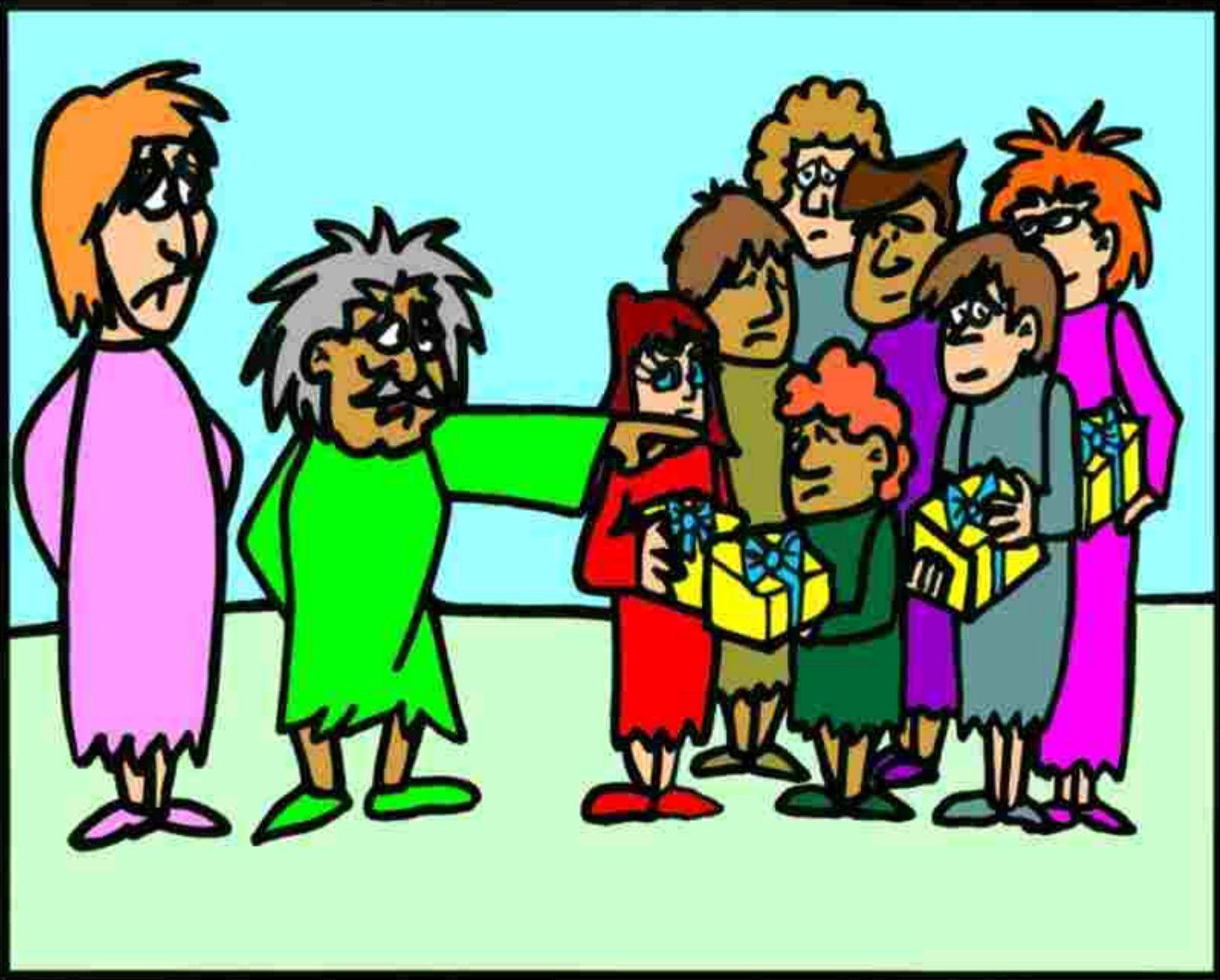


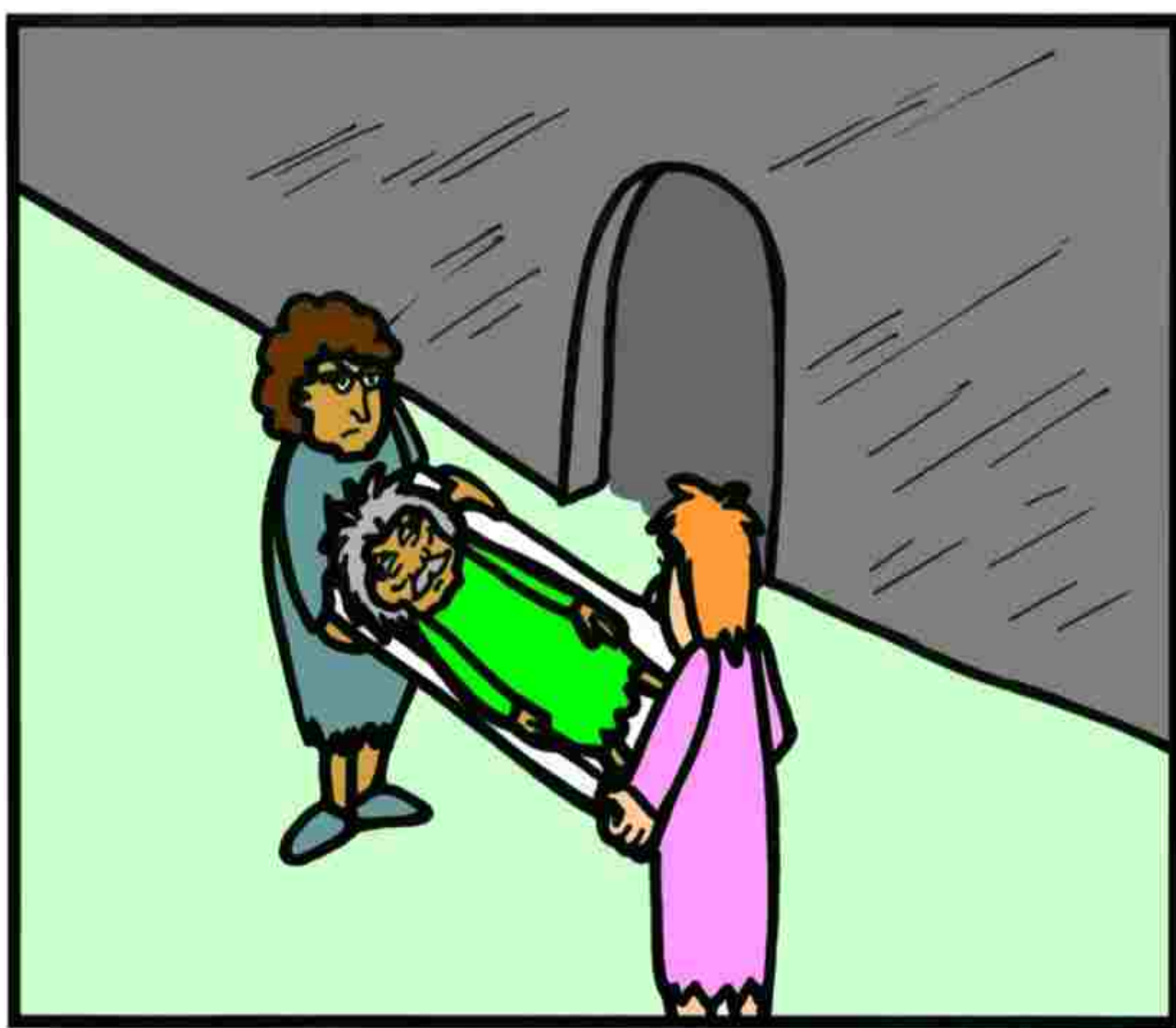
# Rebecca Has Twins

*(Based on Genesis 25:11-34)*

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Abraham had another wife and many more children. Before he died he gave them all gifts and he sent them to live in a far away country east of Canaan land. But everything else that he had he gave to Isaac.



Then Abraham died. He was 175 years old. Ishmael came home and helped Isaac to bury Abraham in the same cave wherein Sarah was buried.

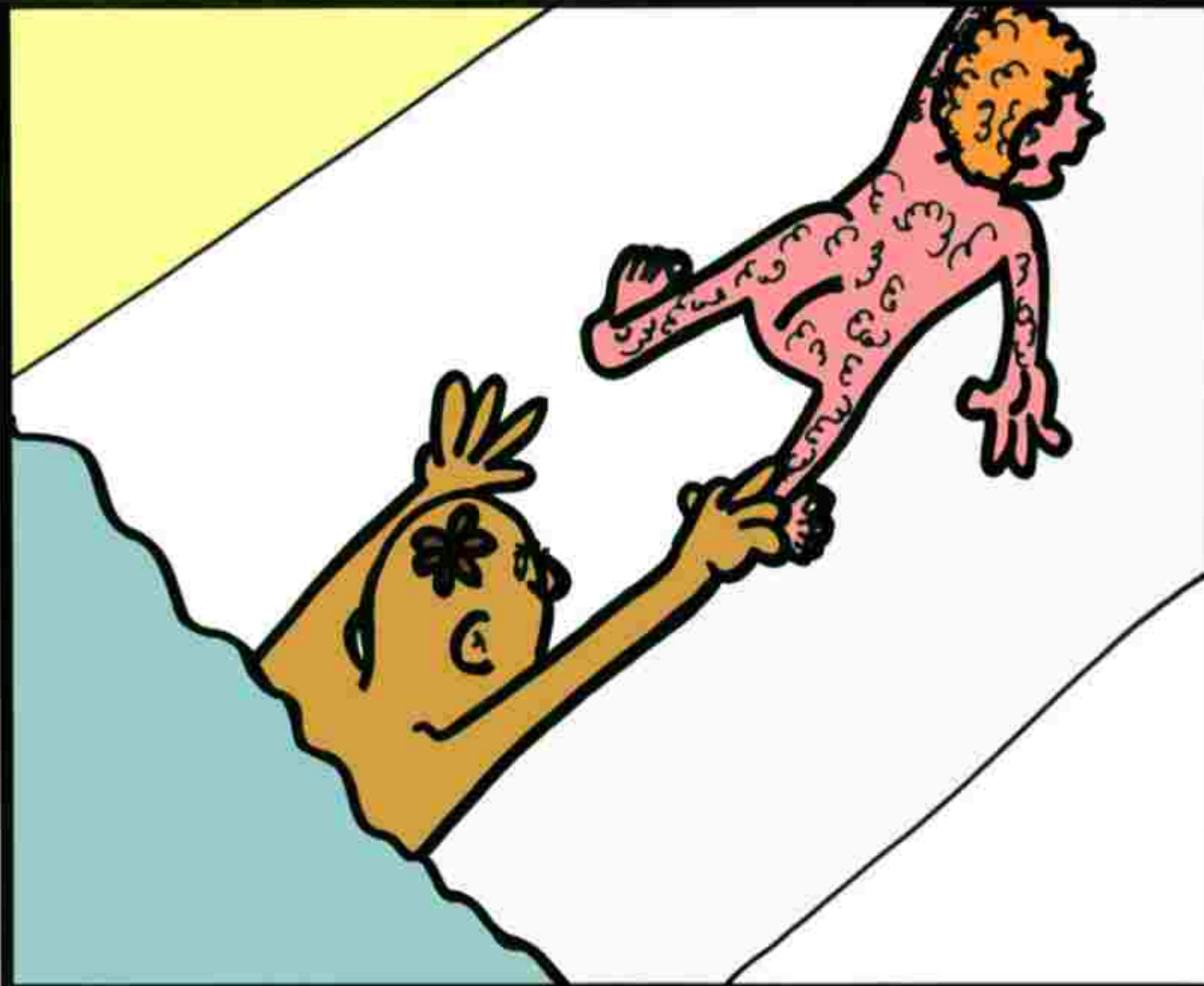


Isaac and Rebecca were married for almost twenty years and they still didn't have any kids! "Please God! Please give us children," pleaded Isaac. The Lord answered Isaac's prayer and Rebecca became pregnant.

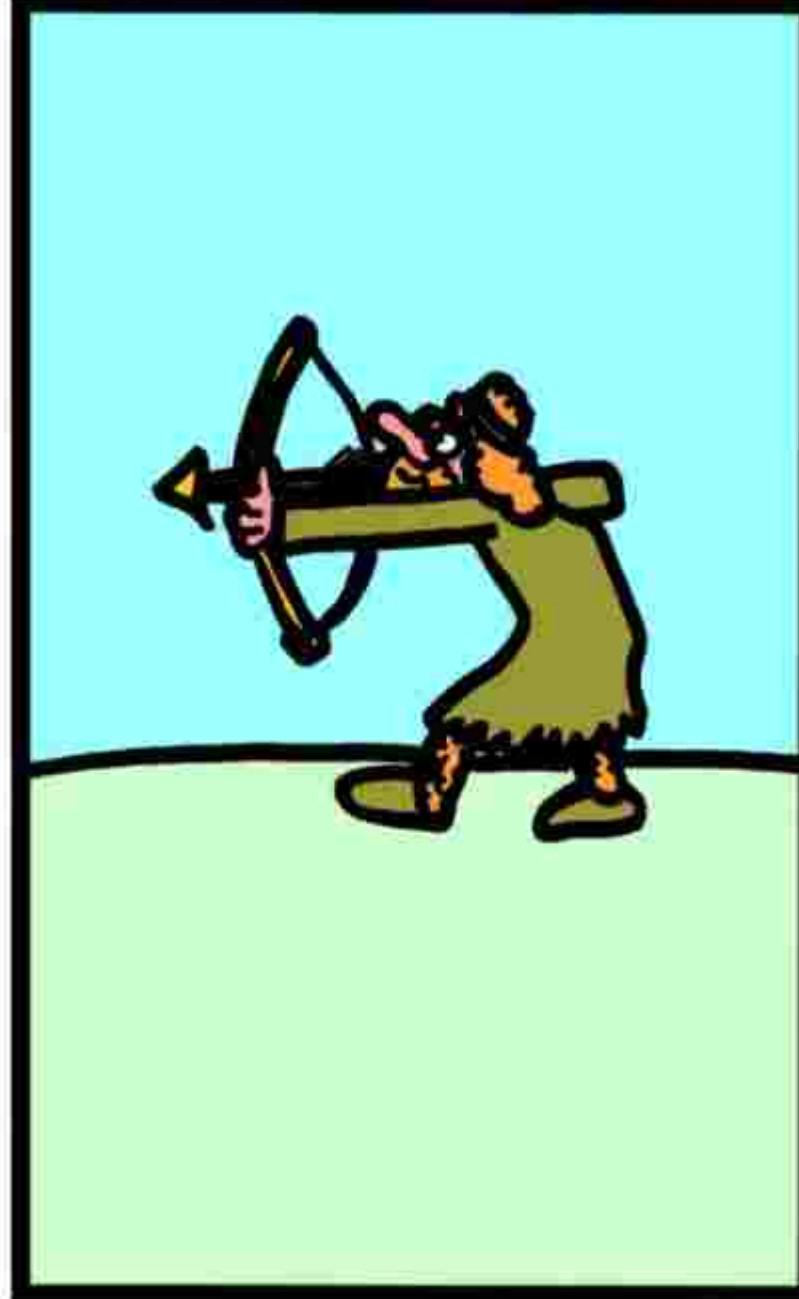


Pow! Bang! Boom! Ksplat! "What is going on inside my belly?" asked Rebecca.





Rebecca had twin boys. The first boy came out red and hairy so they called his name Esau, which means hairy. As the younger boy came out he grabbed the heel of Esau's foot. They called his name Jacob.



The boys grew and Esau became a skilled hunter, but Jacob was a mild man and he liked to stay around the tents.

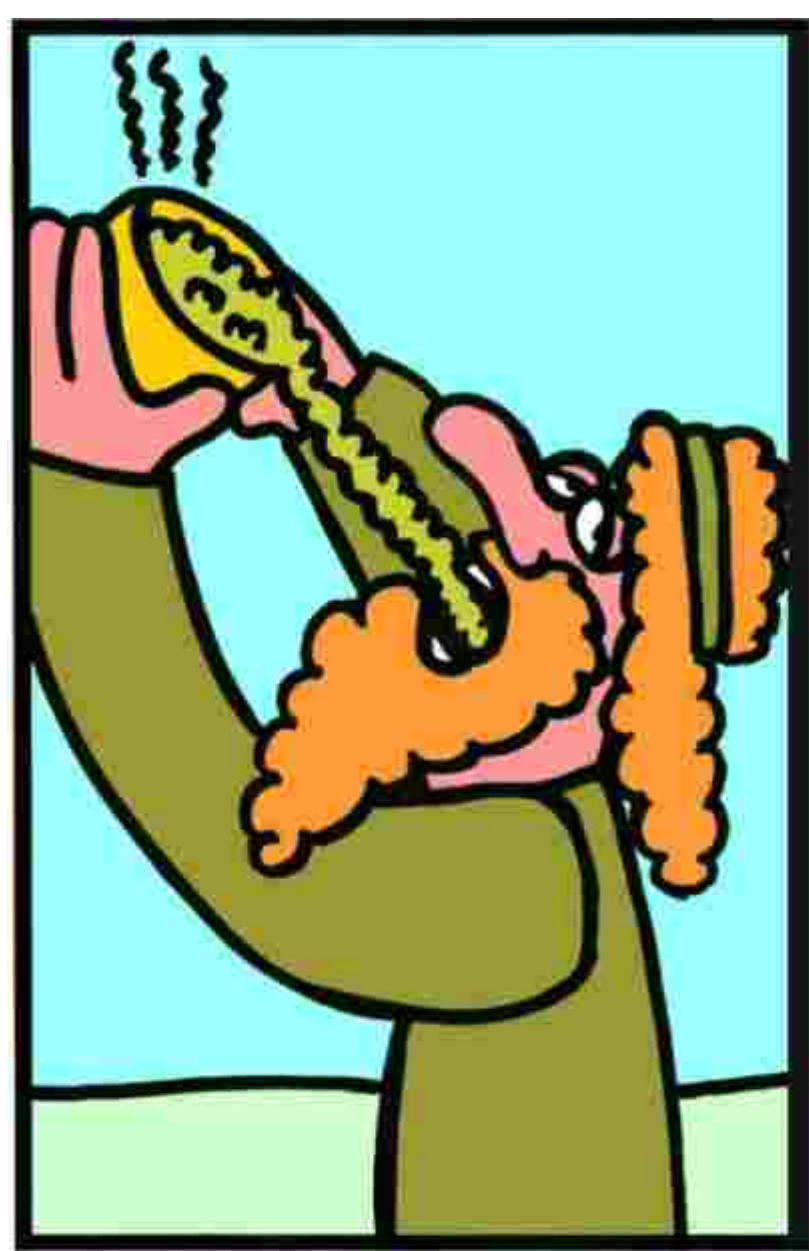


Isaac loved Esau because he liked to eat the meat that Esau would catch but Rebecca loved Jacob.





One day Jacob was cooking a stew. Esau came from hunting. "Give me some stew. I'm tuckered out," said Esau. "Sell me your birthright (*the privilege to be the boss of the family, the one to inherit the blessings and promises of God*)," answered Jacob.



"What do I care about this birthright?" answered Esau. "You can have it. Give me some stew." Esau ate the stew and went away. He treated his birthright like it was nothing important.



Esau continued to make bad choices. He married two Canaanite women who did not love God and did many bad things. These women were nothing but a big pain to Isaac and Rebecca.



Lord, help me to see how important spiritual matters are in my life, and especially the promises that you have for me in your Word. I don't want to be like Esau who gave up his special place in the family for a bowl of stew.