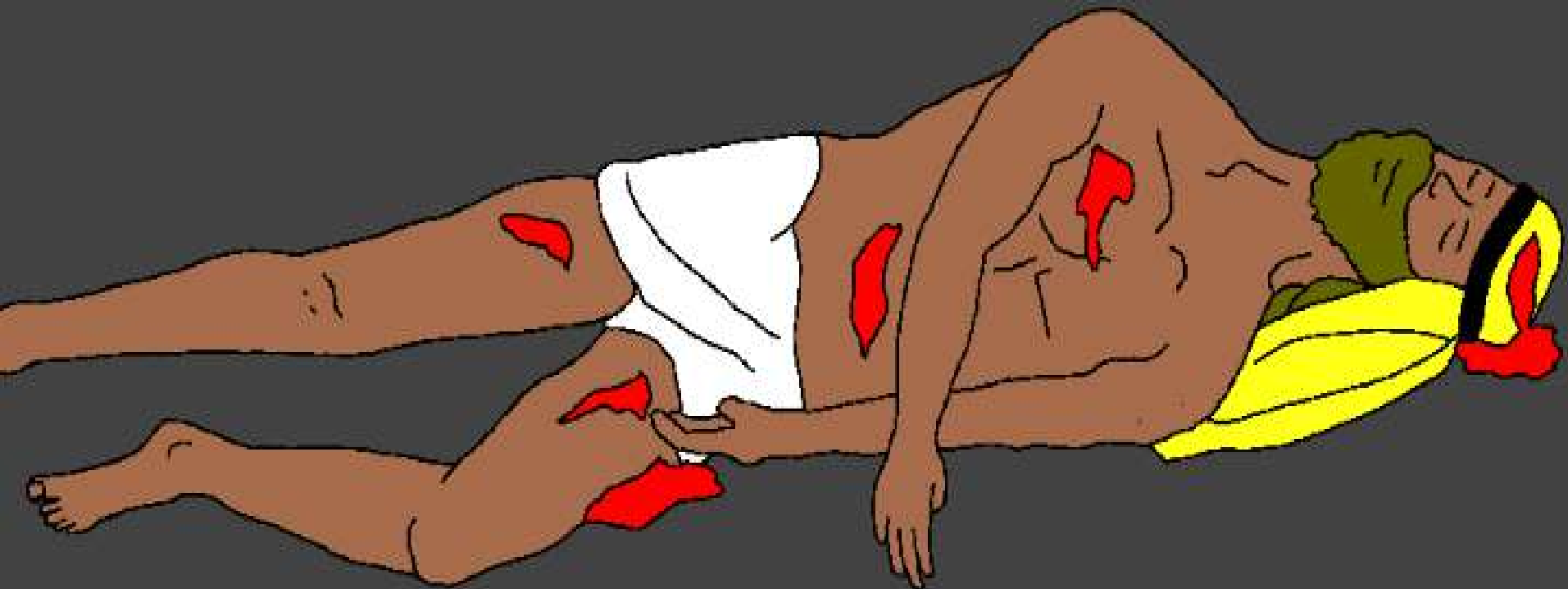


# THE GOOD SAMARITAN



"Teacher! What must I do to receive eternal life?"  
The man who asked the question was a lawyer, trying to trick Jesus.



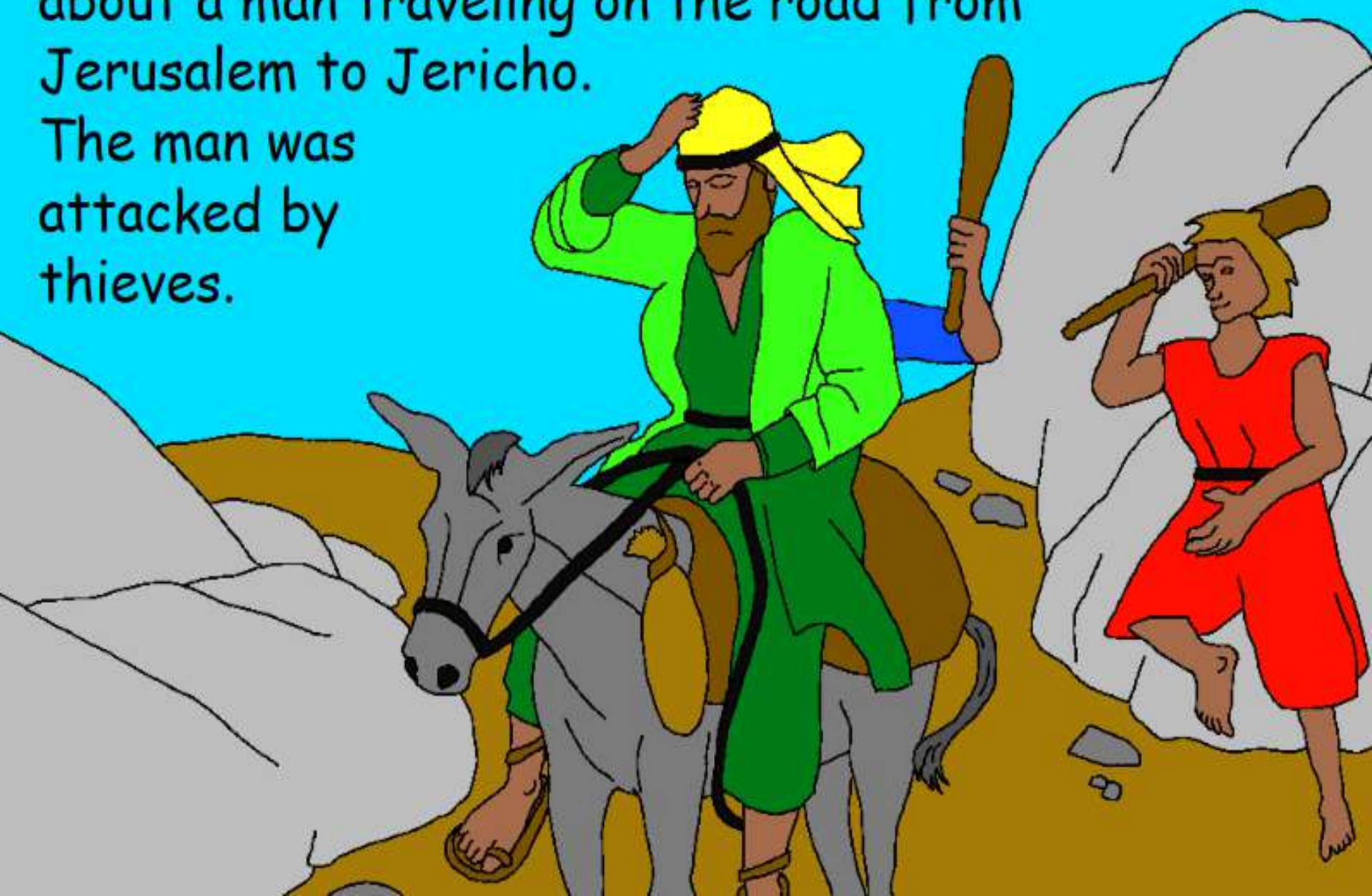
"What does God's Law say?" Jesus responded.

"Love God and your neighbor,"  
the man said. "But who is  
my neighbor?" he asked.

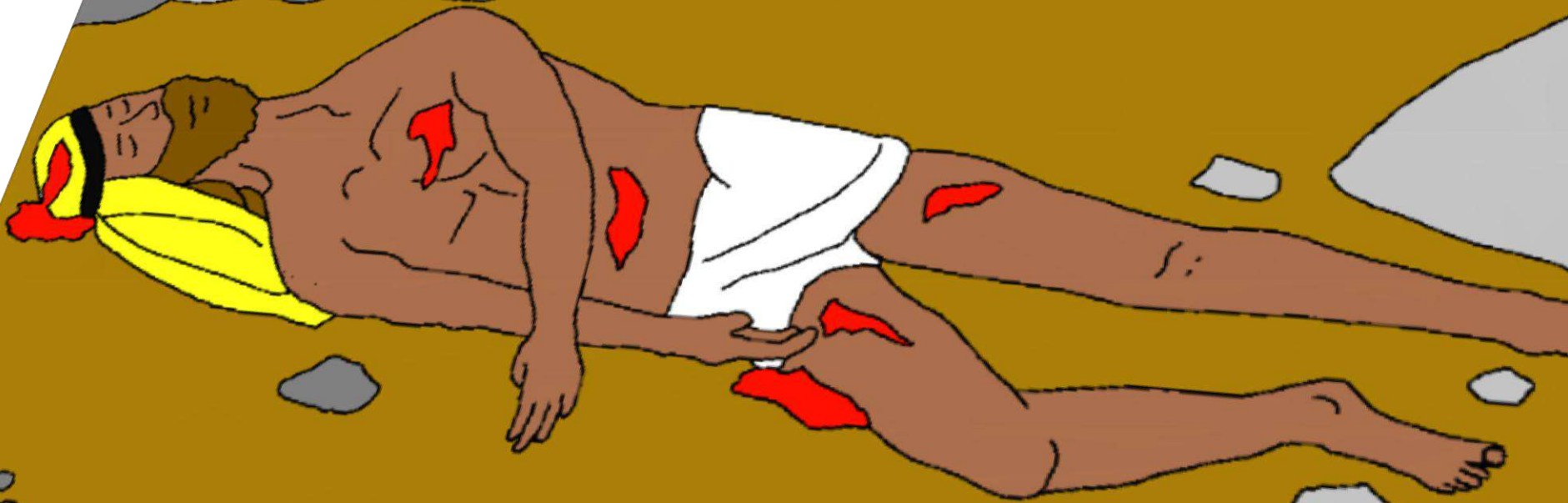


To answer the man's question, Jesus told a story about a man traveling on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

The man was attacked by thieves.



*The thieves stole everything they could find, even taking the unfortunate traveler's clothes.*



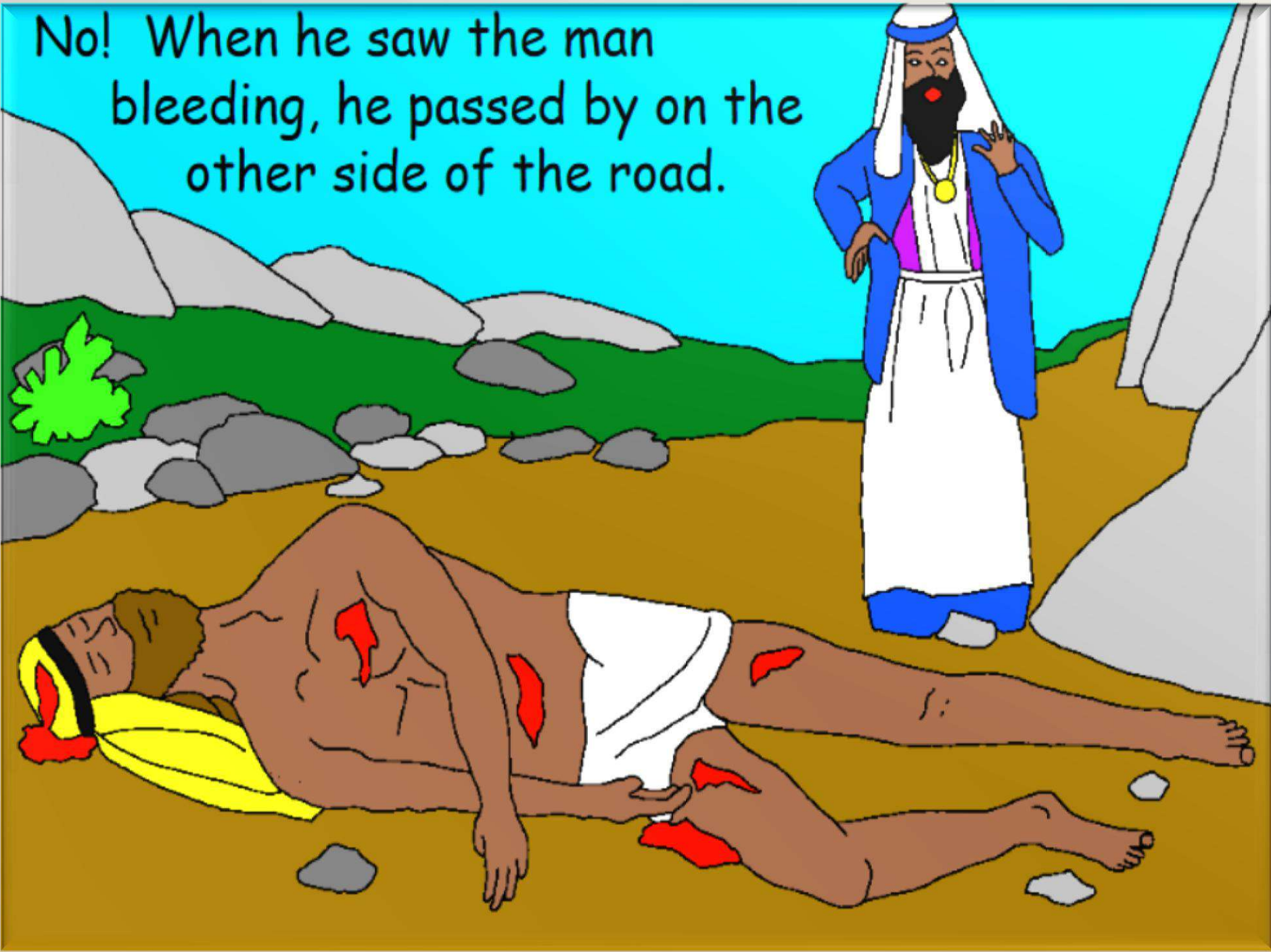
They also wounded him badly,  
leaving him half dead at the side  
of the road.



Now by chance a certain priest  
came by. Surely he would help  
the wounded man.

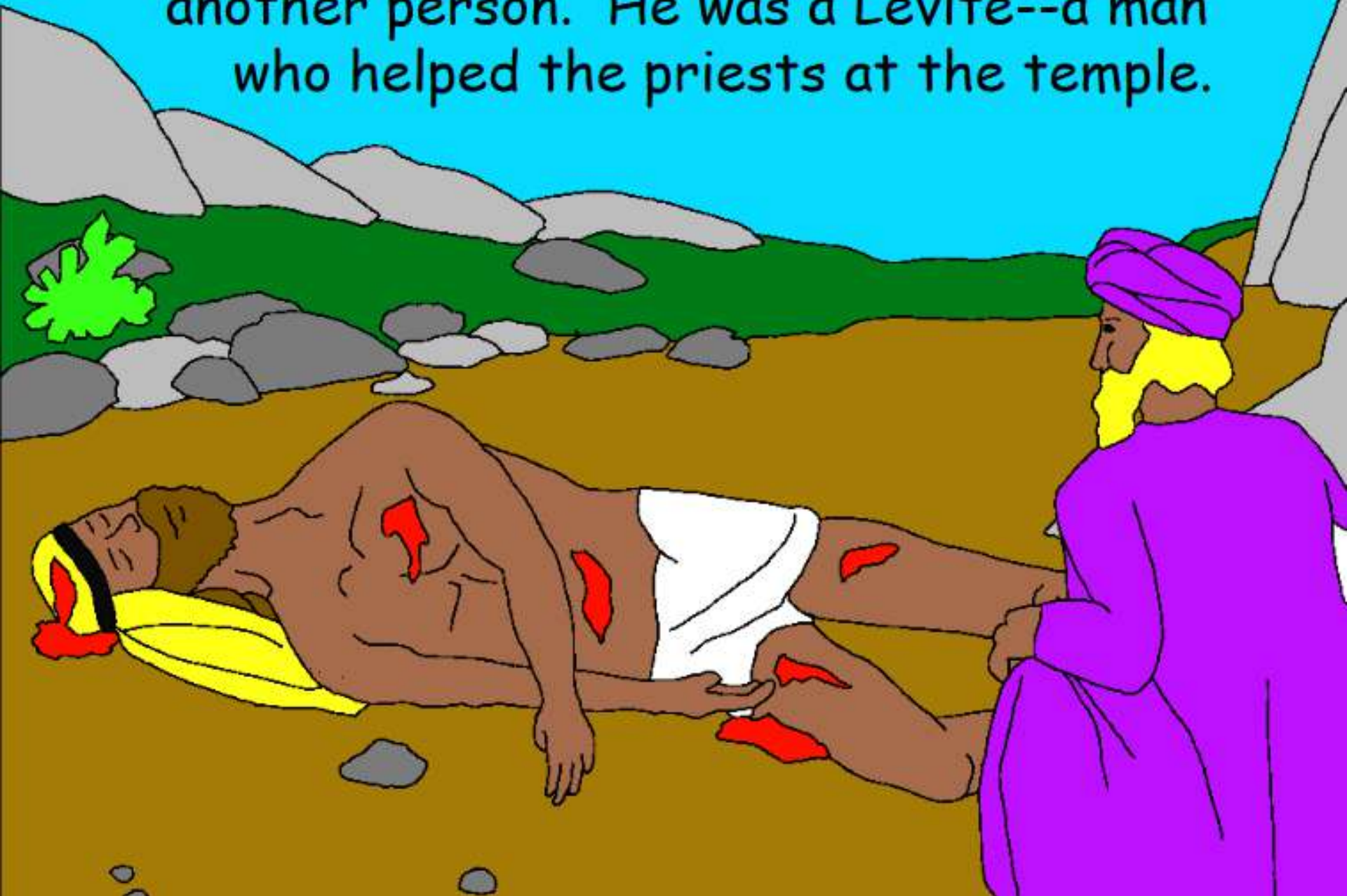


No! When he saw the man  
bleeding, he passed by on the  
other side of the road.





Soon the pad of feet announced the approach of another person. He was a Levite--a man who helped the priests at the temple.



He went and looked at the hurt man,  
then walked away without helping.

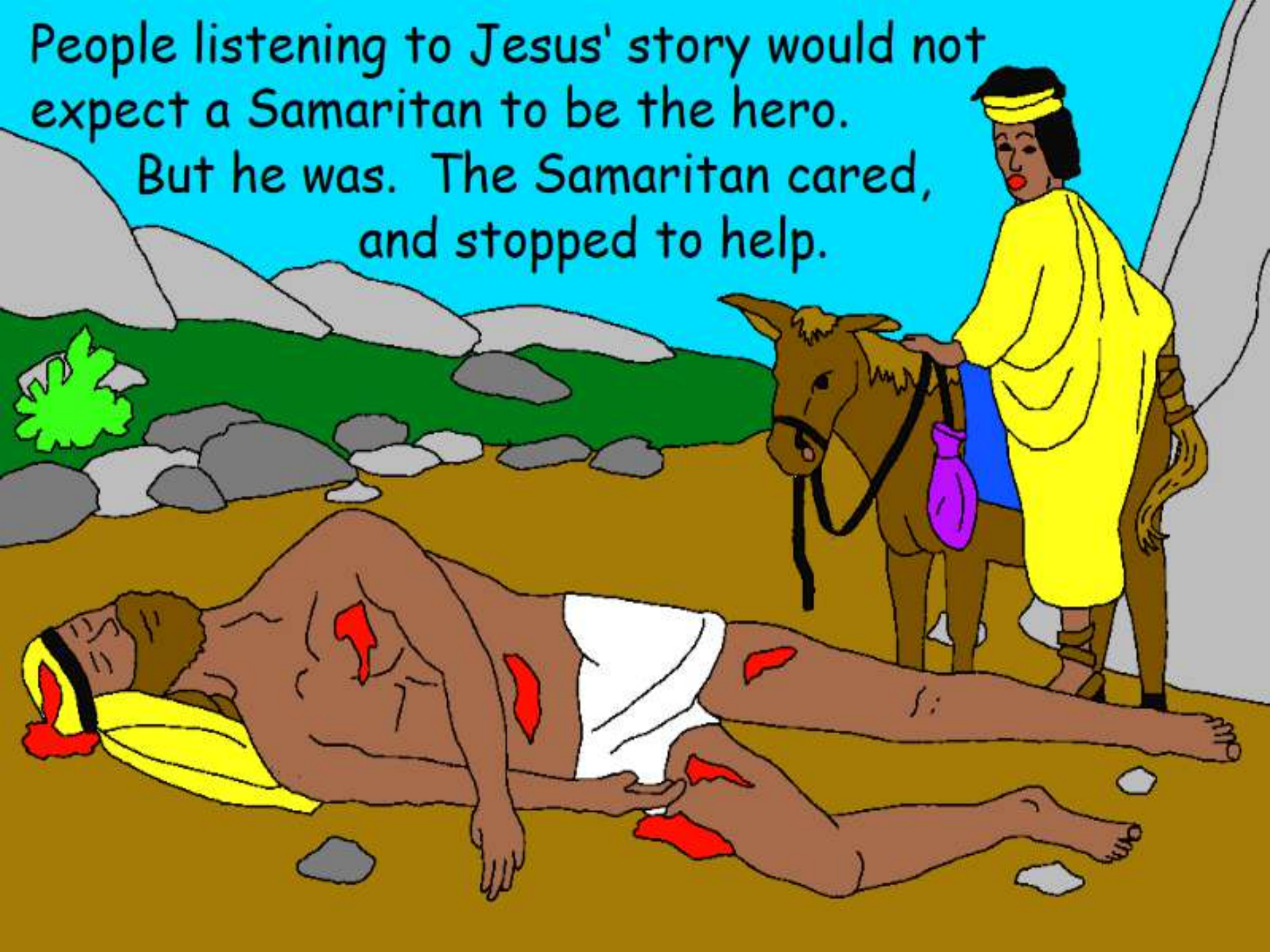


Finally a Samaritan man came along.  
Jewish people hated Samaritans.



People listening to Jesus' story would not expect a Samaritan to be the hero.

But he was. The Samaritan cared, and stopped to help.



The Samaritan kneeled,  
and gently put medicine  
and bandages on the  
stranger's wounds.  
Then he helped the  
hurt man onto his own  
donkey.



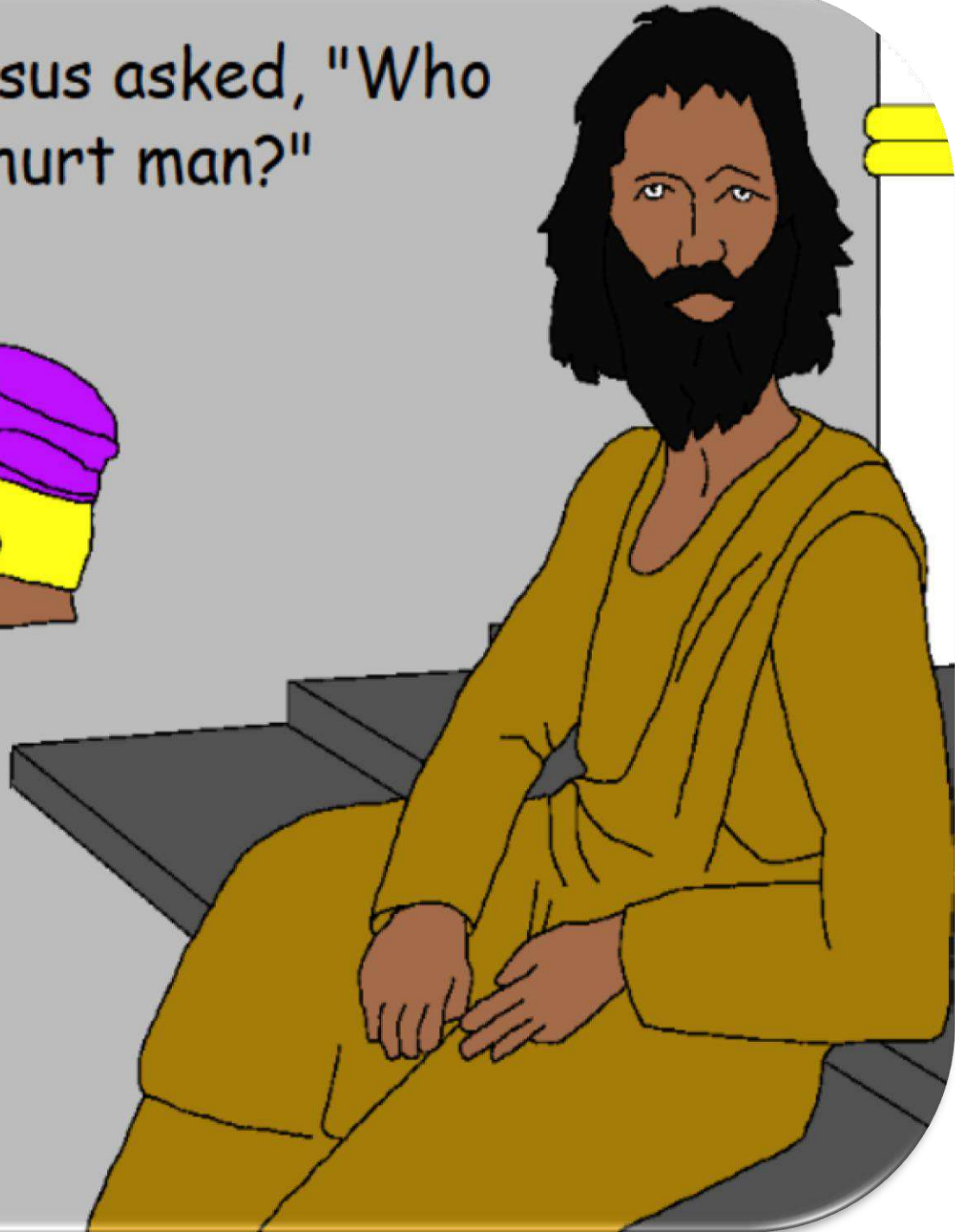
At a roadside inn, the Samaritan took care of the man all night.



In the morning he paid the innkeeper to care for the traveler until he was well again.



The story ended. Jesus asked, "Who was neighbor to the hurt man?"







The lawyer answered,  
"His neighbor was the  
Samaritan who showed  
mercy."

"Go, and do likewise," Jesus said. A neighbor is anybody in need. We can show love by helping people in need. That pleases God.

