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GIDEON'S  
LITTLE  
ARMY



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After Joshua died, all the people of Israel disobeyed God and left Him out of their lives.



God let the neighboring Midianites burn Israel's crops and houses.

The Israelites had to live in caves.



One Israelite, Gideon,  
must have had a secret  
place to grow wheat.  
He threshed the  
grain by a

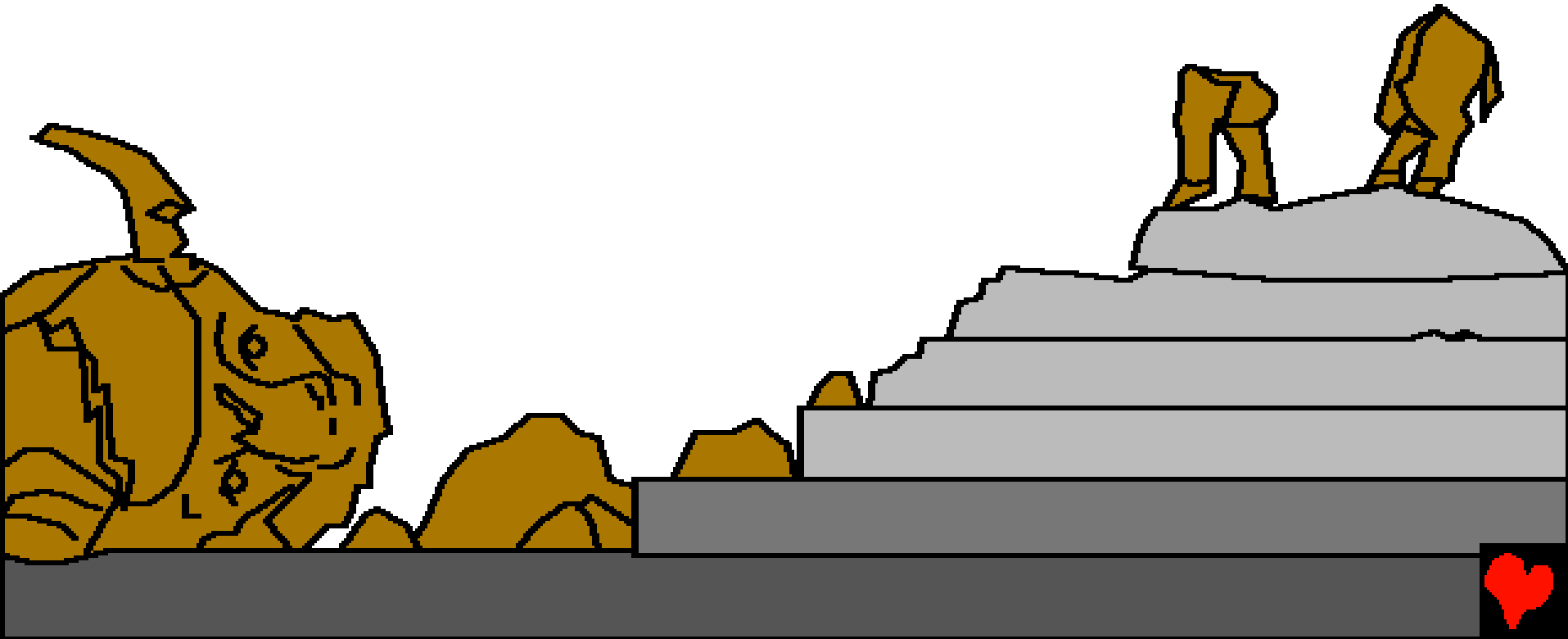
hidden  
winepress,  
under a  
large tree.



The Midianites didn't know the place - but God did! God sent an Angel with a message for Gideon.



God wanted Gideon to destroy his own father's image of a false god and build an altar to the true God. Though Gideon was afraid his countrymen would kill him, he did what God commanded.

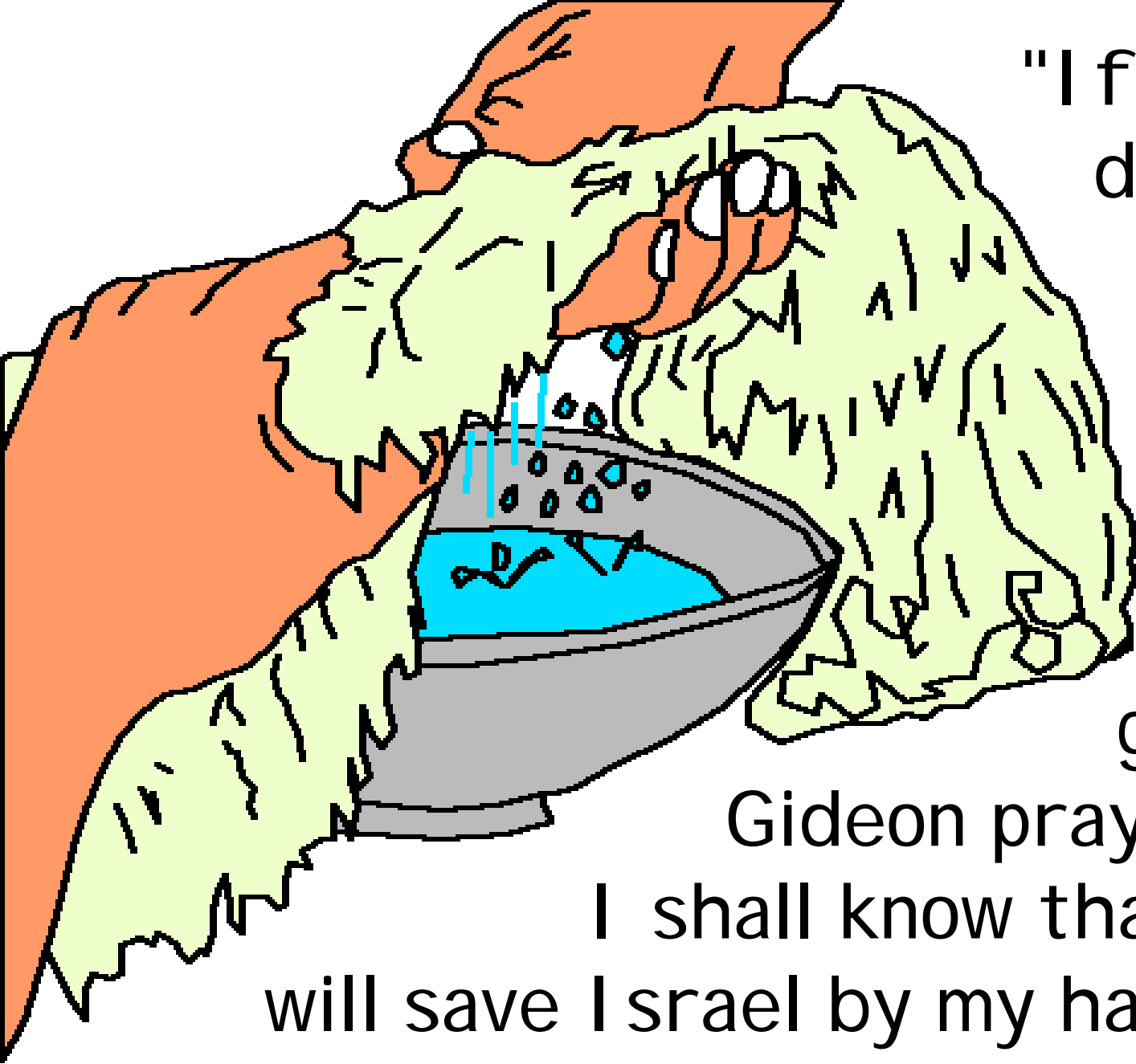


God also wanted Gideon to lead Israel's army against the wicked Midianites. But Gideon was afraid. He asked for a special sign that God was with him.



Then  
he laid a  
fleecy sheepskin  
on the ground.

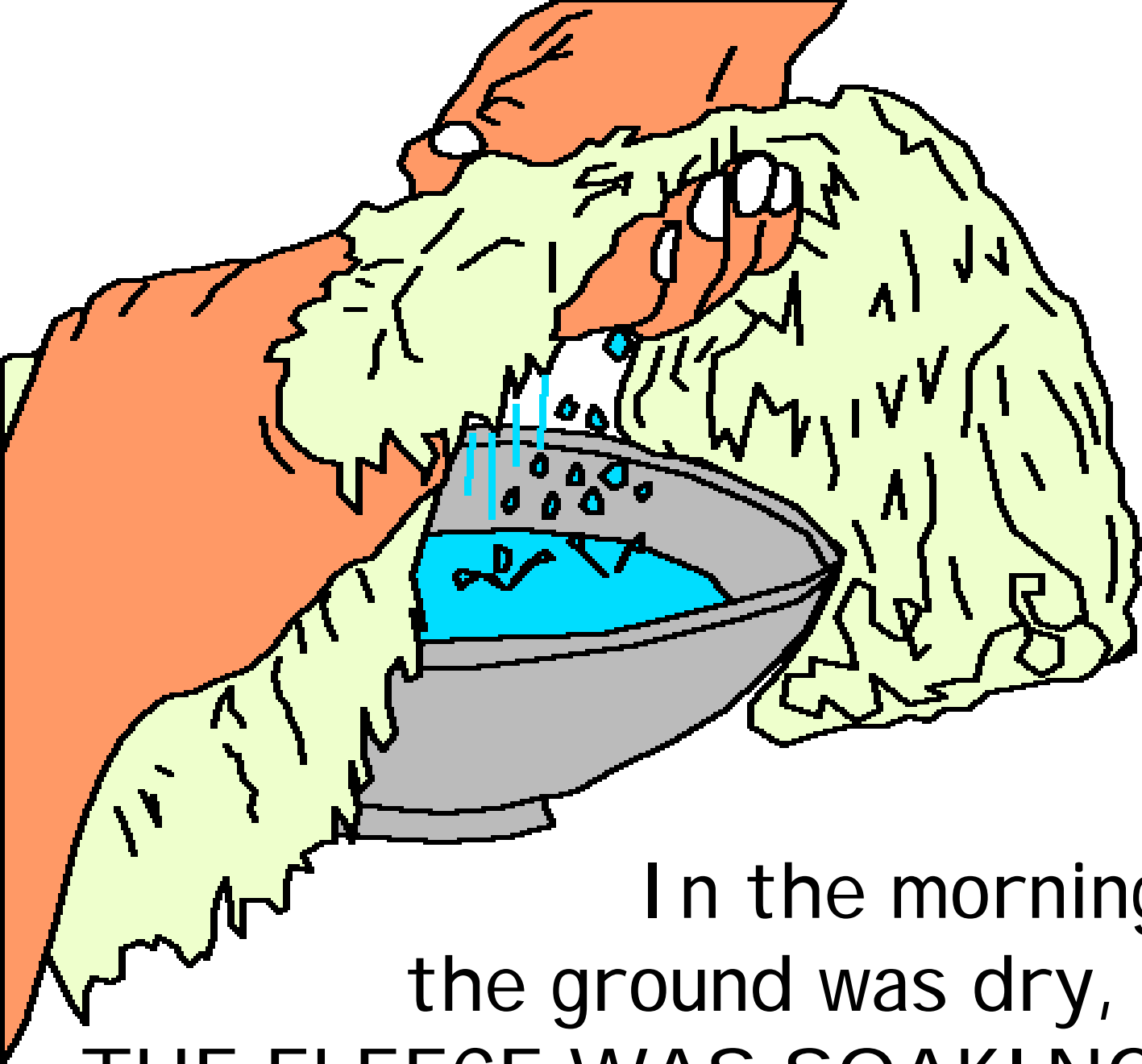




"If there is  
dew on the  
fleece  
only,  
and it is  
dry on  
all the  
ground,"

Gideon prayed, "then  
I shall know that You  
will save Israel by my hand, as  
You have said."





In the morning,  
the ground was dry, but  
**THE FLEECE WAS SOAKING WET!**



Gideon still doubted. Now he wanted God to send dew on the ground but not on the fleece.

Next morning - the ground was soggy, but  
**THE FLEECE WAS DRY!**

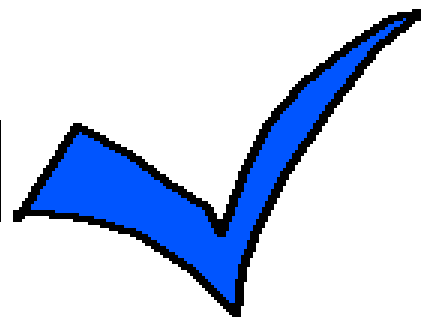


Gideon started out with an army of 32,000. God cut it down to only 300 men. God did not want Israel to say "My own hand has saved me." God alone was Israel's Saviour.

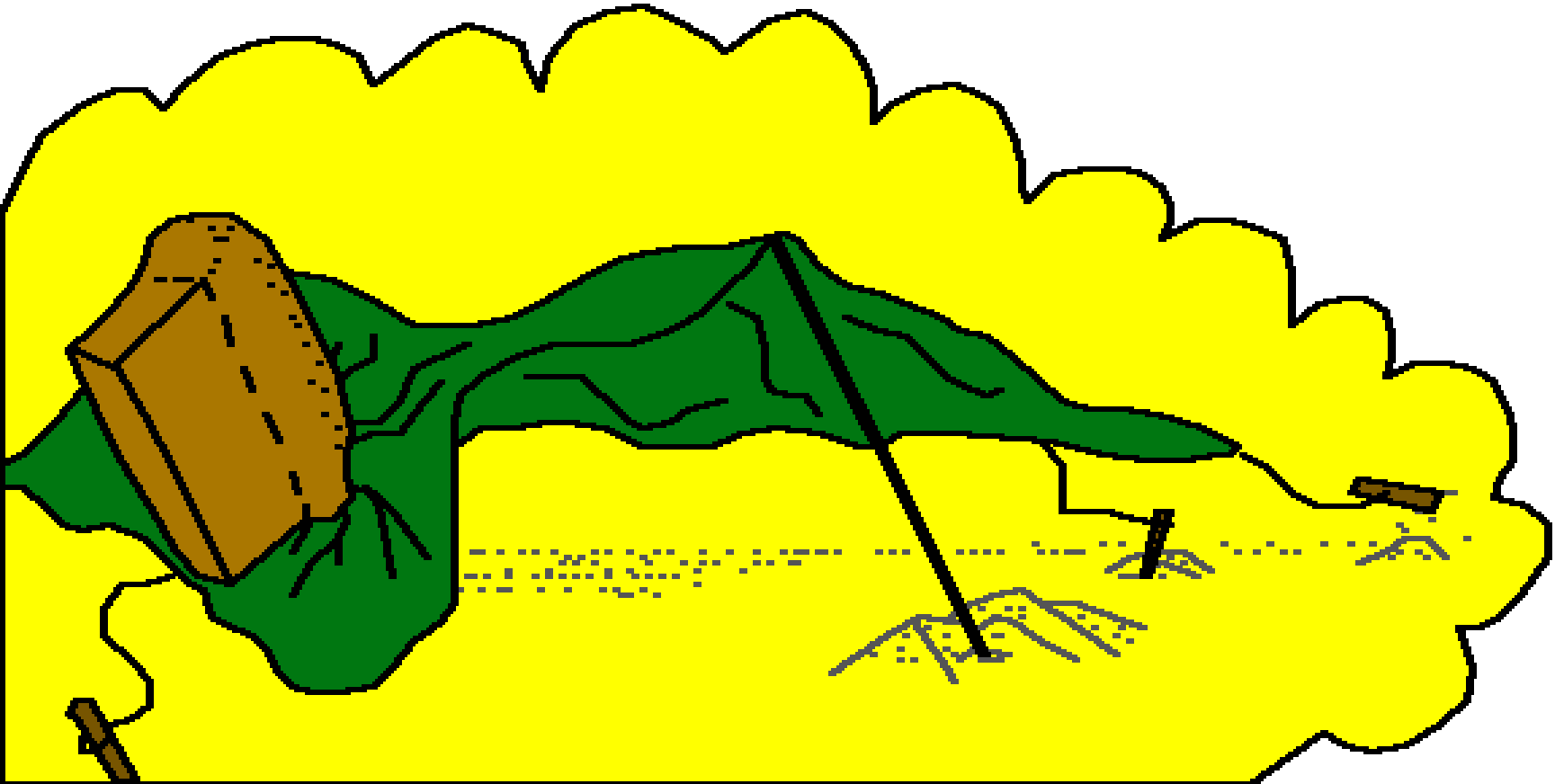
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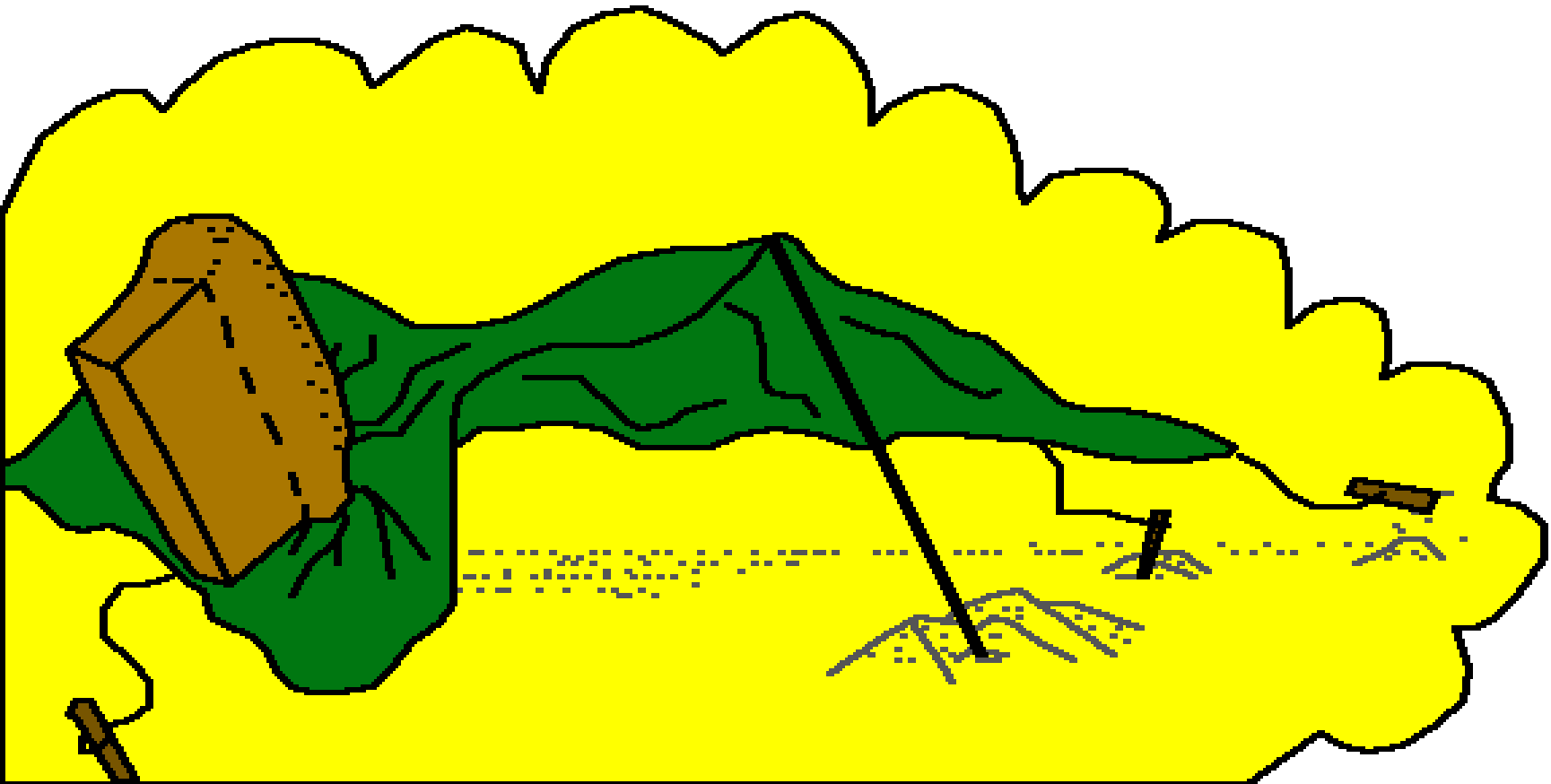
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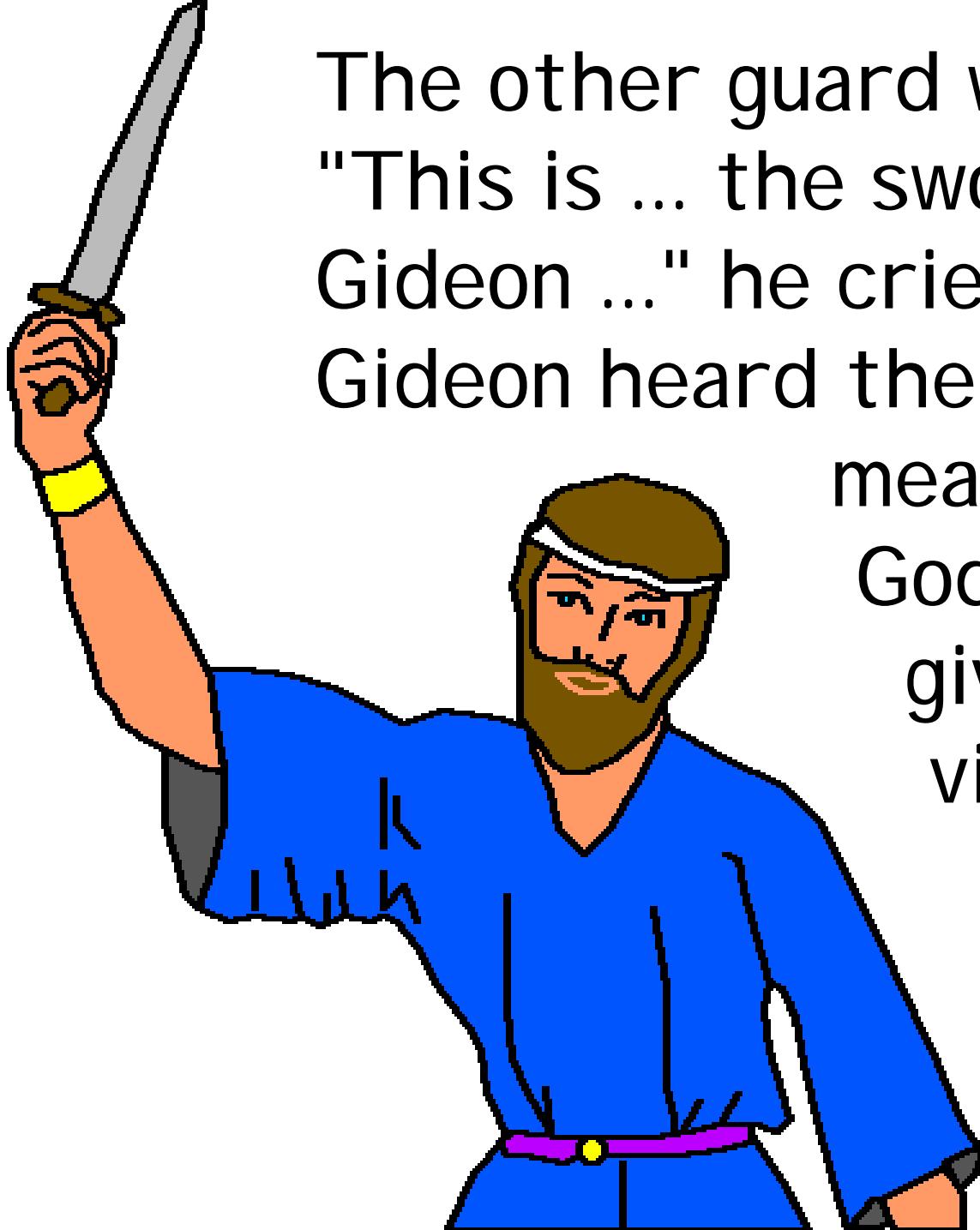
Knowing Gideon was still afraid, God let him secretly overhear one Midianite soldier tell another about a strange dream.



In the dream, a loaf of bread tumbled against a Midianite tent and destroyed it.



The other guard was terrified.  
"This is ... the sword of  
Gideon ..." he cried. When  
Gideon heard the dream and its  
meaning, he knew  
God was going to  
give him the  
victory.



Gideon planned a night attack. He gave each soldier a trumpet, and empty

pitchers with torches inside.

They surrounded the Midianite army.





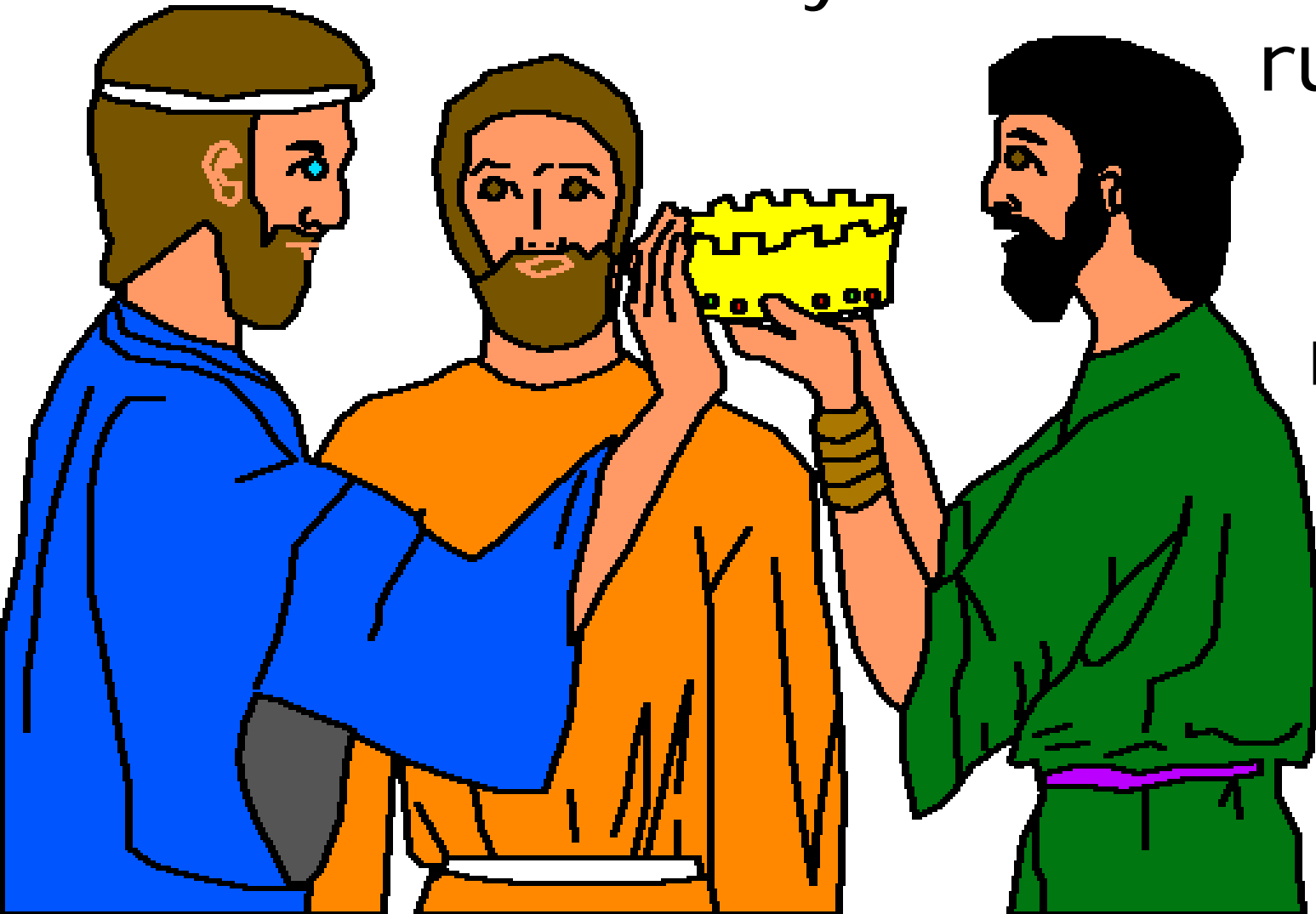
At Gideon's signal, the soldiers blew their trumpets, smashed their pitchers and lit their torches. What noise! What confusion! The scared Midianites got up and ran away.



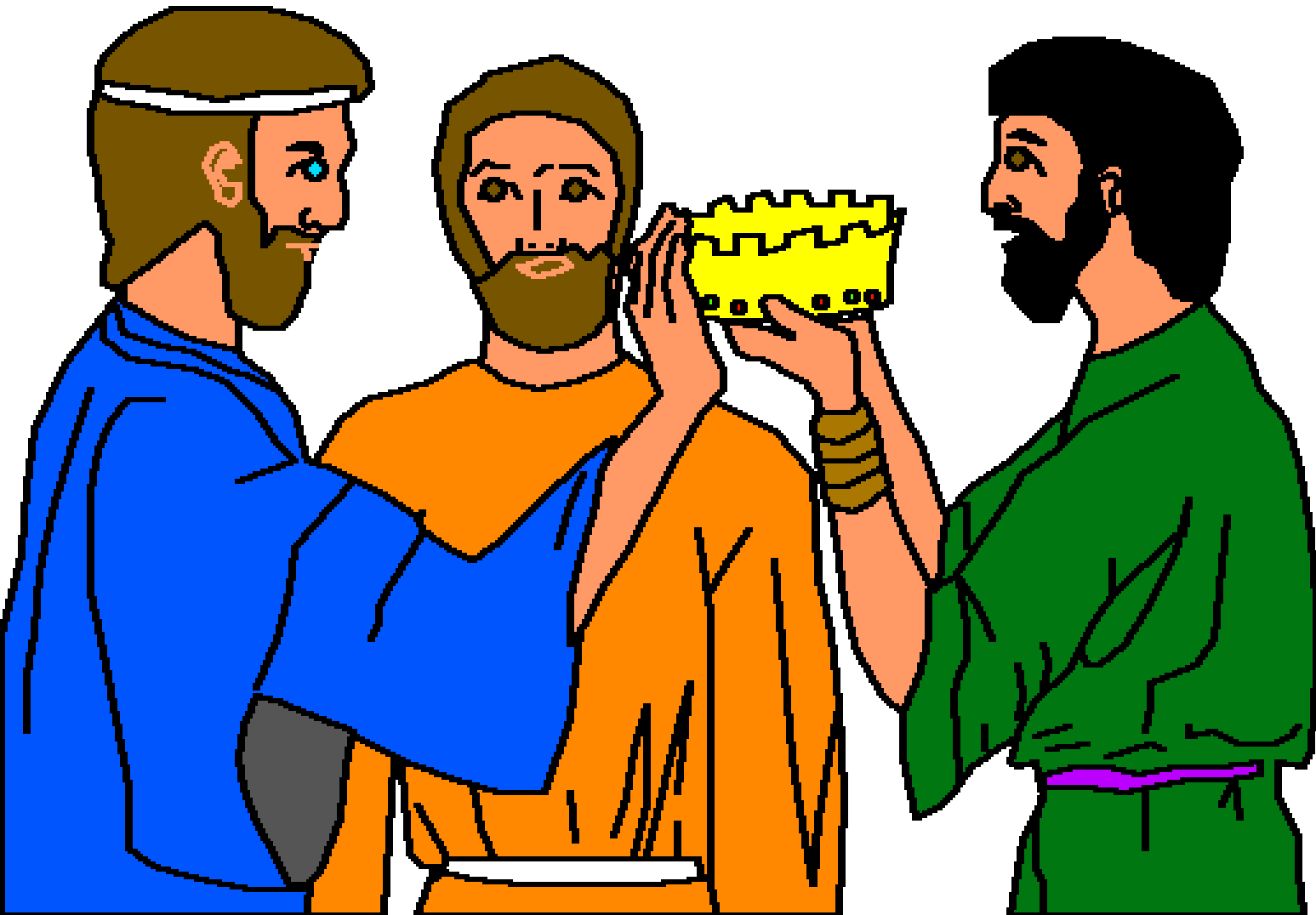
After this great victory, the men of Israel asked Gideon to rule over them.

"I will not rule over you .. the Lord shall

rule over you,"  
Gideon replied.



He knew that only God has the right to rule in people's lives.



# Gideon's Little Army

A story from God's Word, the Bible,  
is found in  
Judges 6-9

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."  
Psalm 119:130



The End

