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A TEMPLE  
LEADER  
VISITS  
JESUS



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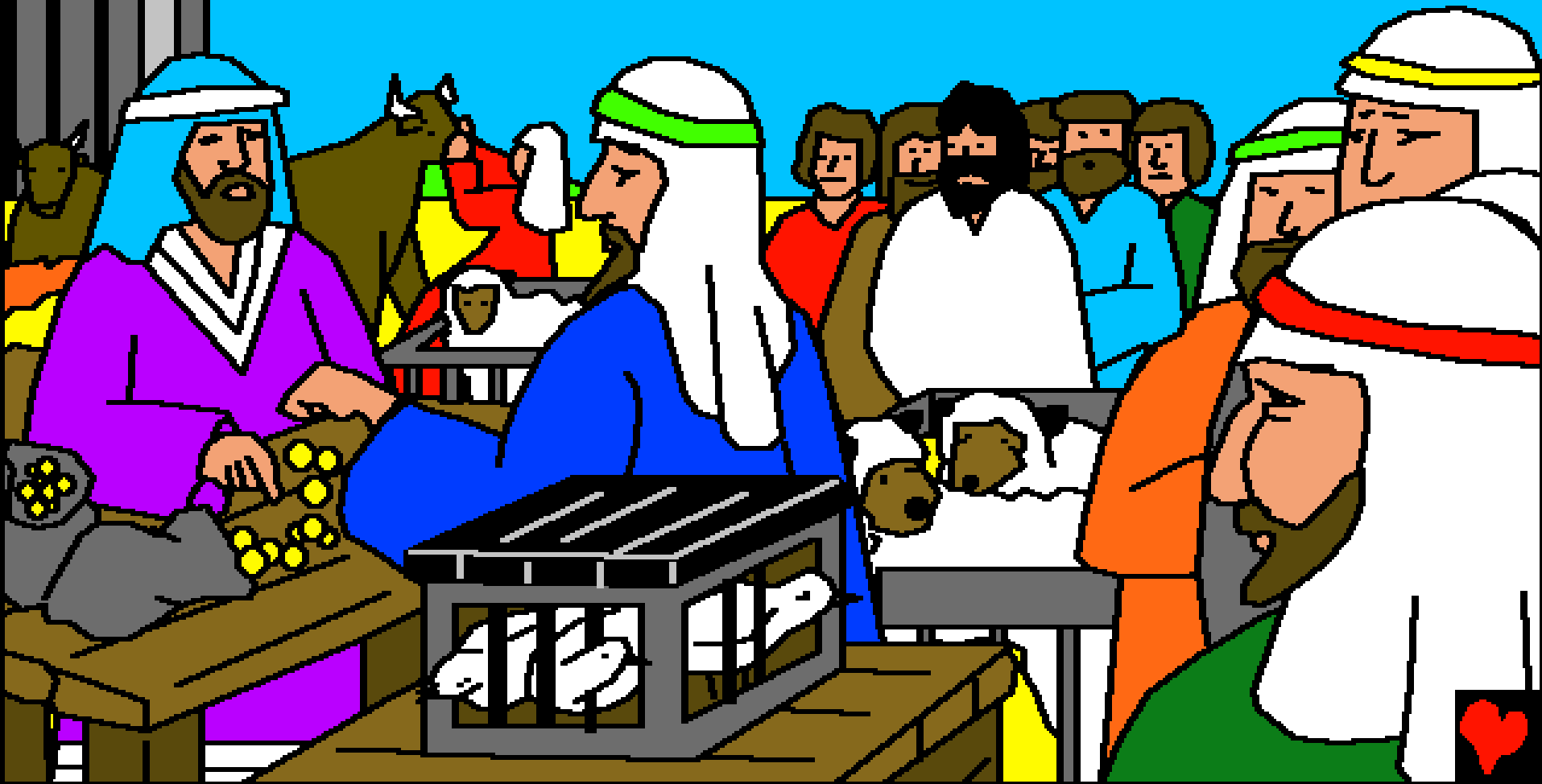
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When Jesus went to the Temple one day, He found people dishonoring God's House.



They were selling animals and exchanging money right in the Temple!



Making a whip from cords, Jesus drove the dealers out of the Temple. "Take these things away," He commanded.



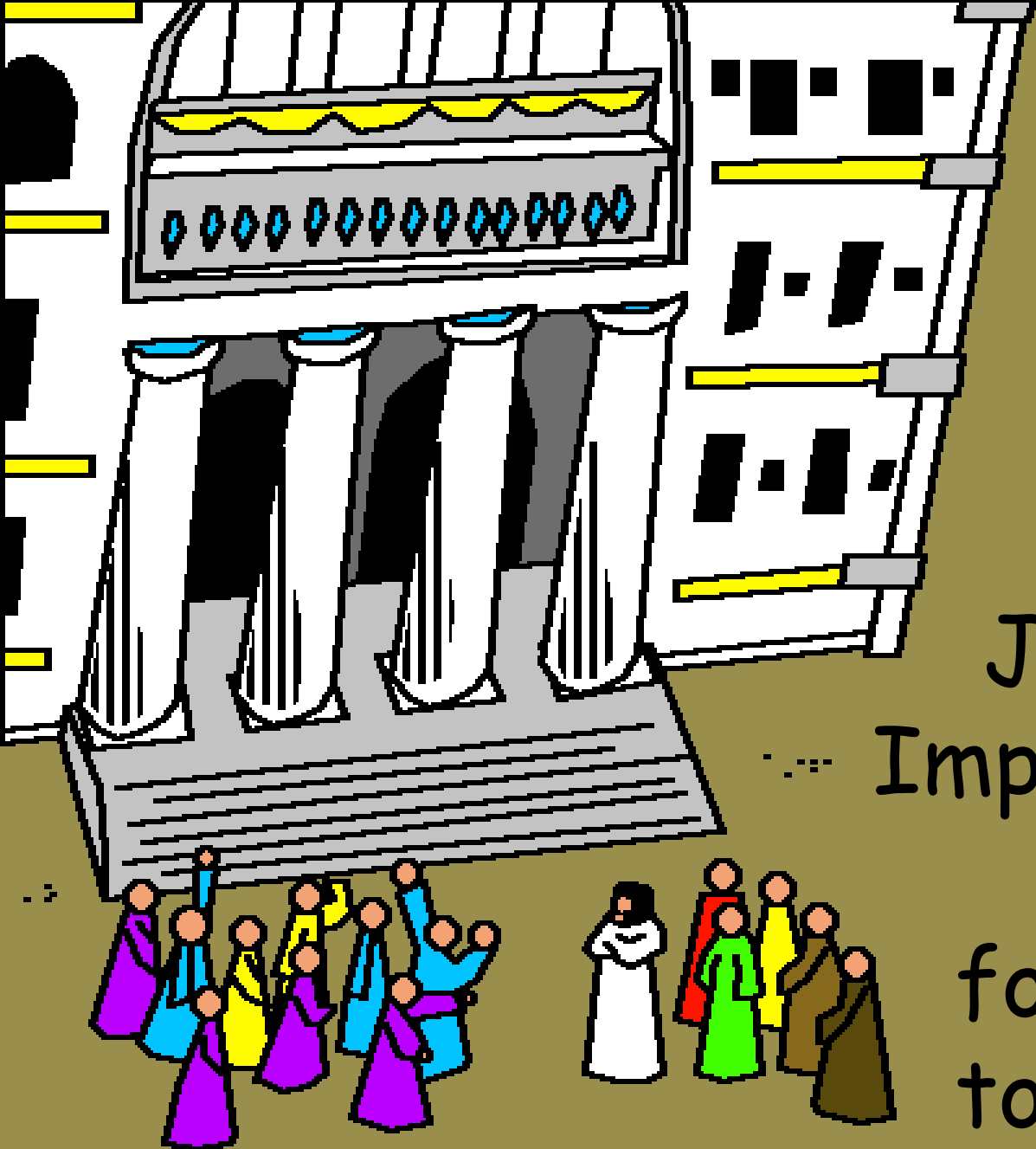
"Don't make my Father's House a place of business." Jesus loved His Father's House.





The leaders demanded a sign to show that Jesus had the right to clear the Temple.



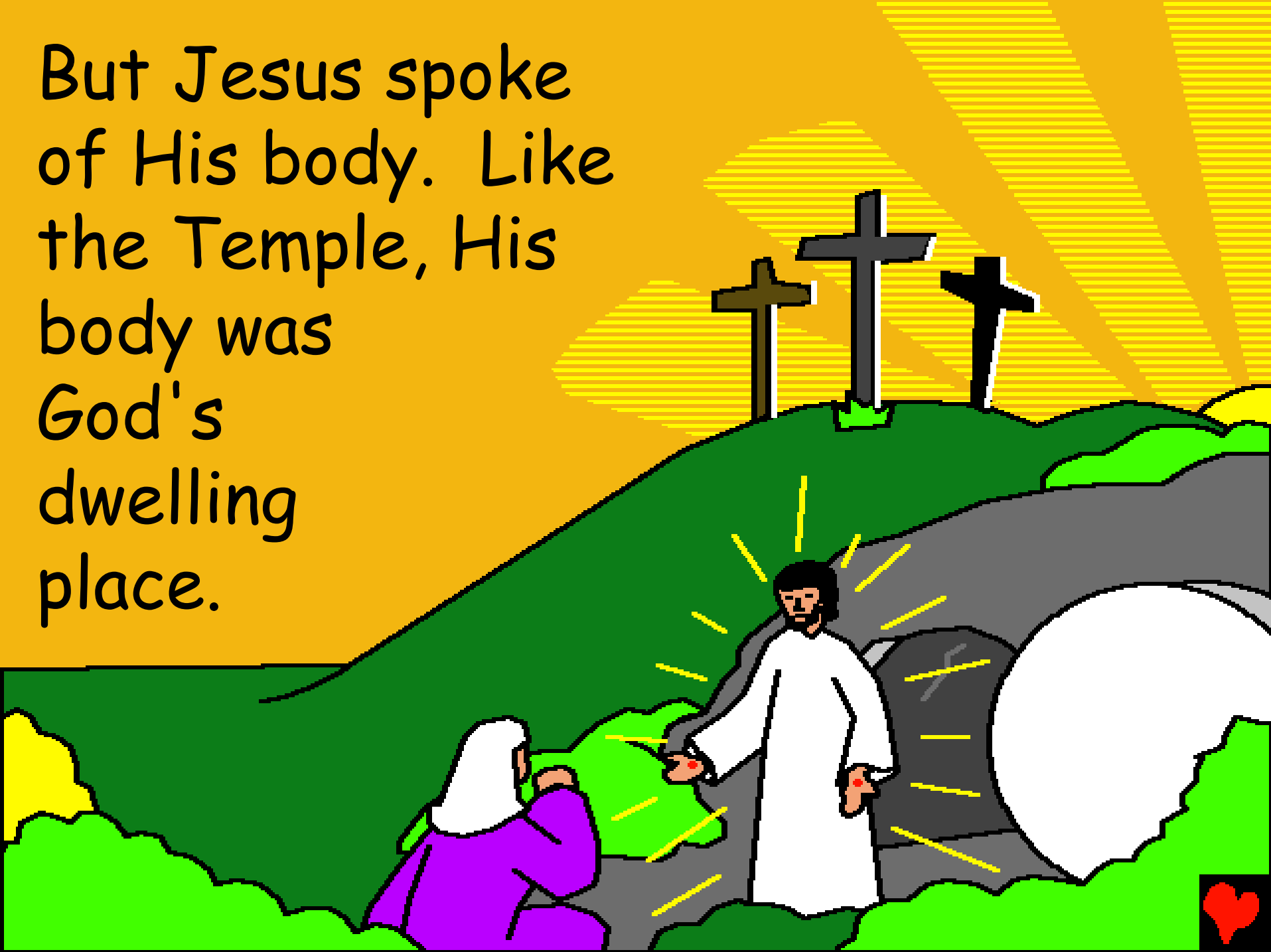


"Destroy this temple and I will raise it in three days," Jesus replied. Impossible! The Temple took forty-six years to build.

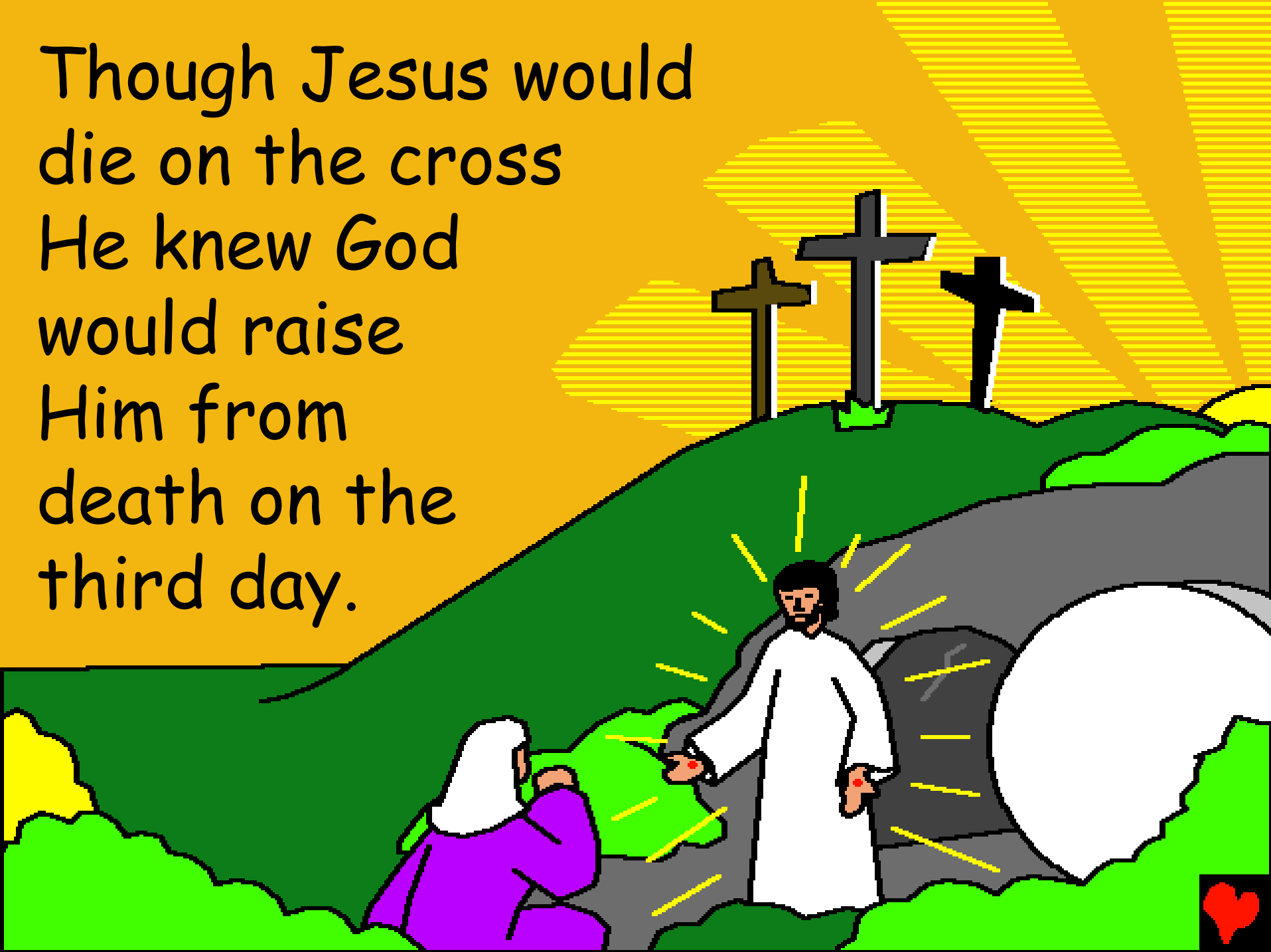




But Jesus spoke  
of His body. Like  
the Temple, His  
body was  
God's  
dwelling  
place.



Though Jesus would  
die on the cross  
He knew God  
would raise  
Him from  
death on the  
third day.

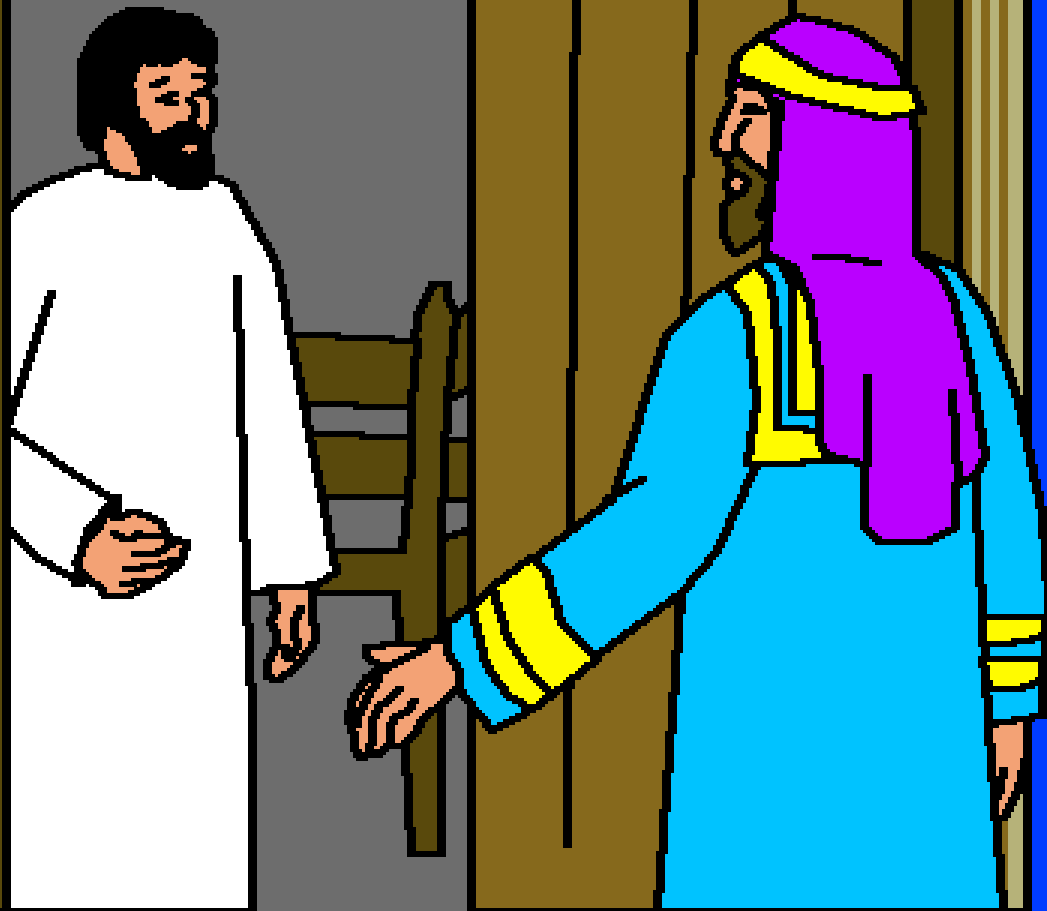




At night, one of the temple leaders visited Jesus. He knew by the miracles that Jesus was sent by God.



Nicodemus  
came to  
Jesus to  
learn more  
about God.





Jesus told  
Nicodemus that  
people must  
be born  
again to  
enter God's  
Kingdom.  
Nicodemus  
did not  
understand.





How could a grown man become a baby again? Besides, he was religious. Was that not enough?





"That which is born of the spirit is spirit," Jesus explained. "God's Spirit is like the wind."





People do not see or understand the wind. They only see what the wind does."







Jesus reminded Nicodemus  
about the children of Israel  
complaining to Moses long ago.

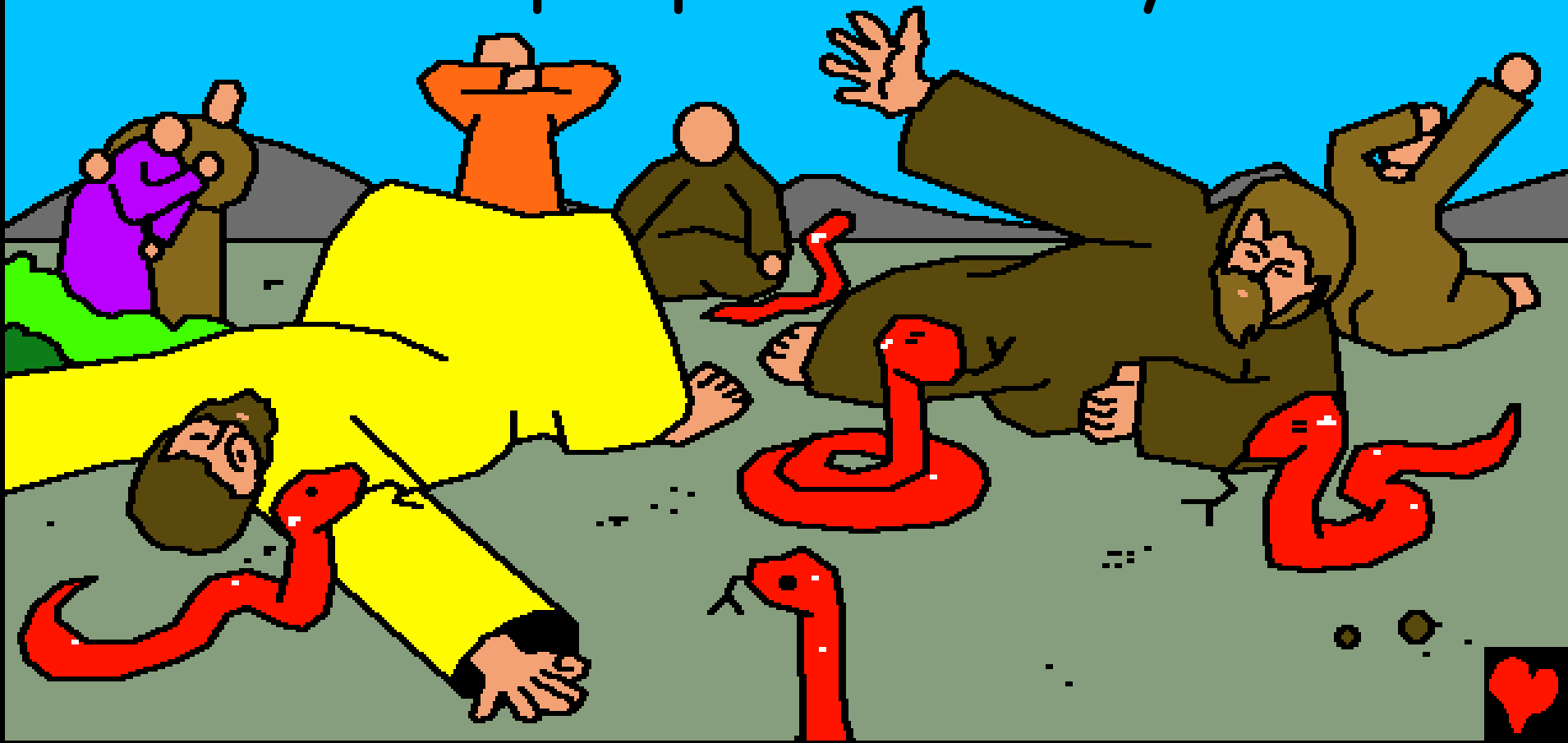




"We have no food, no water, and we hate the bread God gives us," they cried.



The people's sin  
angered God. He sent fiery  
serpents among them. The serpents  
bit the people. Many died.



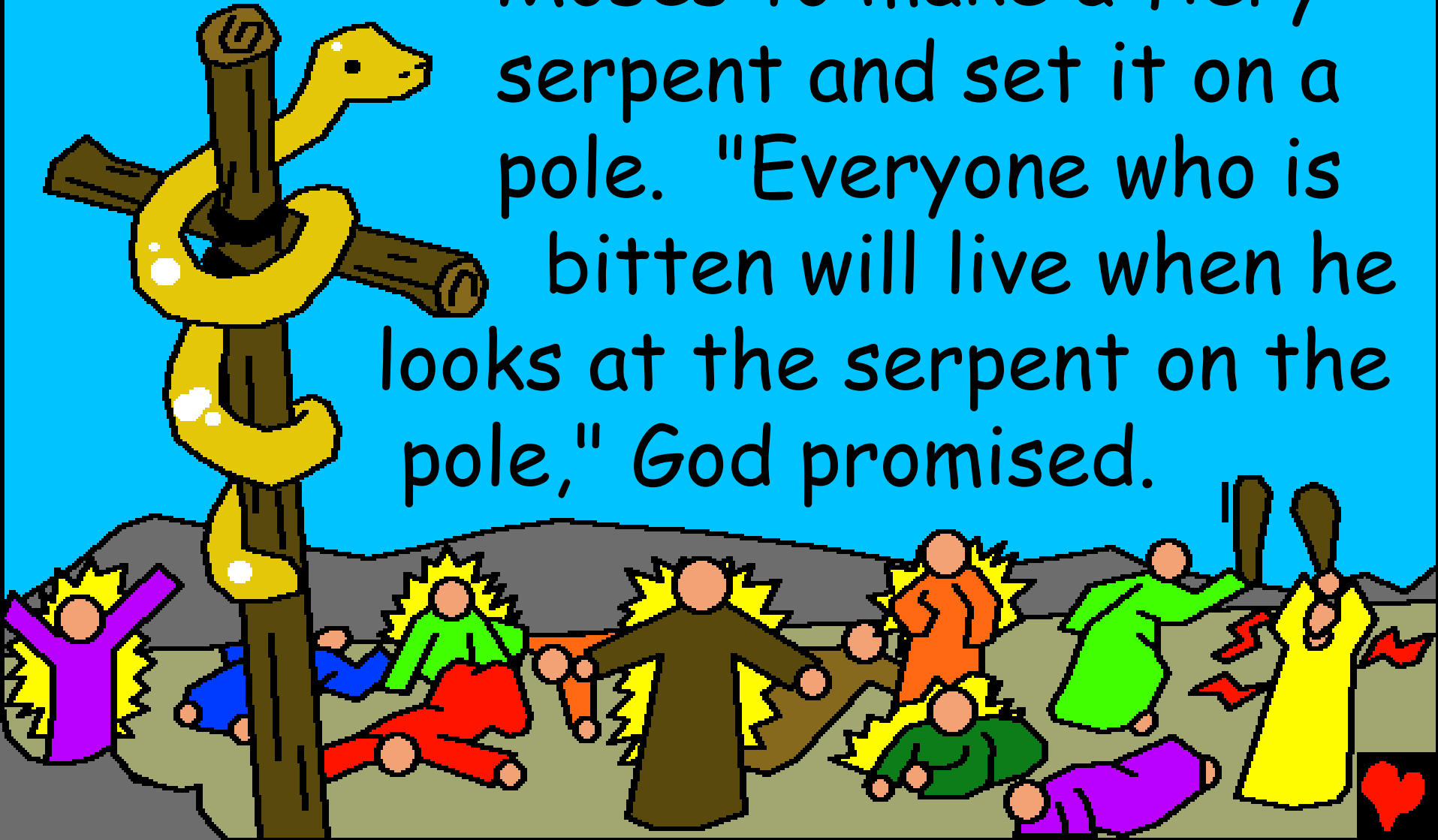
"We have sinned. Pray that the LORD will take away the serpents," the people begged.



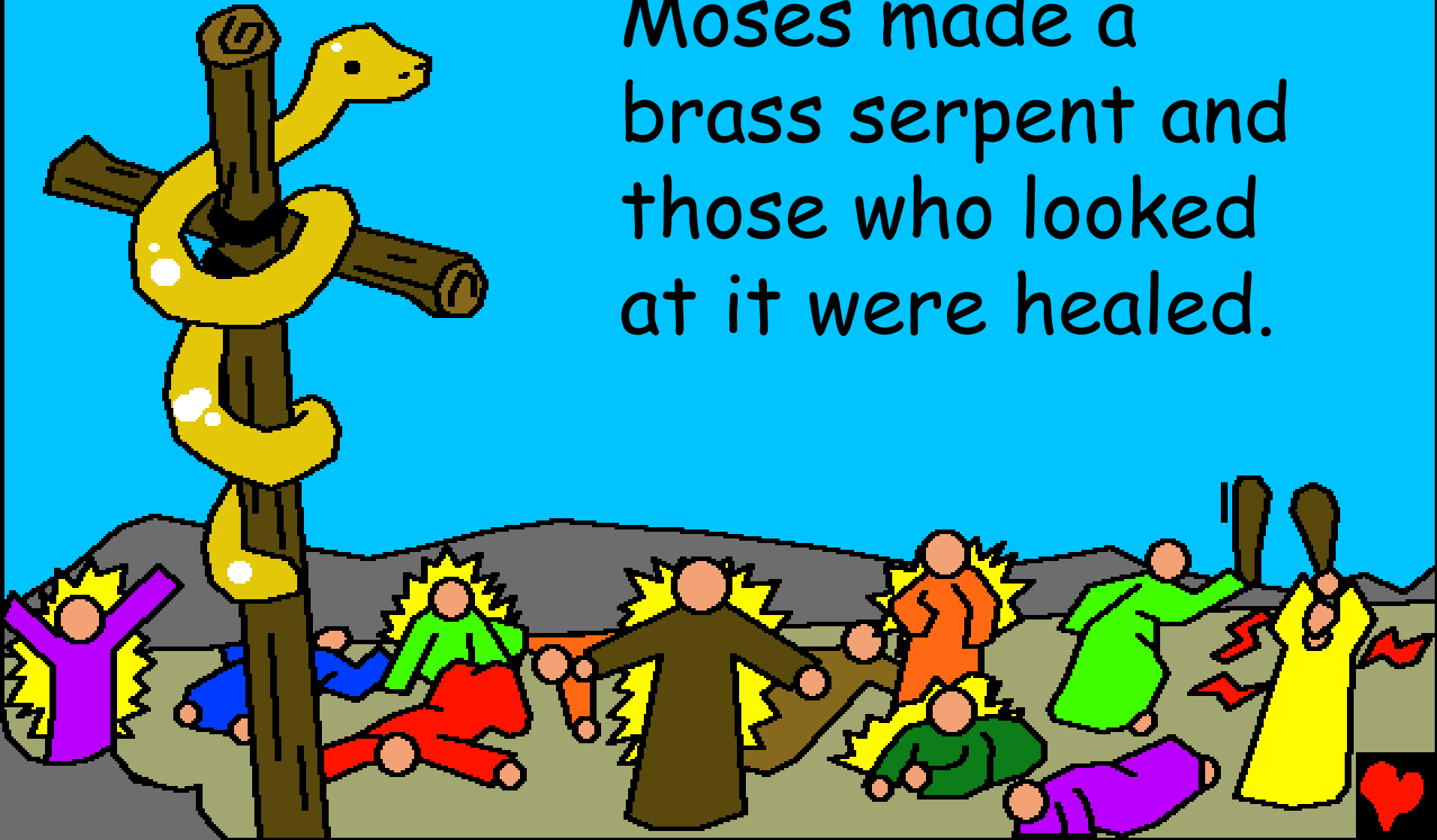
So Moses prayed  
for them. But God  
did not take away  
the serpents.

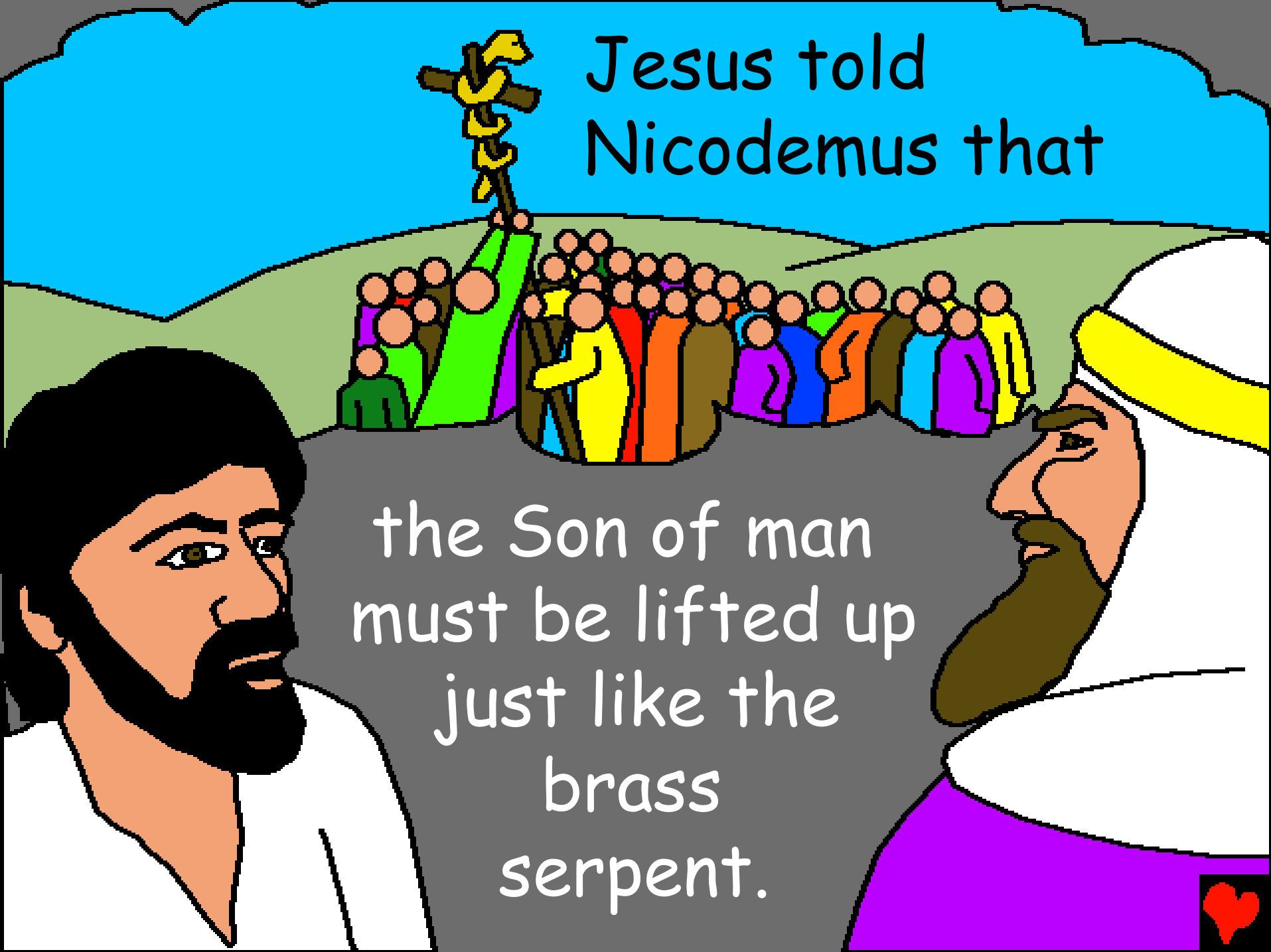


God told  
Moses to make a fiery  
serpent and set it on a  
pole. "Everyone who is  
bitten will live when he  
looks at the serpent on the  
pole," God promised.



Moses made a  
brass serpent and  
those who looked  
at it were healed.



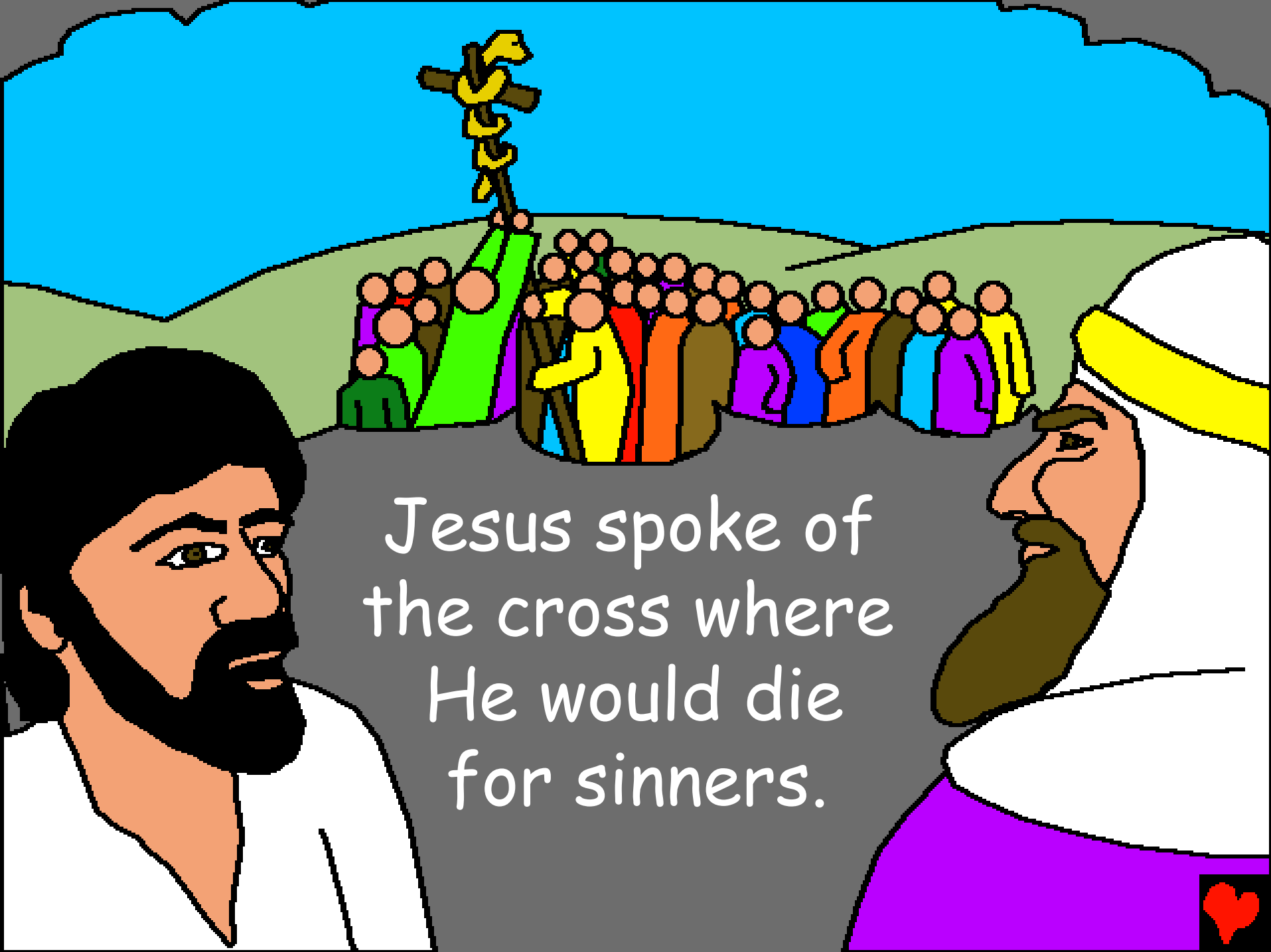


Jesus told  
Nicodemus that

the Son of man  
must be lifted up  
just like the  
brass  
serpent.

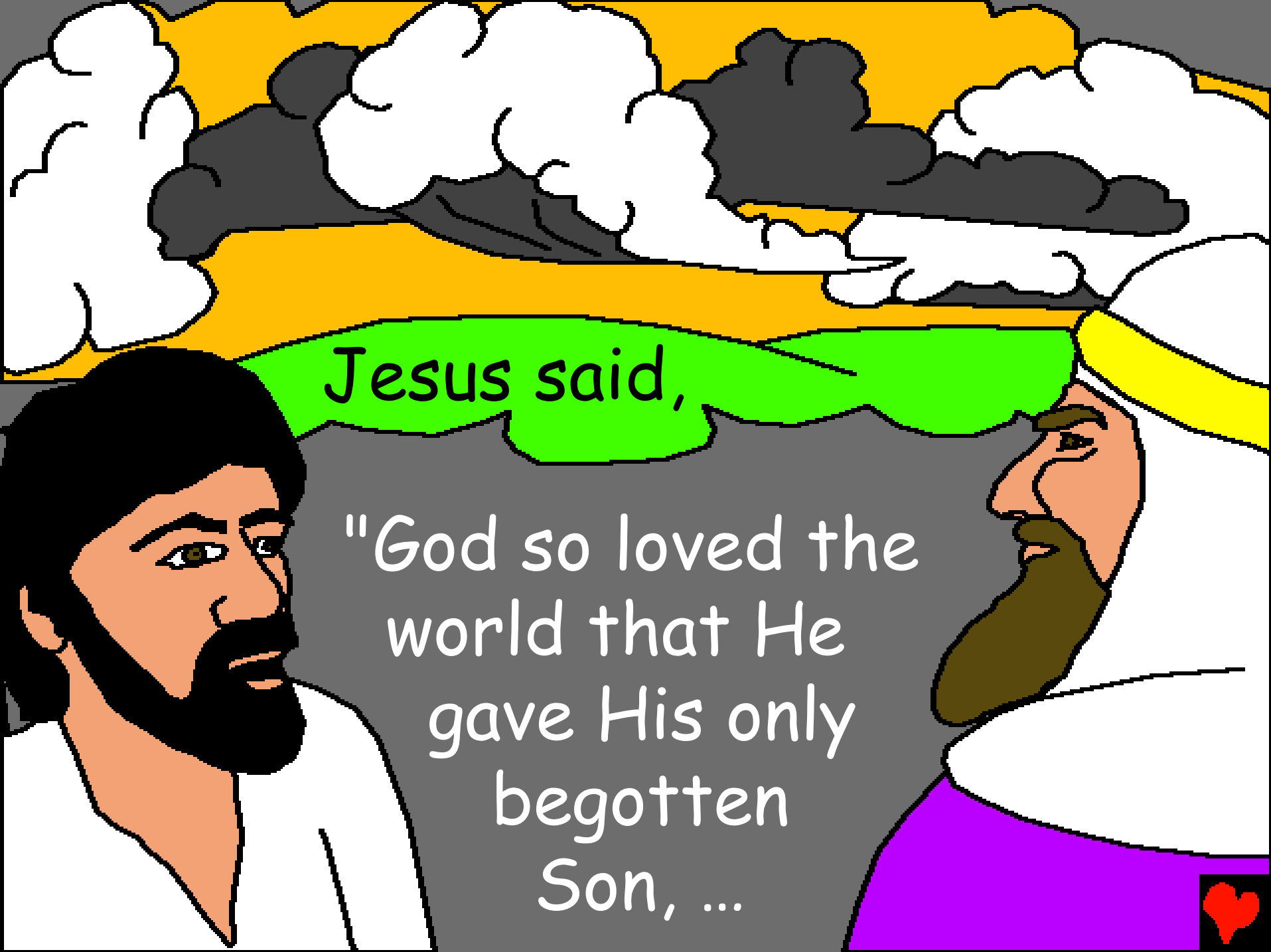






Jesus spoke of  
the cross where  
He would die  
for sinners.

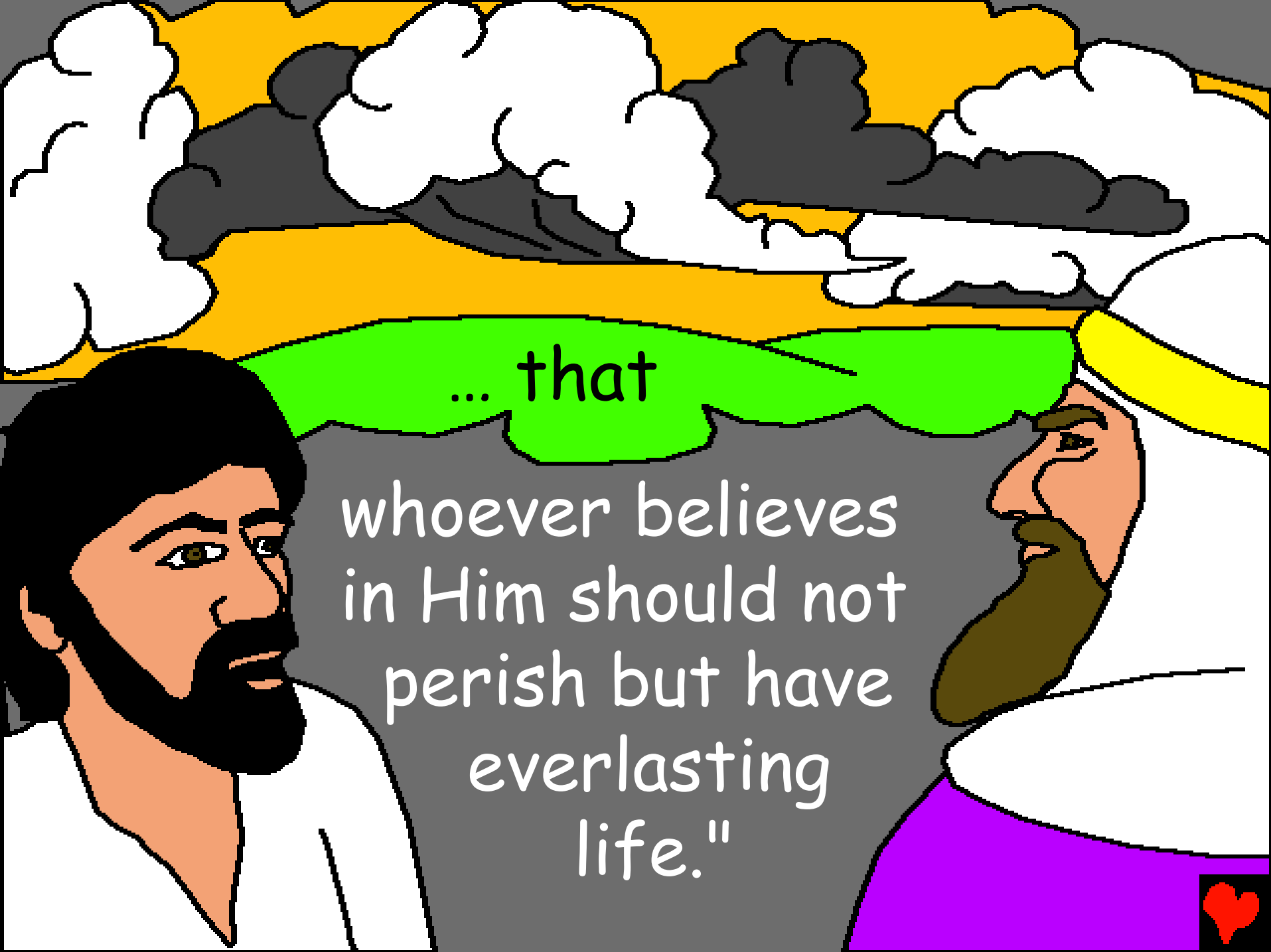




Jesus said,

"God so loved the  
world that He  
gave His only  
begotten  
Son, ...





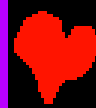
... that

whoever believes  
in Him should not  
perish but have  
everlasting  
life."





This means that  
whoever believes  
in Jesus is born  
into God's  
family.



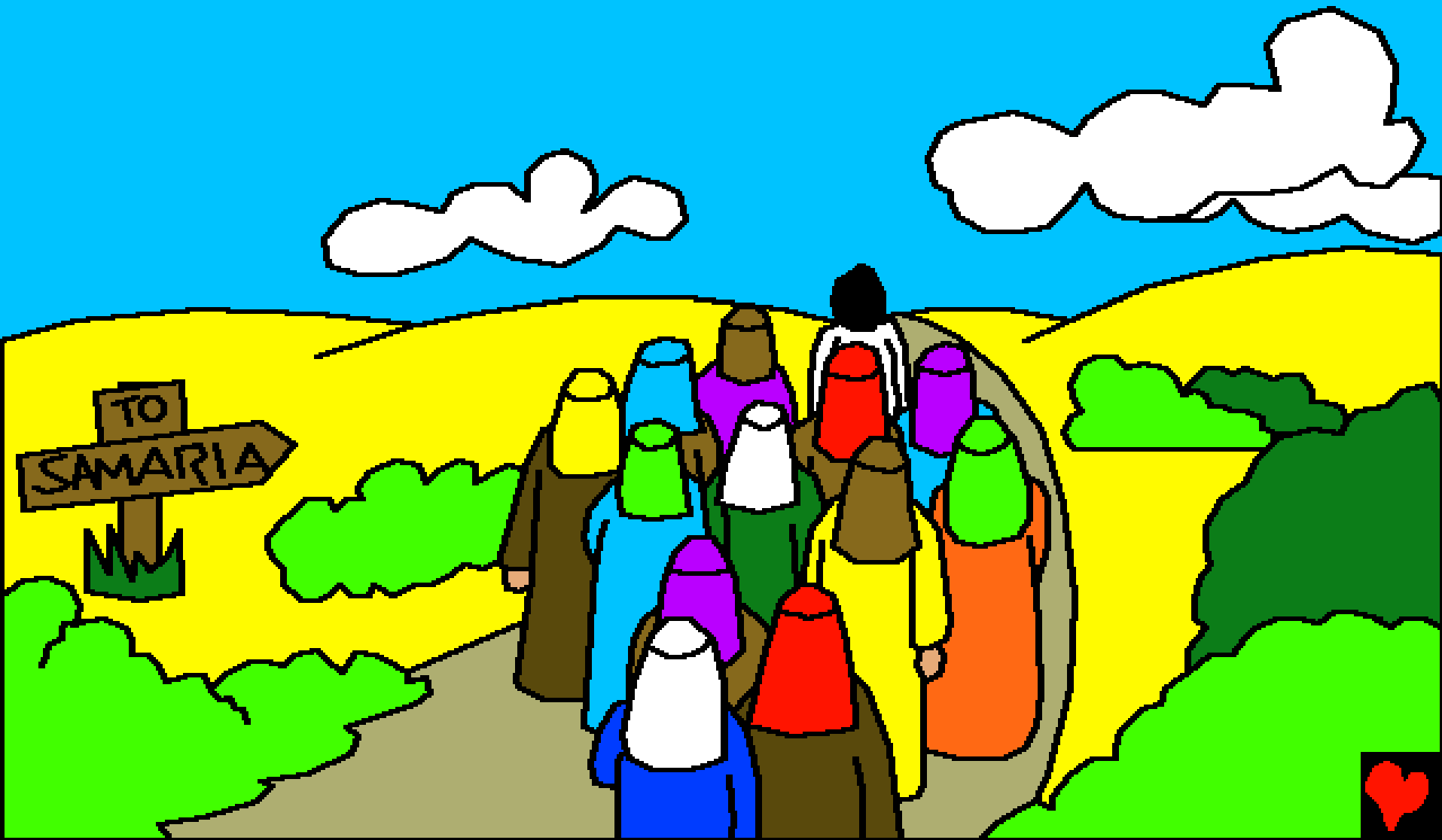
Maybe Nicodemus did not become a disciple of Jesus that night.



But years later, Nicodemus showed that he loved and believed in Jesus by helping to bury the crucified Son of God.



After this, Jesus and His disciples set out to travel North.



Other people needed to hear about God's Kingdom, and have the chance to believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God.





# A Temple Leader Visits Jesus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

John 2-3 and Numbers 21

"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

