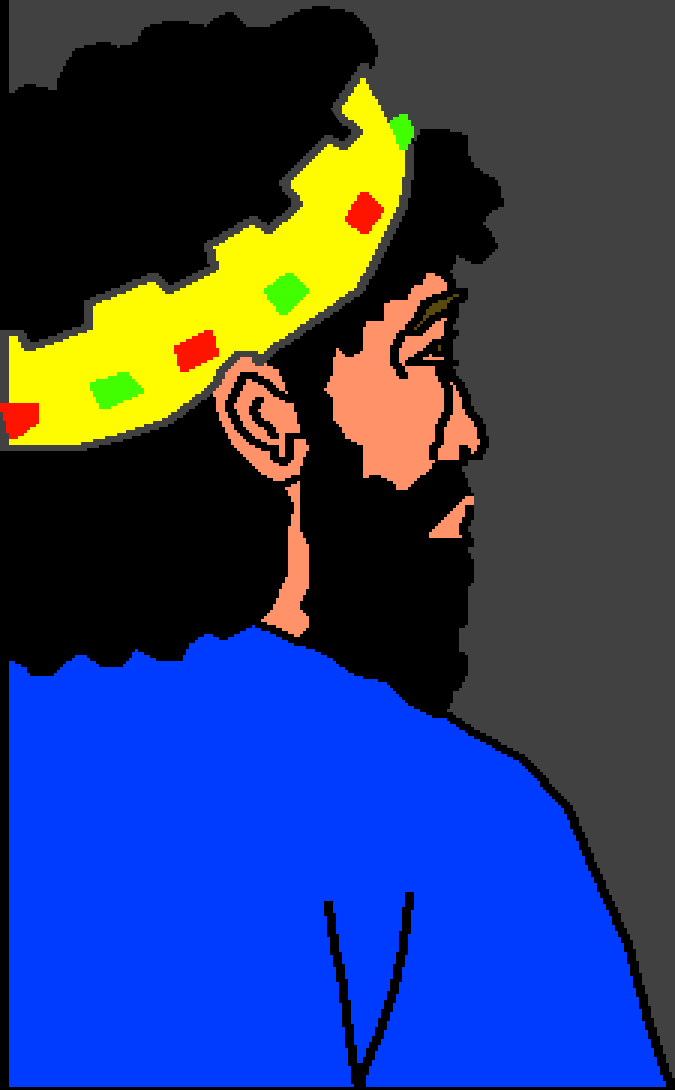


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THE KING
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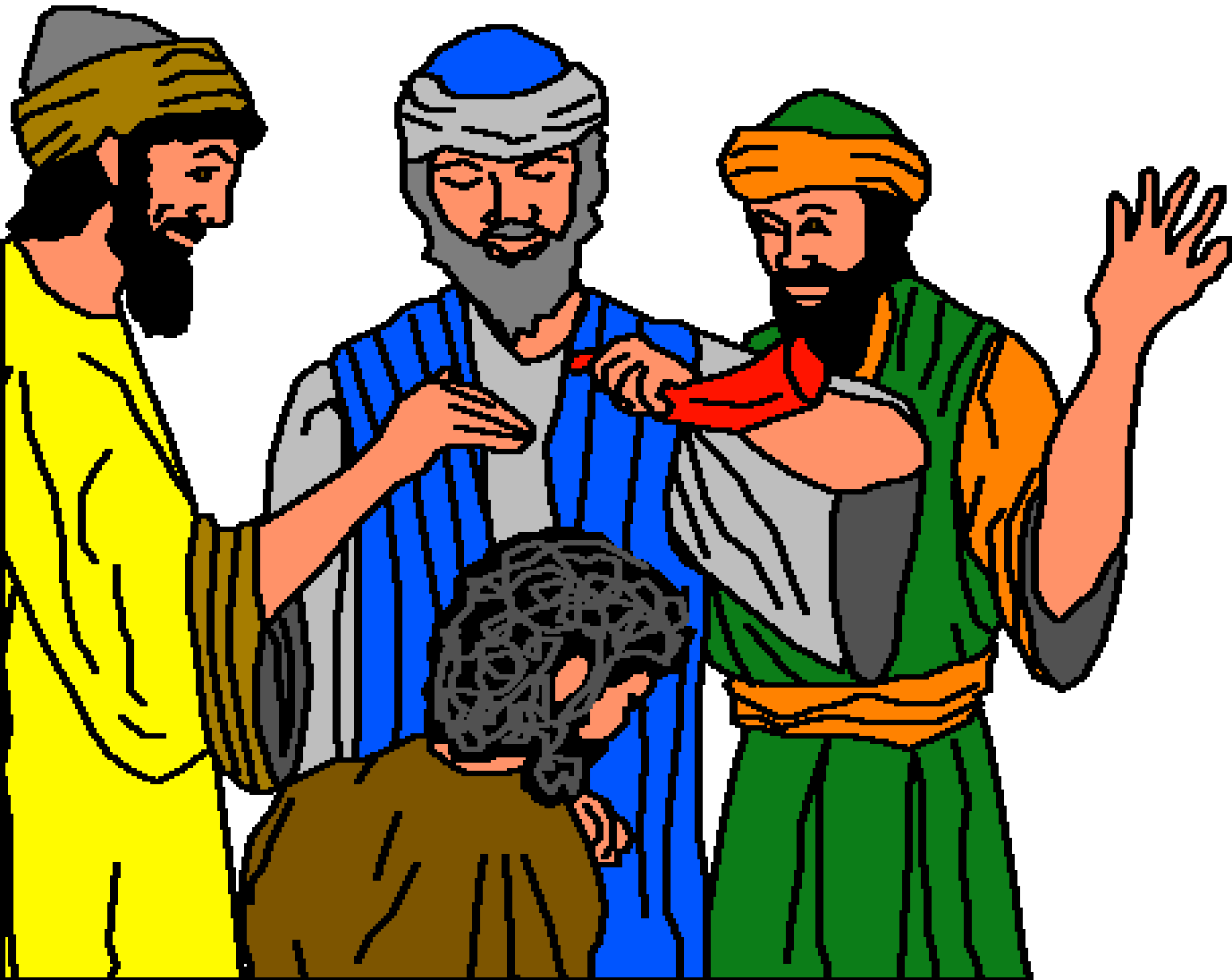
David was king of Judah,
in southern Palestine.
But the rest of Israel
took Ishbosheth, Son
of Saul, as king.
Civil war raged
for seven years.
But David
grew
stronger
and stronger.



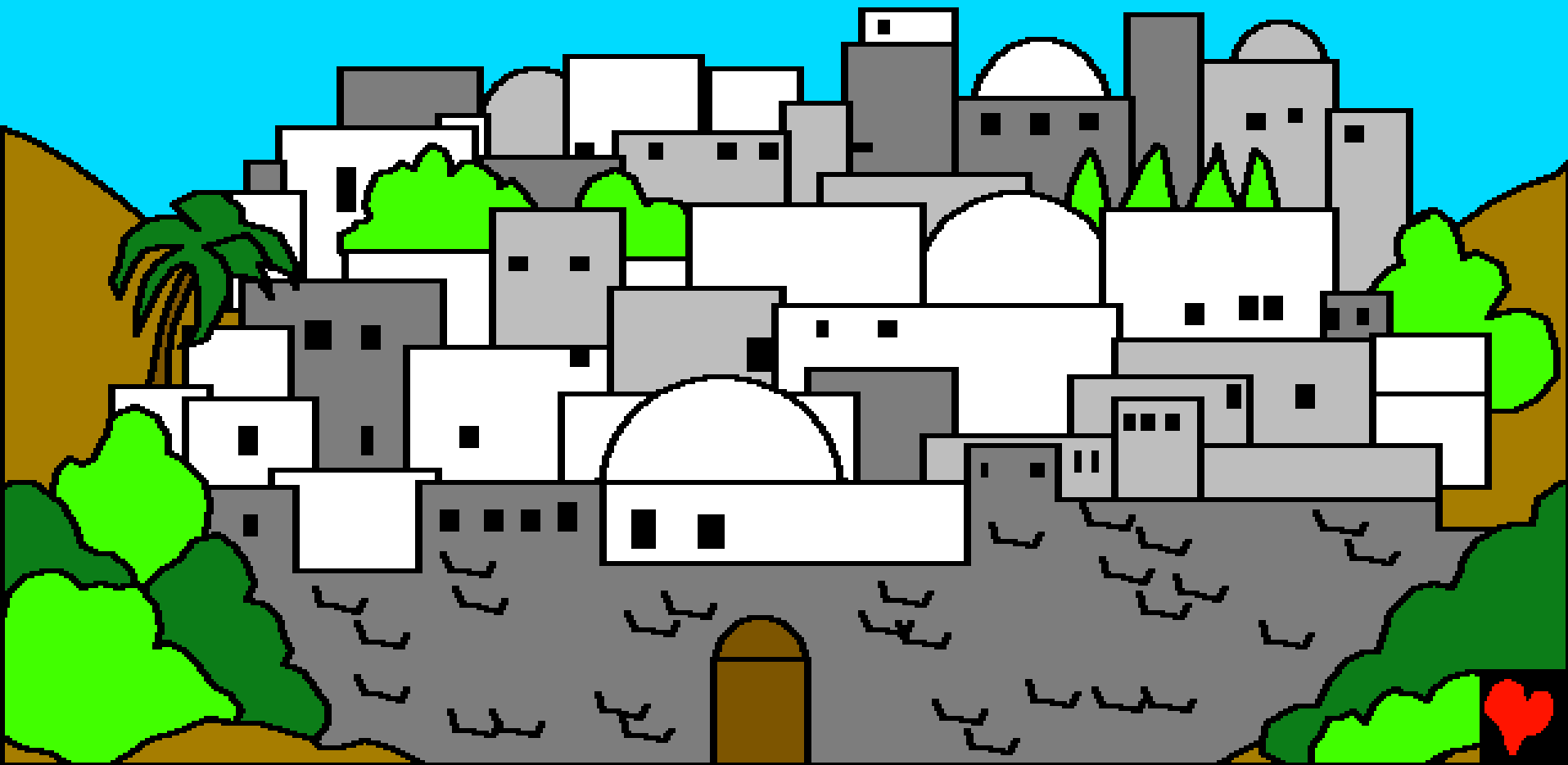
Finally King Ishbosheth was killed by two of his own soldiers.



Then all the tribes of Israel came to David and anointed him king over Israel. At long last, David was king over all the nation.

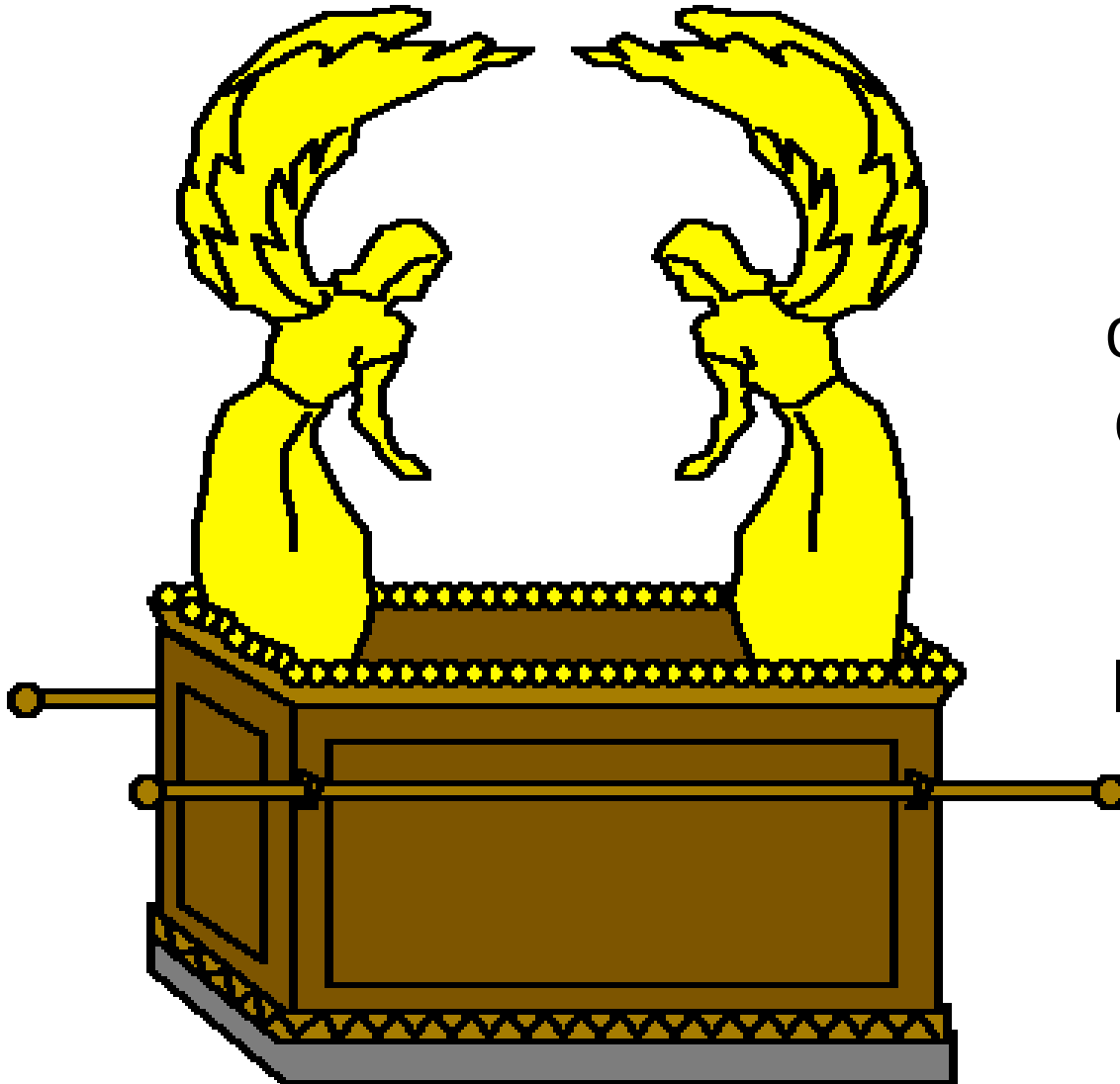


The first thing King David did was capture Jerusalem. It became known as the City of David. He rebuilt it as a stronghold against enemies. From Jerusalem, David's army went out to conquer the Philistines and other enemies of Israel.

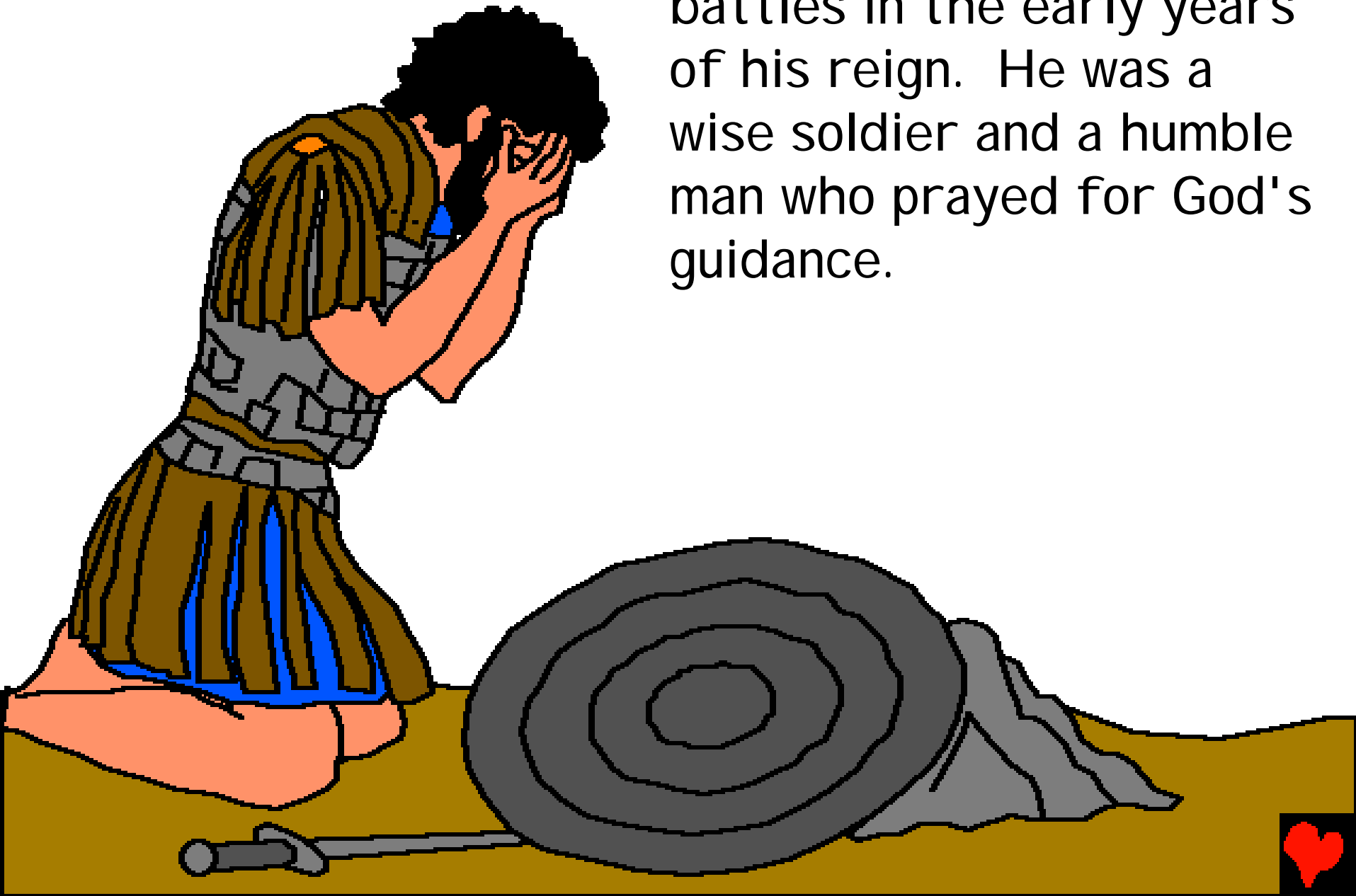


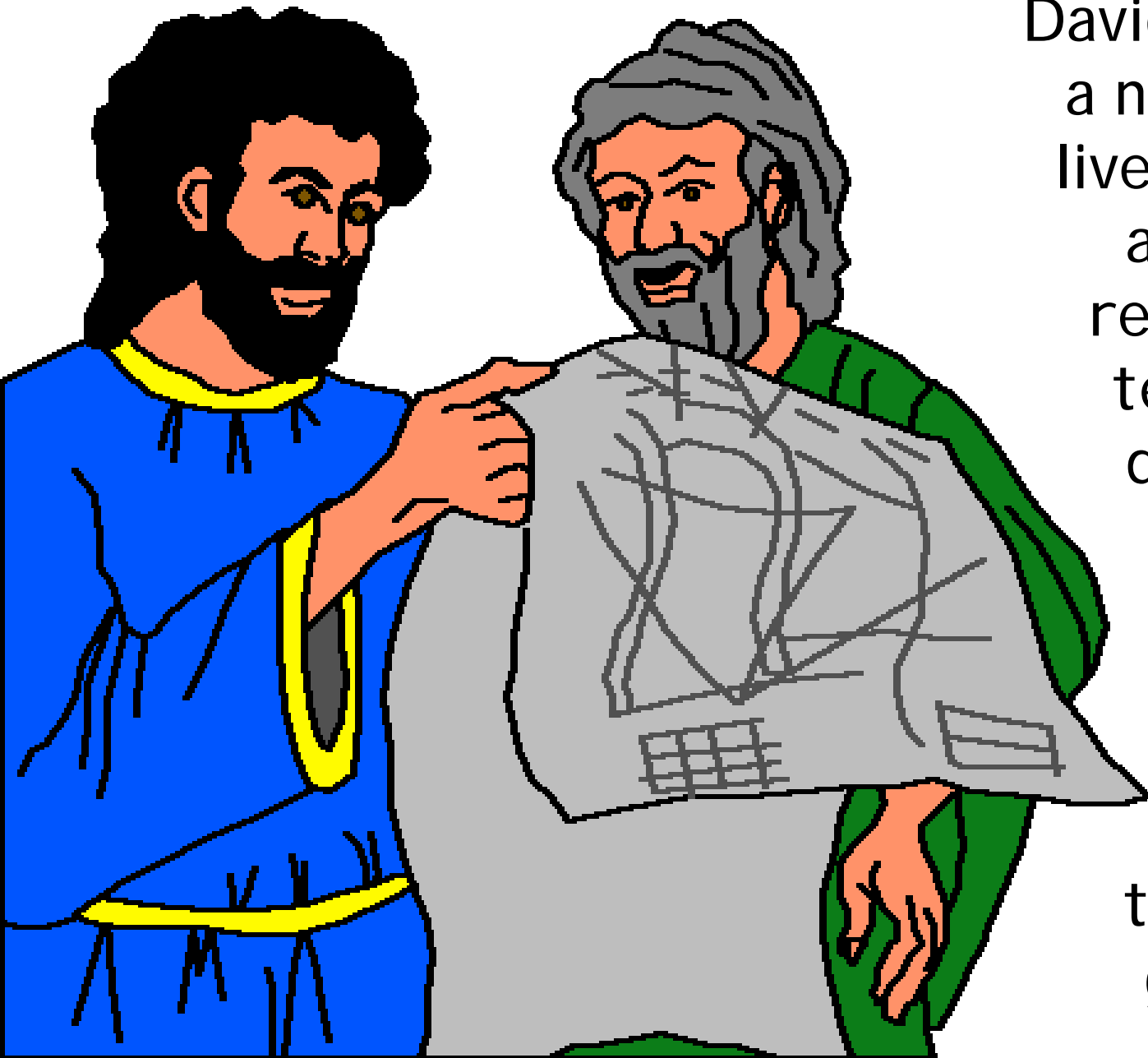
Next, King David brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem.

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.

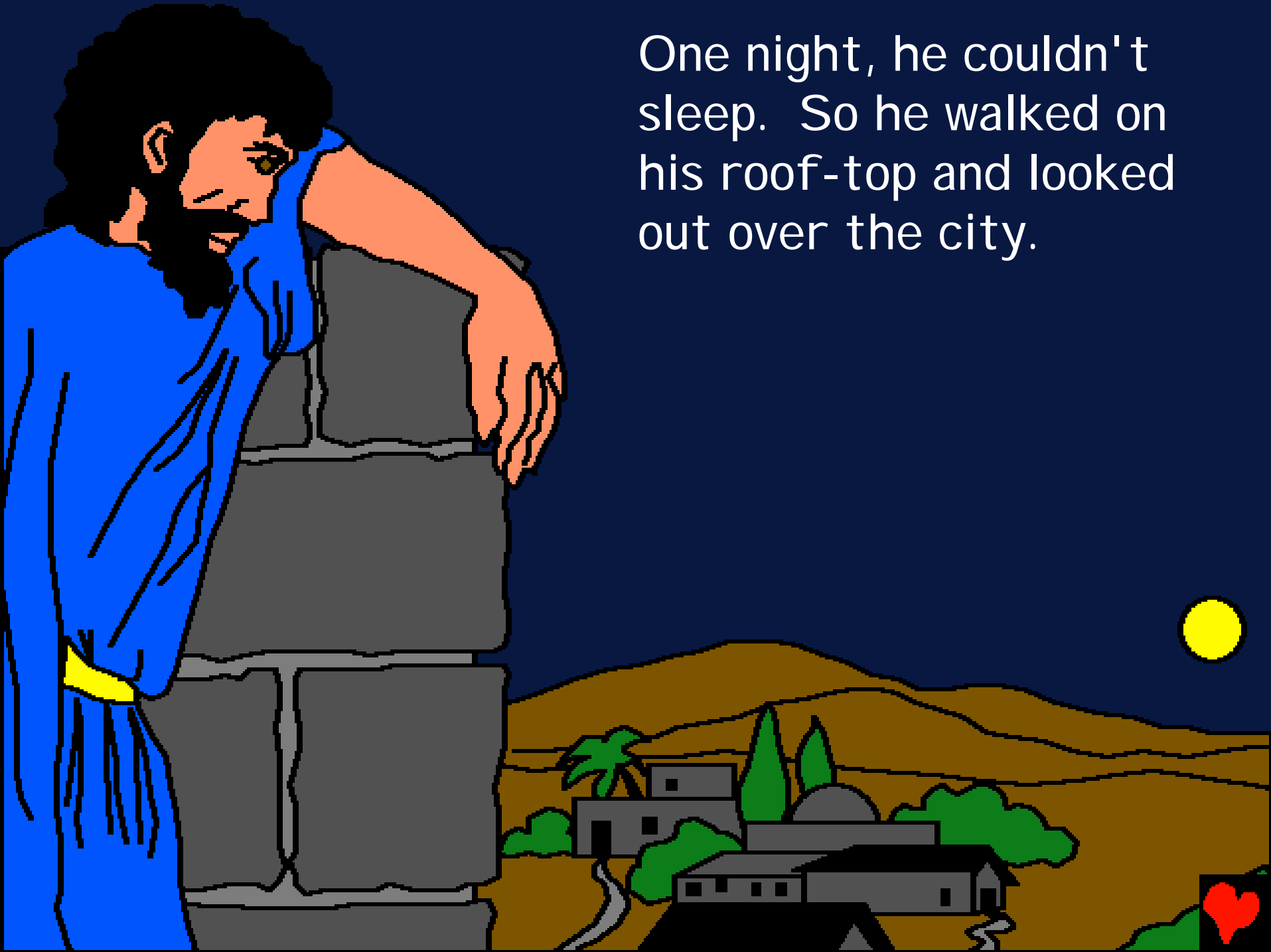




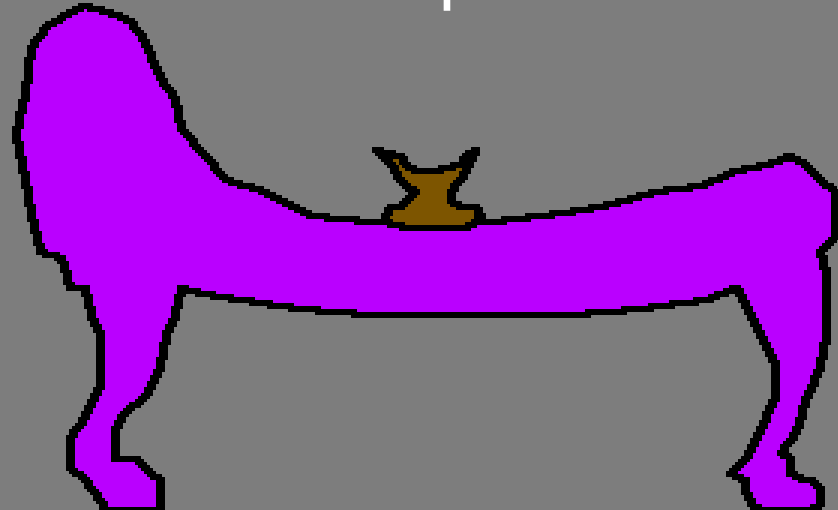
As long as David trusted God and obeyed Him, God helped David to prosper. But one day, a terrible shadow fell on David's life. He sent his army out to fight, while he stayed in Jerusalem.



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.

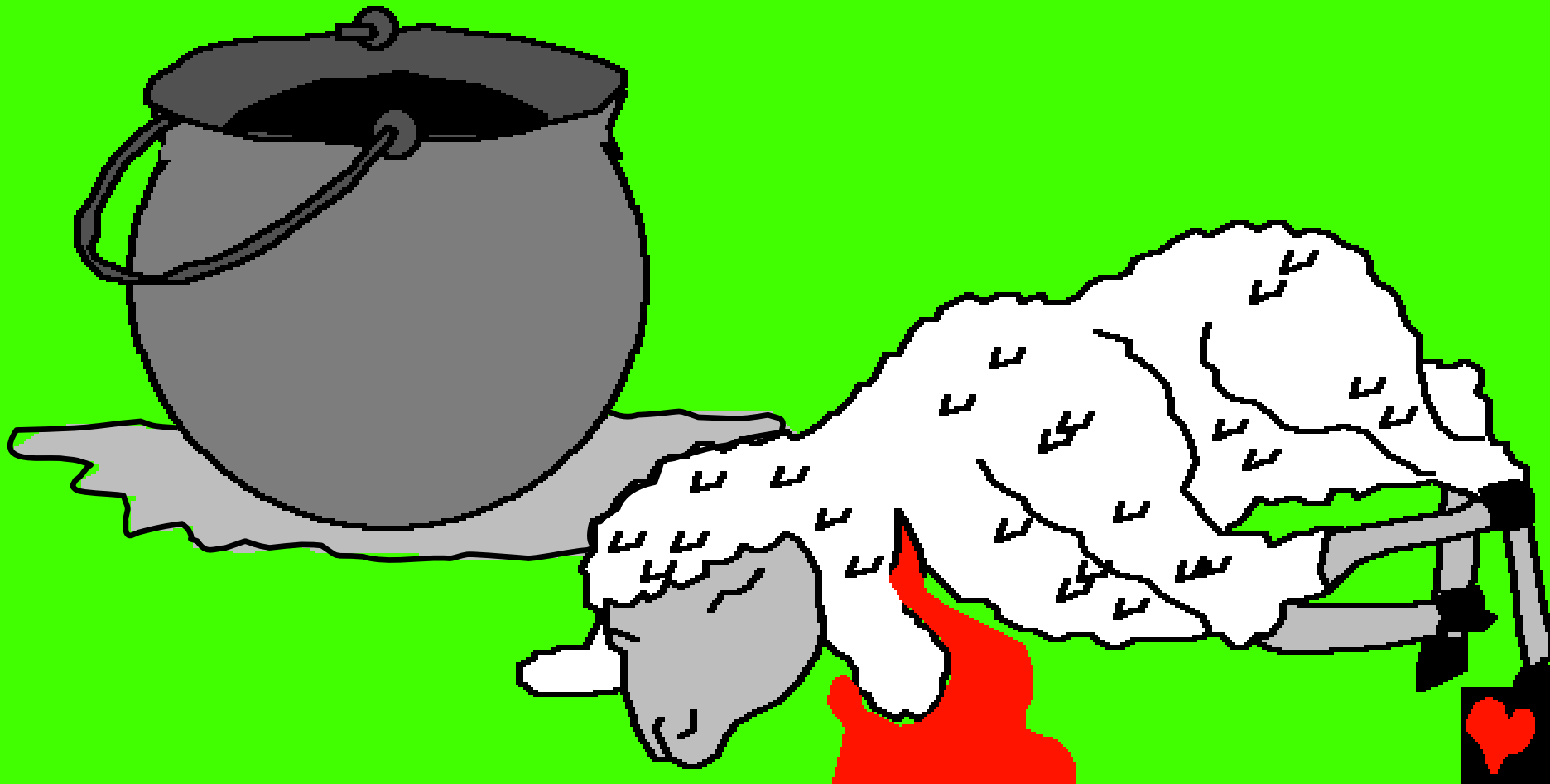




God sent His servant, Nathan, to show David his sin. Nathan told David a story about a rich man and a very poor man. The rich man had hundreds of sheep. But the poor man had only one little lamb, which he treasured like a daughter.



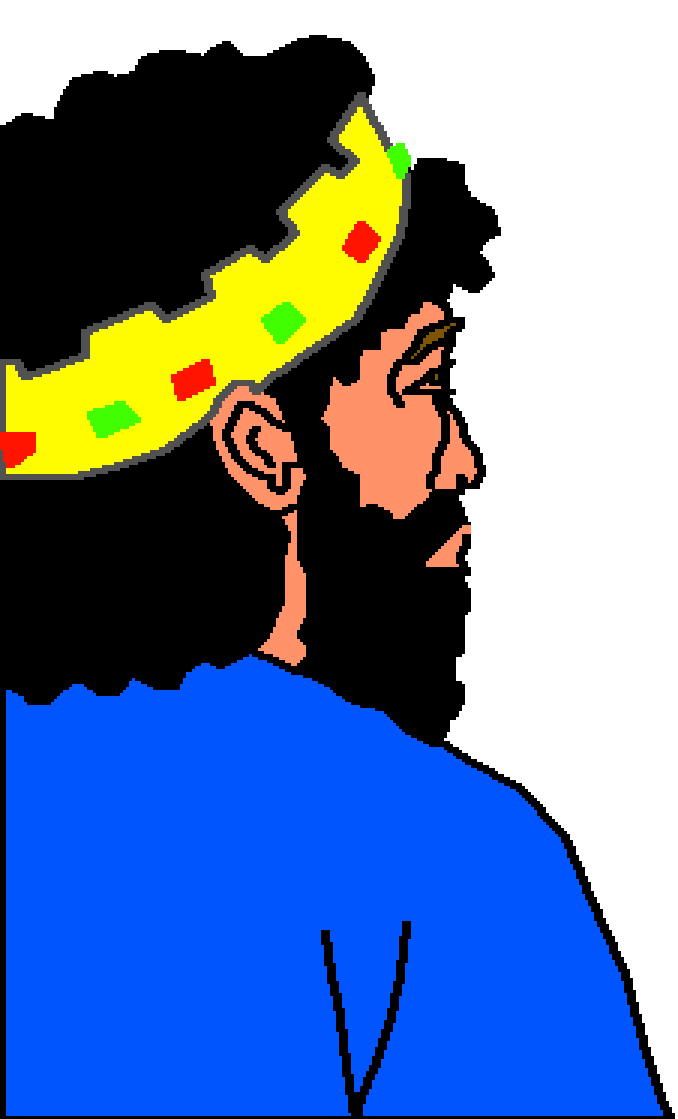
When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man did not kill one of his sheep to feed him. Instead, he took and killed the poor man's lamb.



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 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

