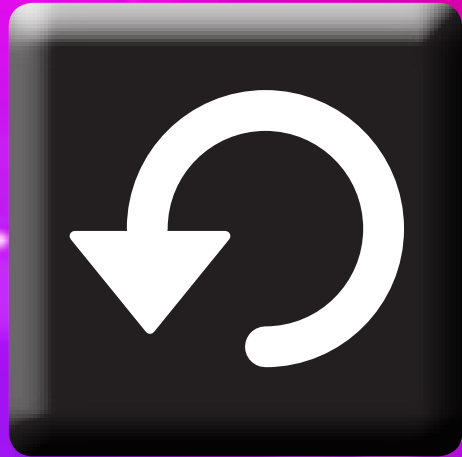


Bigger God!

Job 38:1-11, 39-41; 41:1-11; 42:1-6, 10-17

Big Idea : God reminded Job that his wisdom and power are greater than anyone else's; Job responded in worship and God blessed him.

Aim : To teach that we can trust God's plan for our life because of his great wisdom and power – he will always do what is best for us.



Review

Review the previous lesson using the following questions:

- Who had to ask for permission? [*Satan* (1:9-12, 2:4-6)]
- Who did they ask? [*God* (1:12, 2:6-7)]
- What were they not allowed to do? [*Harm Job; kill Job* (1:12; 2:6)]

What's the question

Game

Answer: 3

Questions:

- How many pieces of toast did I have for breakfast?
- How many days does a fly live for?
- How many days could I survive without water?

Answer: Blue

Questions:

- What colour is an emerald?
- What is the largest kind of whale?
- What is my favourite colour?

Answer: 150

Questions:

- How many people are killed every year by falling coconuts?
- How many minutes are there in a hyperspace second?
- How many times can you reuse a tea bag at the North Pole?

Answer: 8ft 1in

Questions:

- What is the world long-jump record?
- What is the length of the world's smallest bus?
- How tall is the tallest man?

Answer: Banana

Questions:

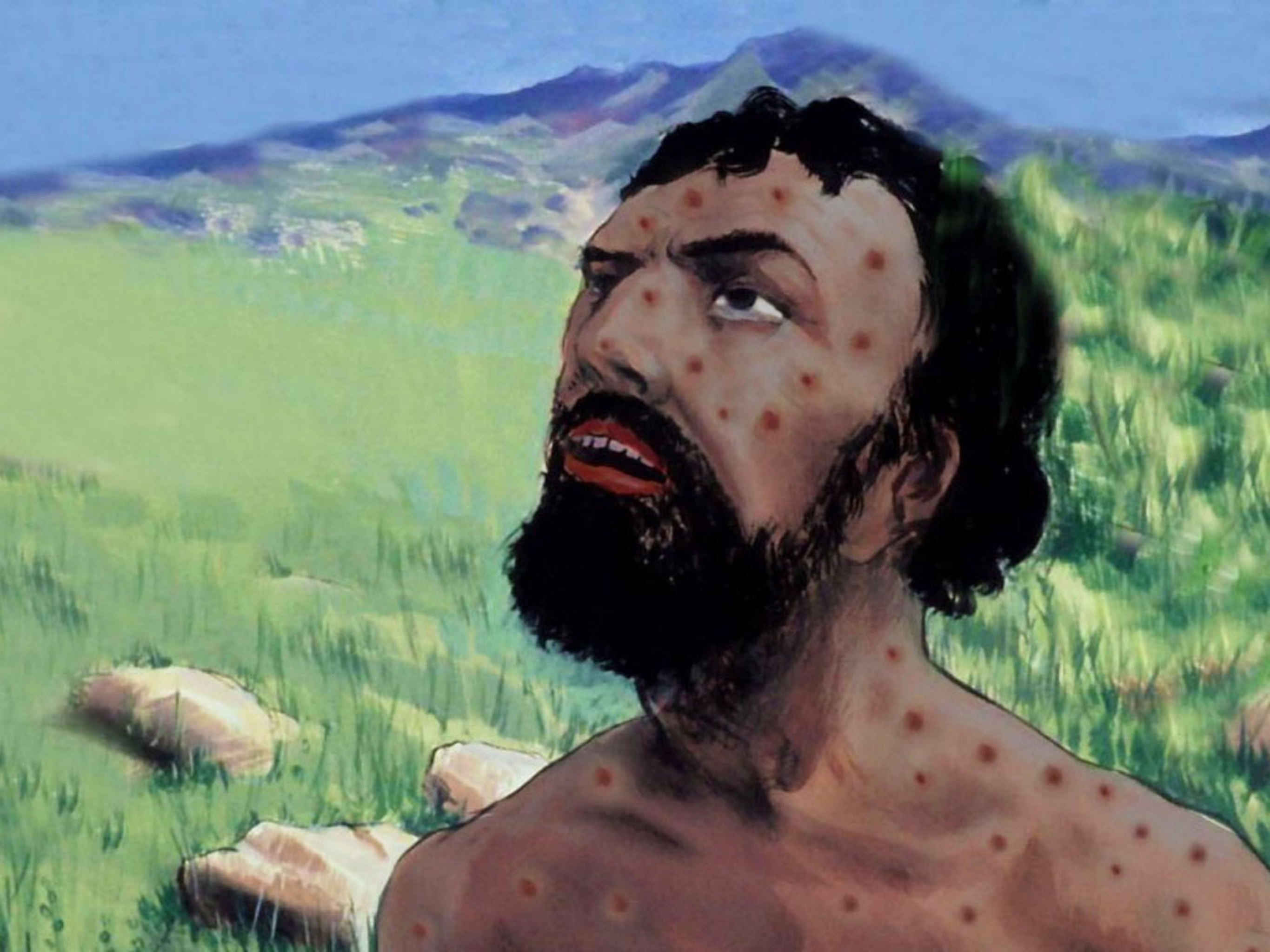
- **What type of fruit can survive a forest fire?**
- **What kind of herb is also a fruit?**
- **What was the name of the first monkey in space?**

What's the question Game

- How did God respond to Job's question? [He questioned Job instead (42:4)]
- How did Job respond to God's answer? [He repented and praised God (42:6)]

Intro

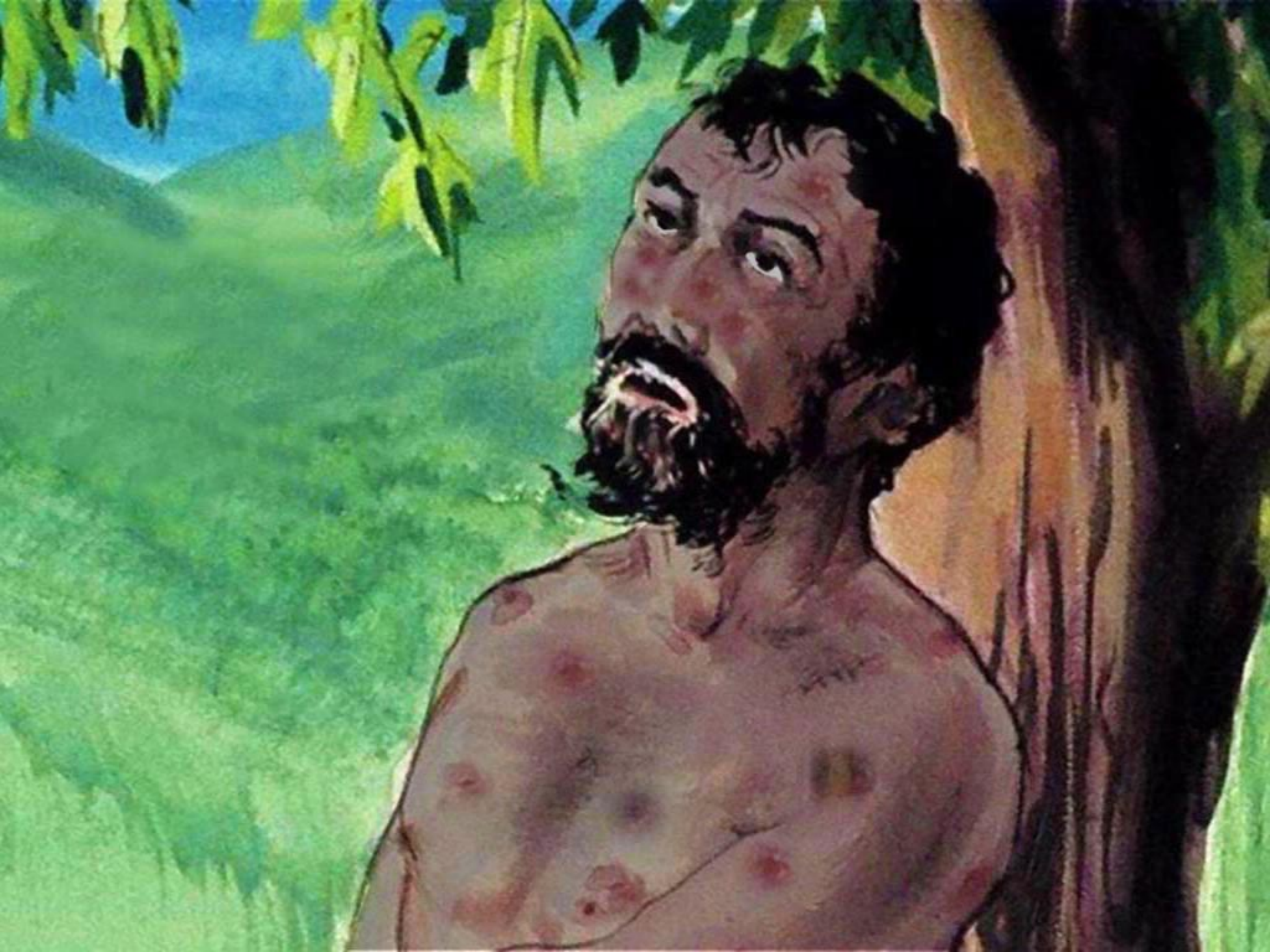
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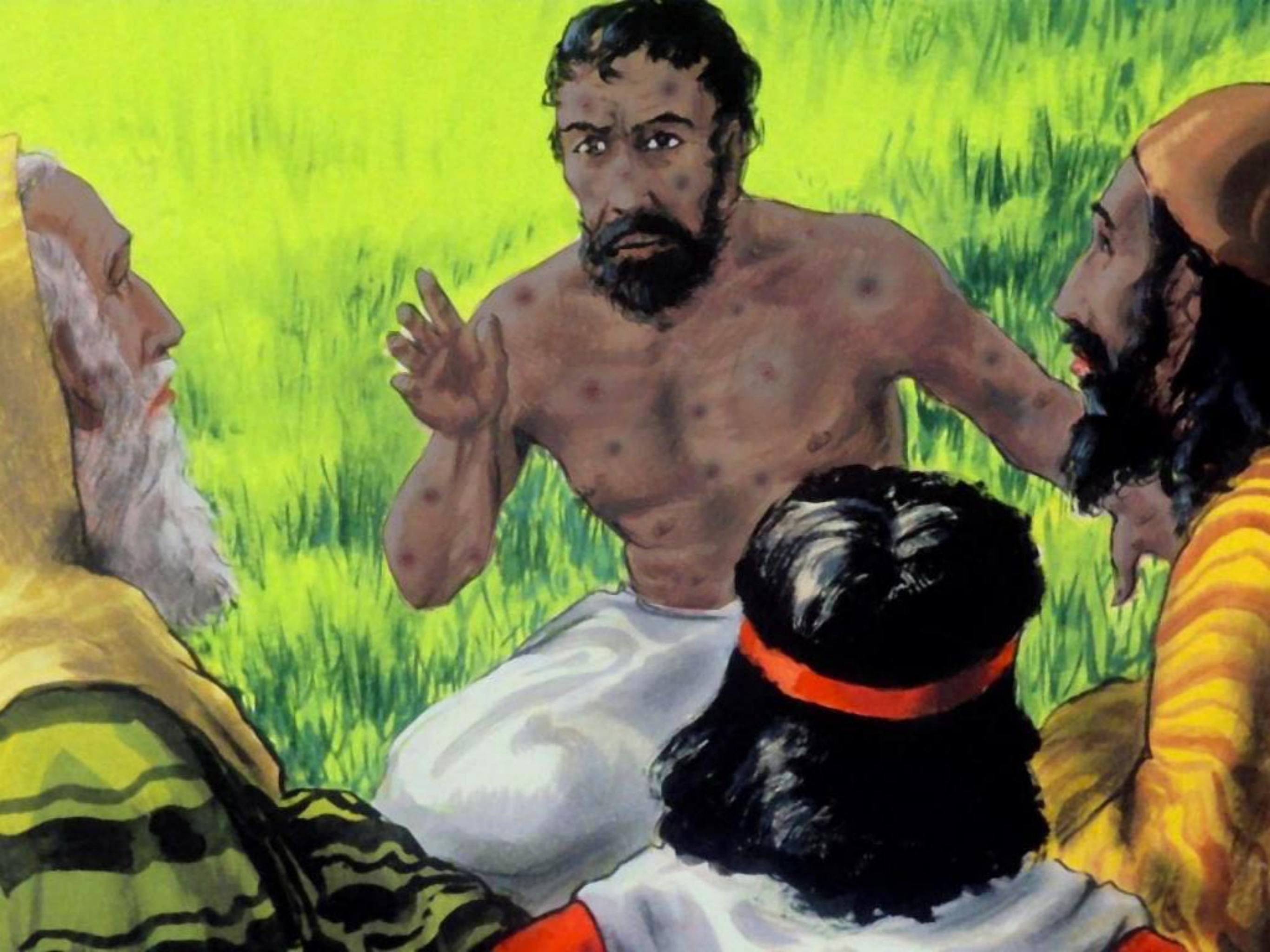






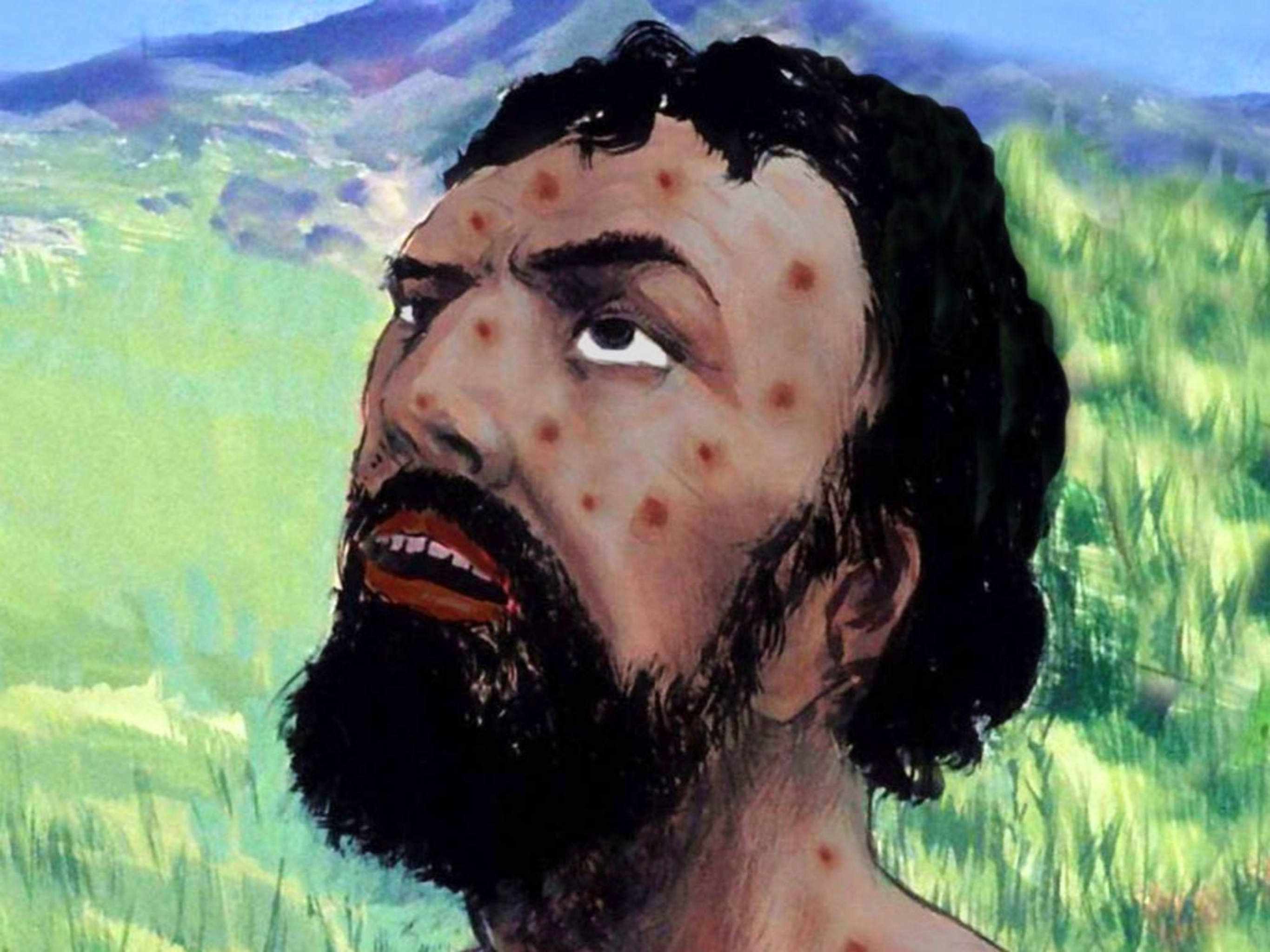
































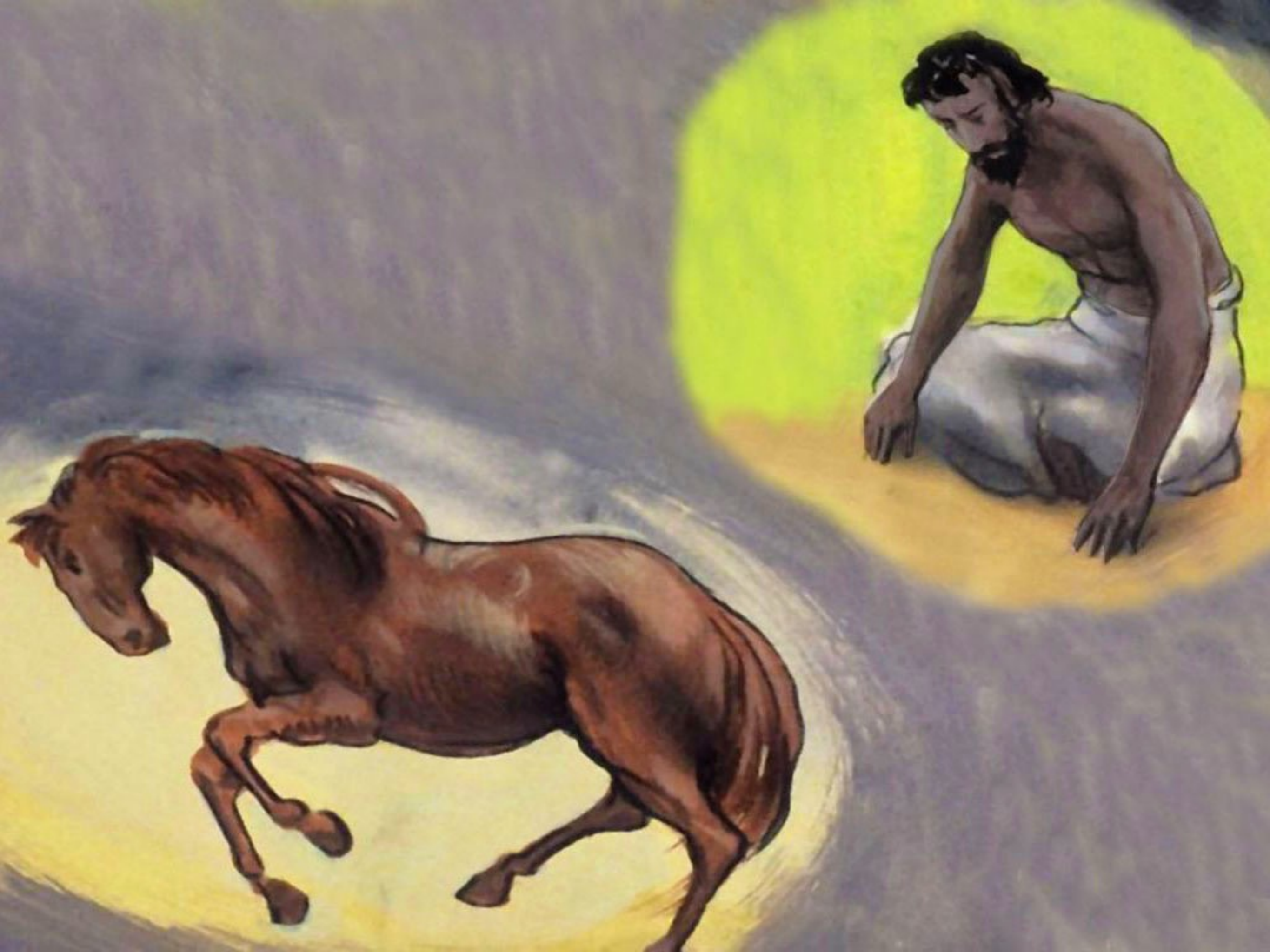
























Job's friends came to comfort him and all three cried when they saw his distress.



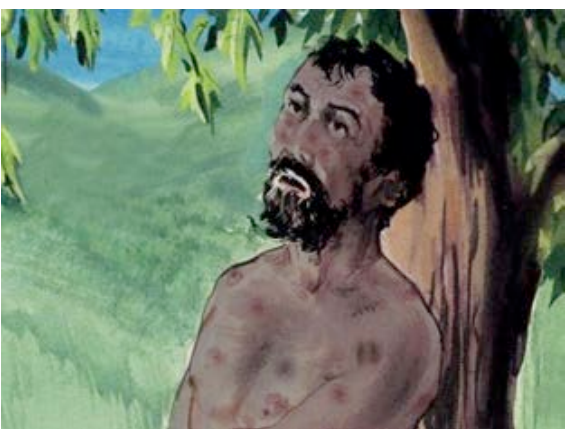
They sat down with him for seven days and nights, and no one said a word, because they saw how great his suffering was.



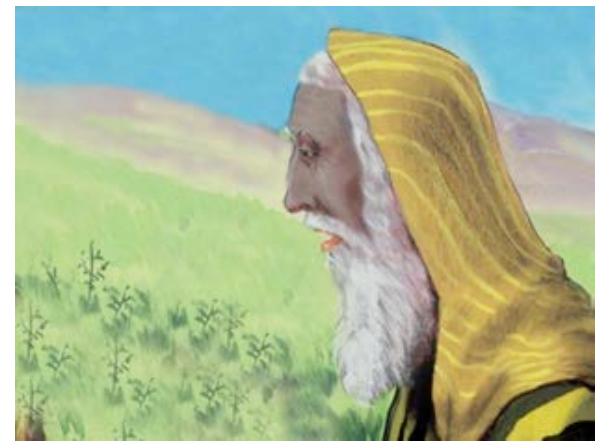
After seven days Job spoke saying, 'Why did I not die at birth? Then I would be with kings who built palaces that now lie in ruins. The small and the great are there, and the servant is free from his master.'



'The thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me.'



Then Job's friend Eliphaz answered; 'Think how you have instructed many. Your words have supported those in trouble, but now trouble comes to you and you stumble.'



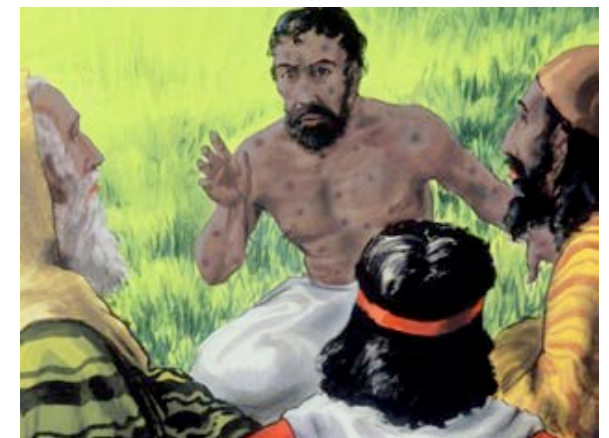
'As for me, I would advise you to seek God. Happy is the man that Almighty God corrects.'



Job replied, 'A despairing man should have the kindness of his friends, but my friends have let me down. Show me where I have been wrong! What does your arguing prove? Is there any wickedness on my lips?'



'What is man that you examine him every morning, and test him every moment? If I have sinned, what have I done to you? Why have you made me your target?'



Job's friend Bildad answered, 'How long will you speak these things? Your words are like wind. Does God meddle with justice? Does God change His judgement?'



'Such is the destiny of all who forget God. The hope of those without God perishes. God will not reject a blameless man, or strengthen the hands of the evil man.'



Job replied, 'How can a man be righteous before God? God is holy and mighty. When He passes me I cannot see Him.'



'Since I am already found guilty, why should I struggle in vain? There is no-one acting as a go-between to put my case to God to remove His rod from me.'



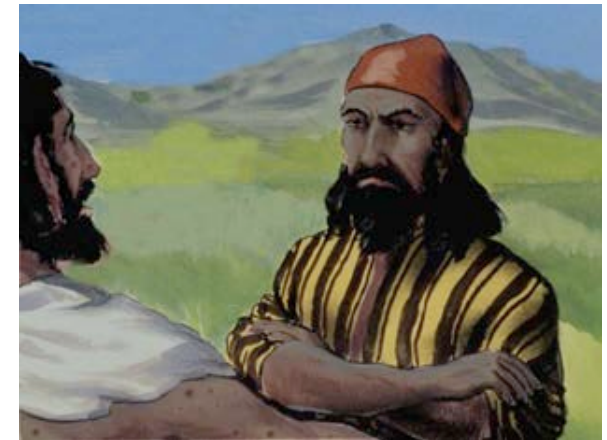
'I hate my life, so I will complain freely. I will speak of the bitterness in my soul. I wish that I had died.'



Job's friend Zophar answered, 'Will your empty talk reduce men to silence? Will no one rebuke you for what you have said? I wish that God would speak up against you.'



'If you would put your heart right with God and be forgiven your sin, then you could lift up your face without shame.'



Job replied, 'Truly, you are the only wise people, and wisdom will die with you! I have become a laughingstock to my friends, the one who called on God and God answered.'



‘Though He slay me, I will still trust Him. I will carry on my ways before Him. He is my salvation, for no godless man could stand before Him.



‘You are all such miserable comforters. Surely even now my witness is in heaven.



‘I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the end He will take His stand on the earth. When I die I shall see God. I will see Him with my own eyes.’



So these three friends of Job stopped answering him because he believed his life was right with God.



Another young man that had joined them spoke out saying, ‘I am young and you are old, so I was afraid to give you my opinion as I thought your many years should teach you wisdom. But it God who gives understanding.’



‘Old men are not always wise, nor do the old always understand justice. Listen to me a little longer and I will show you that there is more to be said on God’s behalf.



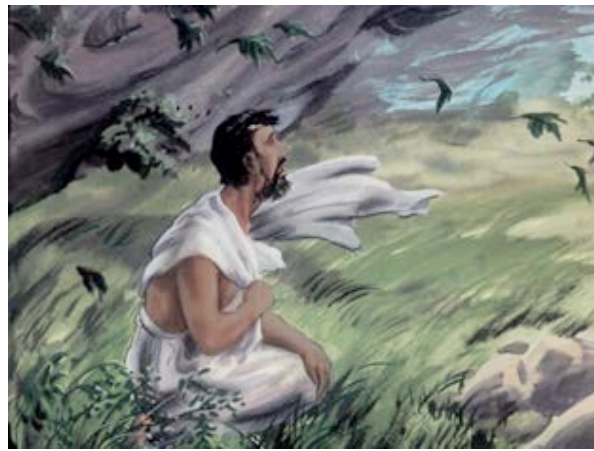
‘God is excellent in power and in judgement, He will not afflict.’
Everyone stopped speaking.



Then God spoke to Job in a whirlwind. ‘Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world? Who determined its measurements? On what were its foundations laid? Or who laid the cornerstone. Surely you know!



‘Where were you when the morning stars sang together, and the angels shouted for joy? Have the gates of death been made known to you? Have you understood the vast expanses of the earth?’



‘Who gives food to the raven, when its young cry out to God?’



‘Have you given the horse its strength? Do you clothe its neck with a flowing mane?’



‘Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and spread his wings towards the south in winter? Does the eagle soar at your command, and make its nest in an unreachable place?’



‘The wings of an ostrich flap joyfully. She does not care that a stranger might trample on her eggs, for God did not give her wisdom, or a share of understanding.’

The Lord continued to question Job about the wonders of His creation. And Job remained silent.



Then Job answered the Lord saying; ‘I know you can do everything, and no plan of yours can be withheld. You asked, “Who is this that gives counsel without wisdom?” I have spoken of things that I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.’



Then the Lord spoke to Job’s friends; ‘I am angry with you, for you have not spoken what is right as my servant Job has. Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your foolishness.’



After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his prosperity, giving him twice as much as he had before.



So the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his early days. He once again became the wealthiest man in the land. Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and then died.



WatcH

<https://vimeo.com/171242947>

Watch from 1:35, or start at the beginning if you need a refresher

What God is like!

Game

Can the children remember the three things they learnt about what God is like? He is wise, caring and powerful.

Show the children an action for each of these three things – you could point to your head for wise; hold your hands over your heart for caring; and flex your arm muscles for powerful.

How to play ... click to the next slide

What God is like!

Game

Similar concept to Simon says - you say ... God is... and add in one of the 3 attributes of God and the children have to respond with the correct action. Wrong action = out, last to do the action = out... who will be the last man standing

Remind the children that God showed Job that he is the wise, caring and powerful Creator. Because God is like this we can know that God will always do what is best. We must remember that this is true about God so that we will trust him even when life is hard or when bad things happen.

Memory verse

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Pray

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for the story of Job. Thank you that we can see that God's wisdom and power are greater than anyone else's. Please help us to be like Job and worship you in all circumstances.

Please help us to remember that we can trust your plan for our life because of your great wisdom and power – help us to trust that you will always do what is best for us.

Amen

@HOME

Want to learn a little bit more?

<https://youtu.be/GswSg2ohqmA>

We all love to watch movies and series... why not watch this together one night

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For fun

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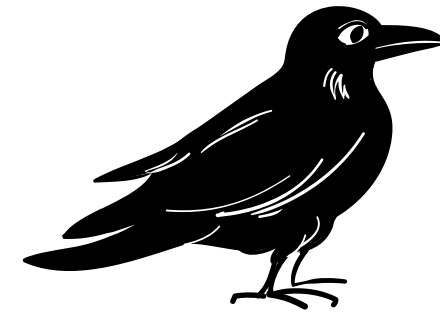
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The true story can be found in Job 38:1-11, 39-41; 41:1-11; 42:1-6, 10-17

Discover

How did God answer Job's question about suffering? (42:4) Tick the correct answer.

- ☐ He told Job to stop complaining.
- ☐ He asked Job questions instead.
- ☐ He explained why Job was suffering.



What did God remind Job that he had made? Draw a picture in the boxes below.

38:4

38:7

38:8

What did God remind Job that he does for the animals? (38:39, 41)

Hunts prey for the l _ _ _ _ and gives f _ _ _ _ to the ravens.

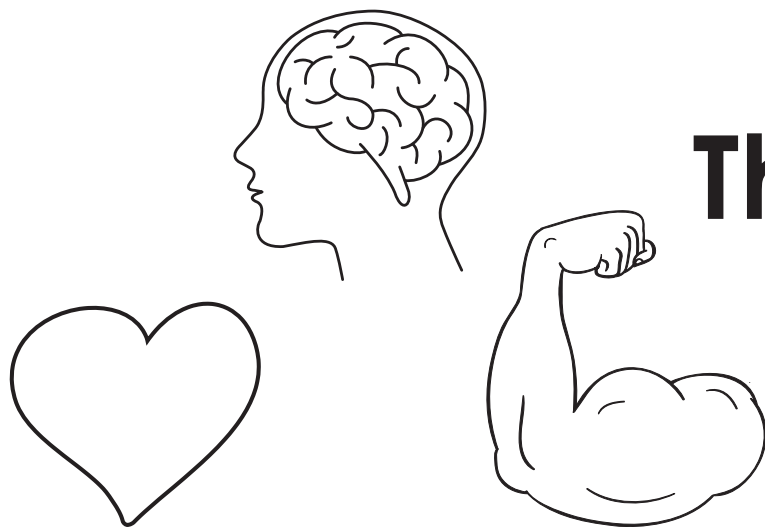
Who is able to control the leviathan? (41:1, 9-11) Circle the correct answers.

Job

Merchants

No-one

God

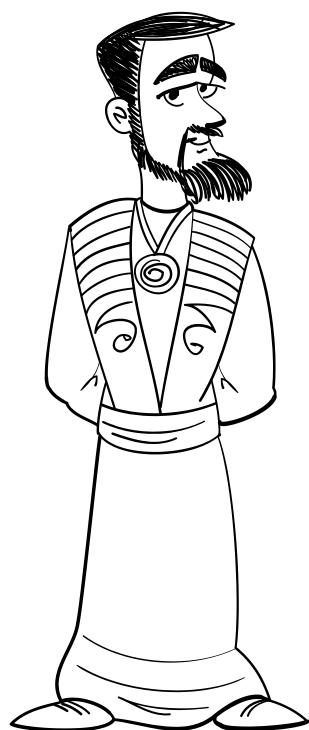
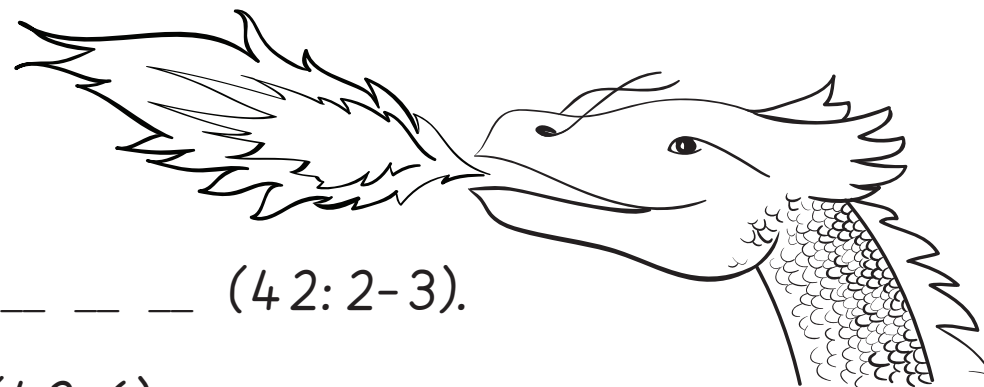


Think?

Why do you think God says these things instead of answering Job's question?
What do they teach about God?

How did Job respond to God's questioning?

1. He knew that God's plans are w _ _ _ _ _ (42:2-3).
2. He r _ _ _ _ _ of what he had said (42:6).



Discuss?

Why do you think Job is comforted by God's answer?
What does it mean for God to be the wise, caring and powerful Creator?

Where do we see these same truths in the life and death of Jesus? Do you find this a comfort? How can these truths help you when life is hard?