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JESUS HEALS THE BLIND



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Bartimaeus (bar-tim-ay-us) was a blind man, sitting by the roadside near Jericho. Begging.



Some kindhearted people likely gave him a small coin or piece of food as they passed by. Bartimaeus could not work because he could not see.



He could only beg.



One day, the highway was busy.
Bartimaeus heard the tramp of
many feet.



Something unusual was happening.
Soon the blind man learned what
it was.



Jesus of Nazareth was in town.
Crowds gathered to see Jesus, to
hear Him.



"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Why did Bartimaeus cry out? Why did he think Jesus could help him? Perhaps he had heard about others Jesus had healed.



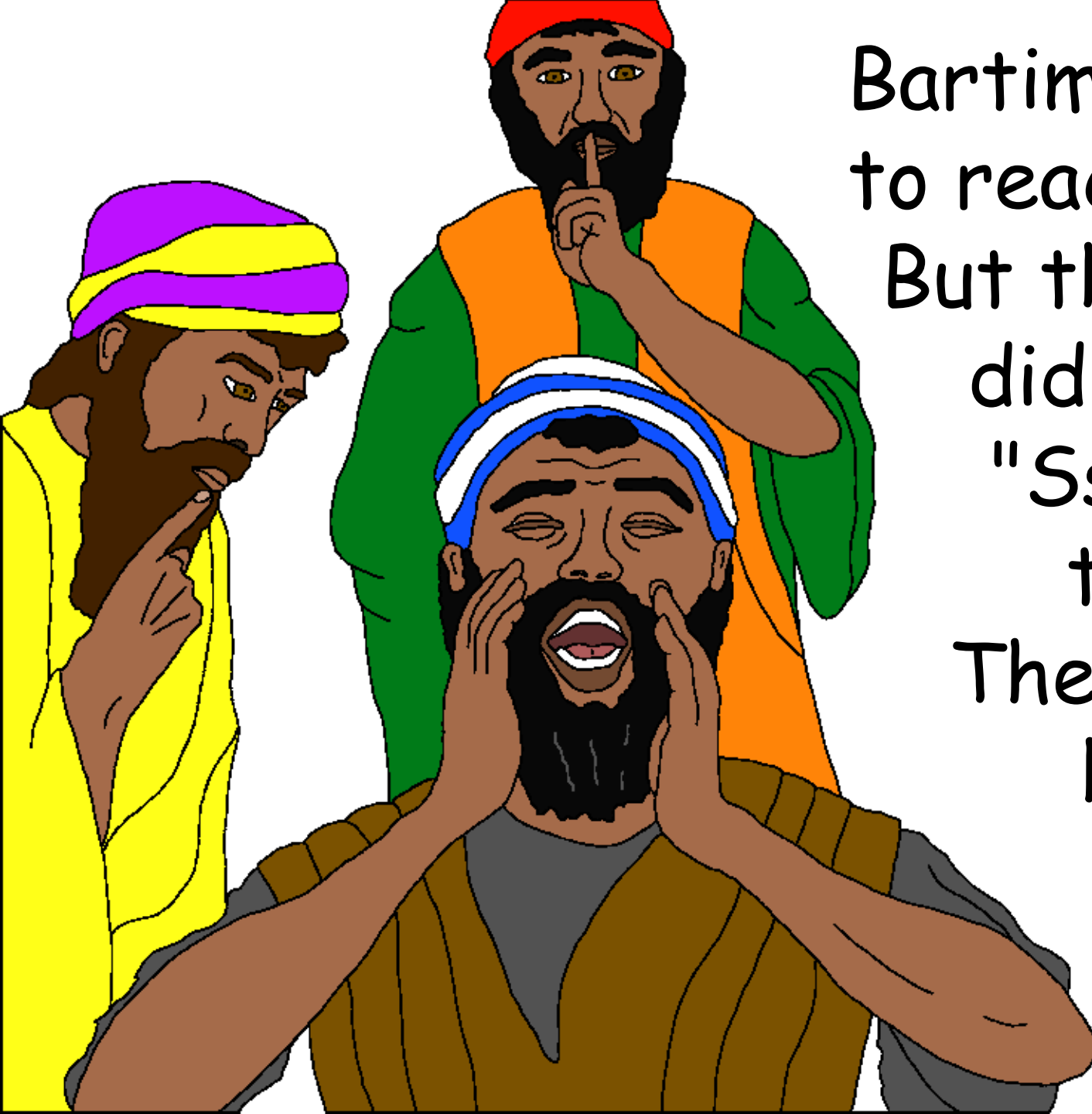
Some were deaf, some dumb, some crippled - and some blind, as he was. "Son of David, have mercy on me," Bartimaeus shouted again and again. His voice rang with hope.





Bartimaeus was sure of one thing. If he didn't get help now, he might never get another chance. Jesus might never pass his way again.





Bartimaeus had
to reach Jesus.
But the people
didn't move.
"Sssshhh!"
they said.
They warned
him to be
quiet.





But Bartimaeus didn't
shush up. He kept on
yelling. Suddenly Jesus
stopped! Listened!
Commanded
the blind man
to be brought
to Him!

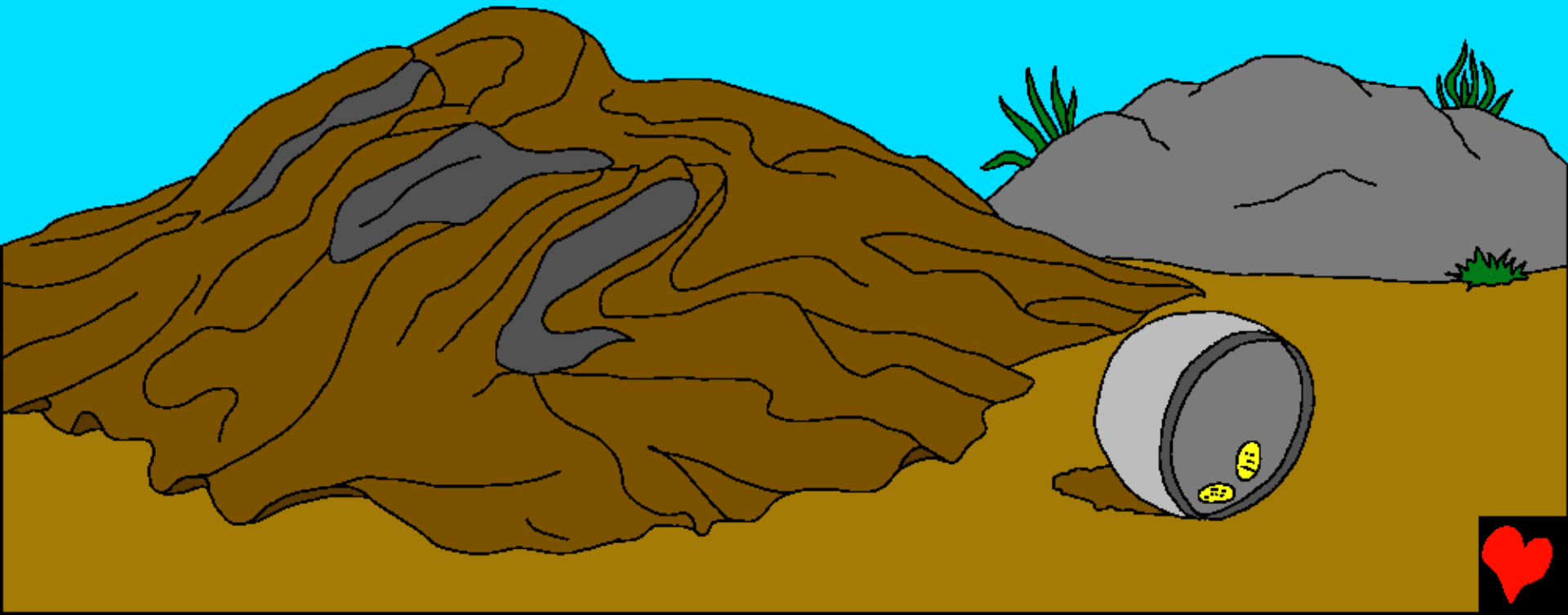




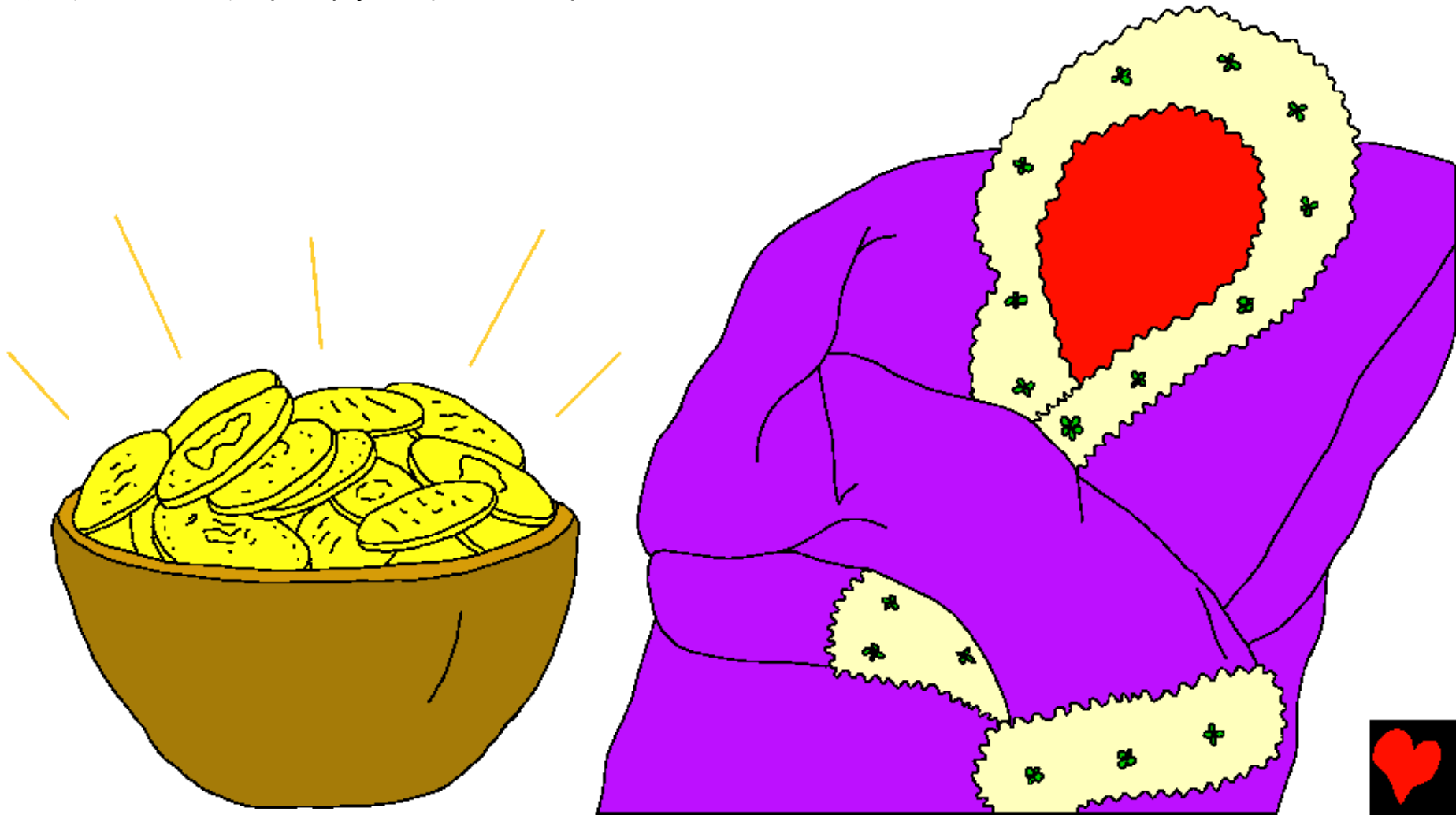
"Be of good cheer," the people told Bartimaeus. "Rise. He is calling you."



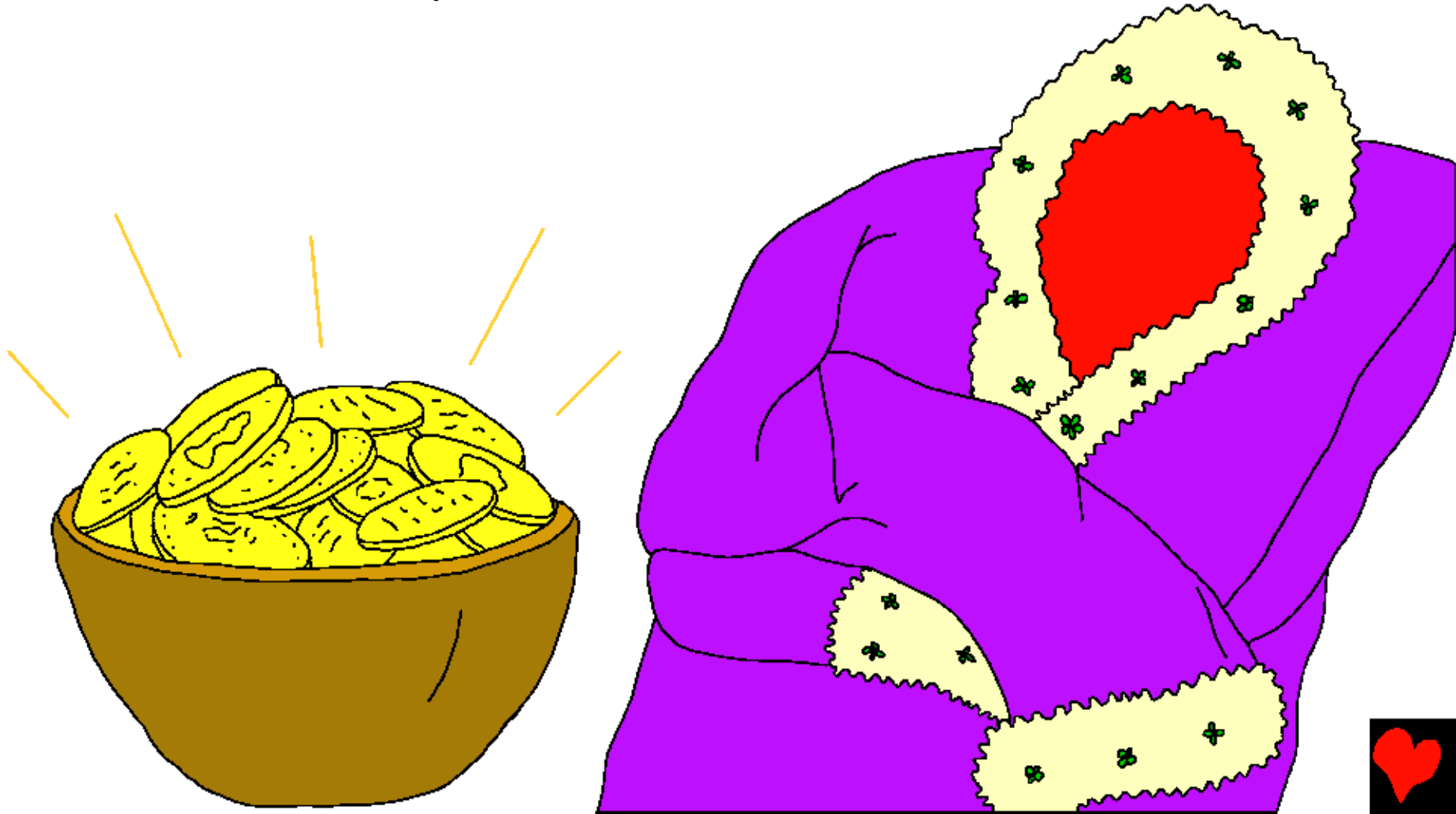
Throwing aside his garment,
Bartimaeus rose and came to Jesus.



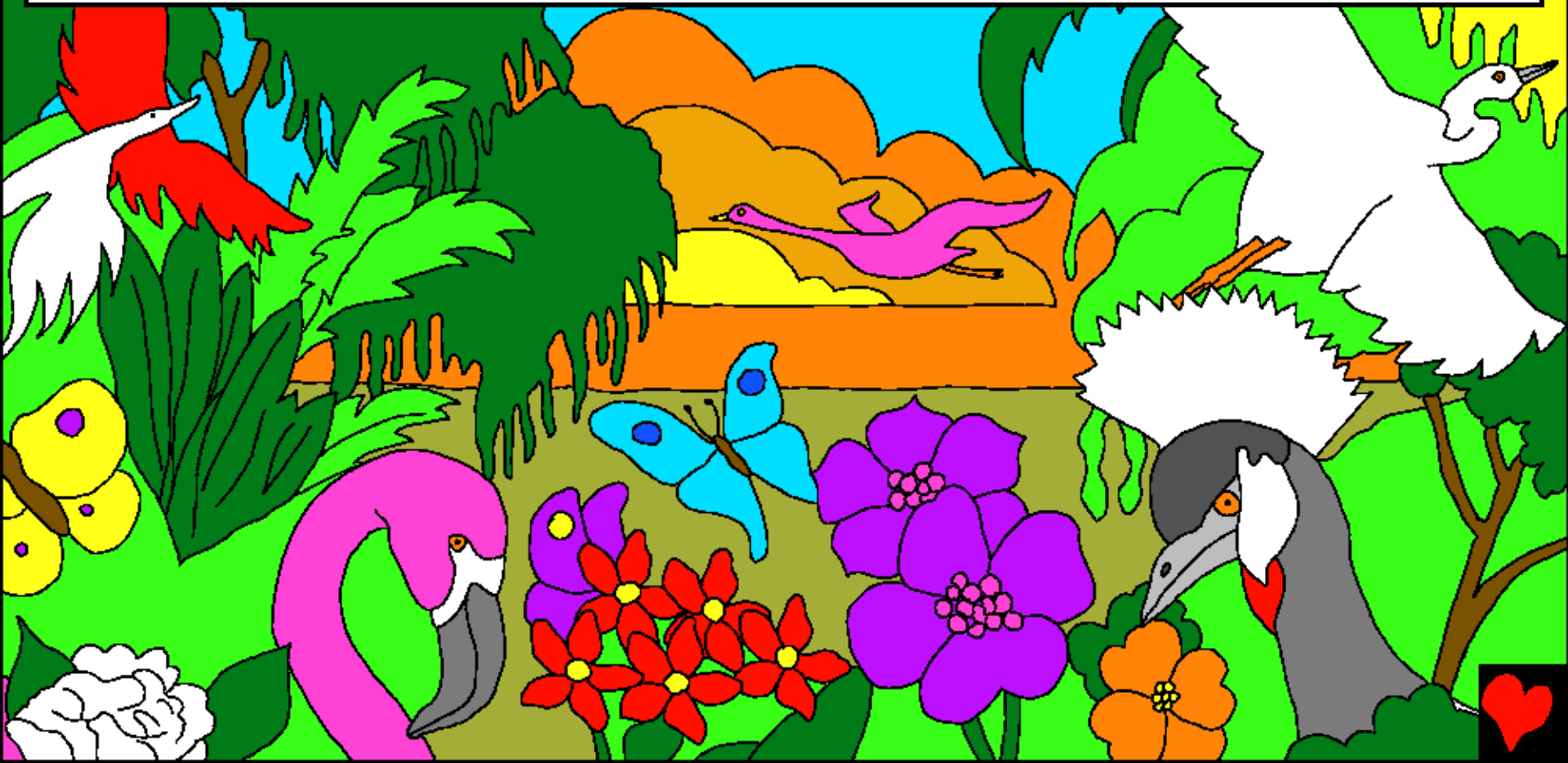
"What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked. How would you have answered?



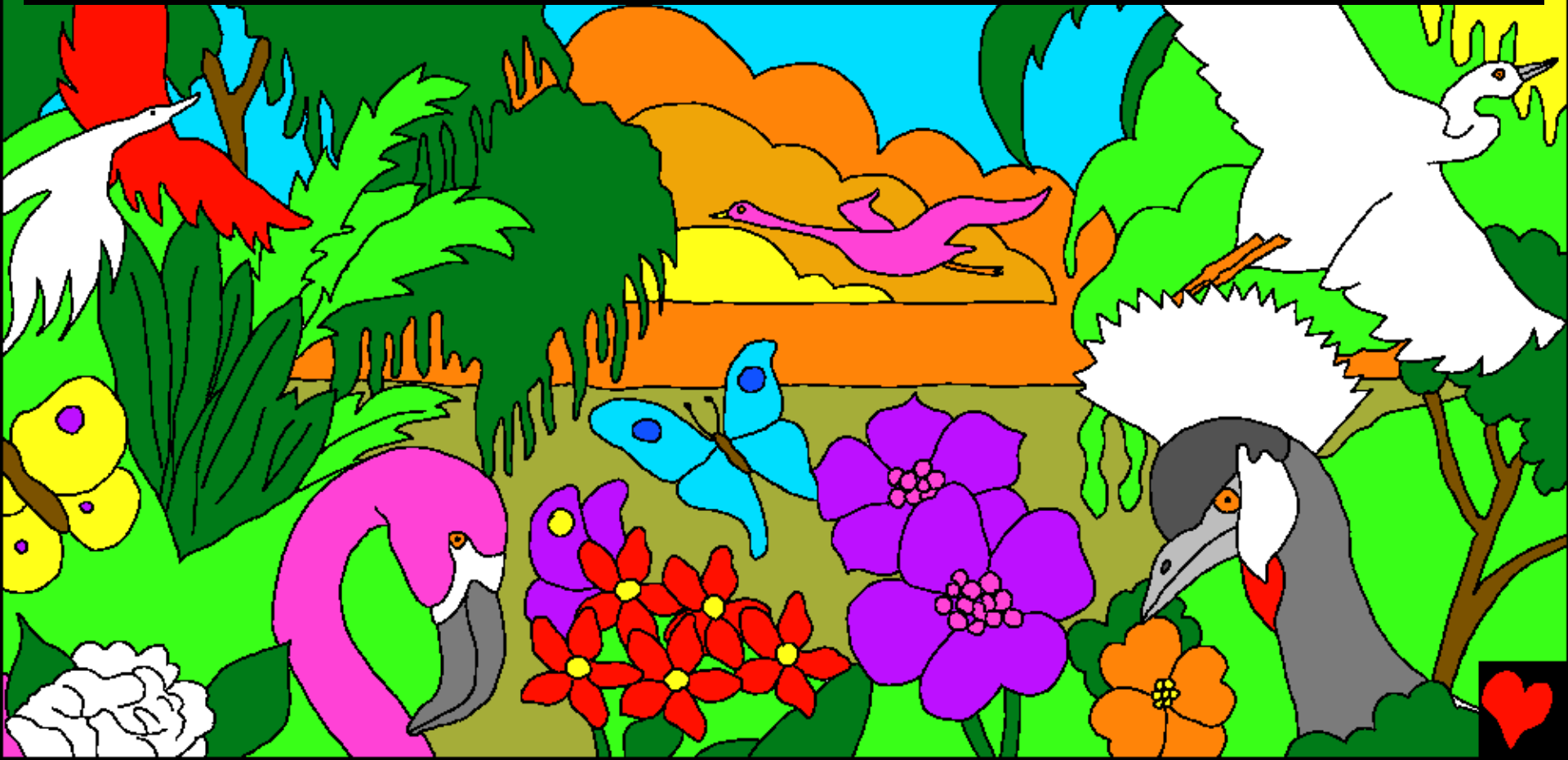
Would you have asked for lots of money or nice new clothes? Is that what Bartimaeus wanted?



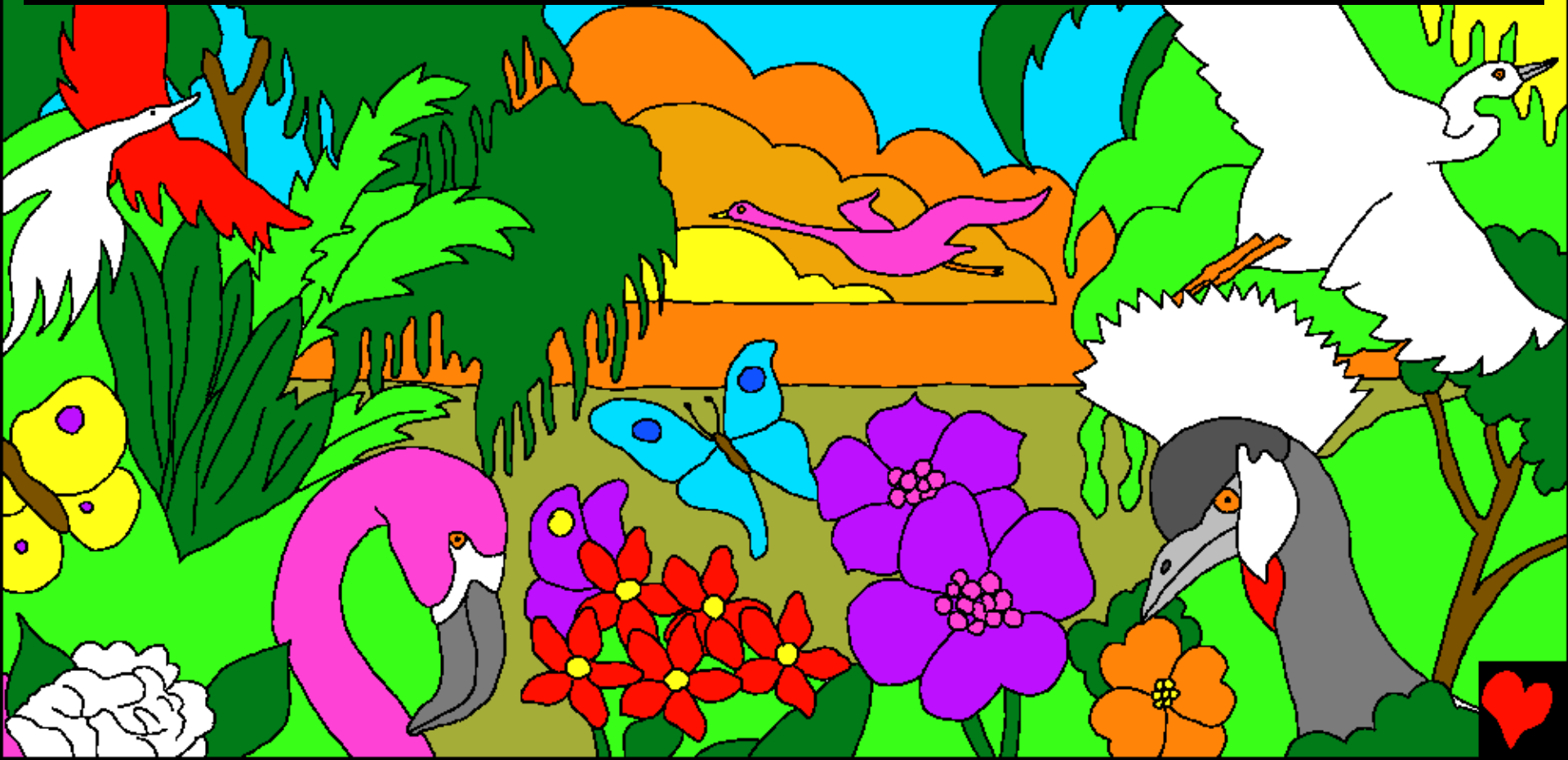
No, blind Bartimaeus didn't ask Jesus for gold or nice clothes. You know what he wanted.



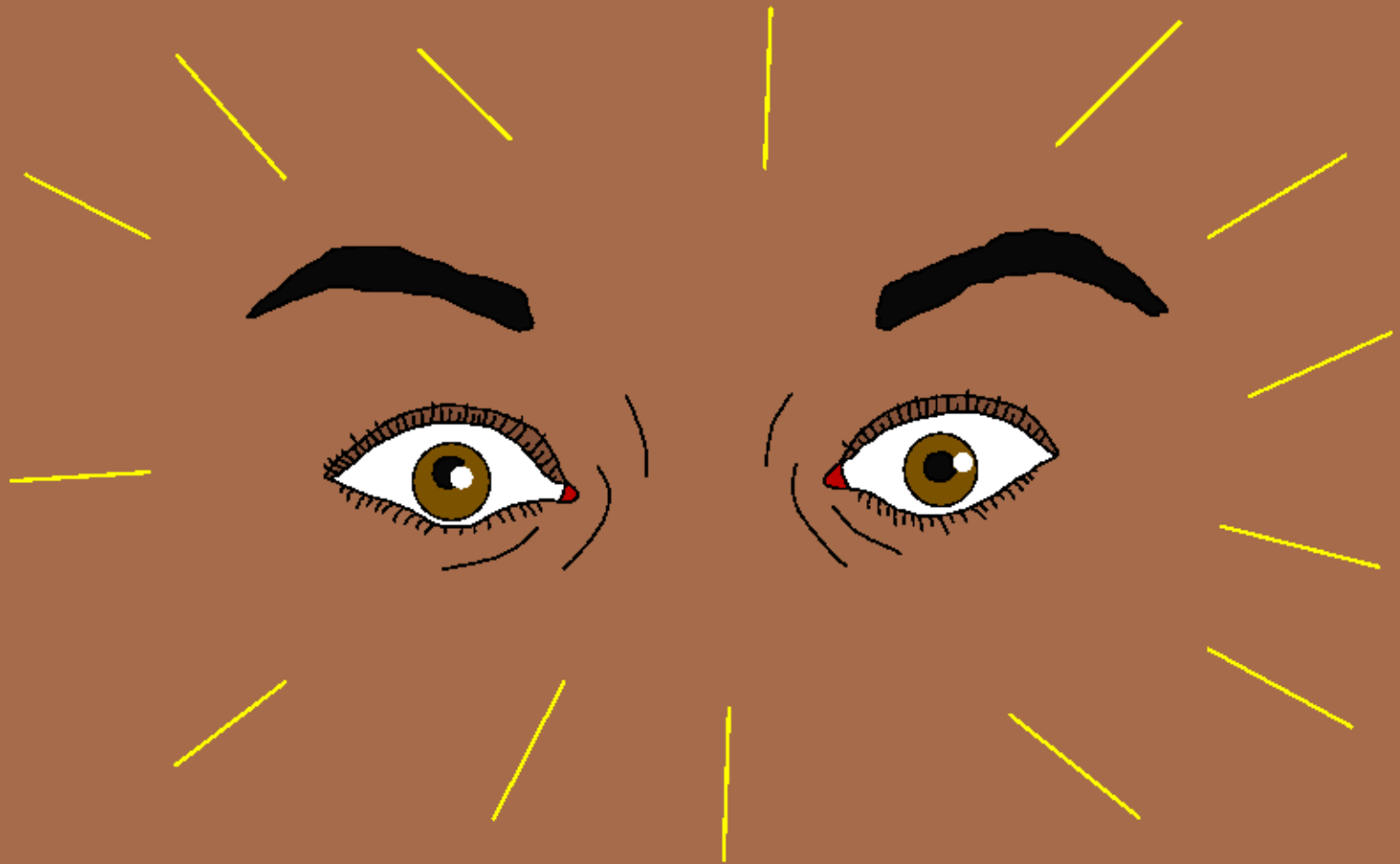
"Lord, that I may receive my sight."
Bartimaeus wanted to see! To see
the trees and the birds and ...



... all the beauty of God's creation.
He wanted to see so he could care
for himself and not be a beggar.



Then Jesus said to Bartimaeus:
"Receive your sight. Your faith has
saved you."



At once he received
his sight, and
followed
Jesus.
All he
could
say was
"God is
wonderful!"



He
healed
me!"
It was a
wonderful
moment for
Bartimaeus.



All the people,
when they saw it,
gave praise
to God.



Once again, they had seen the wonderful power of God's Son, Jesus, bringing sight to a poor blind beggar.



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A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Mark 10; Luke 18; John 9

"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

