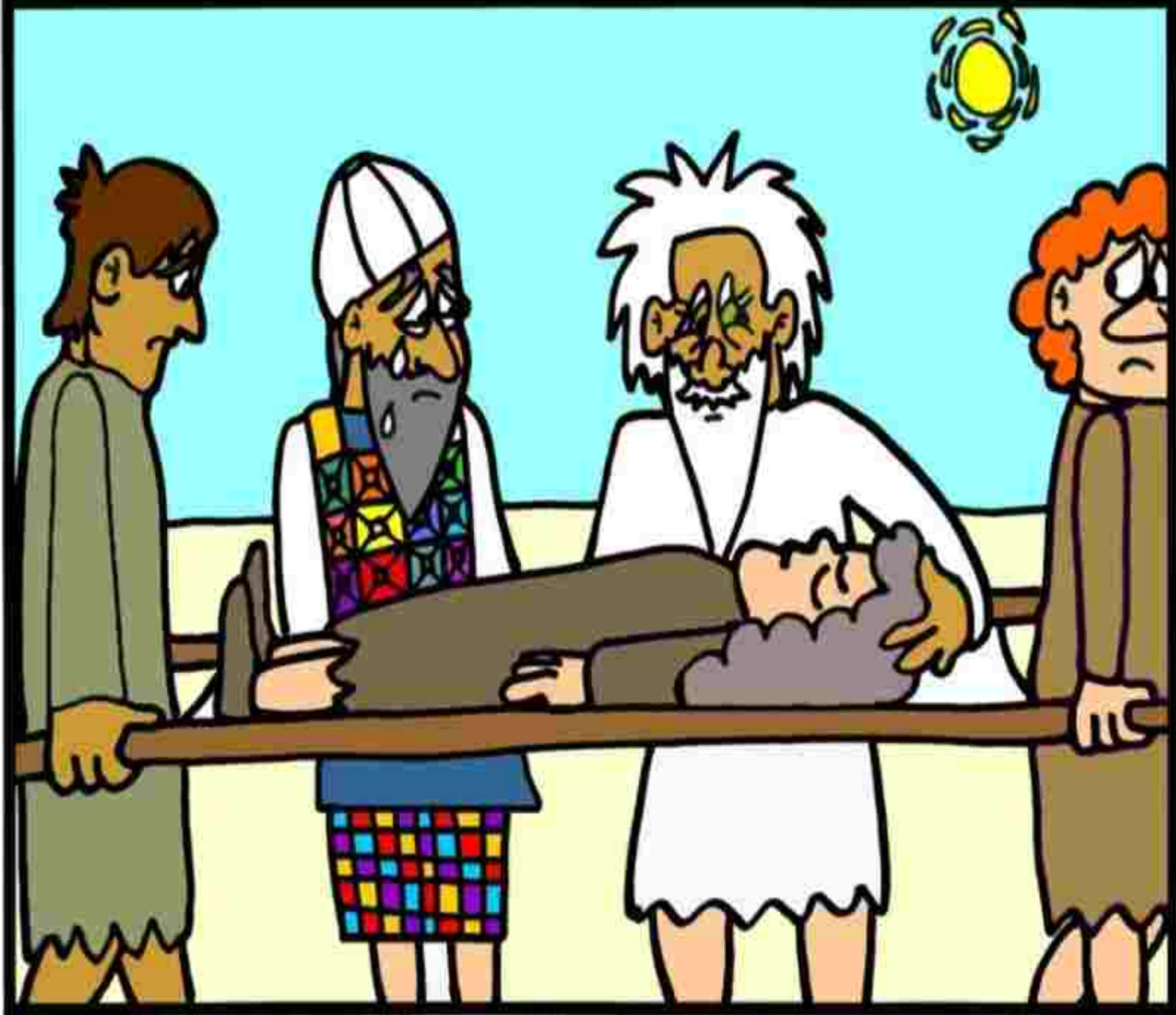


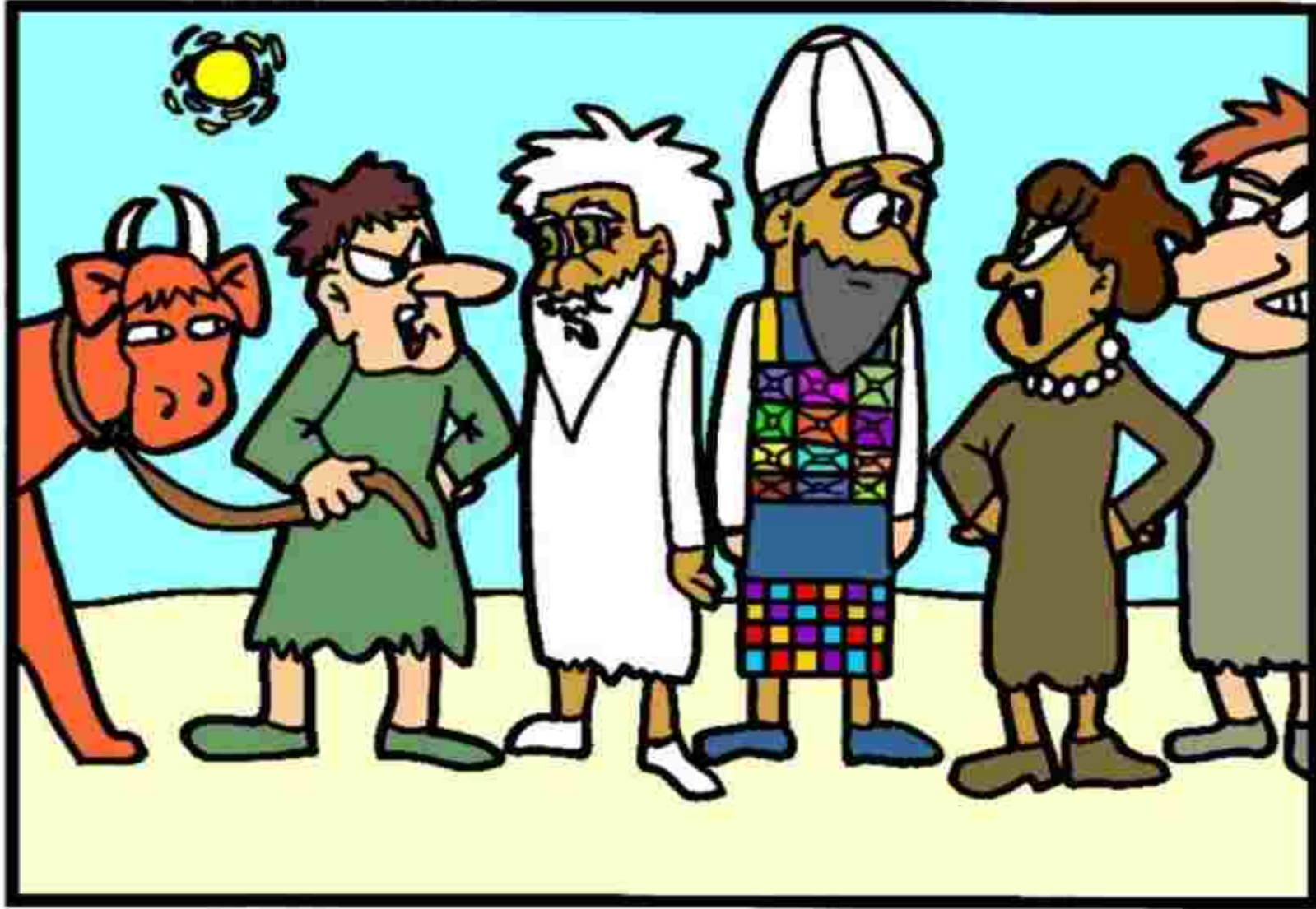
Moses' Big Mistake

(Based on Numbers 20:1-13)

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The people of Israel traveled in the desert and came to a place called Kadesh. There Miriam died.



There was no water and the people came to Moses and Aaron saying, “Why did you bring us to this desert so that we and our cows should die? Why did you bring us to this rotten place where nothing will grow and there is no water to drink?”



Then Moses and Aaron went to the tabernacle and fell on their faces before the Lord. The Lord appeared and told Moses to take his rod and go and talk to the rock while all the Israelites watched. God promised that water would come out of the rock for the people and their cows.



Moses took his rod and went to the rock. Then he said to the people of Israel, “Listen, you rebels! Do we have to get water out of this rock?”



Then Moses hit the rock twice with his rod and lots of water came out. God spoke to Moses and Aaron saying, “Because you didn’t believe me, so that I should be very holy in the people’s eyes, you will not bring the people into the promised land.”



Lord, help me not to lose my patience with people and then do something I may regret later. Help me to believe and do exactly what you say.