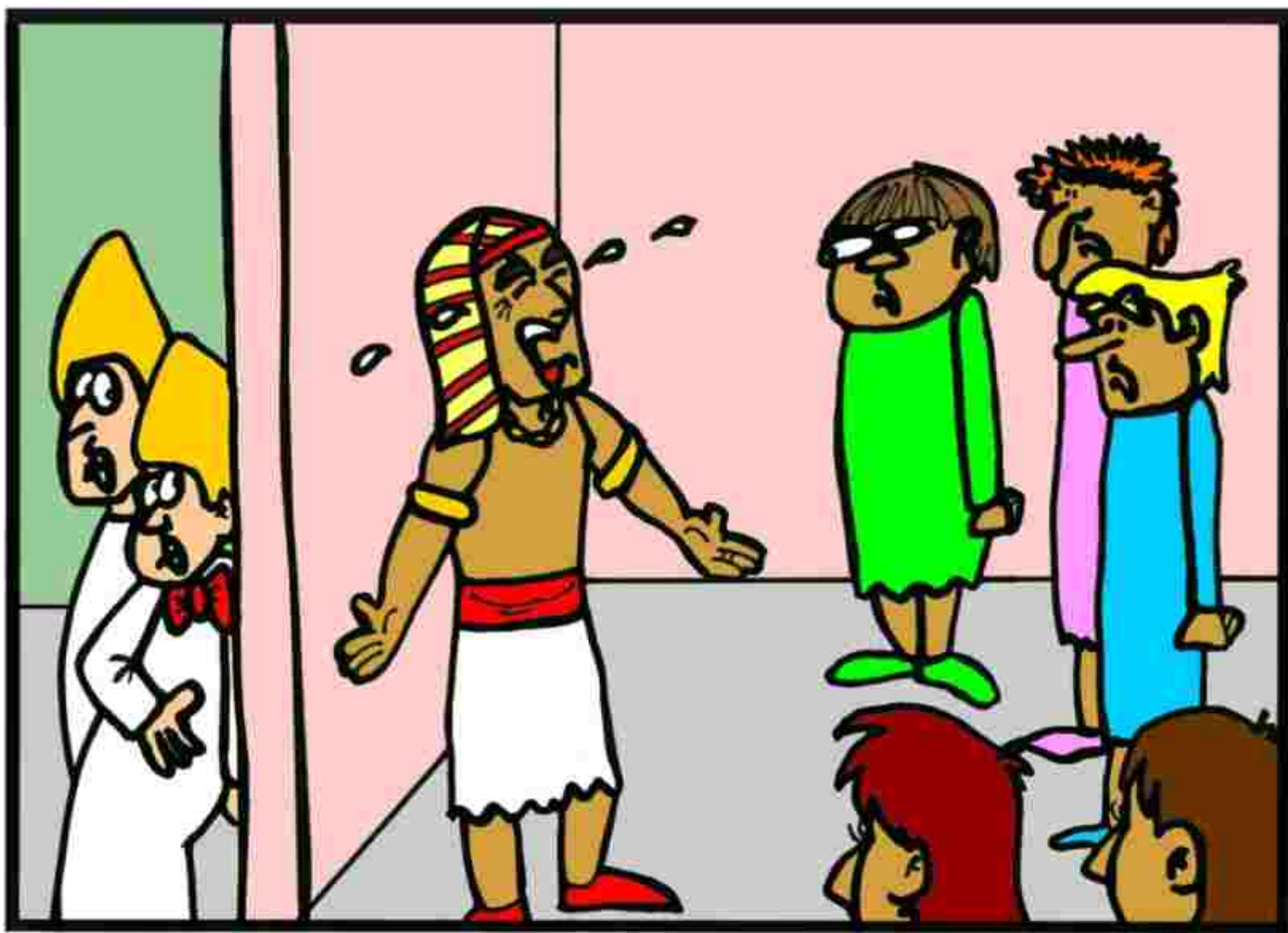


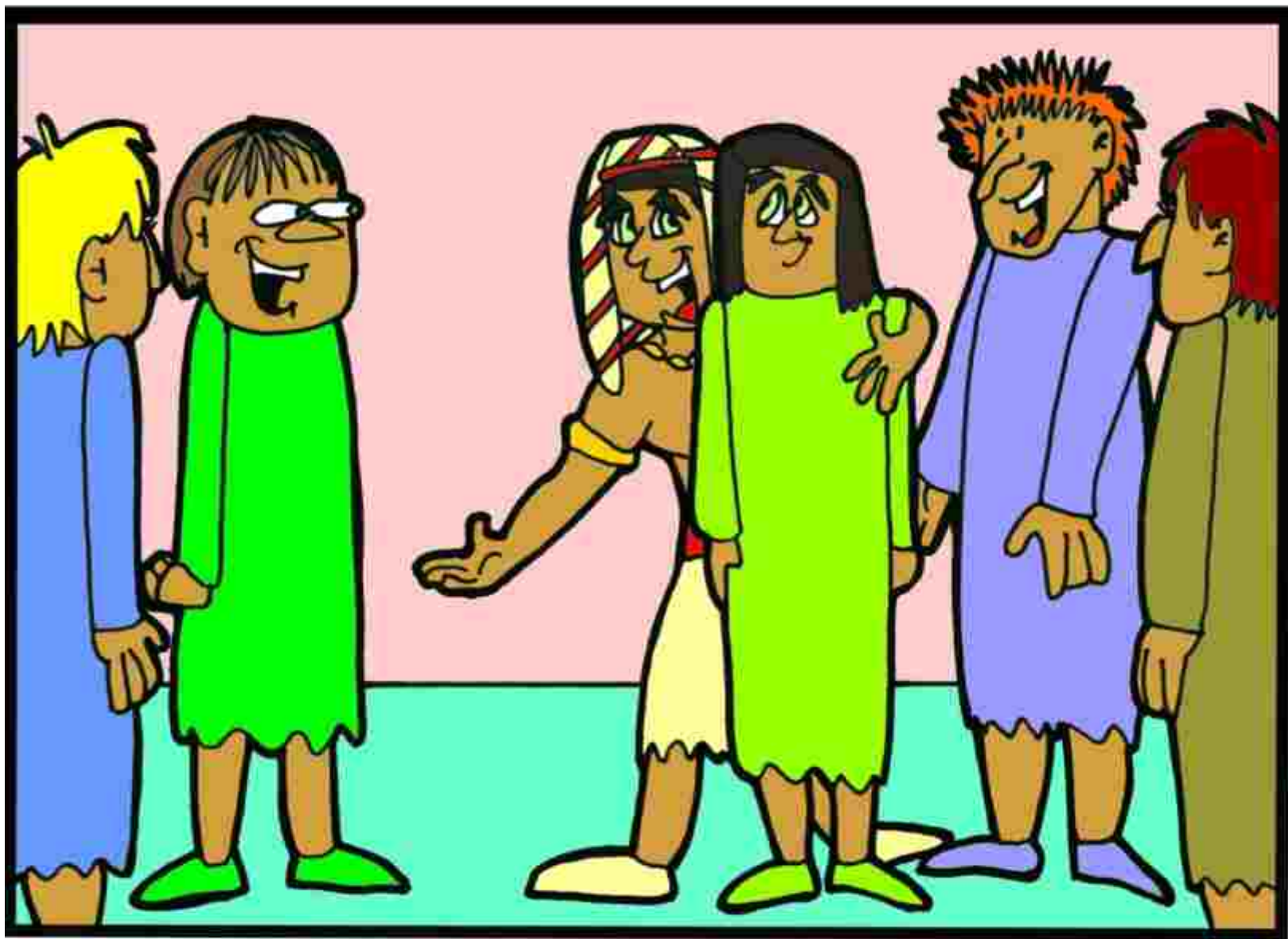
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(Based on Gen 41:55-47:12)

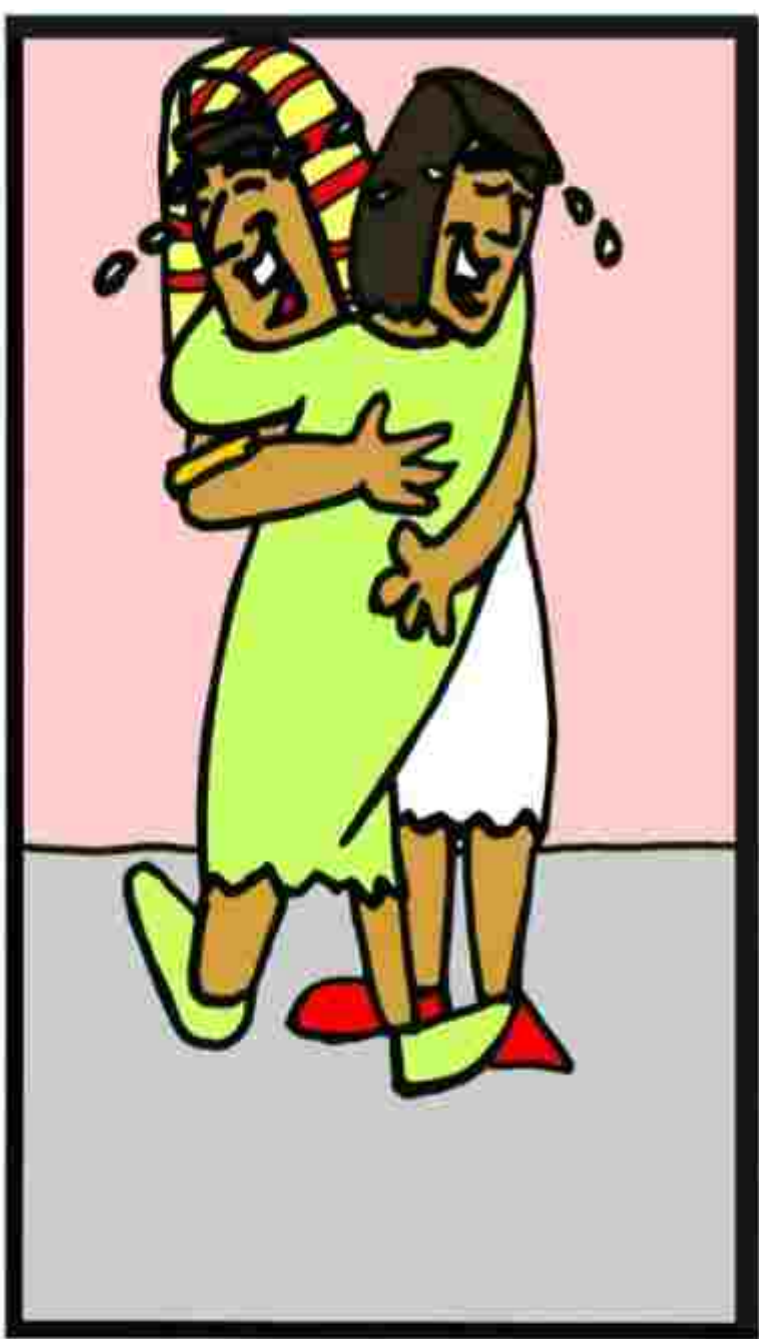
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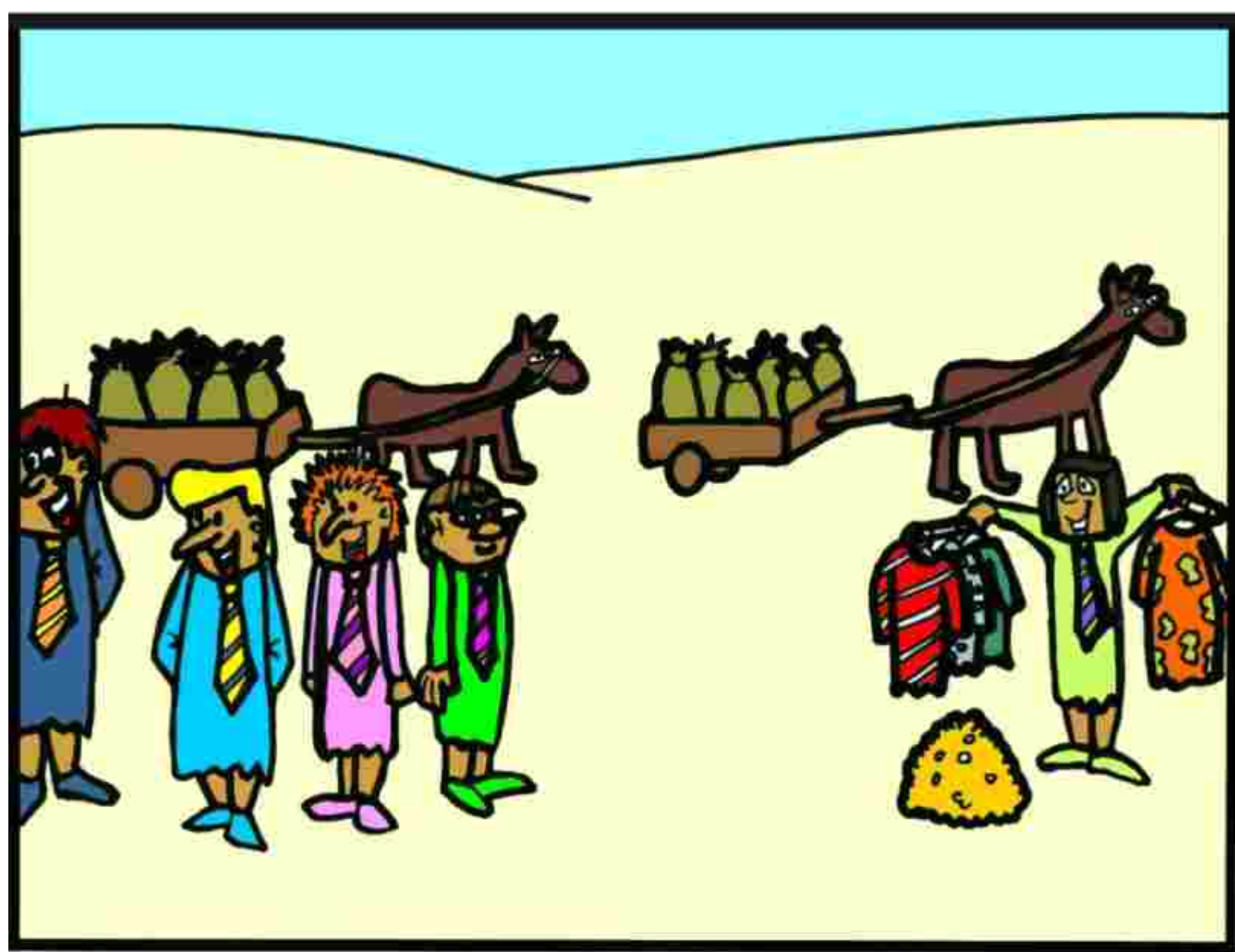
At last Joseph decided it was enough. "Everybody out of here except these men!" shouted Joseph. Joseph began to weep. "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" All the brothers were silent. They didn't know what to say.



"Come close to me," said Joseph. "Don't be sad. God sent me here before you, to save lives. There are still five more bad years. Go, tell my father about me. Bring your families and I will give you the best land in Egypt. Look at my eyes and Benjamin's eyes. See it's me!" 28-03



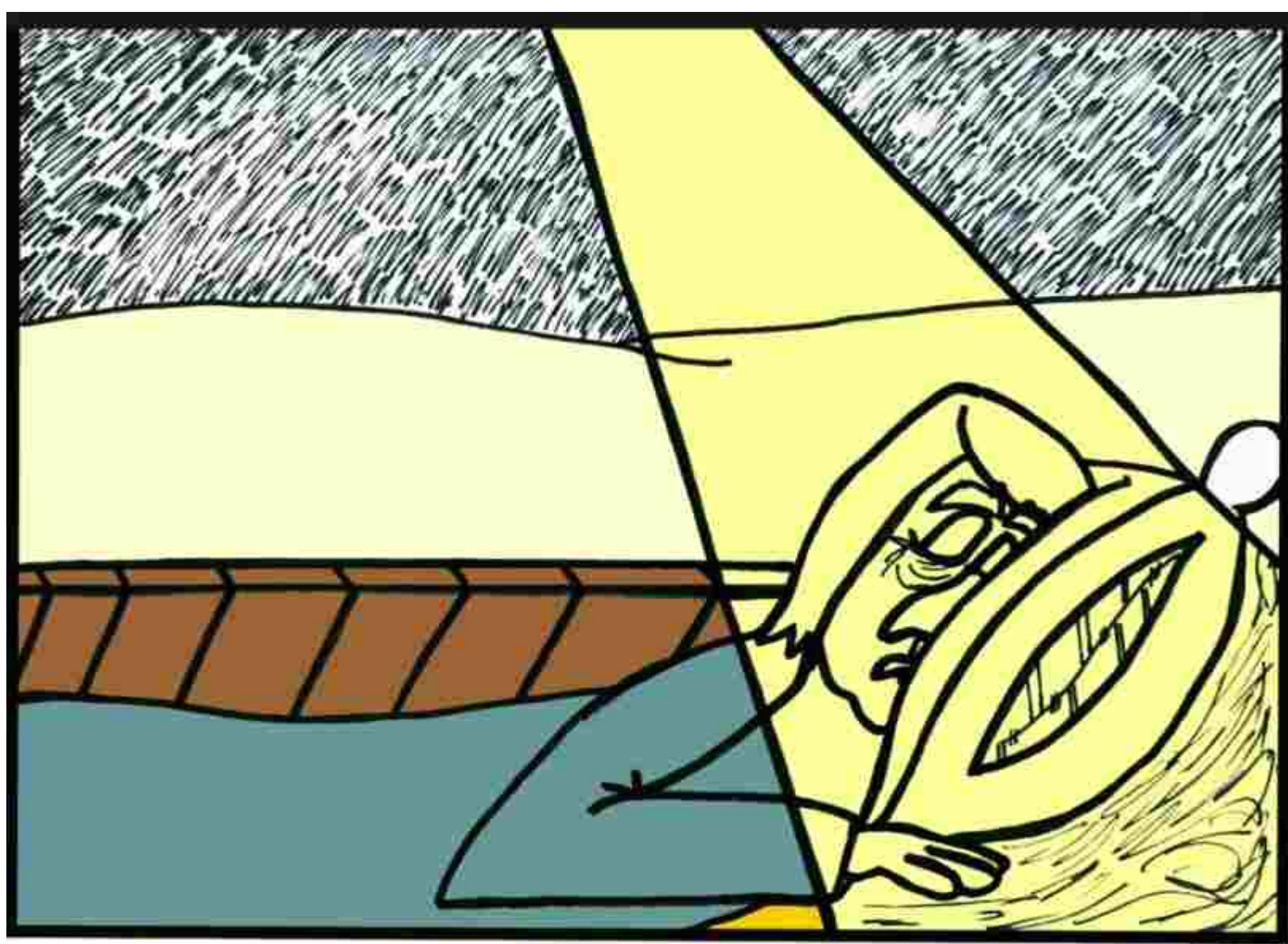
Joseph and Benjamin hugged each other and wept. Then Joseph hugged all his brothers and everyone wept for joy.



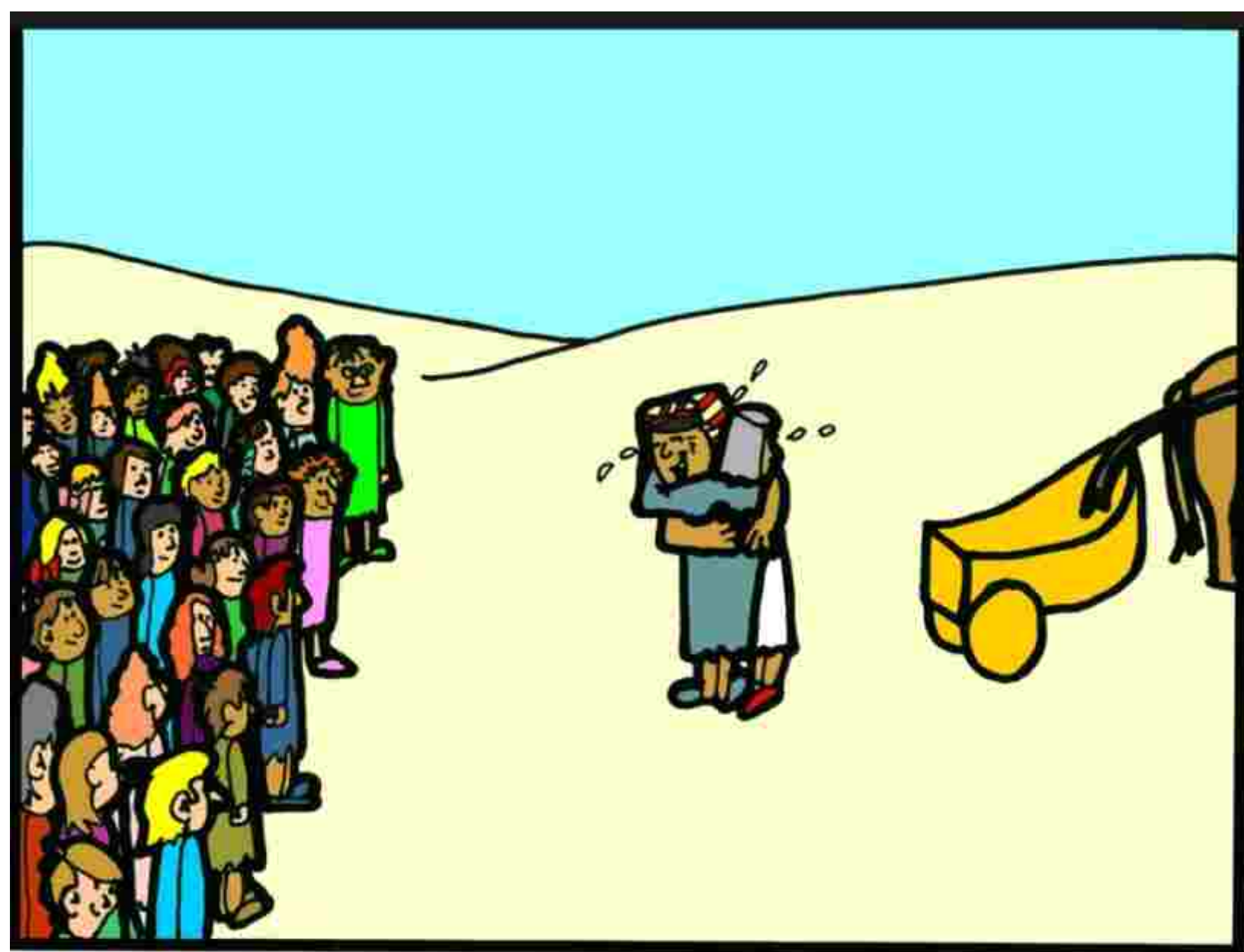
Joseph gave them carts and loaded them for the journey. He gave all his brothers a new suit of clothes but to Benjamin he gave five suits of clothes and three hundred pieces of silver.



"Joseph is alive and he is the governor over all the land of Egypt!" shouted the brothers when they arrived home. Old Jacob didn't believe them at first. Then he heard the story, saw the carts, and he believed.



On their journey to Egypt God spoke to old Jacob by a dream. "Jacob, Jacob, don't be afraid to go to Egypt. I will make your family into a great nation there. I will be with you and I will bring you back again. Joseph will be with you when you die."



All the family, seventy people in total, arrived in Egypt. Joseph gave them the land of Goshen. Joseph came in his chariot and met them. Old Jacob and Joseph hugged and wept for a long time.



Later Joseph took his father to meet the Pharaoh and old Jacob blessed Pharaoh.



Lord, help me to stay faithful and sweet when going through difficult times. Help me to forgive and love the people who have been mean to me so that my story also will have a happy ending.