

Saul Rescues the City of Jabesh

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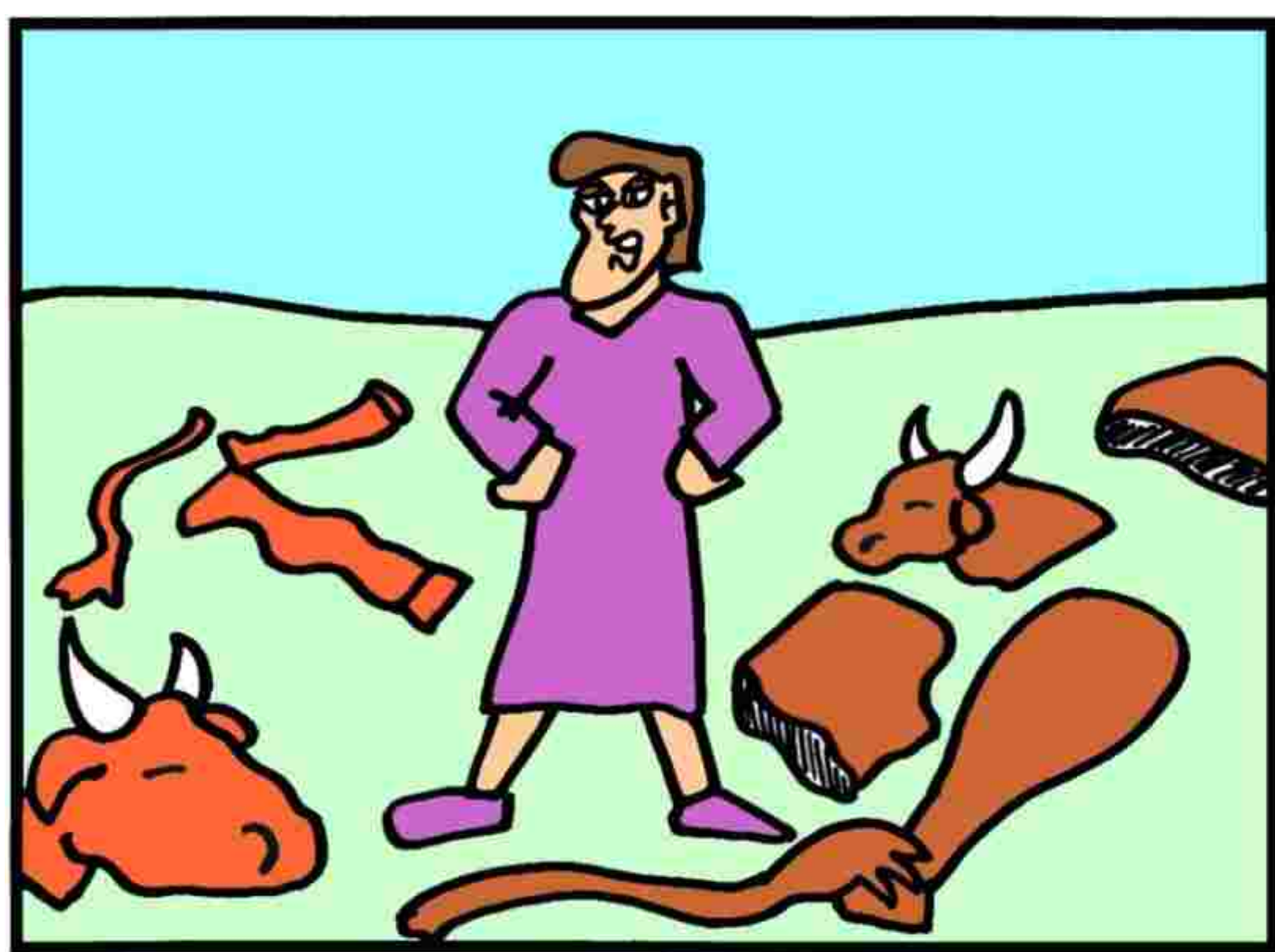
An enemy army came to the town of Jabesh. The people of Jabesh were very afraid and said to the enemy, “Please make a deal with us and we will be your servants!”



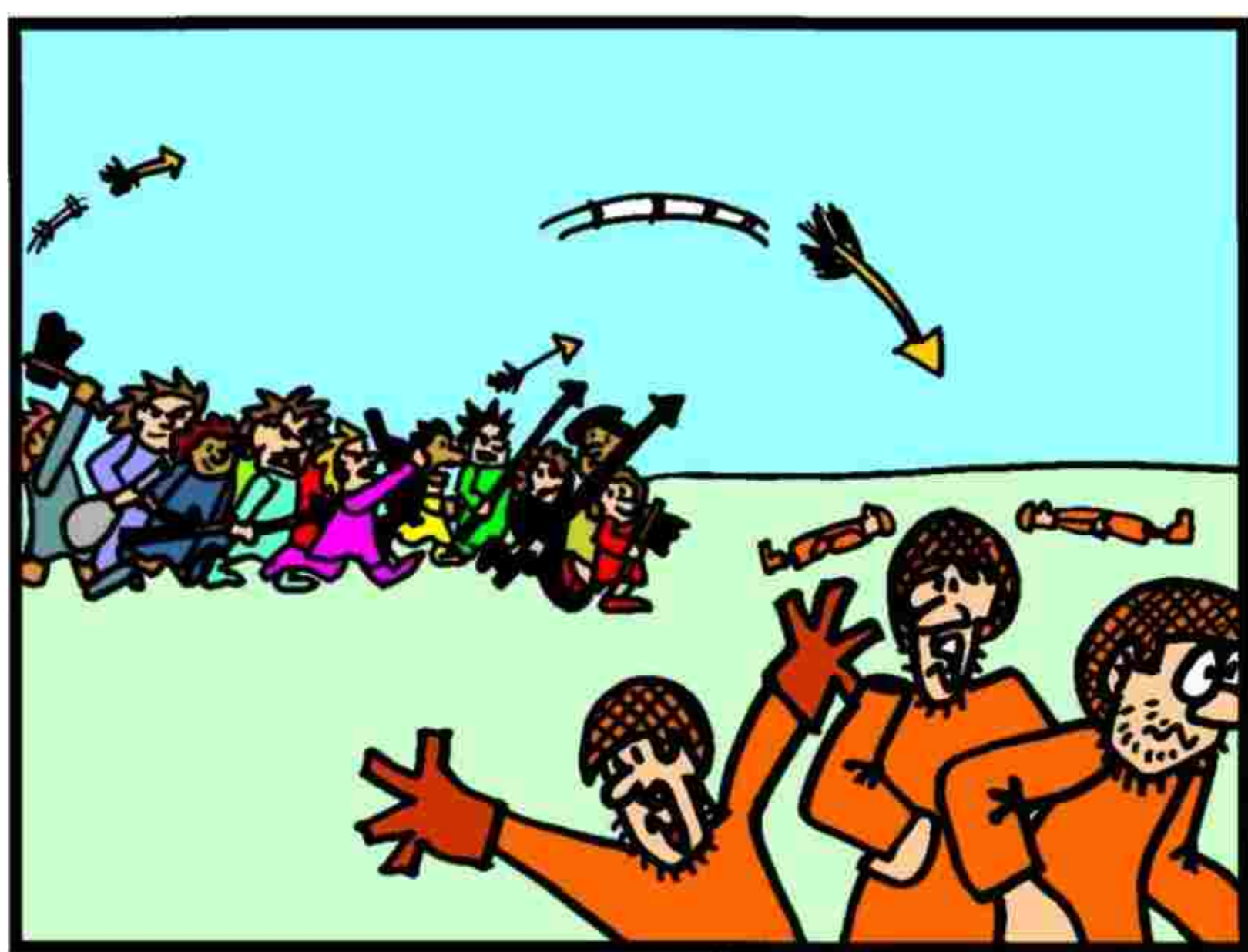
“We’ll make a deal with you only if we can poke out all of your right eyes!” said the enemy. The people of Jabesh asked to have seven days to search for someone in Israel to come and rescue them.



When Saul heard about what the enemy wanted to do to the people of Jabesh, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he was very angry.



He took a couple of oxen, cut them up into pieces and sent the pieces to places all over the country of Israel with a message. “Whoever doesn’t come and follow me and Samuel, his oxen will be cut up like this!”



330,000 men came to help Saul. Saul divided them into three groups and then they went and attacked the enemy army. Many people in the enemy army were killed and the rest ran away.



The people of Israel said to Samuel, “Let’s kill those people who made fun of Saul and didn’t think he should be the king over us!” Saul said, “No. No one will be killed today.”



Samuel and the people of Israel made a sacrifice to the Lord and they officially made Saul their king. Everyone was very happy.



Lord, help me to remember when tests to my faith come, that your Spirit will help me and show me what to do. I am glad I can trust in YOU.