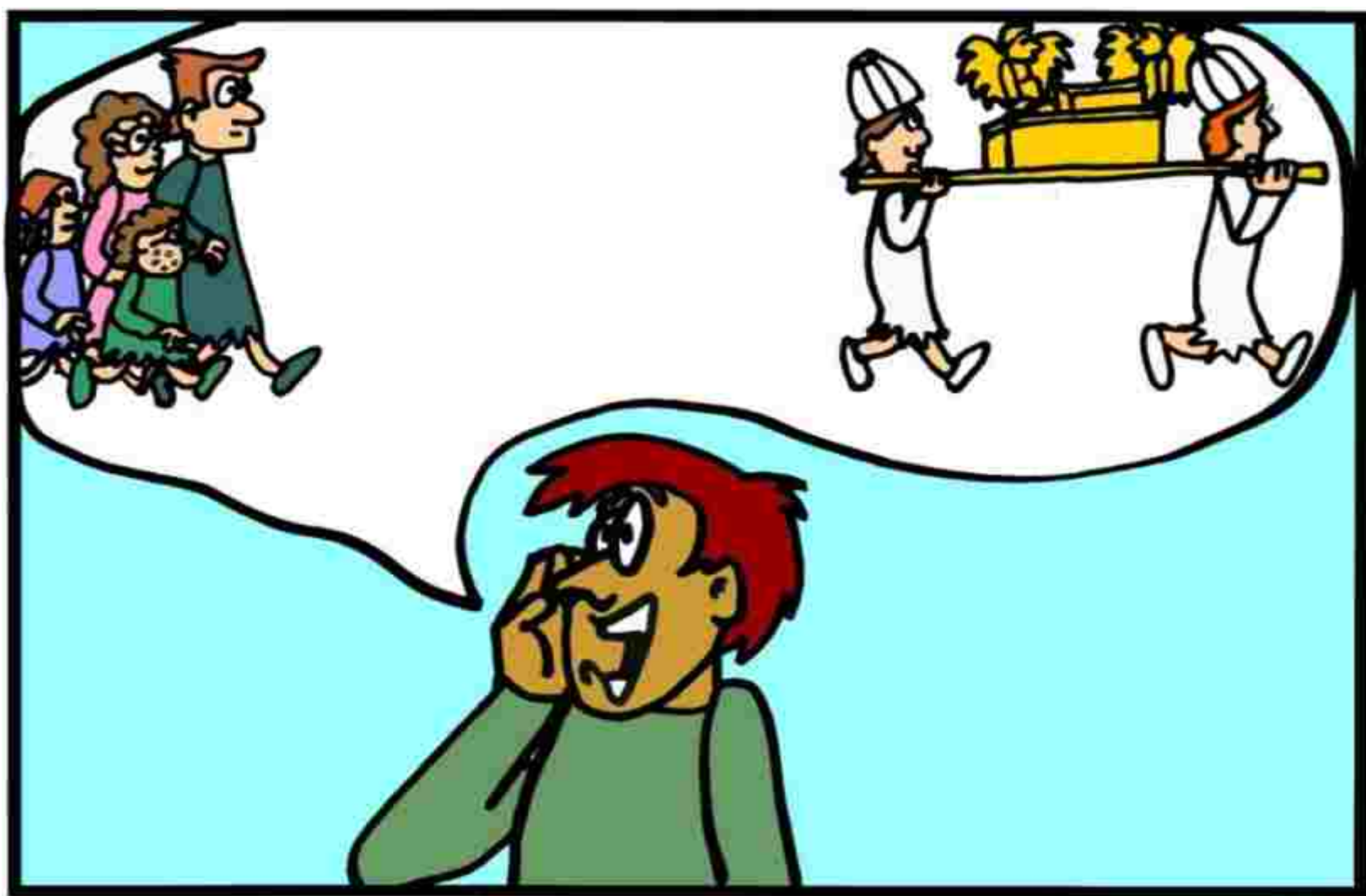


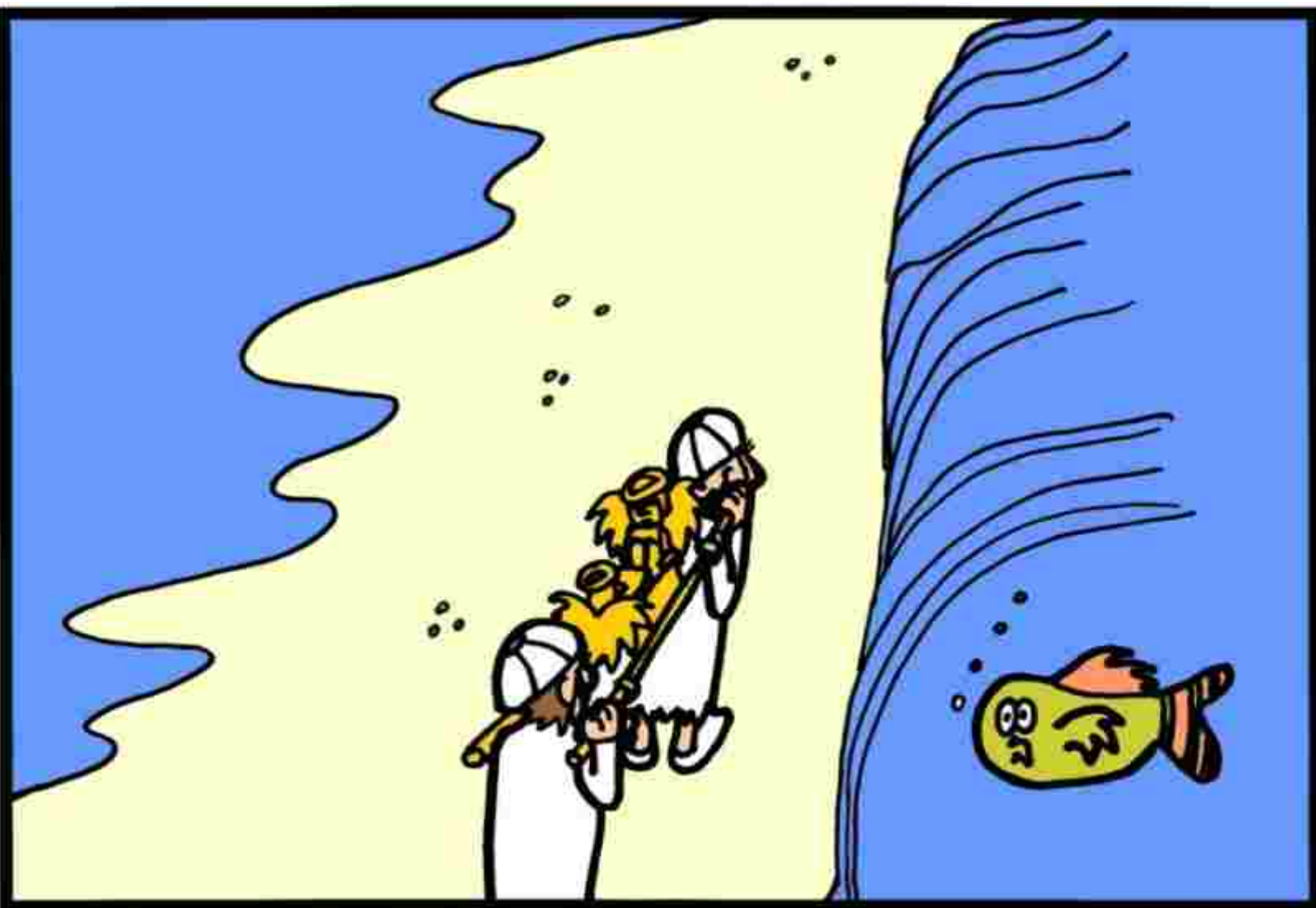
Crossing the Jordan River

(Based on Joshua 3 & 4)

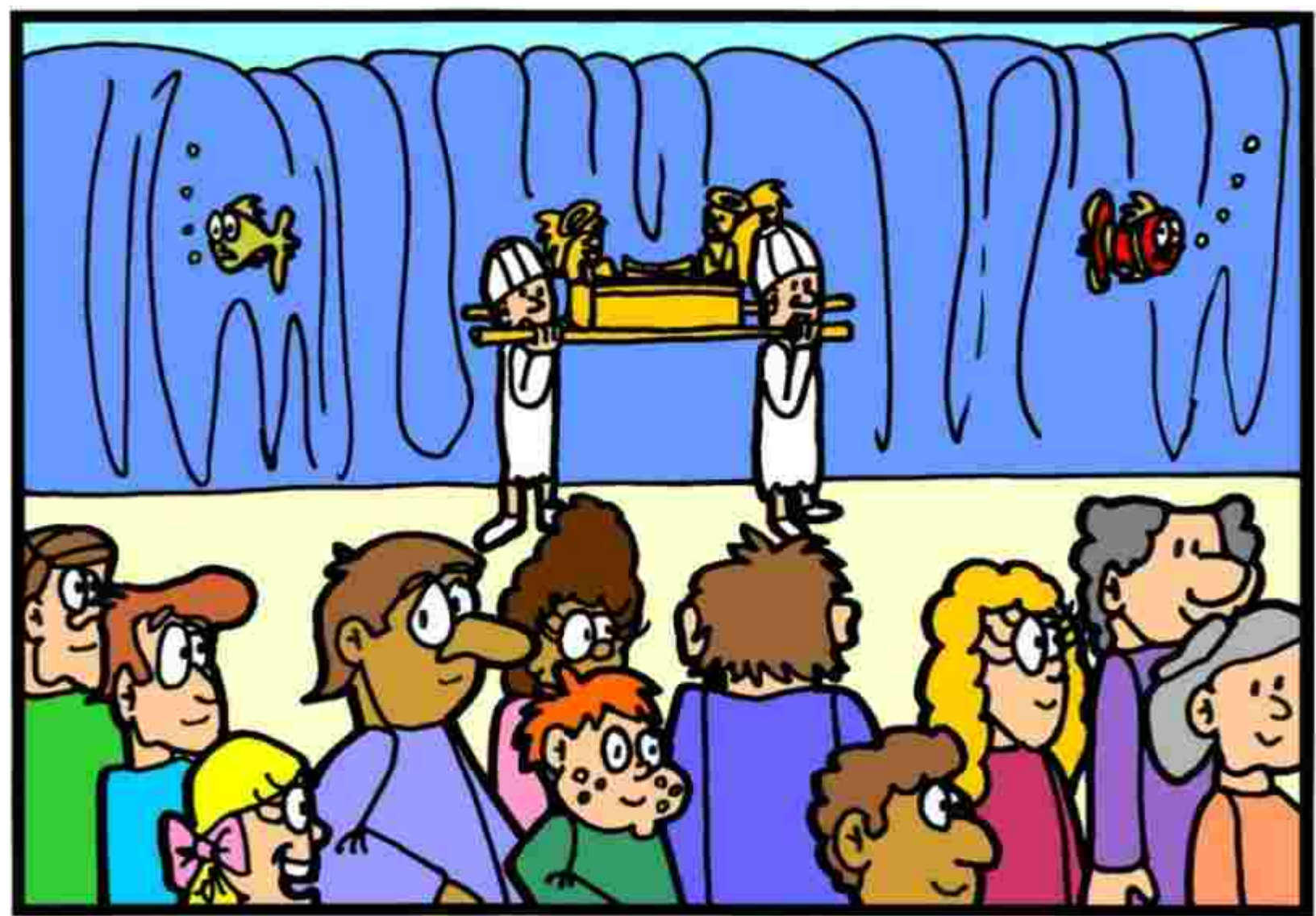
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Joshua sent messengers among the people of Israel. “When the priests move, carrying the Ark of God, follow them, but let them be far out front so everyone can see them. You have never been this way before. We are going into the promised land.”



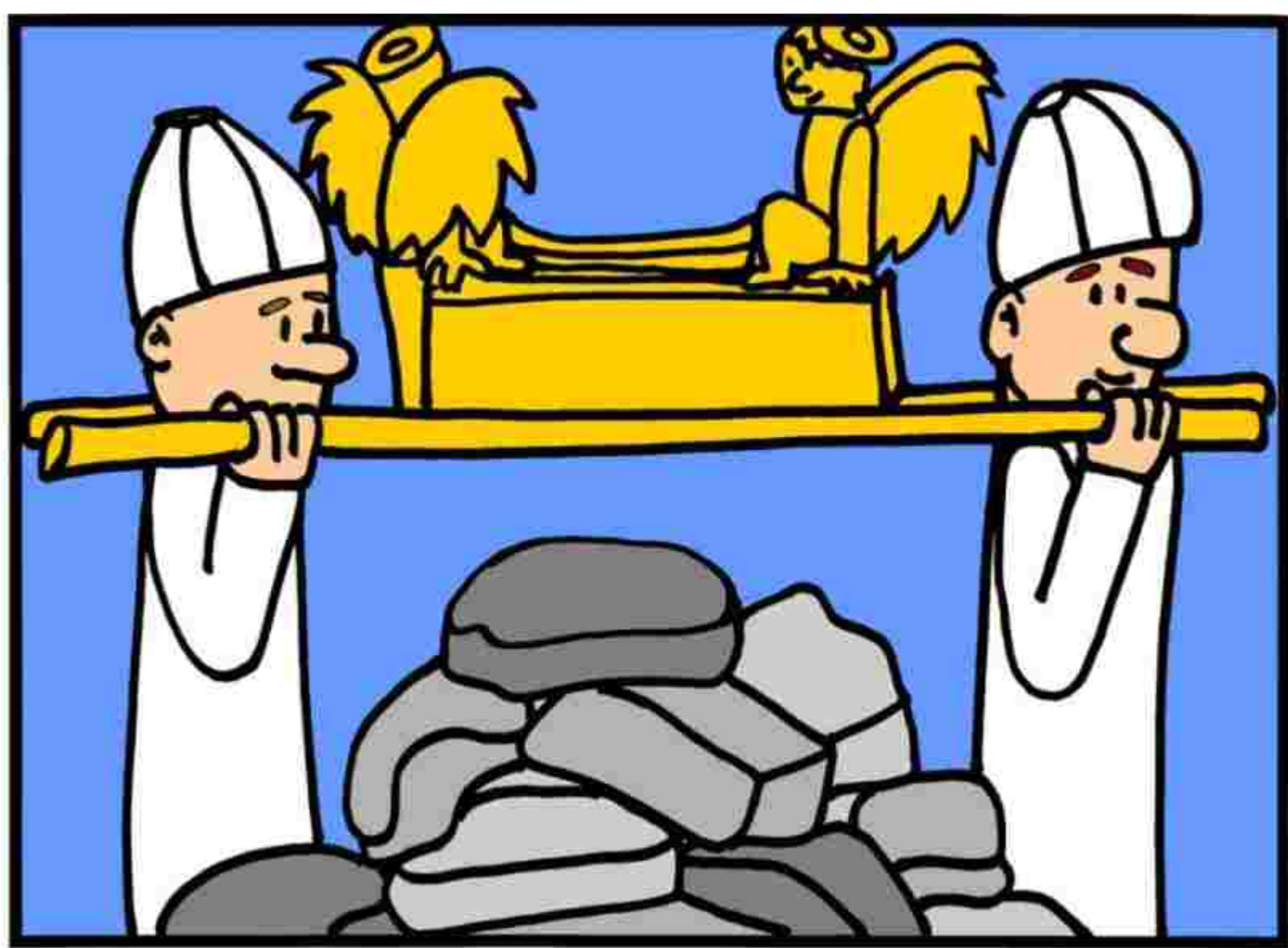
As soon as the priests that carried the Ark of God, stepped into the Jordan River and stood there, God made the moving river to stop and the water piled up in a heap.



The priests carried the Ark and stood in the middle of the dried up river while the people of Israel crossed the river on dry ground to the other side.



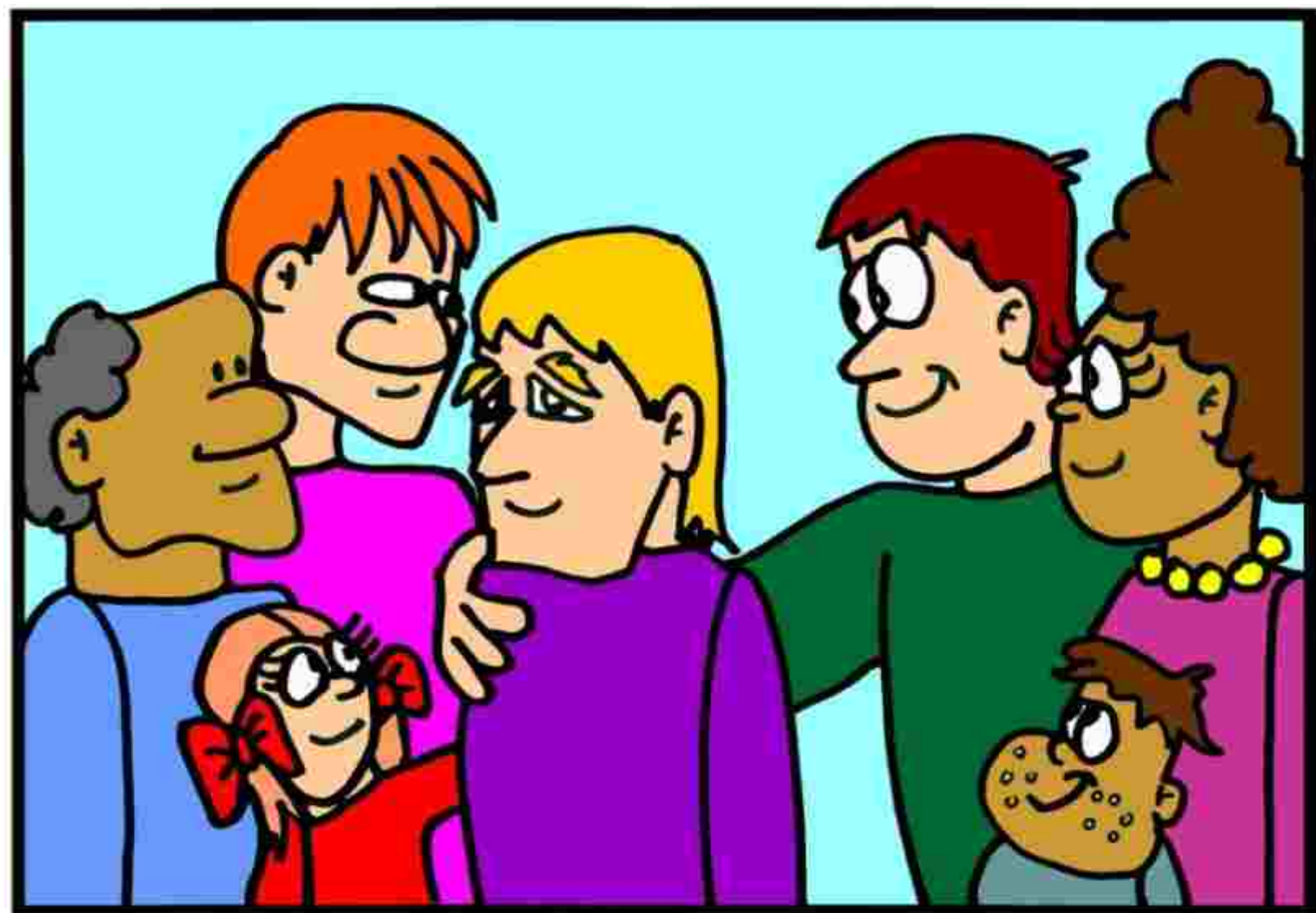
Then Joshua sent a man from each tribe to gather a stone from the river bottom where the priests were standing. They put them in a heap at the place they spent their first night in the promised-land as a reminder of what God had done.



Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the river where the priests had stood.



After this was done, Joshua called the priests to come out of the river and as soon as their feet were on the shore, the heap of water collapsed and the river filled again.



That day the Lord caused the people of Israel to have great respect for Joshua and they respected him until the day he died.



Lord, help me to remember the wonderful things that can happen when we obey and take a step of faith.