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THE
FARMER
AND THE
SEED



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One day Jesus
taught by the lake
-side. Lots of

people gathered
to hear
Him.



The crowd
became too
large.

What would
Jesus do?



Seeing a boat nearby, Jesus
climbed aboard. Now He
could see the people
and they

could see

and hear
Him.

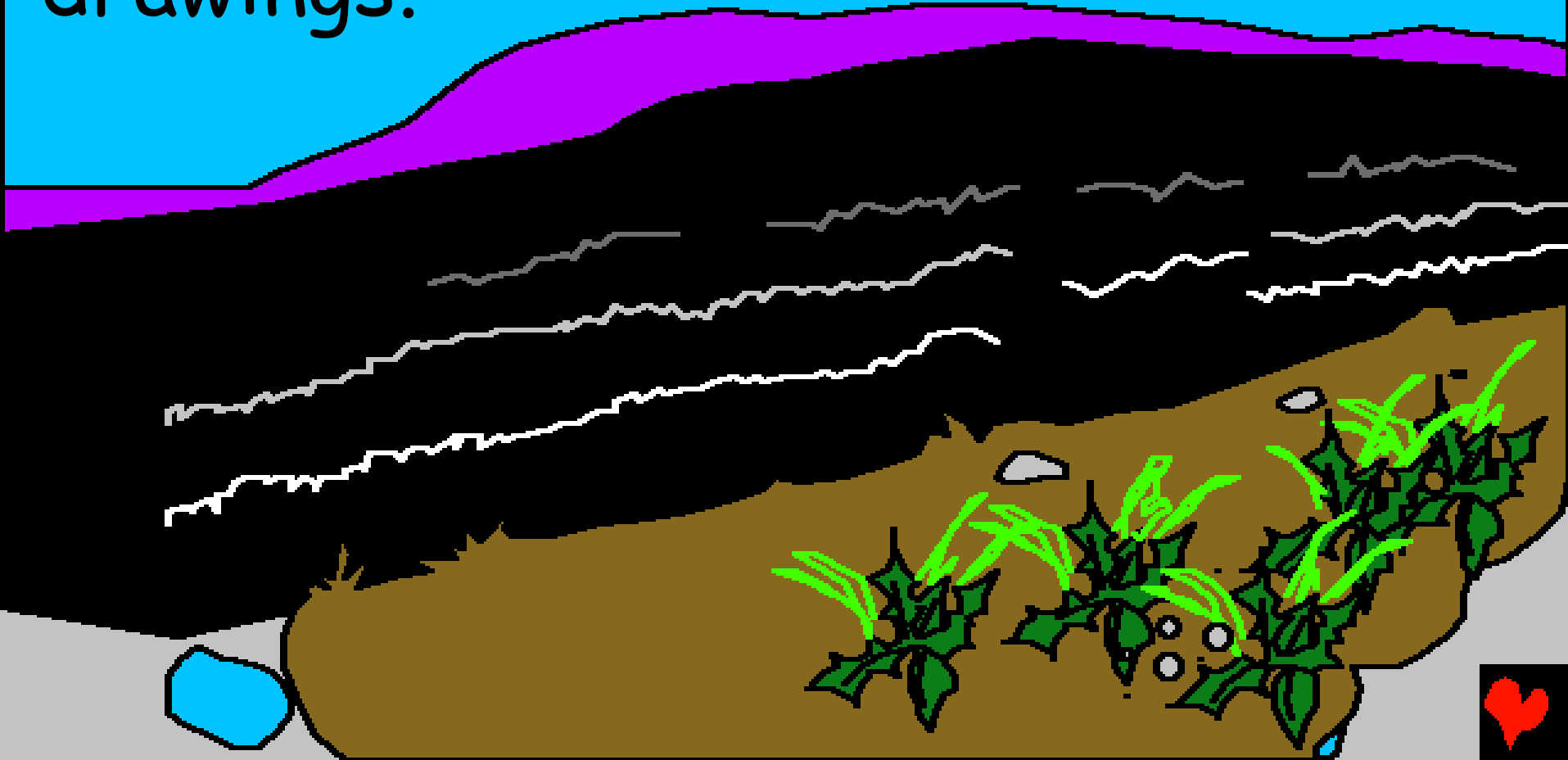


Jesus began to tell parables
- stories about ordinary
things, that taught
people

about
God.



"A farmer scattered seed on his field." Jesus' story was like a picture with words instead of drawings.



People could picture the farmer working - they had seen it many times.



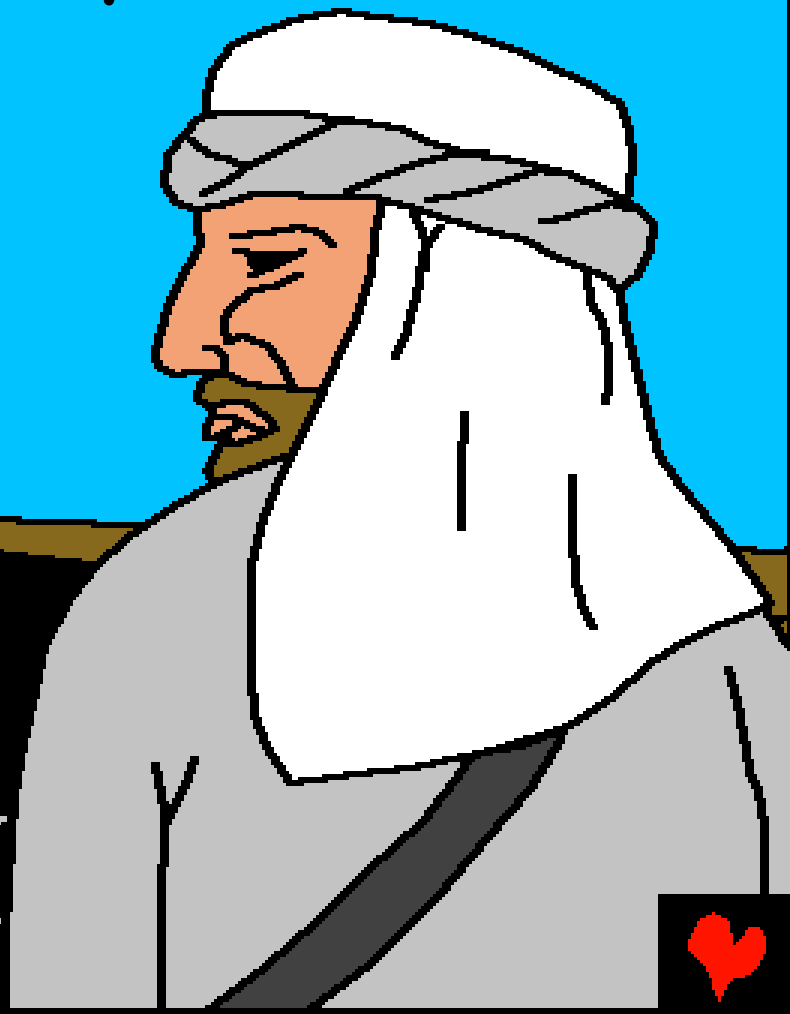
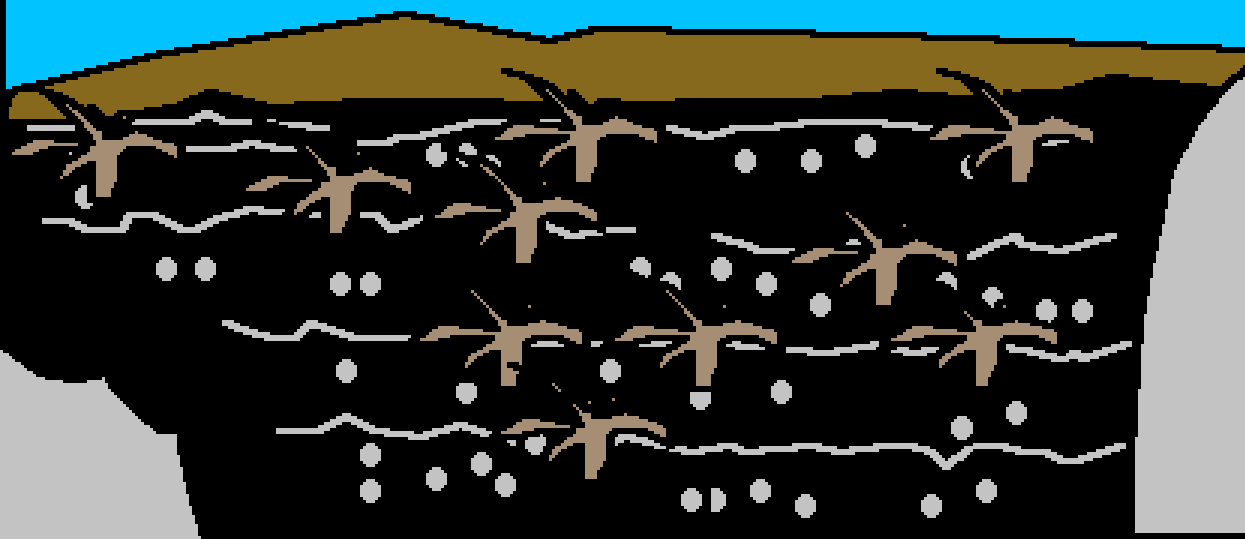
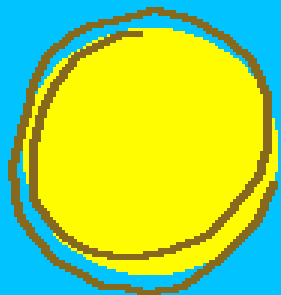
Some of the
scattered seed lay
on a footpath.
Swoosh!



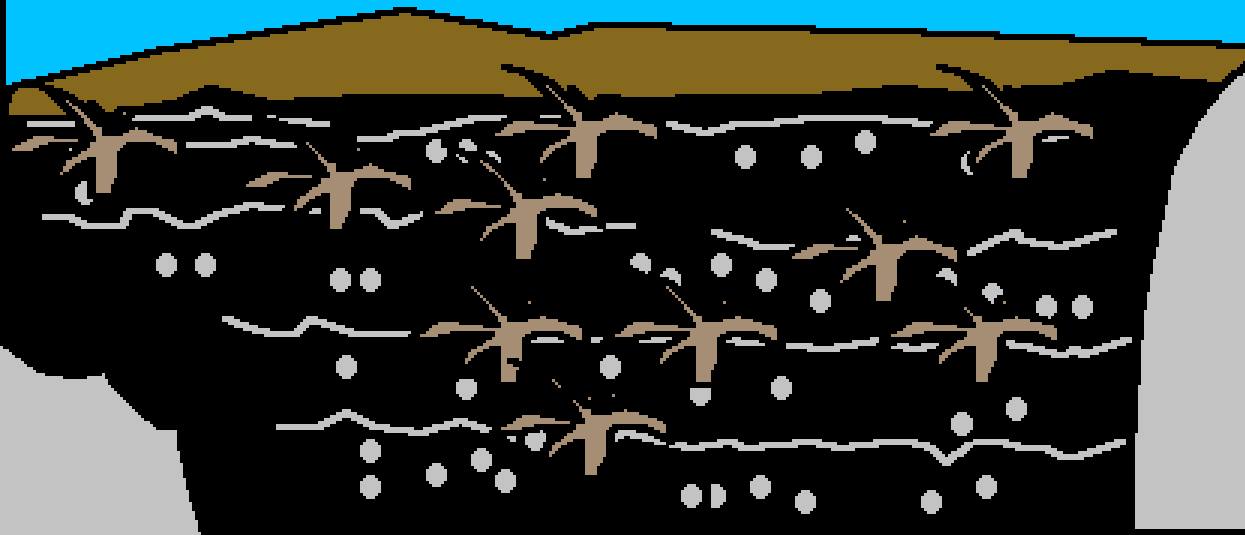
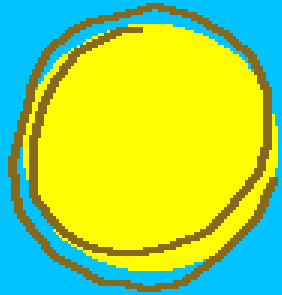
Birds quickly
swooped down to
gobble it up.



Some seed landed on stony parts of the field. They quickly grew into spindly puny plants.



The hot sun soon shriveled them up because they could not root in the shallow soil.



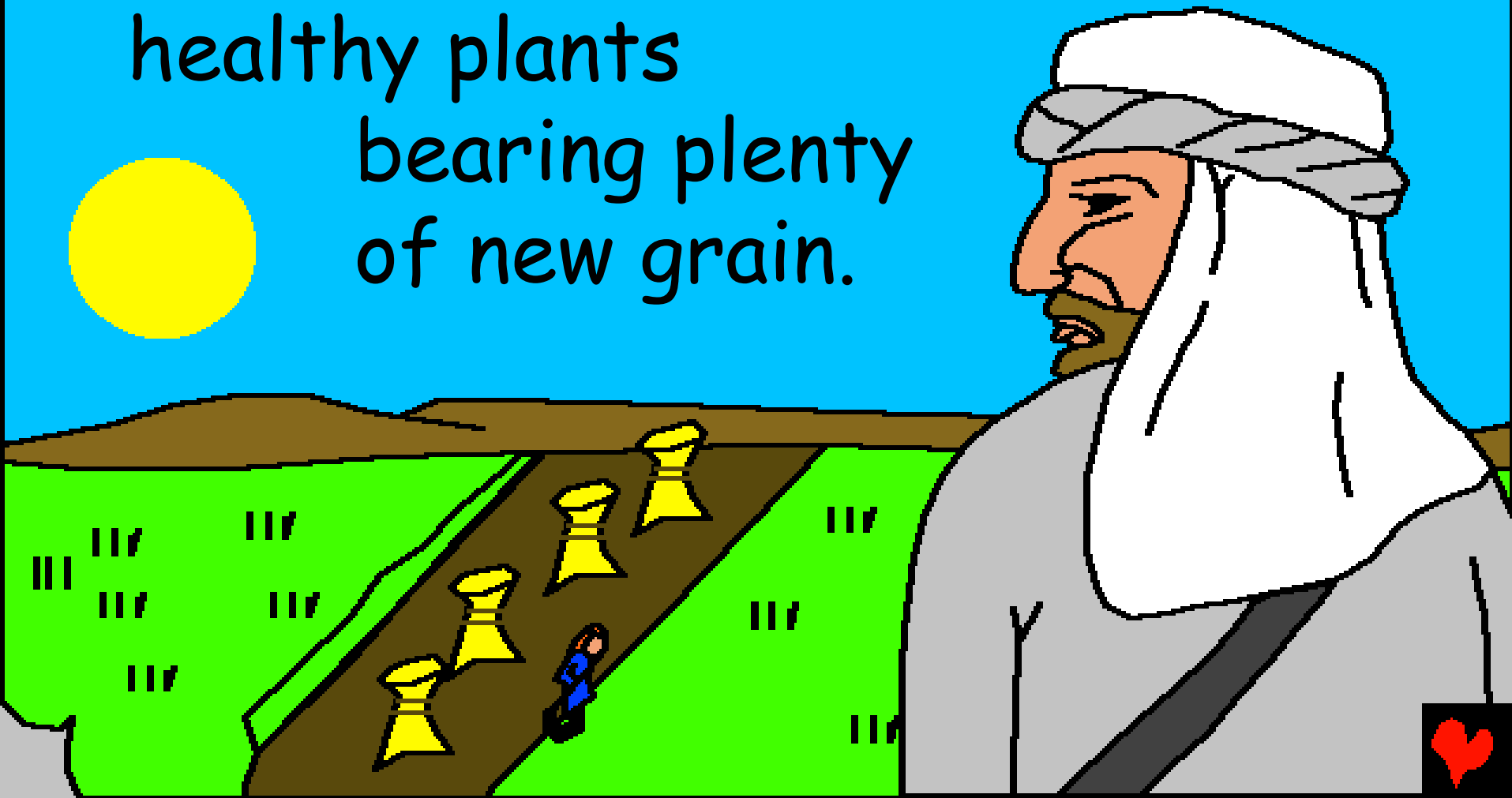
Other seed
had rooted
among thorns.
It didn't
produce
grain.



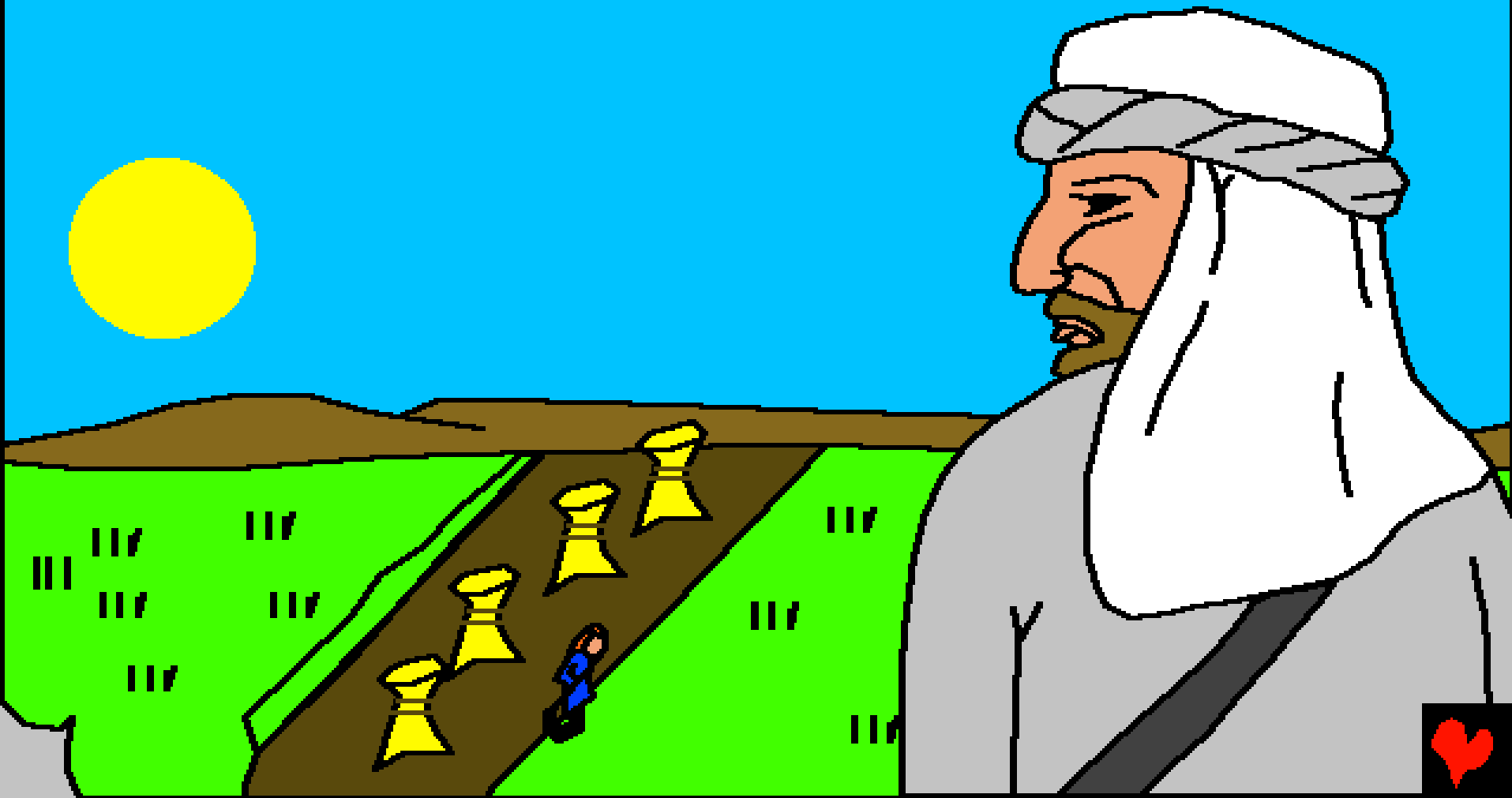
The thorns crowded around the young plants, blocking out the needed sunshine and rain.



The rest of the seed fell on good ground. As time passed, the shoots became healthy plants bearing plenty of new grain.



The farmer must
have been very happy.



At the end of the story, the disciples came to Jesus.



"Why do you teach in parables?" they asked.



Jesus said parables help people understand about God if they really love Him.



People who don't love God cannot understand parables.



Jesus explained the parable. He said the seed

is God's Word.



Seed on the
footpath is like somebody

hearing
but ...



not understanding
God's Word.



Satan makes them
forget what God said.



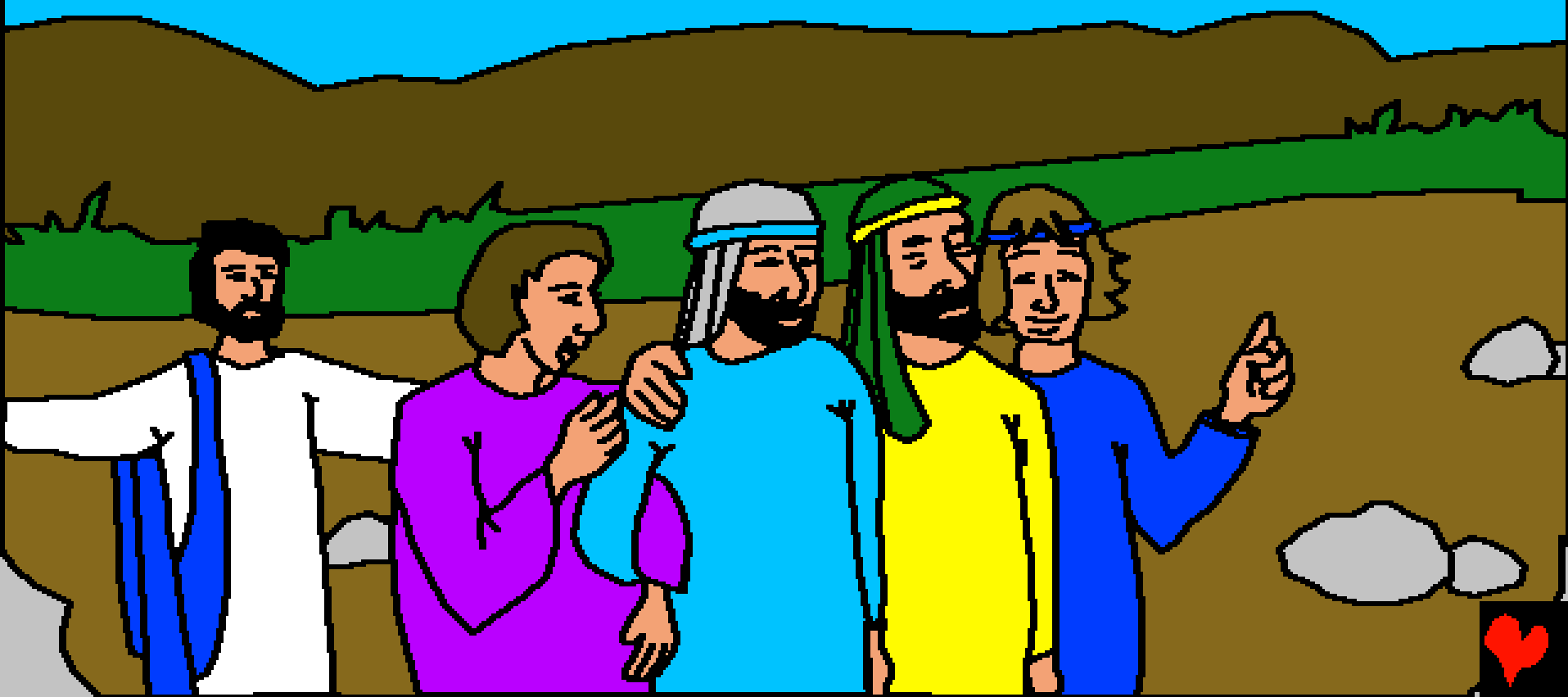
Some people quickly receive
God's Word. They are
like the seed on
stony soil.



But as soon as somebody mocks
them or makes things difficult
because they love God,
a sad thing
happens.



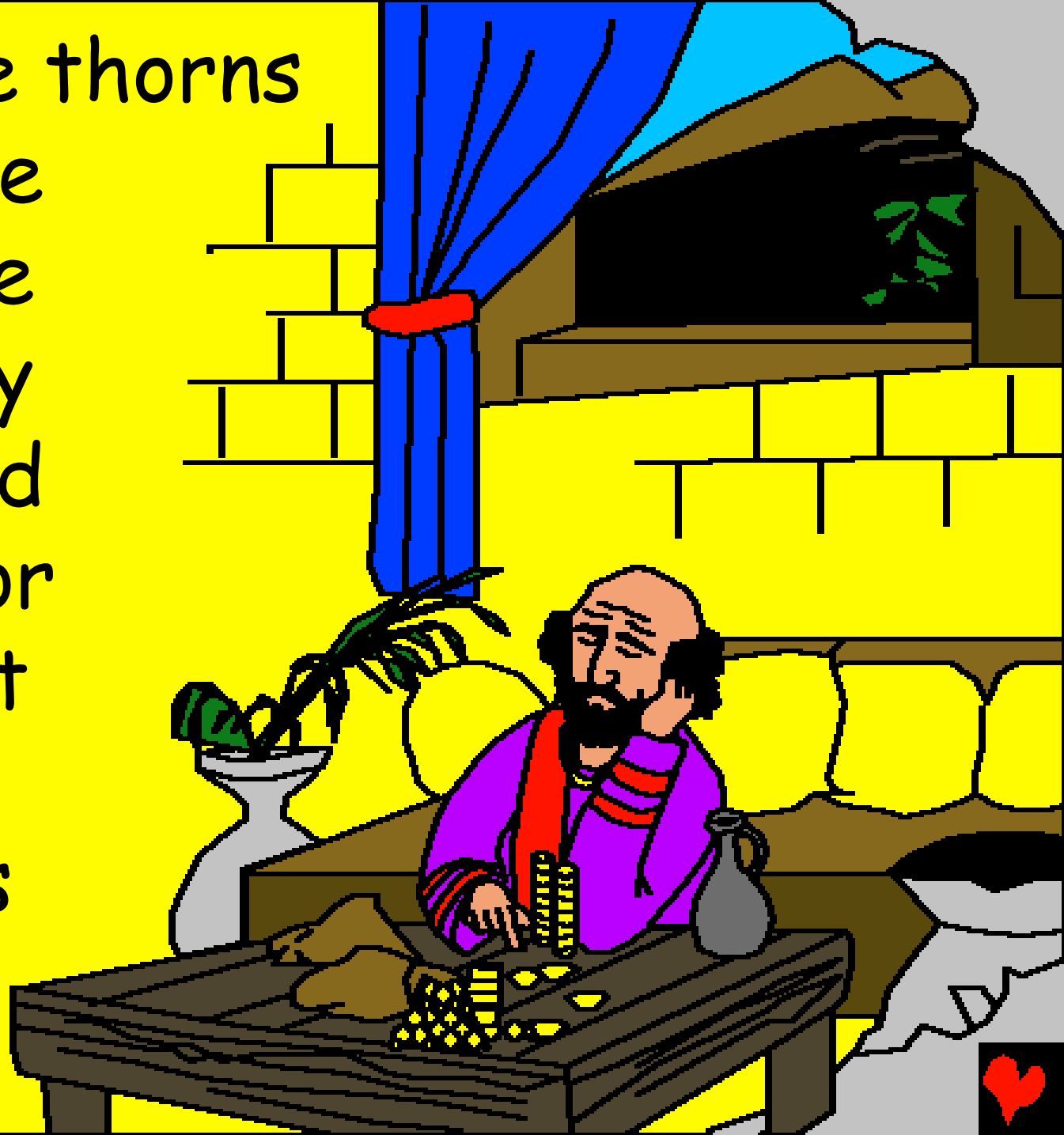
These same people who joyfully started to follow Jesus turn away and stop obeying God's Word.



They don't want to pay the price of following God. How sad that they should want to please friends rather than God!



The thorns
in the
parable are
like worldly
worries and
the love for
money that
fill some
people's
lives.



They are
so busy
trying to get
more money
and other
things that
they leave
God out of
their lives.



But the seed that fell on good soil and gave a good harvest is like the Word of God entering hearts and changing people's lives. These people serve and honor God.



The crowds did not want to leave.
Many wanted to follow God and
please Him. Jesus' parables helped
them to understand how
to obey God.



The Farmer and the Seed

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Matthew 13

"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

