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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and transform (Change) our lives.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

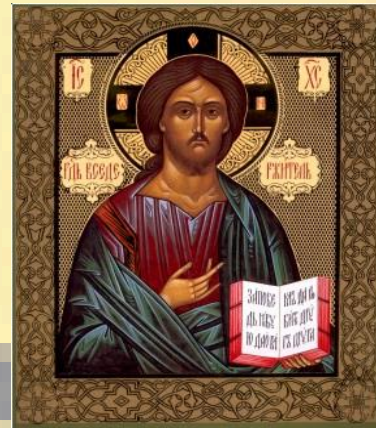
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



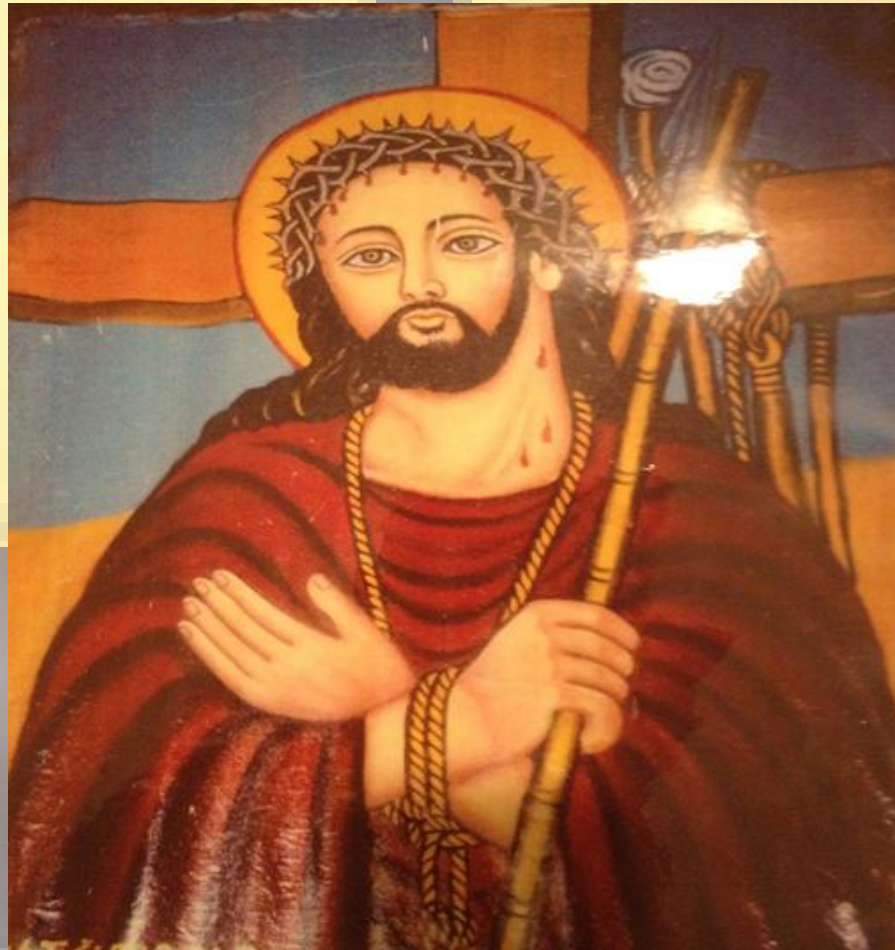
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Review

- What did the Midianites do to the Israelites?
- Where did the Israelites dwell?
- What did the Israelites do when they were oppressed?
- Who appeared to Gideon?
- What was Gideon doing?
- What did the angel say to Gideon?
God had chosen him to deliver the Israelites
- What was Gideon's reply to the angel?
Gideon asked for a sign to prove God was with him
- God allowed the Midianites to treat His people badly because _____.
--they began to worship idols.
- In one battle each of Gideon's soldiers had _____ in their hands.
a trumpet and a pitcher

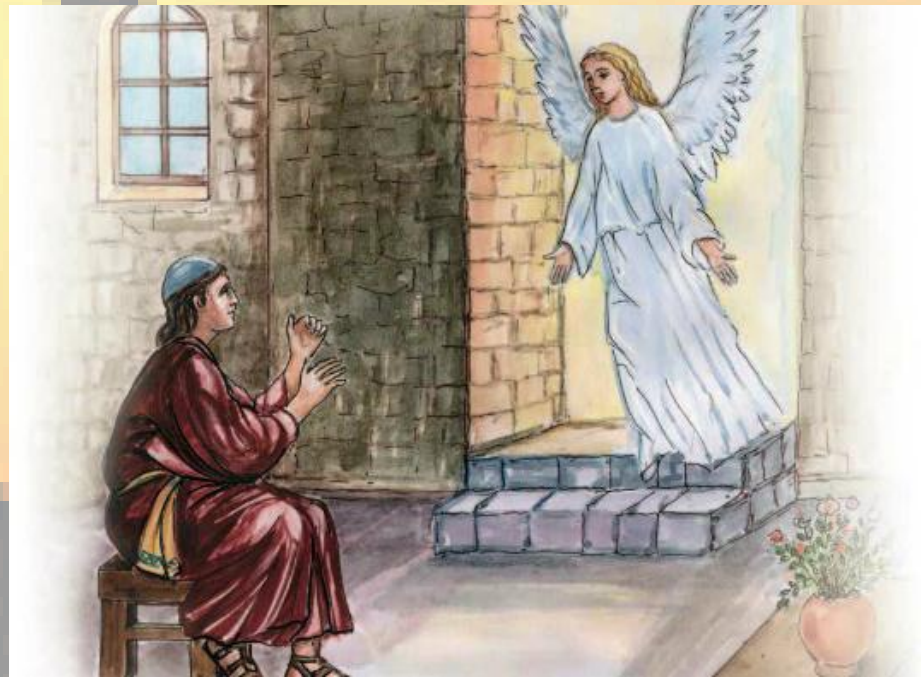
MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**




Recite Last week's memory verse

“Be not frightened, neither be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you”.

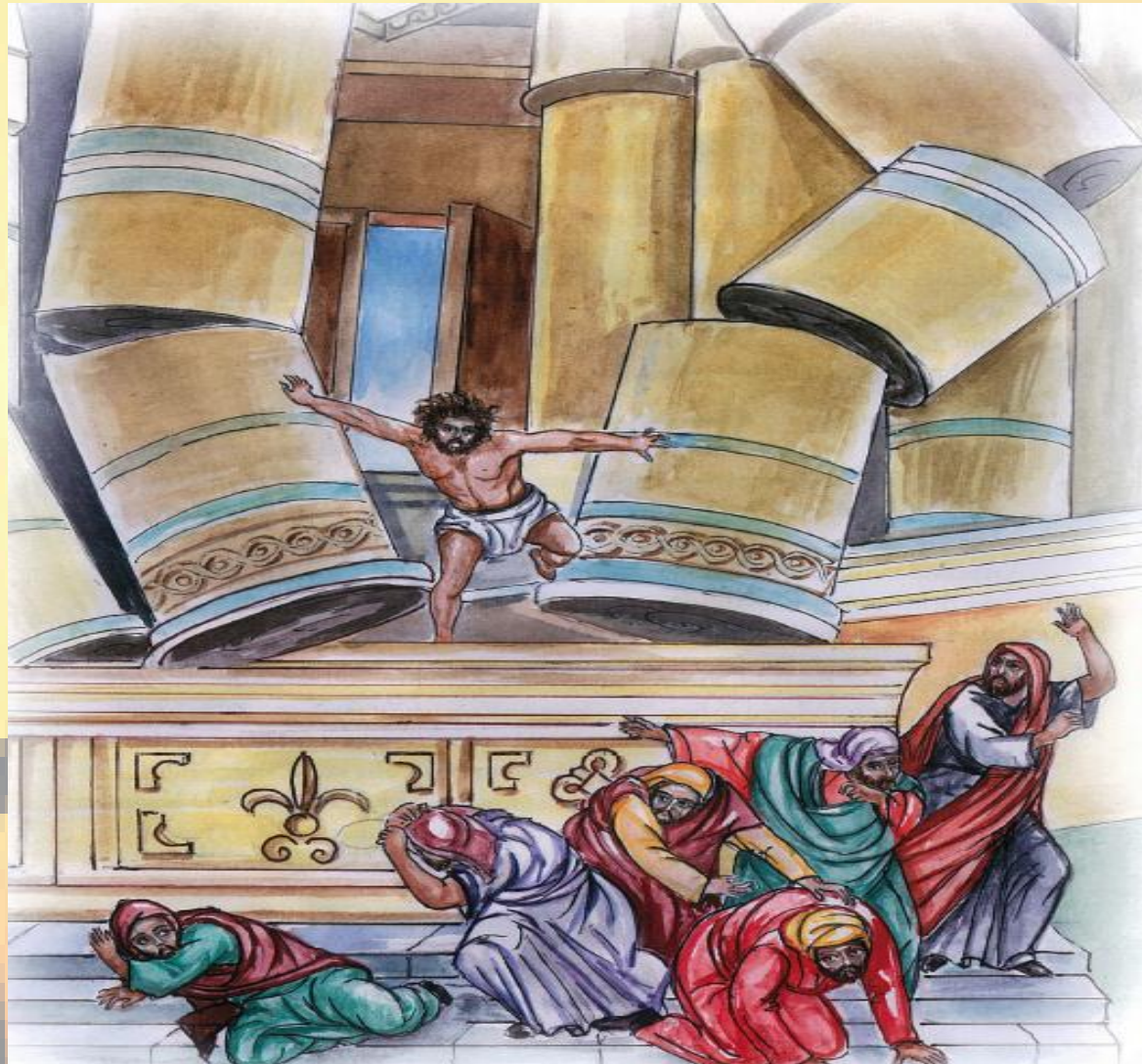
(Joshua 1:9)



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Samson



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Memory Verse

“Out of the eater came something to eat”

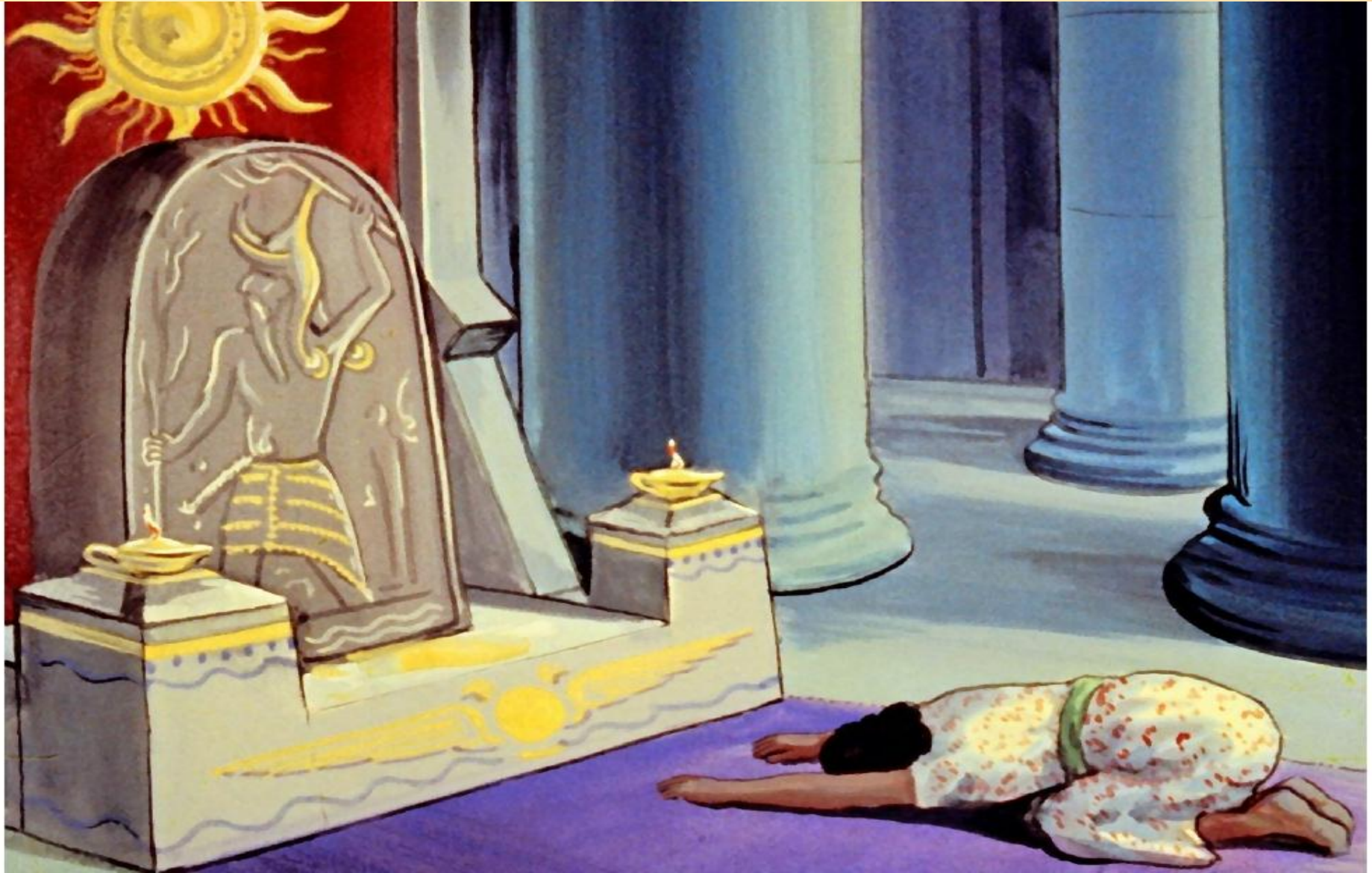
(Judges 14:14)



Objective

To recognize the potentialities of the great power of God in our life.

As soon as Gideon died, the children of Israel started to worship the heathen god Baal.



They did evil in the sight of the Lord.



And became slaves to the Philistines.



An angel appeared to a woman and said, ***“You shall bear a son and he shall be set apart for God, a razor shall never touch his hair.”***



The child was born and they named him Samson.



Samson grew to be a man and one day walking to the city, a lion attacked him.



The Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson and he tore the lion apart.



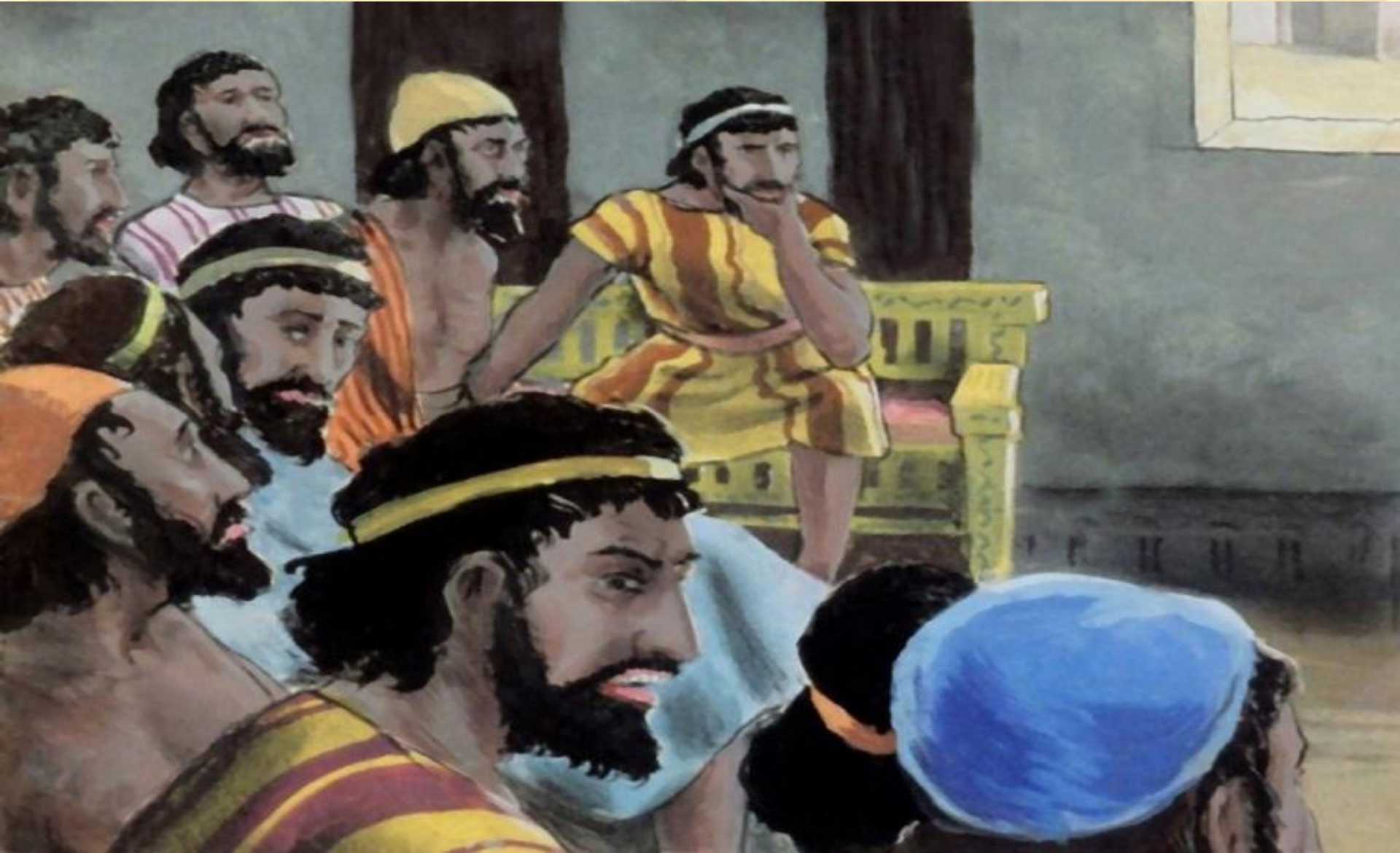
Samson wanted to take a Philistine to be his wife.



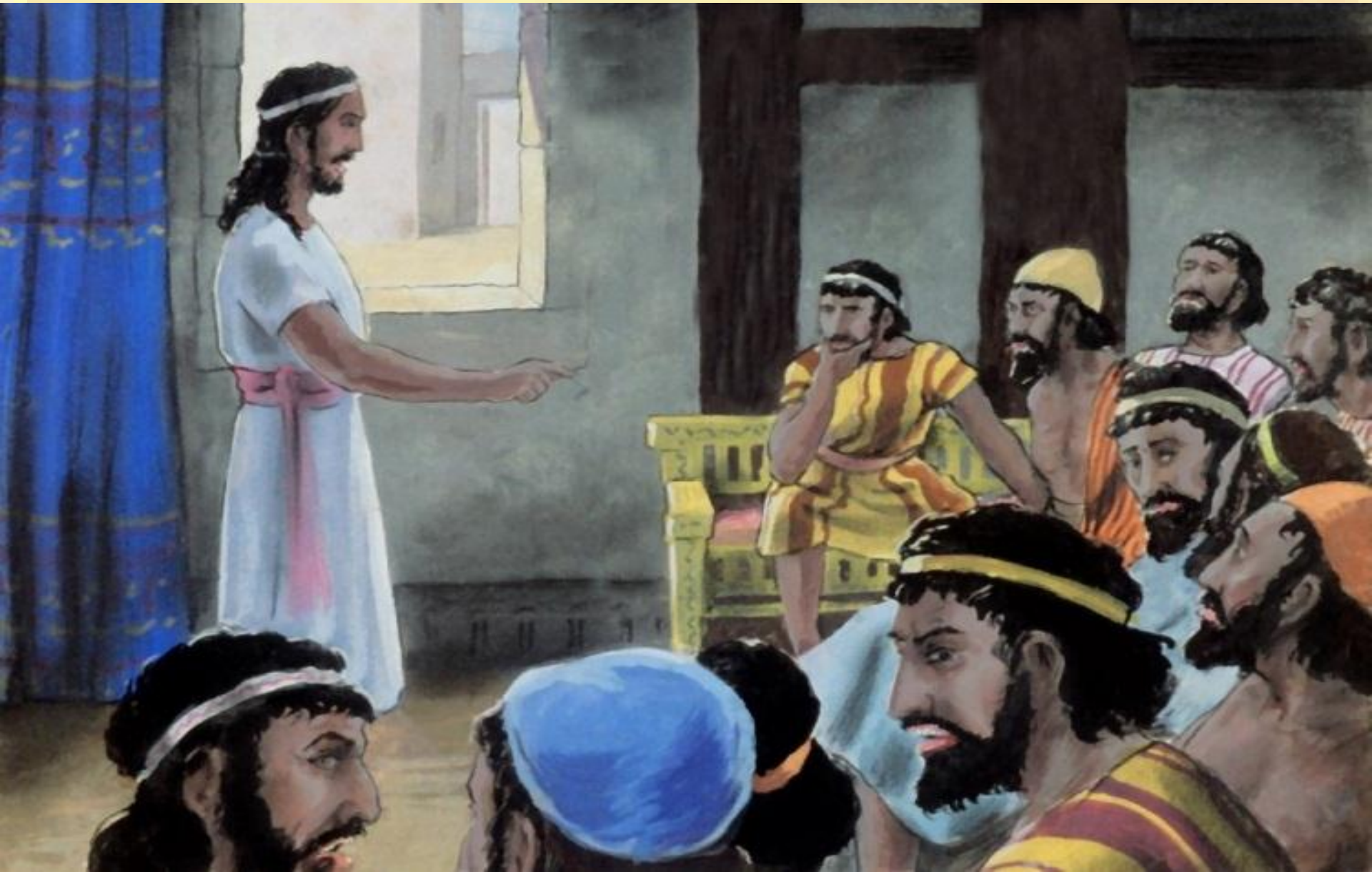
Travelling home, he ate some honey after finding a swarm of bees nesting in the lion's carcass.



At his wedding feast Samson challenged the Philistines,
“Whoever answers this riddle, I will give him thirty suits of clothes.



“Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong, came forth sweetness.”



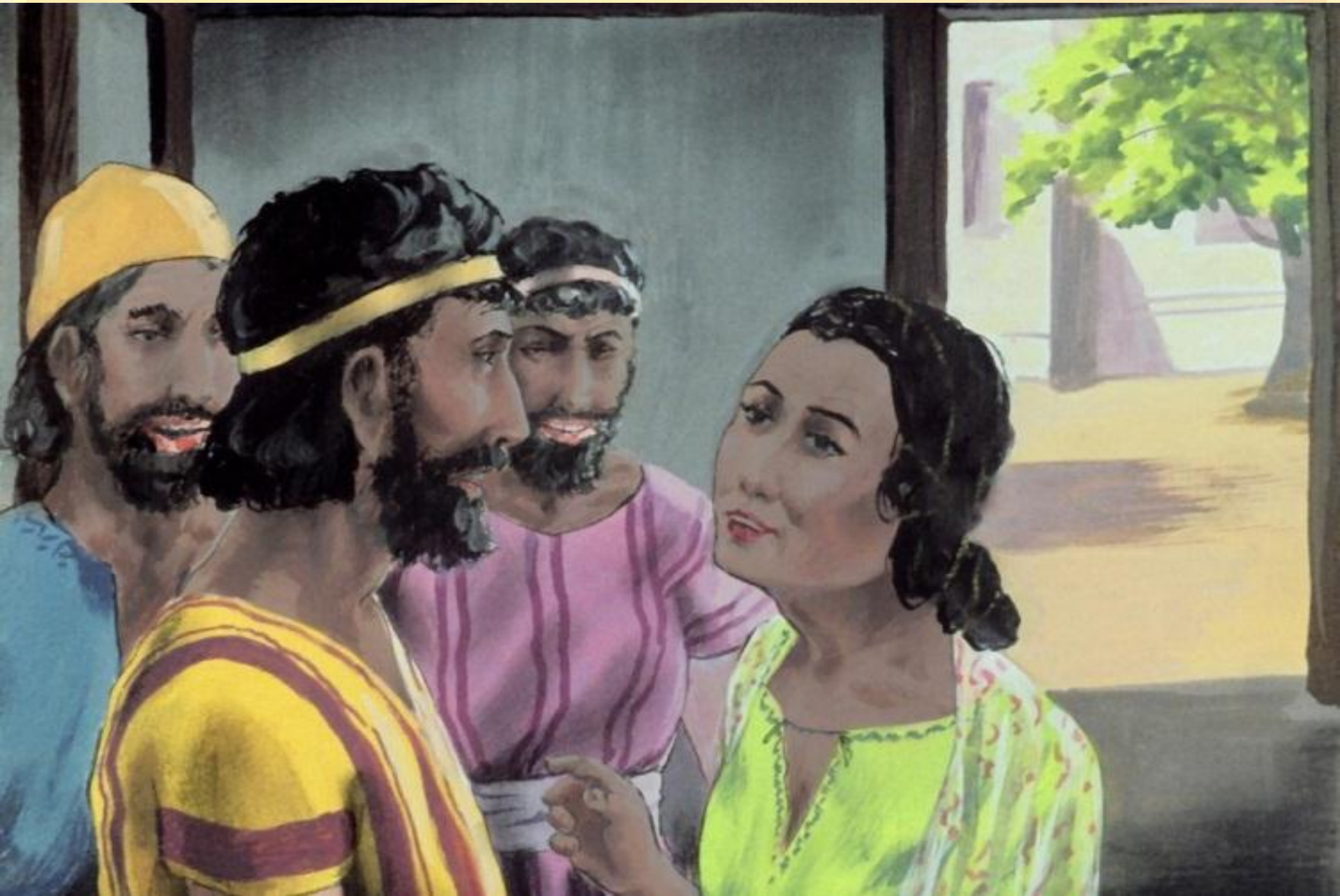
Unless Samson's wife told the Philistines the answer to the riddle, both she and her father, were in grave danger.



So she pleaded with Samson, until he reluctantly gave her the answer.



Then she told the Philistines.



They said to Samson; ***“What is sweeter than honey and stronger than a lion?”***



The spirit of the Lord came upon Samson; and he killed thirty Philistines and gave their clothes to the young men.



Then he caught foxes and set fire to the Philistine's crops.



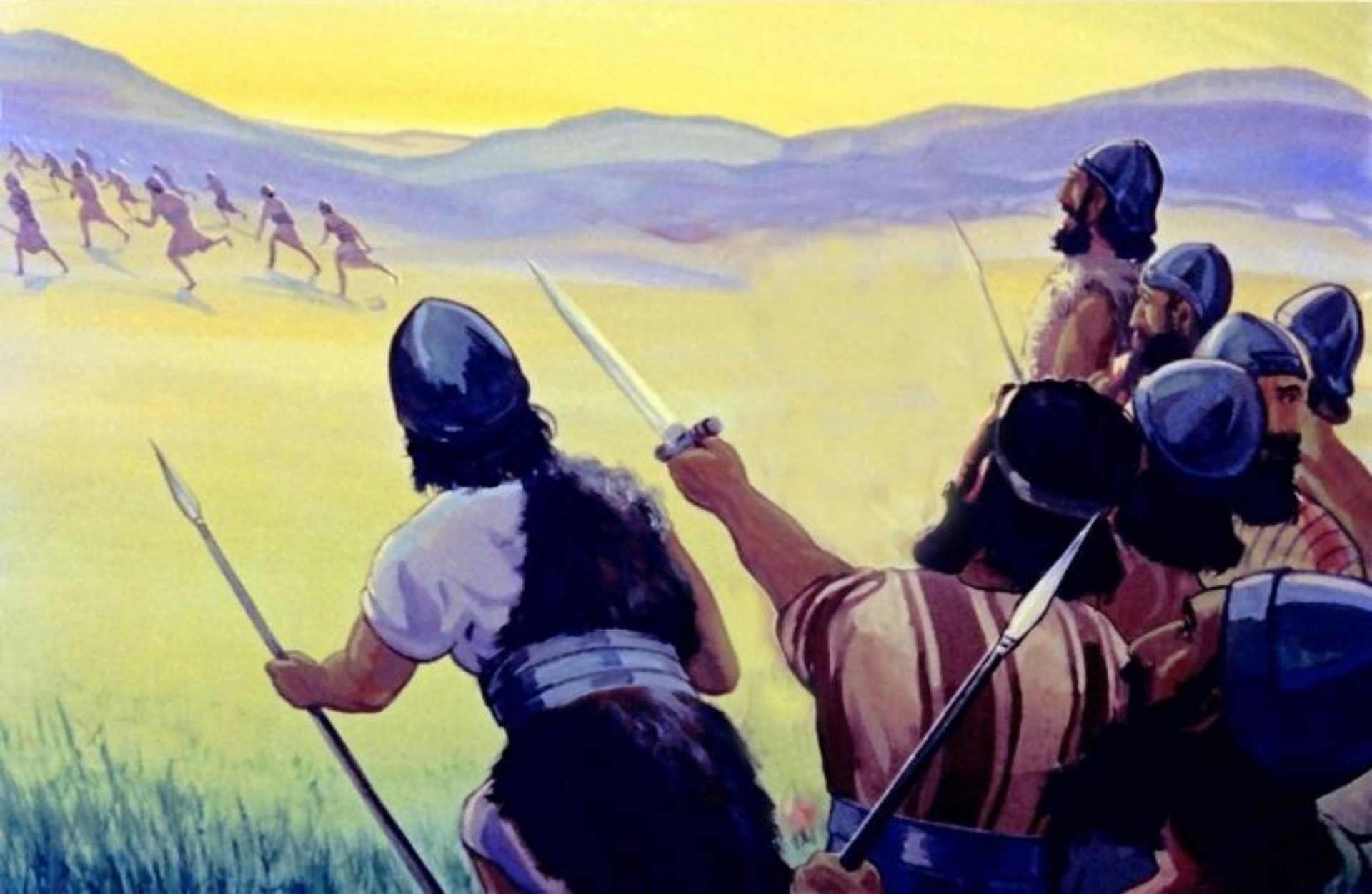
In retaliation, the Philistines burnt Samson's wife and her father.



So Samson slaughtered the young men and went to live alone on a mountain.



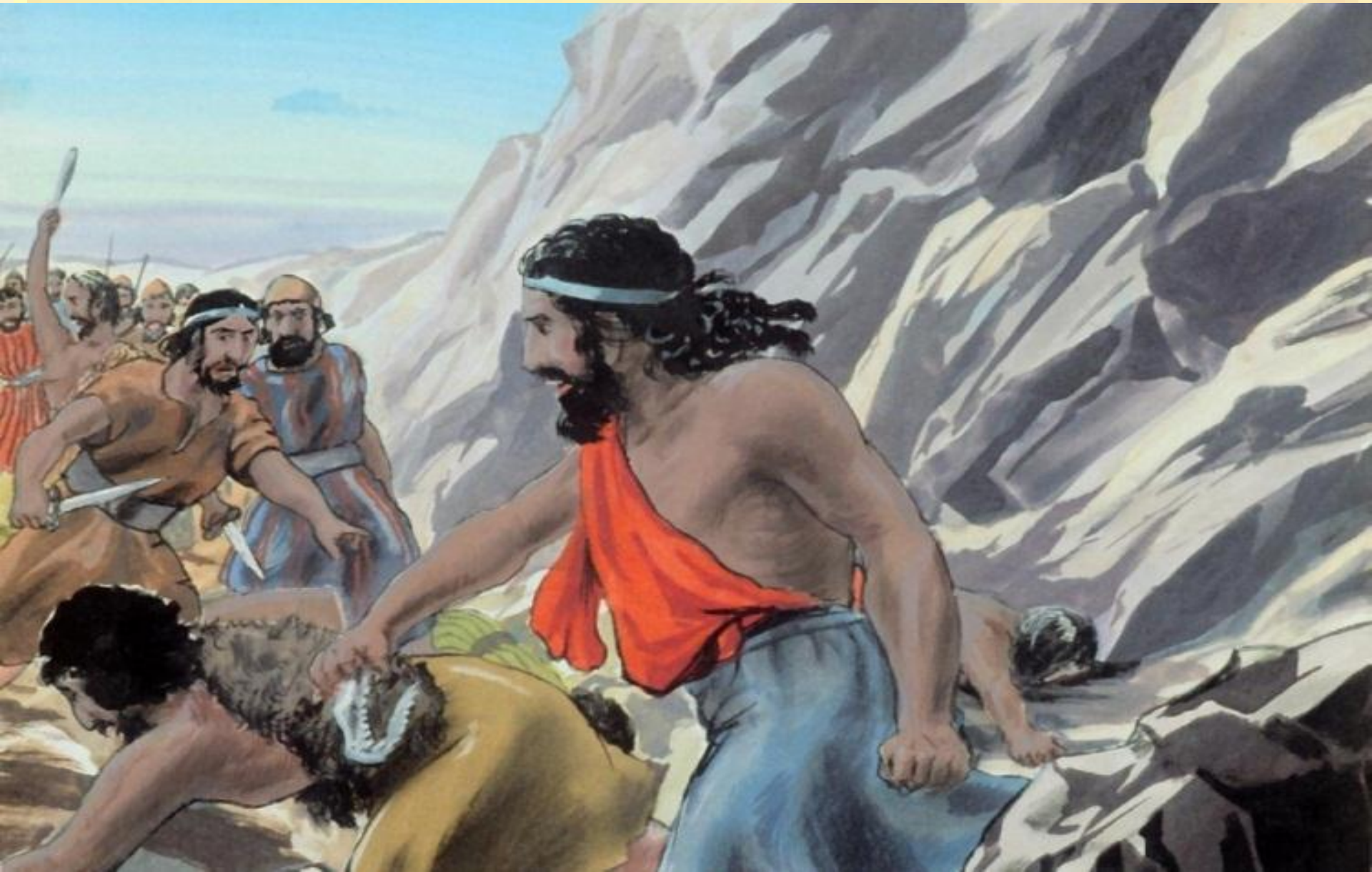
The Philistines began persecuting the children of Israel.



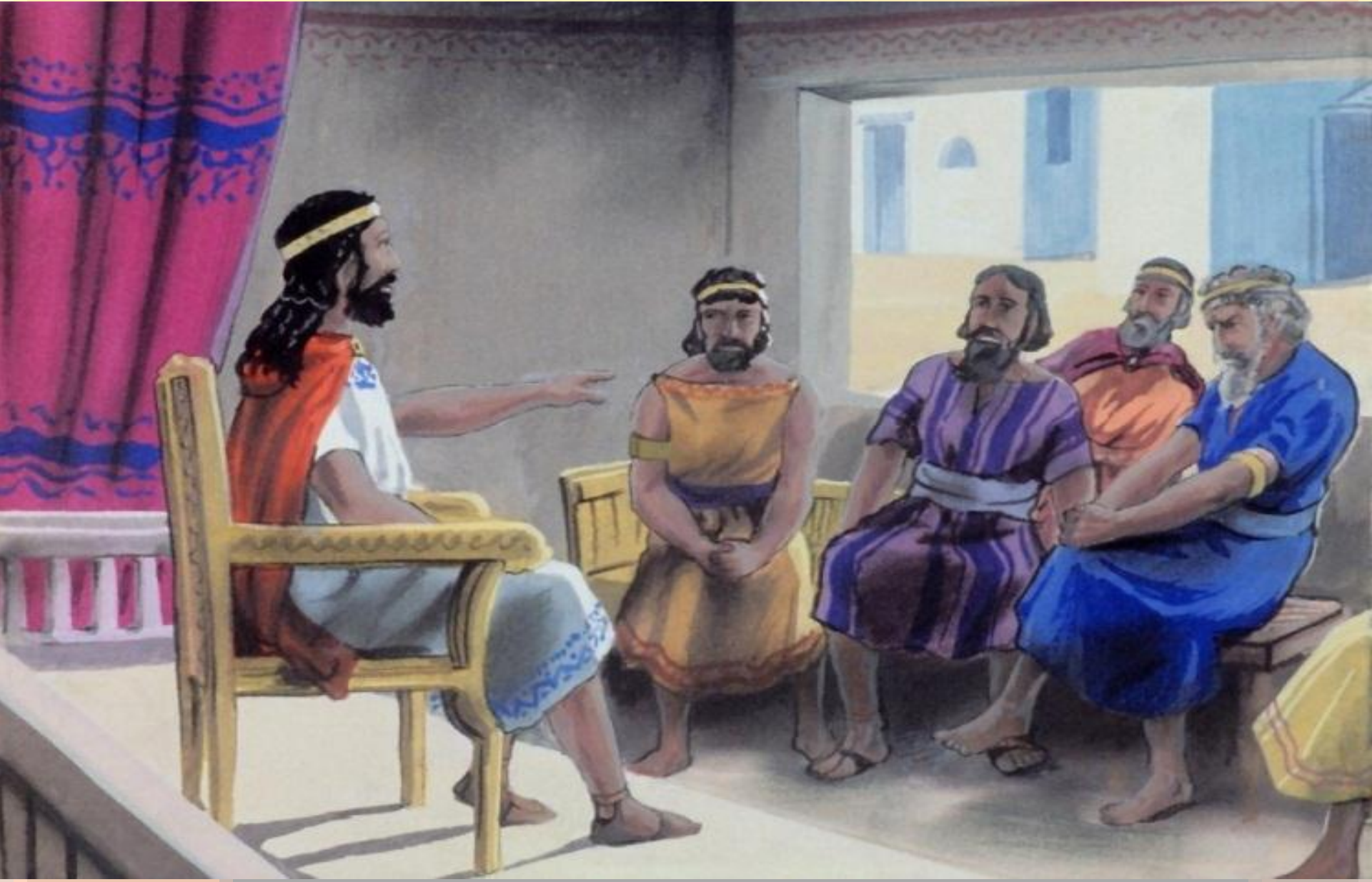
Samson agreed that they could arrest him and hand him over to the enemy.



When Samson was in the hands of the Philistines, he broke free and killed a thousand men with the jawbone of a donkey.



Samson judged Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines.



In Gaza, the people planned to capture Samson.



When he came out of a house.



But when Samson found the city gates locked; he just ripped them down.



Then he carried them to the top of the hill.



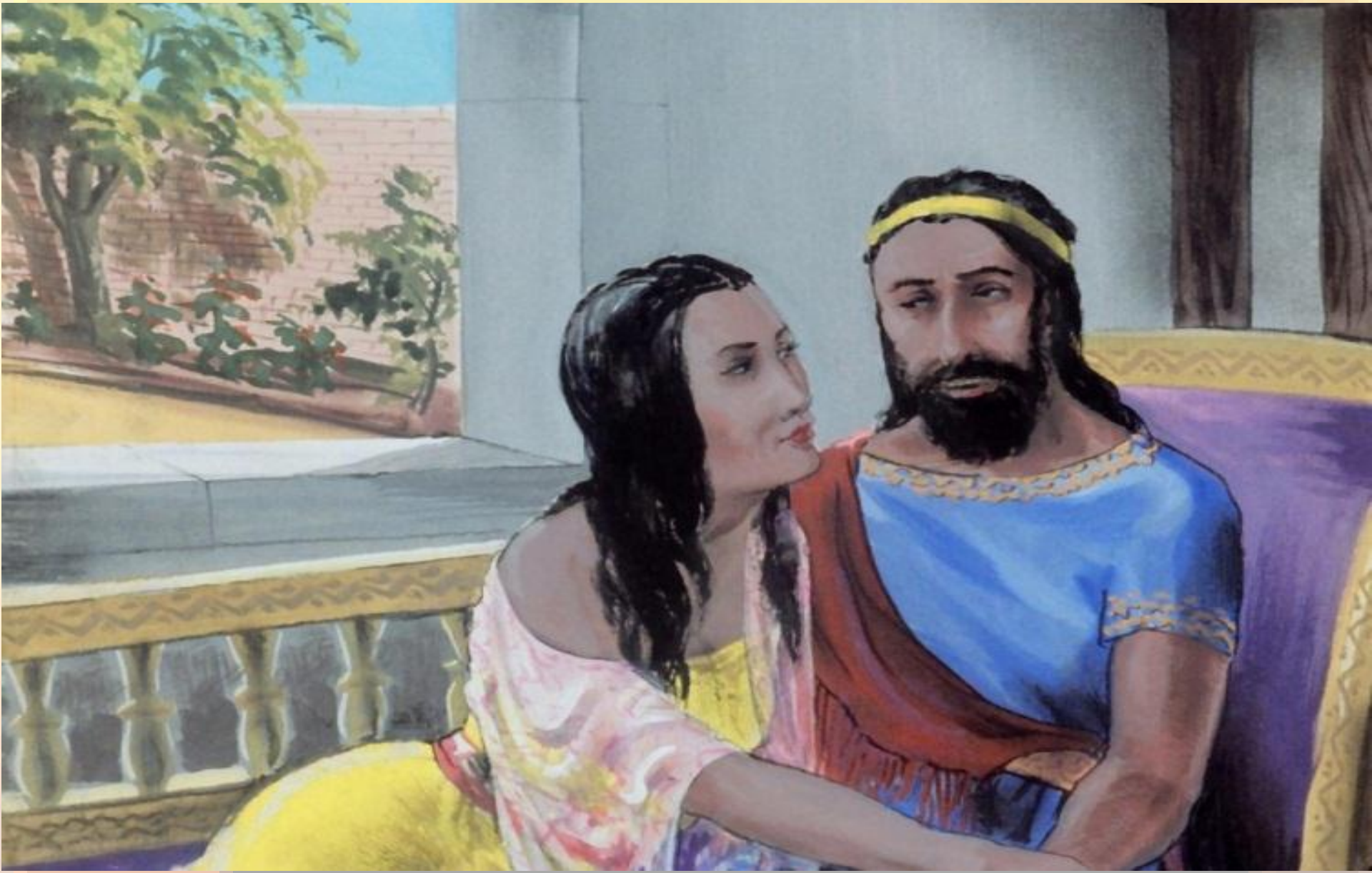
It came to pass that Samson fell in love with a Philistine, named Delilah.



The Philistines said “If you find out where Samson’s strength lies, we will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver.”



Delilah begged ***“Samson please tell me where your great strength lies.”***



Samson replied; ***“If they bind me with new ropes, then I shall become weak like any man.”***



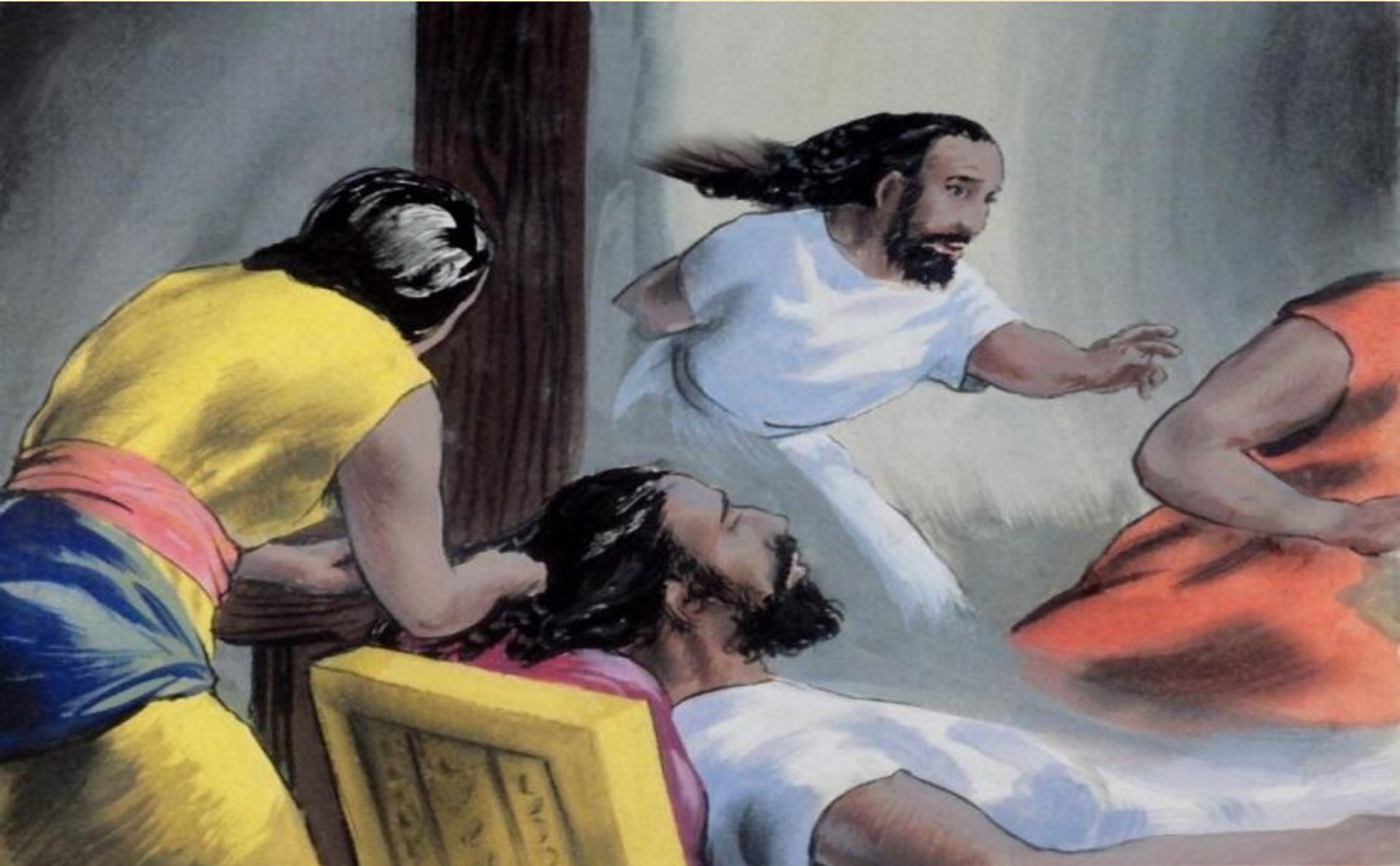
When he fell asleep and gave Delilah a chance to tie him up that way. But Delilah began to wonder. Had Samson really told her the truth? Well, there was one way to find out.



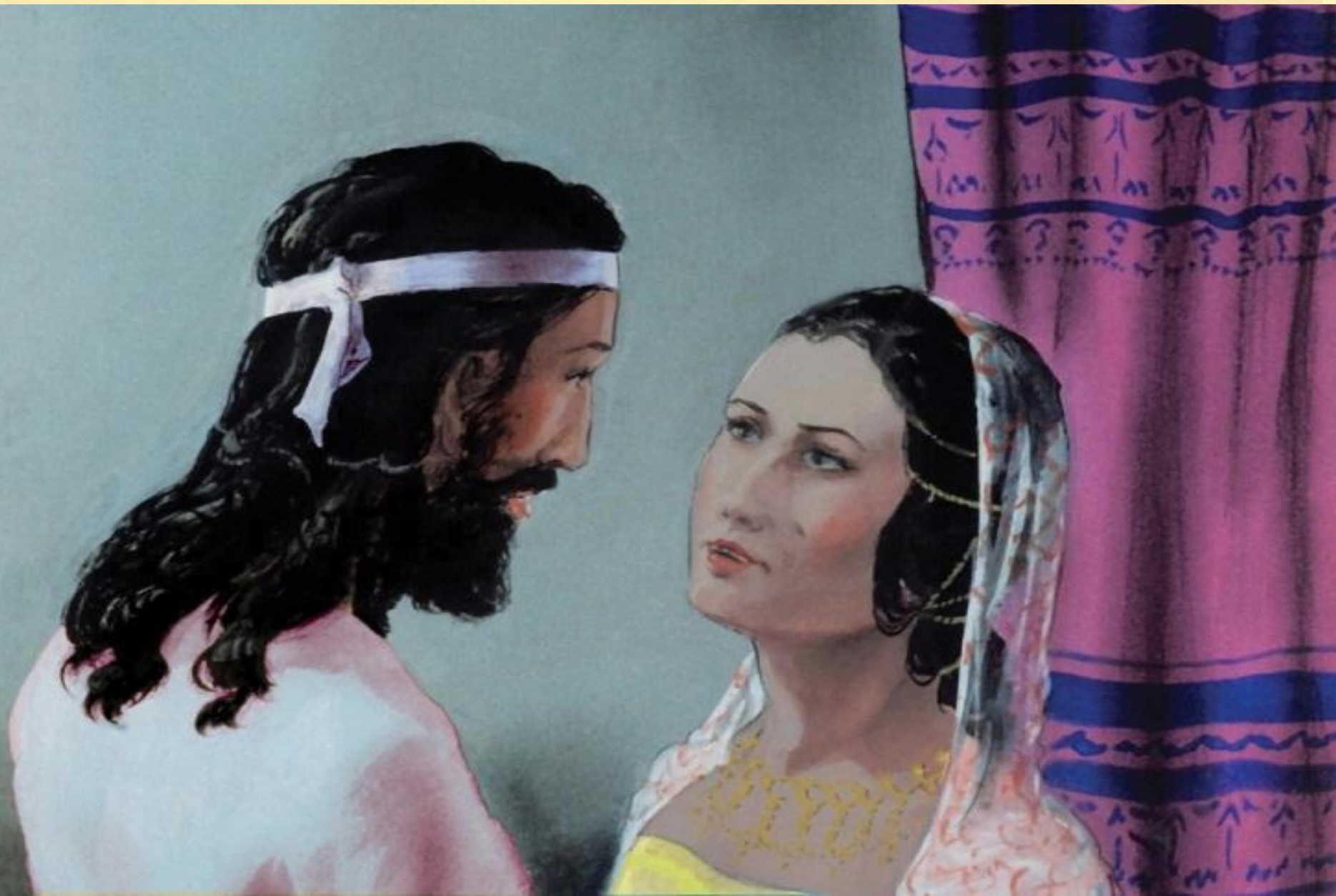
She called out, “*Wake up Samson! The Philistines are coming to take you!*” And when Samson jumped to his feet, snapping the cords that bound him, Delilah knew she had failed to find his secret. Samson was just as strong as ever!



Next she bound him with seven locks of his hair and he made a fool of her a third time. But the same event took place, and he broke free.



Then Delilah said, ***“Samson how can you say that you love me, when you treat me like a fool.”***



Then he said "If my hair is cut in disobedience to God, then my strength shall leave me."



So Delilah put him to sleep and the Philistines cut his hair.



Then Delilah shouted; “**Samson! The Philistines are upon you.**” But Samson’s strength had gone.



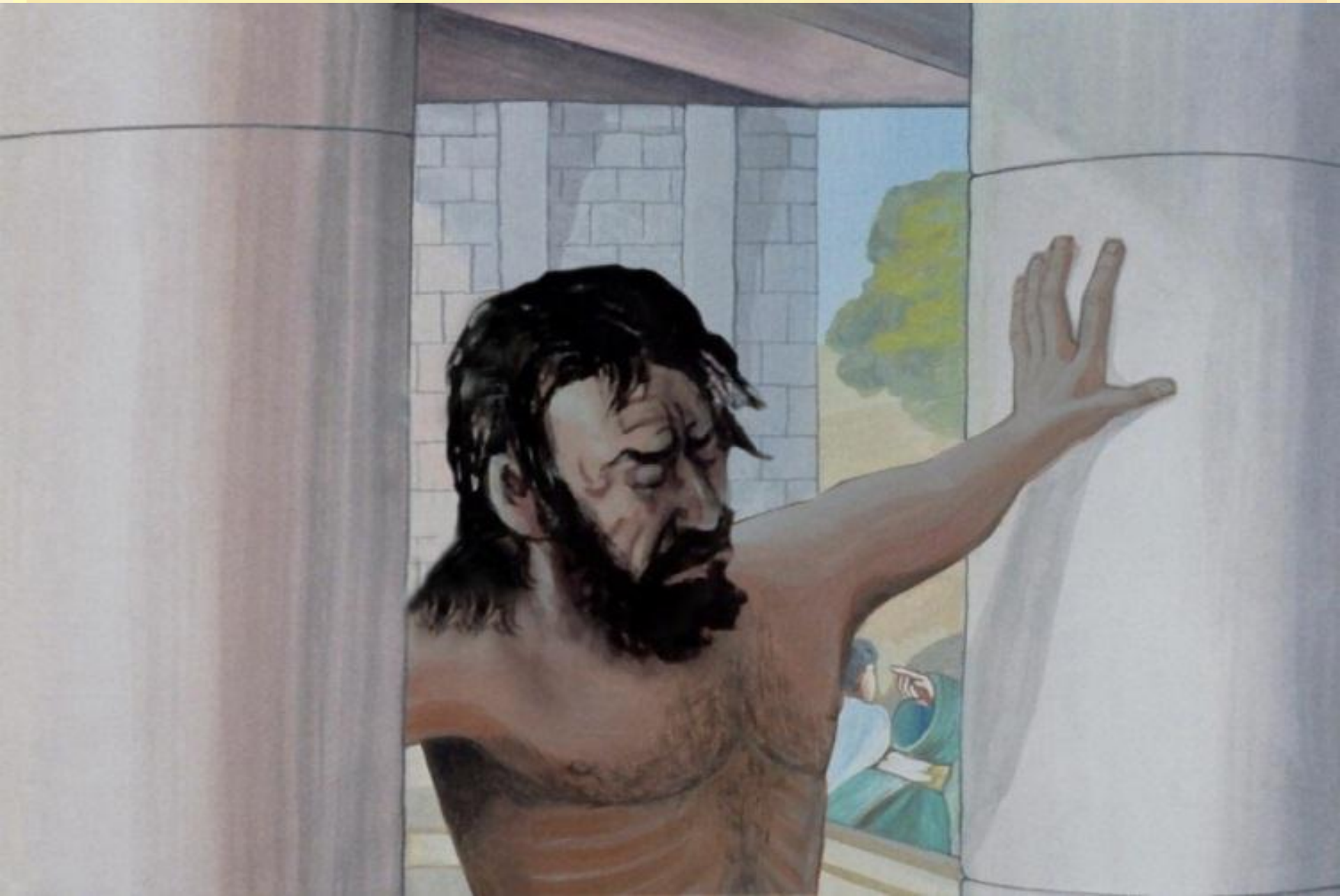
The Philistines took out Samson's eyes and he became a grinder in the prison house.



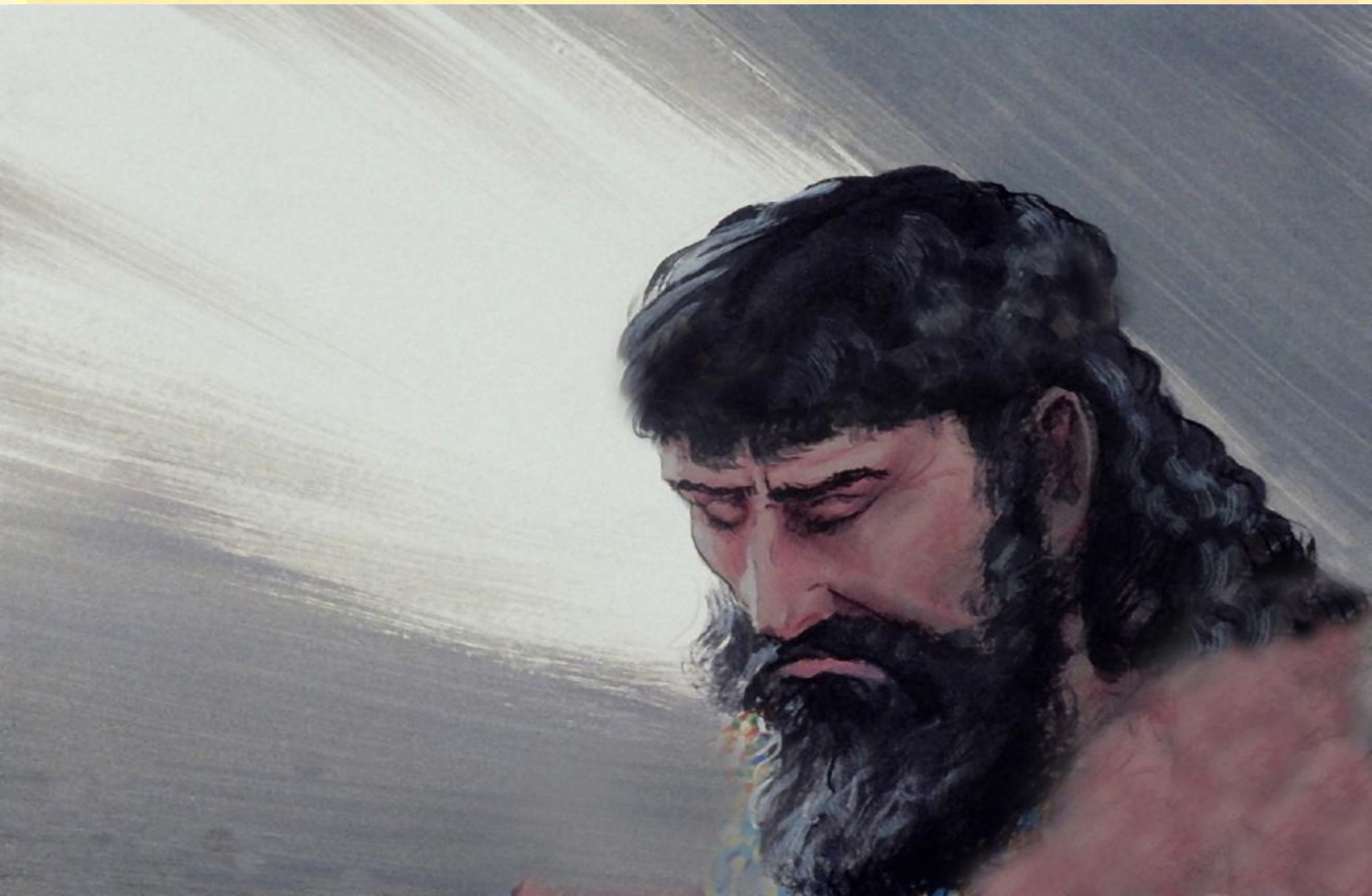
When the Philistines got drunk, they sent for Samson and mocked him.



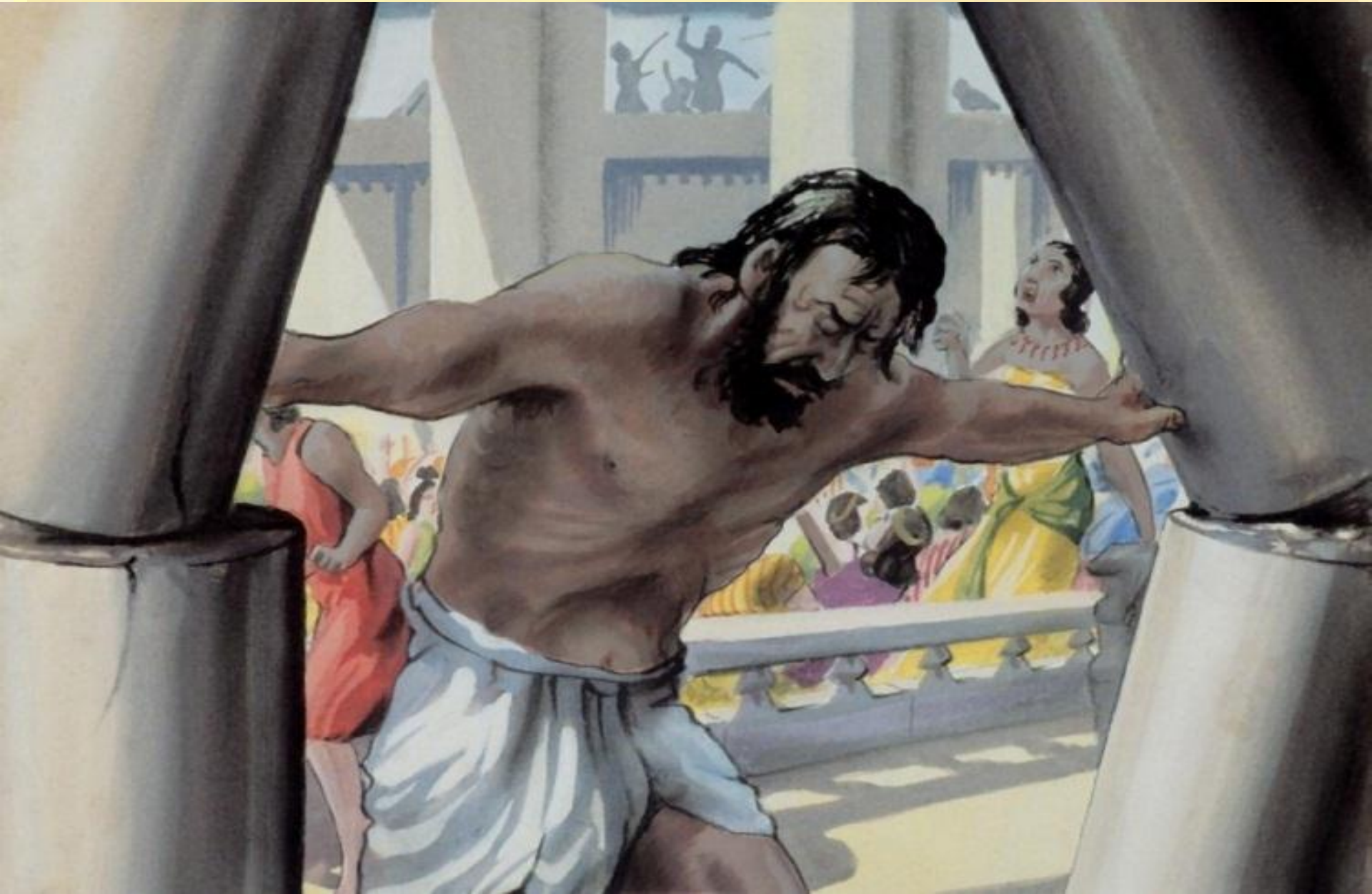
Samson rested on the main temple supports.



“O Lord God I pray to strengthen me, that I might take vengeance on the Philistines for my eyes.”



Then he pushed with all his might, and the pillars crumbled before his touch.



The temple fell on about three thousand Philistines. So Samson killed more people at his death, than he killed throughout his life.



Conclusion

- Without doubt Samson made mistakes when it came to choosing women and revealing information to them that he shouldn't have. However, he did eventually yield to God's great purpose for his life and finished his life praying for God's help to accomplish it. We can learn from both his mistakes and from what he did right.
- Today, God has a purpose for each of our lives as well. He wants us to become children in His family (John:1:12). Will you accept the purpose for your life and live accordingly—and avoid doing it the hard way?

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Questions

1. What was Samson's special work given to him by God?

To deliver the Israelites from the Philistines.

2. Samson's hair---Did Samson's hair make him strong?

God is the source of his strength but his hair was a symbol of his dedication to God.

3. How many Philistines did Samson kill with just the jawbone of a donkey?

1000

4. Samson carried away the gates of Gaza

to show his enemies how helpless they were against the strength that God had given him.

5. What was Samson's weakness?

Fried Chicken or Delilah

6. The Philistine rulers offered money to Delilah if she did what?

if she would find out the secret of Samson's strength.

Questions

7. Samson told Delilah the truth about his strength the first time she asked him.

True or False

8. If Samson's hair was cut

God's blessing on his life would be taken away.

9. Samson killed more Philistines at his death than he had during his entire life.

True or False

10. The lesson of Samson's life is

that we ought to surrender our lives completely to God.

11. Why is it important to choose good friends?

12. Did Samson always obey his parents? If he had obeyed them, would that have kept him out of trouble?

13. Did disobeying make Samson happy or sad? Will disobeying make you happy or Sad?

14. Does God give up on people right away when they do something wrong?

The End

Next Week

We will learn about
Ruth and Naomi.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

