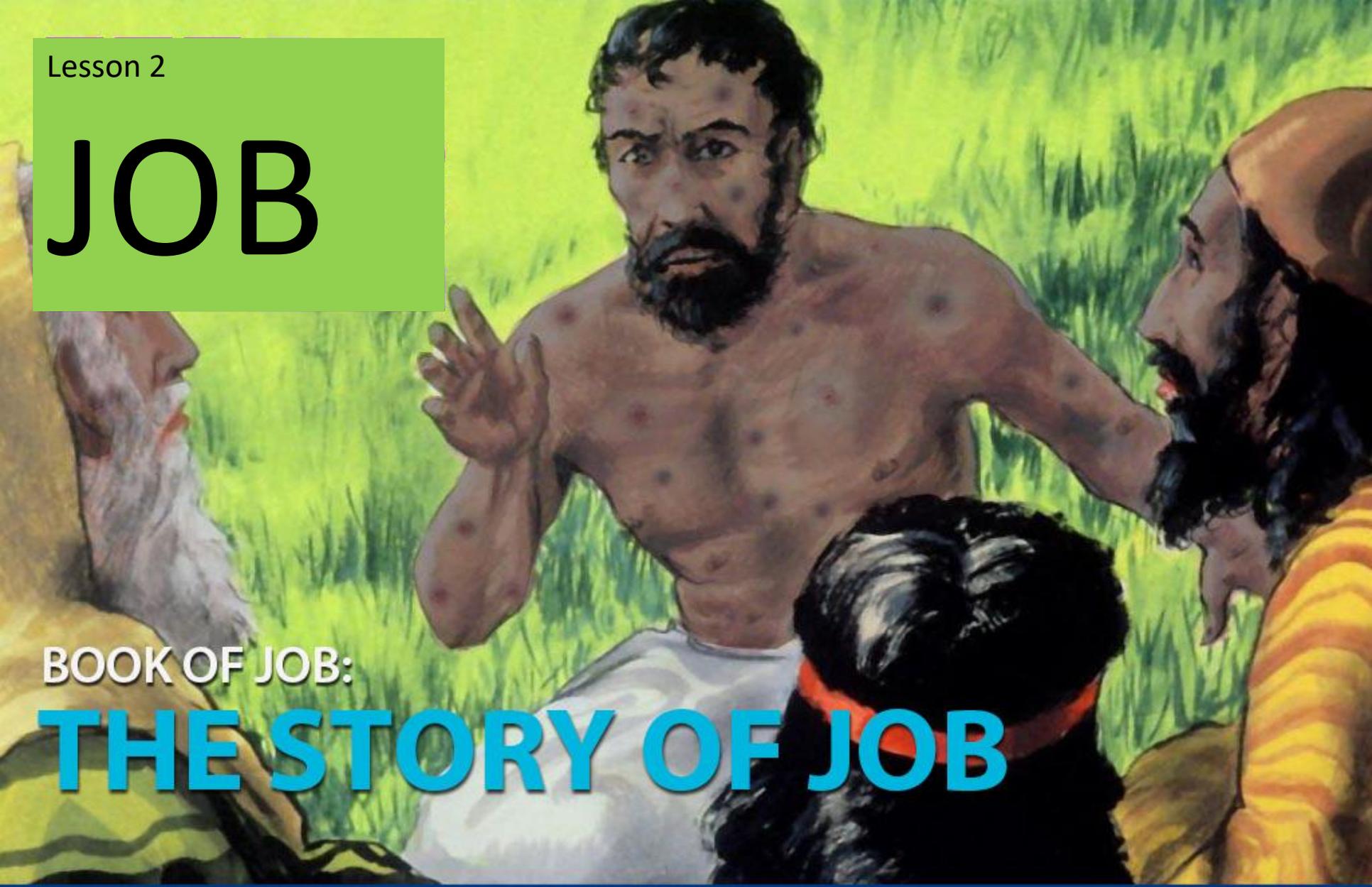


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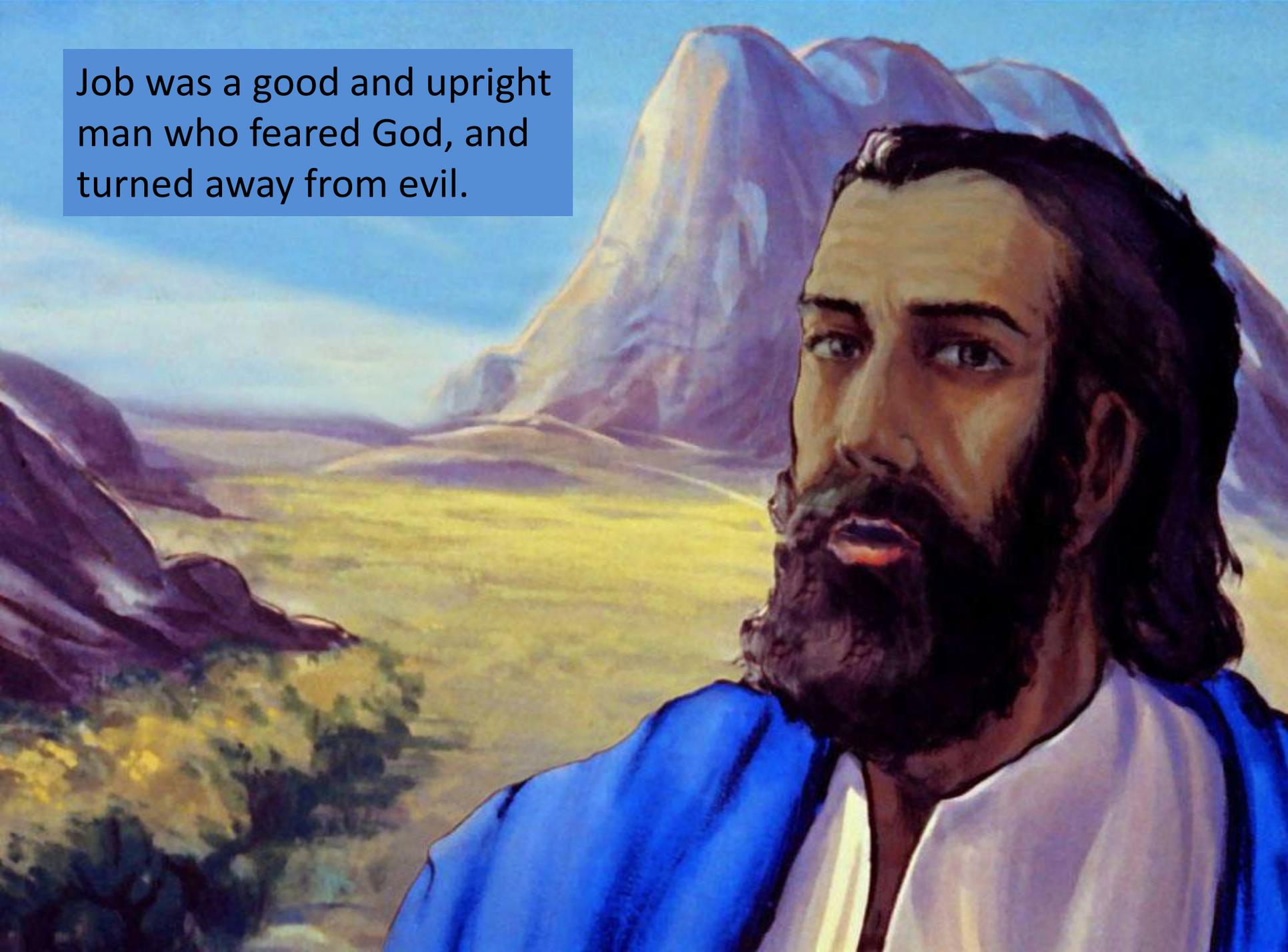
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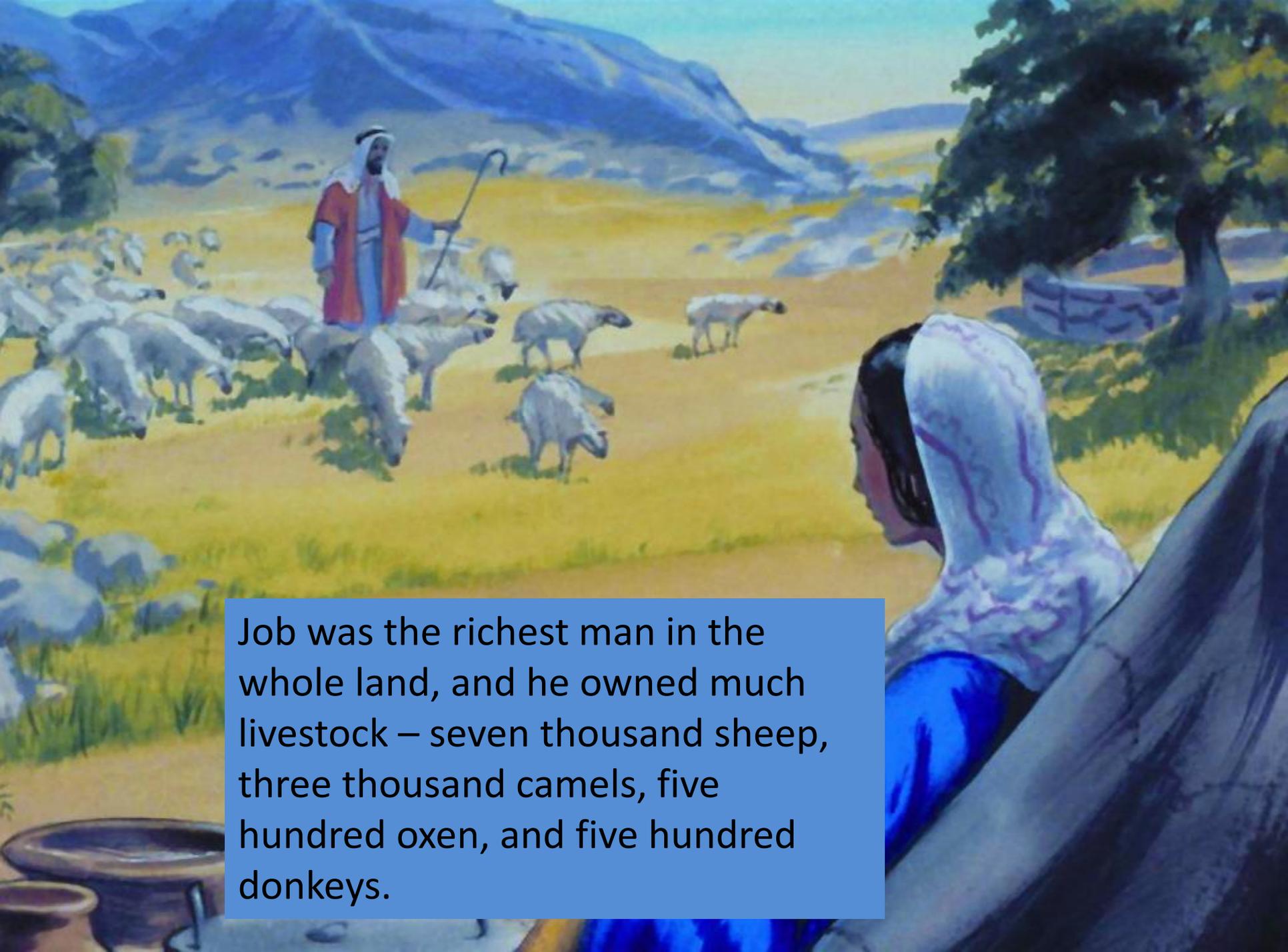


Job was a good and upright man who feared God, and turned away from evil.



Job had a large household with seven sons, three daughters and many servants.





Job was the richest man in the whole land, and he owned much livestock – seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred oxen, and five hundred donkeys.



One day Satan presented himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, 'Job is a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil.'



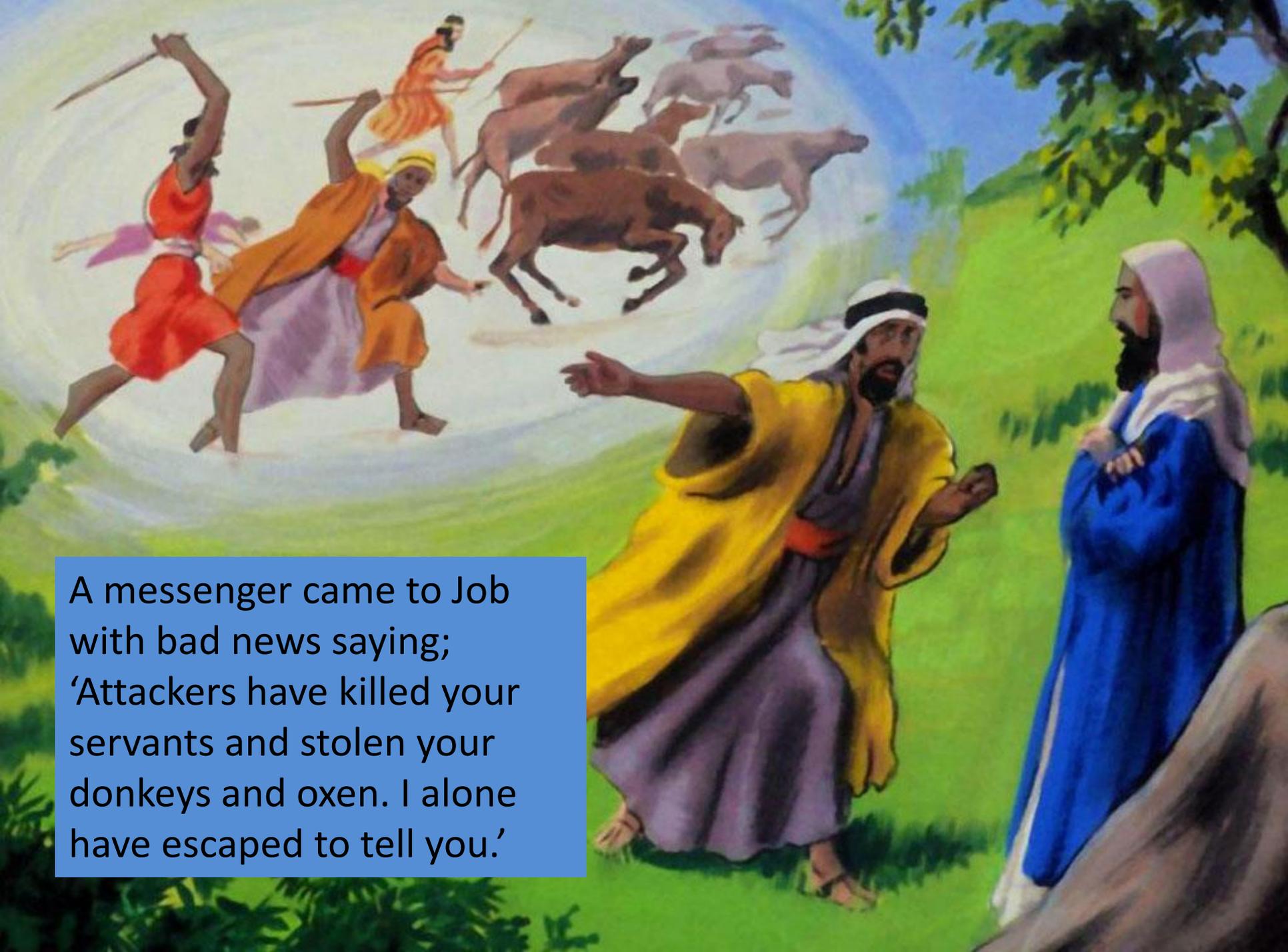
Satan answered, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? You have protected him, and blessed the work of his hands. But stretch out your hand against everything that he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.'



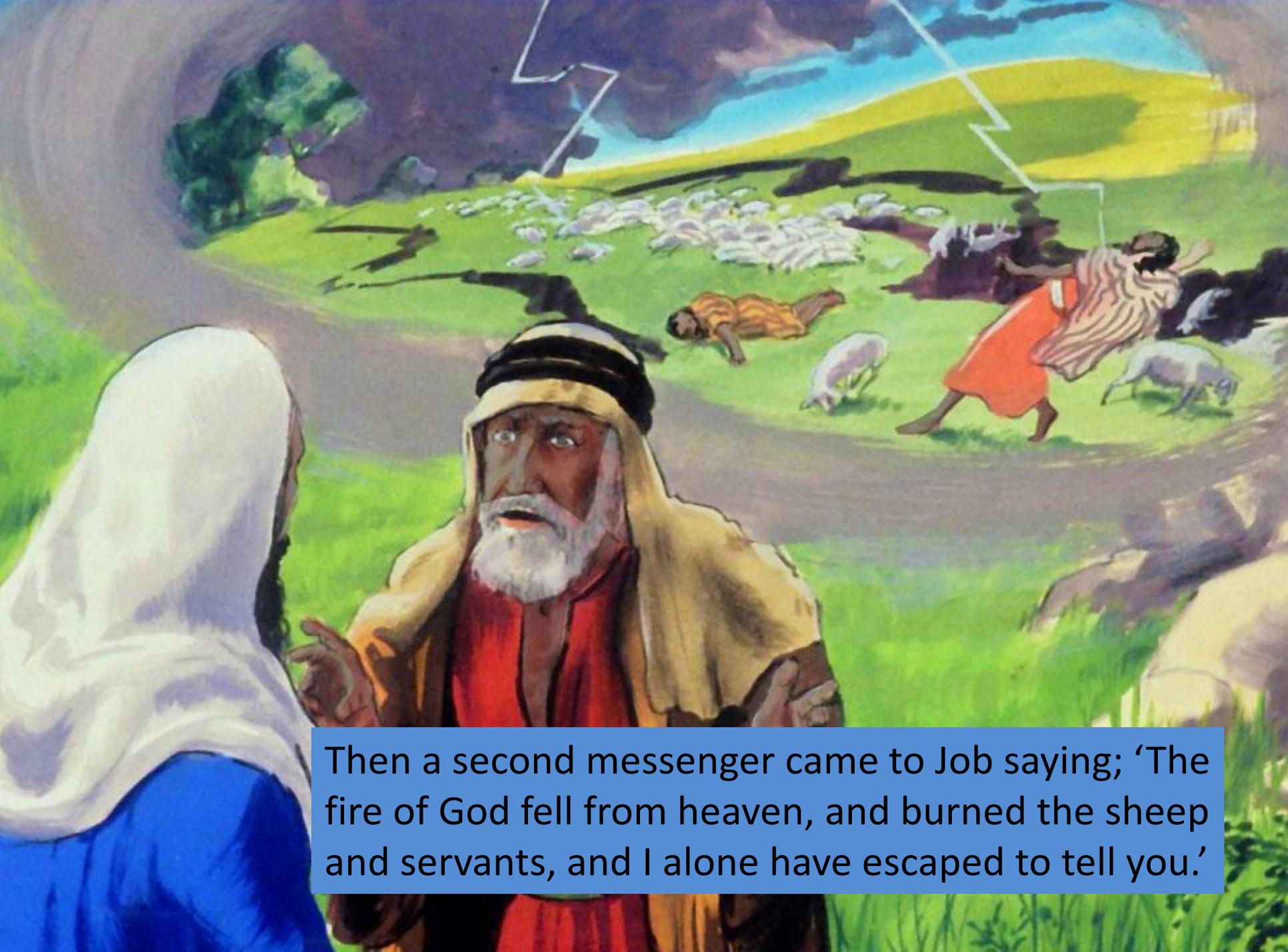
The Lord replied, 'Everything Job has, you can have, but do not lay a finger on Job.'



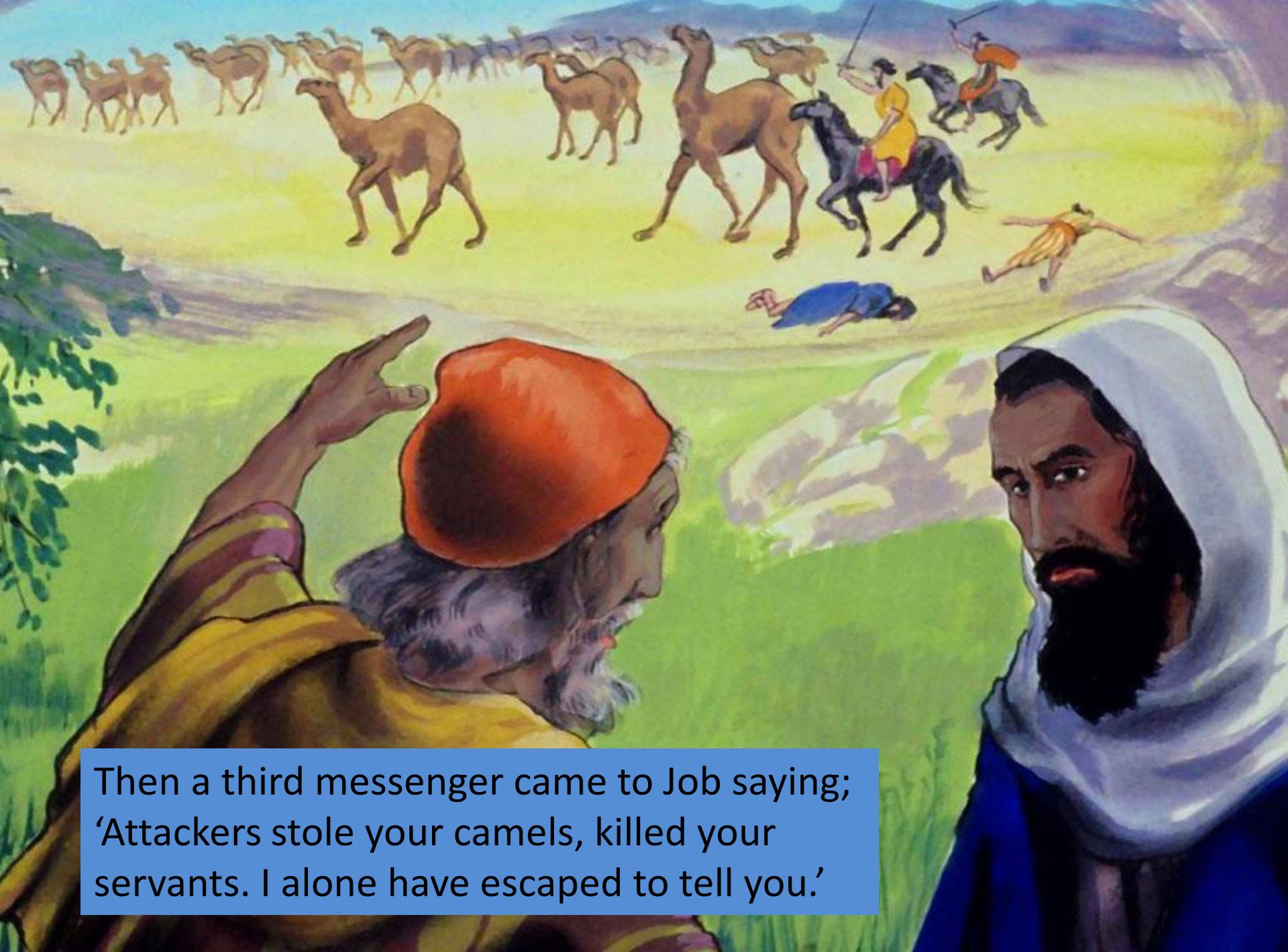
So Satan left to put his plan into action.



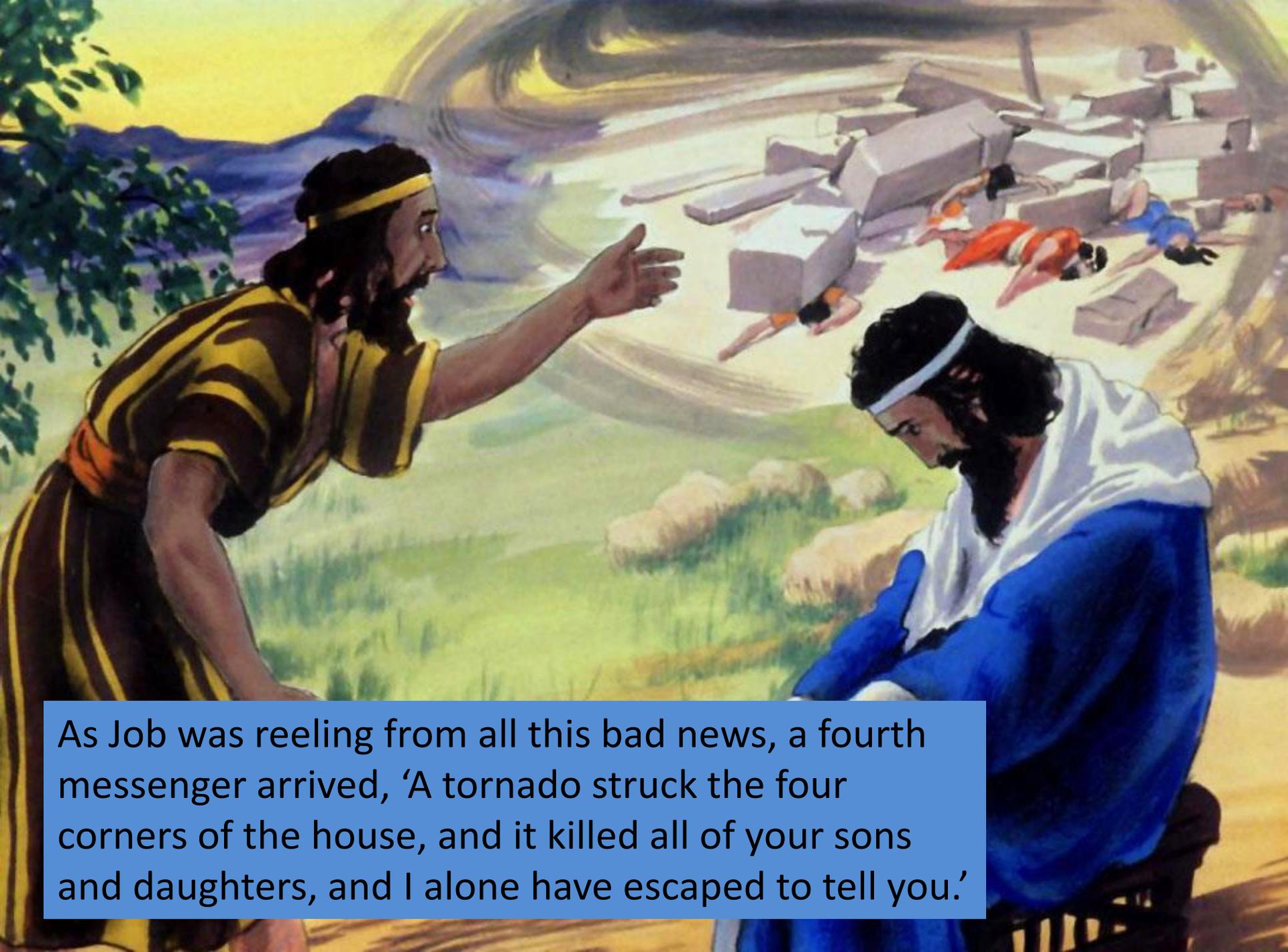
A messenger came to Job with bad news saying; 'Attackers have killed your servants and stolen your donkeys and oxen. I alone have escaped to tell you.'



Then a second messenger came to Job saying; 'The fire of God fell from heaven, and burned the sheep and servants, and I alone have escaped to tell you.'

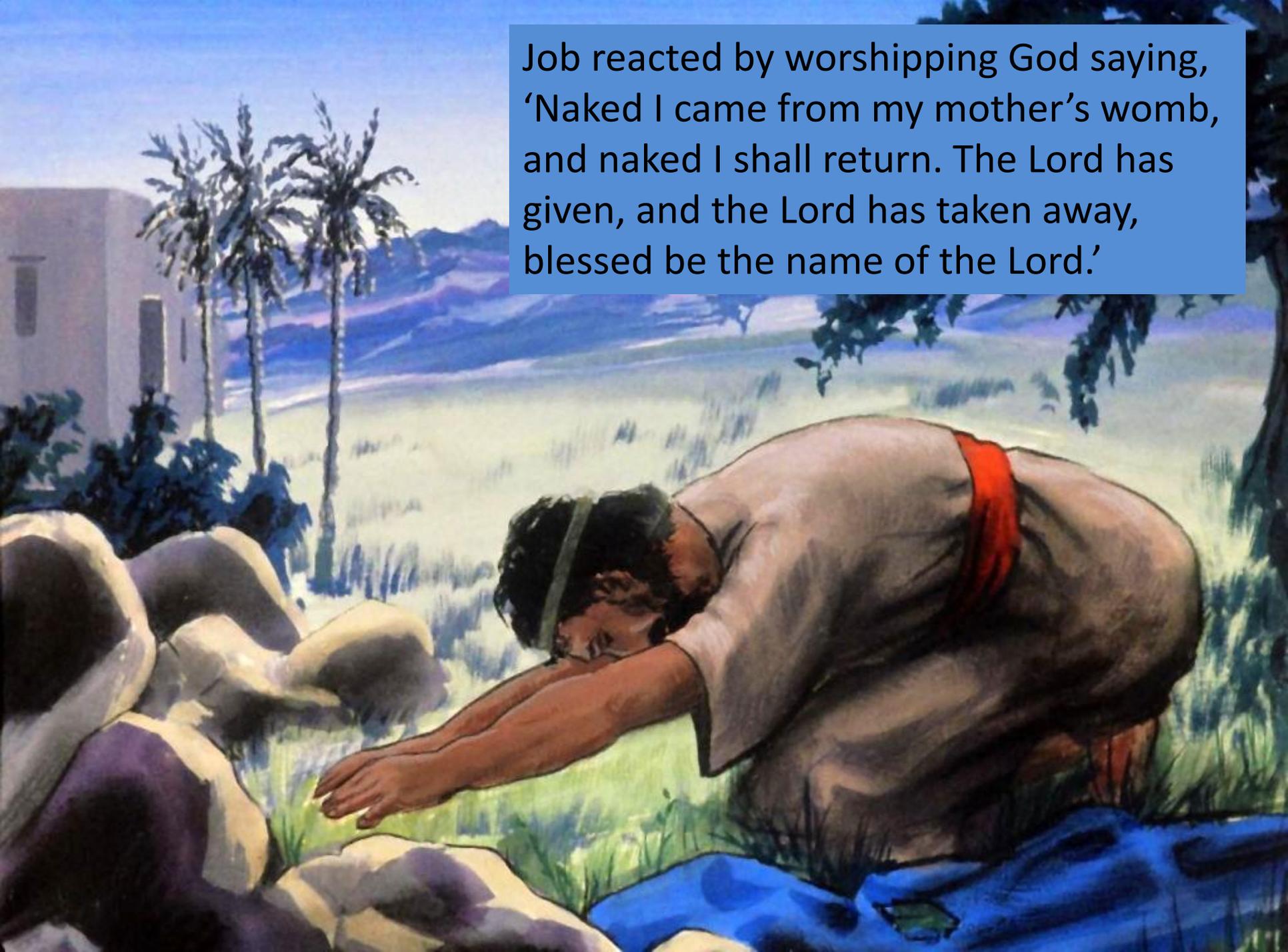


Then a third messenger came to Job saying;
'Attackers stole your camels, killed your
servants. I alone have escaped to tell you.'



As Job was reeling from all this bad news, a fourth messenger arrived, 'A tornado struck the four corners of the house, and it killed all of your sons and daughters, and I alone have escaped to tell you.'

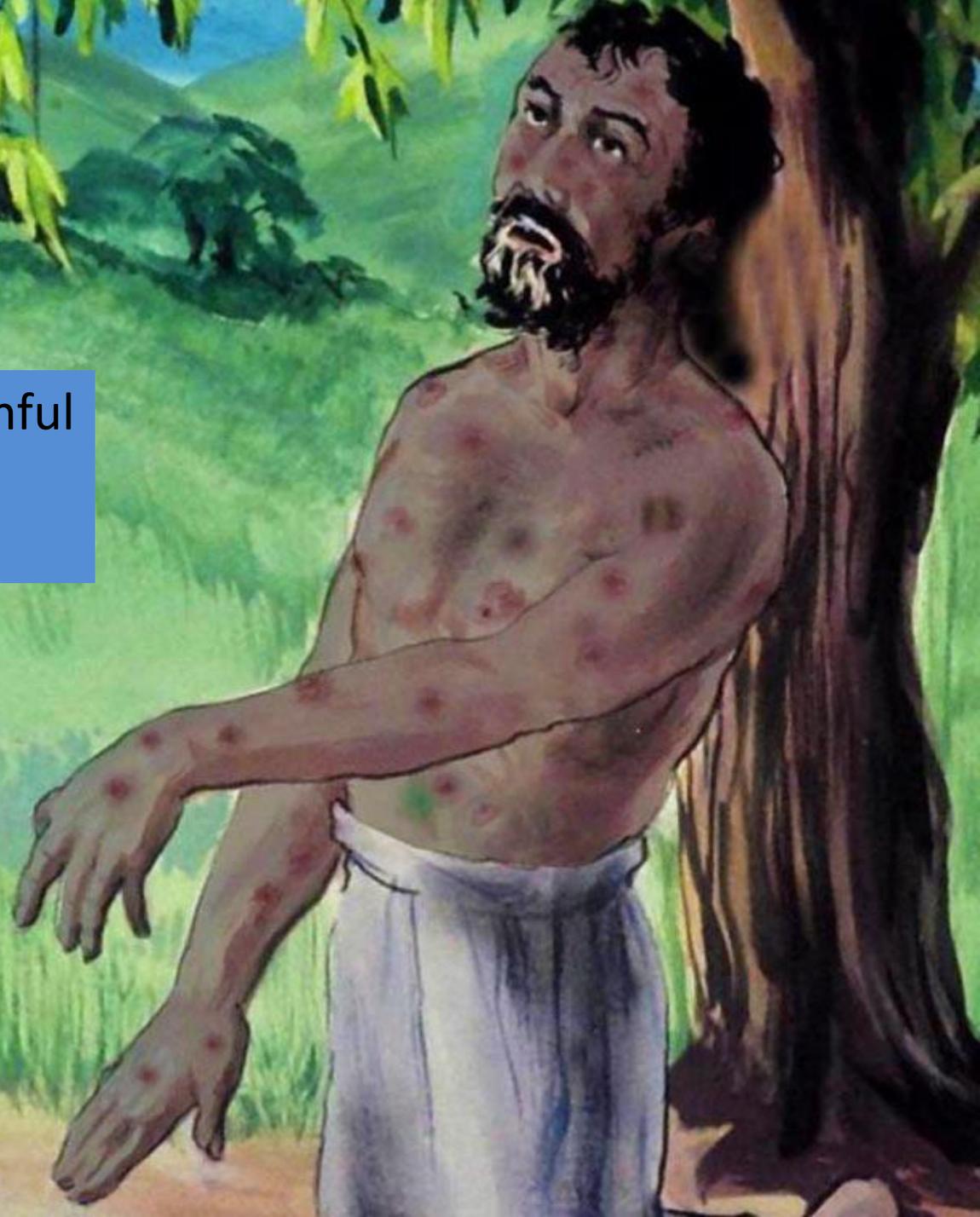
Job reacted by worshipping God saying, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return. The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.'

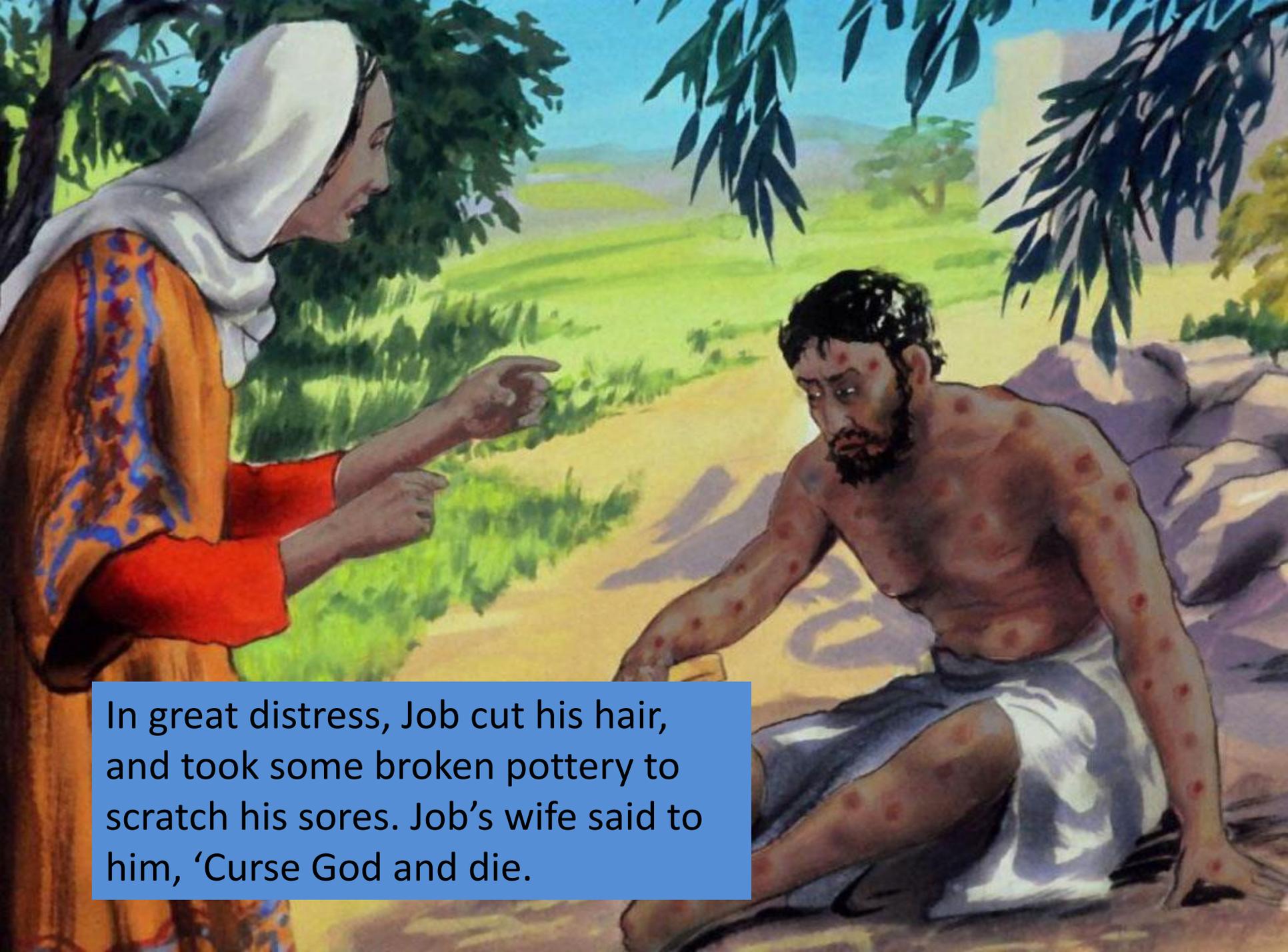


Satan said to God; 'Skin for skin, a man will give all that he has to save his own life, stretch out your hand, and strike his flesh and bone, and he will surely curse you to your face.' God replied, 'Very well, Job is in your hands, but you must spare his life.'



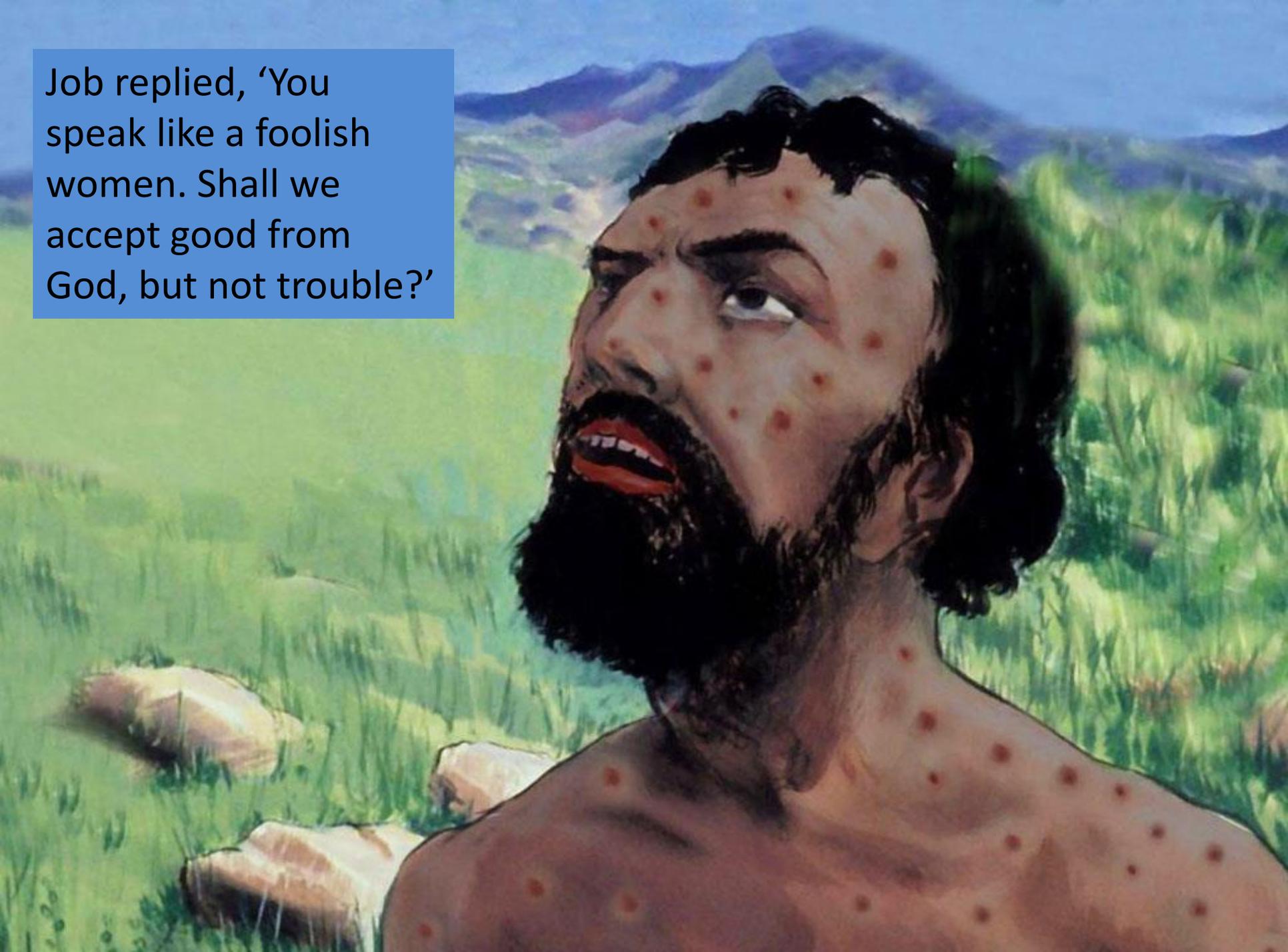
Satan afflicted Job with painful sores, from the soles of his feet to the top of his head.

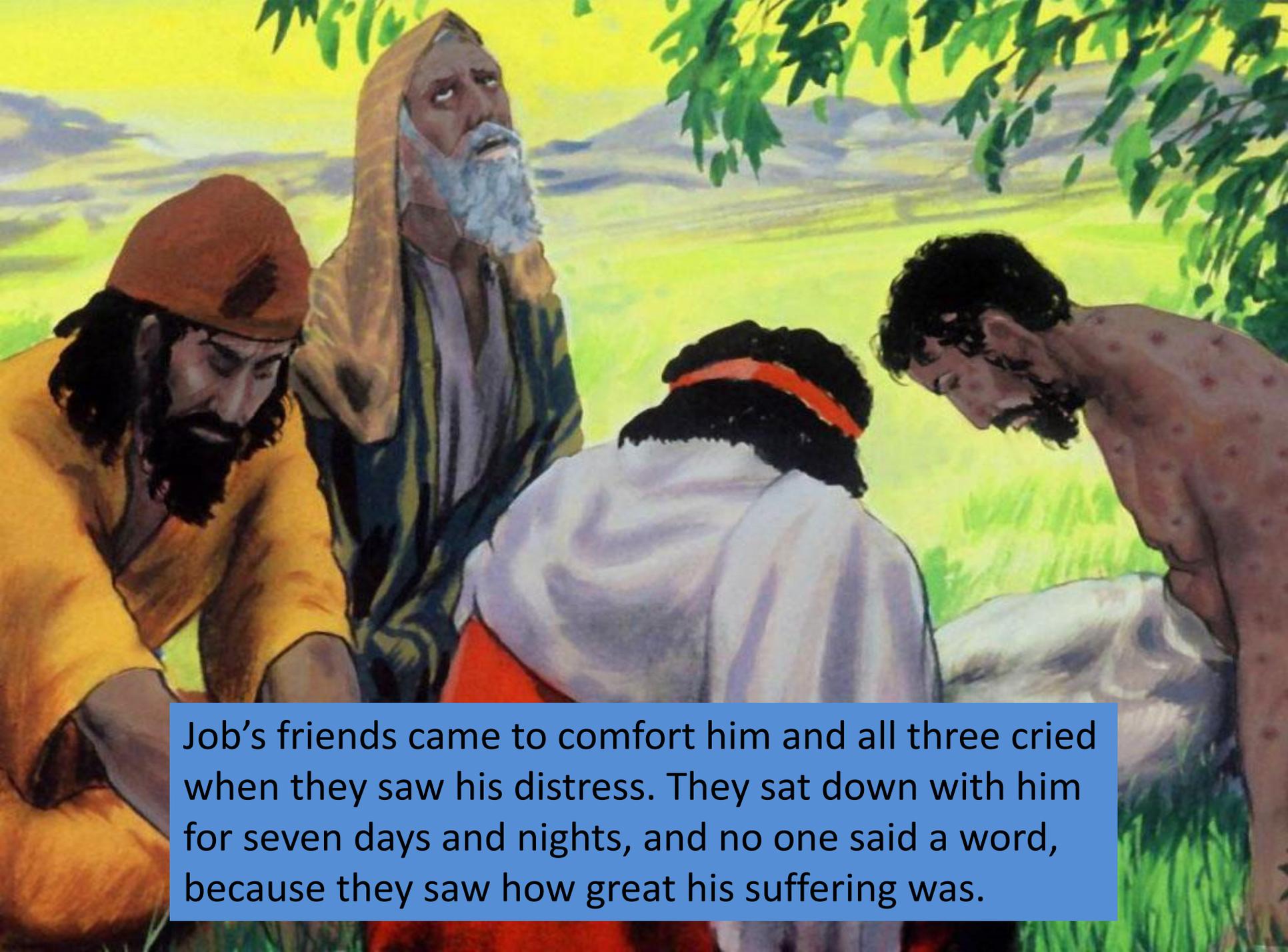




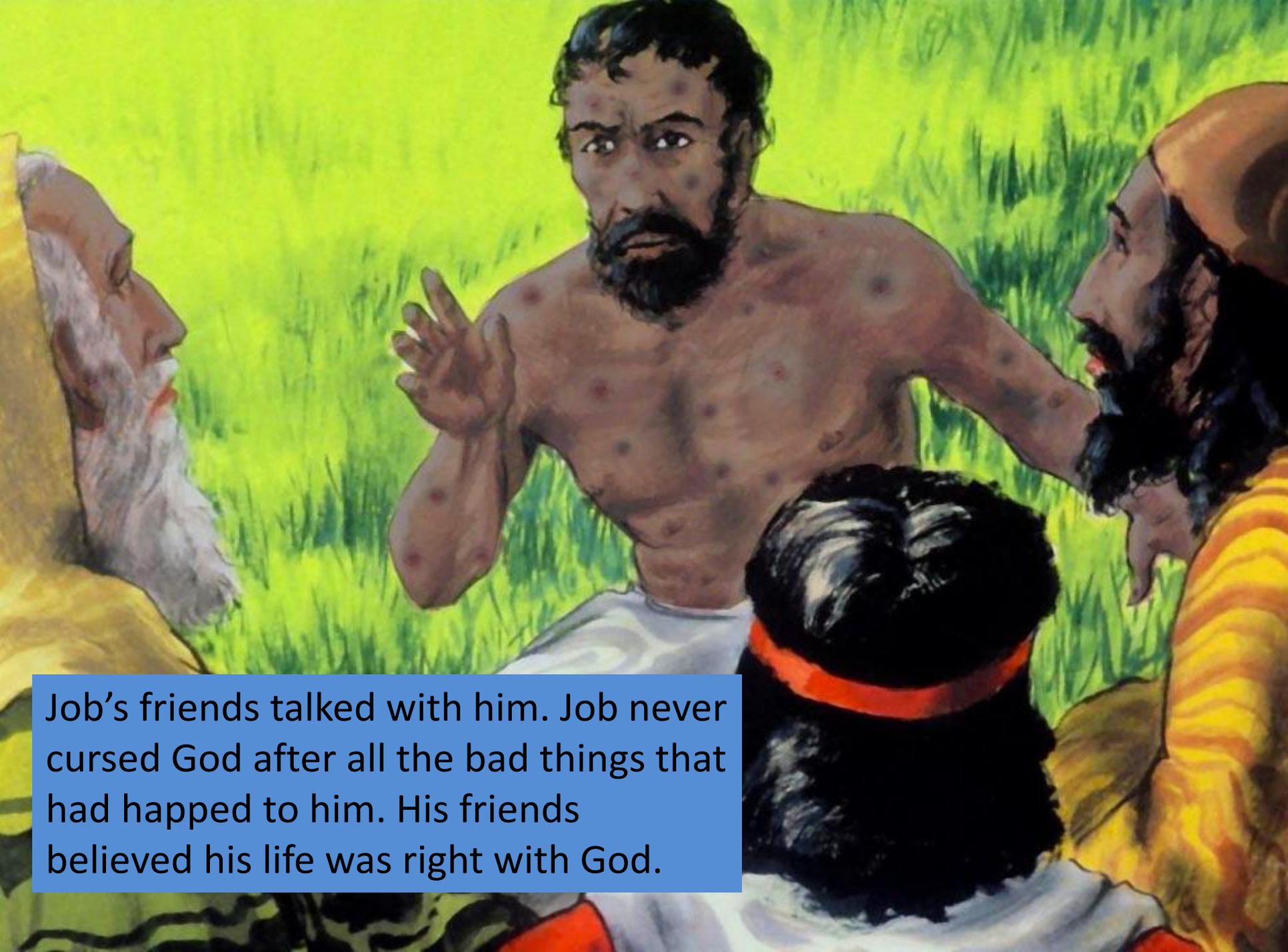
In great distress, Job cut his hair, and took some broken pottery to scratch his sores. Job's wife said to him, 'Curse God and die.'

Job replied, 'You speak like a foolish women. Shall we accept good from God, but not trouble?'





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.



Job's friends talked with him. Job never cursed God after all the bad things that had happened to him. His friends believed his life was right with God.



Job remained faithful to God after all the bad things happened to his family, animals and even himself. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his early days. He once again became the wealthiest man in the land.