

## The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

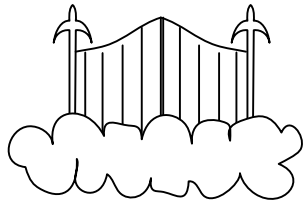


From Matthew 18:21-35

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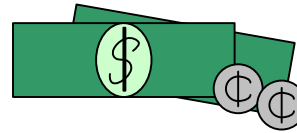
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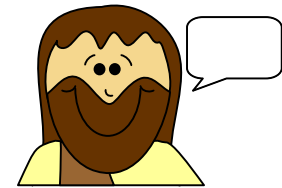
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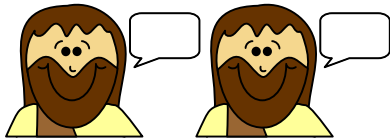
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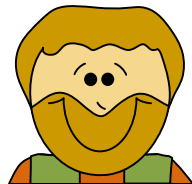
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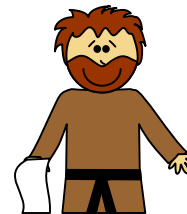
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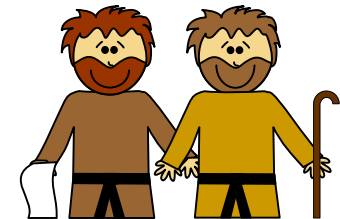
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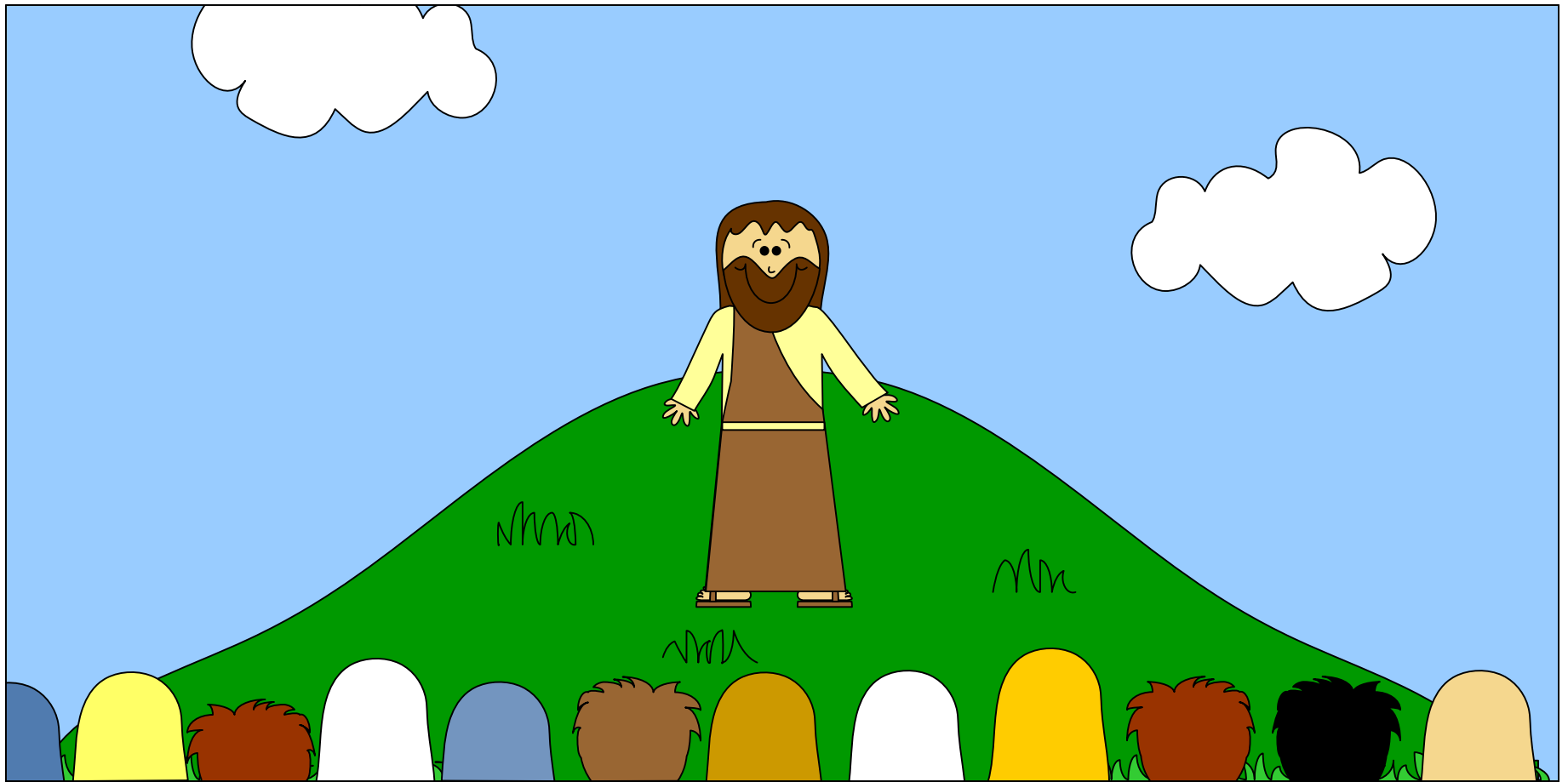


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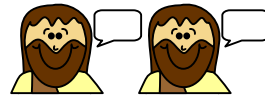
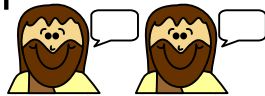


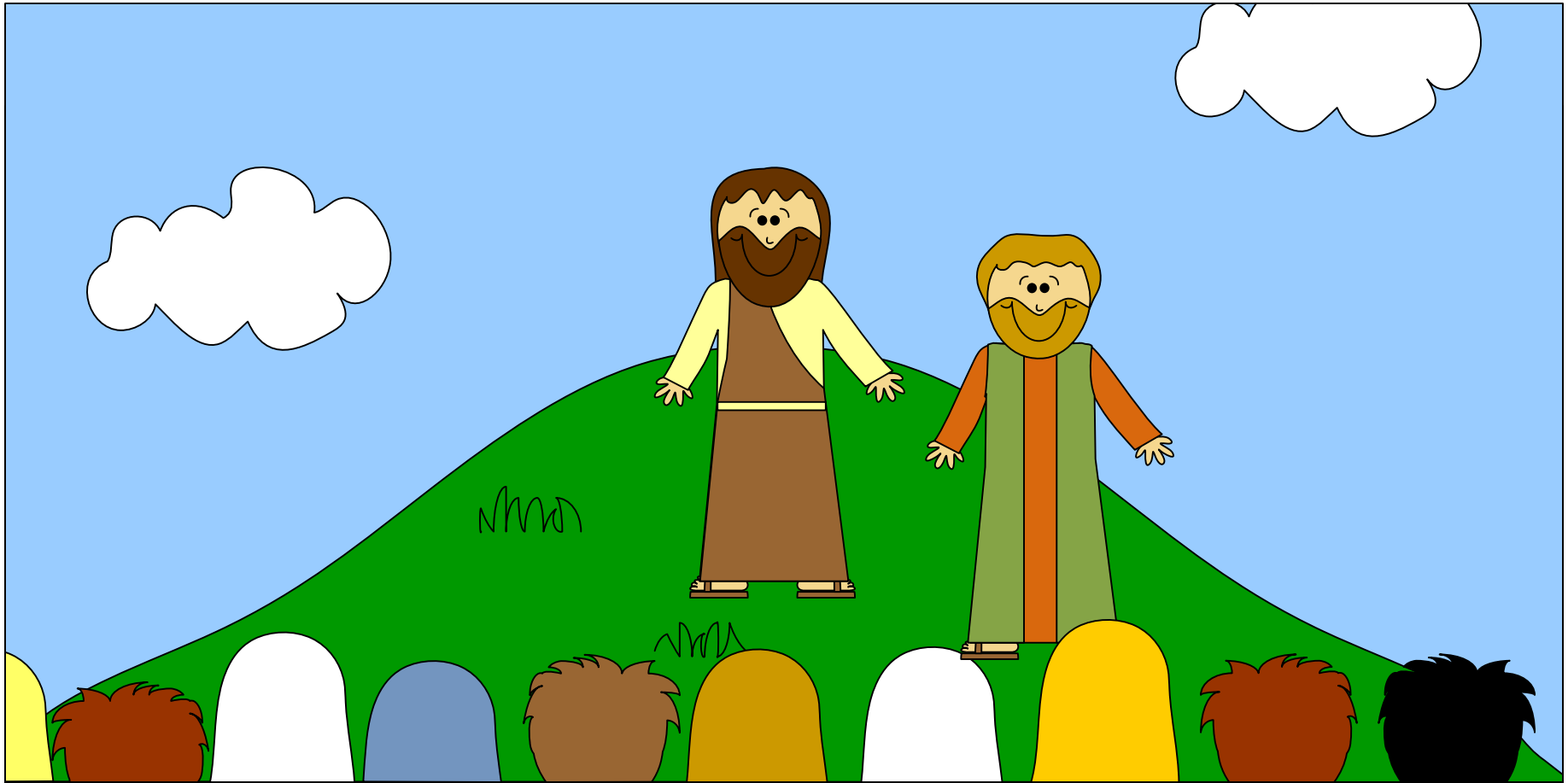
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Jesus told many parables. Parables are stories that help us know how we should live. One parable Jesus told was about a servant who didn't forgive.






Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I



forgive a person who does something that hurts me? Up

to 7 times?

Jesus said, “Not 7 times,  
  
but 77 times.”

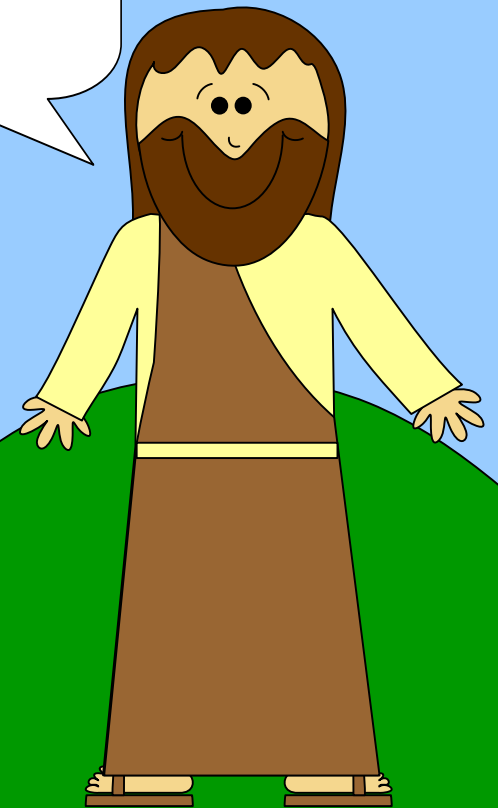
That means we should  
forgive over and over!

Then Jesus told this

  
parable:



Not 7 times,  
but 77 times.



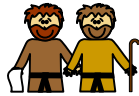
Heaven is like a king who



wanted to get the money his



servants owed him. One

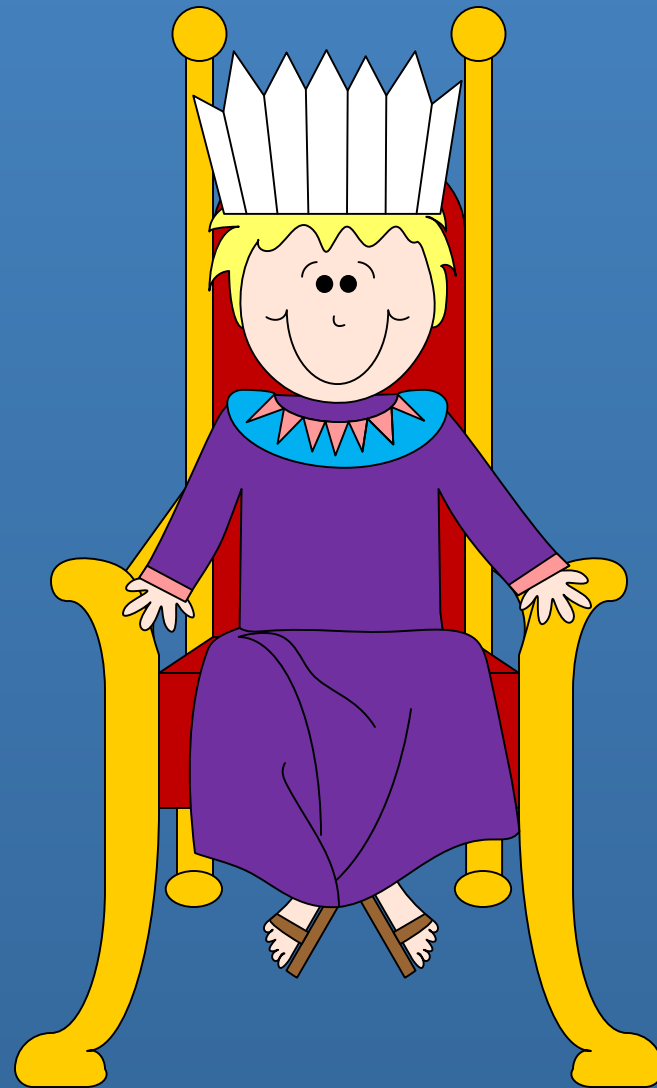


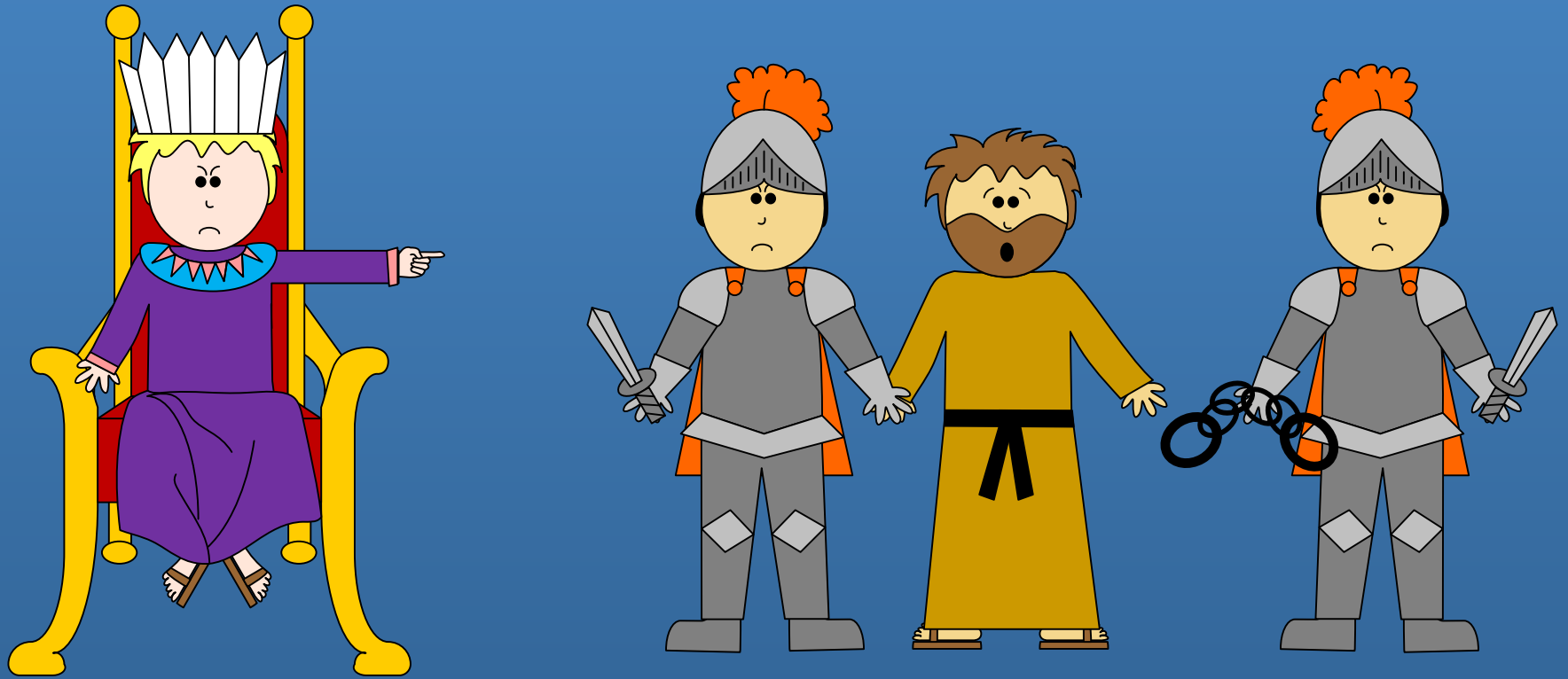
servant owed him 10,000



bags of gold. That is a lot of

money!





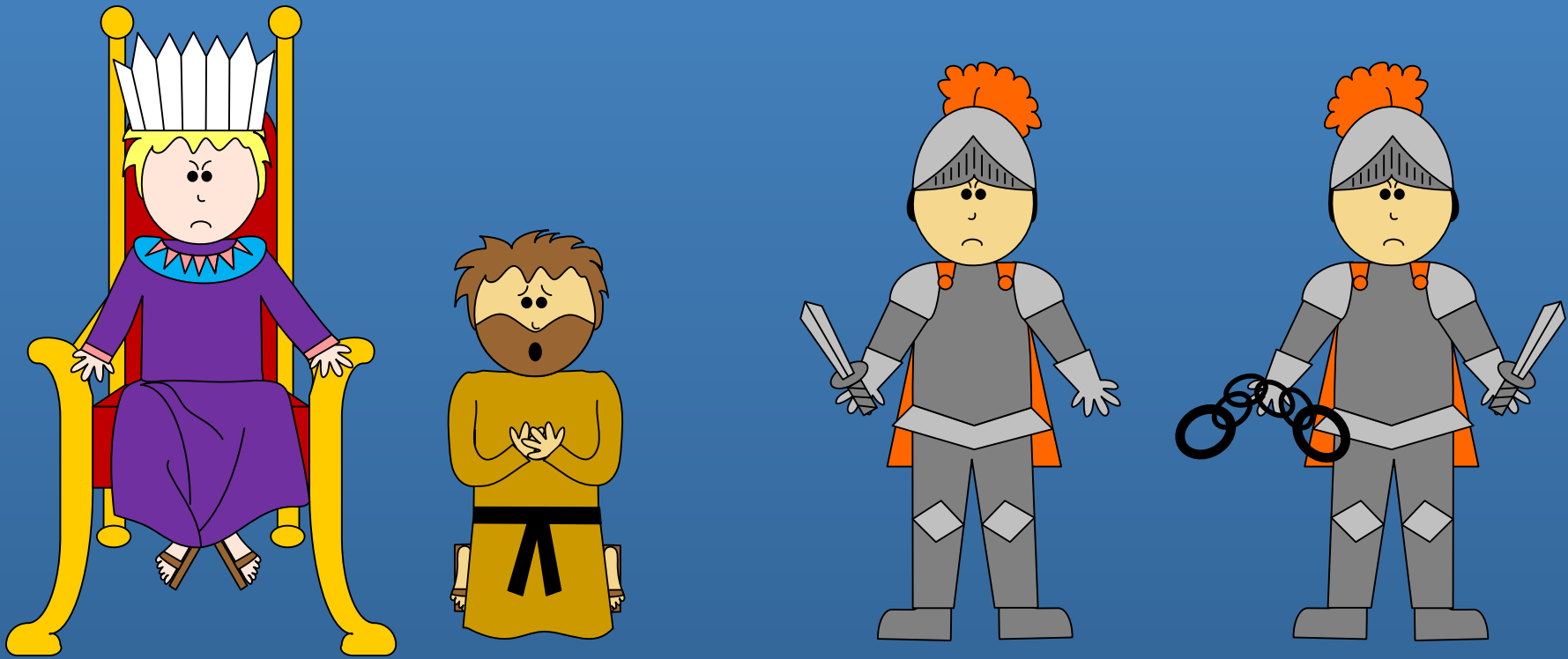
The servant could never have that much money.




So the servant was told that he had to sell everything he



had, even his family, to pay the king!



The servant was very upset! He fell on his knees in front of the king.  "Give me time," he begged, "and I will give you all your money back."





The king felt sad for the servant. The servant could never



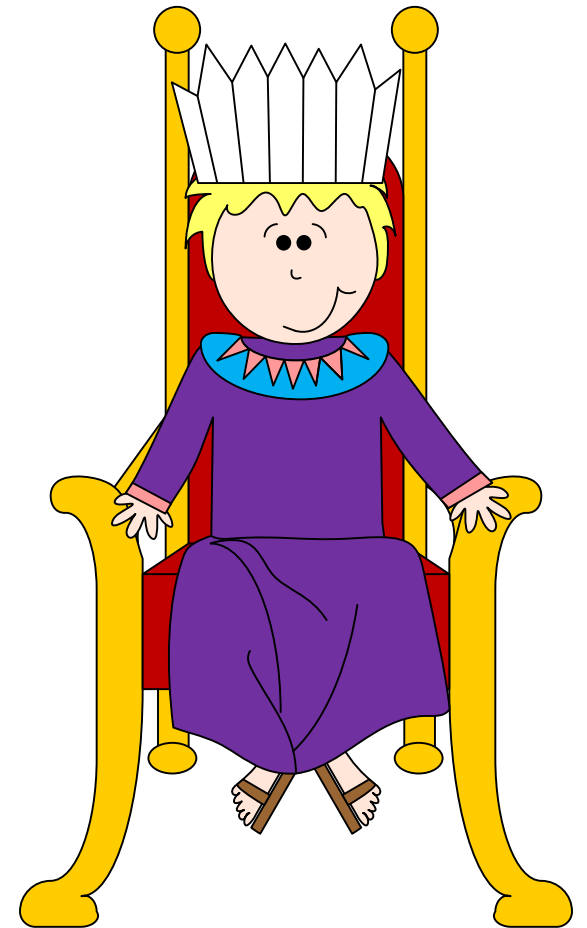
have that much money and the servant was so upset.

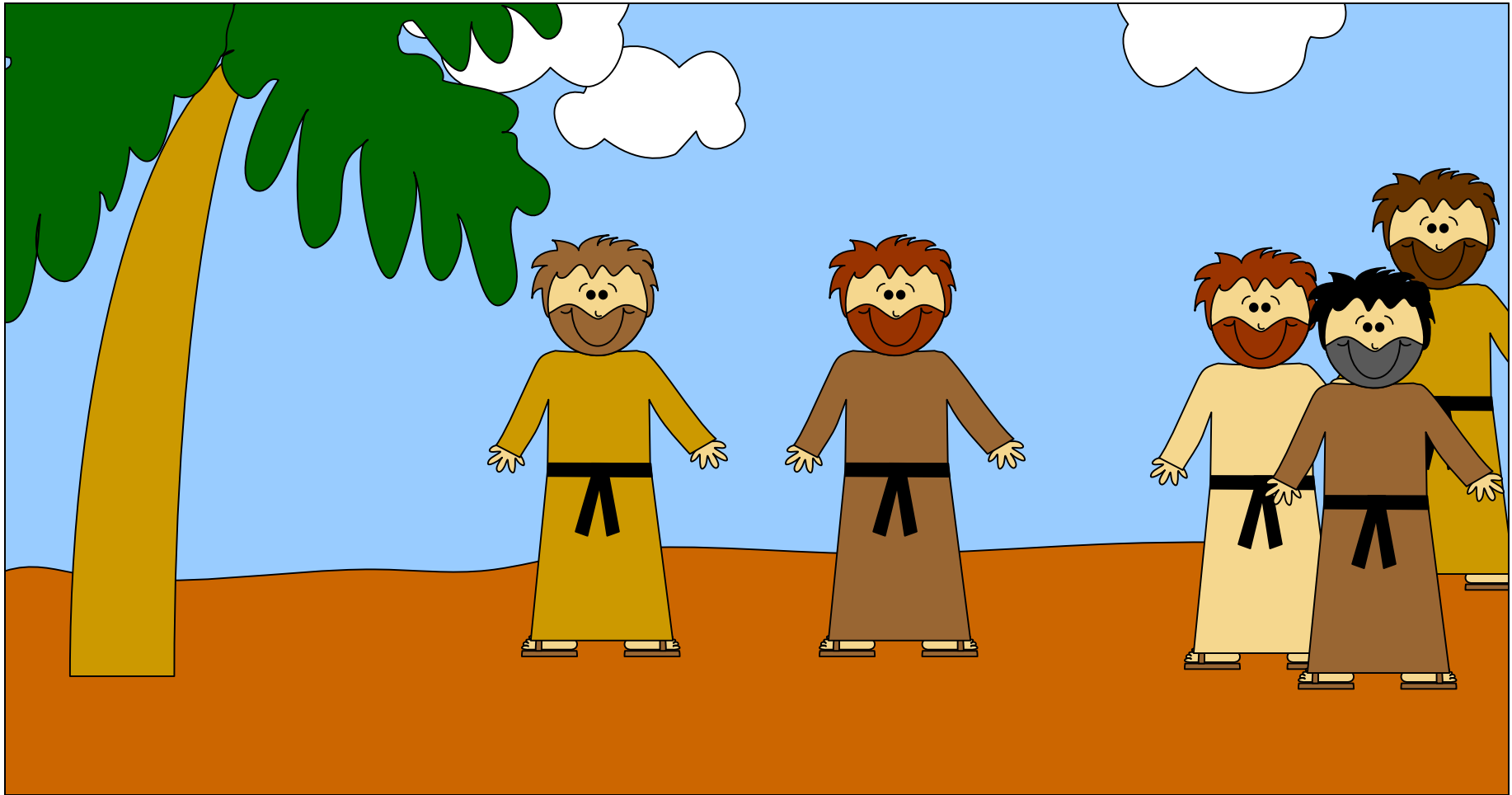


The king told the servant he did not have to give him the



money and he could go.



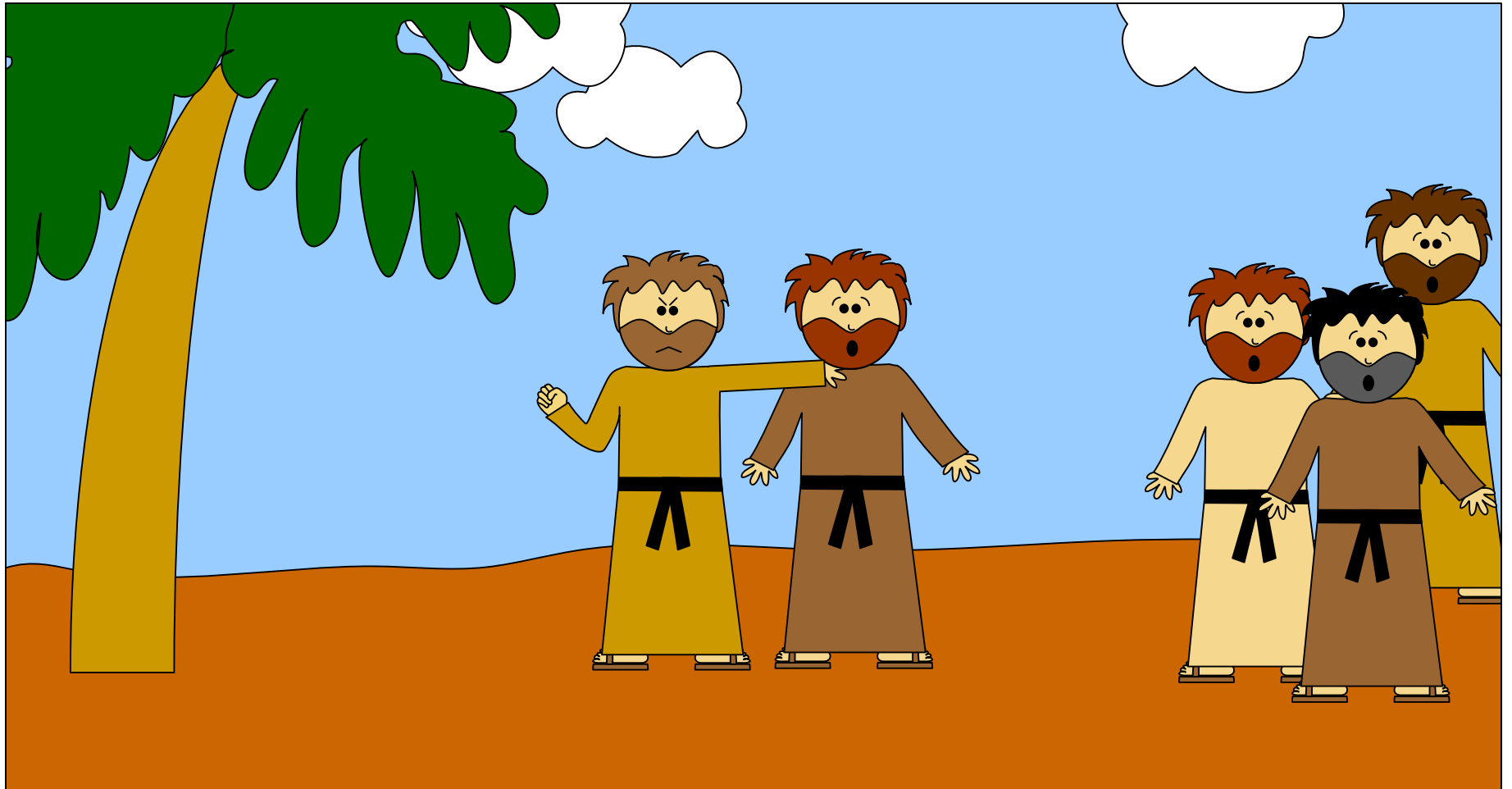


The servant left and went to someone who owed him

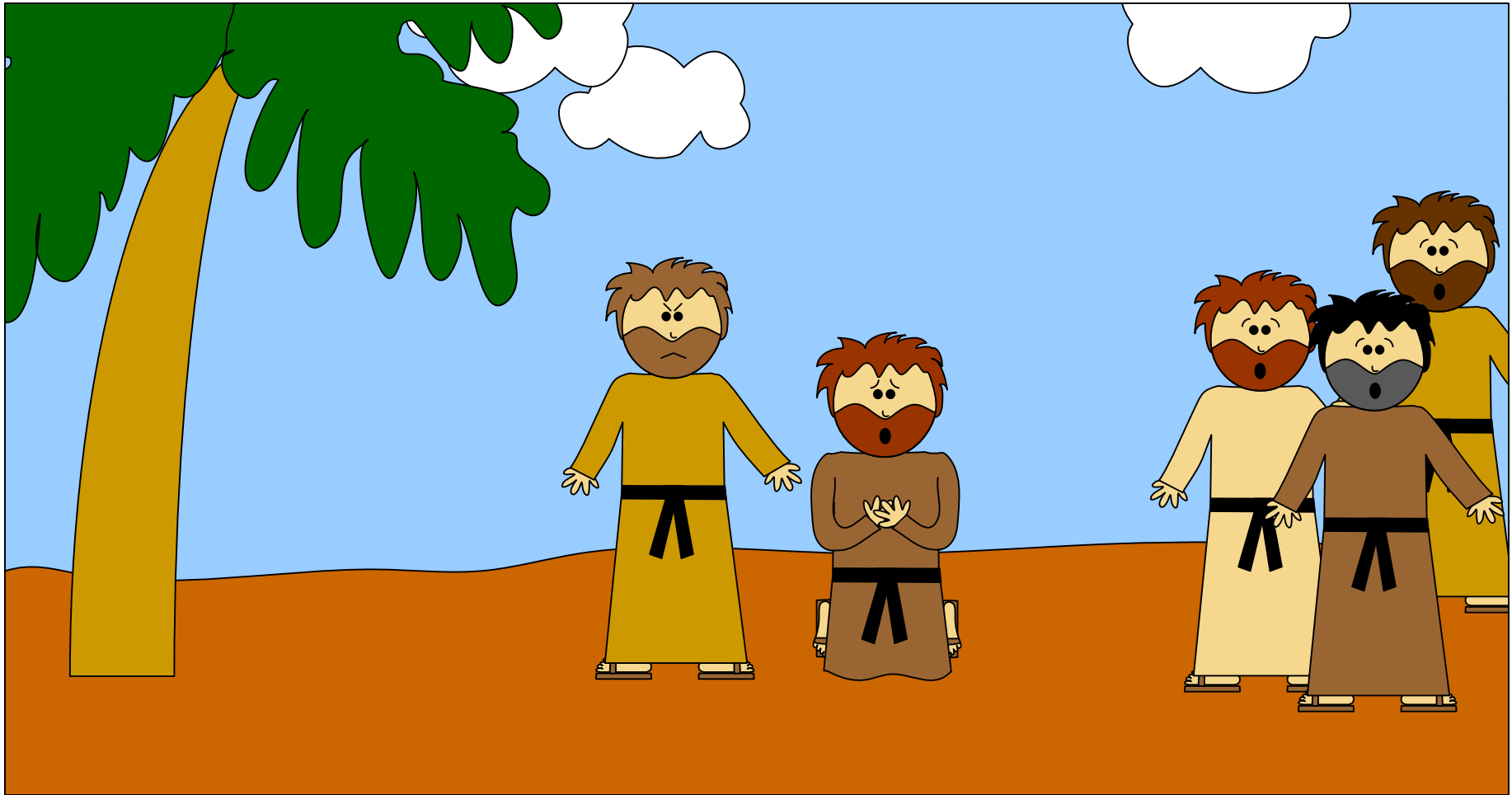


100 silver coins. That is just a little bit of money.

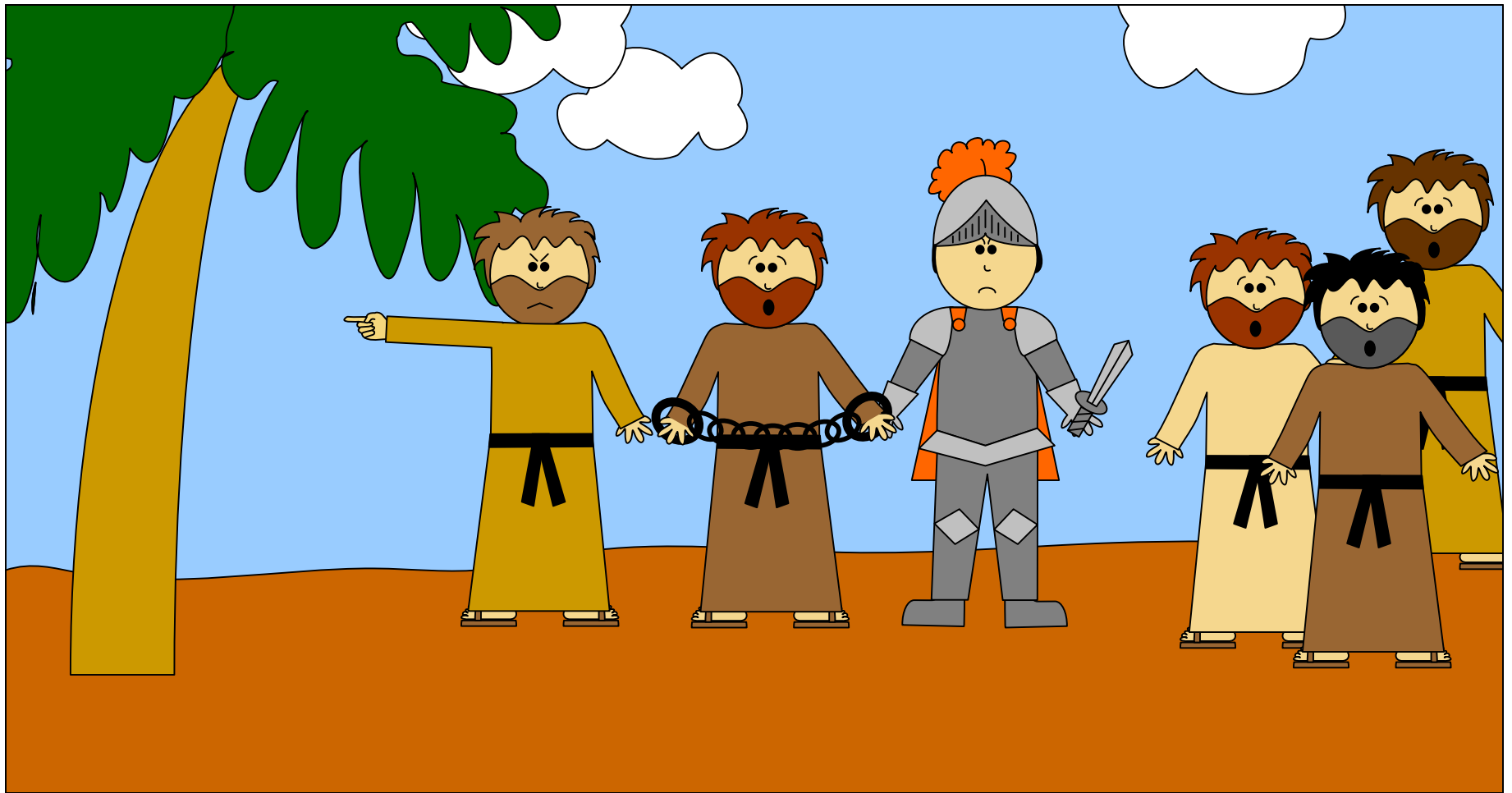




He grabbed the man and started to hurt him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he told the man.



The man fell on his knees. "Give me time," he begged, "and I will pay it back."

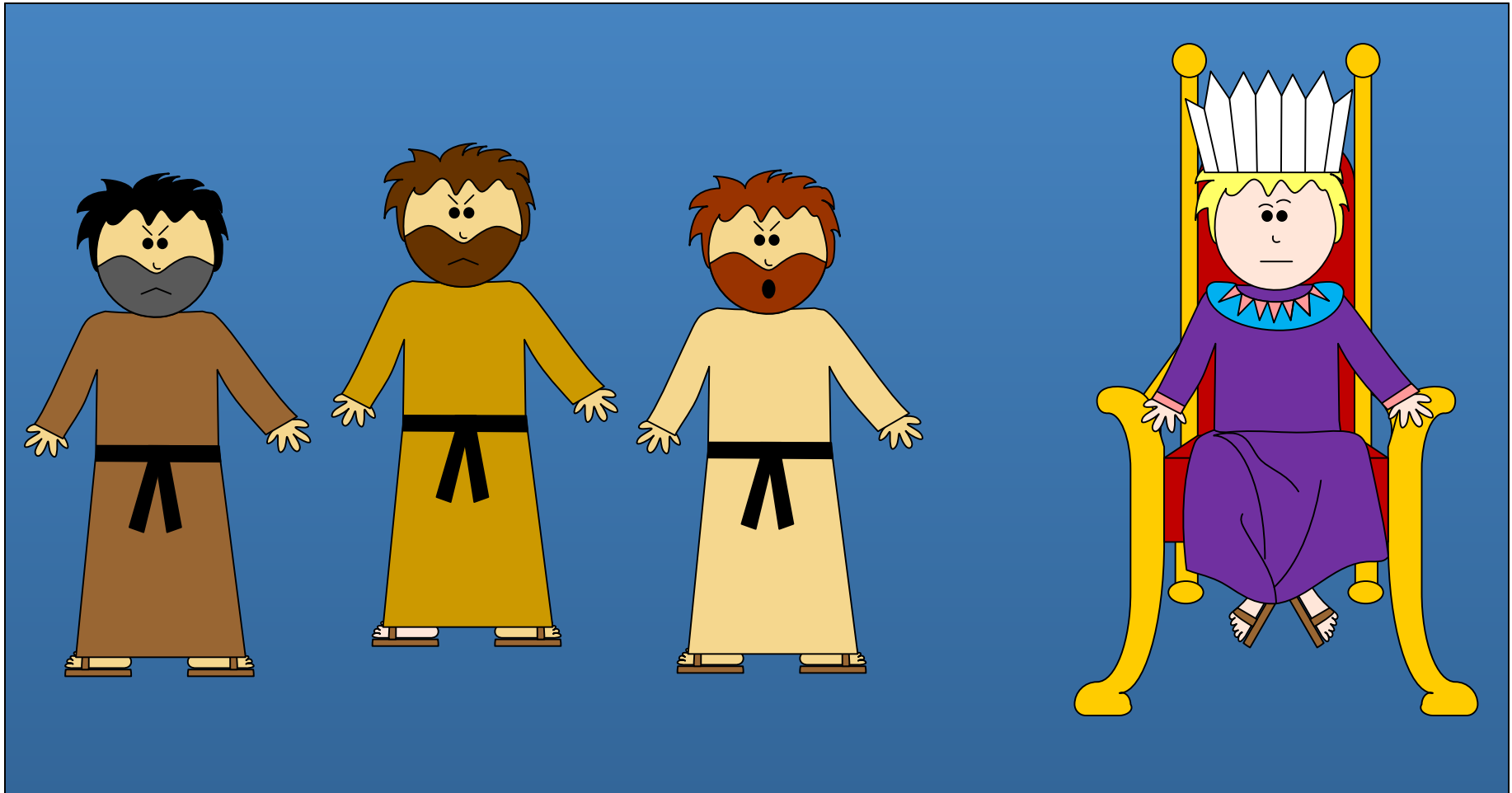




But the servant refused. He had the man put in jail until



he could pay back the money.

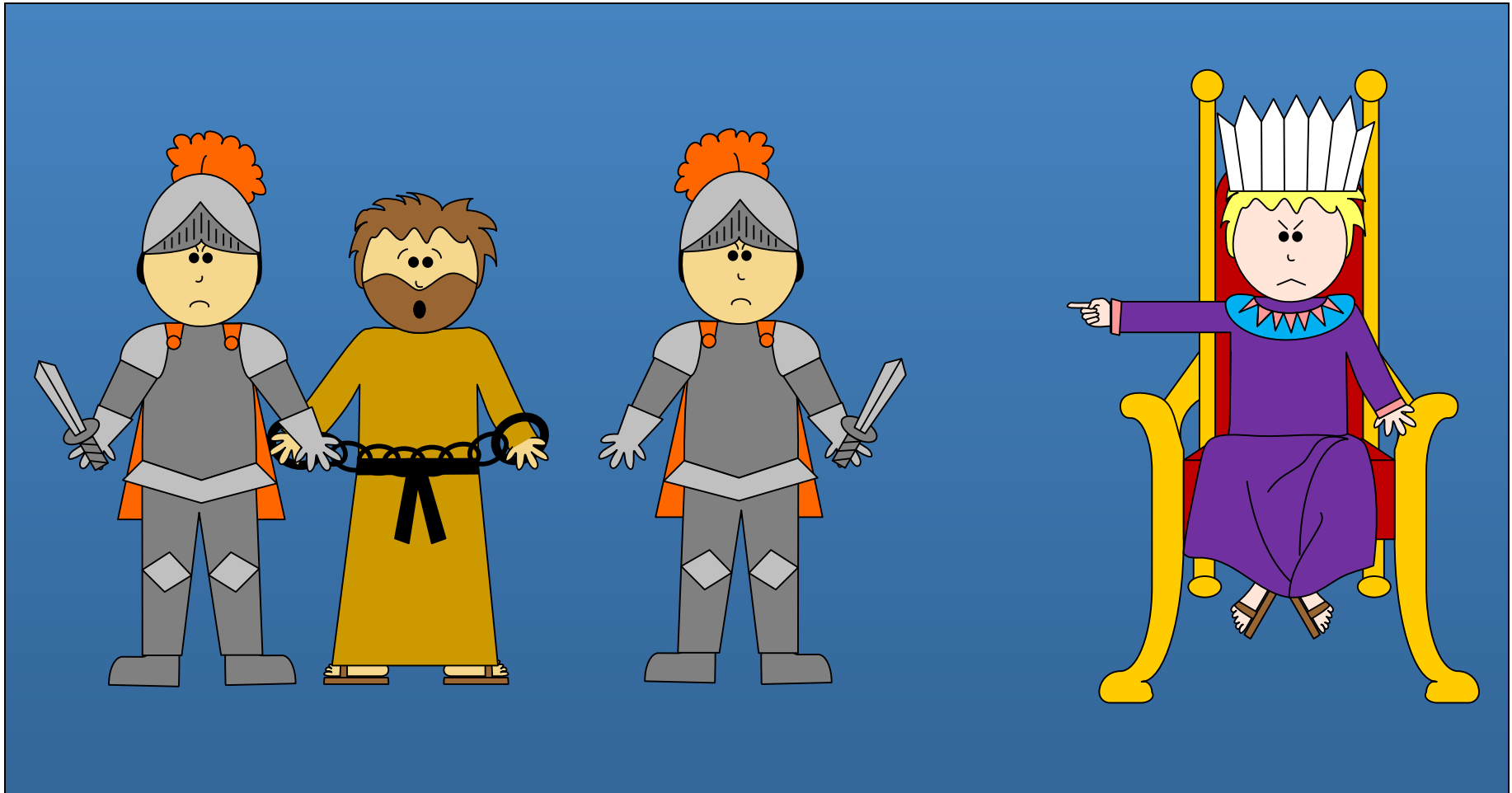




When other servants saw what the servant did to the  
 man, they got very mad. They told the king what  
  
happened.

The king called the servant in. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I said you didn’t have to pay me back all that money because you begged me to. Why didn’t you tell the man he didn’t have to pay you back that little bit of money, like I forgave you?”





The king was very mad and put the servant in jail until he



could pay back all the money.





God forgives us for the things we do that hurt Him and make Him unhappy. He doesn't just forgive us one time. He forgives us over and over. God wants us to forgive each other, just like He forgives us. When can you show forgiveness?

