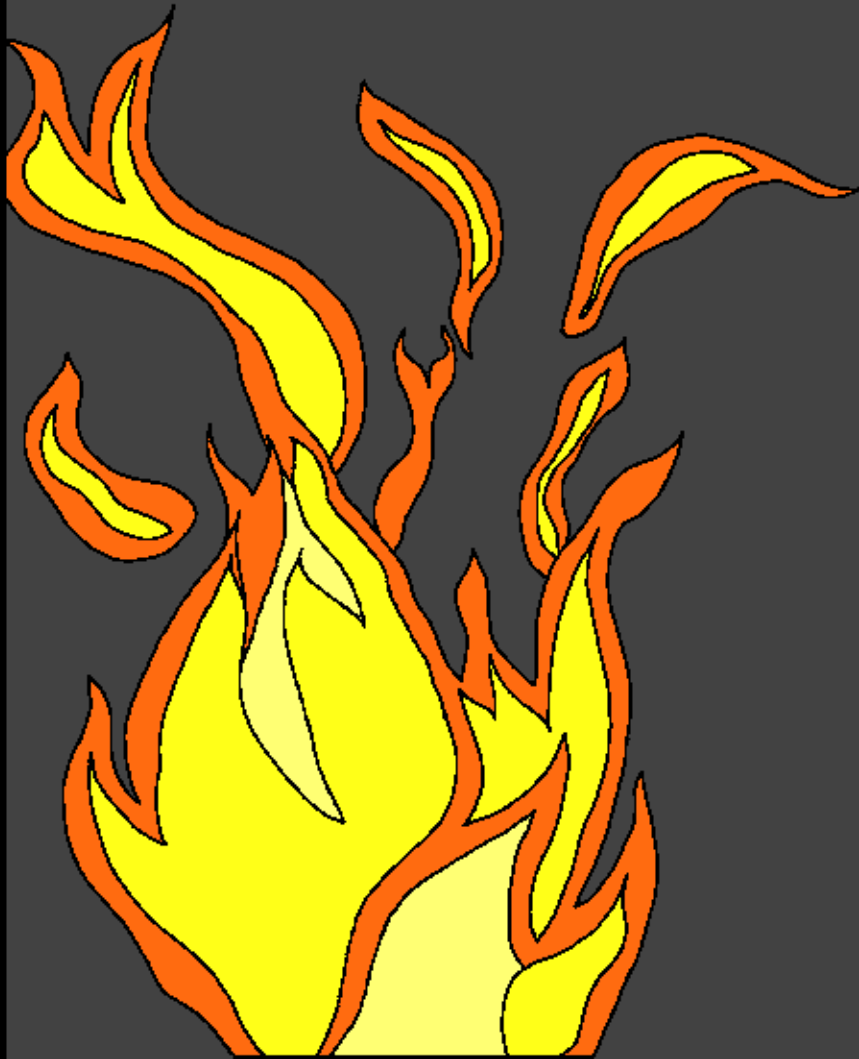


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THE MAN
OF FIRE



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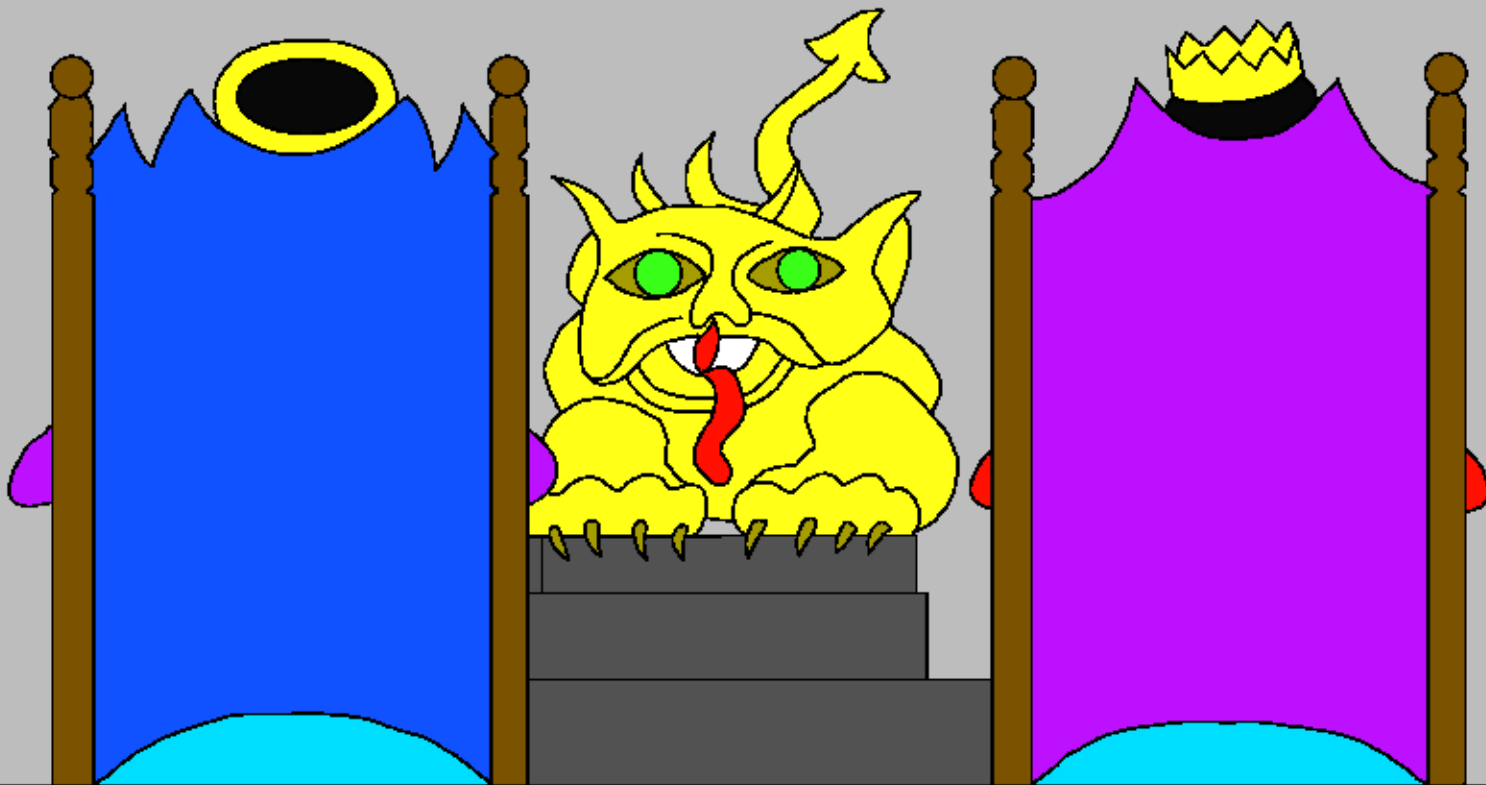
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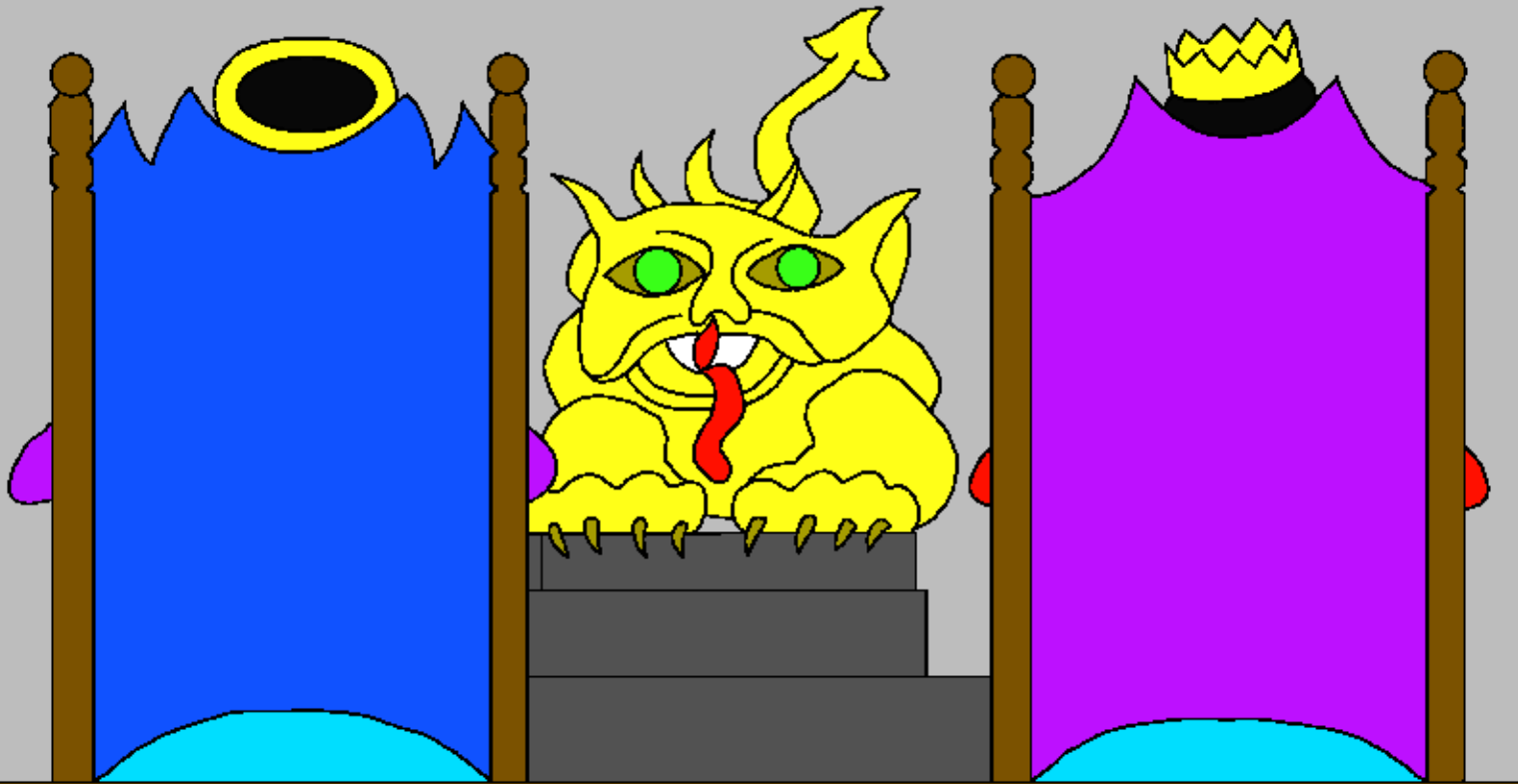
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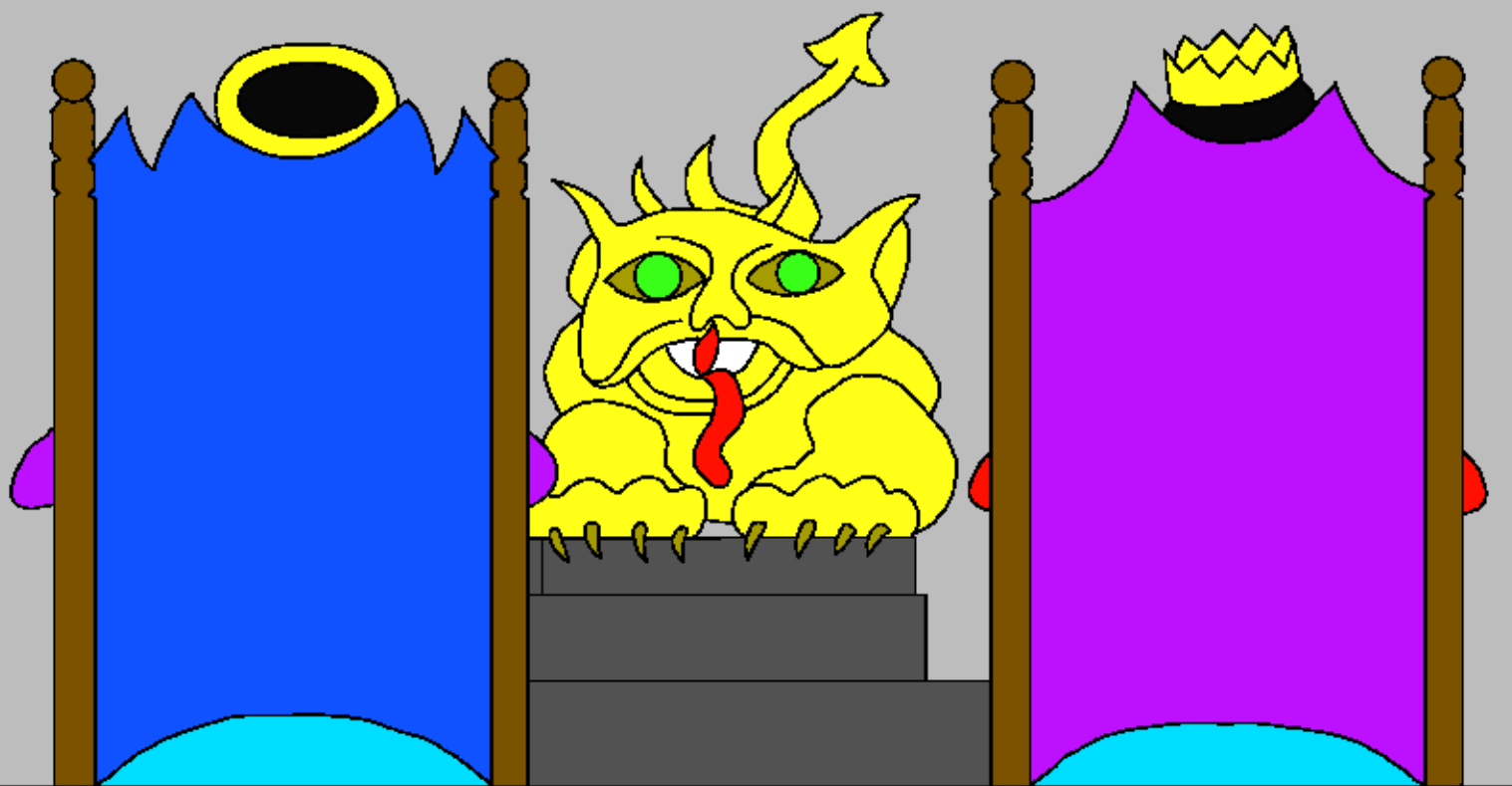
Everything looked bad for Israel.
The king and queen hated God.
What a bad example!



Soon the people also hated God and worshiped false gods. Did anybody love God?



Yes, there were a few faithful worshipers. One day, God spoke to one of them, named Elijah.



Elijah told wicked King Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."



This meant
famine! God
would not let
His people
Israel go
on in their
wickedness.





After
warning
the king,
God
sent Elijah

to a quiet place in the country.
There, by a brook, Elijah waited.



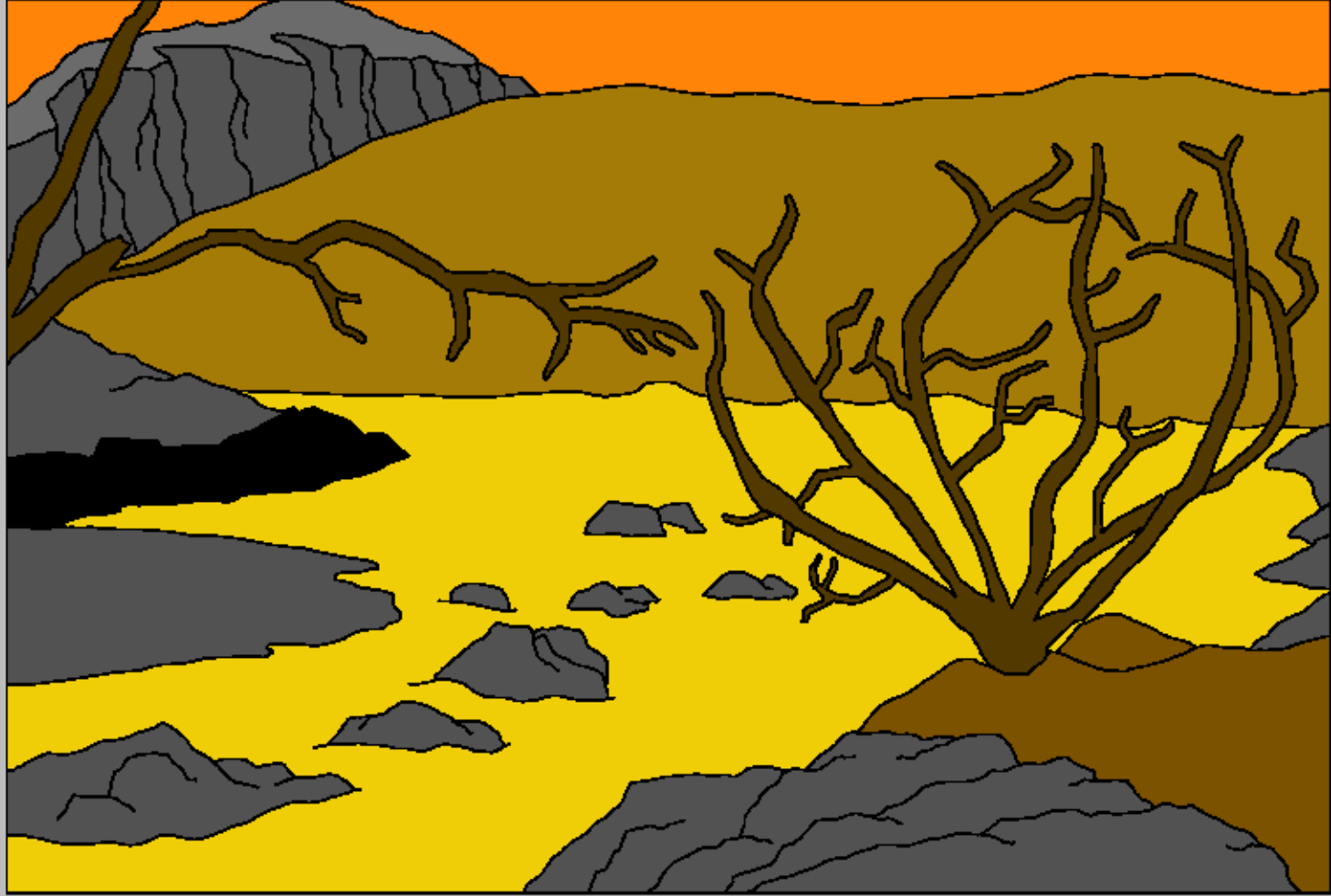


God sent
ravens
to feed
him.

They brought bread and meat,
morning and evening. And
Elijah drank from the brook.



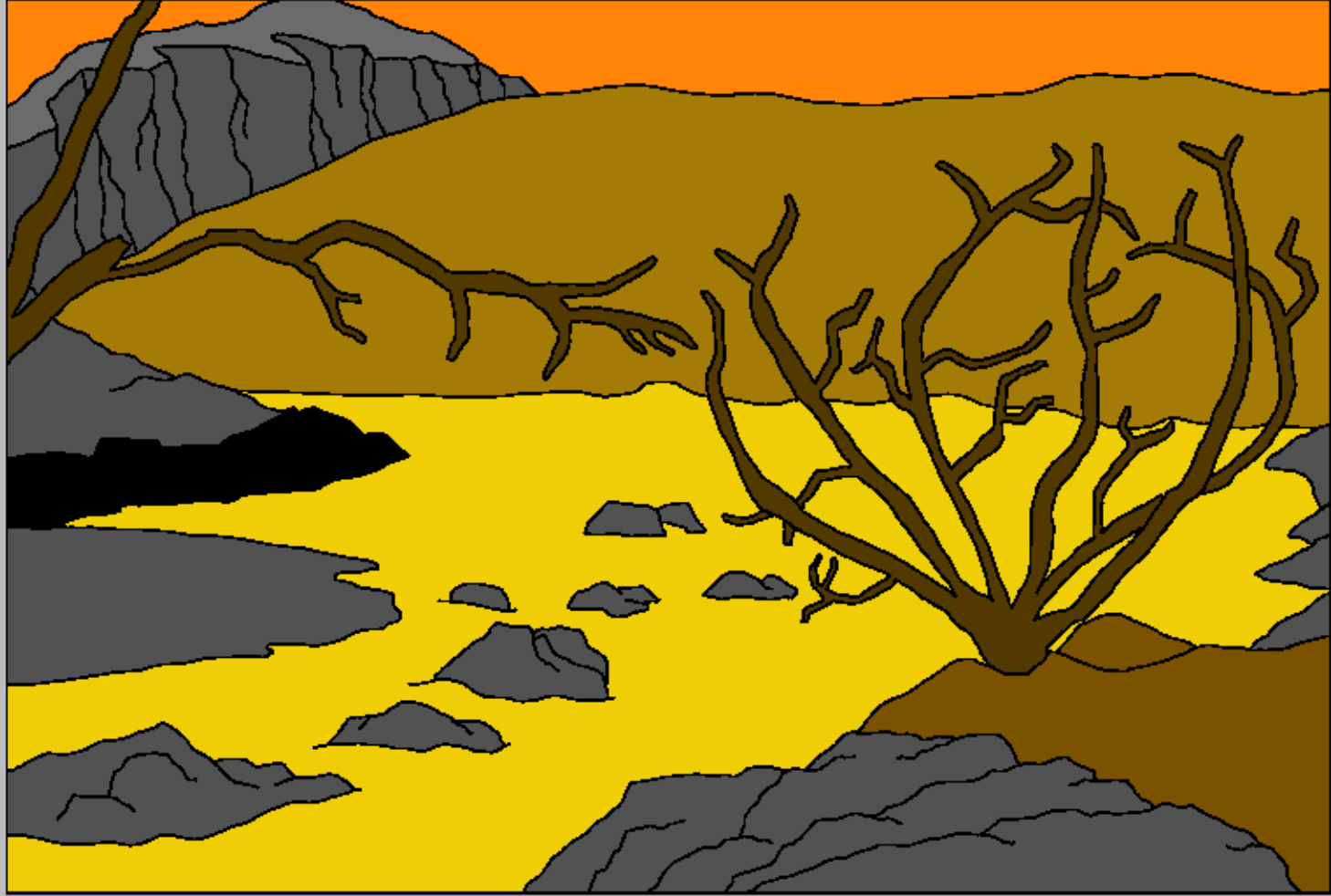
Soon the
brook
dried up,
because
there had
been no
rain in
the land.



God's Word was coming true. The
whole country was short of water.



The
crops
didn't
grow.
People
were
hungry.



Perhaps Elijah wondered what
would happen to him now
that the water was gone.



God told Elijah, "Arise, go to Zarephath, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow to

provide for you."



God knew His servant's needs. But what a strange way to provide. Humbly, Elijah obeyed God.



When he got to Zarephath, the widow was at the city gates gathering sticks for firewood.



"Please bring me a little water in a cup," Elijah asked the woman. "Please bring me a morsel of bread."



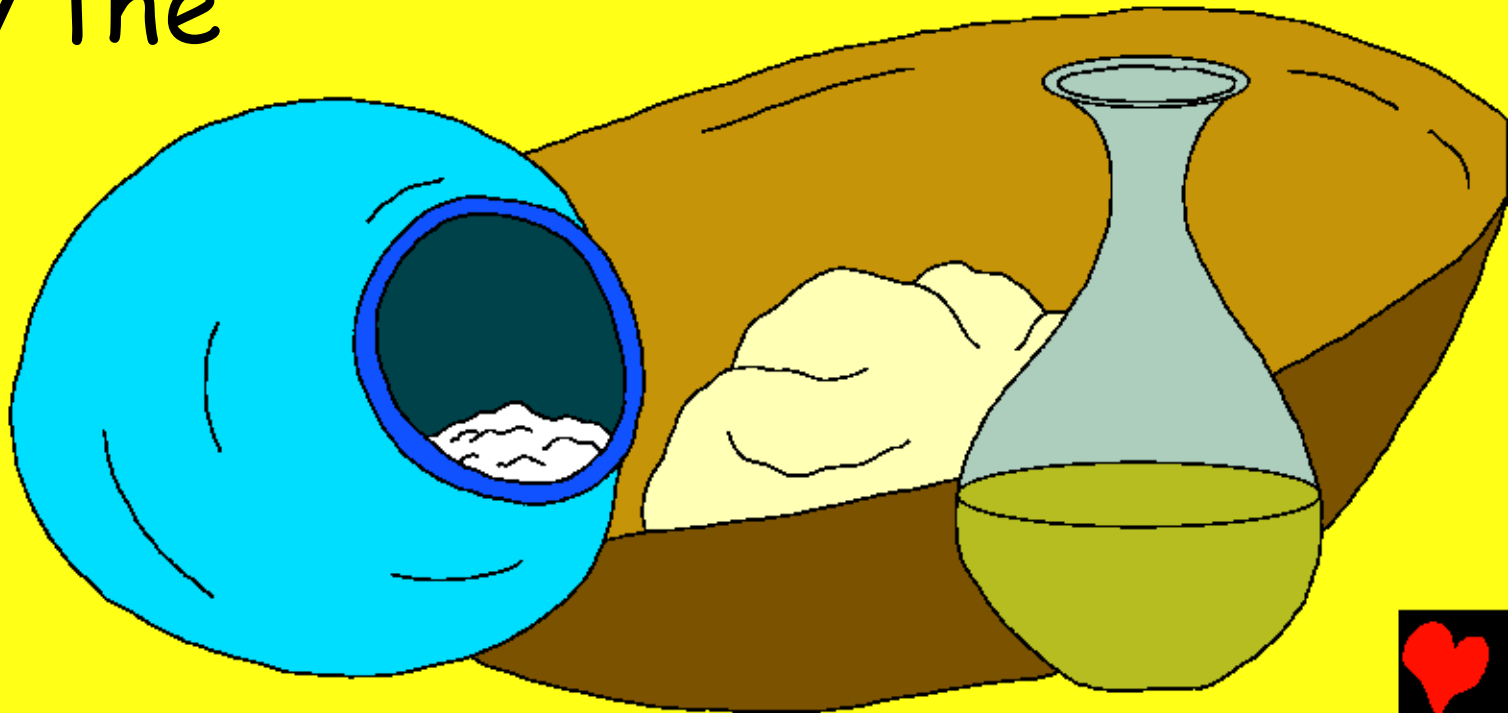
"I do not have bread," the widow answered. "Only a handful of flour in a bin and a little oil in a jar."



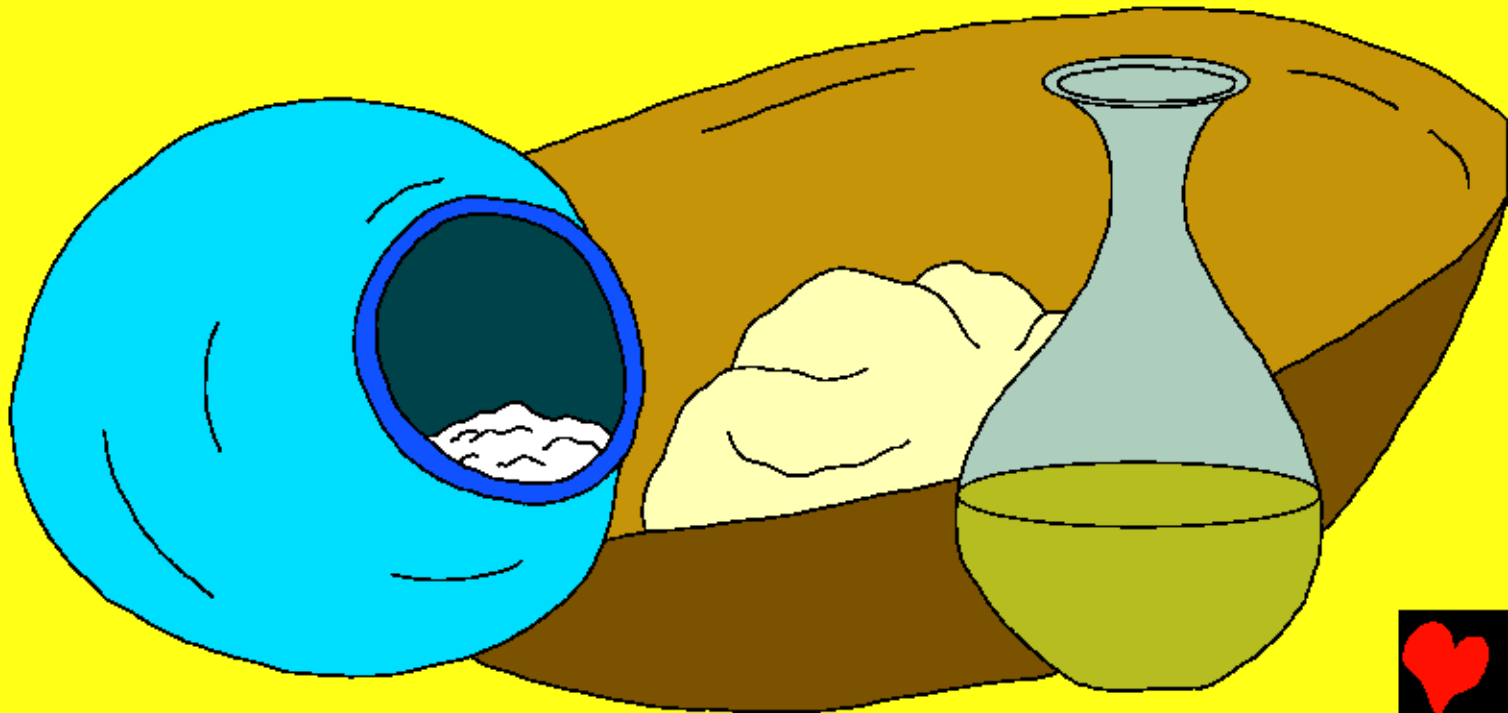
Sadly, the lady told the prophet
that when this was finished,
she and her son would
starve to
death.



"Do not fear. Make me a small cake from it first, and afterwards make some for yourself and your son,"
Elijah said. "The flour will not be used up, nor the oil, until
the day the
LORD
sends
rain
on the
earth."

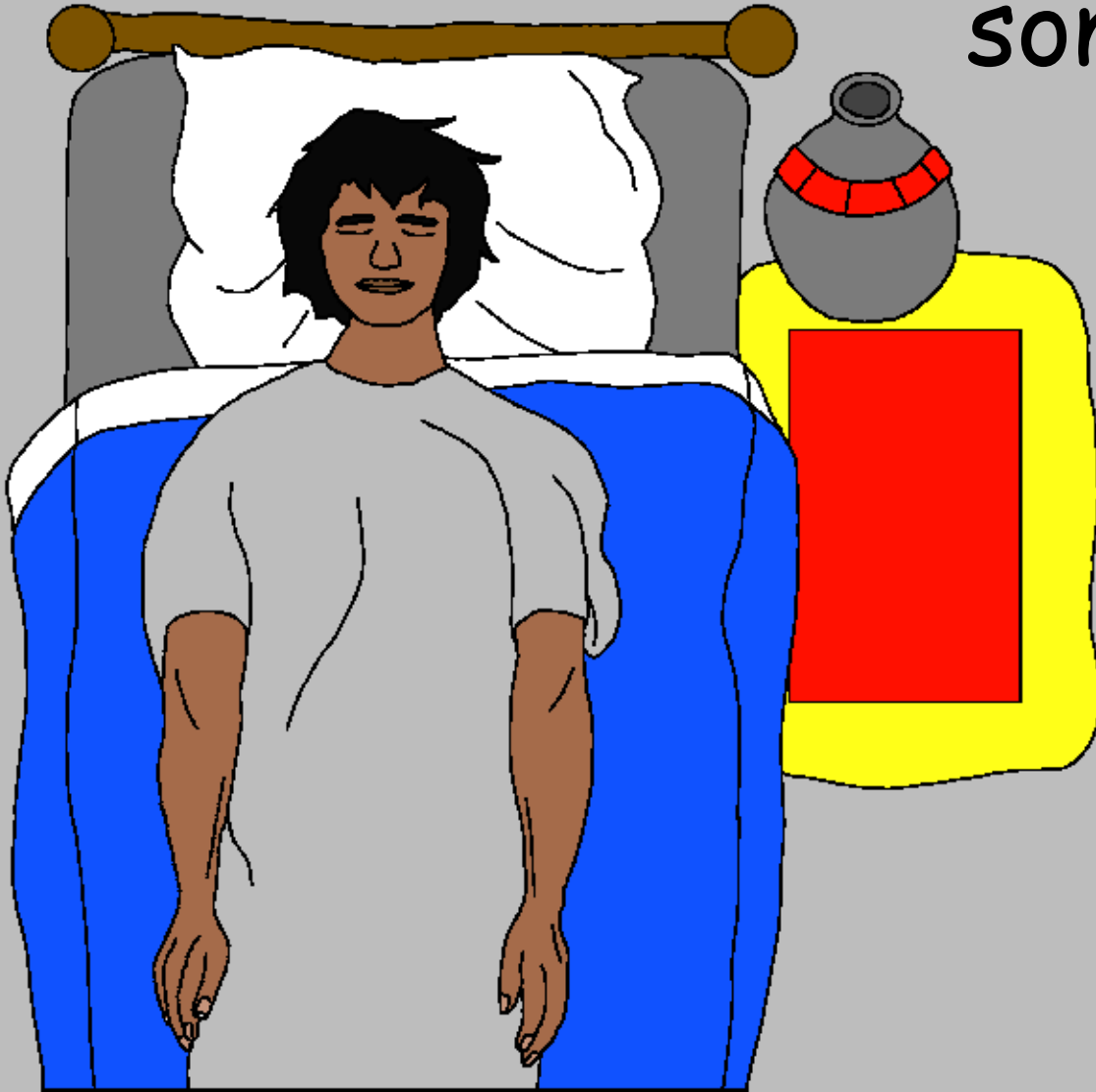


God would have to work a miracle for that to happen. And He did! The lady and her son ate for many days, yet the bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry.

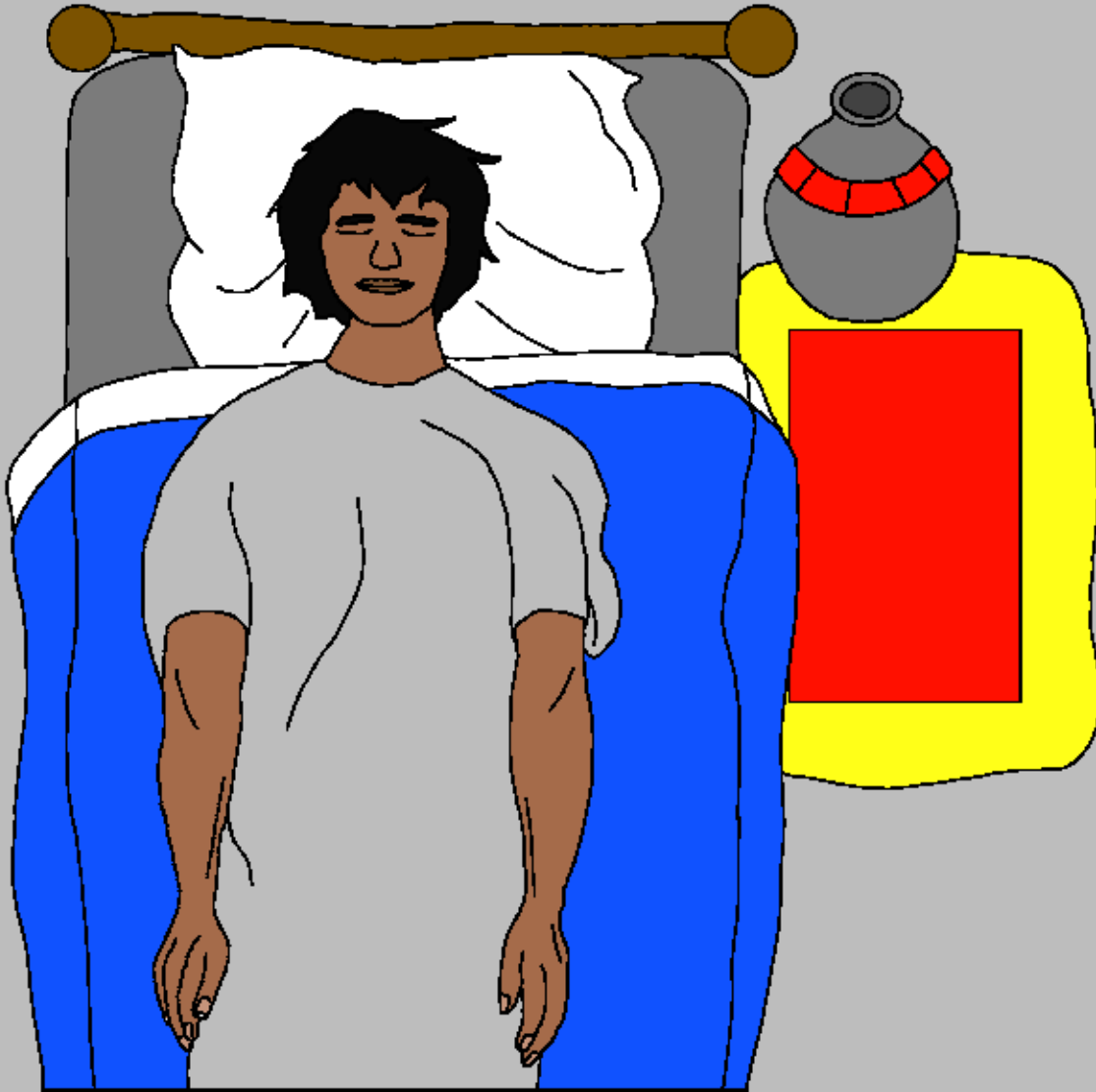


Elijah lived with them. One day a sad thing happened. The widow's

son died. Elijah carried the boy's body to an upper room.



He cried out to the LORD, saying,
"O LORD my God I pray, let this
child's soul
come back
to him."
What an
impossible
prayer!



The LORD heard the voice
of Elijah and the soul
of the child came
back to him,
and he
revived.



When Elijah took the child and gave him to his mother she said,

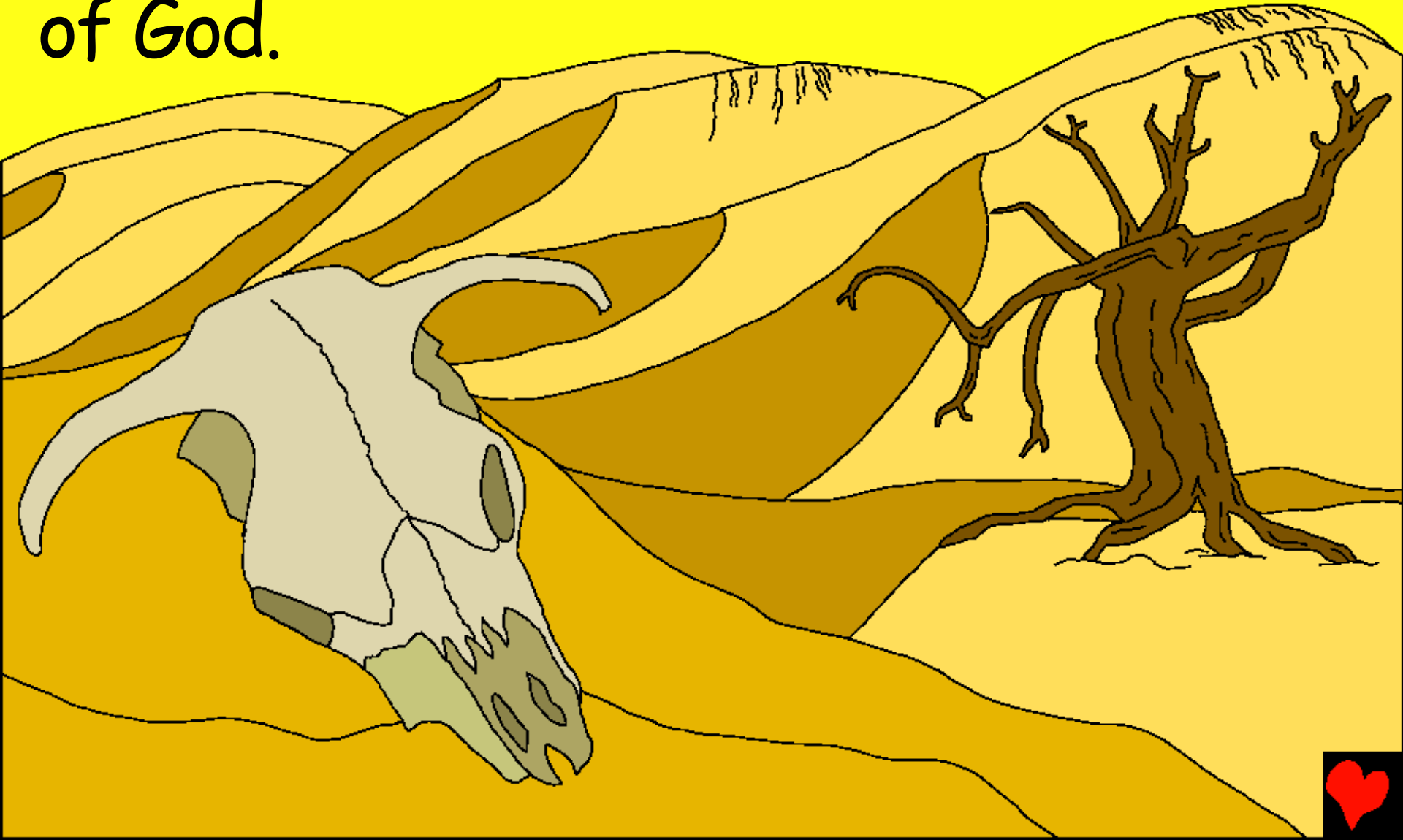
"Now by this I know that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."



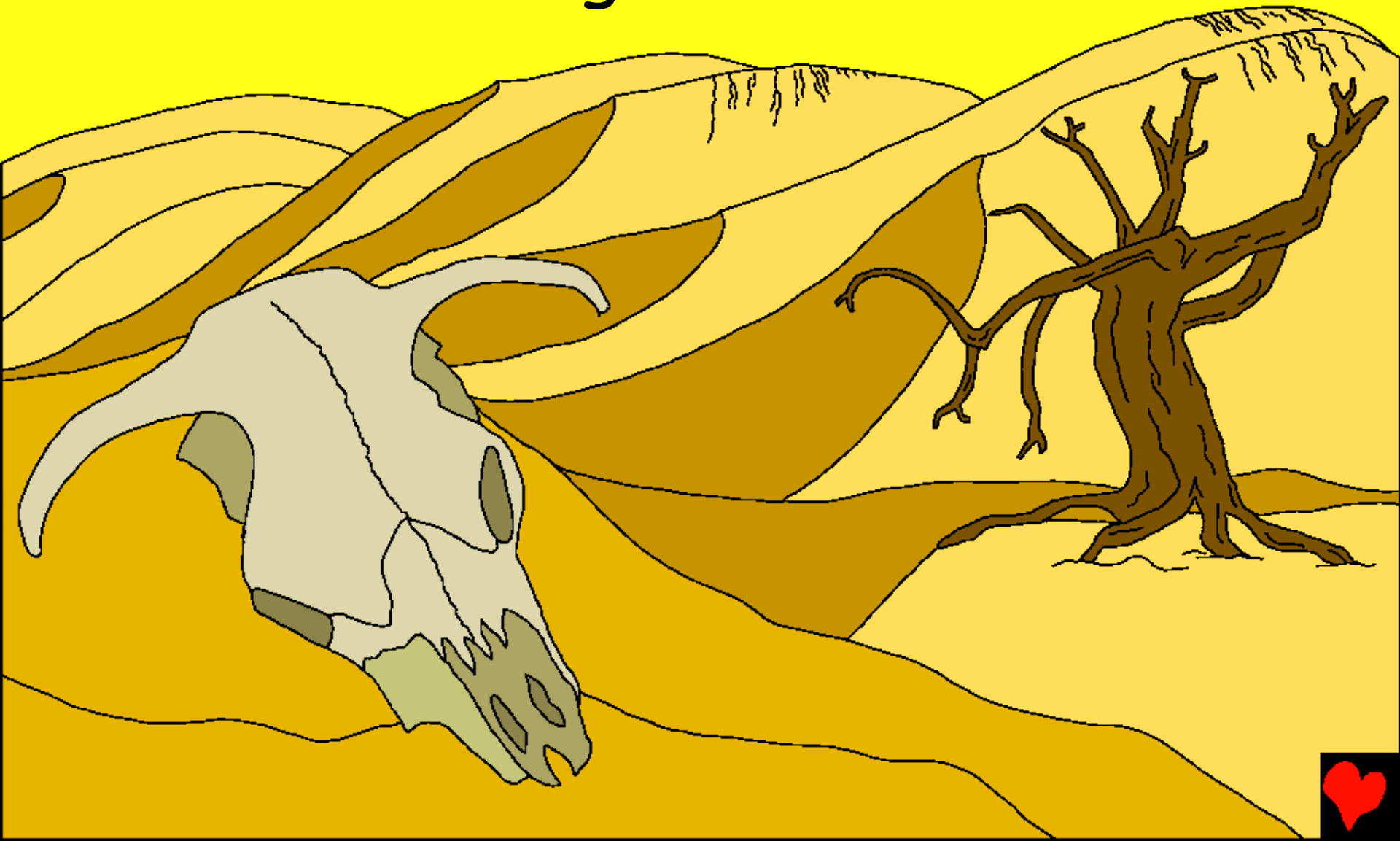
Three years later, God sent Elijah back to the king, saying, "I will send rain on the earth."



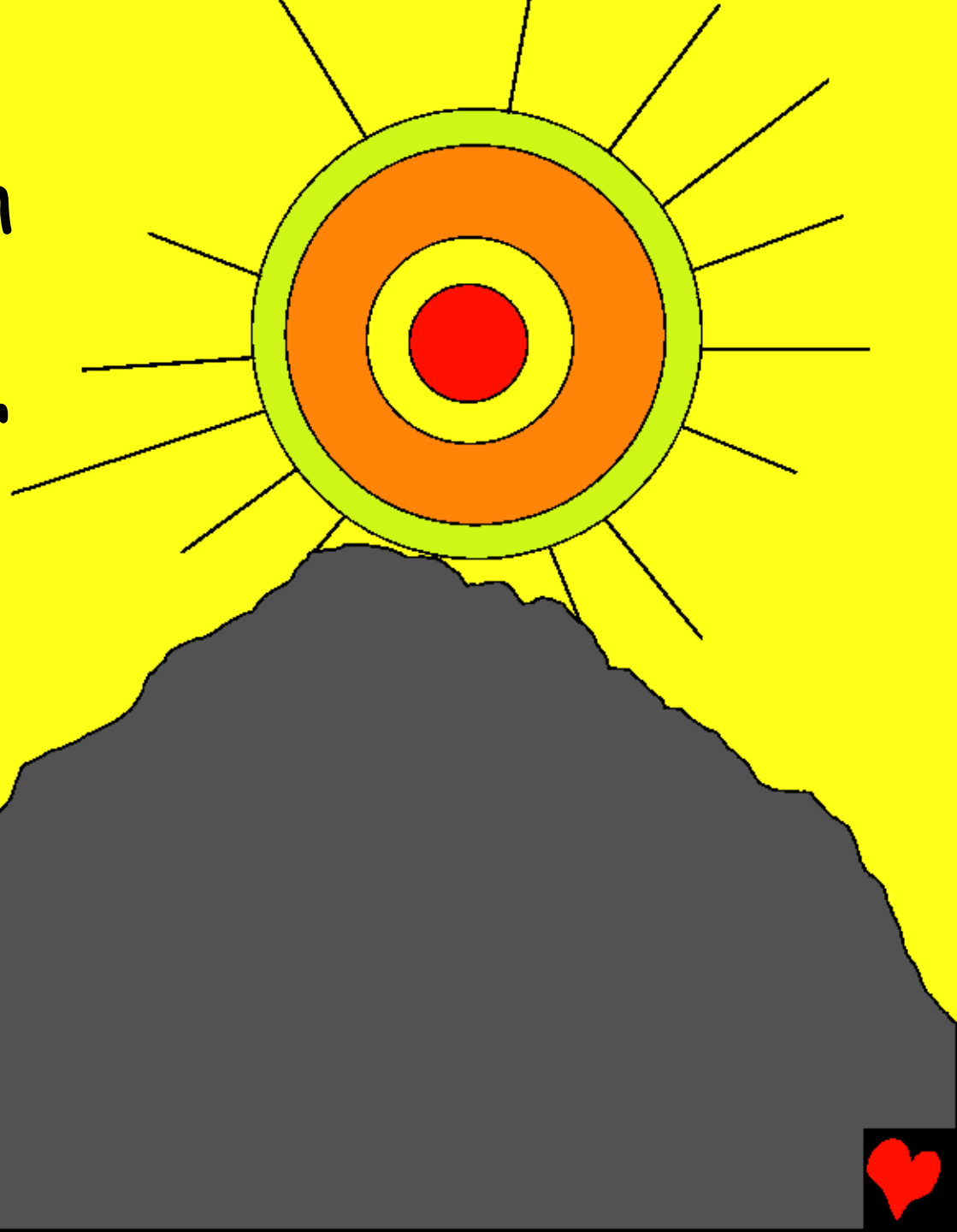
Go to Ahab? His wife Jezebel had already murdered a hundred prophets of God.



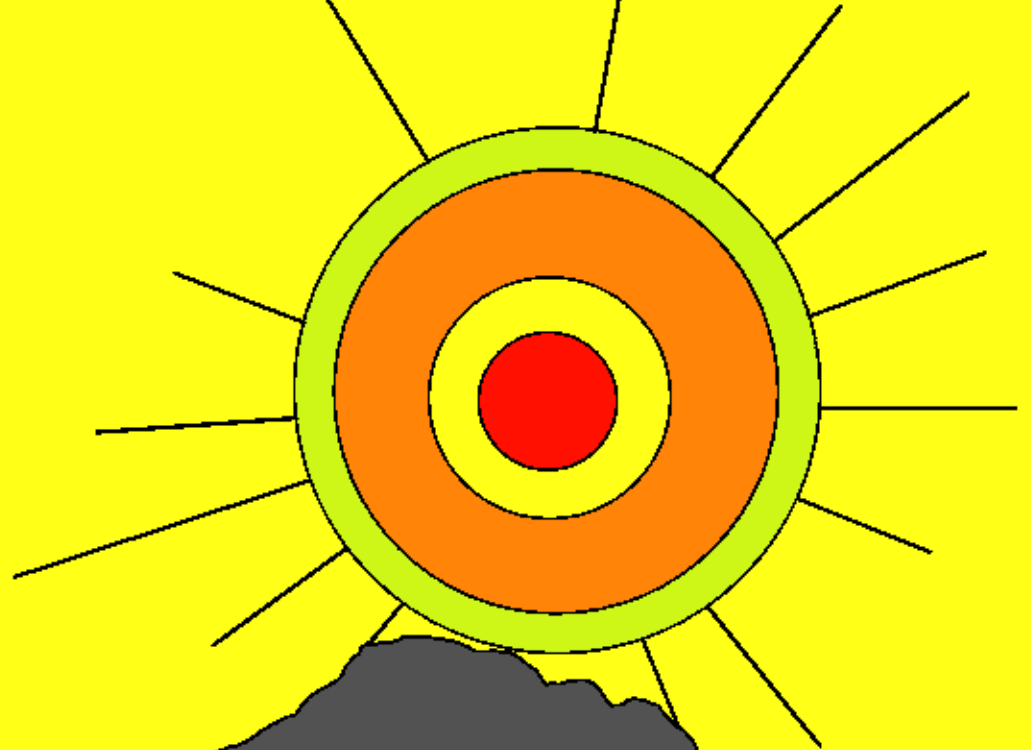
But Elijah didn't argue.
He went to King Ahab.



When the two men met, Elijah challenged Ahab to gather all Israel and the 850 false prophets.



In a place called Mount Carmel, Elijah spoke to the people. "If the LORD is God, follow Him."



Elijah had two bulls prepared as sacrifices. But no fire was to be used to light them. "You call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD," he said.



"And the God Who answers by fire, He is God." "It is well spoken," the people answered.



From morning to evening the false prophets called upon their false gods. They leaped and danced and cut themselves with knives until they bled. But no fire came.



Then Elijah
soaked the
wood and
sacrifice
with water,
and prayed.





"O LORD,
hear me,
that this
people may
know that
You are the
LORD God..."

Then the
fire of the
LORD fell.





It burned up
the bull and
the wood.
Then it
burned up
the stone
altar!



When the people saw it,
they cried, "The LORD,
He is God!" And Elijah
said, "Seize the prophets

of Baal.



Do not let one of them
escape!" Elijah did what
King Ahab should have
done long before. He
killed the

false prophets.



Then God's
servant told Ahab
that rain was on the
way. Soon a small
cloud

appeared.



Would there be rain? After more than three years of deadly drought?



In a little while, the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. God sent the

rain. God sent the

rain. God showed

the people that

Elijah was telling

them the truth.

God showed that

He alone is

the true God.



Do you think King Ahab honored
God and His servant Elijah?

No! In fact,
Jezebel tried
to kill Elijah,
but he got
away.



In the end, Ahab died in battle and servants pushed Jezebel off a high wall in the palace.

She crashed to her death on the stones below.





What happened to Elijah? One day God sent a chariot of fire with horses of fire; and Elijah, ...





... God's man of
fire, went up by a
whirlwind into
heaven.



The Man of Fire

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2

"The entrance of Your Words 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

