

Miriam Becomes a Leper

(Based on Numbers 12)

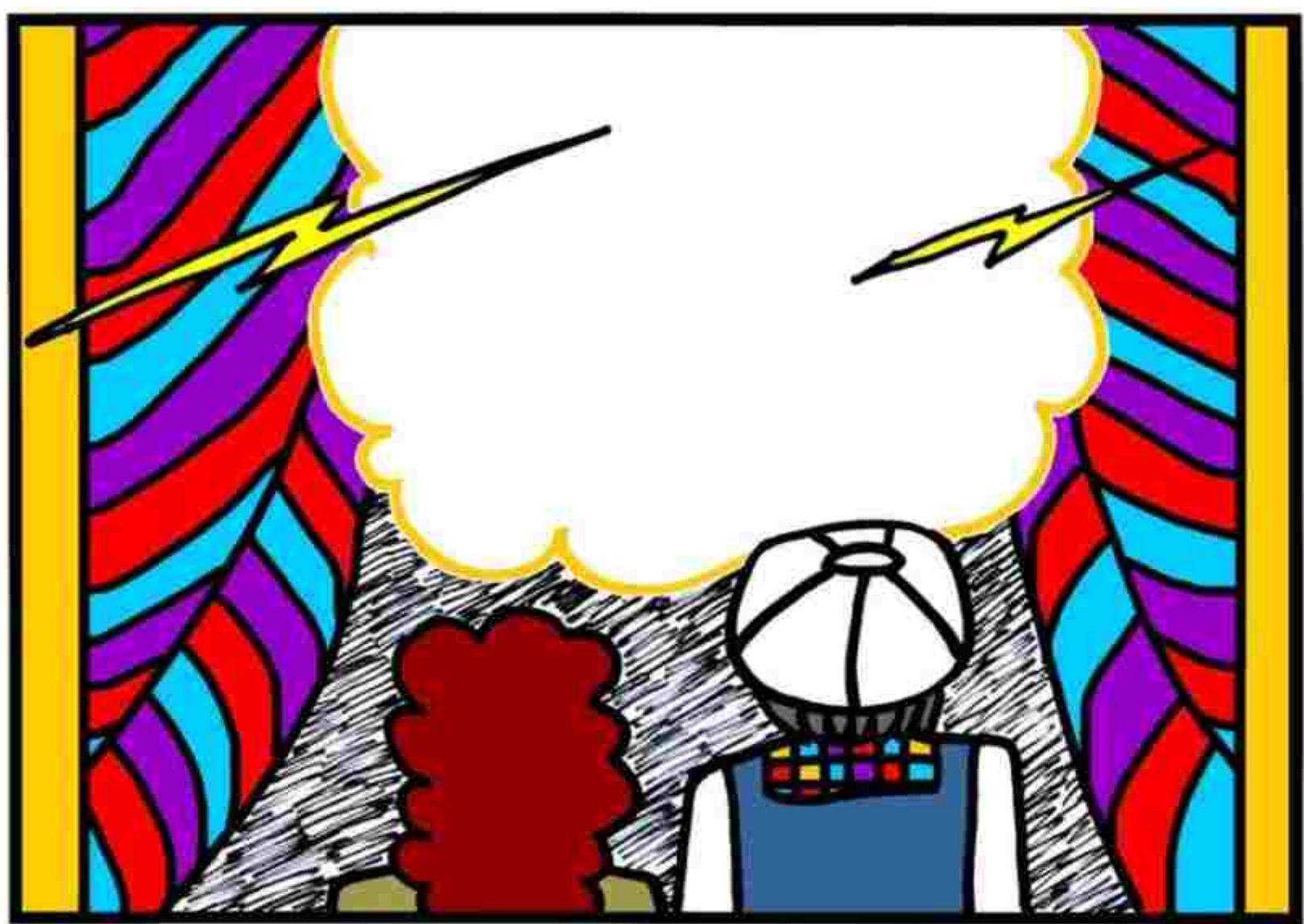
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Moses had married an Ethiopian woman. Miriam and Aaron were not happy about it, so they came to have a talk with their brother. "Does the Lord only speak through Moses? Hasn't he spoken through us too ?" they said.



Now, Moses was very humble, more than everybody on earth. (*He did not think he was a "somebody" and he let God be the boss in his life.*) Suddenly the Lord spoke. "Come you three to the tabernacle." Then the Lord came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle.



"Aaron and Miriam come here," commanded God. "I speak to prophets through visions and dreams. But with Moses I use plain words, face to face. He even sees my shape. Why weren't you afraid to speak nasty to my servant Moses?" asked the Lord.



God left in the cloud. Suddenly Miriam's skin became completely white like snow. She had the dreaded leprosy disease. "Moses! Moses!" sobbed Aaron. "Please don't let us be punished for this foolish sin that we did. Please don't let her be like a half dead person."



"O God! O God!" cried Moses. "Please heal her, I pray." God answered Moses. "Let her be kicked out of the camp for seven days and after that she can come back and live with the people again."



So Miriam was kicked out of the camp for seven days and the people did not go on with their journey until Miriam was brought back in again.



Lord, sometimes when we know someone really well, we can forget to treat them with the respect that they deserve. Help me to remember to treat everyone with respect.