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JESUS
CHOOSES
12
HELPERS



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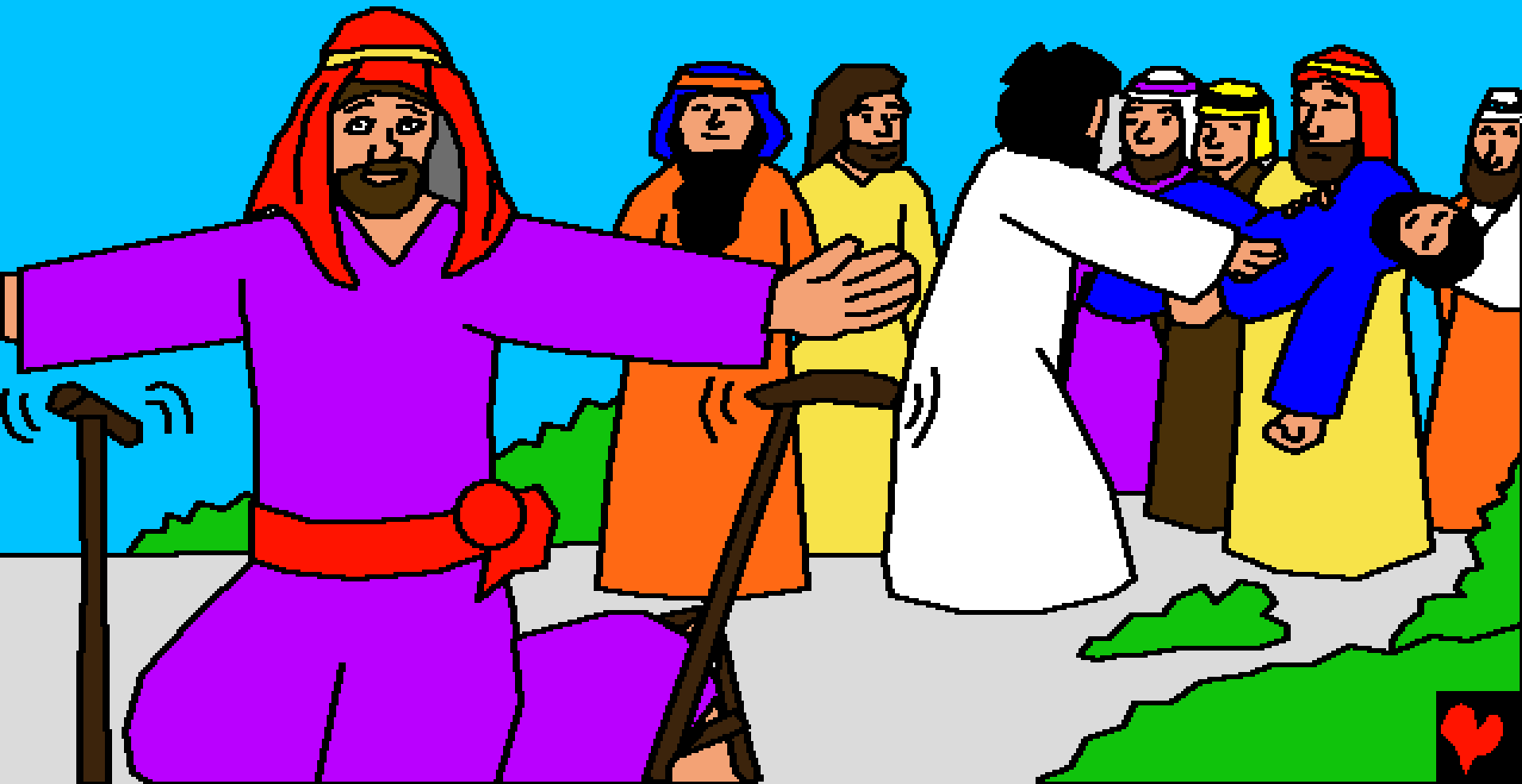
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Jesus did wonderful things.



He healed diseases, gave troubled people peace in their hearts and minds, and taught God's Word.



Crowds came to Jesus
for help and healing.



He decided to choose twelve men from His many followers to help Him in His work for God.



If you have
important
choices to
make, do
you pray to
God? Jesus
did!



In a quiet mountain
place He spoke to His
Heavenly Father.
Jesus prayed
until the sun
went down.





Jesus prayed
all through
the long dark
night.



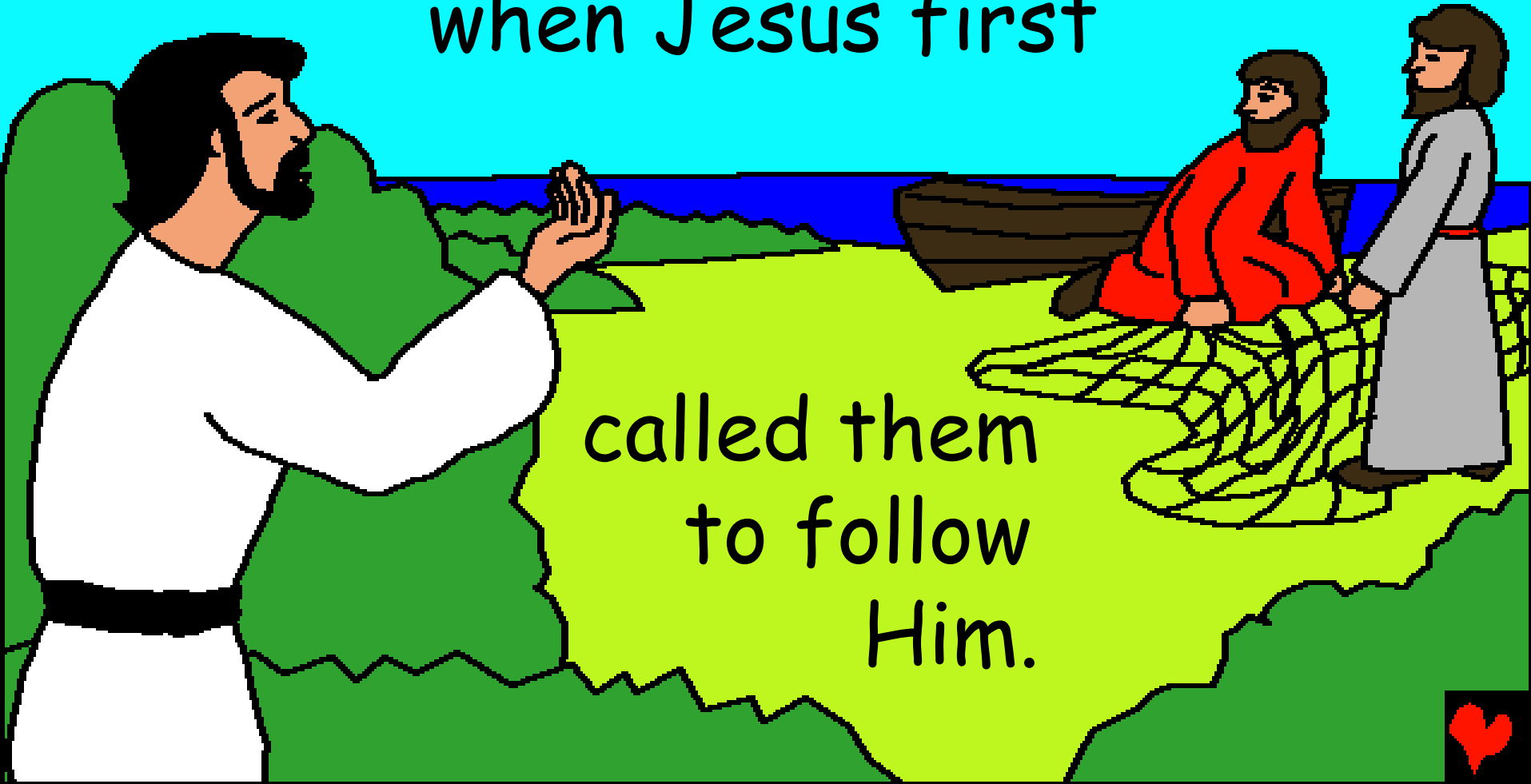
In the morning, Jesus called His
followers - all the friends
who served and obeyed
Him.



From them He chose twelve
to be special helpers, or
apostles.



The first two Jesus chose were brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew. They had left their fishing business when Jesus first



called them
to follow
Him.



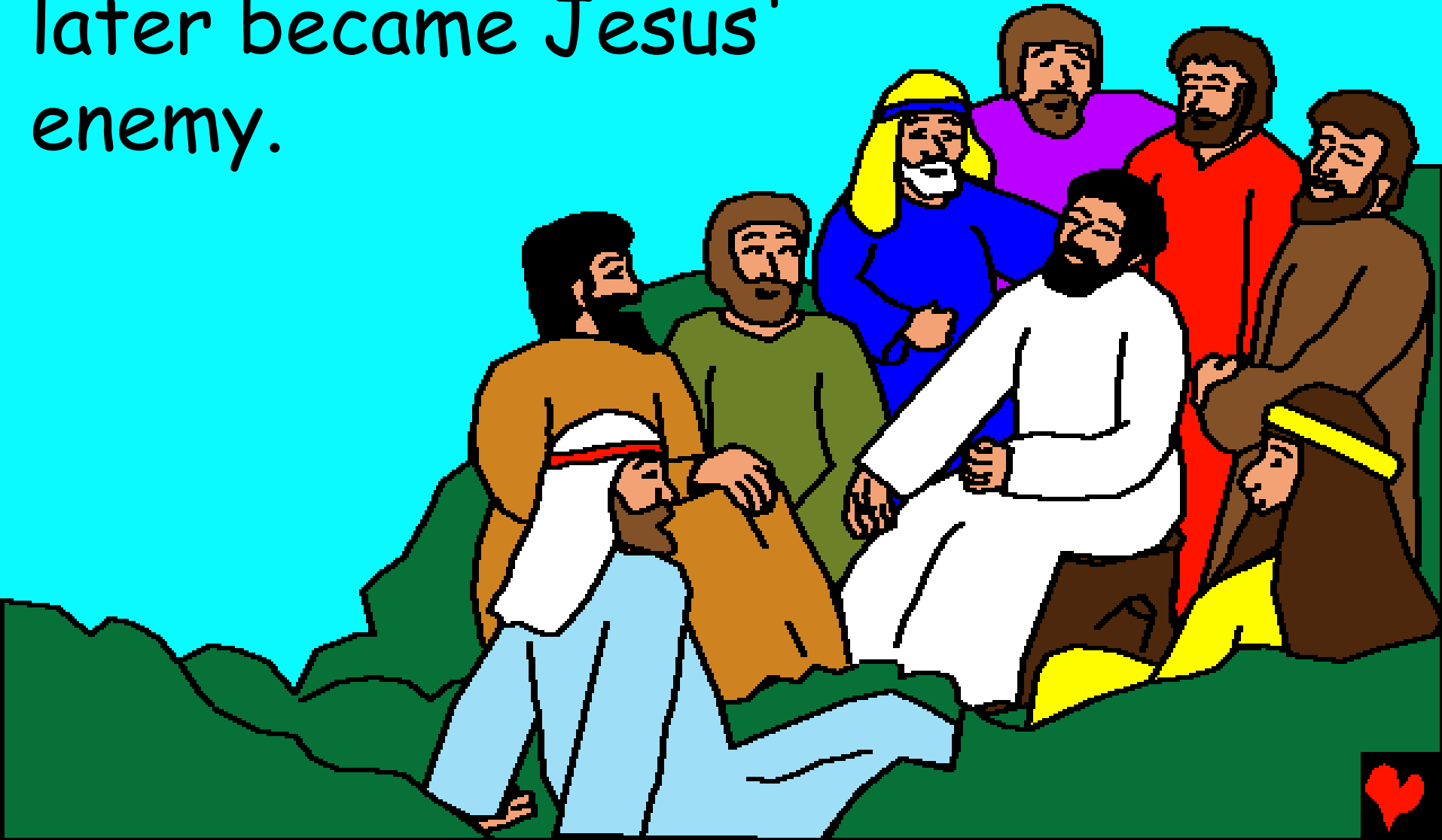
James and John,
sons of Zebedee,
had also left their
fishing nets.



Jesus also chose Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew,
Thomas, Simon the
Zealot, James
the son of
Alphaeus, ...



... Judas a brother of James,
and Judas Iscariot who
later became Jesus'
enemy.



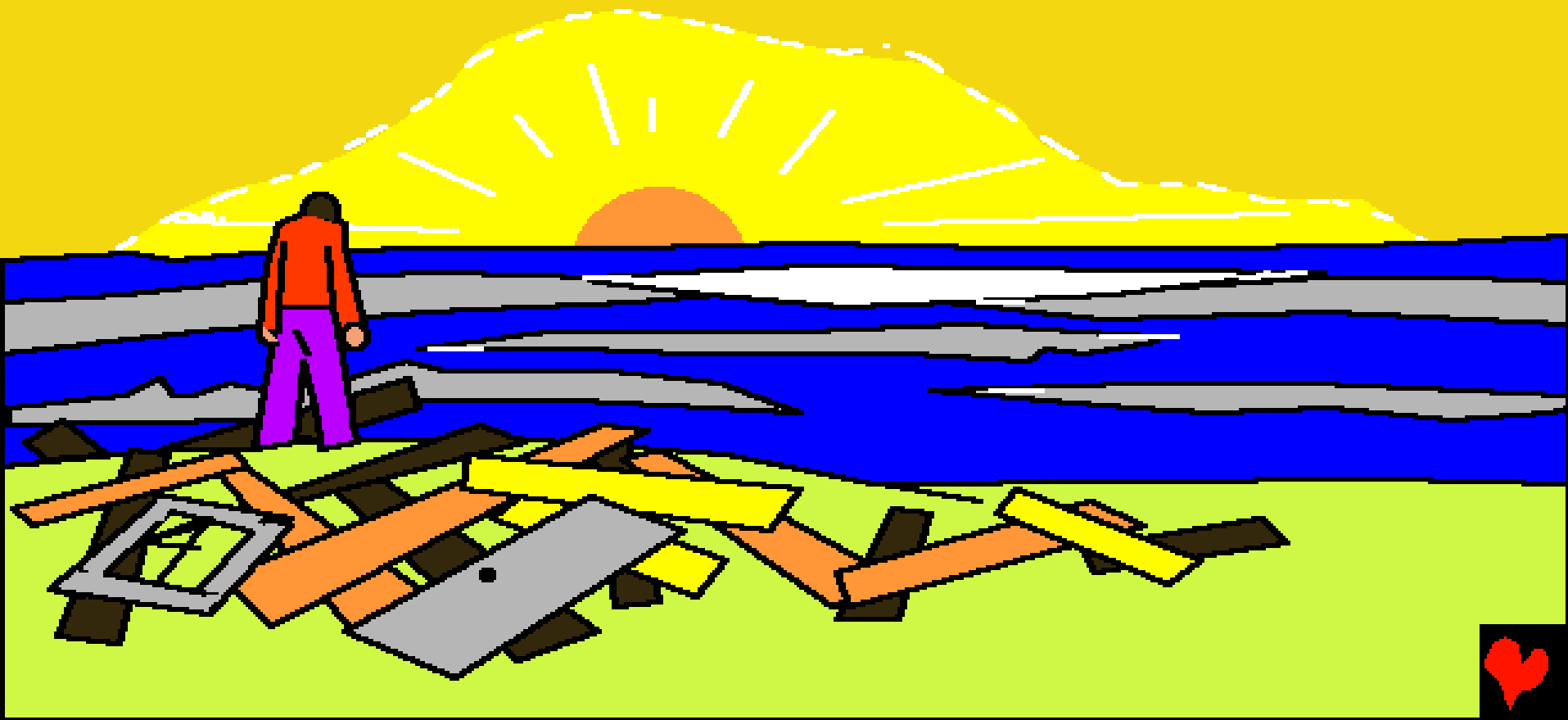
Jesus taught that doing what
He says is like
building a house
on a solid
foundation.



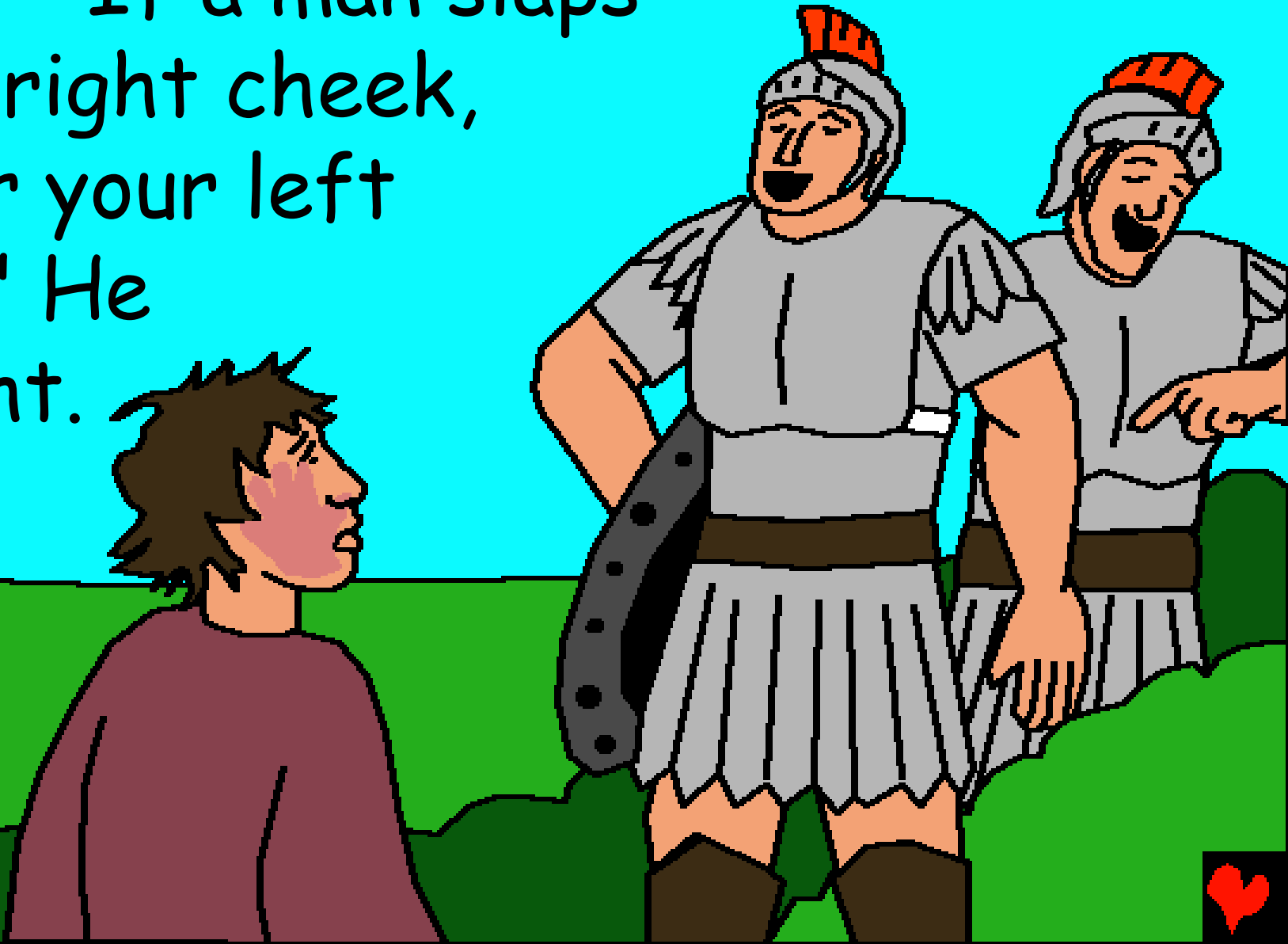
Fierce
storms will
not destroy
that house.



But not obeying Jesus' Word is like building a house on a sandy foundation. When a storm comes, the house will fall.



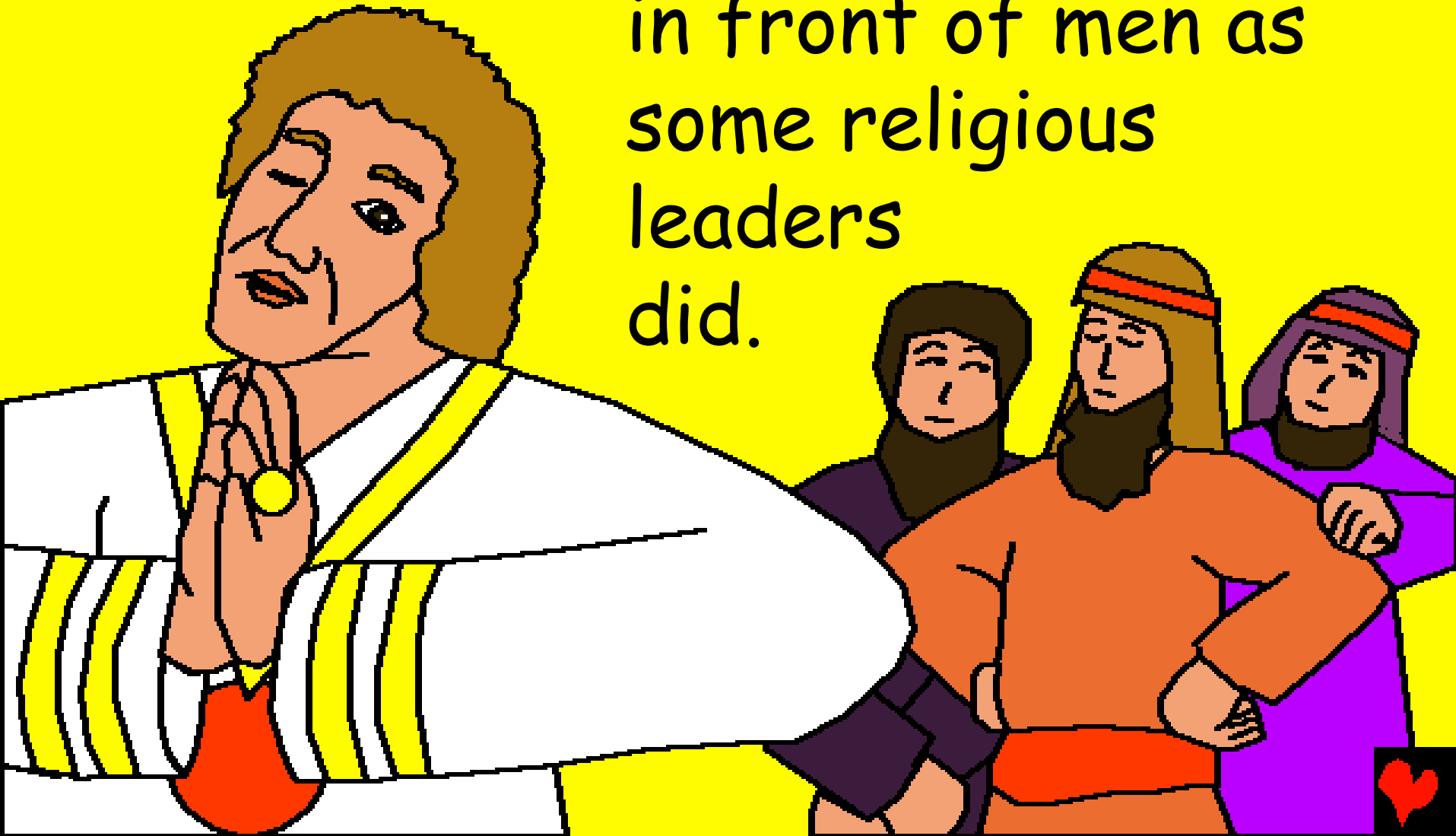
Some of Jesus' commands were not easy. "If a man slaps your right cheek, offer your left also," He taught.



"Love your enemies."
People need God's
help to live like
Jesus.



Jesus also told the people to pray secretly - not to show off prayers in front of men as some religious leaders did.



Jesus said God
would feed and
clothe people who
trust Him.



Since God gives
food to birds and
beautiful colors to
flowers and shrubs, ...



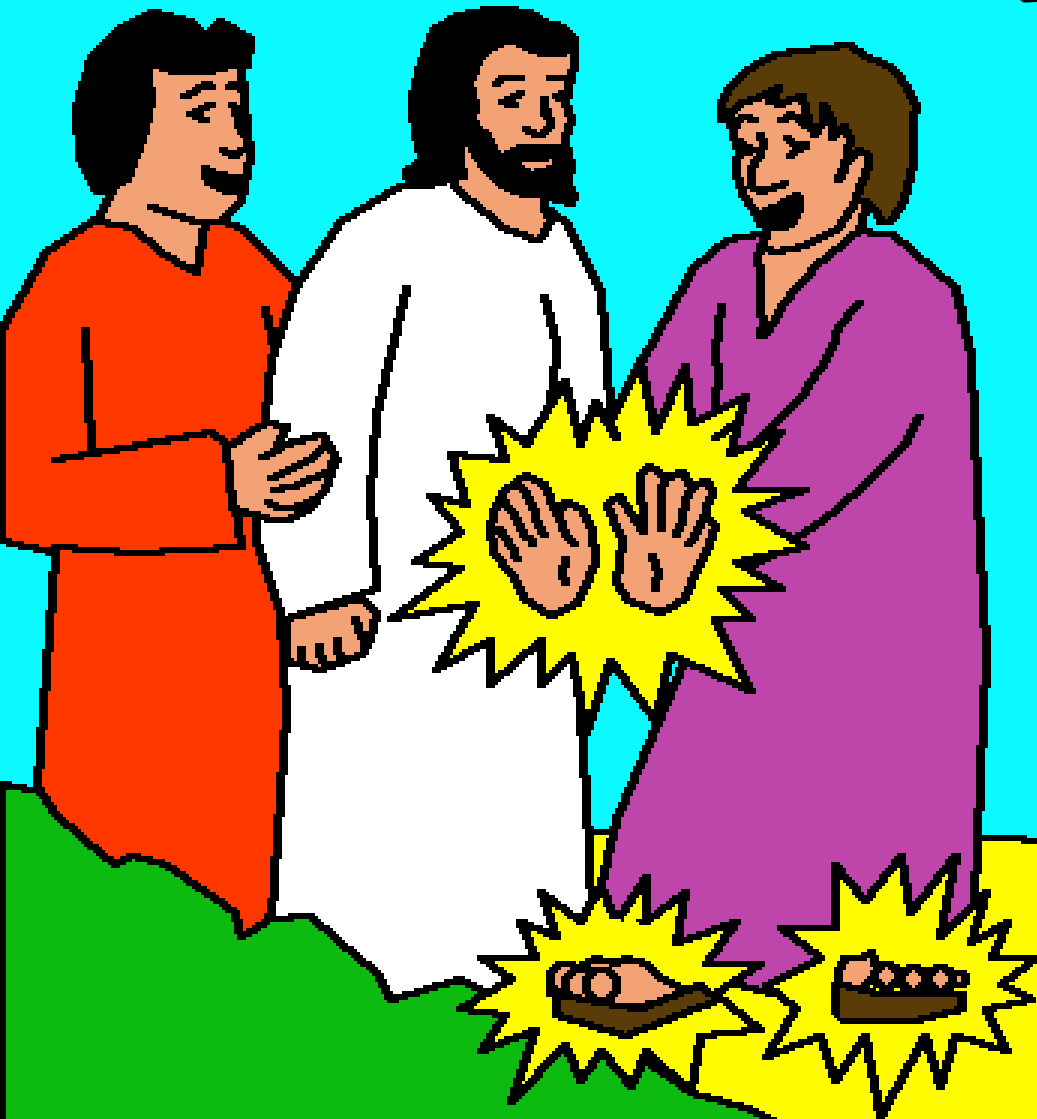
... His people can
trust Him for all
their needs.



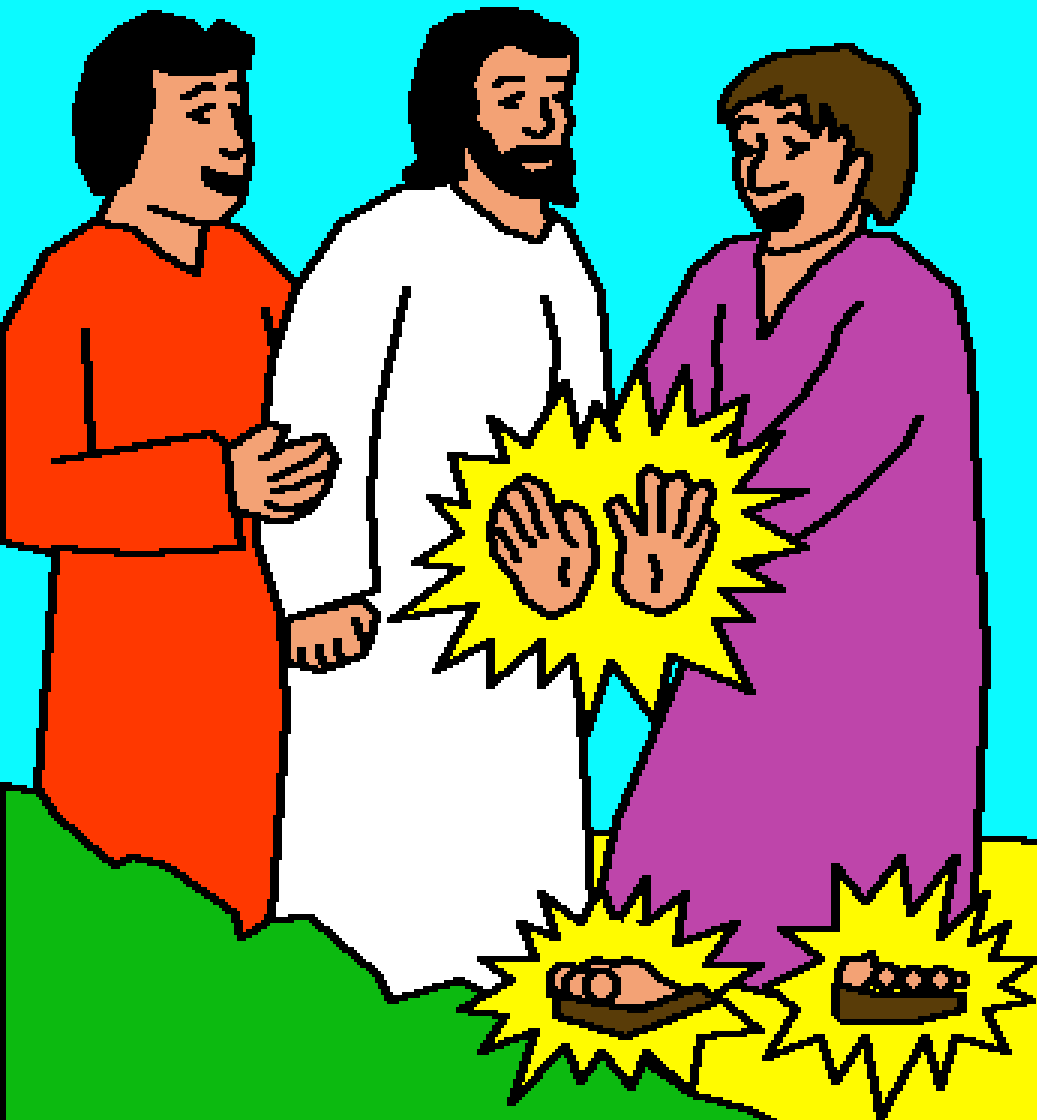
Jesus taught His newly-chosen helpers many things that day. When He finished, a leper came, begging Jesus to heal him.



Jesus answered the leper, "I will. Be clean." While the helpers watched, the leper became whole. He was healed!



Only God's Son
could do that.
The helpers
knew that
they had a
wonderful
Master.



Jesus Chooses 12 Helpers

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Matthew 4-7, Mark 1, Luke 6

"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

