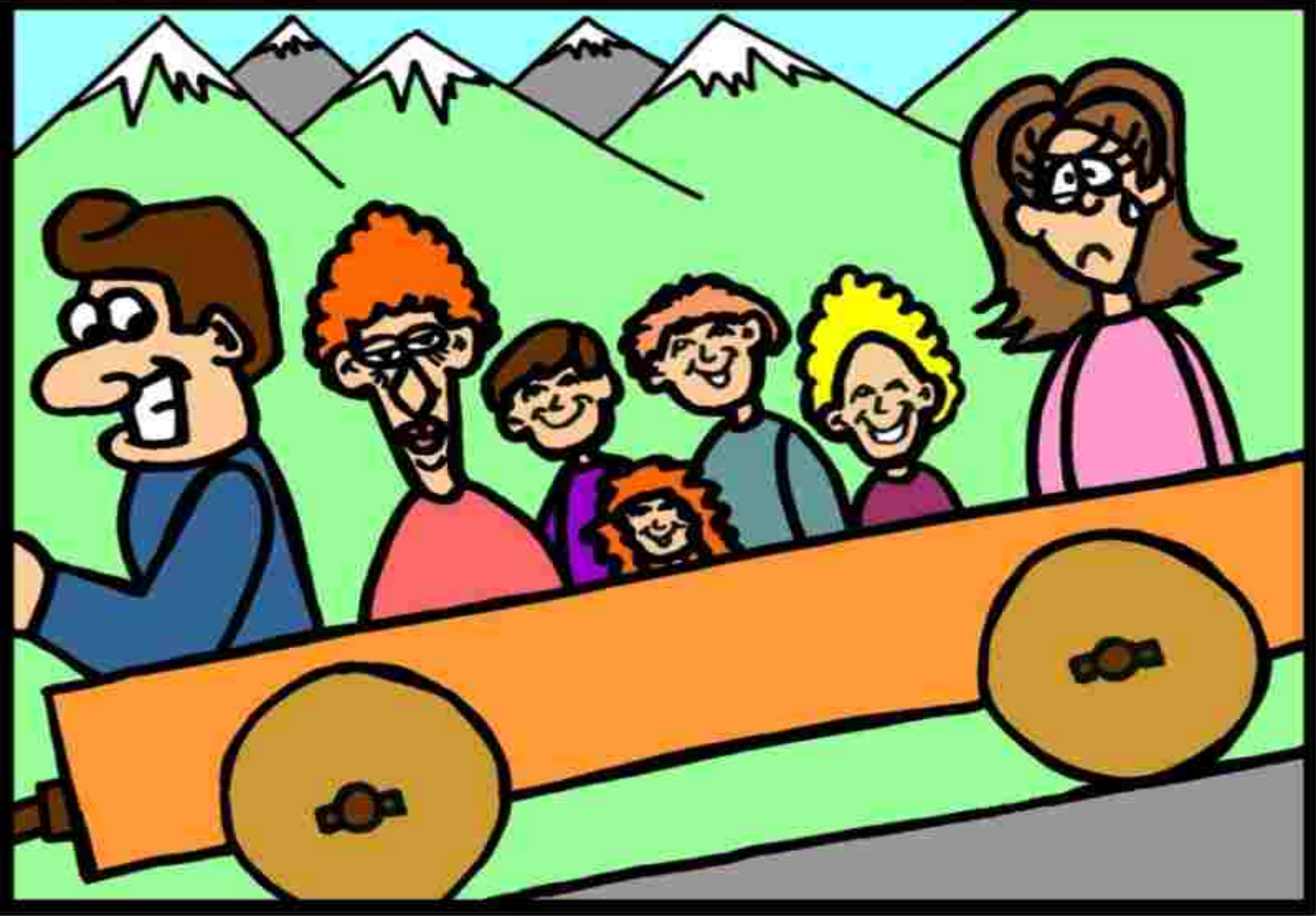# Birth of Samuel

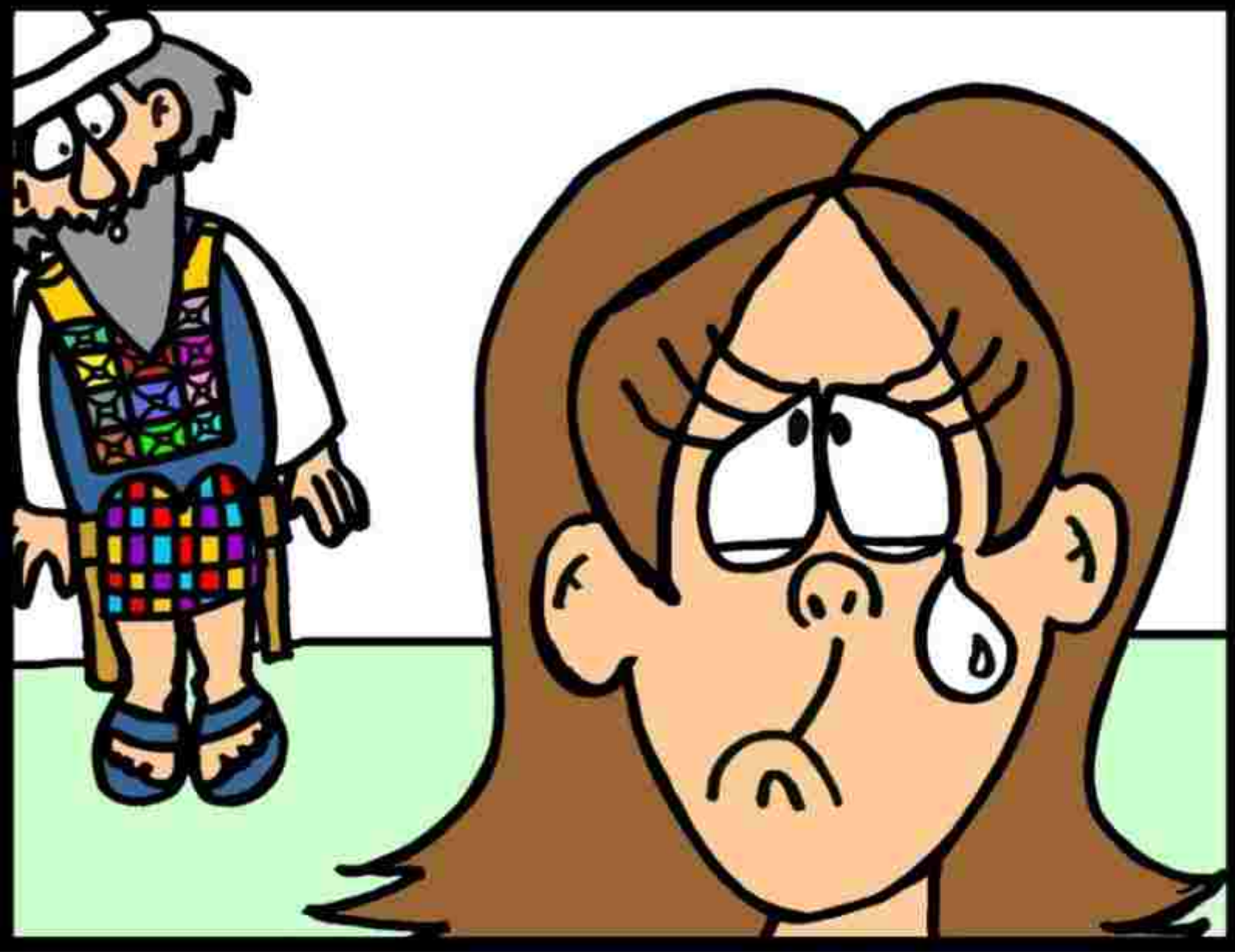*(Based on 1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:11, 2:18-21, 1 Samuel 3 & 7)*

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There was a man named Elkanah who lived in the mountains of Israel. He had 2 wives. His wife Peninnah had children but his wife Hannah did not. Every year he took his whole family to God's tabernacle to worship. It was a happy time for everyone except Hannah.
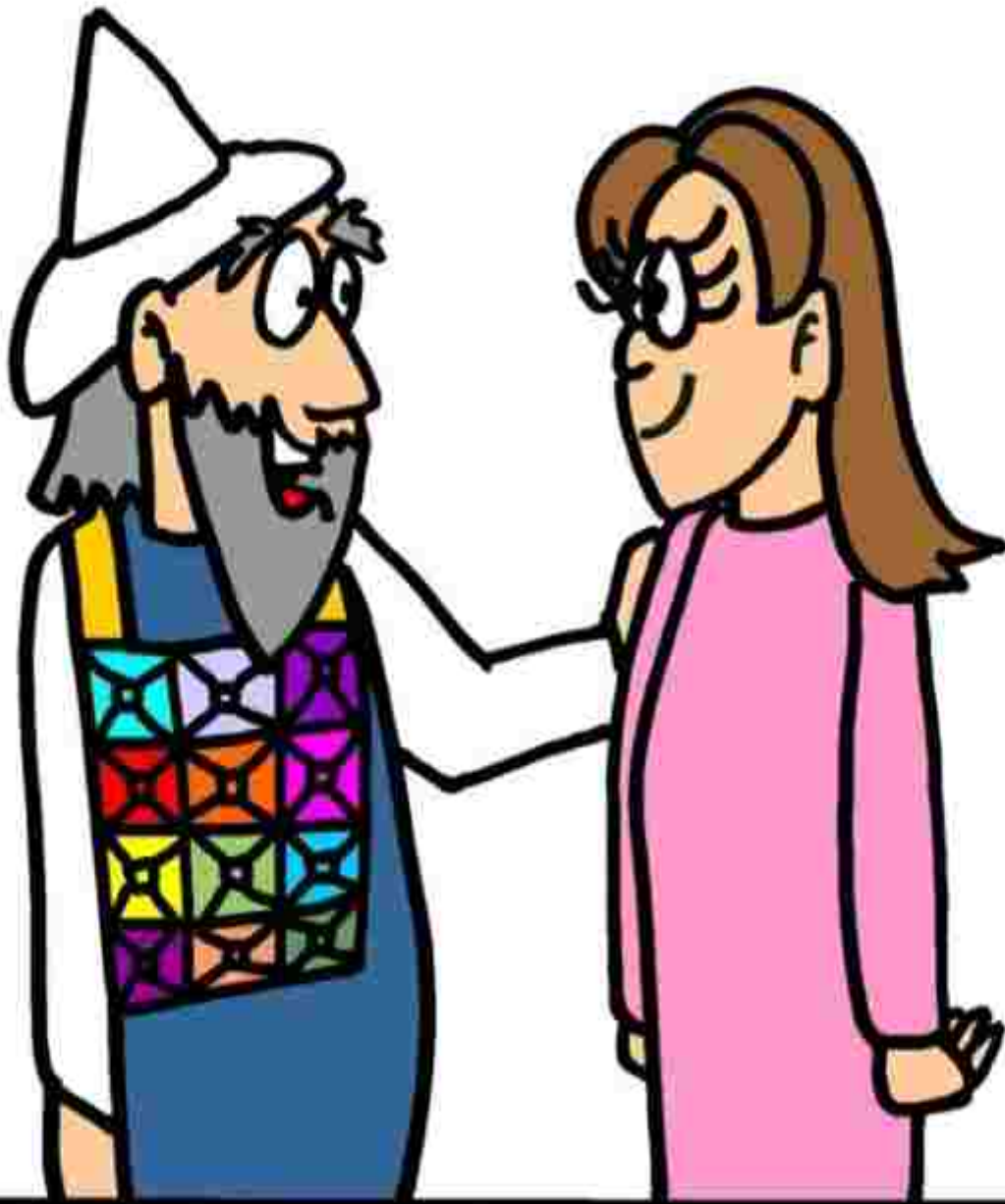
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Peninnah made fun of Hannah because she couldn't have any babies. This would make Hannah weep. She was so sad she did not even want to eat.
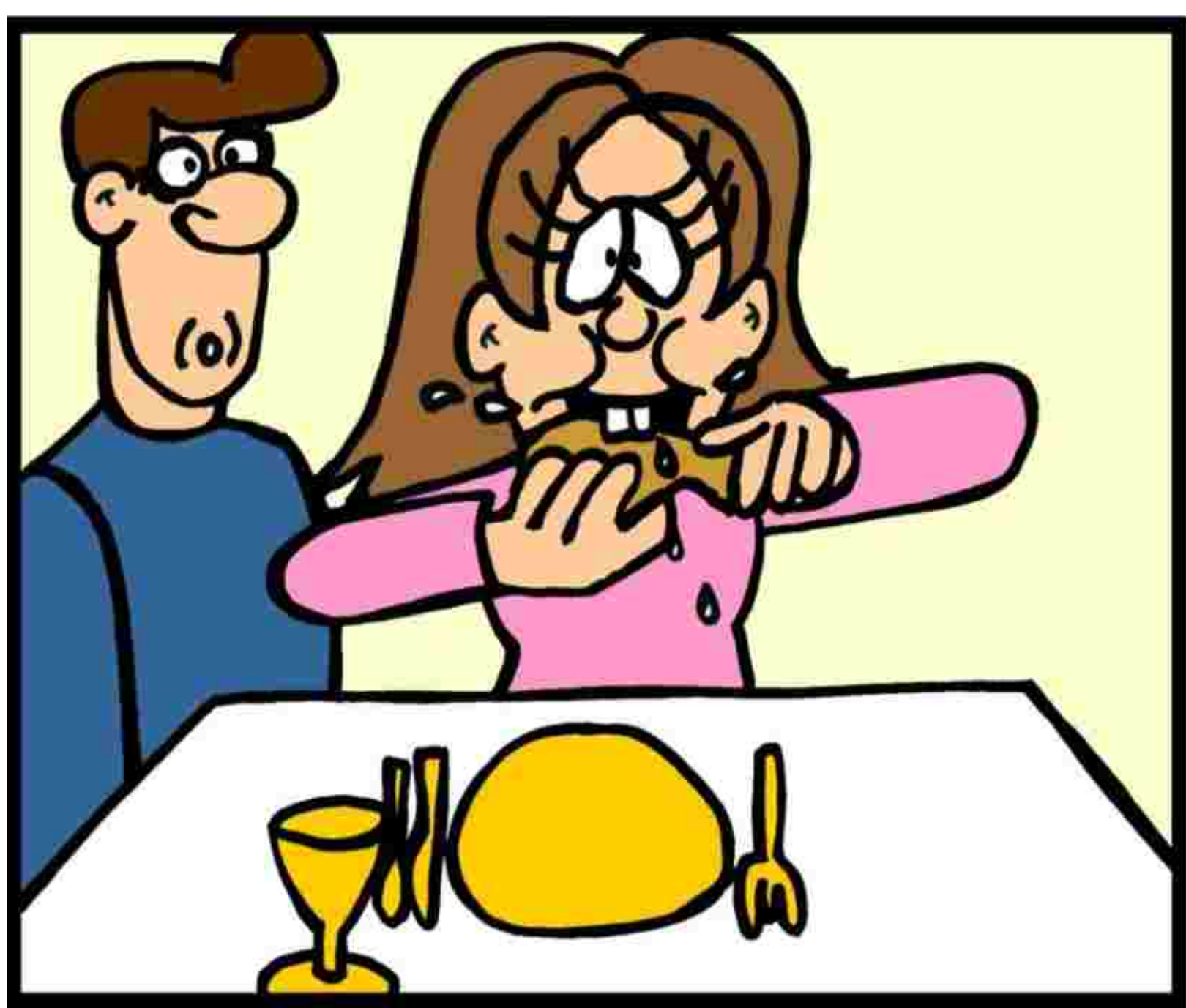
Hannah went to pray and priest Eli was sitting nearby watching. As she wept, she prayed in her heart, "Lord, if you will give me a boy child, then I will give him back to you all the days of his life."
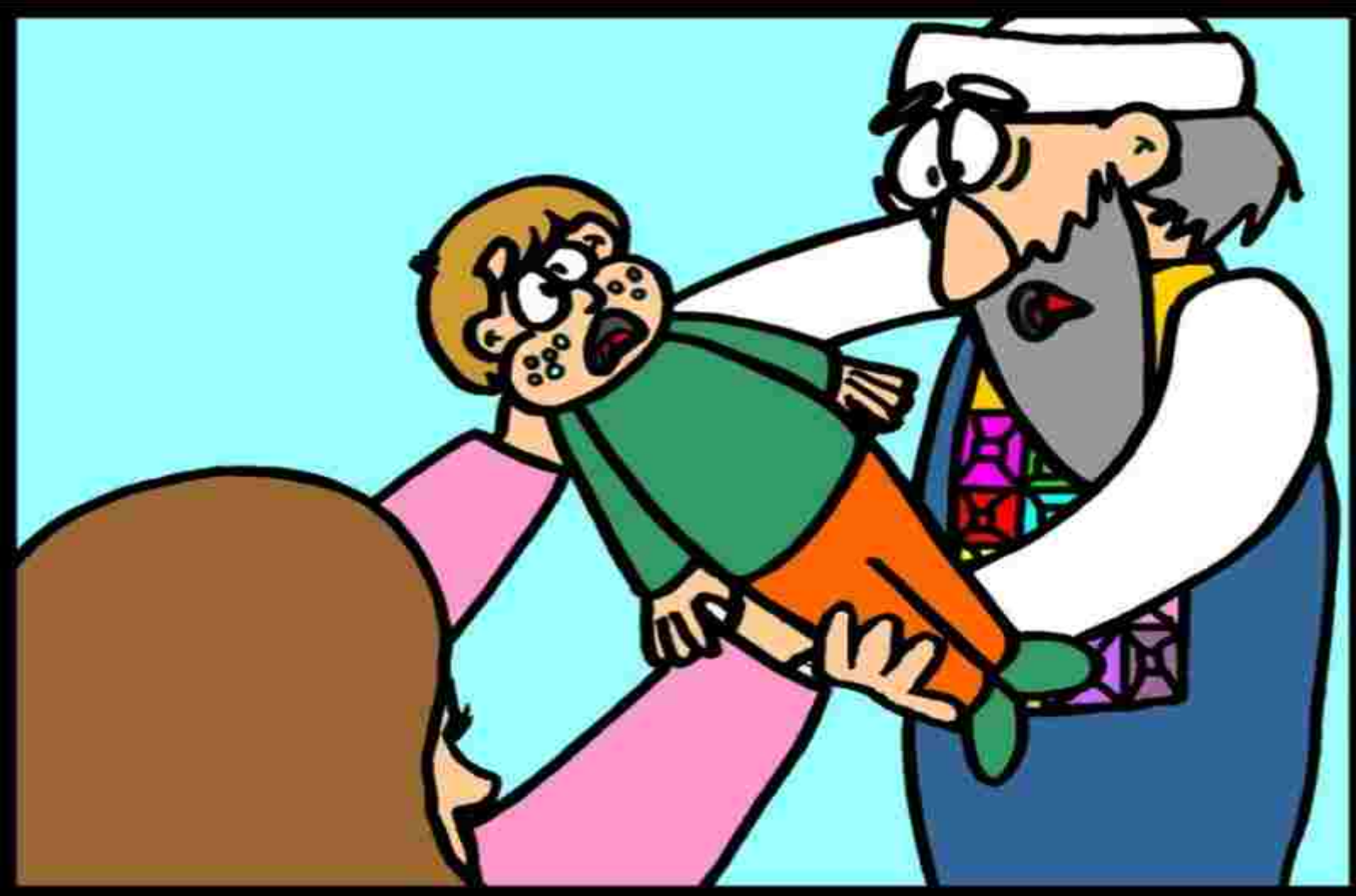
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Priest Eli thought she was drunk because her lips were moving but no words were coming out. "Hey drunk lady! Throw away your wine!" he said. "I am not drunk! I am hurting so bad inside and I was just pouring out my heart to the Lord," answered Hannah.
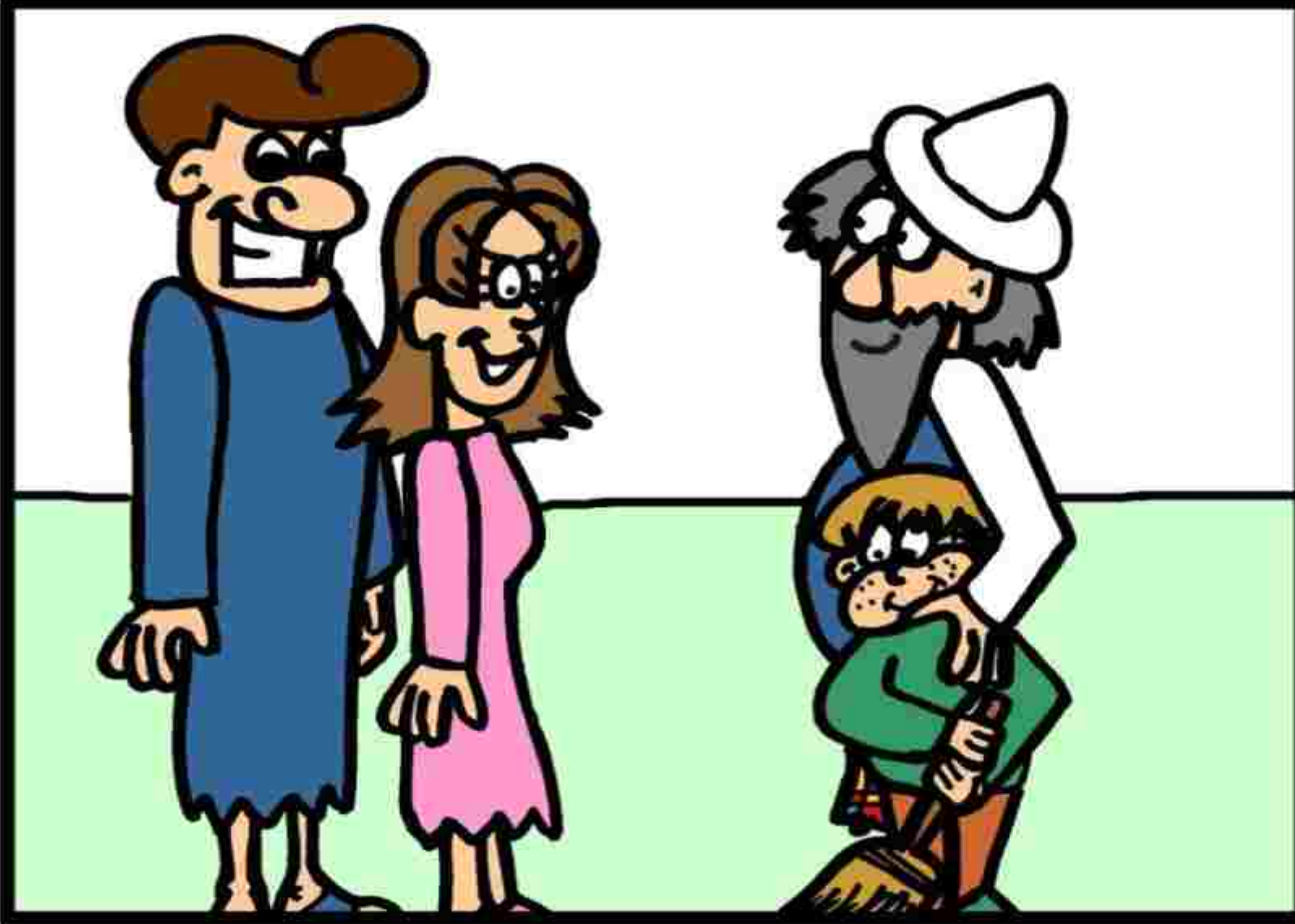
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Priest Eli tenderly said to her, "Go in peace and the God of Israel give to you what you have asked of him."

Hannah went back and joined her family. She ate some food and was no longer sad. The next day they returned to their mountain home.

Before long Hannah had a little boy she named Samuel. Hannah remembered her promise and as soon as he was old enough she took Samuel to live at God's tabernacle. She entrusted her little boy to Eli. Hannah told Eli what she had prayed and the promise she had made to God.

66-08

Samuel worked very hard at the tabernacle serving the Lord and helping Priest Eli. Every year Samuel's parents came to visit and bring Samuel a new coat. Eli would bless them and say, "The Lord give you more kids because you lent this boy to the Lord." 66-09

And the Lord did give them more kids. Hannah had 3 more sons and 2 daughters.

Lord, help me to pray the prayers that you want to hear and answer. Thank you that you are so good.