Samson became very strong.  
One day he fought a  
young lion with his  
bare hands  
- and killed it!





Later,  
Samson  
tasted honey from a  
swarm of bees which had  
nested in the lion's dead body.





He  
made up  
a riddle: "Out of the  
eater Came something  
to eat And out of the strong  
Came something sweet."





Nobody  
could guess  
the meaning - but  
Samson's new wife, a  
Philistine, told her friends.  
This made Samson very angry.



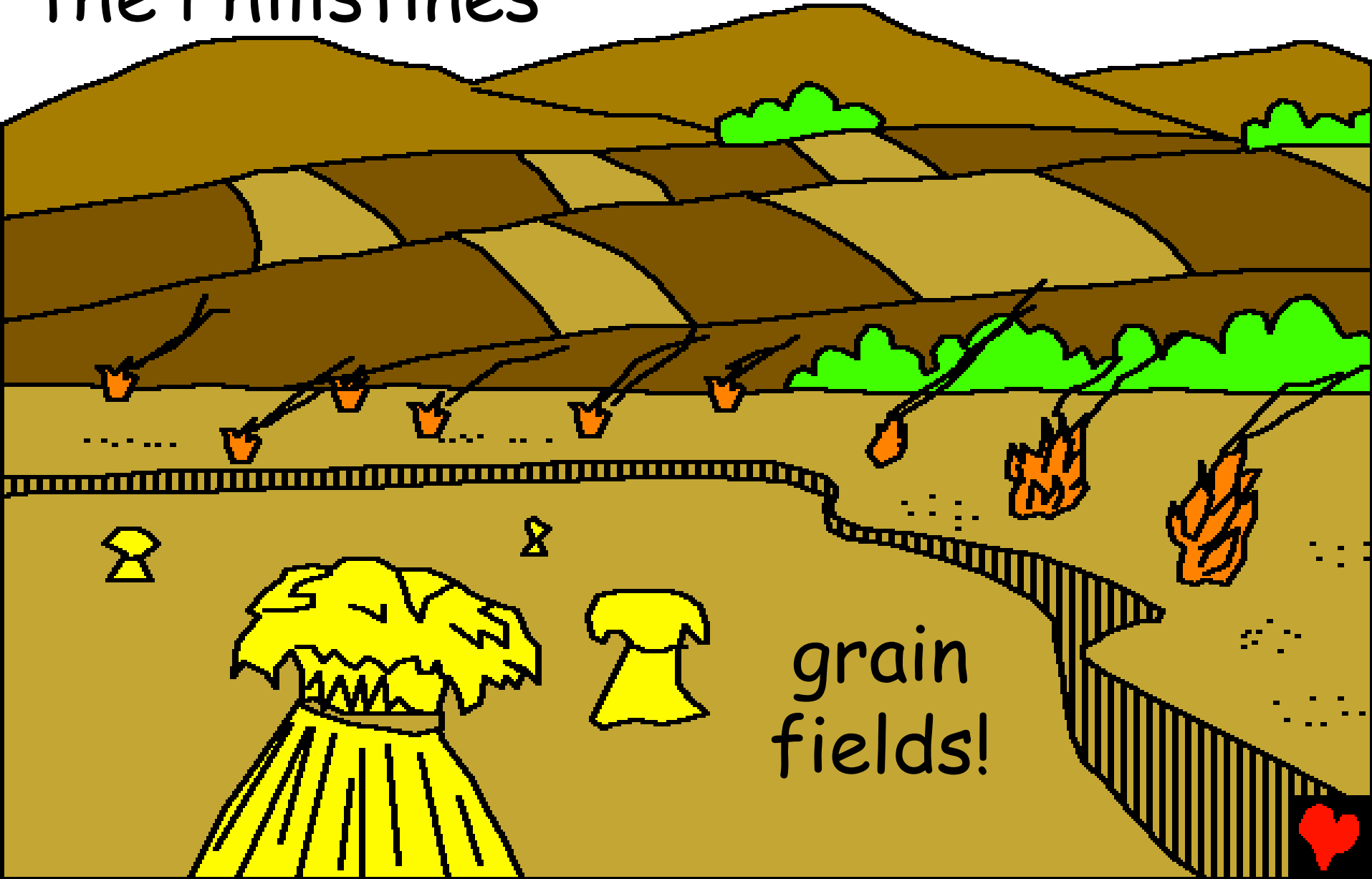
Samson was even more angry when the Philistines gave his wife to be wife of his best friend. He planned revenge. But how?



First, Samson caught 300 foxes. Then he tied their tails together, two by two, and placed flaming torches between them.



Then Samson released the foxes in the Philistines'



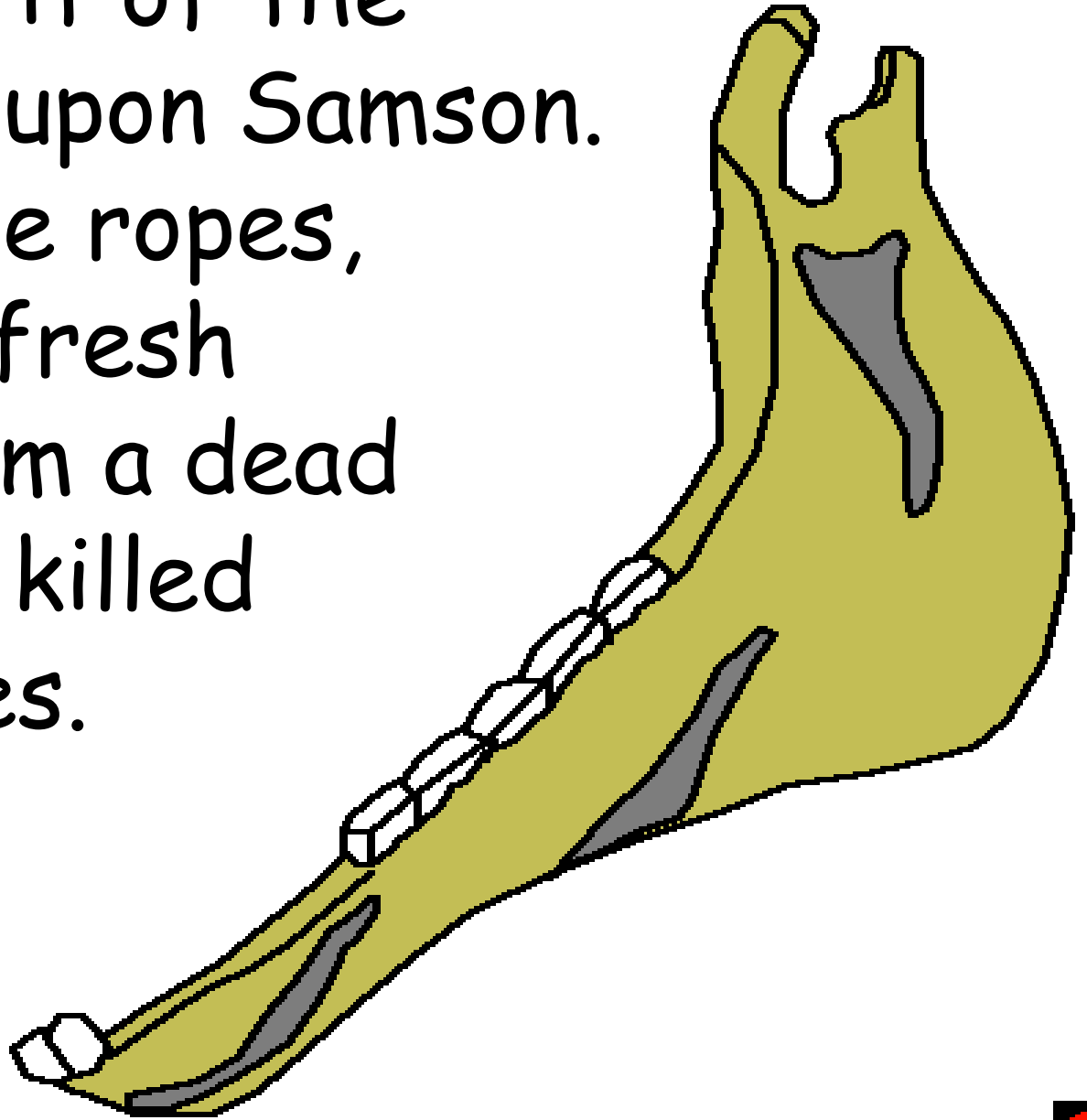
grain fields!



Now the Philistines wanted revenge.  
Samson let himself be caught, tied  
up and handed over to be killed by  
the Philistines.



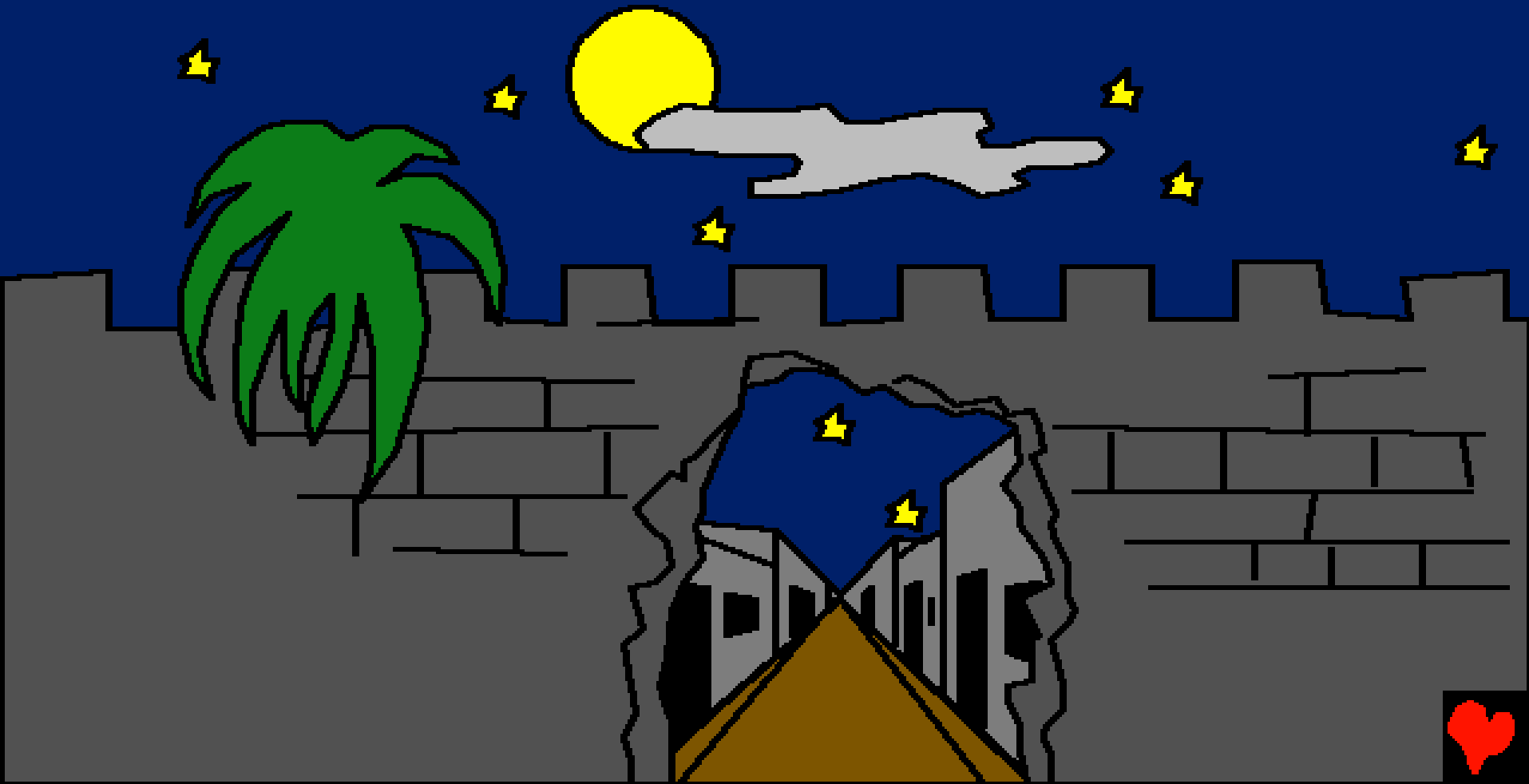
But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Samson. He broke the ropes, picked up a fresh jawbone from a dead donkey, and killed 1000 enemies.



Philistine search parties looked for Samson. One night, they trapped him in a city and locked the city gates.



But Samson walked out - carrying the city gates on his shoulders!



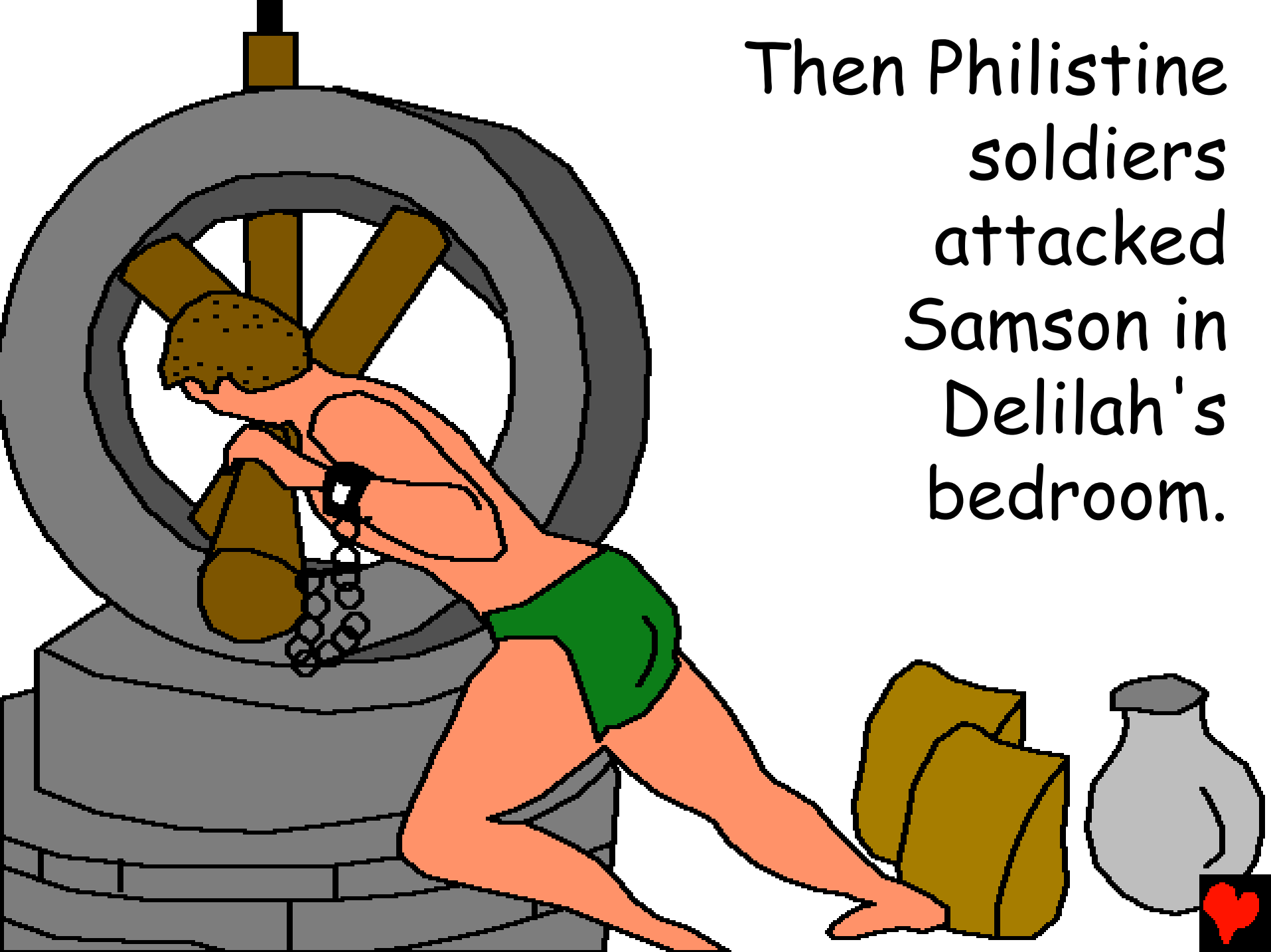
But Samson failed  
God. God gave him  
strength as long as  
he obeyed.



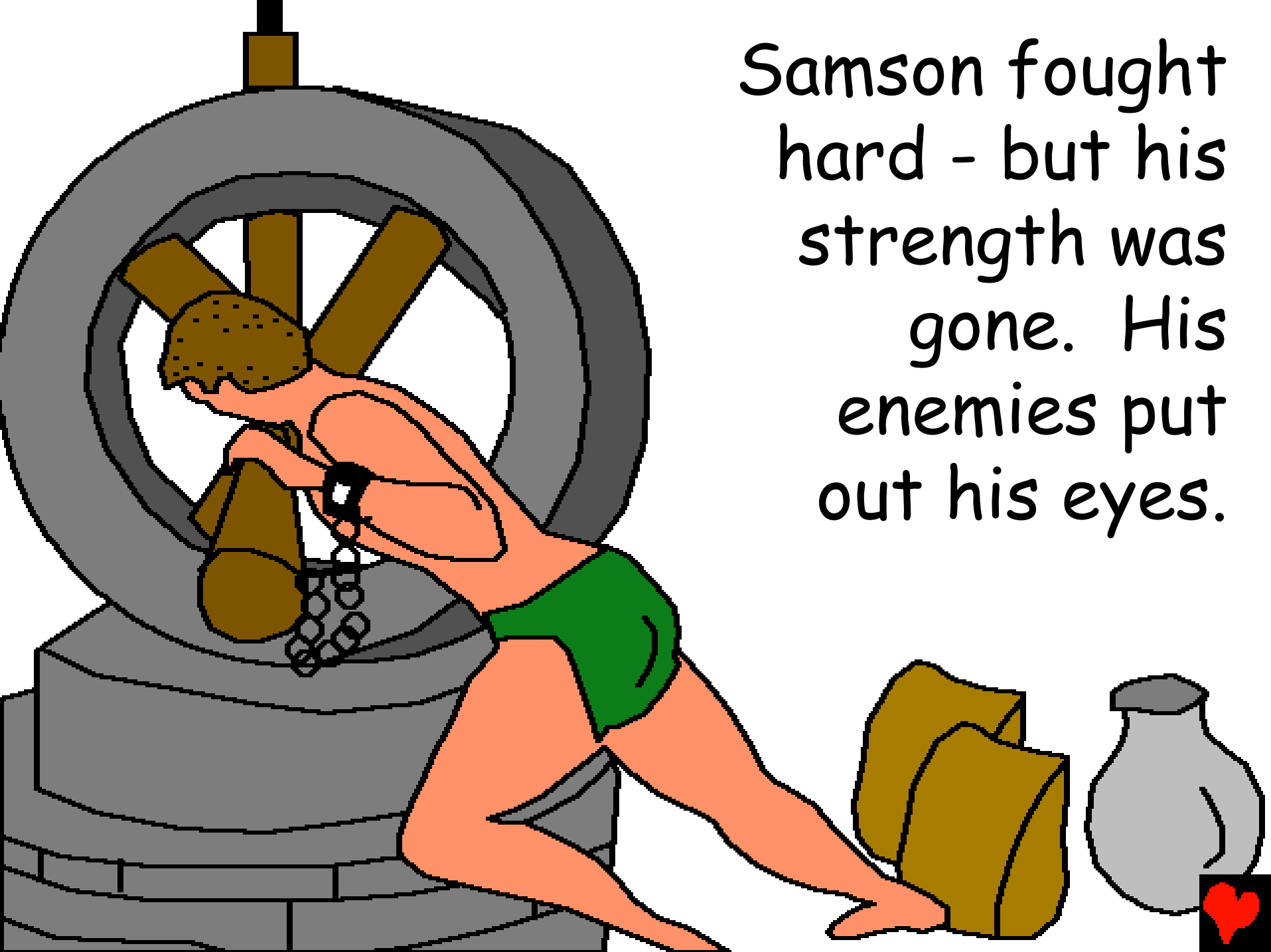
One day, Samson shared the secret of his strength with Delilah, a beautiful Philistine spy. She had a man shave off Samson's hair while he slept.



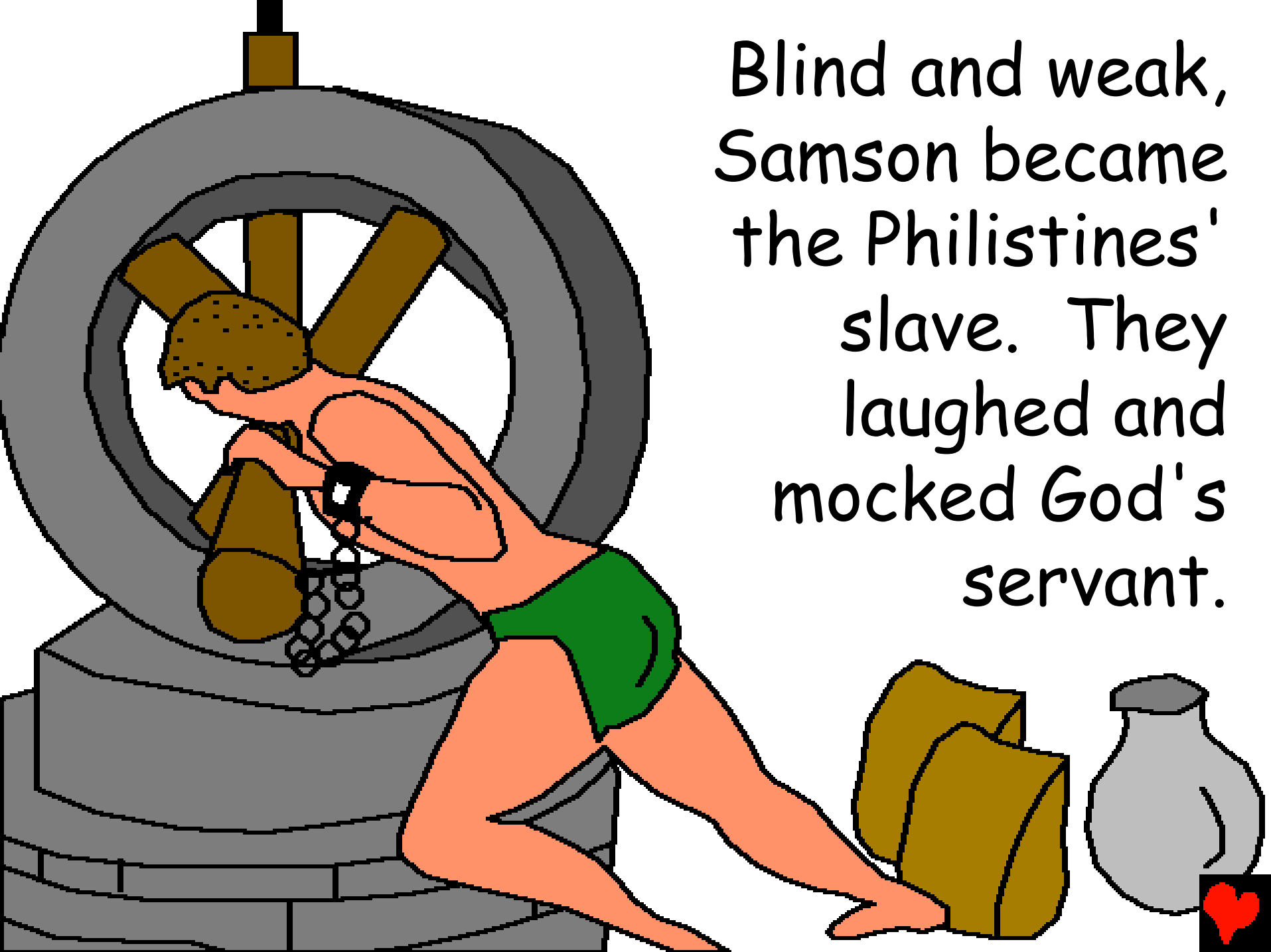
Then Philistine  
soldiers  
attacked  
Samson in  
Delilah's  
bedroom.



Samson fought  
hard - but his  
strength was  
gone. His  
enemies put  
out his eyes.







Blind and weak,  
Samson became  
the Philistines'  
slave. They  
laughed and  
mocked God's  
servant.



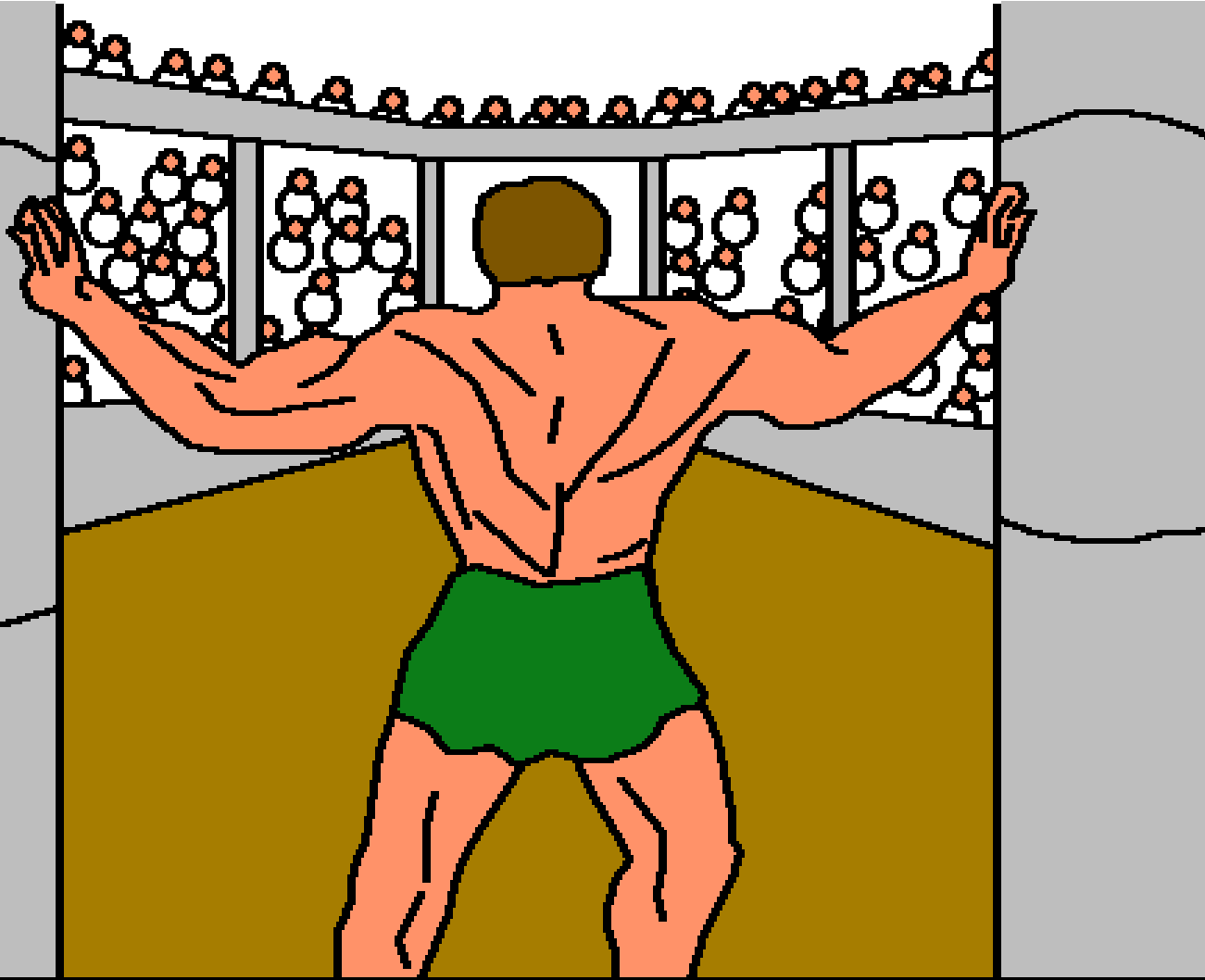
The Philistines  
had a feast.  
They praised  
their fish-god,  
Dagon, for  
giving Samson  
into their  
hands.



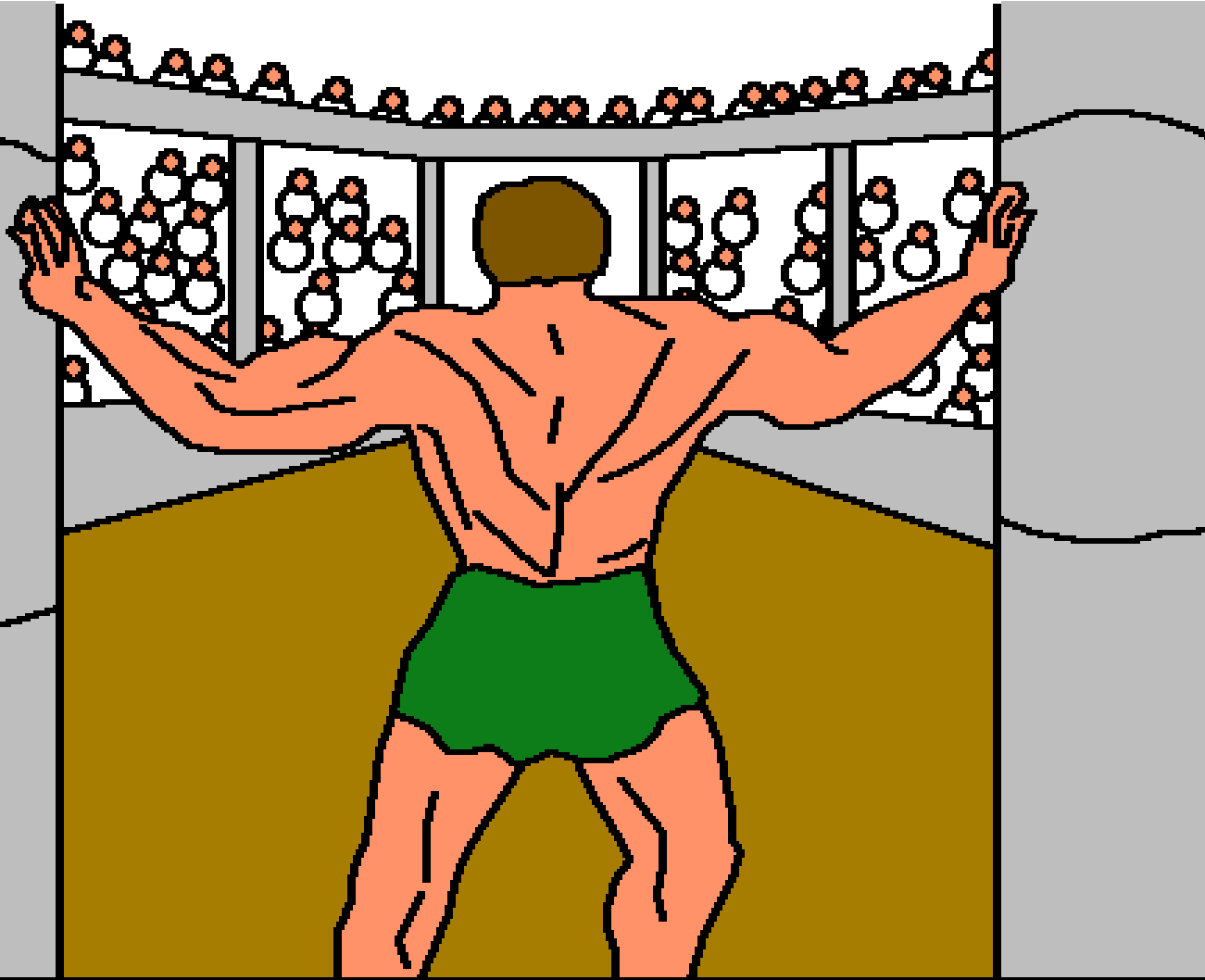
They drank  
and rejoiced in  
Dagon's temple.  
Then they  
called for  
Samson to  
perform for  
them.



A boy brought Samson, and let him lean on the pillars which held up the temple.



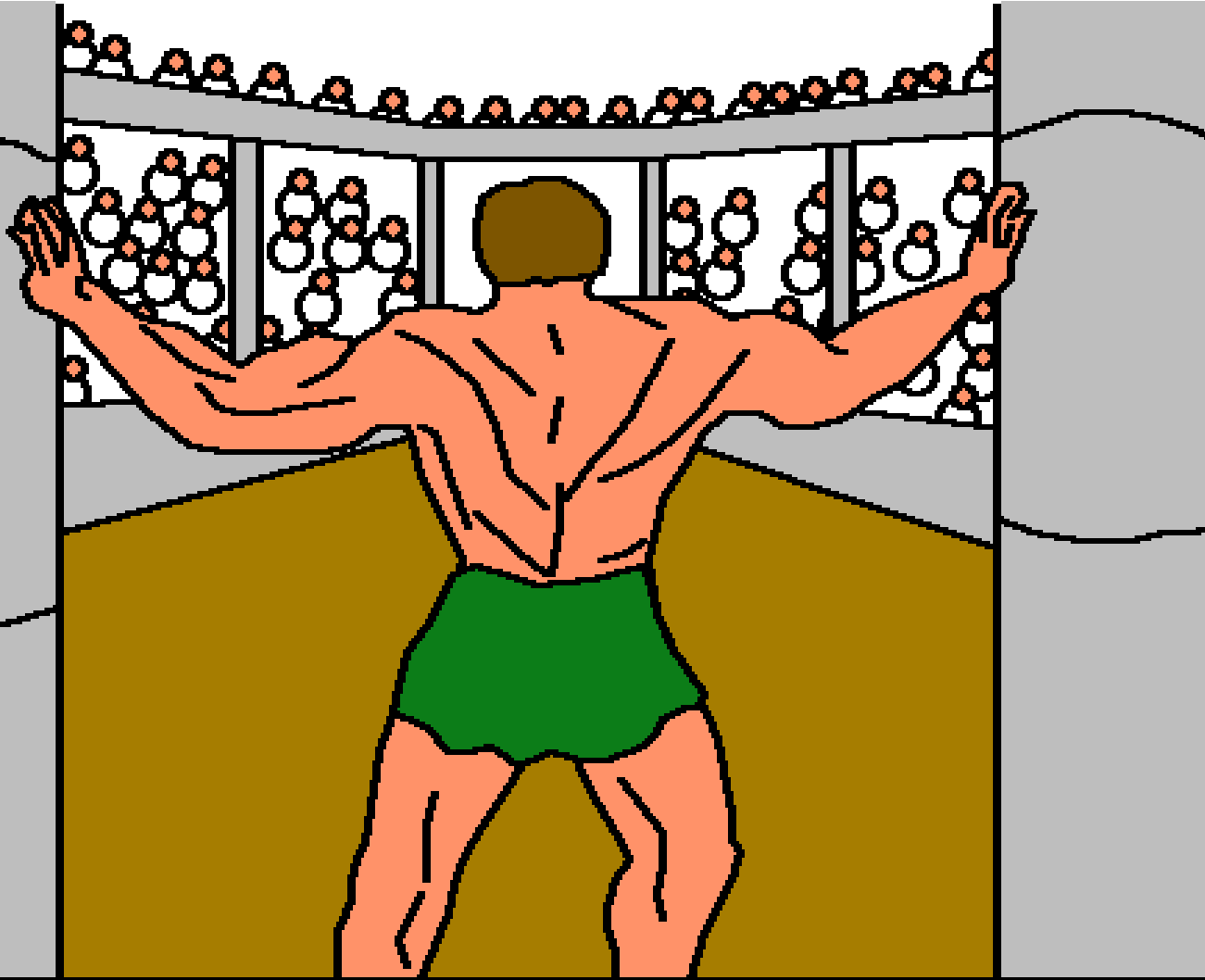
There were 3000 Philistines on the roof, and many more in the temple, all mocking him.



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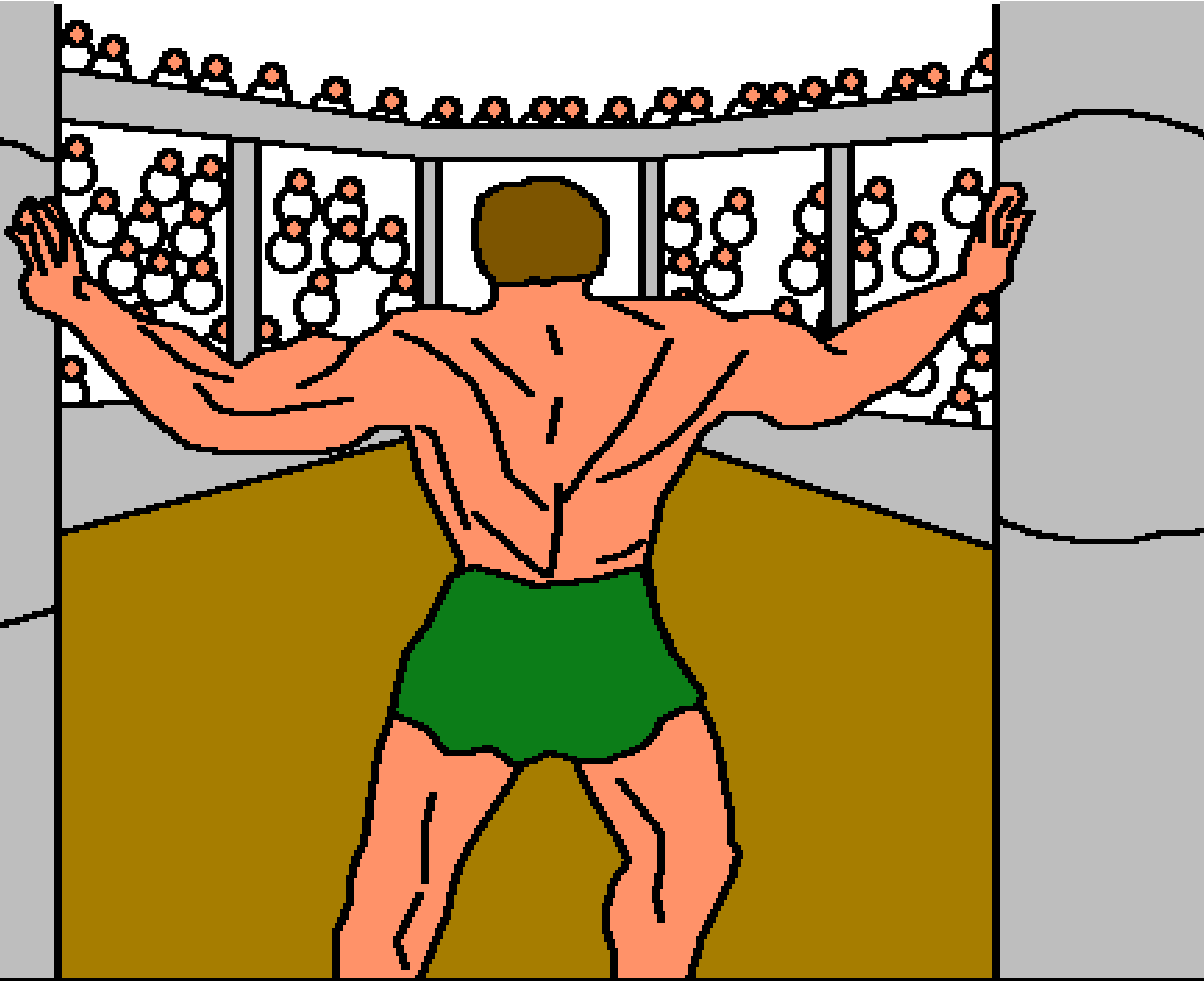


But Samson's hair had begun to grow in the prison.



Now he prayed, "O LORD God, strengthen me just this once, that I

may take revenge for my two eyes."



Would God give Samson strength again? Could Samson do the impossible?

YES! YES!

Straining and heaving,

Samson

forced the

mighty

pillars

apart.





Dagon's temple  
crashed to ruins,  
killing thousands  
of Philistines -  
and Samson!



# Samson, God's Strong Man

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Judges 13-16

"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

