

The Tent of Meeting

(Based on Exodus 33:1-10)

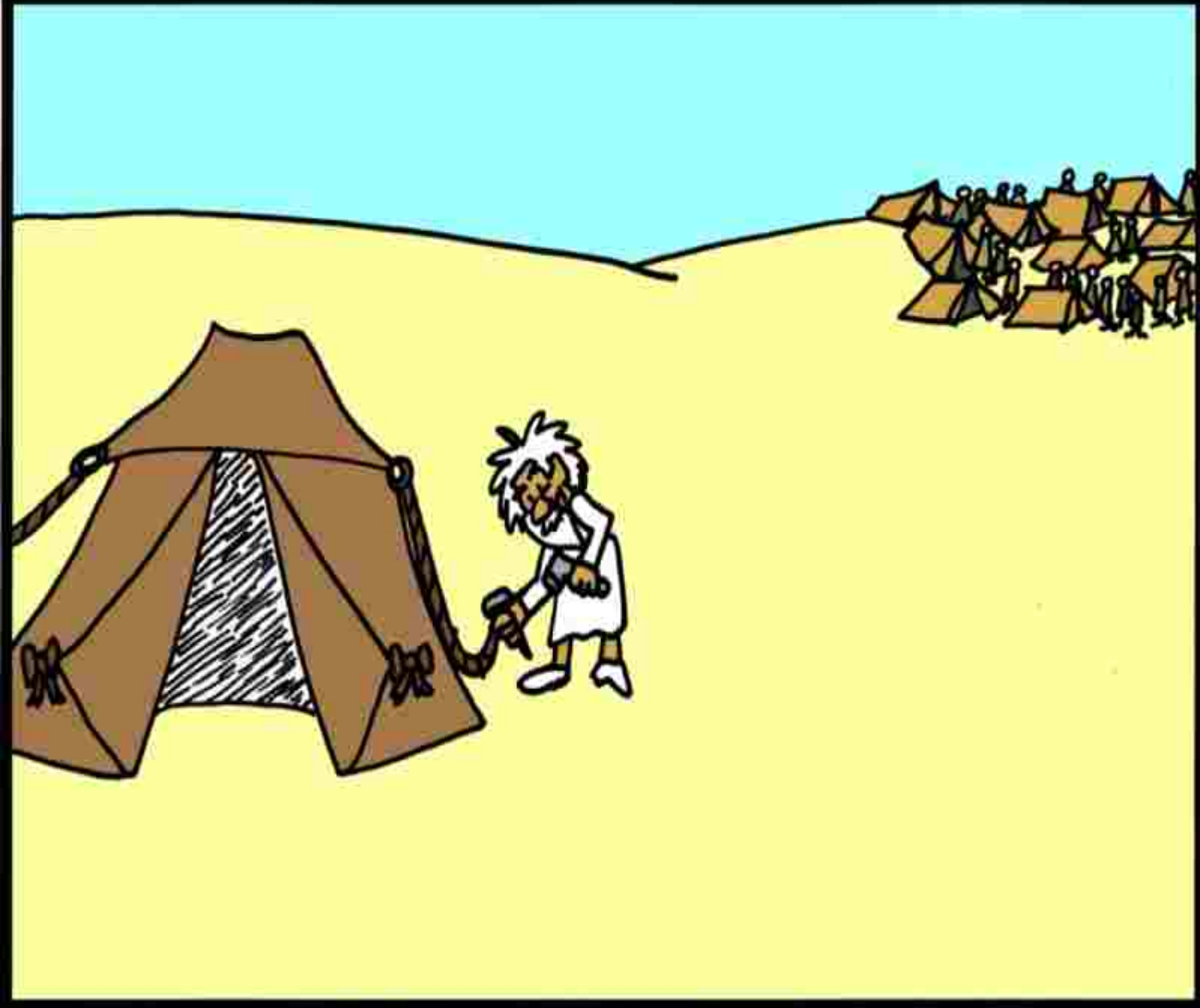
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And the LORD said unto Moses, "Get up and go, you and the people you brought out of Egypt, to the land I promised. I will send an angel before you and I will drive out the people who live there. I will not go with your people because they are such stubborn, disobedient people and so I don't kill them on the way."



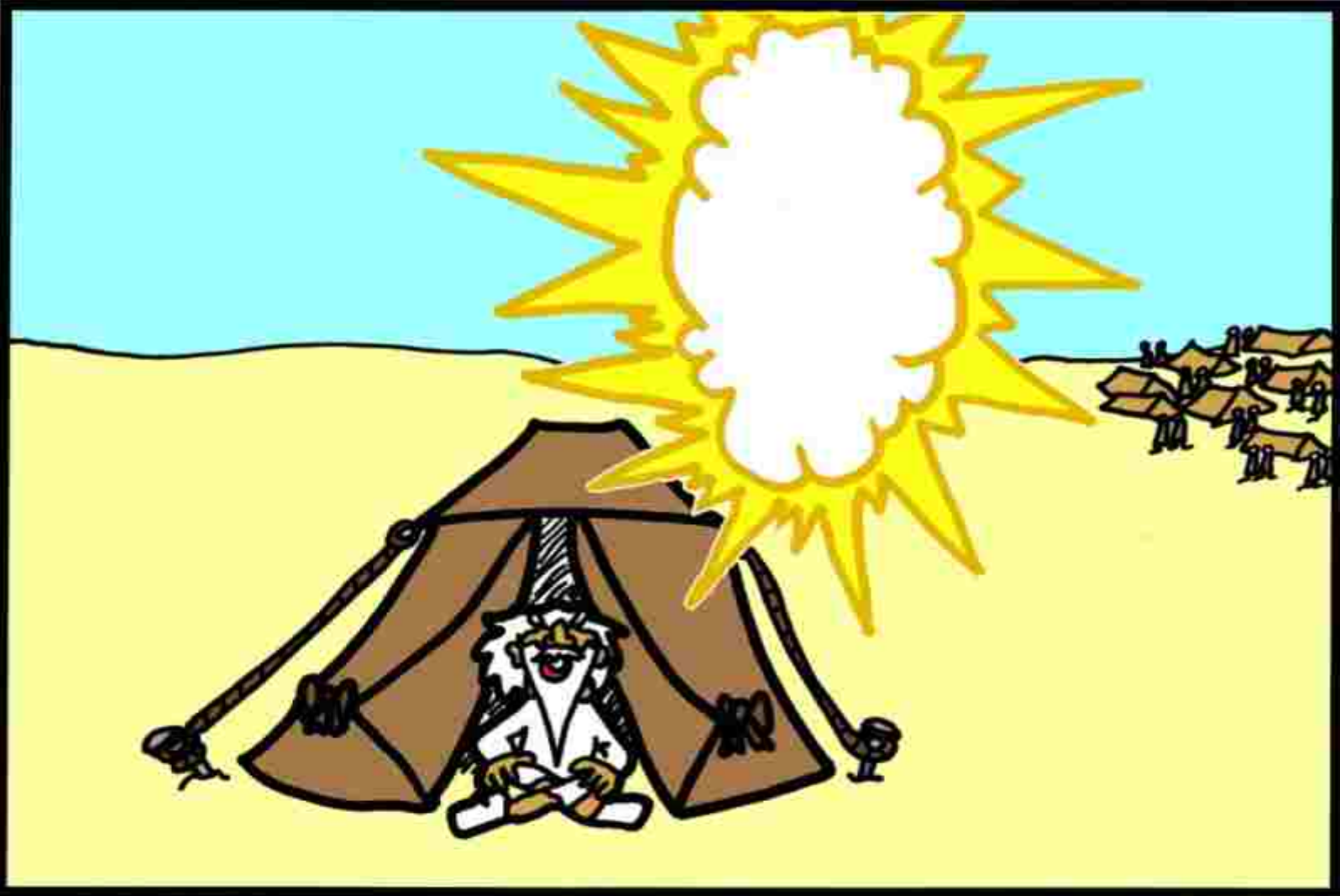
When the people heard that God would not travel with them, they were very sad (as sad as when someone you love dies). No one put on any jewellery because God had told them to take off all their ornaments until he decided what to do with them.



Moses took a tent and put it up far away from where the people of Israel were camping. He called it the Tent of Meeting.



In time every one which wanted to be with the LORD went out to the Tent of Meeting which was away from all the other tents.



When Moses went out to the Tent of Meeting, all the people would stand at their tent doors and watch until Moses was inside the tent. Because, when Moses would enter the tent, the cloudy pillar would come down and stand at the door of the tent and the Lord talked with Moses.



When all the people saw the cloudy pillar then the people worshipped in their tent doors. The LORD talked to Moses face to face, as a man talks to his friend.



After Moses had his time with the Lord he returned again to the tents of the people of Israel, but his servant Joshua never left the Tent of Meeting.



Lord, help me to remember that I should take some time away from the busyness of life and spend quiet time, alone with you.