

WORD

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Romans 8 Ep 4

English Worship Service

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EVANGELICALISM

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- A) A PERSONAL CONVERSION STORY;**
- B) THE BIBLE AS THE AUTHORITY FOR LIFE AND FAITH; AND**
- C) AN EMPHASIS ON EVANGELISM**

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8.1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation...

1-4 ...because of the Messiah's death **EP 1**

4-11 and the Spirit who gives life **EP 2**

12-17 assurance of sonship
17-21 assurance of inheritance } **EP 3**

22-30 our vocation in the midst of old creation **EP 4**

31-39 ...because nothing can separate us from the
love of God } **EP 5**

*'The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people
and your father's household to the land I will show you.
I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
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MORTIFICATION

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In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

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Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For [the] creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For [the] creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that [the] creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

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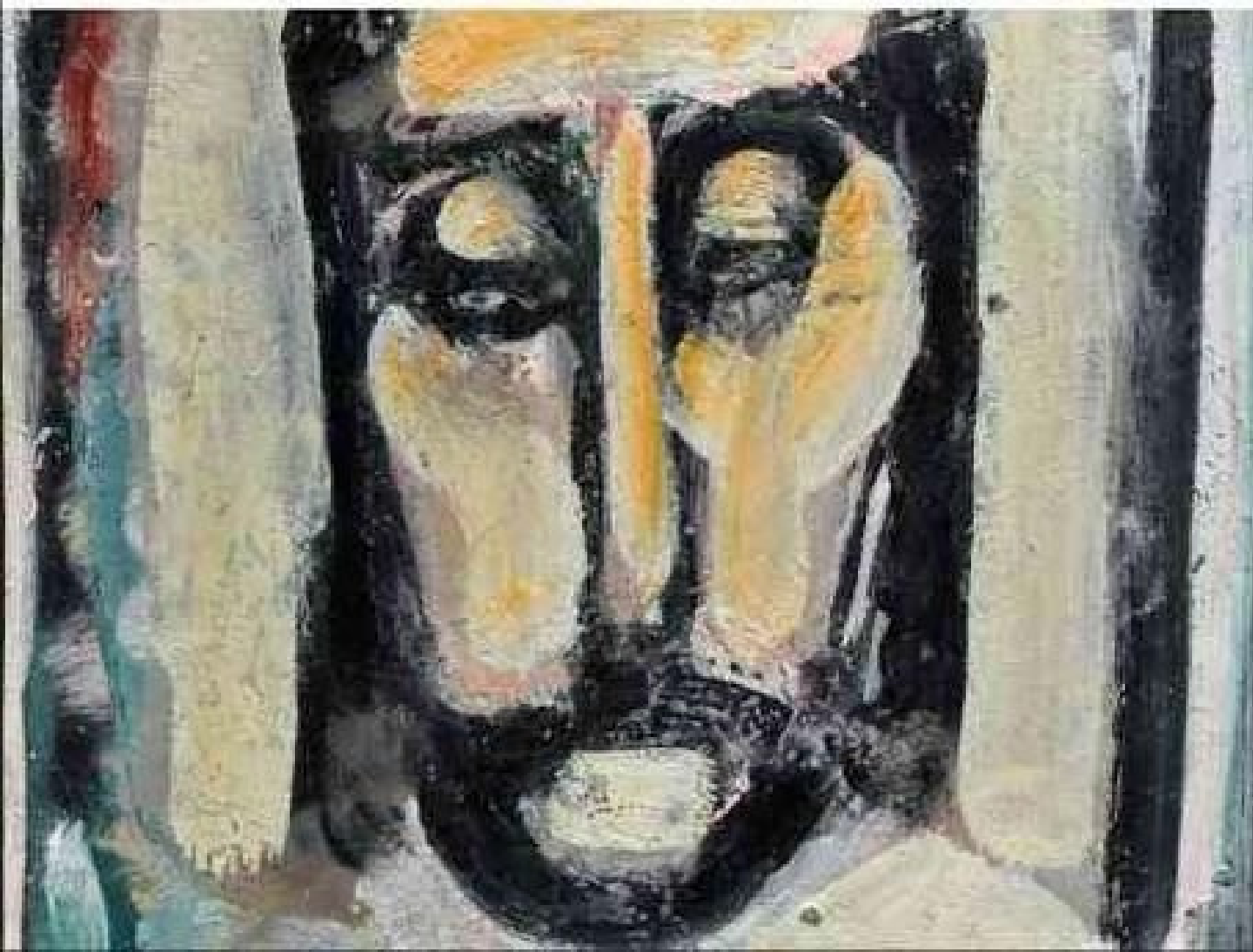
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In our own woundedness, we can become a source of life for others

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How can we believe in an all-powerful and all-loving God in the face of all the terrible evil and suffering in the world?

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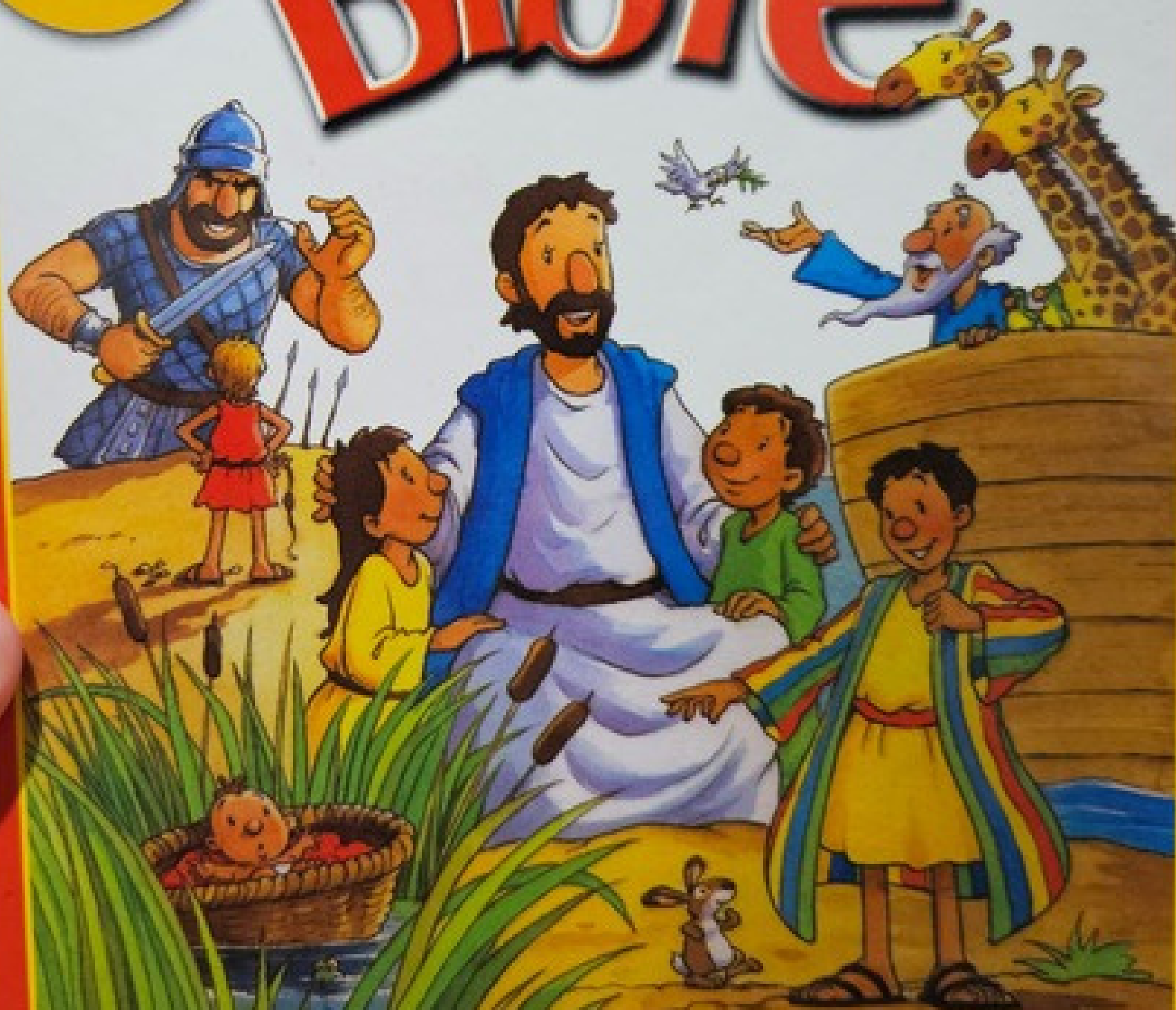
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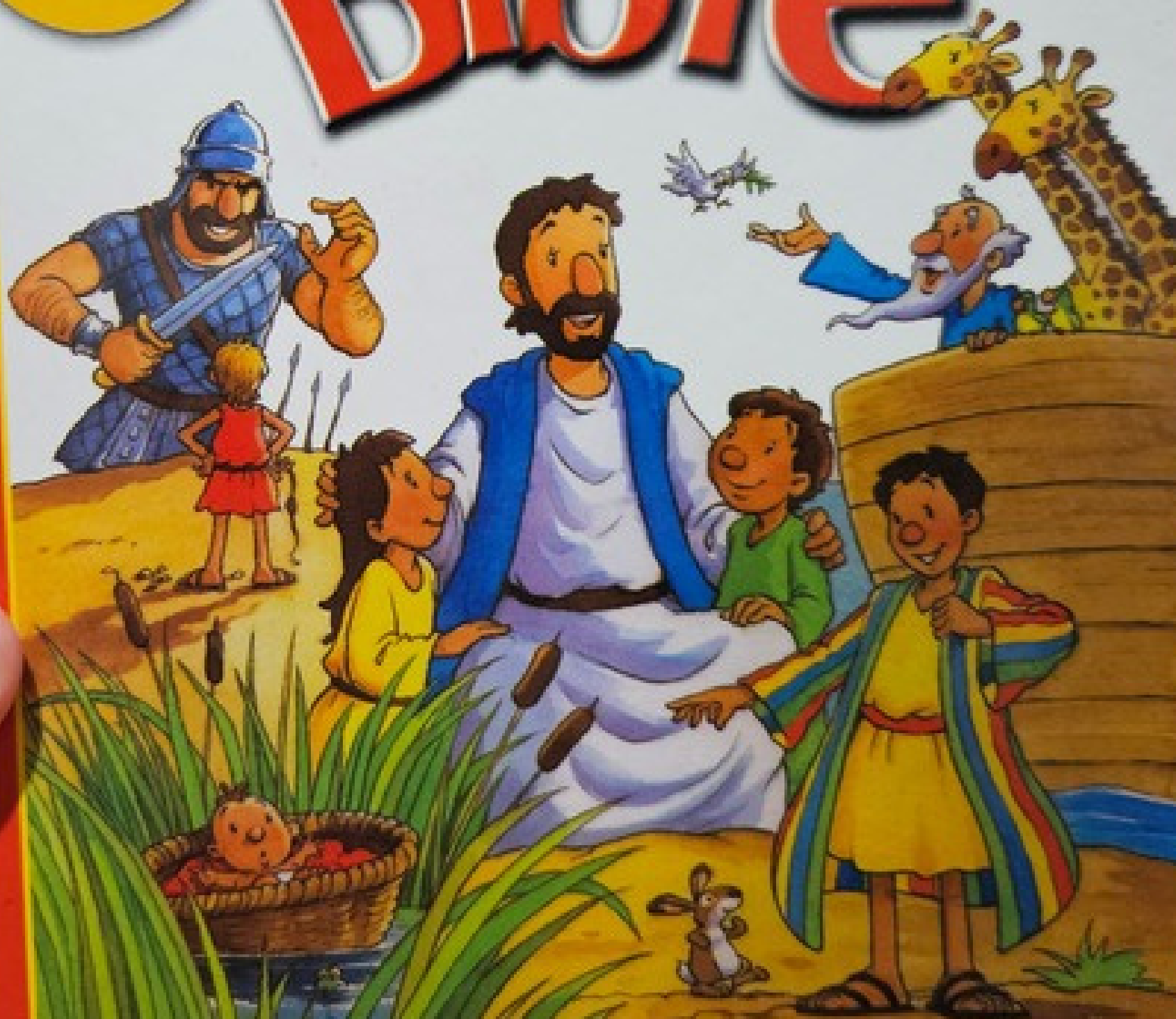
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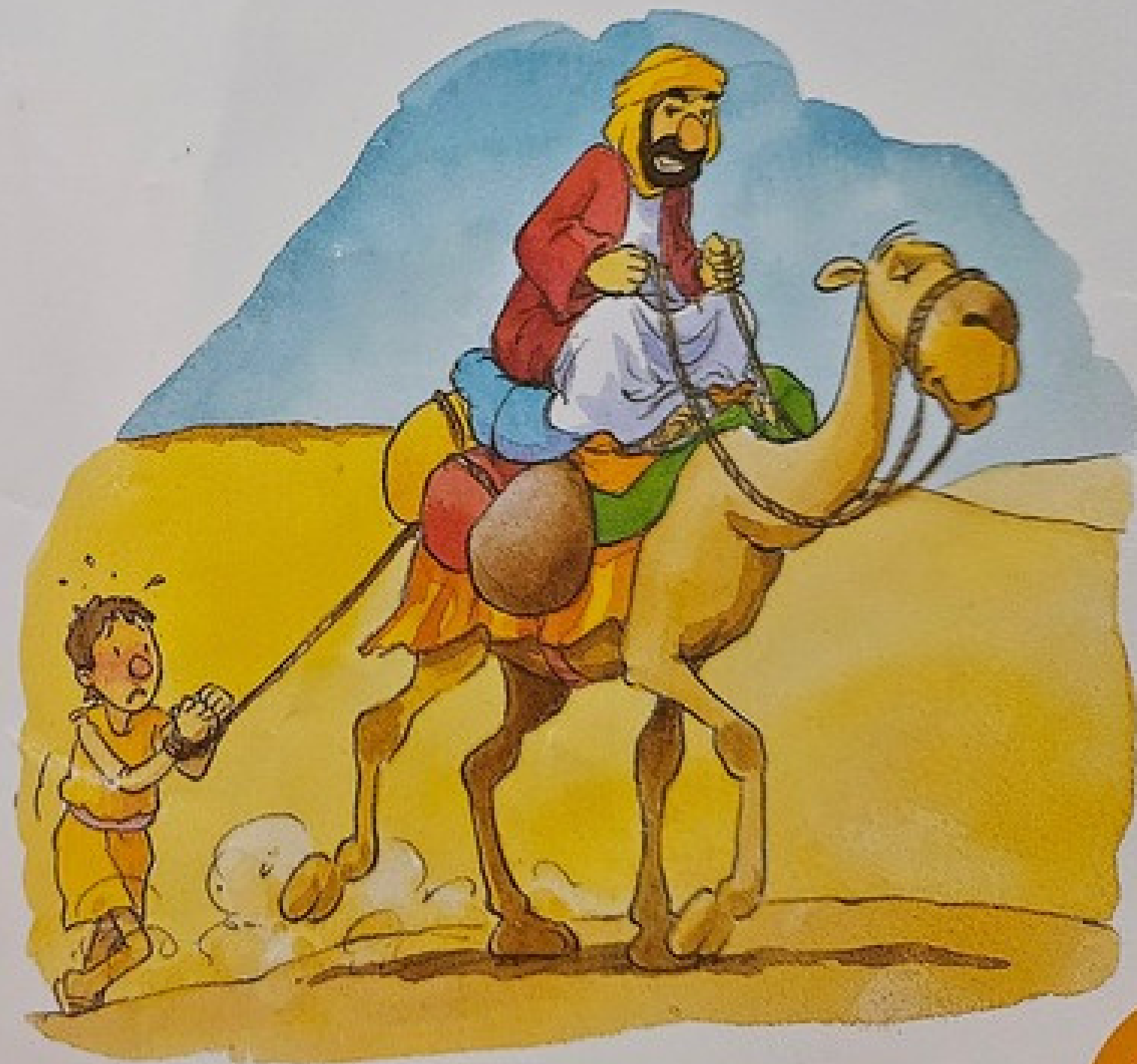
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Some men on camels came riding by.
They were going to Egypt.
“Would you like to buy a boy?” the brothers asked.
“Sure,” the men said.
So the brothers sold Joseph.
Away he went to Egypt.



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Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

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***And God said, 'Let there be light,'
and there was light.***

Discussion Questions

1. When Life Feels Tough:

Paul says both creation and we ourselves “groan” while waiting for God’s redemption (Rom 8:22–25).

What are some things happening around us — maybe in our own lives, families, or even our nation — that make you feel this “groaning”? How can hope in Christ help us keep going when life feels exhausting?

2. The Spirit’s Help in Weak Moments:

The Bible says the Holy Spirit helps us when we don’t know what to pray (Rom 8:26–27).

Have you ever felt too overwhelmed or lost for words when praying? How did you sense God’s presence or peace during those times?

3. God’s Purpose in Our Everyday Lives:

Rom 8:28 is more accurately understood this way: God works all things good *through* those who love Him.

How does it feel to be called to God's purpose whether at work, in school or at home? Share an experience when God was able to use you (eg. to bring encouragement, to give different perspective, etc.) even when things didn't go as expected.