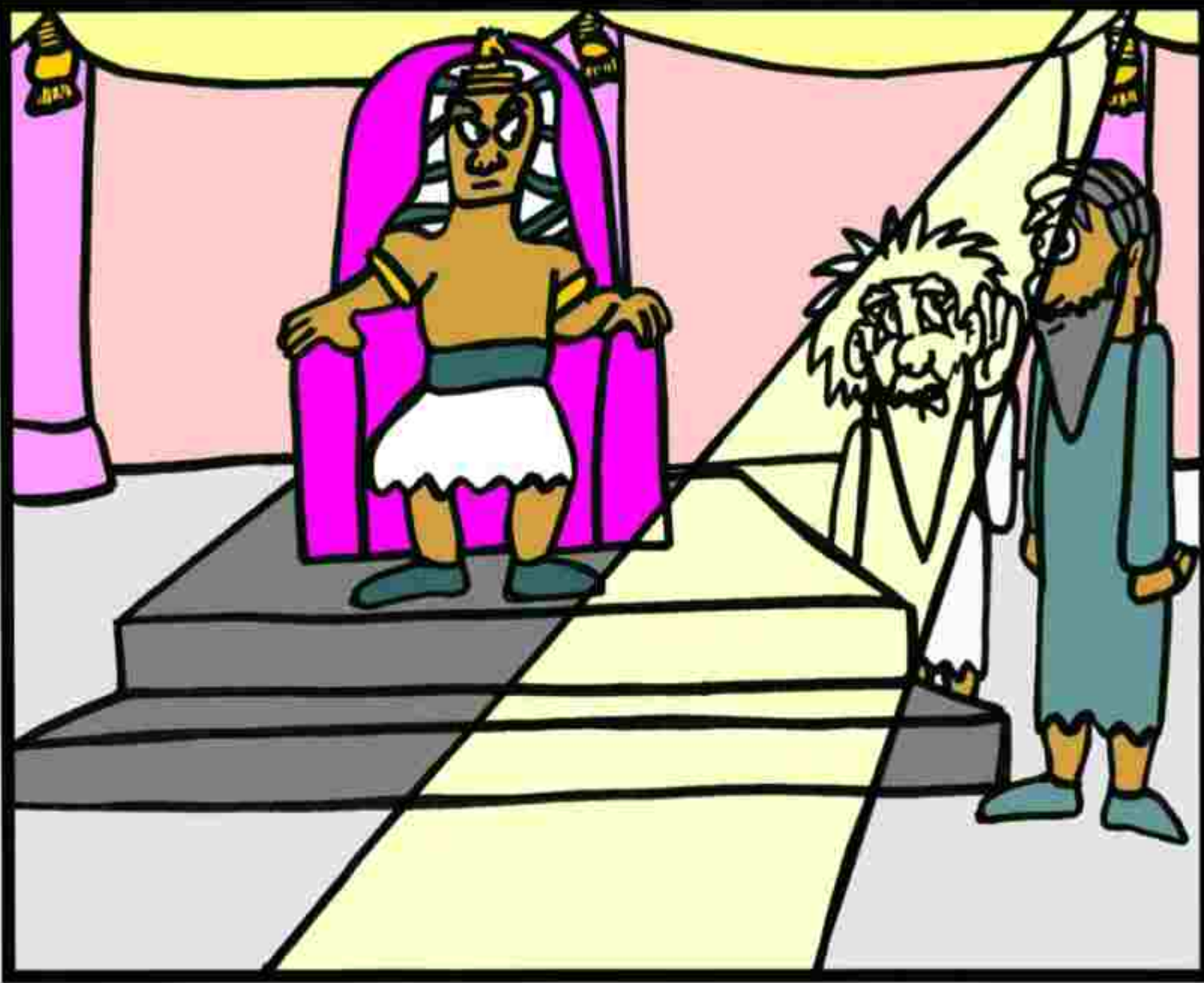


The First Passover

(Based on Exodus 11-12)

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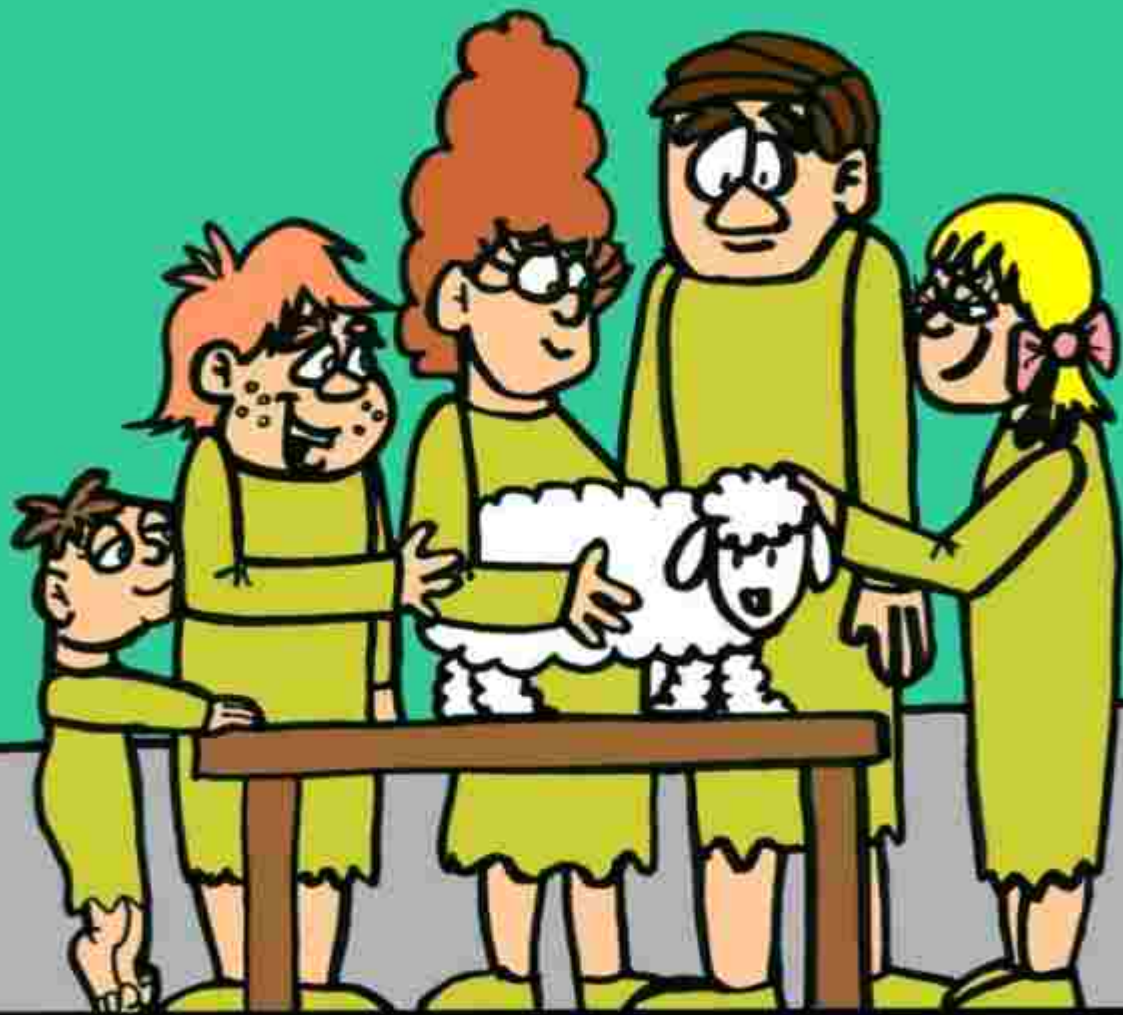
During the last visit with Pharaoh, God spoke to Moses. "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that he'll let you go. He will push you out of here.



Tell the men and women to ask for silver and gold things from their neighbours.” The Lord caused the people of Egypt to be happy to help the people of Israel. The people of Egypt and the servants of Pharaoh highly respected Moses.



Moses said, "This is what God says, 'At about midnight I will go into Egypt and all people and animals who were the first ones born to their mothers will die!'"



Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This month shall be the first month of the year to you. Tell all the people that on the tenth day of this month, each family must get a perfect little male lamb and bring it to their house. If the family is too small then they can join up with another family.

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They must keep the lamb with them for four days and kill it in the evening of the fourteenth day of the month.



Then they shall take some of the lamb's blood and wipe it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the house where they eat the lamb.



Roast the lamb with fire and eat it with flat bread (bread made without yeast) and bitter herbs. Burn any leftovers. Be dressed and eat quickly. Do this every year to remember this night. When I see the blood on your doors, I will pass by and no one will die in your house.” The next morning there was not one weak or sick person among them.



At midnight the Lord caused the first born in the land of Egypt to die, from the first child of Pharoah to the first-born in prison and of the animals too. There was not a house in Egypt where somebody was not dead. Everyone was crying in sorrow.



Then Pharaoh called for Moses, "Take your people and get out! Take your kids and your animals too, and bless me also." "Get out quickly!" begged Pharaoh's servants, "before we all die!"



The people of Israel left Egypt quickly. They left with all the silver and gold and clothes that they had asked for from the Egyptians. There were about six hundred thousand men walking, besides all the children and the mixed race people.



Lord, help me to remember that we were saved from judgement and punishment because of the blood of the passover lamb.