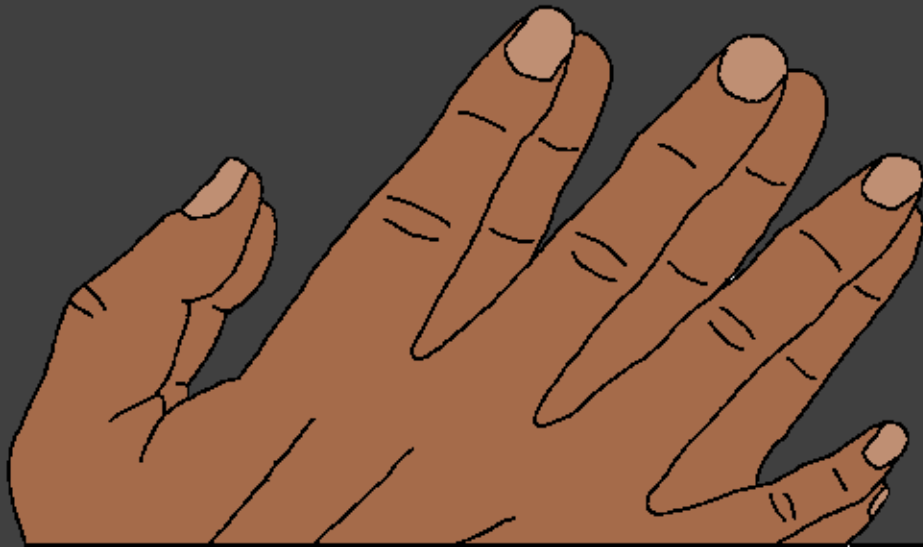


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PETER AND THE POWER OF PRAYER



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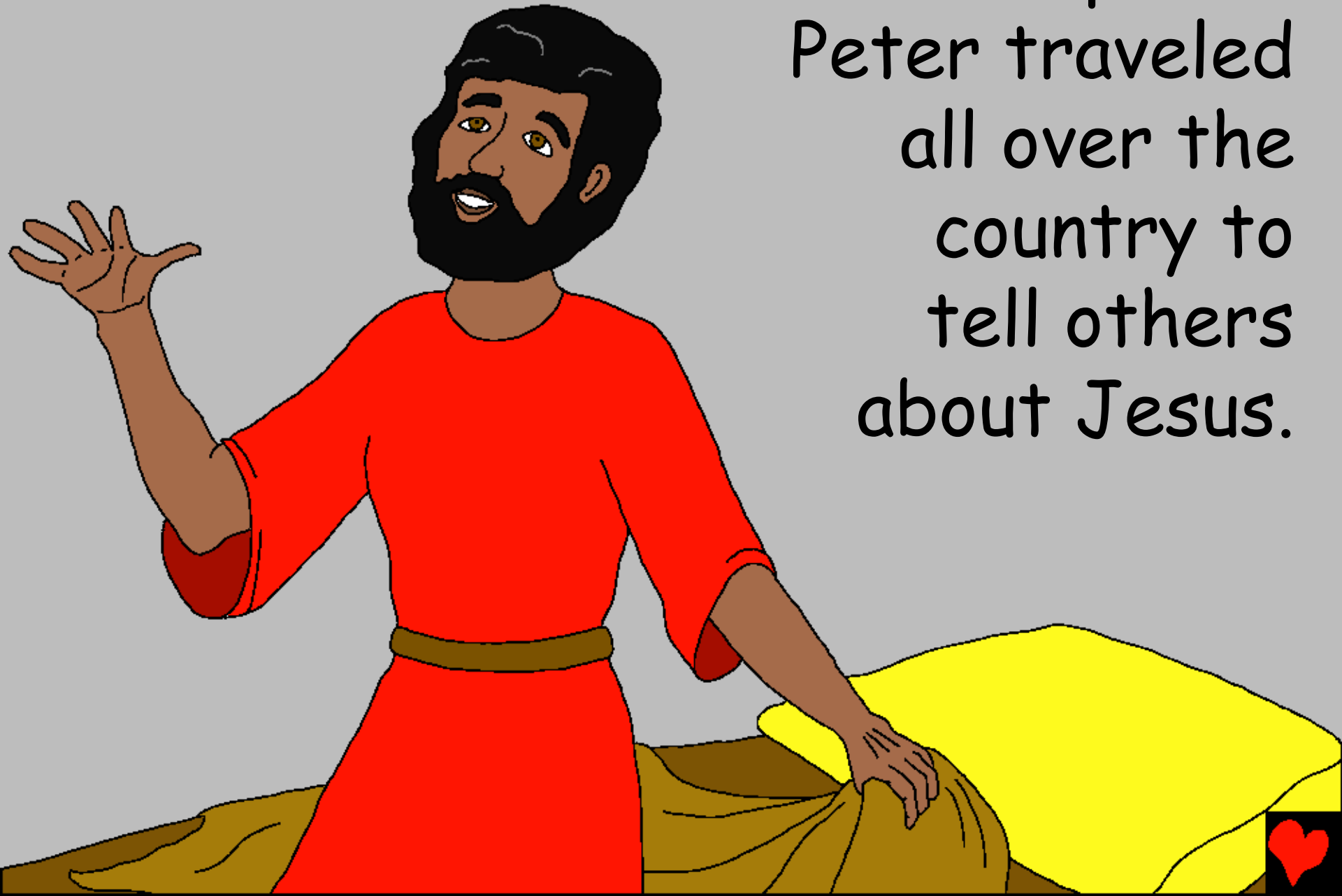
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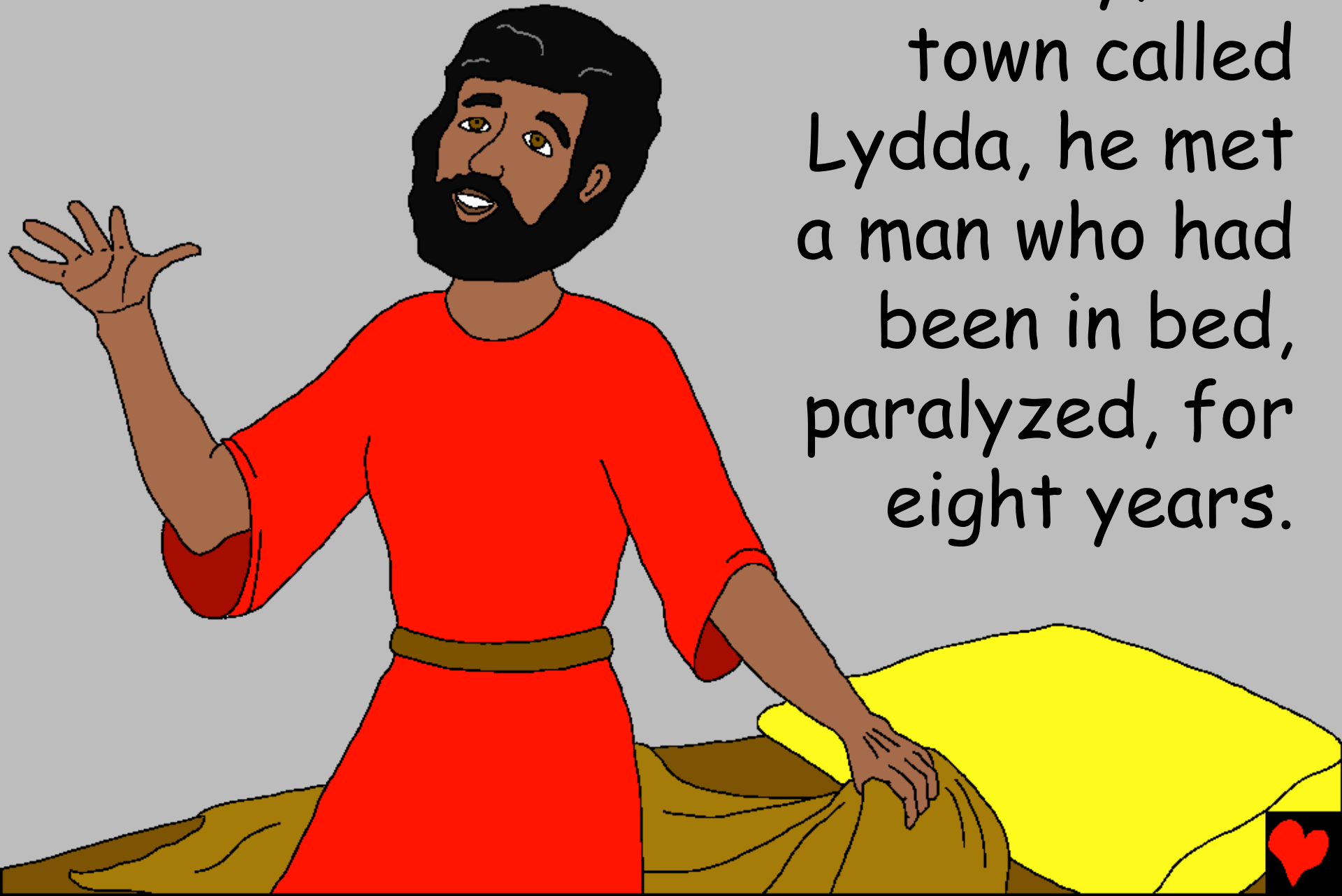
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The apostle
Peter traveled
all over the
country to
tell others
about Jesus.



One day, in a town called Lydda, he met a man who had been in bed, paralyzed, for eight years.



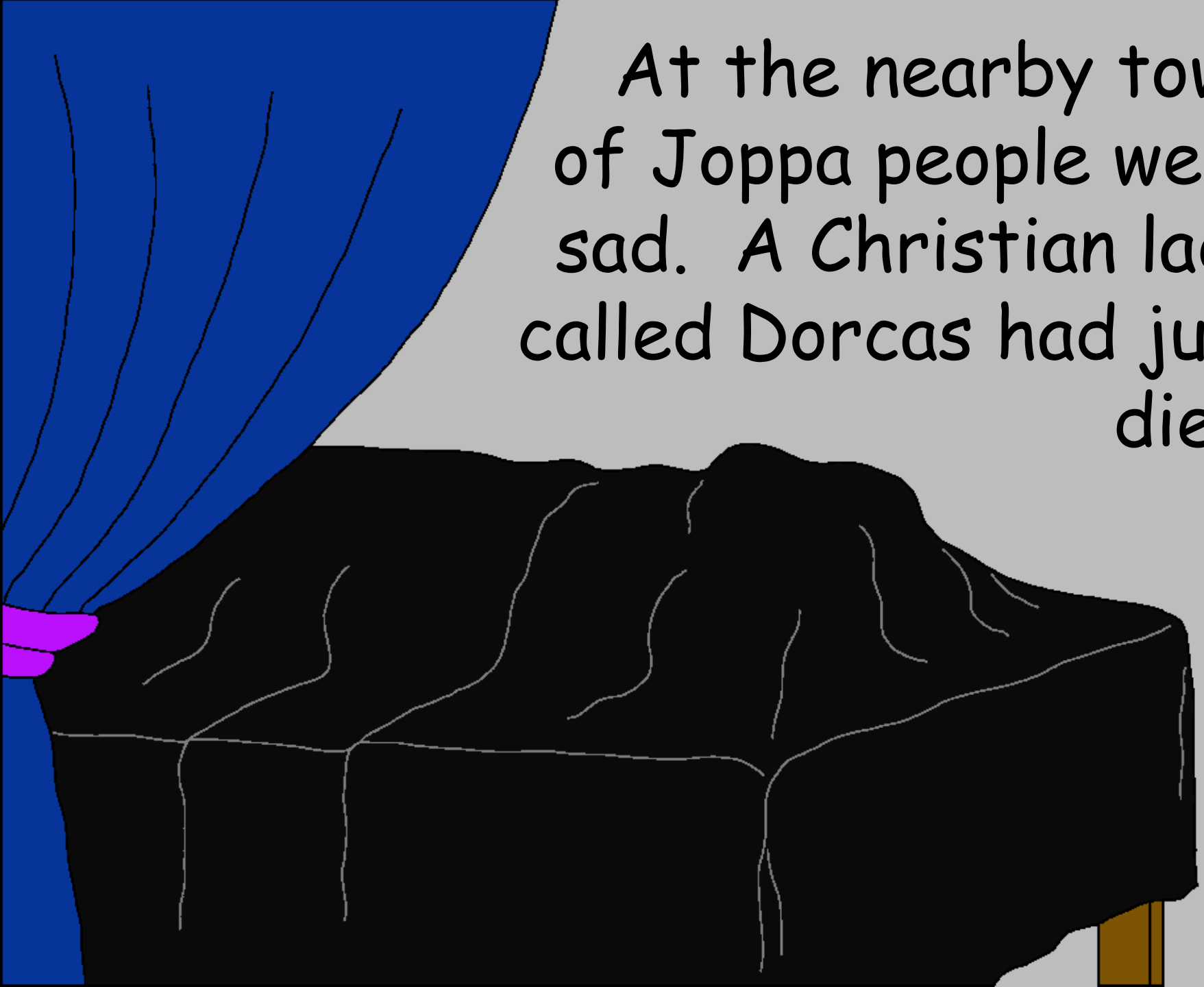
"Jesus Christ heals you," Peter said.

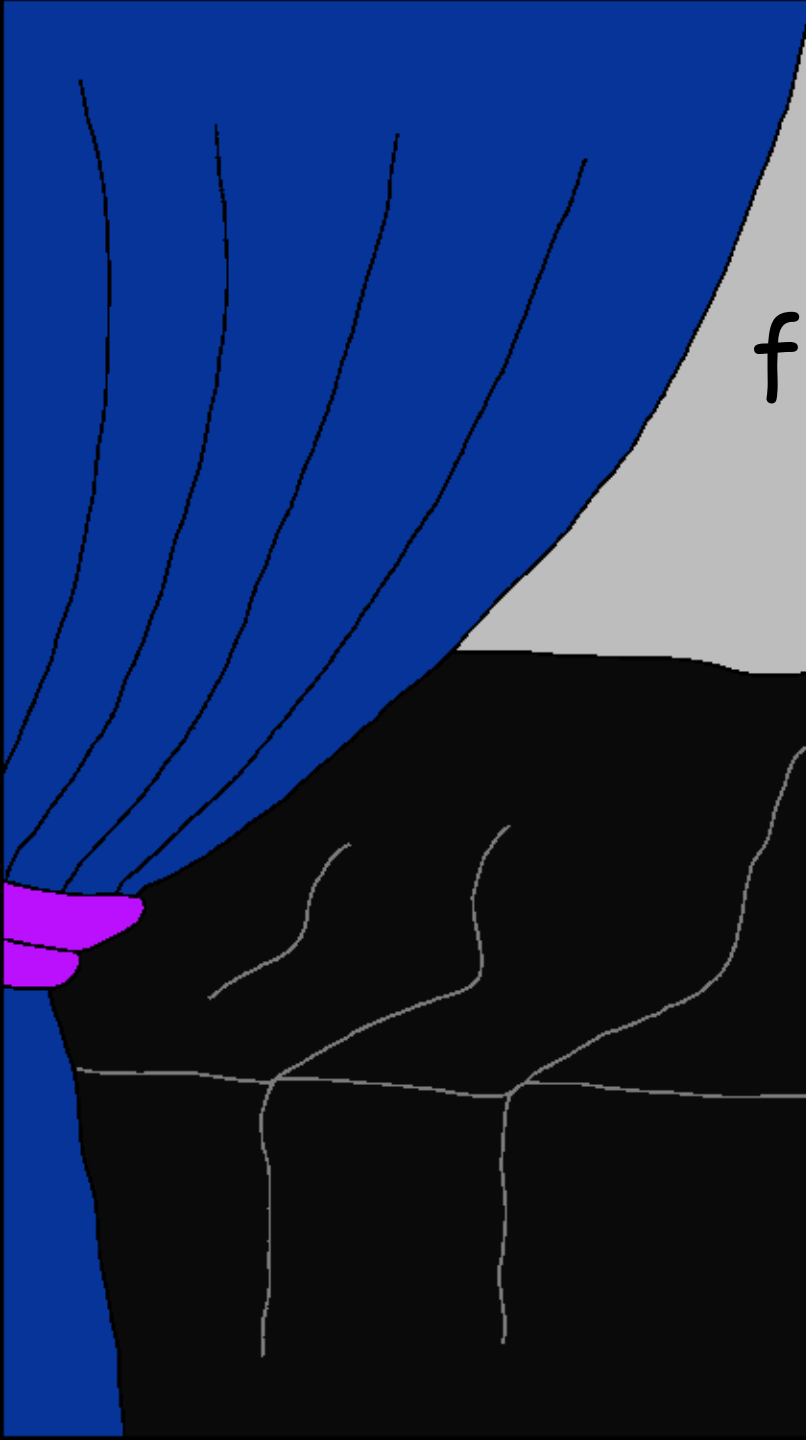
"Arise and make your bed." The man got up immediately.

People who saw this turned to the Lord.



At the nearby town
of Joppa people were
sad. A Christian lady
called Dorcas had just
died.





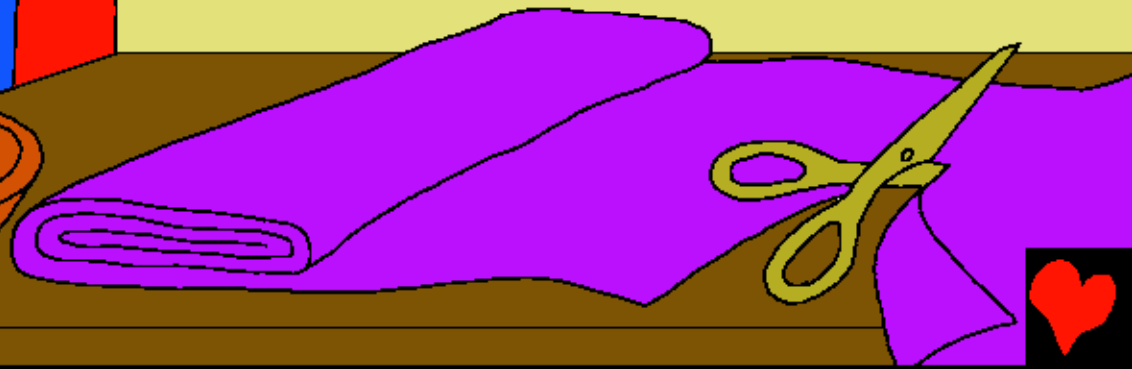
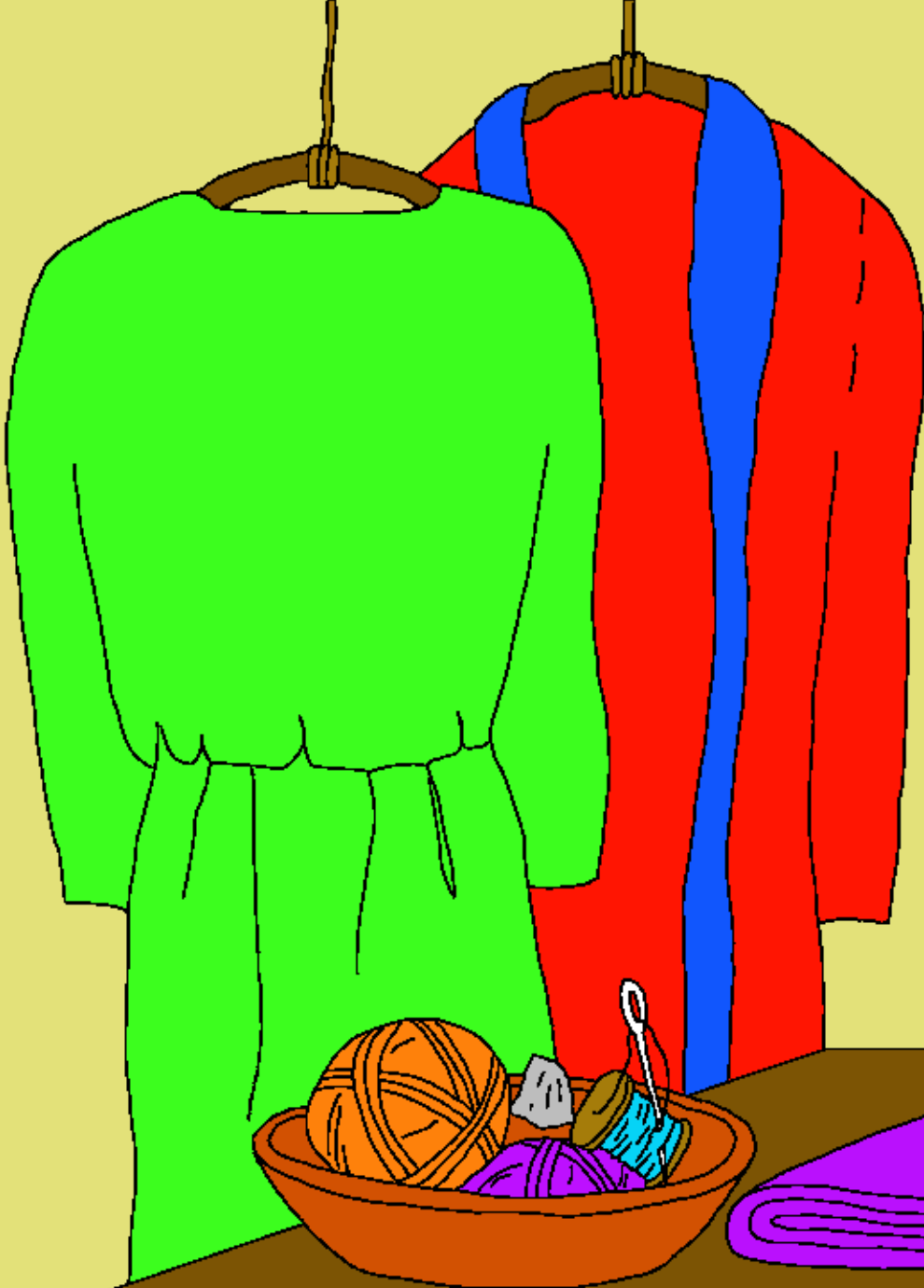
Sadly her friends
prepared her body
for burial, then placed
her in an upper room
where they



mourned
together.



But Dorcas' friends heard that Peter was in the area. They called for Peter to come to Joppa right away.



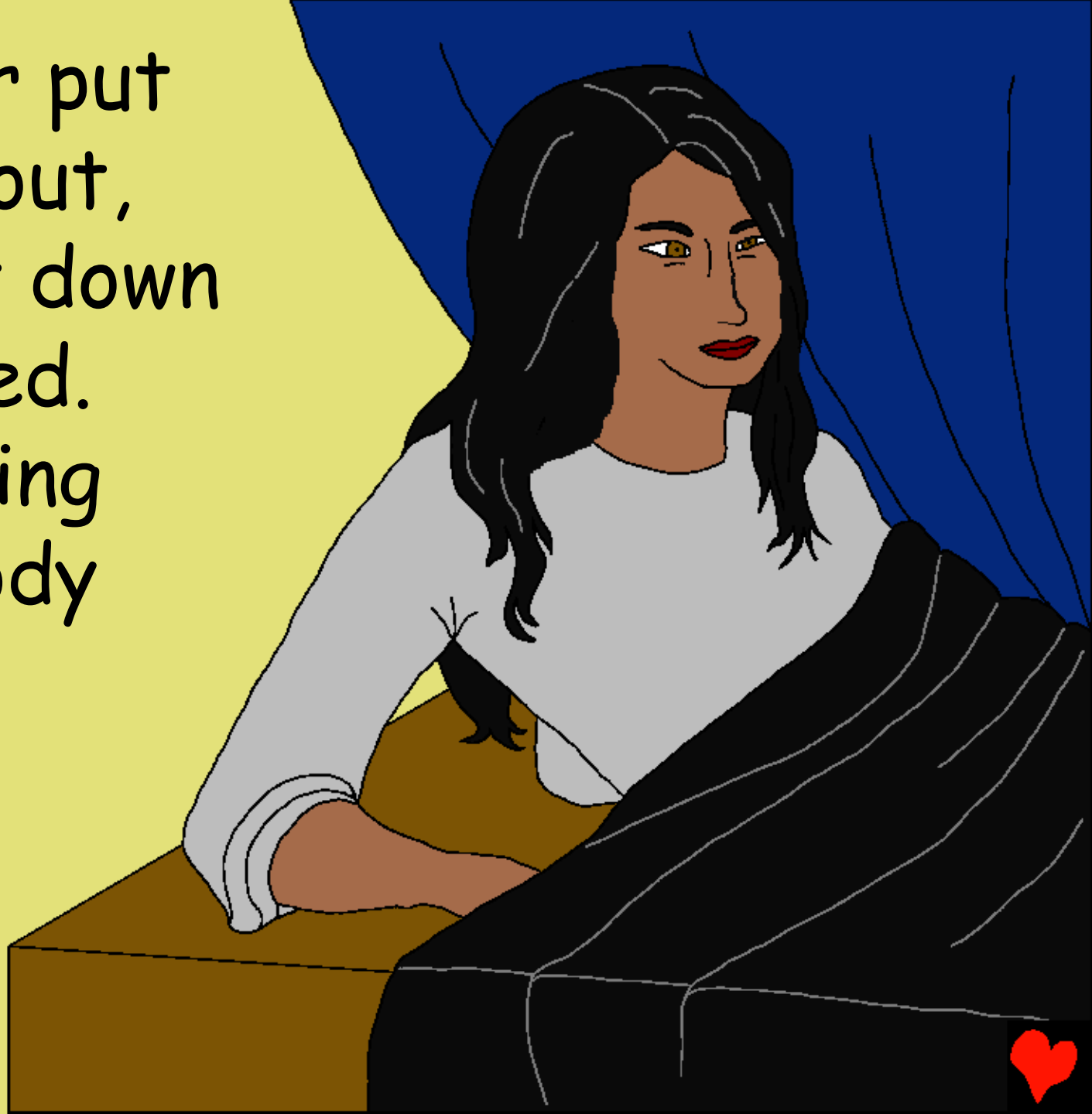
When he came
to that upper
room, the
widows showed
him the tunics
and garments
Dorcas had
made for them.



Everyone
was crying.

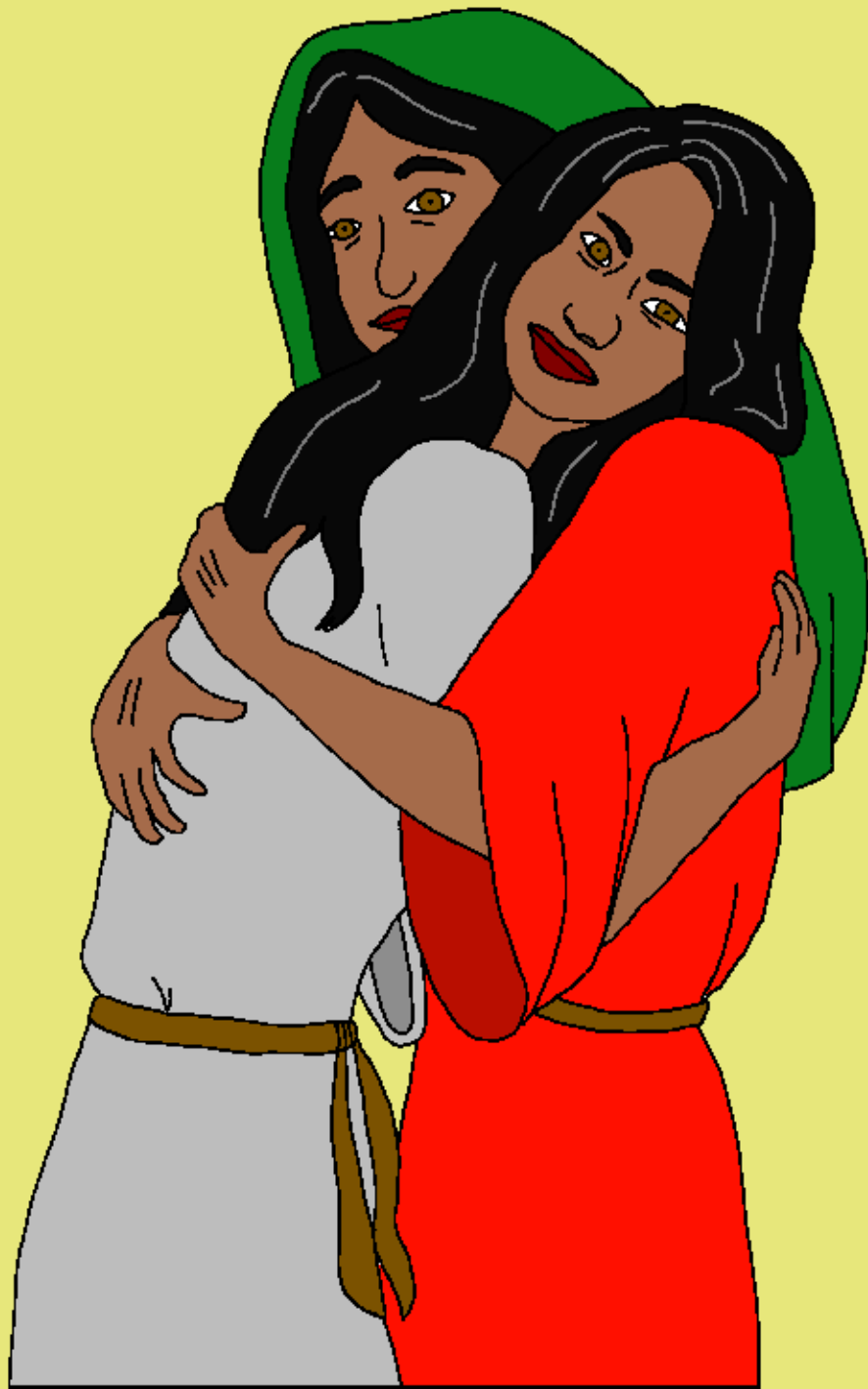


But Peter put
them all out,
and knelt down
and prayed.
And turning
to the body
he said,
"Dorcas,
arise."



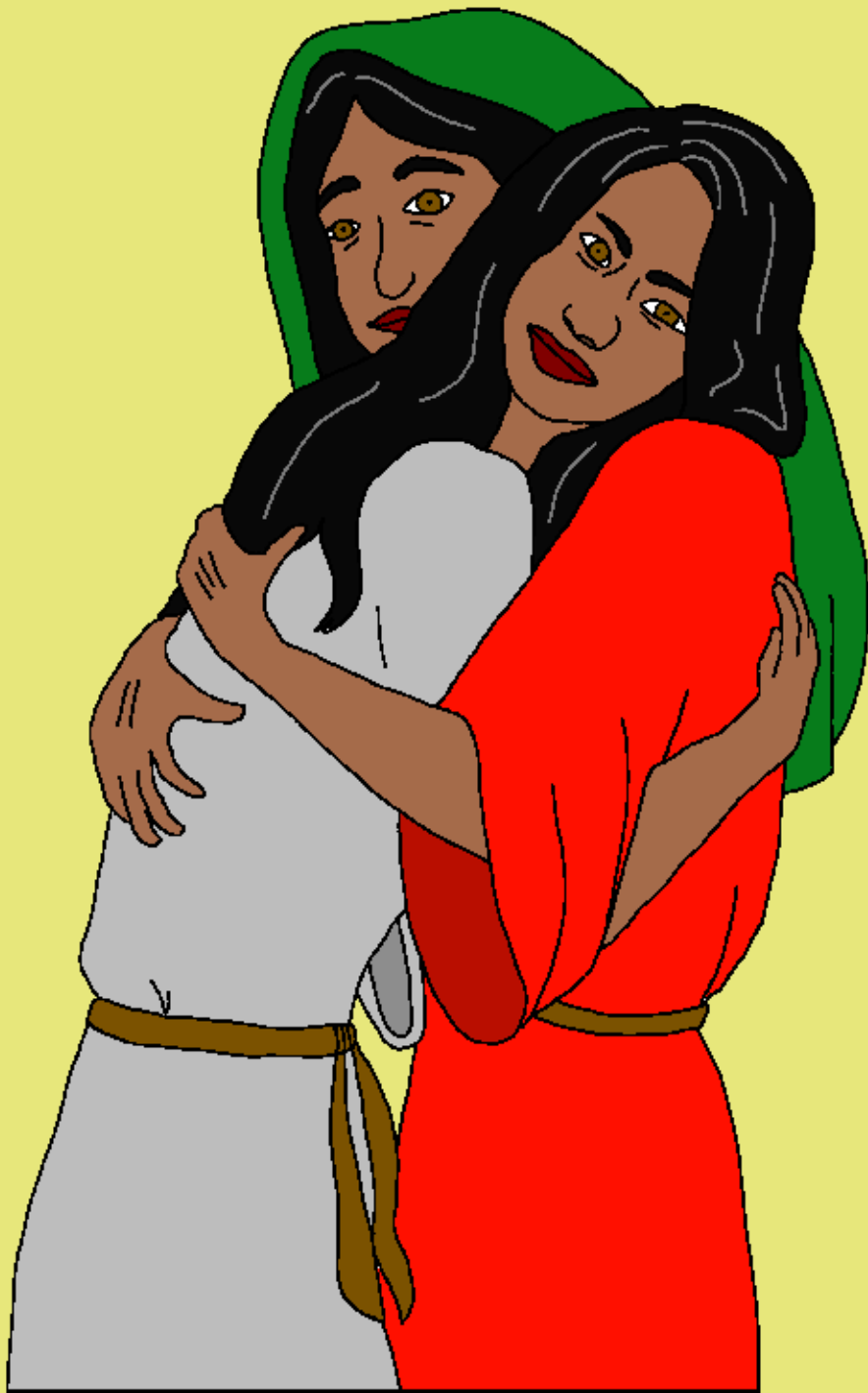
And she
opened her
eyes, and when
she saw Peter
she sat up.





Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints (Christians) and widows, he presented her alive.





And it
became
known
throughout
all Joppa,
and many
believed on
the Lord.



Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, in a house by the

sea. One day



Peter went
up on the
house-top to
pray.



If he had looked over the city walls, he may have seen

three travelers



coming to
find him.



These men were servants of a
Roman soldier
named



Cornelius
who
worshipped
God.



Cornelius sent his servants to
find Peter because an angel
told him



in a
vision,

"Send for
Peter."



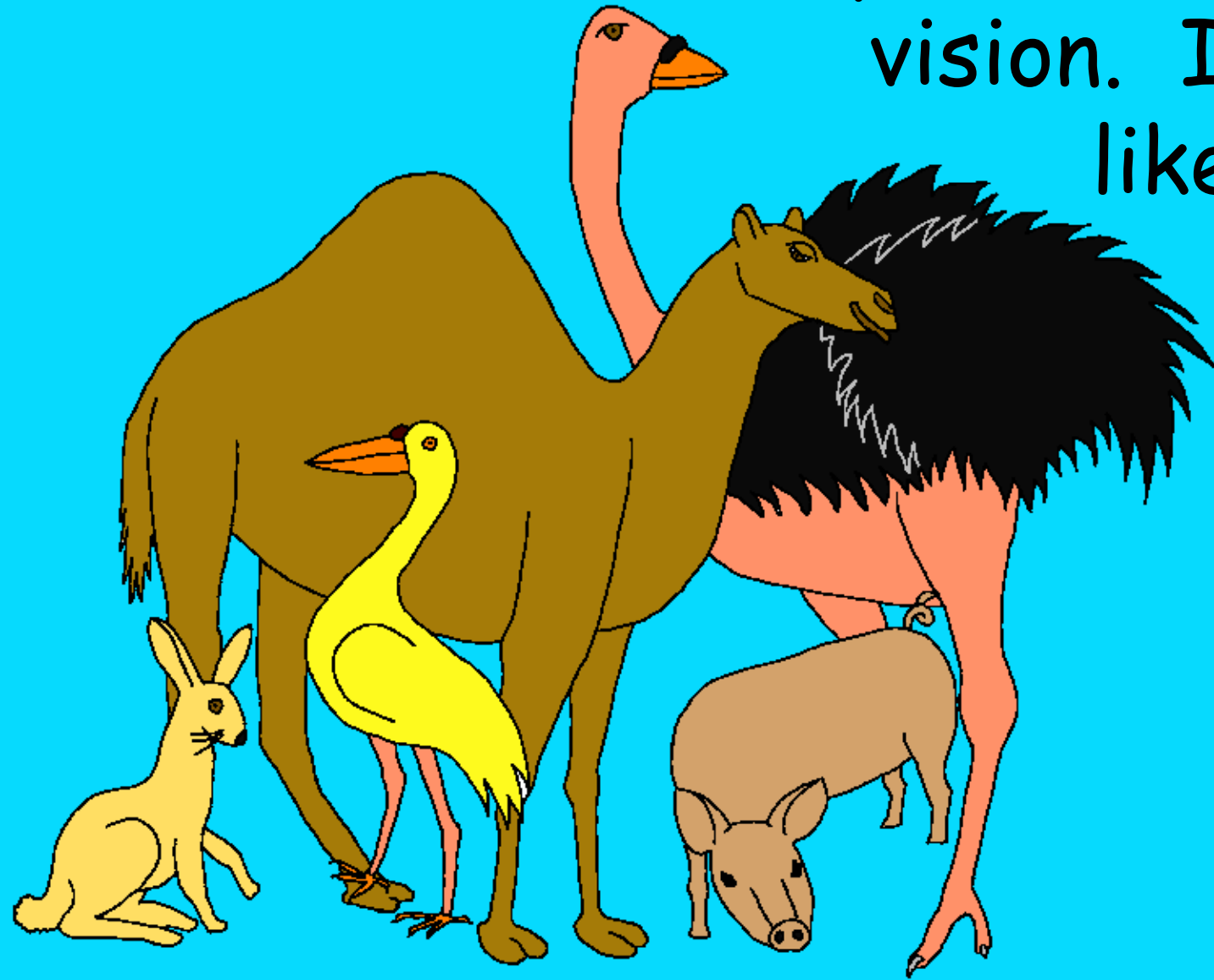
He is lodging with Simon, a
tanner whose house is by the
sea.



He will
tell you
what you
must do."

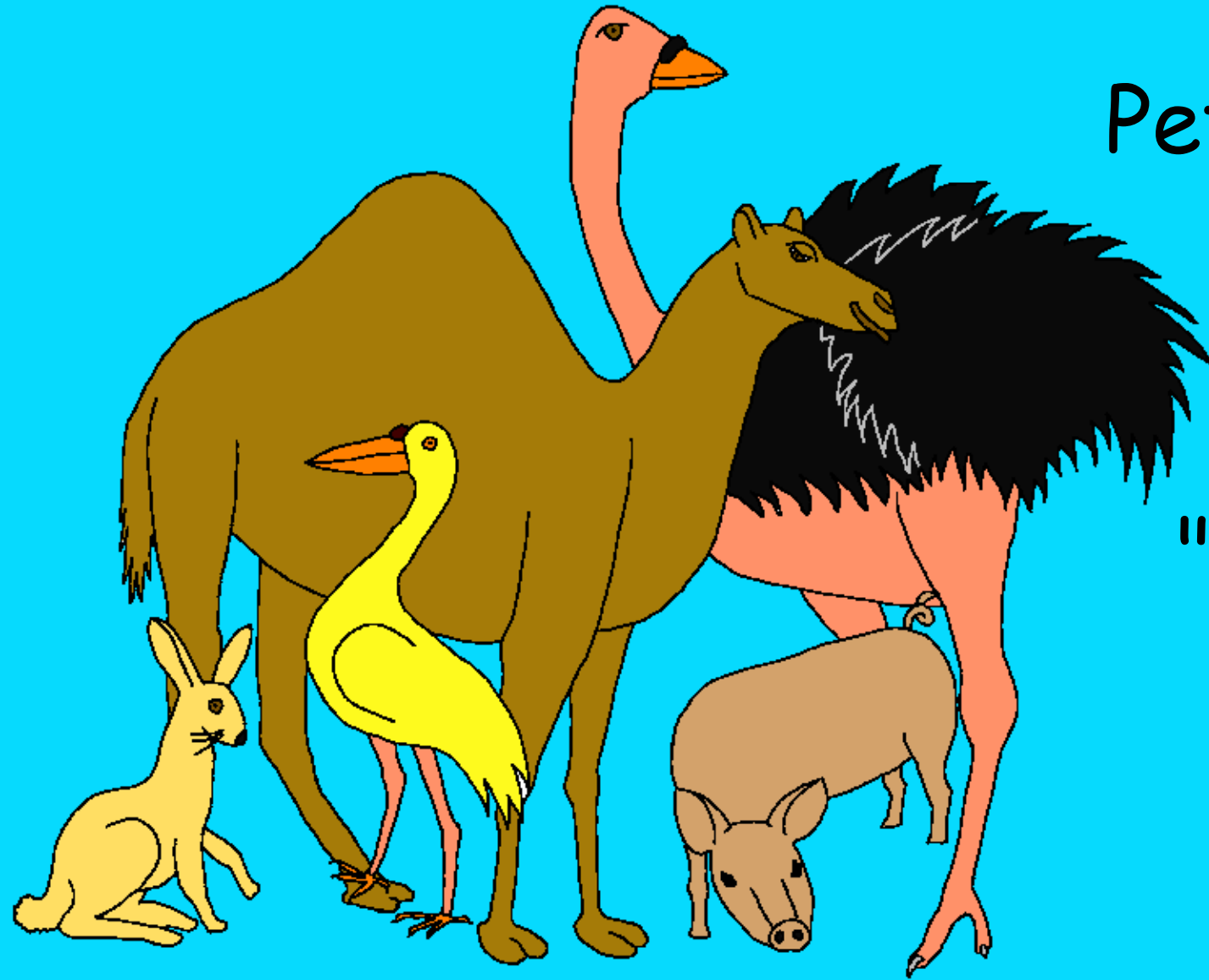


While Peter prayed on the house-
top, God sent him a
vision. It looked
like a great
sheet
being
lowered
to the
earth.



On the sheet were
animals and birds.

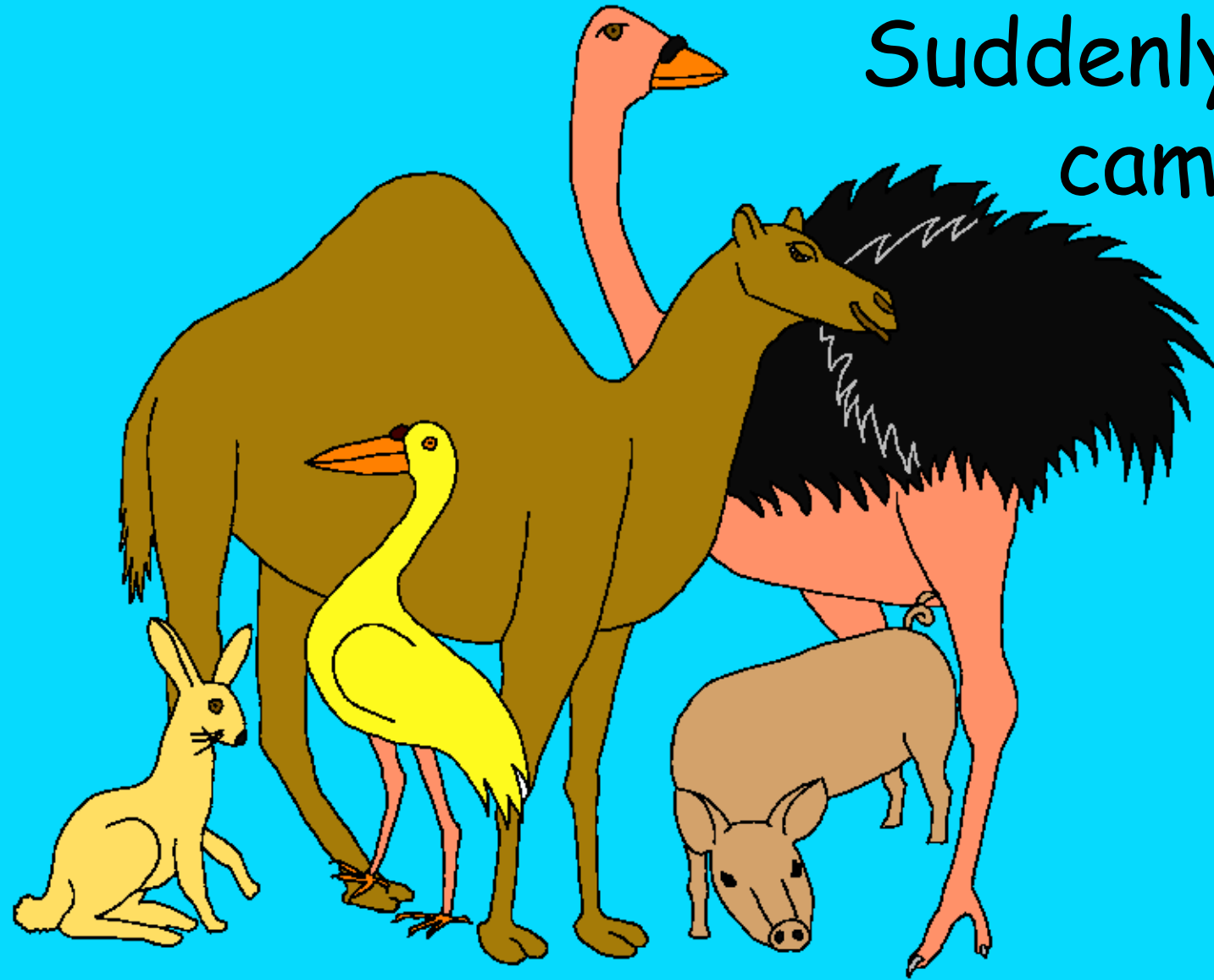
Peter could
tell that
these
were
"unclean".



That meant religious Jews were not allowed to eat them.

Suddenly, a voice came to him.

"Rise, Peter, kill and eat."



"Not so, Lord!"
Peter told God.
"For I have never
eaten anything
common or
unclean." A
voice spoke
to him a
second
time.



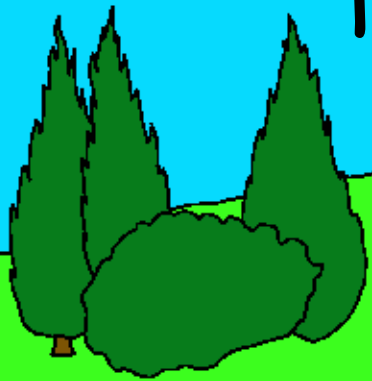
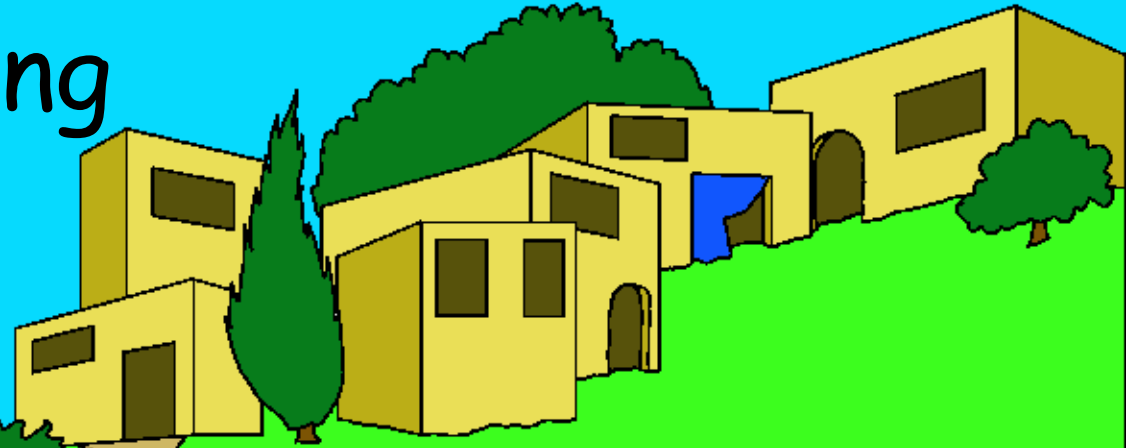
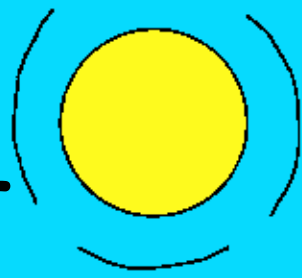
"What God has
cleansed you must
not call common."

This was done
three times.

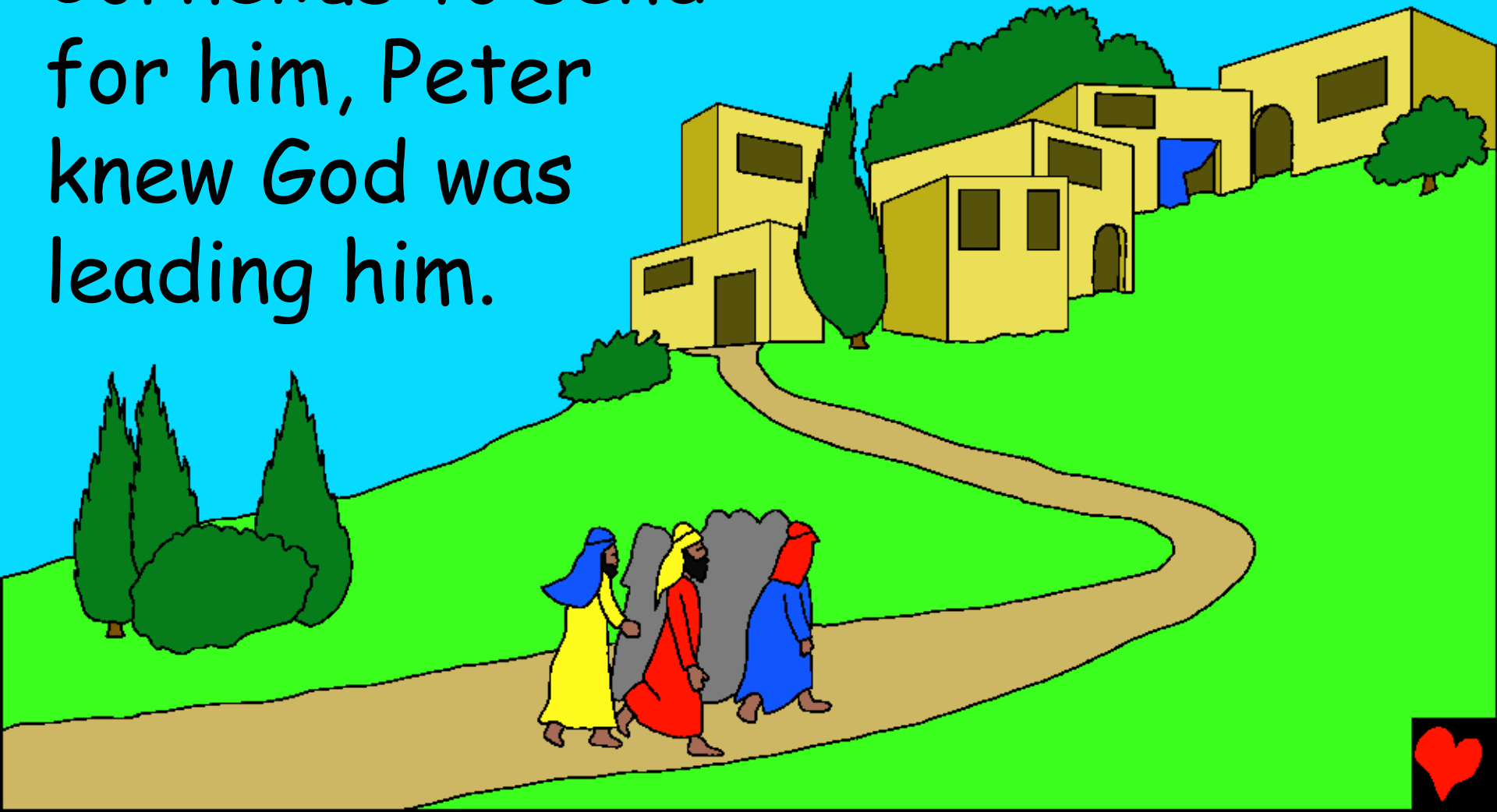
And then the
sheet was taken
up into
heaven
again.



Peter didn't understand what the vision meant. As he thought about it, God told him that three men were seeking him and he should go with them.

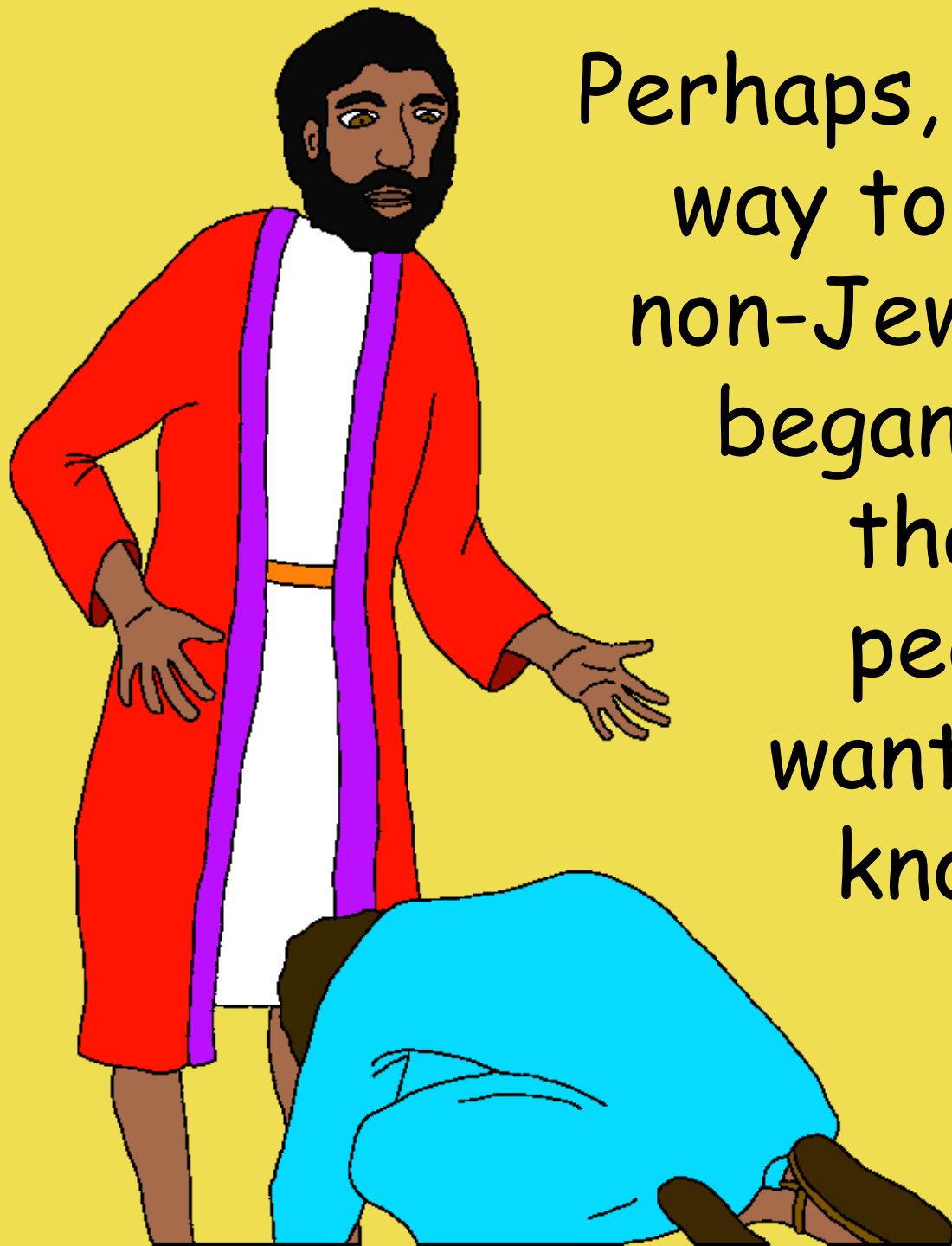


When the three men told Peter that a holy angel told Cornelius to send for him, Peter knew God was leading him.



The next day, he and
six friends went to
Cornelius'
house.





Perhaps, as he made his way to the house of a non-Jewish man, Peter began to understand that God loves all people - that God wants all nations to know Jesus is the Savior of the world.





When Peter arrived,
Cornelius fell down in
worship before him.
"Stand up. I myself
am also a man," Peter
told Cornelius.



Then he said to all the people in the house, "You know how unlawful it is for a ...



... Jewish man to keep company with
or go to one of another nation."



"But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean."



Peter told these Gentiles (non-Jews) that Jesus is the son of God Who died on the cross and rose again to be Savior of the world.



Then the Holy Spirit fell upon them all and they began to praise God. Peter's six Jewish friends were astonished.



It was like Pentecost. The gift of the Holy Spirit was being poured out on the Gentiles also. Then Peter baptized the new believers in Jesus.



In Jerusalem, the Christians scolded Peter for visiting Gentiles. So Peter told them about the visions he and Cornelius had received in prayer.



When they heard these things,
the Jerusalem Christians
became silent. And they glorified
God, Who had, through prayer,
shown the Christian church that
God's love is for
everybody.



Peter and the Power of Prayer

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Acts 9-12

"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

