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THE WOMAN AT THE WELL



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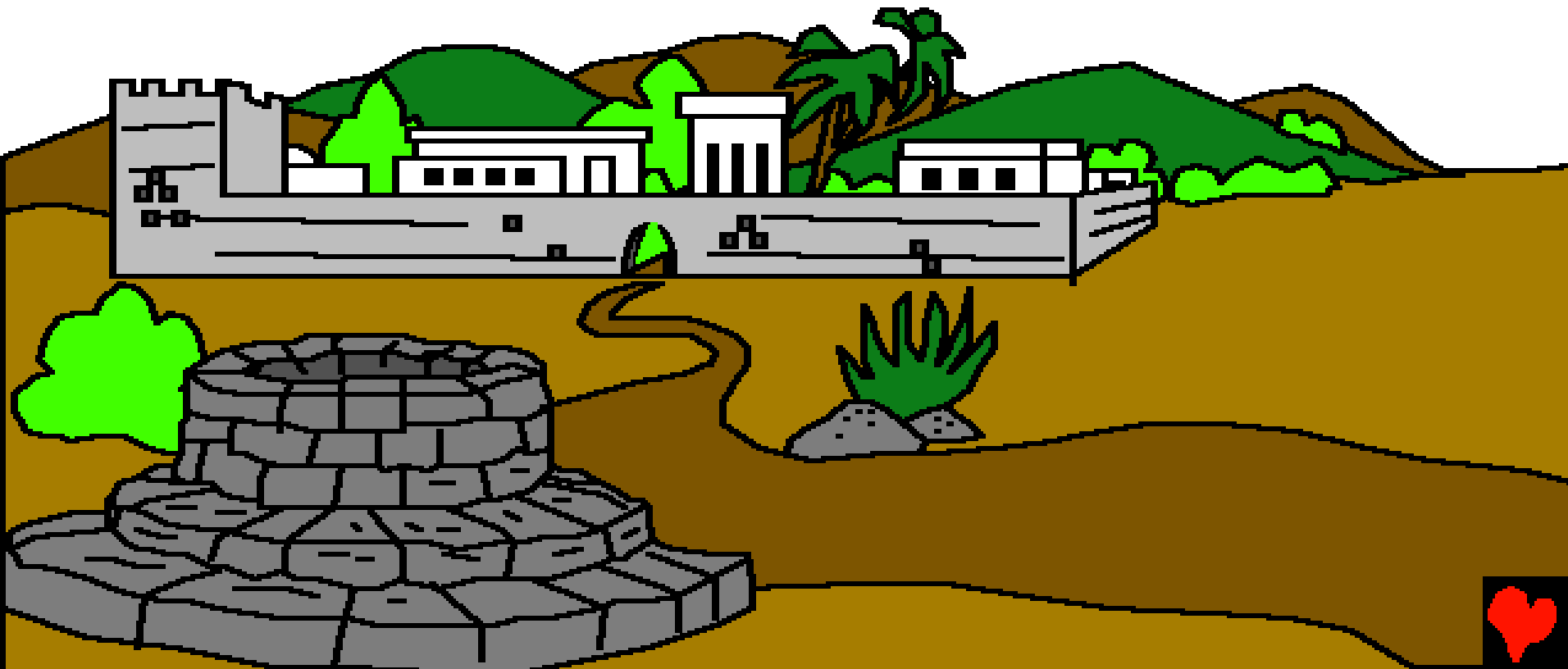
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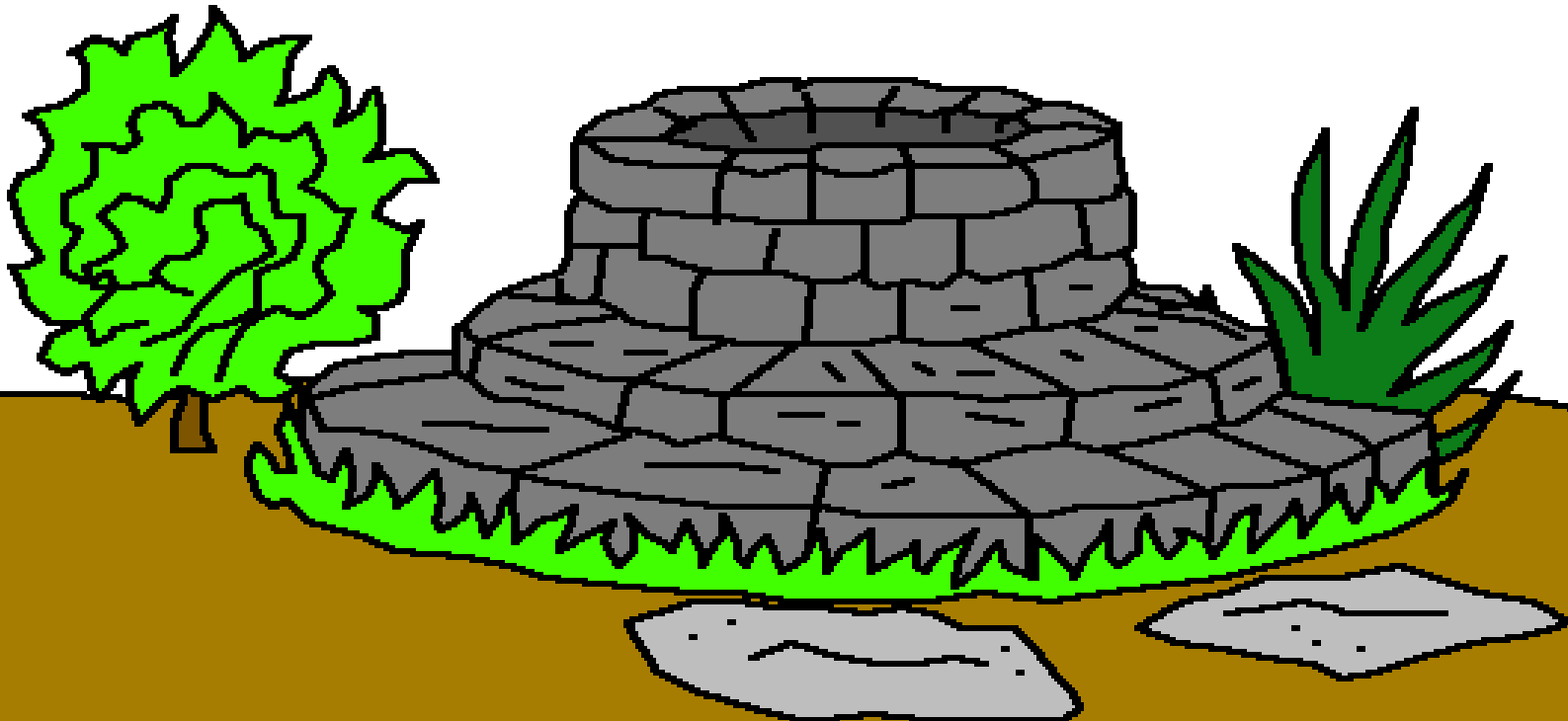
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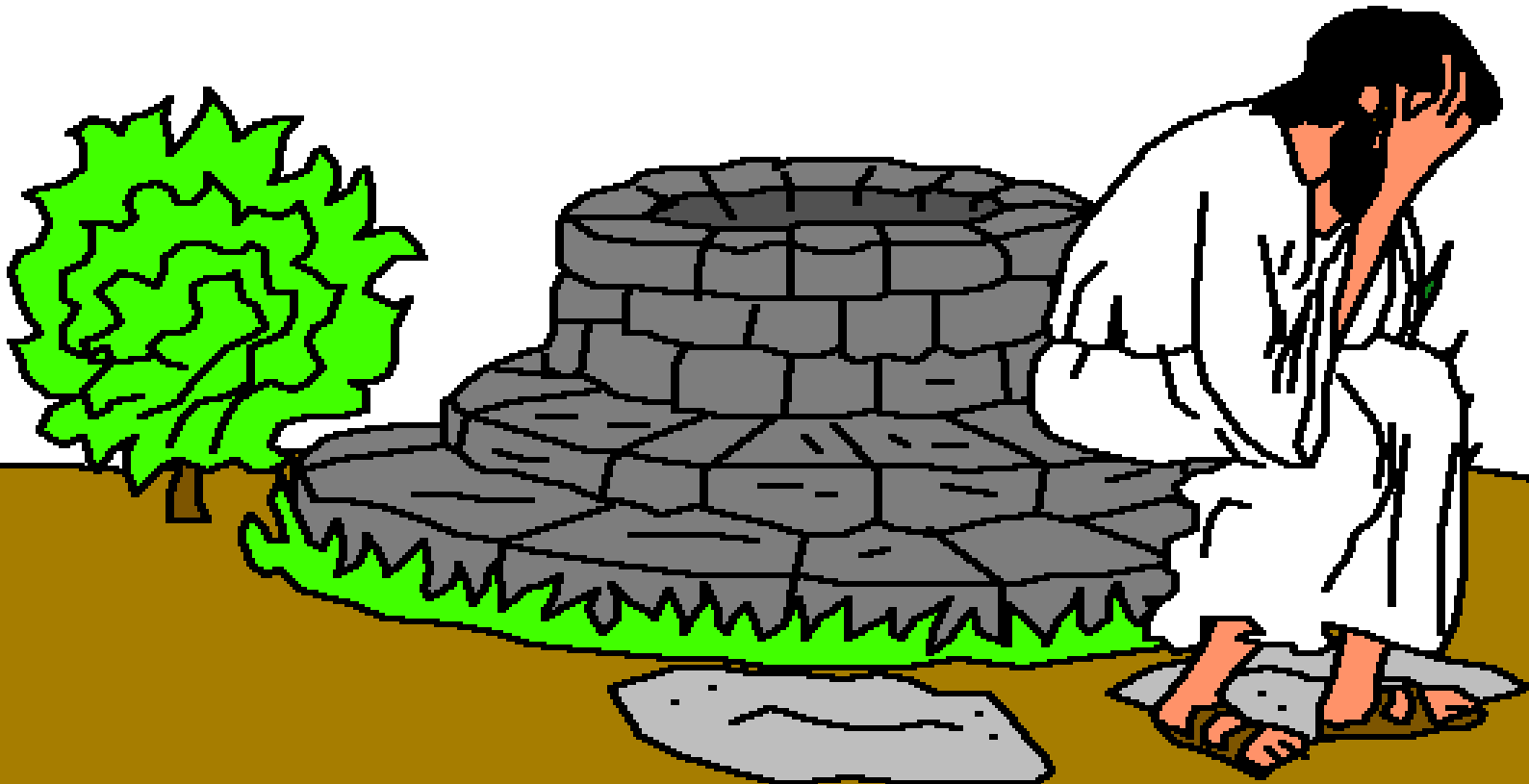
Jesus and His disciples were traveling through the land of Samaria. They came to a city called Sychar.



There was a well there, where the people of Sychar drew their drinking water. Jacob, the father of the Israelites, had dug the well long ago.



The early afternoon was probably sunny and hot. Wearily, Jesus sat down by the well while the disciples went into Sychar to buy food.



Jesus was all alone
- but not for long.
A woman who lived
in Sychar came to
draw water. "Give
me a drink," Jesus
said to her.

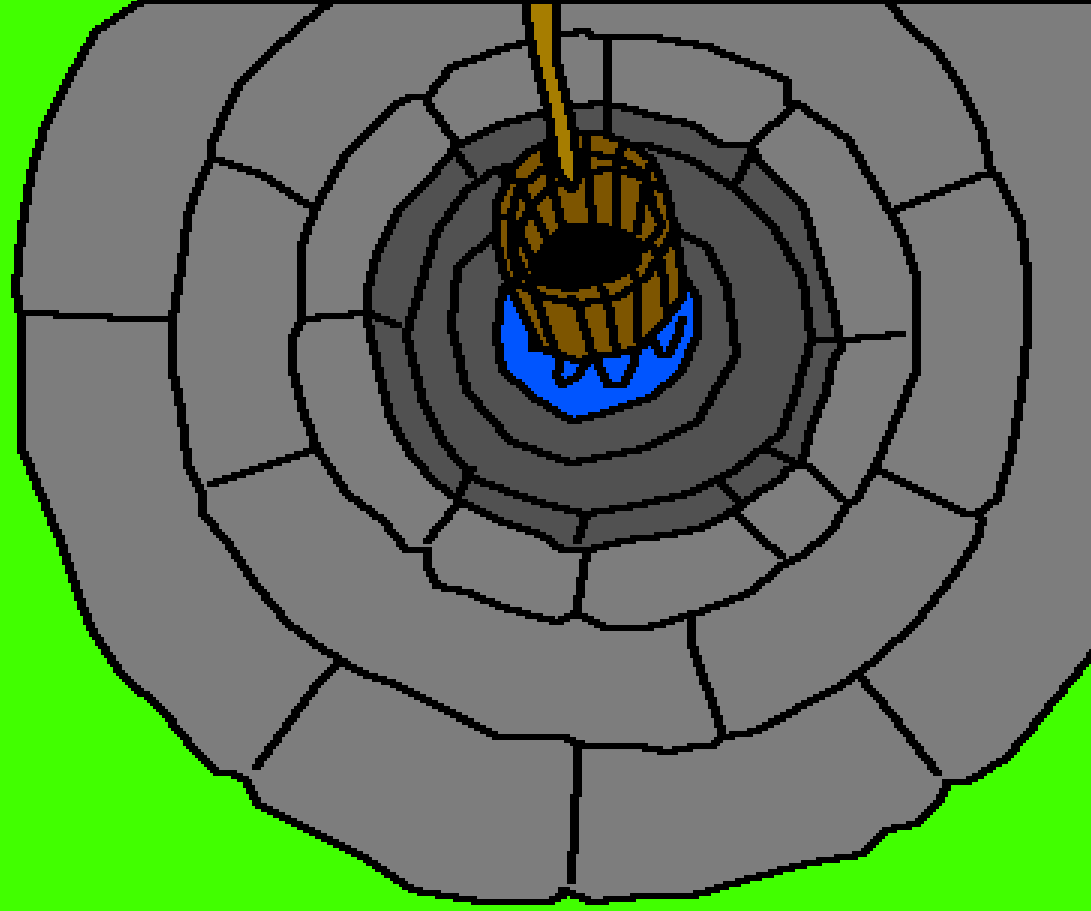


The woman was surprised. "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" she said. In those days, Jews had no dealings with Samaritans!



She was probably even more surprised when Jesus said, "If you knew Who I am, you would ask Me for living water."





The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are you greater than our father, Jacob, who gave us the well . . . ?"





"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again," Jesus told the woman.

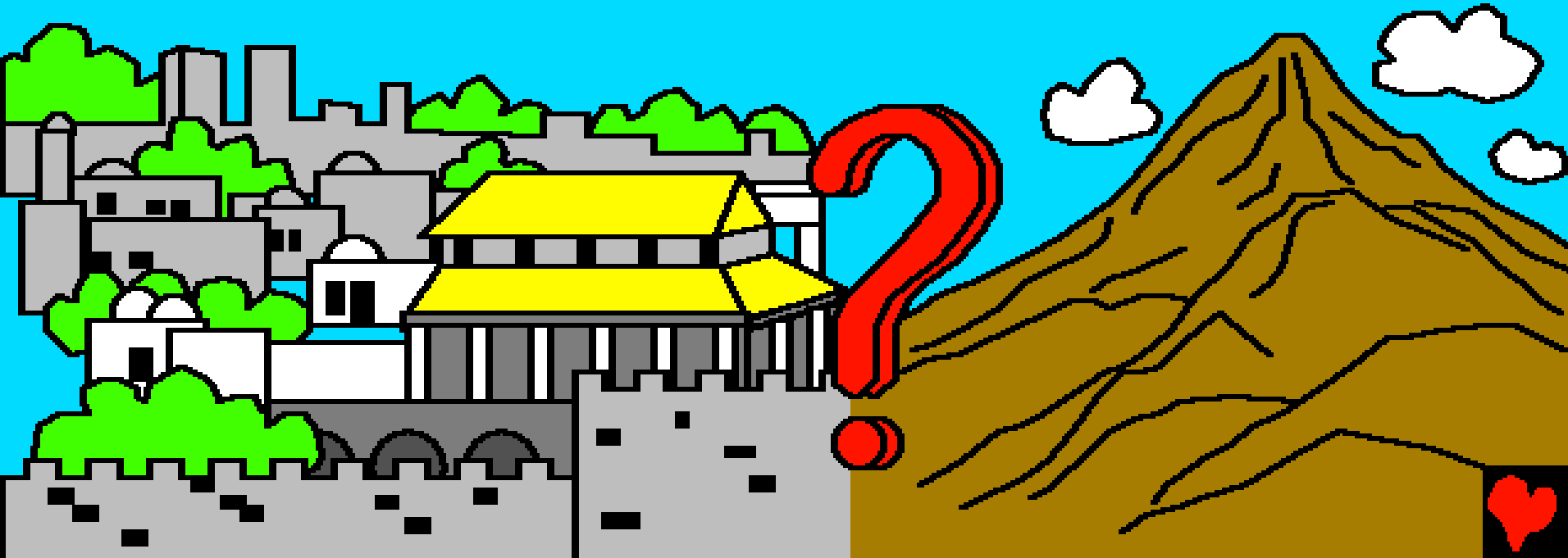
"But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. The water that I shall give... will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." "Sir, give me this water..." the woman said.



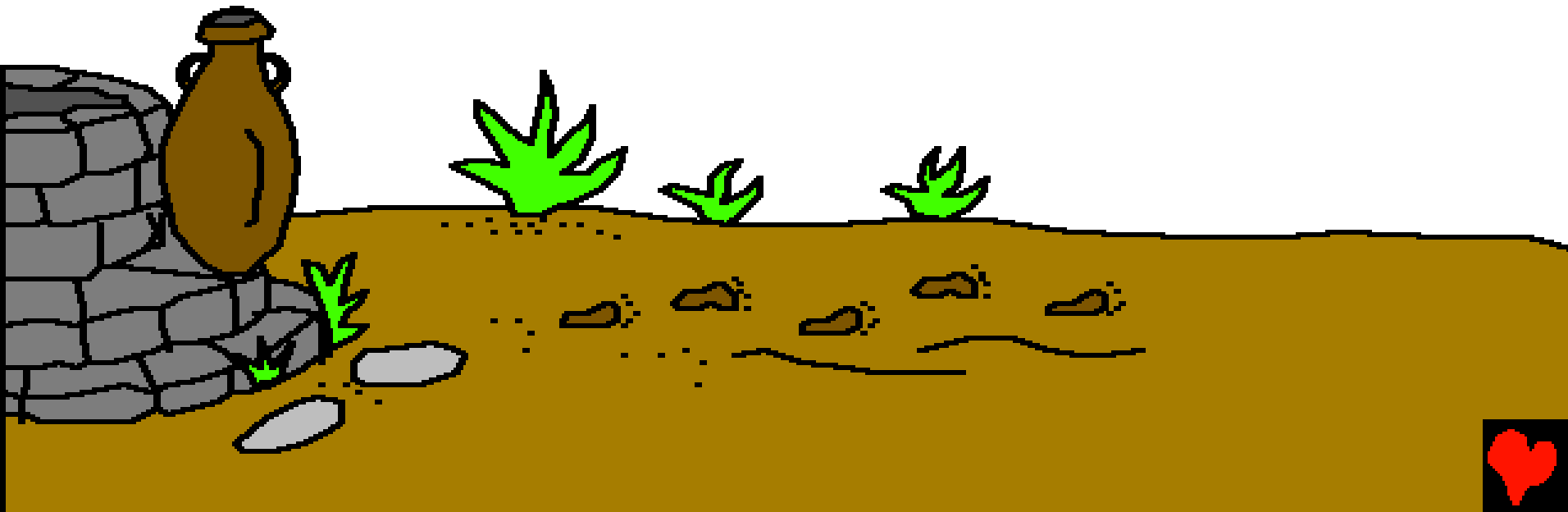
Jesus asked the woman to go and call her husband. "I have no husband," the woman answered. "You have had five husbands," said Jesus. "And the one whom you now have is not your husband."



The woman recognized that Jesus was a prophet. She tried to get Him to argue about where to worship God: Jerusalem or the Samaritans' holy mountain. Jesus said true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth.



"I know that Messiah is coming," the woman said to Jesus. "When He comes, He will tell us all things."
"I who speak to you am He," Jesus told her. Just then, the disciples came back. The woman left her expensive waterpot there by the well and returned to the city.

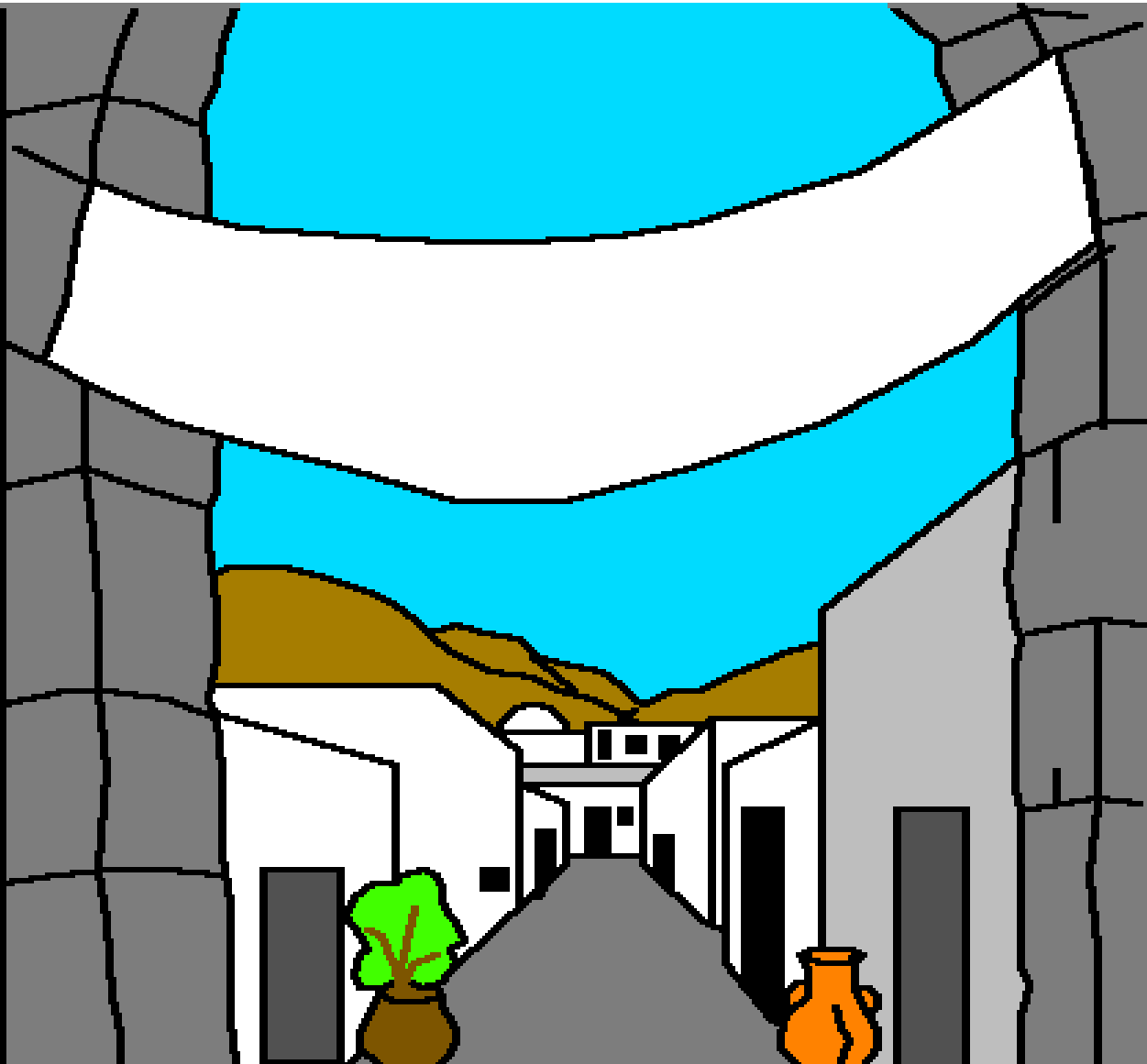


"Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did," the woman told the men of Sychar. "Could this be the Christ?" The men left the city to go and see Jesus for themselves.



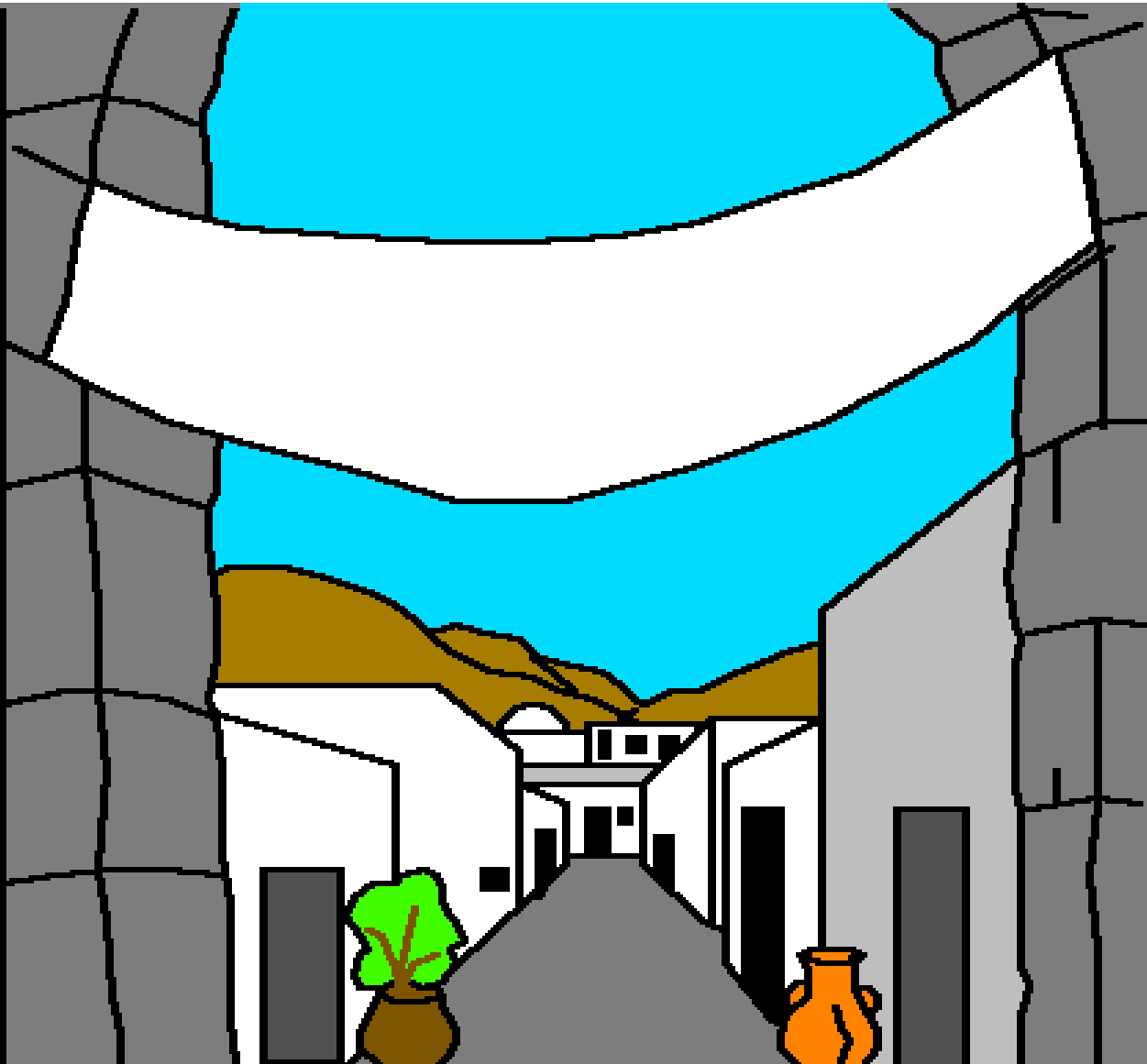
Meanwhile, the disciples told Jesus to eat. But Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." His work was to bring people to God.





Many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman. They asked Jesus to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.





Many more believed because of Jesus' own word. They said, "... we have heard for ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."



The Woman at the Well

A story from God's Word, the Bible,
is found in
John 4

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."
Psalm 119:130



The End

