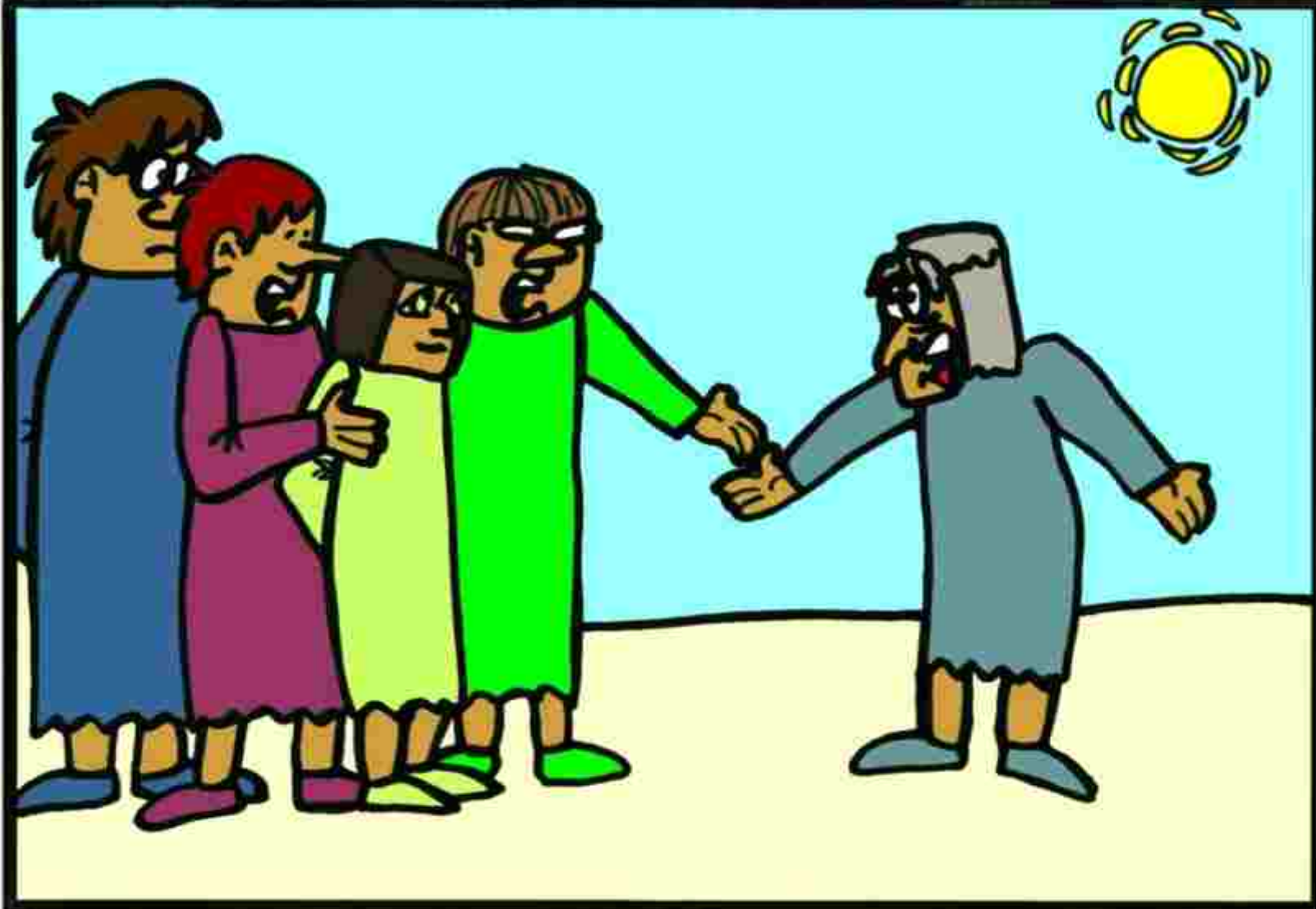


The Brothers are Tested

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

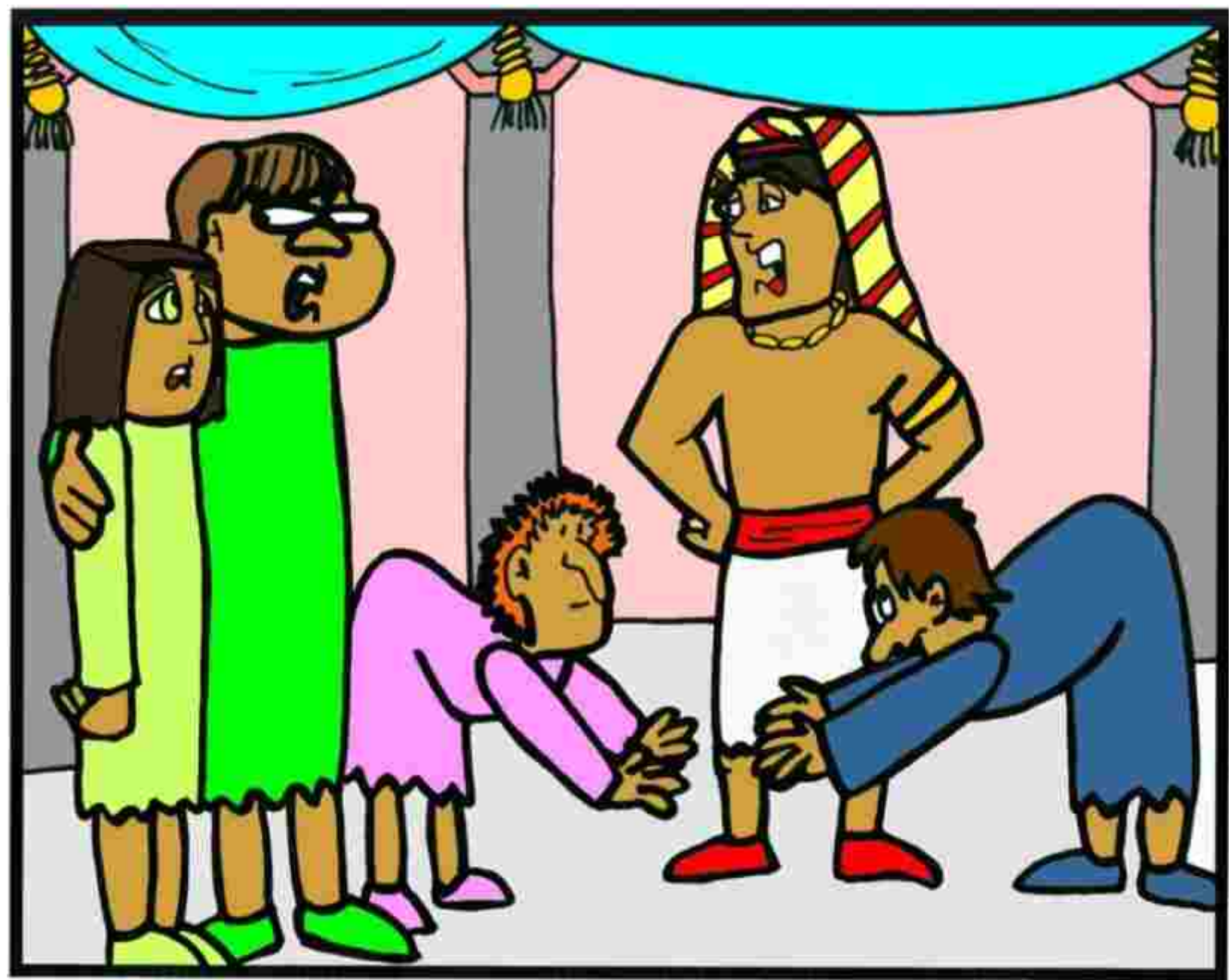
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In time Jacob and his family ran out of food again. He was very upset that he had to send Benjamin with the brothers to Egypt. "Take double money in case it was a mistake that they gave us our money back last time. If I lose my kids, I lose my kids," said old Jacob very sadly.



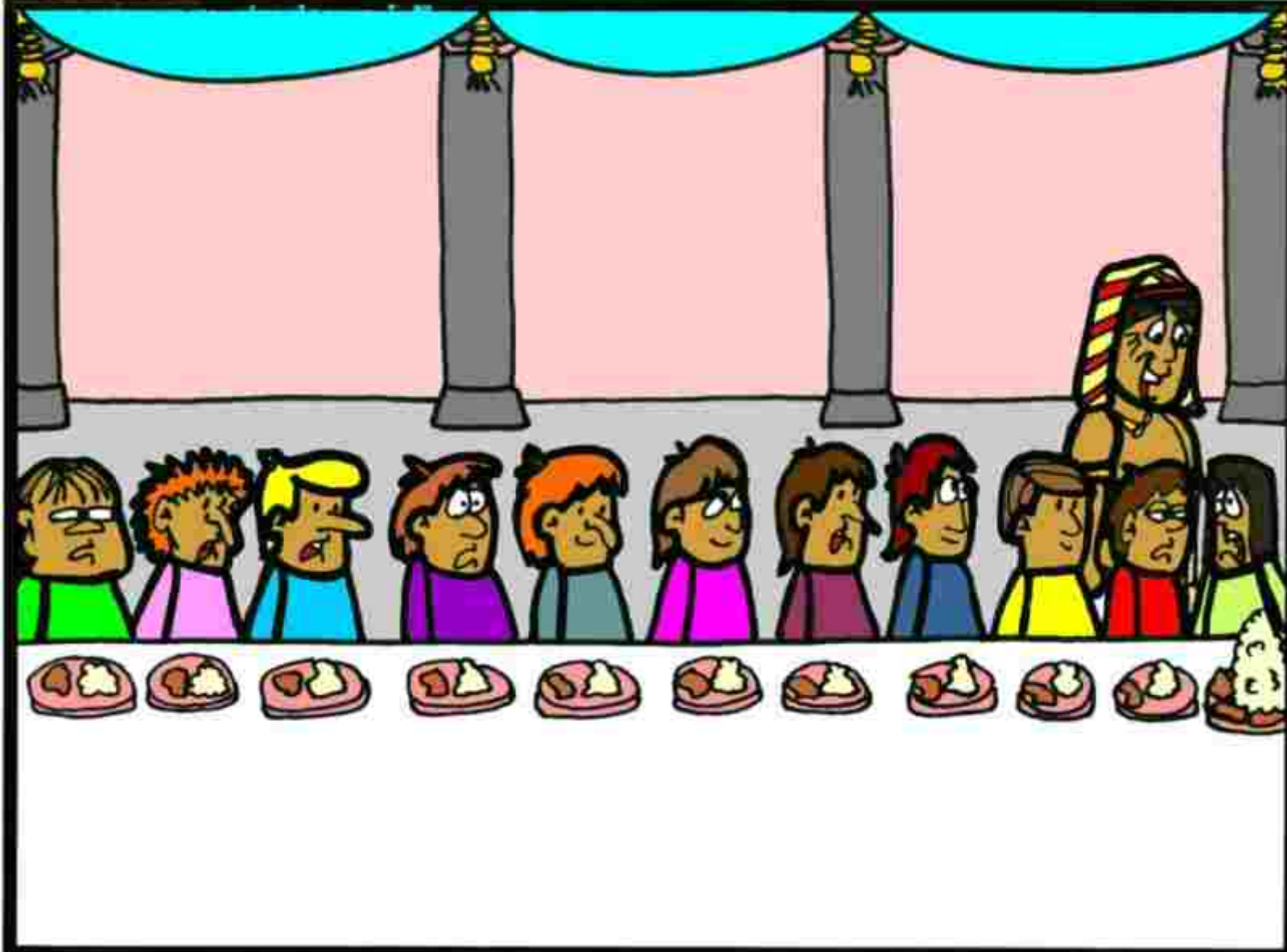
When Joseph saw Benjamin he told his servant to take the brothers to his home and prepare a big meal for them. The servant told the brothers not to be afraid and he brought Simeon out of jail to be with them.



Joseph joined his brothers for lunch. "Is your old father still alive?" he asked. "Yes," answered the brothers. "He is alive and well."



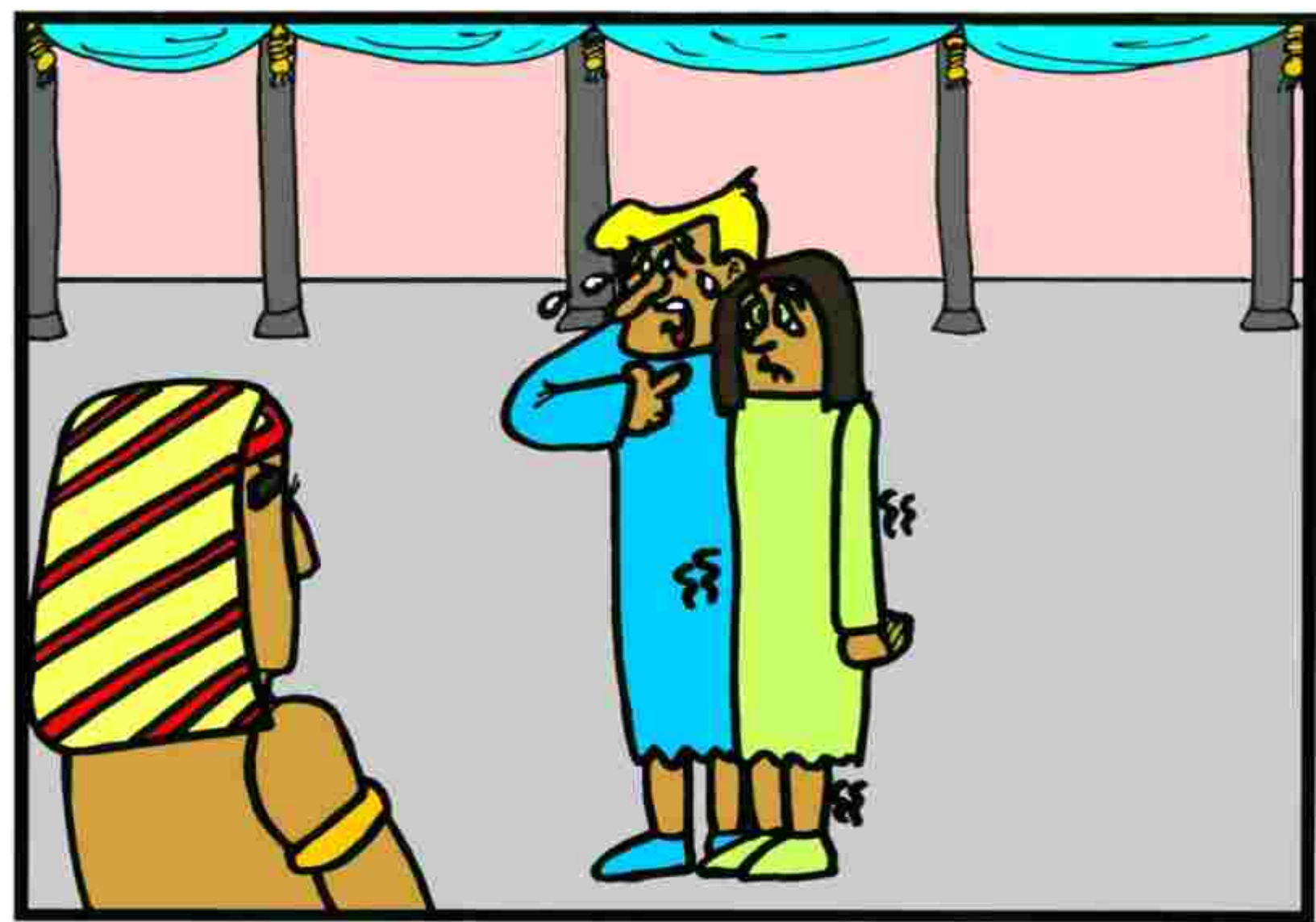
Joseph's heart ached for his brother. Joseph quickly ran to his room so that he could weep in private. Then he rose up, washed his face and went back to join his brothers. "Serve the food," he said to his servants.



Joseph sat them down in order from the oldest to the youngest. The brothers were very amazed he could do that. Then Joseph served them food but he gave Benjamin five times as much. Everyone was very happy.



The next morning the brothers loaded their donkeys. Joseph had secretly put their money into their sacks again. "Stop! One of you stole the Governors silver drinking cup!" ordered the servant just as the brothers were leaving the city.



The silver cup was found in Benjamin's bag (Joseph had put it there). "Now you must be the Governor's slave," said the servant. "Governor, let us be your slaves instead of Benjamin!" pleaded the brothers. It will kill our father if we don't bring him home."



Lord, thank you that real change is possible. Just like Joseph's brothers proved that they had changed hearts, help me to remember that those who have been mean to me, can be changed and that it is worth the time to pray for them.