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JESUS FEEDS 5000 PEOPLE



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Many religious leaders (called Pharisees) told lies about Jesus.

Some even tried to kill him.



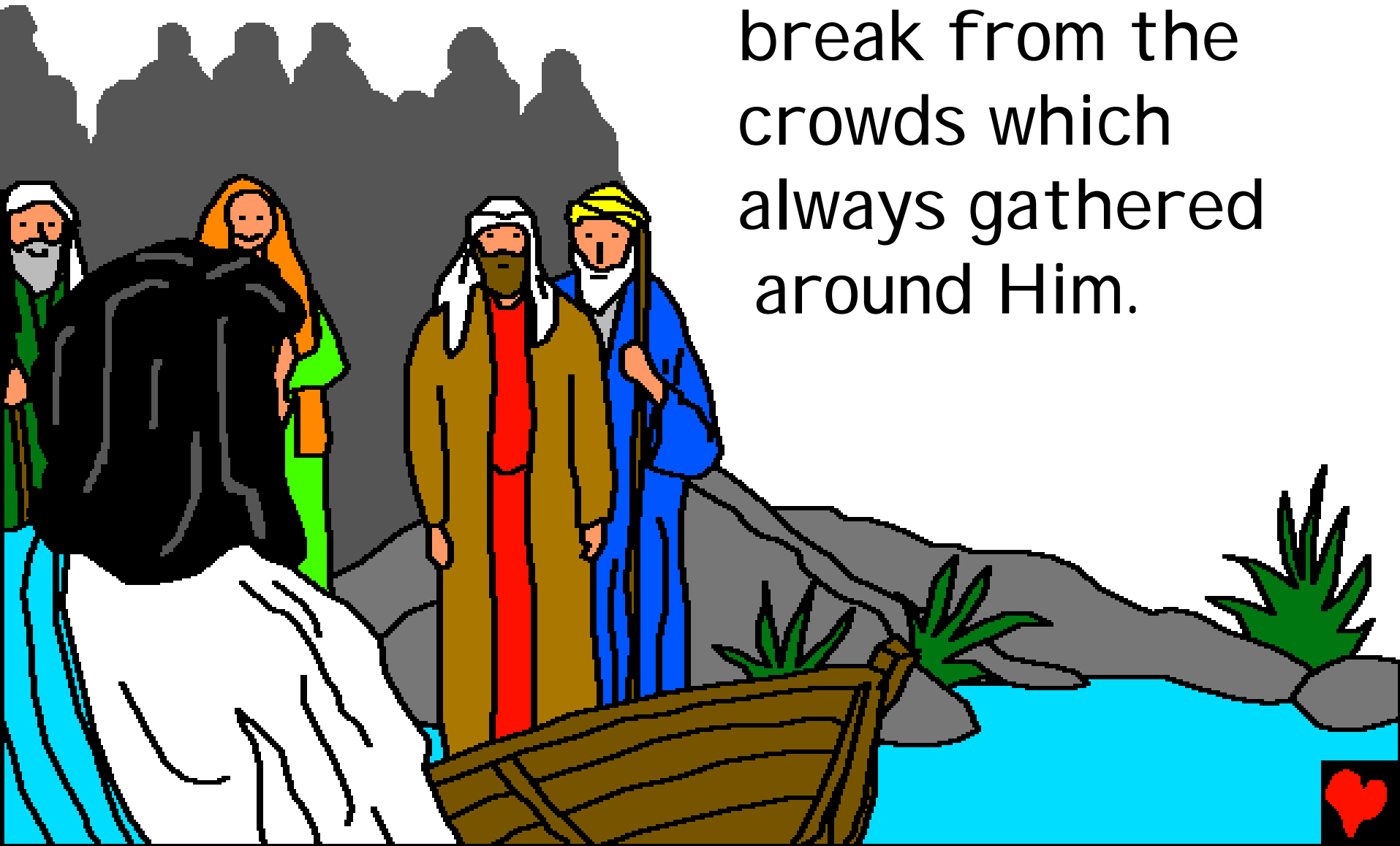
They did not believe He was really God's Son.



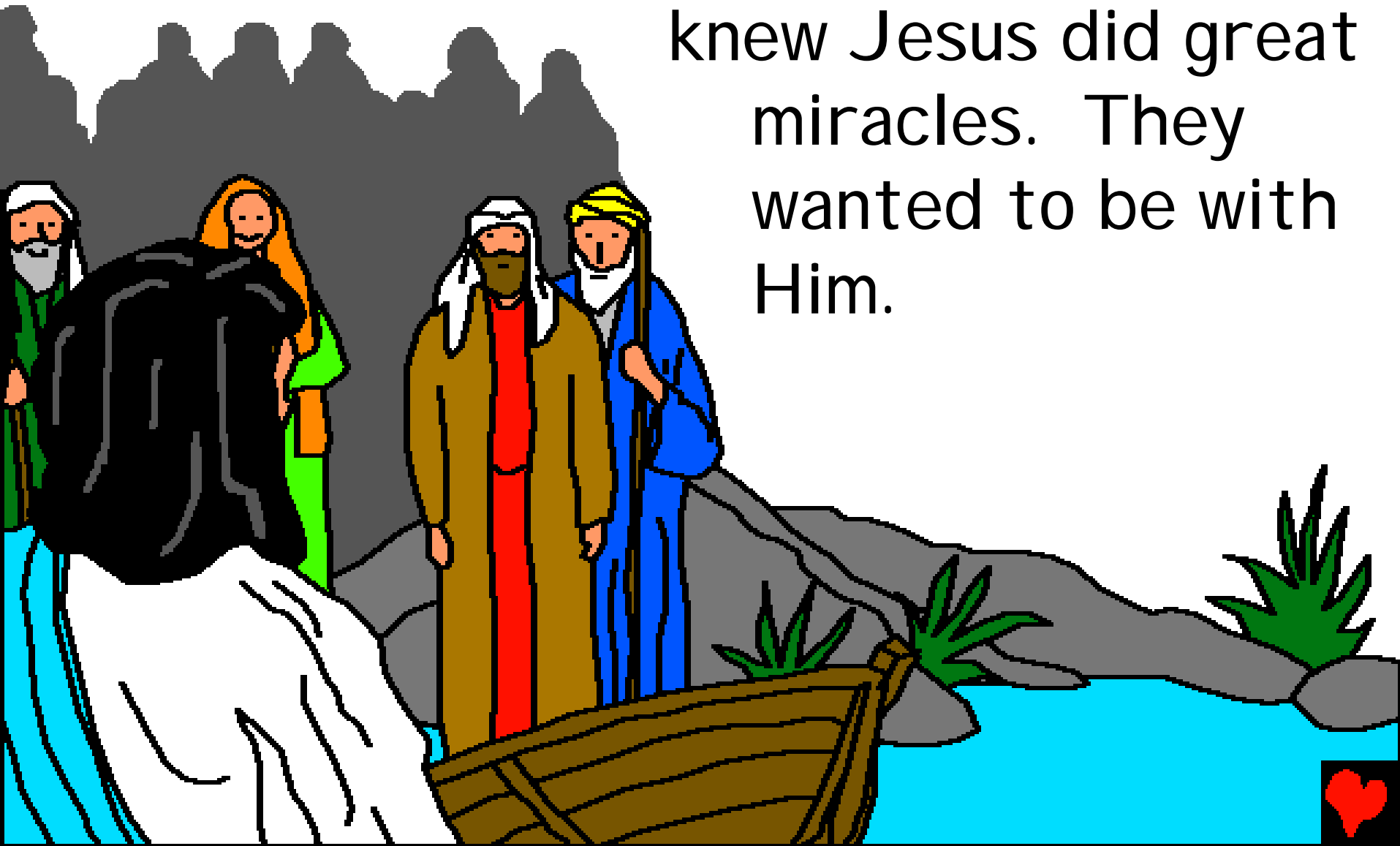
They did not accept Him even though He did miracles which proved He is God's Son.



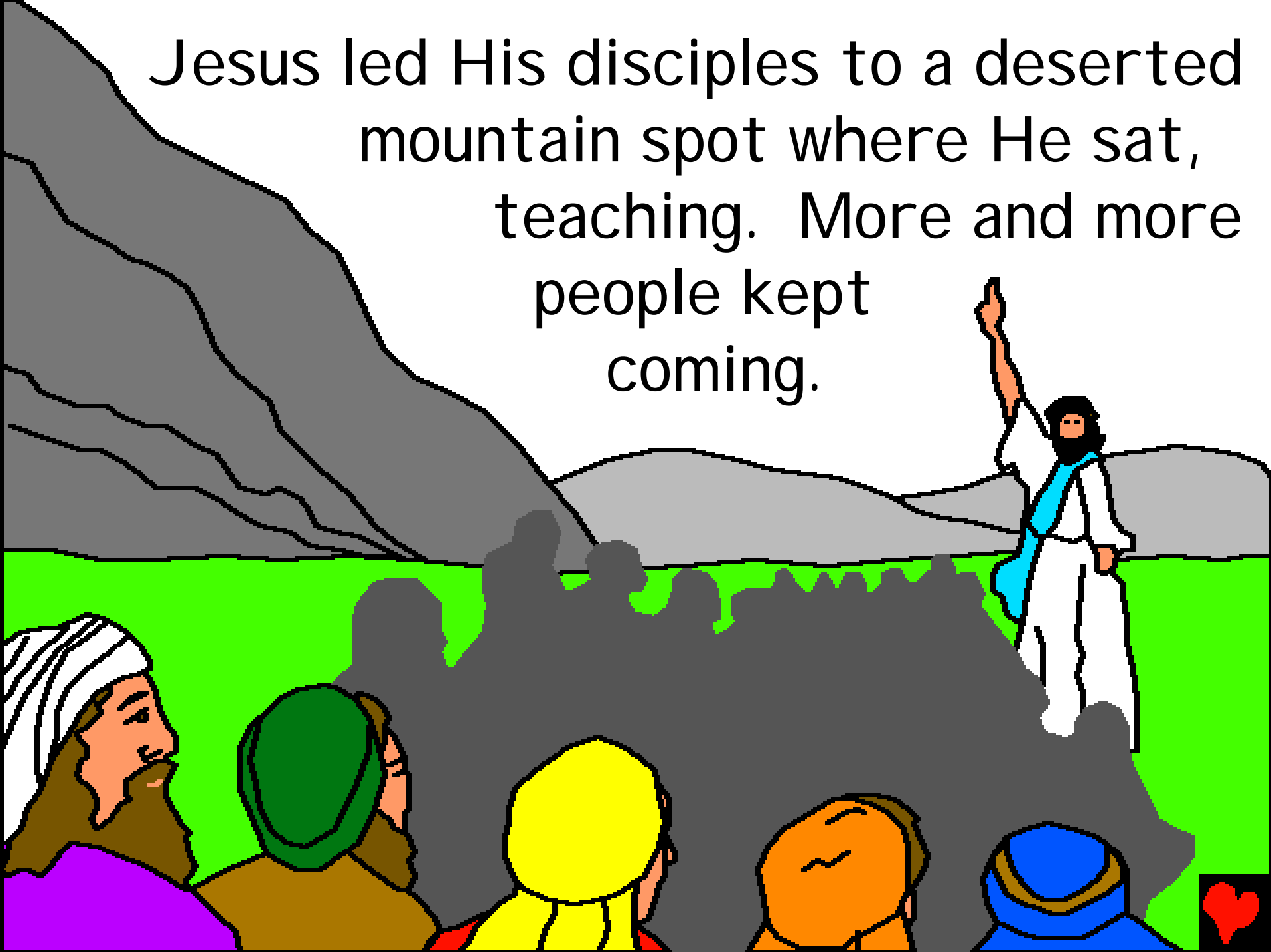
One day, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee. Perhaps He wanted a little break from the crowds which always gathered around Him.



But the crowds soon found Him. They knew Jesus did great miracles. They wanted to be with Him.



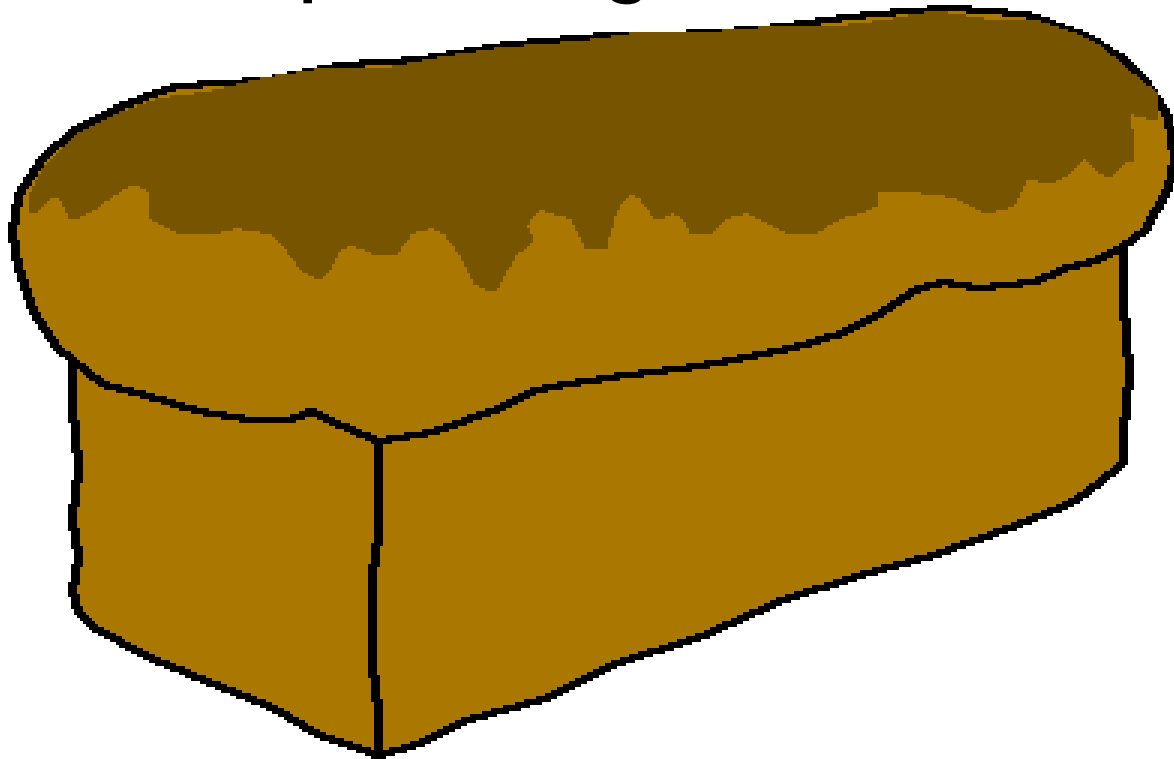
Jesus led His disciples to a deserted mountain spot where He sat, teaching. More and more people kept coming.



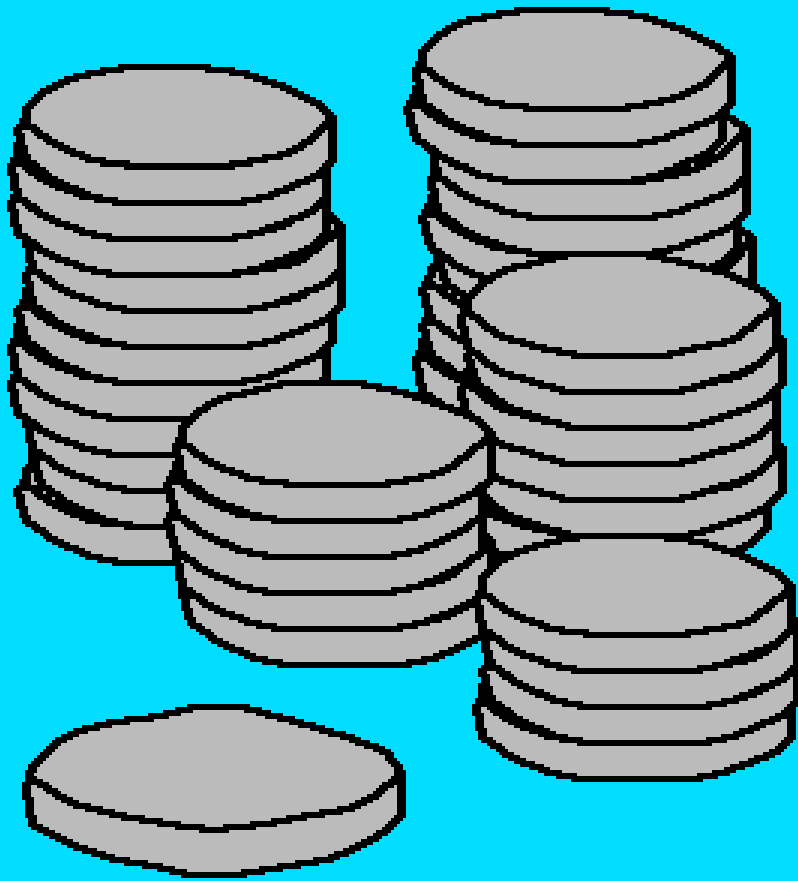
Soon it was suppertime.
Everybody must have
been hungry.

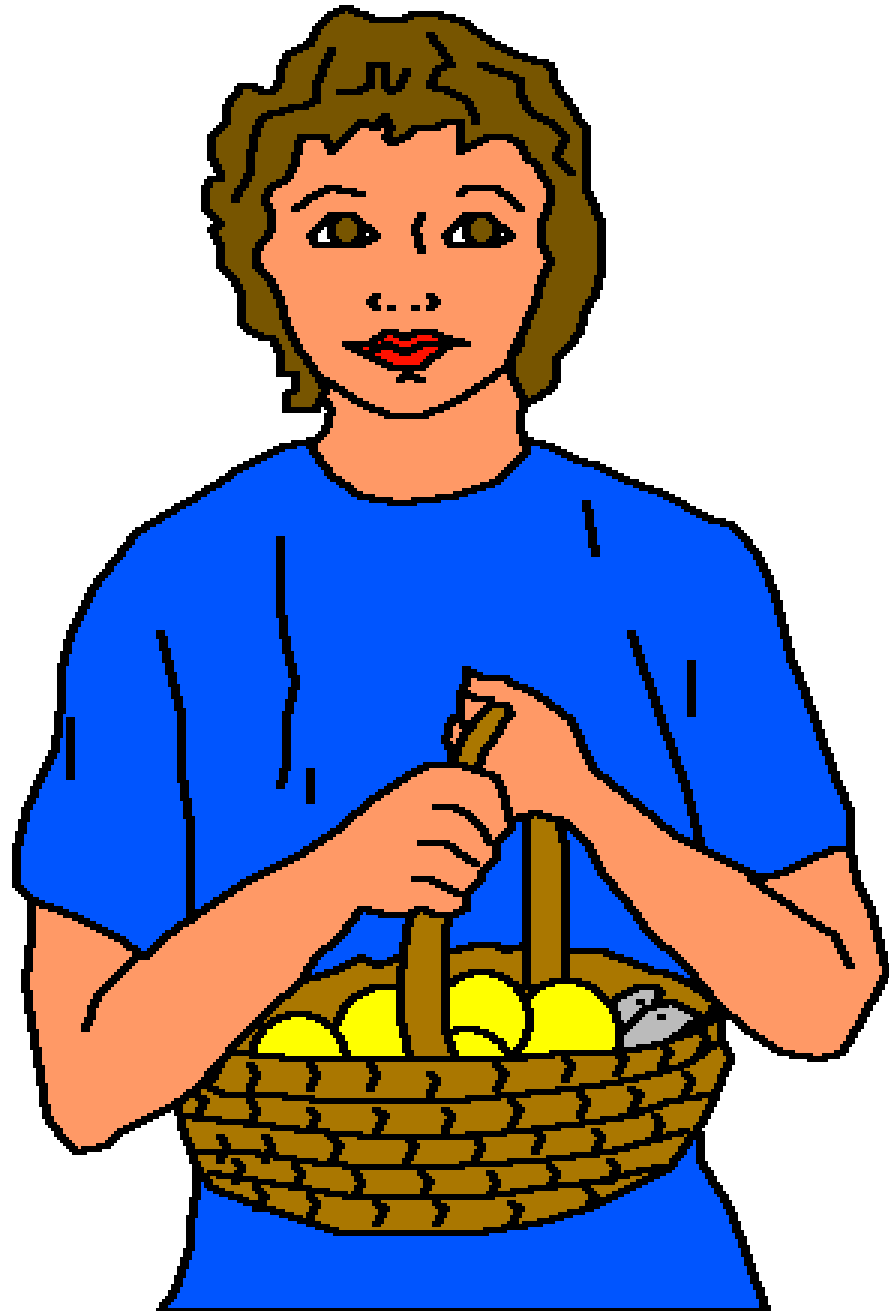


Jesus looked at the crowd. "Where shall we buy bread that these may eat?" He asked Philip. There were no food stores around. What was Jesus planning to do?



"It would cost a fortune to feed this crowd," Philip answered Jesus. Jesus and His disciples did not have much money.

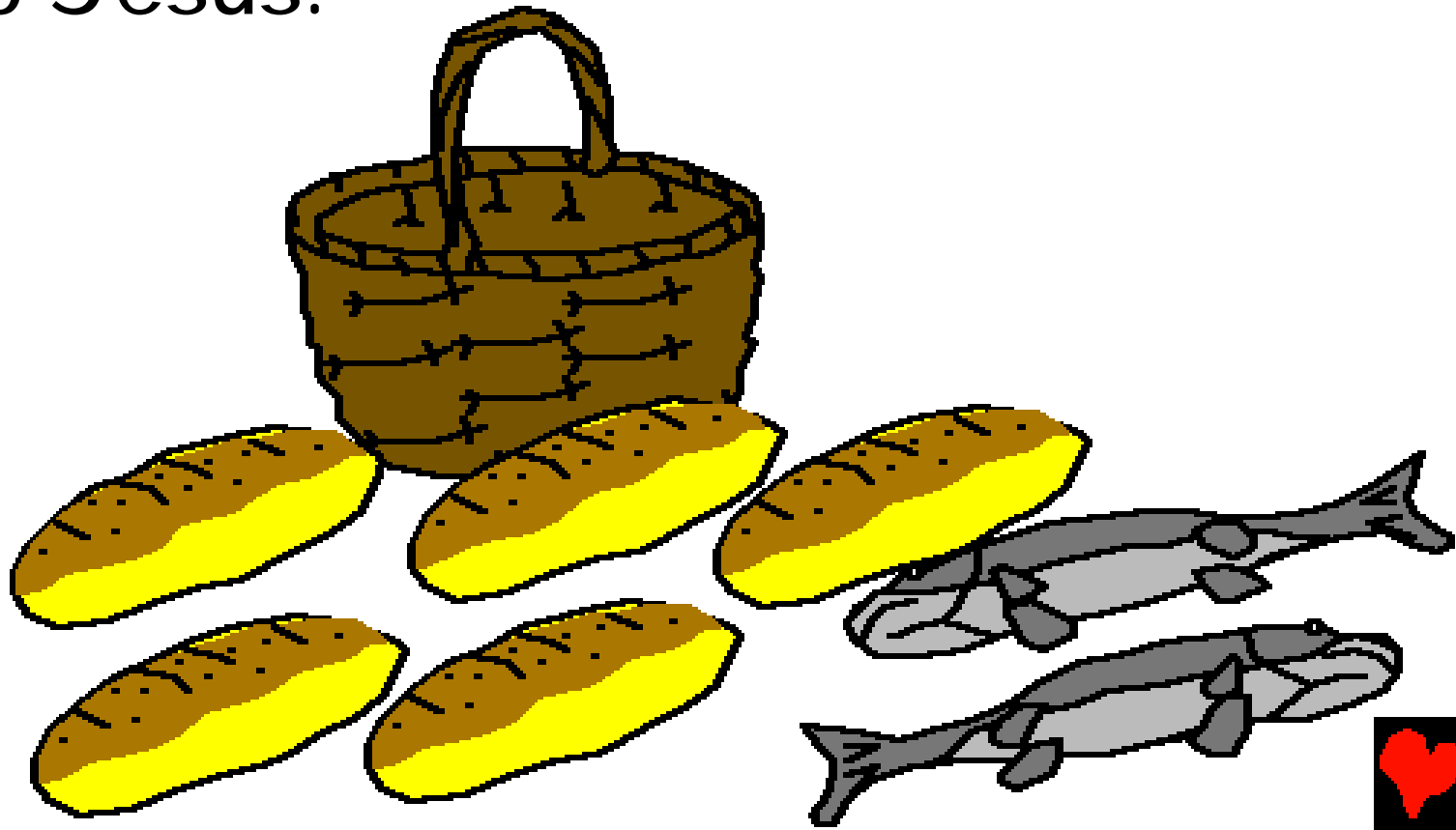




Another
disciple, Andrew
(Simon Peter's
brother) said to
Jesus: "There is
a lad here who
has five barley
loaves and two
small fish, . . . "



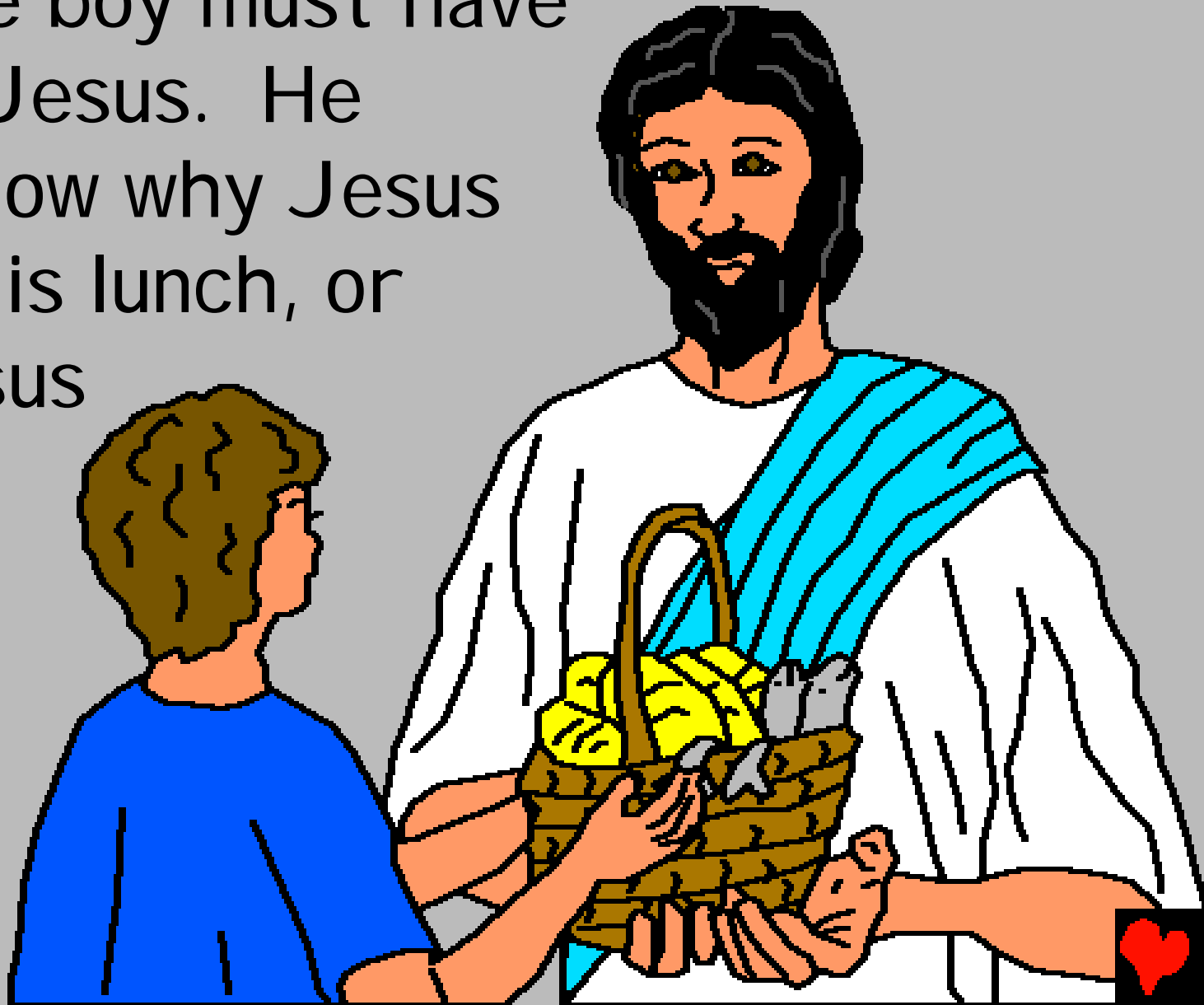
"... but what are they among so many?"
Andrew didn't see how the little boy's
lunch could feed very many people -
even if the boy were willing to give his
lunch to Jesus.



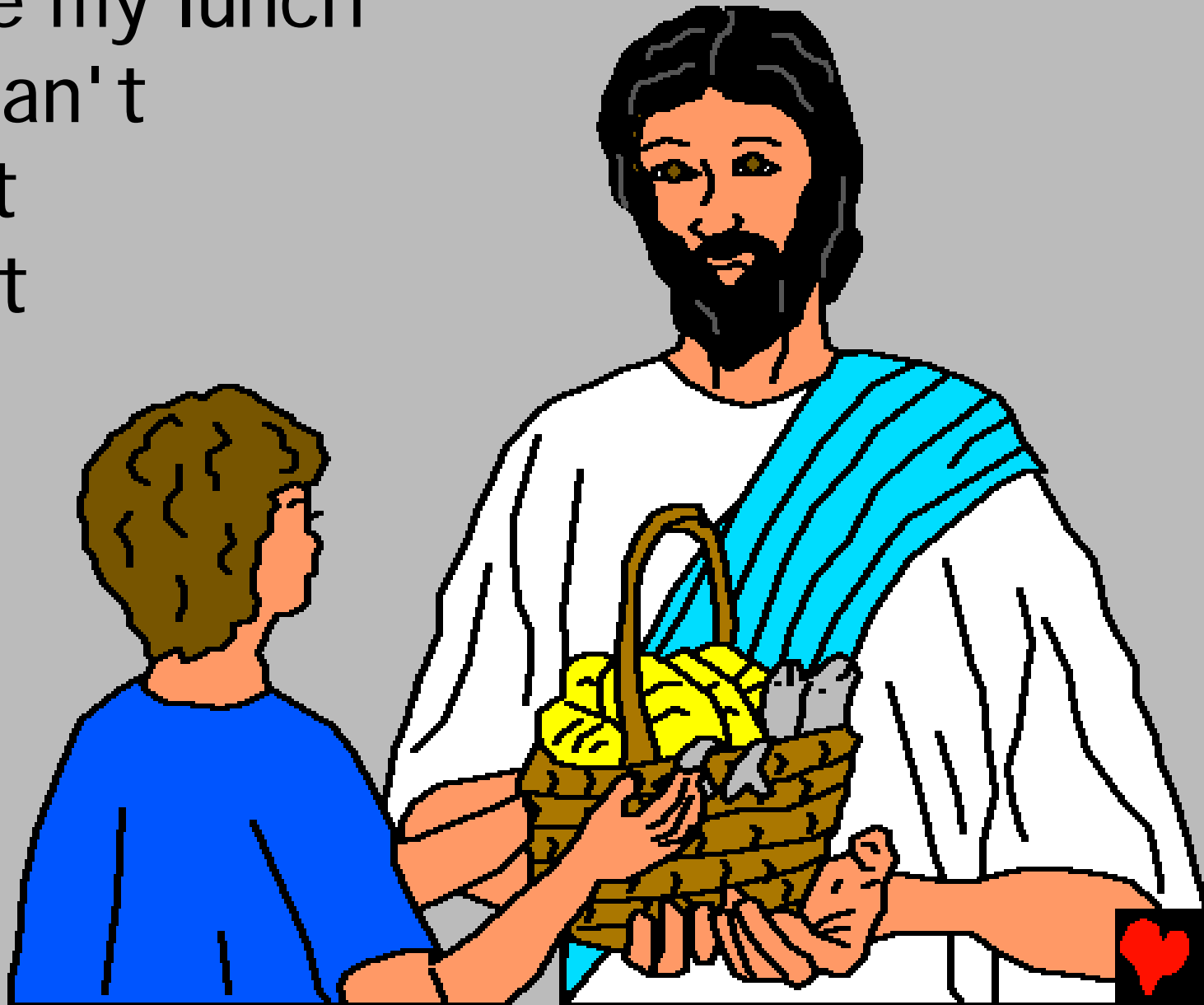
Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."
So the men sat down, in number about
five thousand. Wow! FIVE THOUSAND!
That didn't
even include
the women
and children
who were
there
also.



Next, Jesus took the loaves and fish. The little boy must have trusted Jesus. He didn't know why Jesus wanted his lunch, or what Jesus would do with it.



He may have thought,
"If I give my lunch
away, I can't
eat." But
he gave it
to Jesus
anyway.



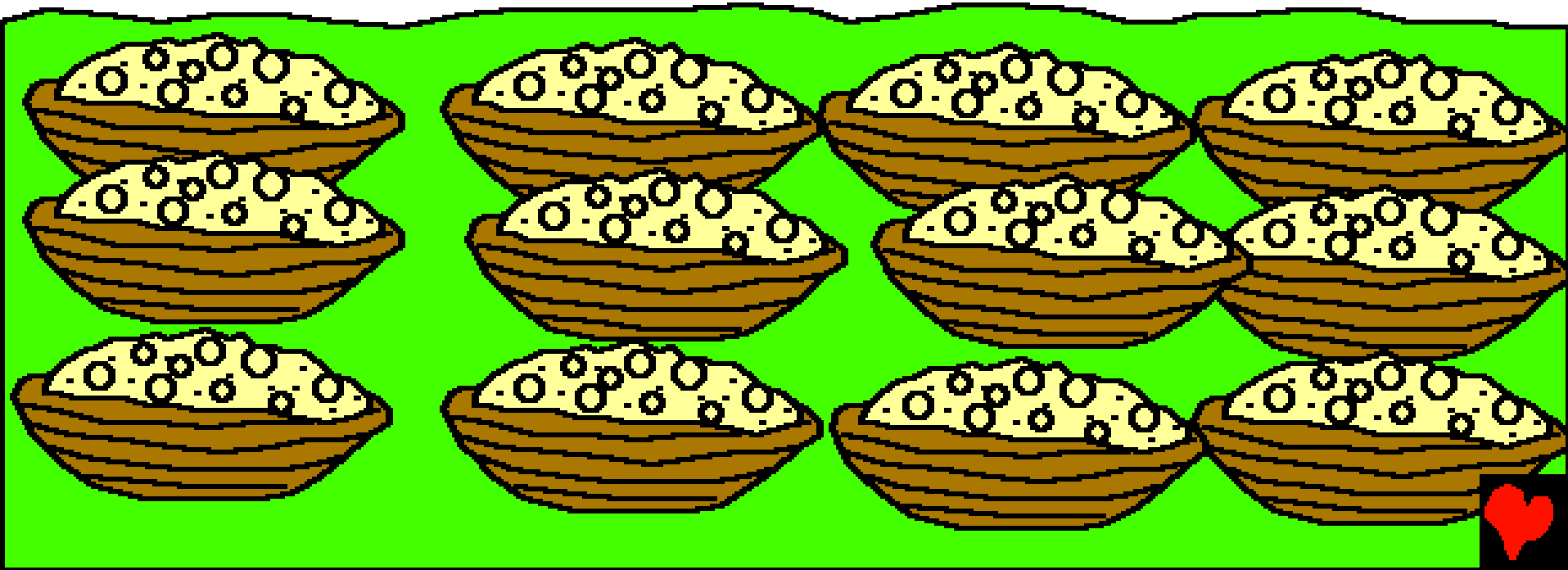
Then, Jesus prayed.
He gave thanks to
God. For five
loaves and two
fish? Yes! Jesus
said "Thank You" to
God and asked
Him to bless
the food.



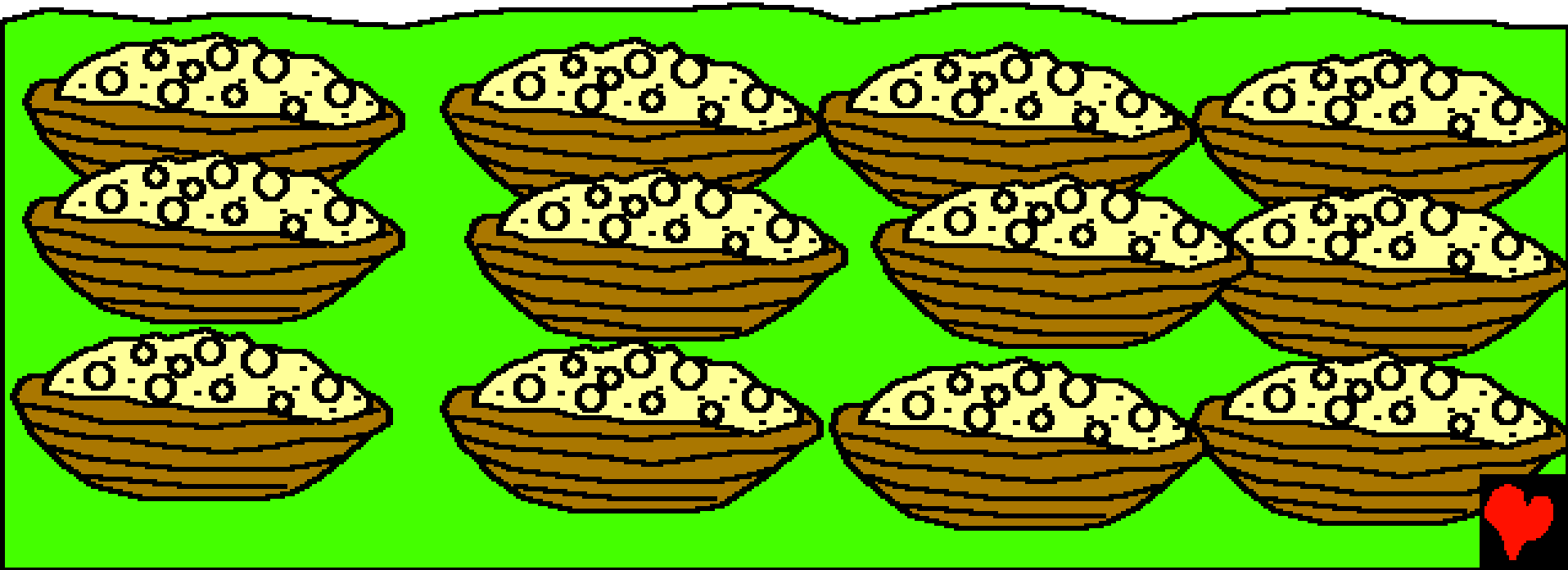
After praying, Jesus broke the loaves and fishes and gave them to the disciples who shared them among the great crowd. That's when people saw the miracle Jesus did. Each person ate all he wanted. Yet the loaves and fishes weren't used up.



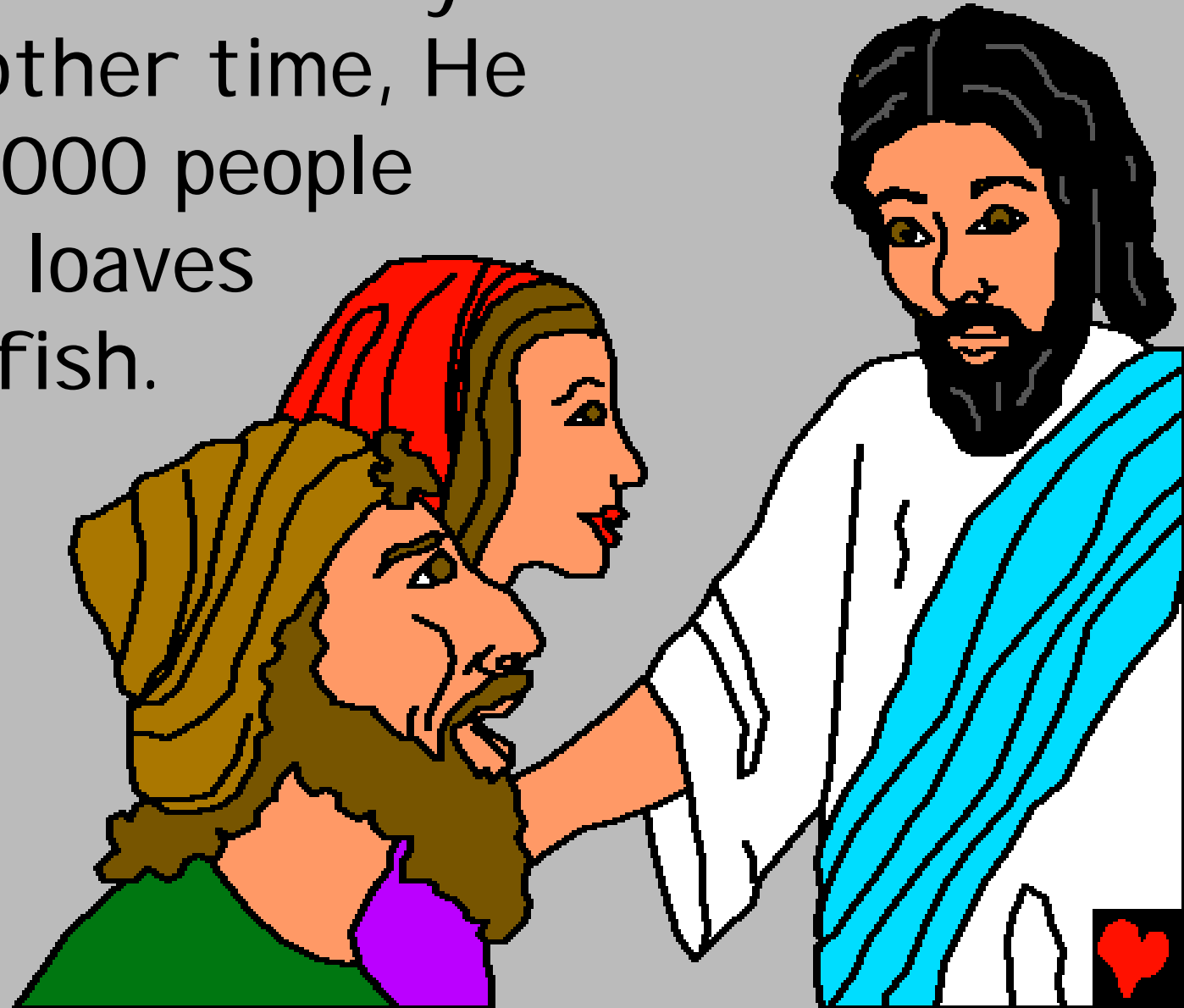
After everybody was fed, there was still a lot of bread and fish left over. "Gather up the fragments so that nothing is lost," Jesus told the disciples.



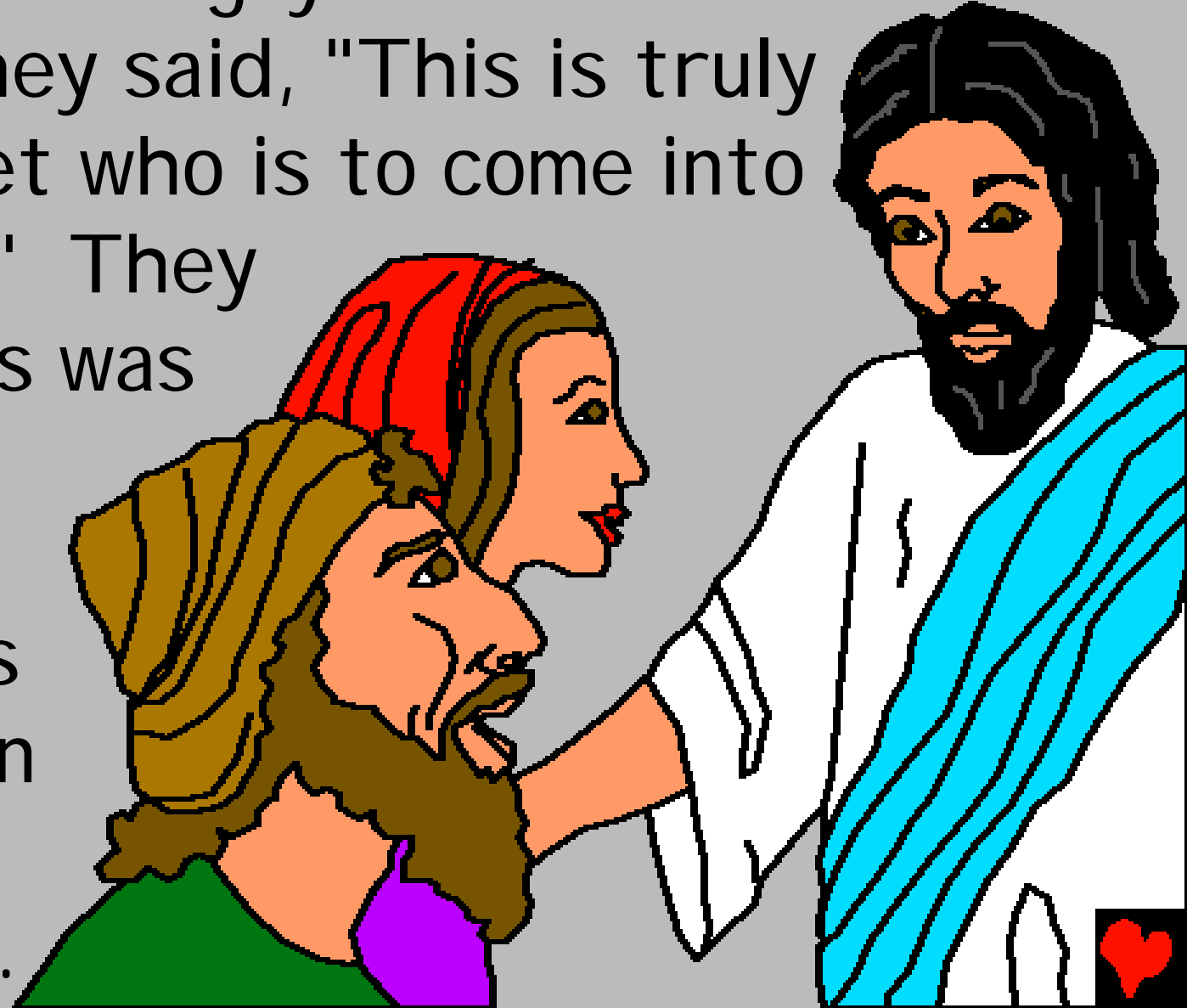
They filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.



That day, Jesus fed over 5000 people with a little boy's lunch. Another time, He fed over 4000 people with seven loaves and a few fish.



When ordinary people saw these signs, they weren't angry like the Pharisees. Instead they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." They knew Jesus was the Savior Whose coming was promised in God's holy Word.



Jesus Feeds 5000 People

A story from God's Word,
the Bible,
is found in
John 6

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



The End

