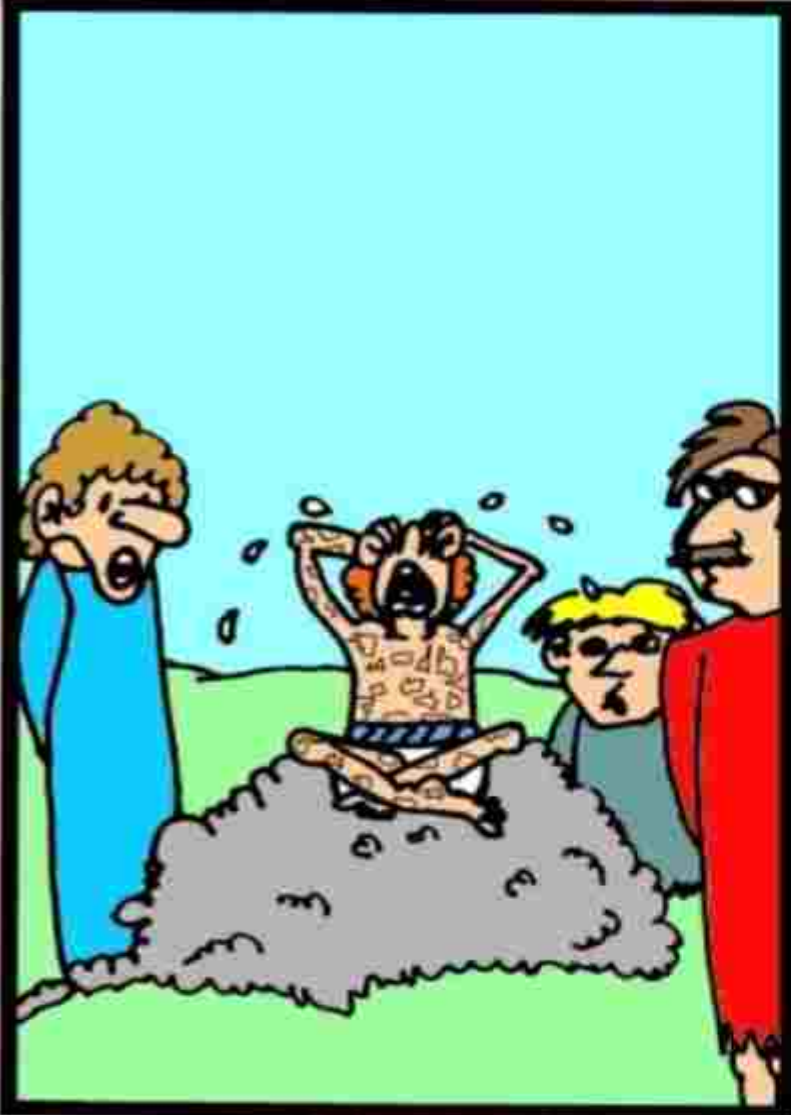


# Job Part 2

*(Based on Job 2:11-3:1-11, Job 4:1-2,  
Job 8:1-6, Job 16:2-3,  
Job 19:6-21, Job 23:3-4,  
Job 23:10-11, Job 38-42)*

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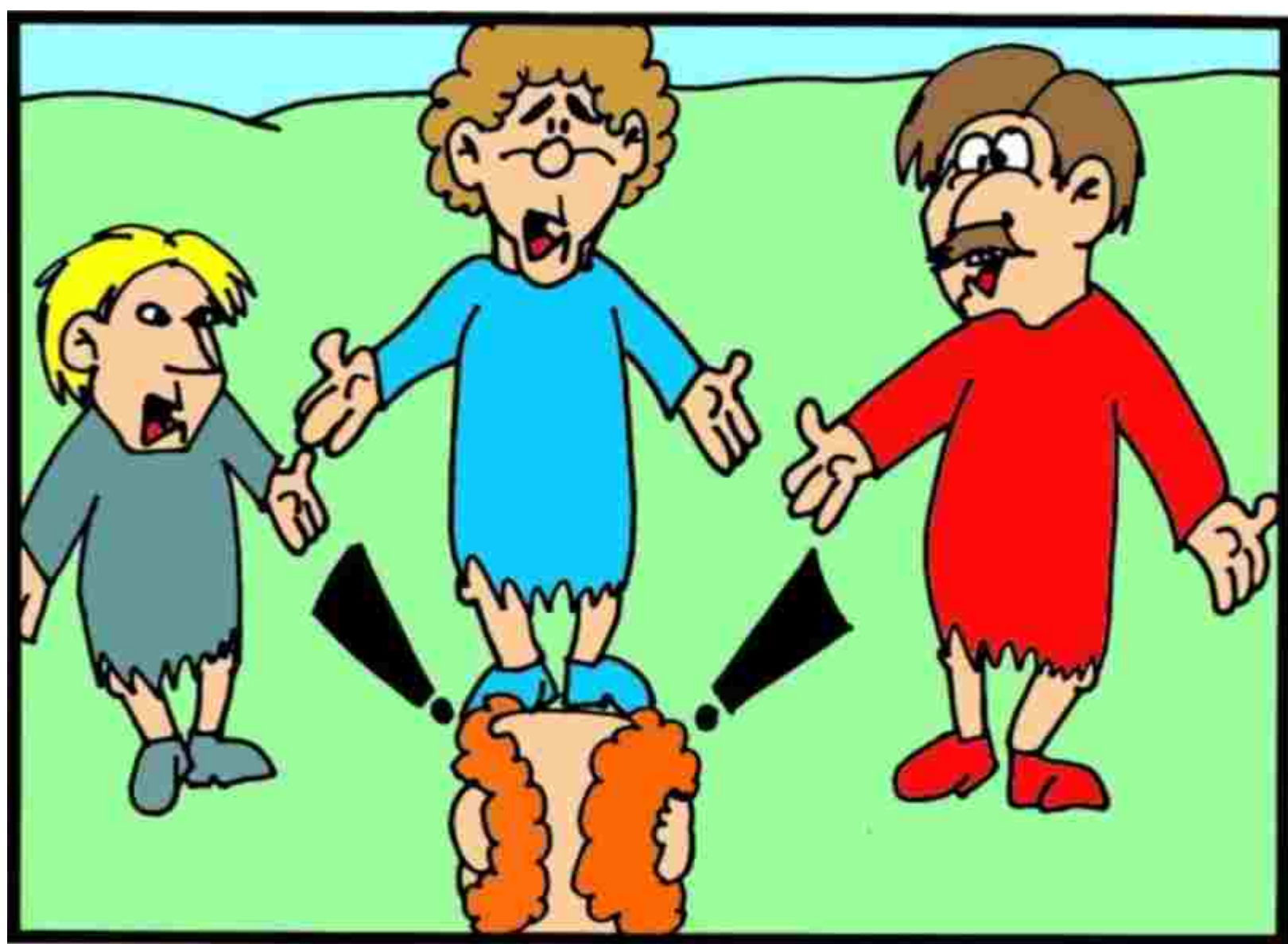
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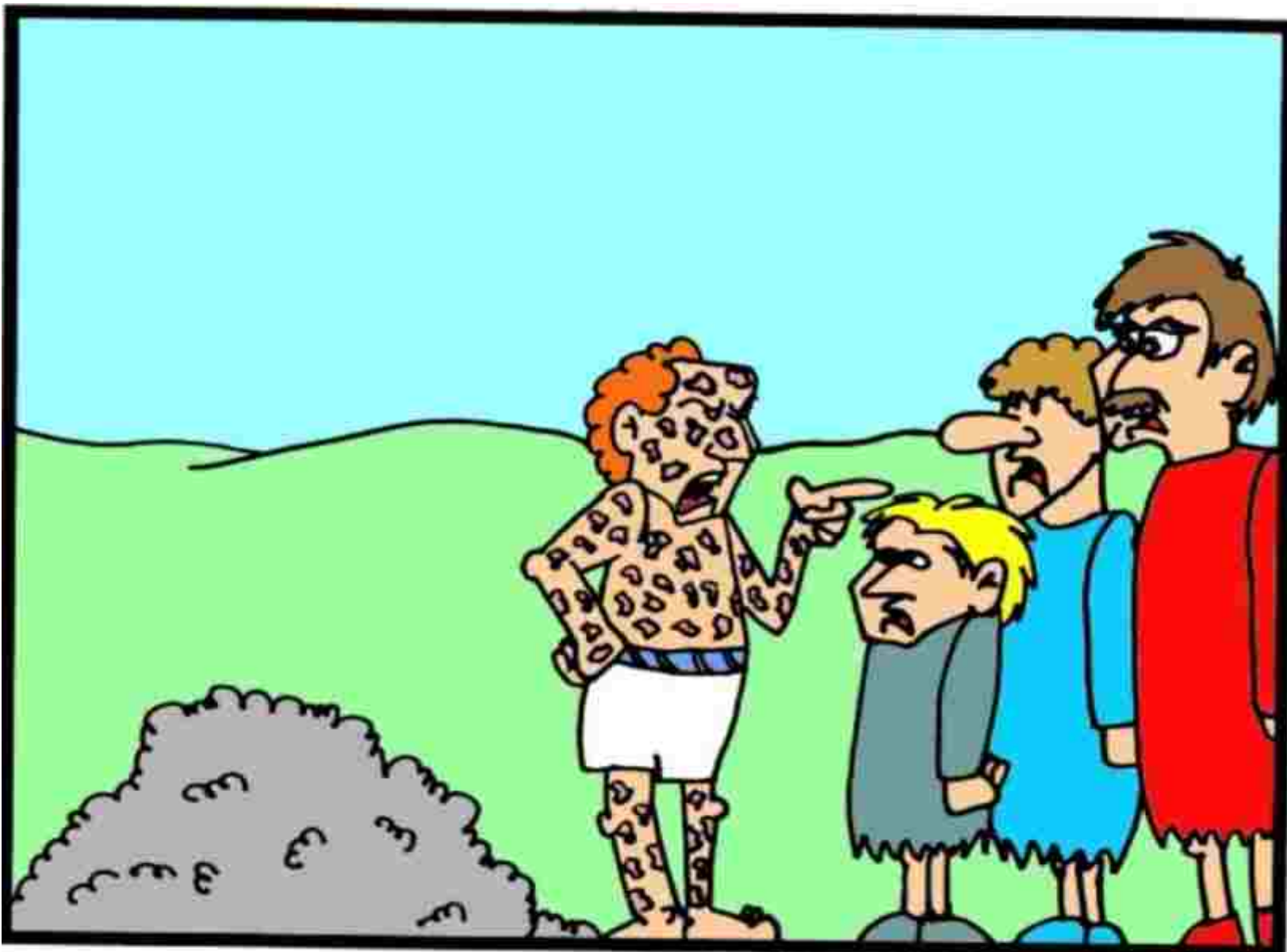
Three of Job's friends came to comfort him, but when they saw him, they couldn't believe it was him! He looked just terrible and he was sad, so sad. For seven days and nights they sat down on the ground with him and no one said a word, not a single word.



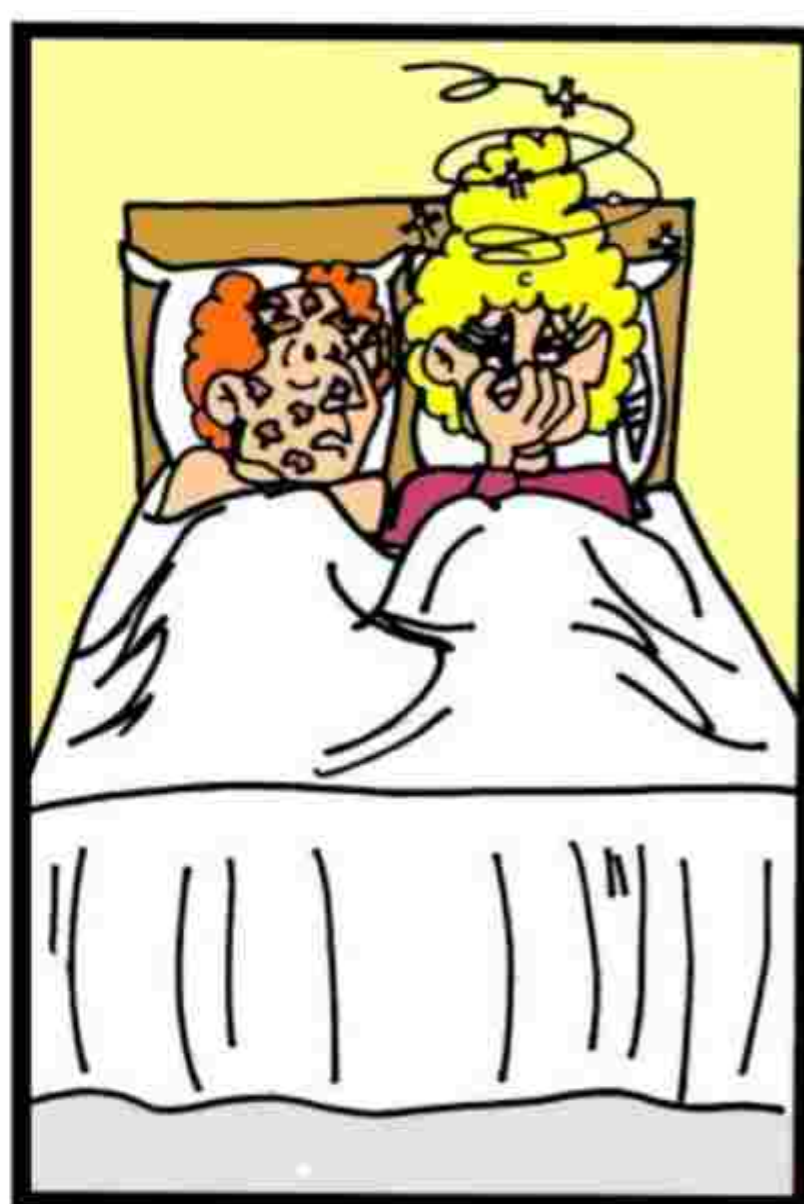
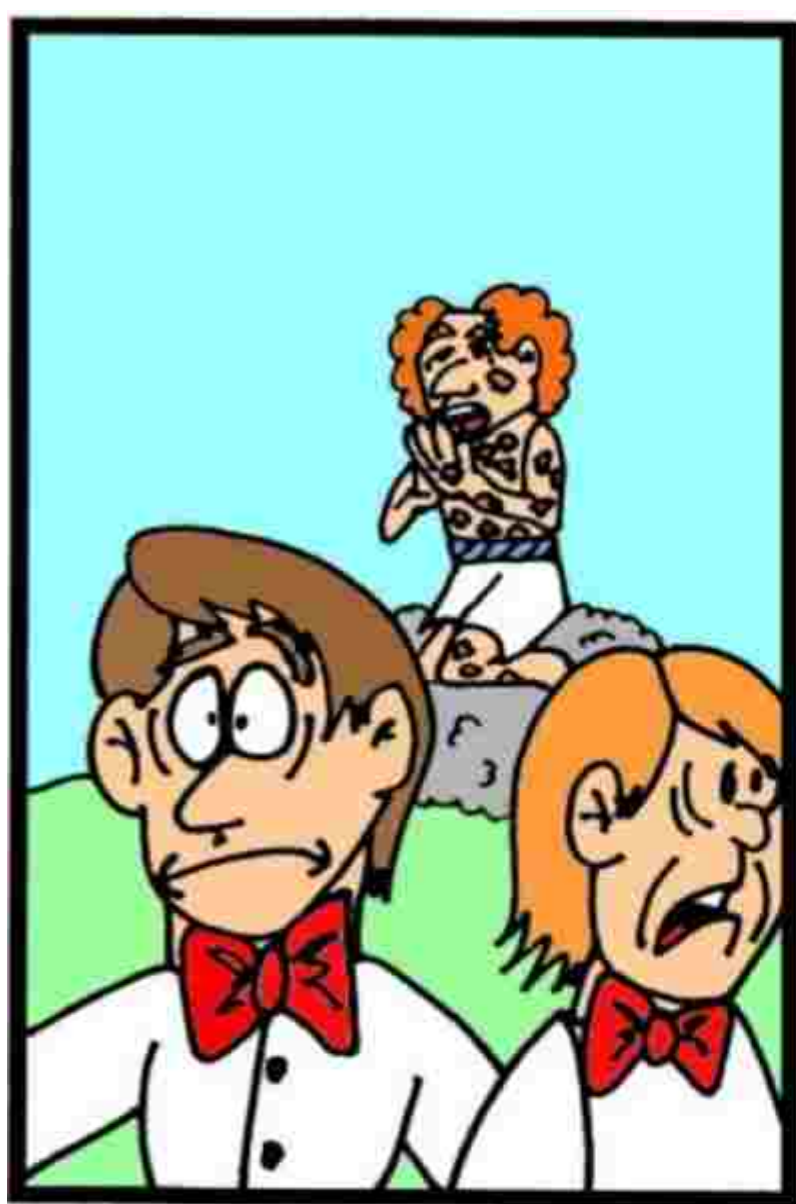
Finally Job spoke. "Oh why was I even born? Why didn't I just die before I was born? The thing I was most afraid of, happened to me! I was not living easy or quiet. I was not at rest, but still trouble came!"



Then one of Job's friends spoke. "If someone tries to talk to you, will you be patient with him?" One by one they began to tell Job that his kids must have sinned and that Job himself must have done something wrong for all these bad things to have happened to him.



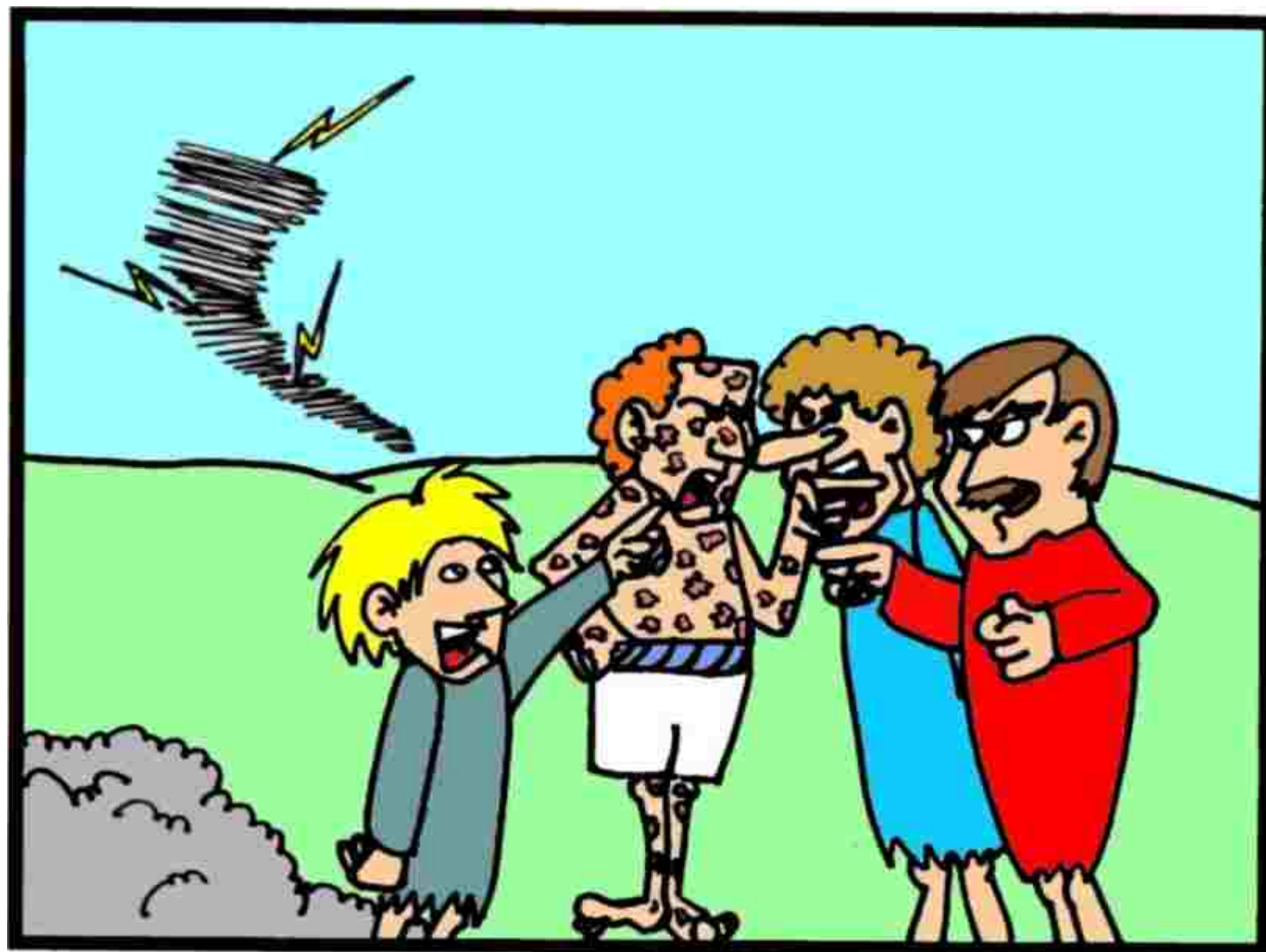
"You guys are bad comforters," said Job. "You talk too much! I HAVE cried out to God for help but he's not doing anything about it! God has made all these bad things happen to me.



My friends and relatives won't come near me. Even my servants won't come when I call. I have to beg them. And my wife says I have bad breath! You guys should feel sorry for me!"

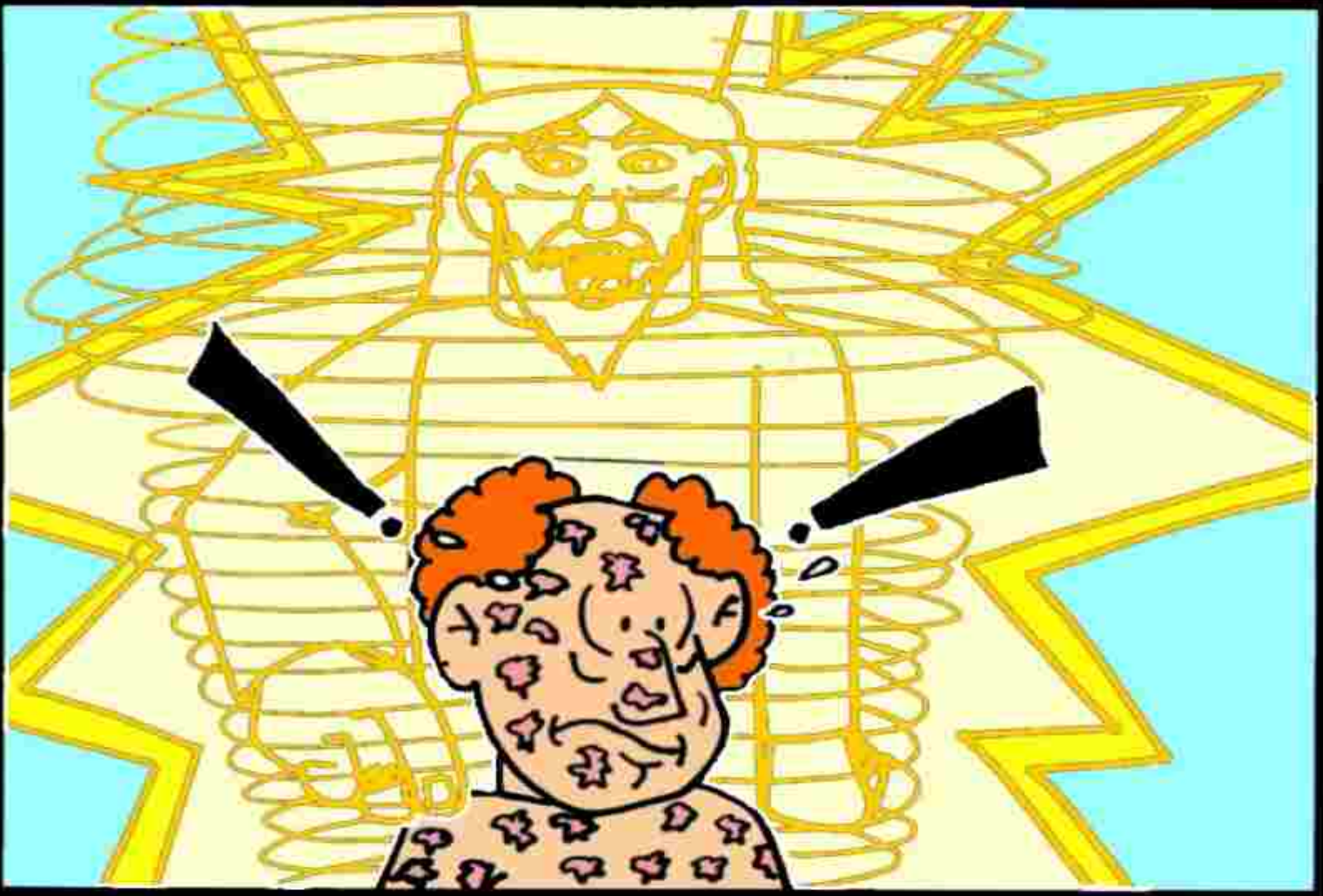


I wish I knew where to find God," continued Job. "Then I would come to that place and tell my case to him. I would argue with him! I know that when he tested me I would come out like gold because I have held tight to God's ways."



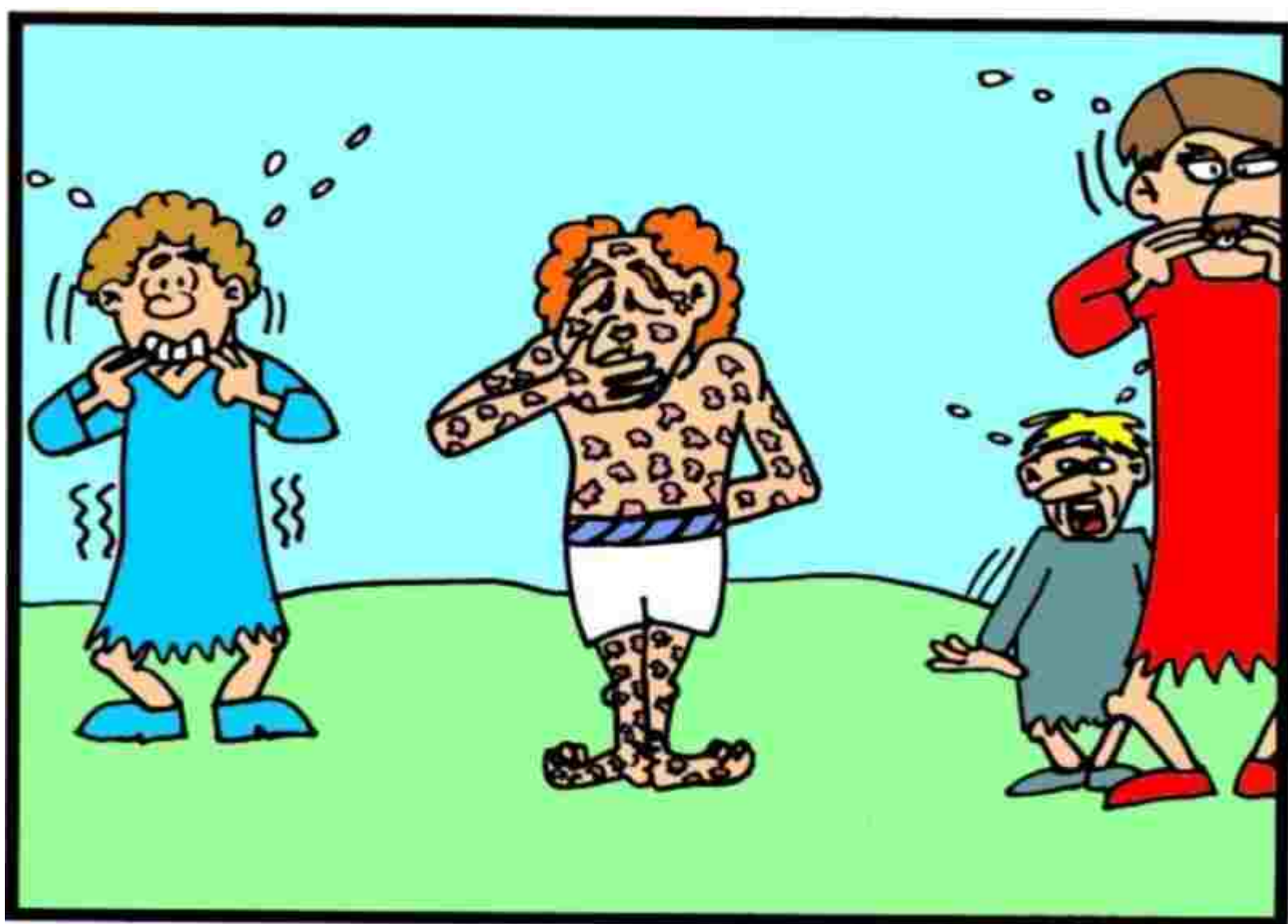
Back and forth Job and his three friends argued about God and about why bad things happen. Suddenly God showed up in a whirlwind.





"Job," said God. "Stand up like a man and you and me are going to have a talk. Were you there when I made the world and the oceans and the animals? Can you send out lightning? Did you give the horse his strength? The one who wants to set God straight, go ahead and talk."

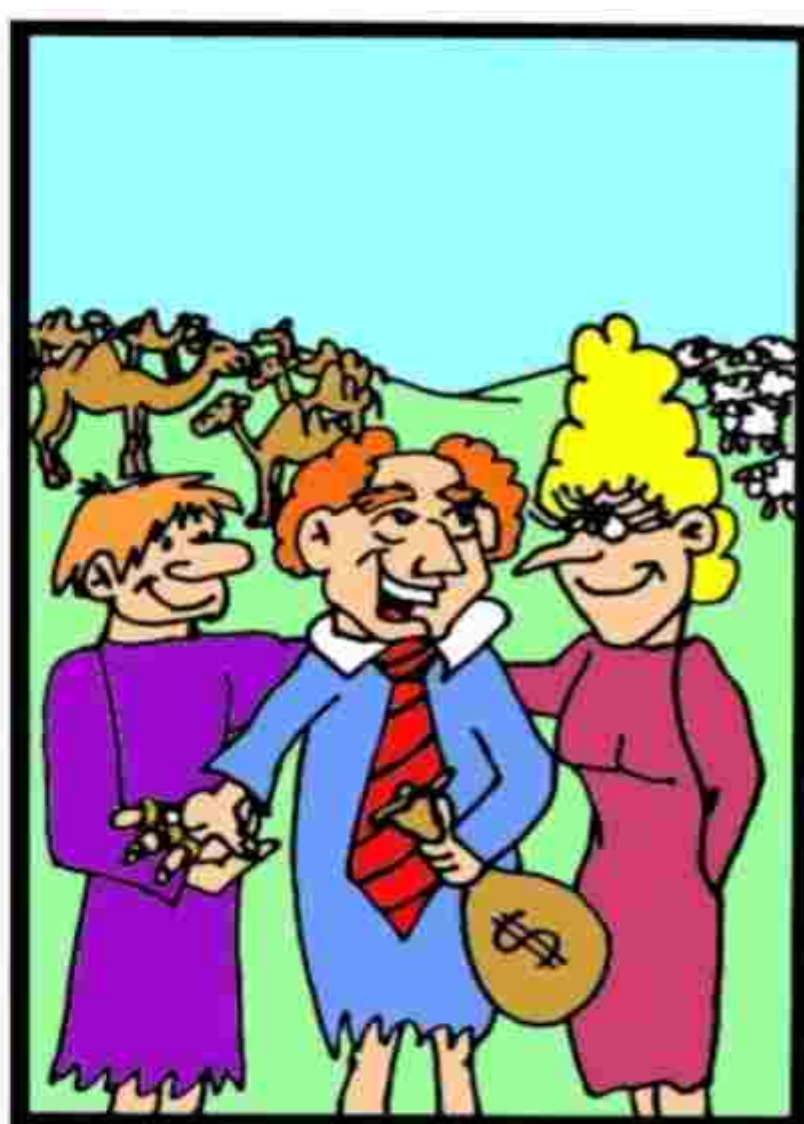
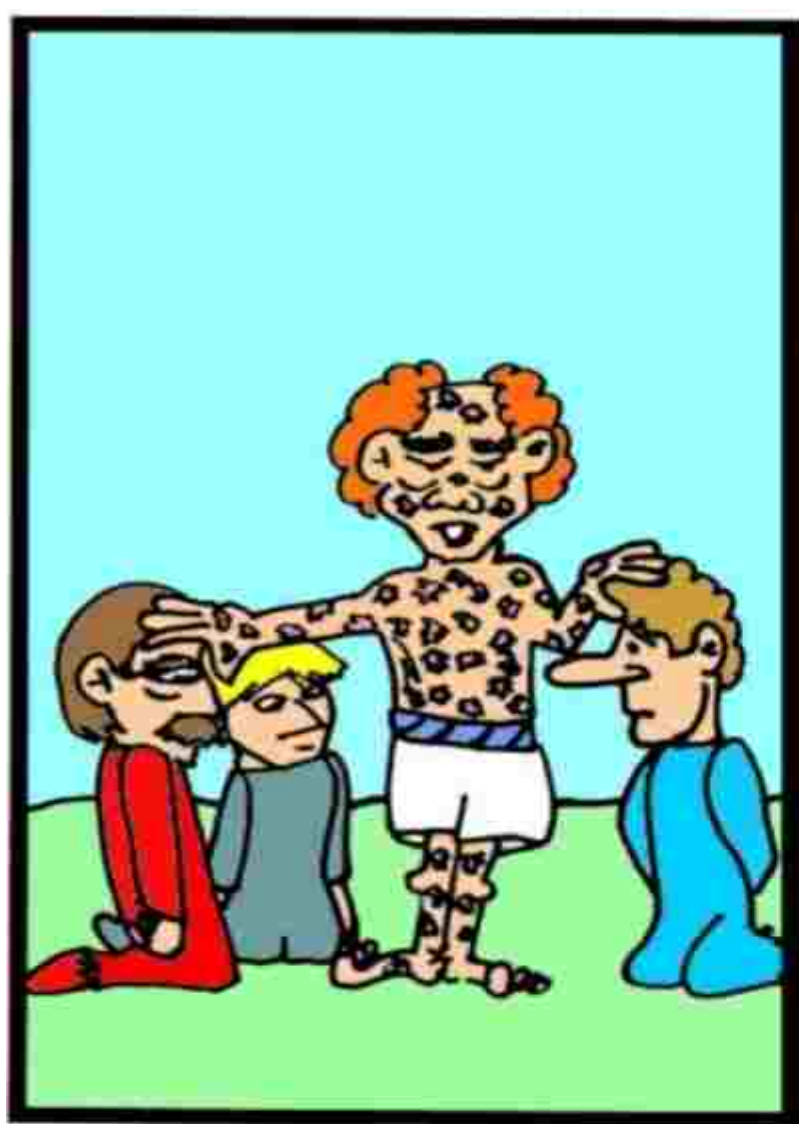
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At last Job spoke and said, "I'm a nobody. I'll just put my hand on my mouth and keep quiet God." "Be strong like a man," said God. "I'm going to ask you, and you teach me. Are you going to say I did bad things so that you can look like the good person?"



"You can do anything God," said Job. "I didn't know what I was talking about when I said all those things. You can teach me. I only heard about you before, but now I can see you with my eyes. I take back everything I said before."



God was not happy with Job's three friends, but he said that if Job would pray for them nothing bad would happen them. Job prayed for them and then God restored all of Job's fortunes. He had twice as many animals as he had at first, all his friends and family came to visit again and they brought him money and gold rings.



In the end he had 10 children, 7 boys and 3 girls - the prettiest girls in the country. He lived for another 140 years and he saw his grandchildren and great-grandchildren too.



Lord, thank you that no matter what happens, if we hold tight to you, our future will be good. Help me to make good choices and always believe the best about you.