

Donkey Ollie

and the Miracles of Jesus

Book Series 4



Jesus worked many miracles while he was on Earth. It is through these miracles that we know he was truly the Son of God.



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Book #1

Water into Wine

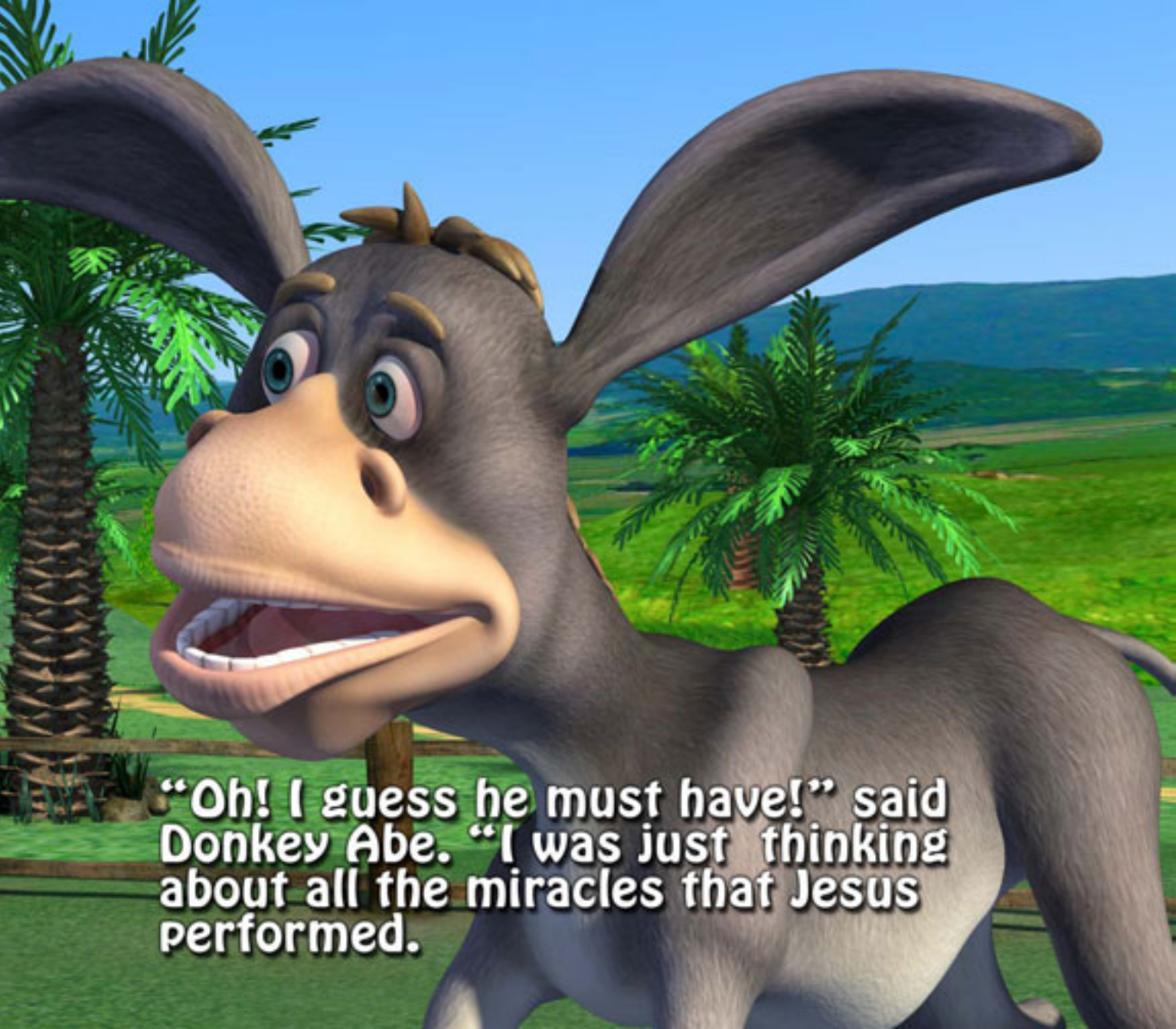




**One sunny afternoon,
Ollie and Aunt Alana saw
Donkey Abe wandering
towards them from
a nearby farm.**

**“What are you doing over here Abe?” asked Aunt Alana.
“Did Farmer Mikah leave the gate open again?”**





“Oh! I guess he must have!” said Donkey Abe. “I was just thinking about all the miracles that Jesus performed.”

“What is a miracle?” asked Ollie.





“You’re a miracle, Ollie! A talking donkey? That’s a gift that could only come from God!”

“But Abe said that Jesus performed miracles,” said Ollie.

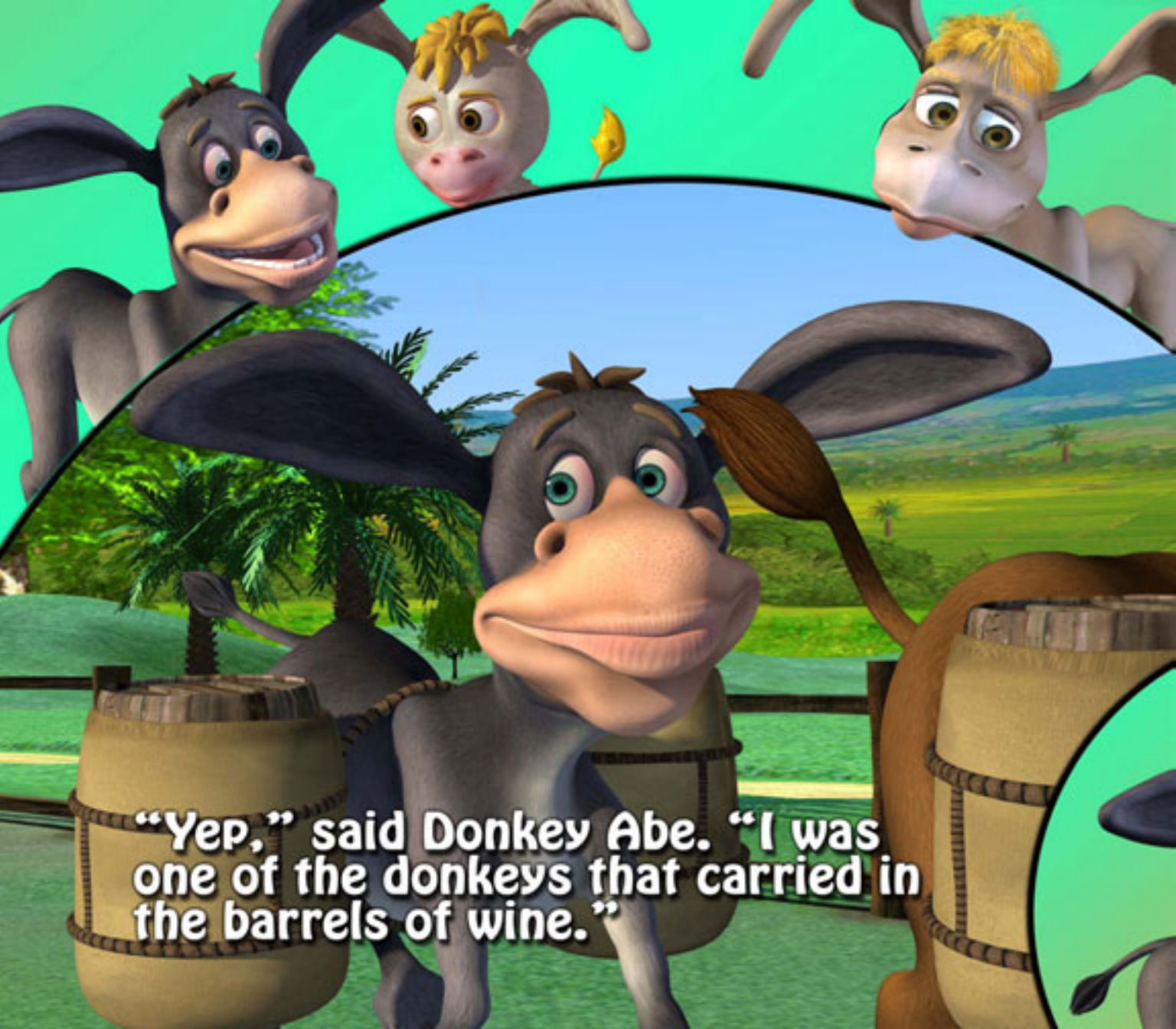


**“God gave Jesus
the power to do
miracles,” said
Donkey Abe.**

**“Did you see any of these
miracles?” asked Ollie.**



**“Abe did!” said Aunt Alana.
“You were at the wedding in
Cana, weren’t you?”**



“Yep,” said Donkey Abe. “I was one of the donkeys that carried in the barrels of wine.”

A man with a large nose and a headband, wearing a brown robe, is holding a dark vase. He has a surprised expression. In the foreground, two donkeys are looking up at him. The background is a green wall with a diamond pattern.

“It seemed like a lot of wine, and it should have lasted all five days of the wedding.”

“Imagine my surprise when they ran out on the third day!”

“That’s not good!” said Ollie. “That’s an insult to the guests!”

“Both Jesus and his mother were at the wedding. She told Jesus that he needed to help.”



“So he had the servants fill stone jars with water from the well.”



“And that’s when the miracle happened!”



**“The Master of Ceremonies
tasted the wine.”**

**“‘Most people serve the
good wine first, but you have saved
the best for last!’ he exclaimed,”**



**“He changed water into wine?!”
exclaimed Ollie. “Wow!”**

A scene from an animated film featuring three donkeys in a lush green field with trees in the background. On the left, a large grey donkey with a small brown crown is speaking with its mouth wide open. In the center, a small white donkey with a yellow crown looks up at the grey donkey. On the right, a pinkish-brown donkey with a yellow crown looks on with a surprised expression.

**“That was Jesus’ first miracle,”
said Donkey Abe. “I saw it.
Jesus did something
kind for a friend.”**

“And I’ll remember it forever.”

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Book #2

A Big Catch of Fish



Ollie and his brothers
went to the Sea of Galilee
to deliver some grain.
Rupert went, too.



“Wow!” said Rupert,
“They sure caught
a lot of fish!”



A blue bird with a large yellow beak and a white duck flying in the sky. The blue bird is on the left, looking towards the duck on the right. The duck is flying with its wings spread, looking back at the blue bird. The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

**“Hi, Rupert!” called
a voice from above.**

**“Smoothfeather!” answered
Rupert. “I was just thinking
about you! Look at all the fish!”**



**“And they always
save one for me!”
said Smoothfeather.**

**“This is a good catch,” said Smoothfeather,
“but I once saw a really BIG catch!”**



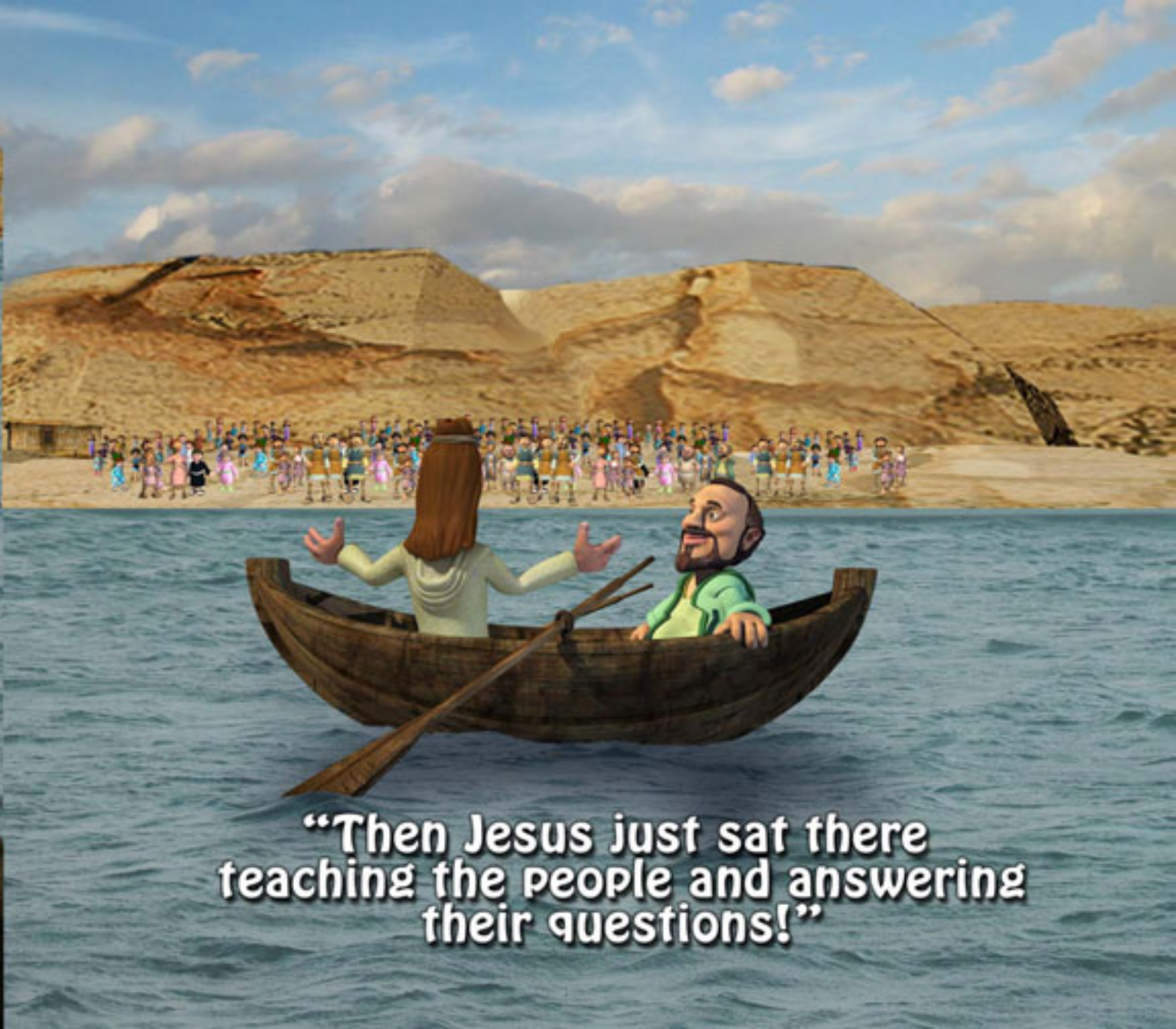


“Oh?” asked Ollie.

**“It was the day that
Jesus was teaching
right here on the
beach,” continued
Smoothfeather.**

**“Jesus asked one of the fishermen
to take him out in his boat
so that everyone could
see him.”**





**“Then Jesus just sat there
teaching the people and answering
their questions!”**

“When he was done, he told Peter the fisherman to go out further and throw his net over the side of the boat.”



A 3D animated scene depicting Jesus and Peter on a boat. Jesus, on the right, has a beard and is wearing a green robe over a light green tunic. He is gesturing with his right hand towards Peter and holding a wooden staff in his left. Peter, on the left, is seen from the back, wearing a brown hat and a brown robe. The background shows a blue sea and a hilly coastline under a cloudy sky.

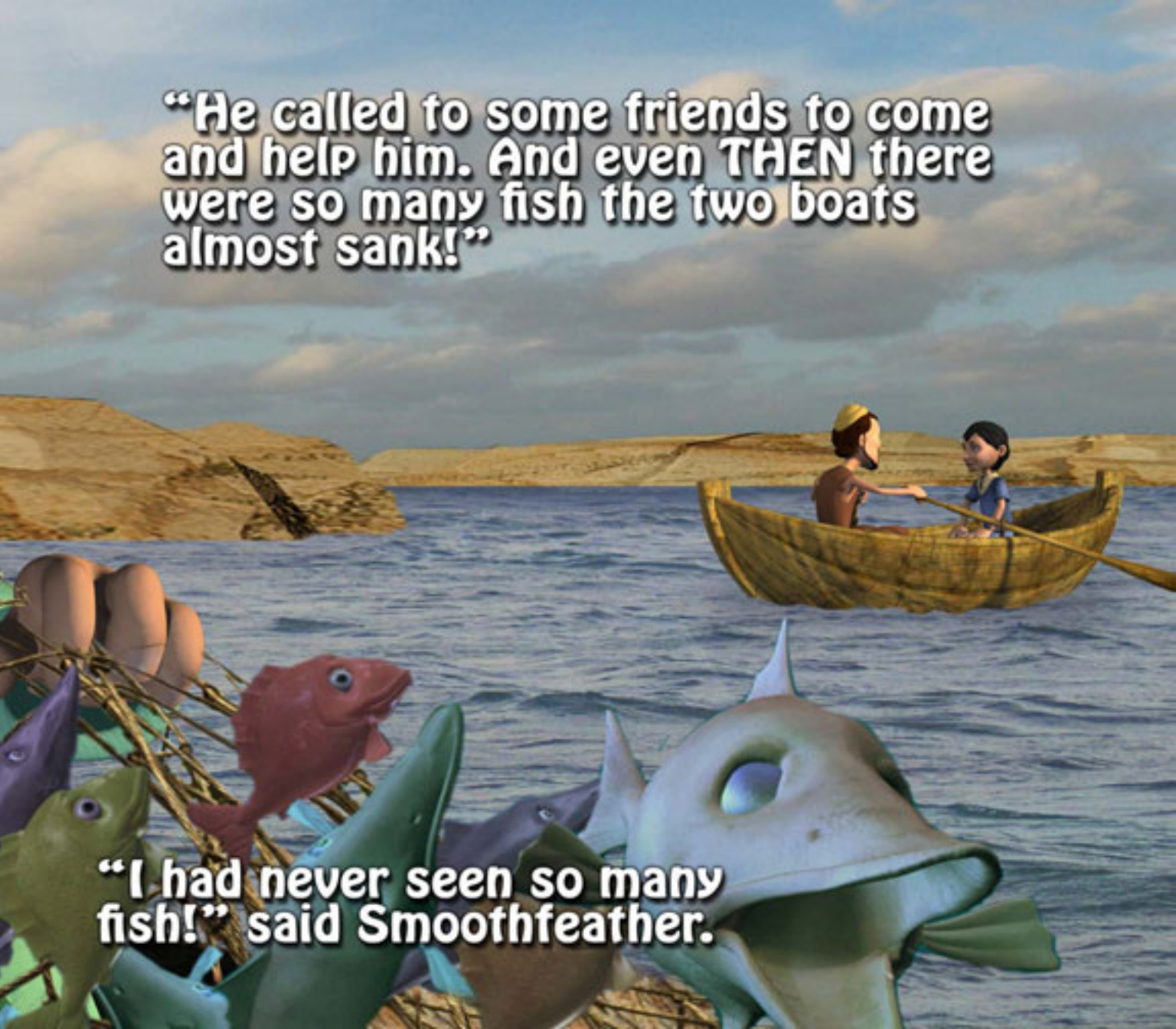
“We’ve been fishing all night,” said Peter. “There’s nothing in this sea but water!”

**“ ‘Try it anyway,’
said Jesus. So Peter did.”**

**“The net came up so full of fish
that Peter couldn’t
haul it all in!”**



“He called to some friends to come and help him. And even THEN there were so many fish the two boats almost sank!”



“I had never seen so many fish!” said Smoothfeather.

“What happened then?” asked Ollie eagerly.

“Peter said, ‘This is a miracle!’ He fell on his knees and said to Jesus, ‘I am a sinful man, Lord. You should go away from me!’ ”



“Jesus smiled. ‘If you come and follow me, I will make you all fishers of men!’ ”



“So Peter, James and John all went off with Jesus,” said Smoothfeather.

**“So that’s how Jesus met his first
disciples!” said Ollie with a
smile. “Wow!”**



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Book #3

So the Blind
Can See



**One fine day Ollie and
his brothers were playing
near the edge of the pond.**



**“Ow!” cried Isa, as mud
flew in his eyes. “I can’t
see a thing!”**





**"You know," said
Aunt Alana, "Jesus used
mud to cure a man's blindness."**



**“He did what?” asked
Rupert as he fluttered
down to a fence post.**

**“Gather ‘round,”
said Aunt Alana.**

“One day when Jesus was walking with his friends, he met a man who had been blind since birth.”





“Did his parents do something wrong and God punished them by making their son blind?” asked Esau.



**“No,” smiled Aunt Alana.
“God does not punish people
like that. But it did give Jesus a
chance to show God’s mercy.”**

**“So what did he do?”
asked Ollie.**

**“Jesus took a handful
of dirt and spit into it
so that it made mud,”
said Aunt Alana.**



**“He rubbed the
mud on the
man’s eyes.”**



**“Then he told the man
to go wash the mud off
in a nearby pool of water.”**

**“The man
washed the
mud off of
his eyes.”**



**“Suddenly, he
could see!”**

“He was so excited he ran down the street calling to everyone, ‘I can see! I can see!’”

**“How did this happen?”
asked the people.**



“ ‘A man called Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. Then when I washed it off, I could see!’ ”



“Jesus told his followers that he needed to offer light to those in need while he was in this world.”



A scene from an animated movie featuring four donkeys. On the left, a white donkey with a yellow flower in its hair looks surprised. Next to it, a brown donkey with a yellow flower in its mouth looks on. Behind them, a smaller grey donkey and another brown donkey are also looking on with expressions of interest or surprise. The background is a vibrant, sunlit outdoor scene with green foliage and a stone wall on the left.

“Here Isa,” said Ollie. “Let me help you with that mud.”

“Me too!” said Jeremy.

“Yeah,” said Esau.

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Calming the Storm

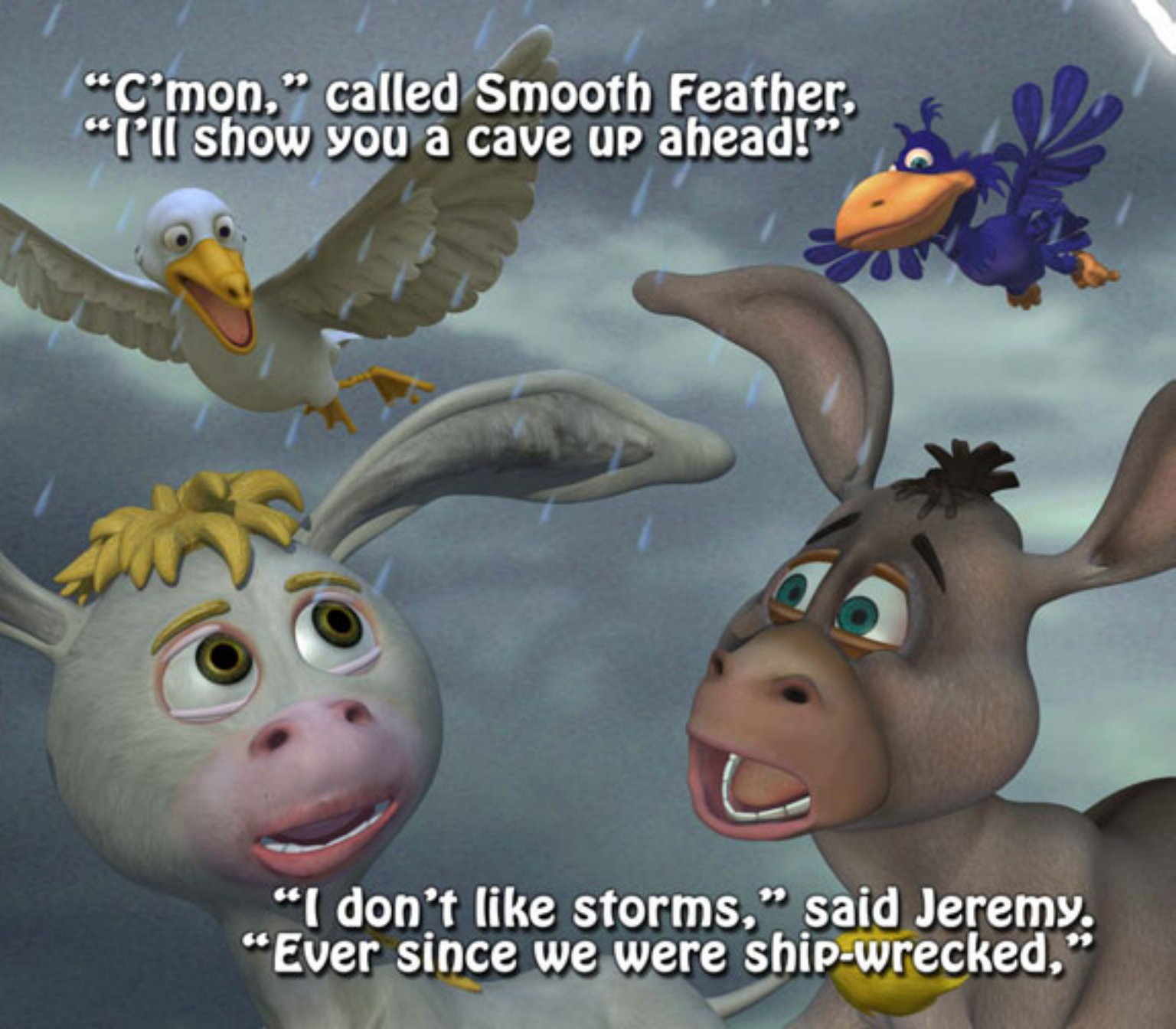


Ollie and his brothers
were near the Sea of
Galilee one day, when
Rupert called
to them,



“There’s a big storm coming!
We’d better make a run for it!”





**“C’mon,” called Smooth Feather,
“I’ll show you a cave up ahead!”**

**“I don’t like storms,” said Jeremy.
“Ever since we were ship-wrecked,”**

A cartoon illustration of two donkeys in a storm. The donkey on the left is dark brown, and the one on the right is light brown. Both have large, expressive eyes and open mouths, appearing to be in a state of panic or fear. A bright white lightning bolt strikes down from a dark, cloudy sky in the background. Rain is falling around them.

**“Yeah,” said Esau.
“Me too!”**

**“They really
scare me!”
said Isa.**

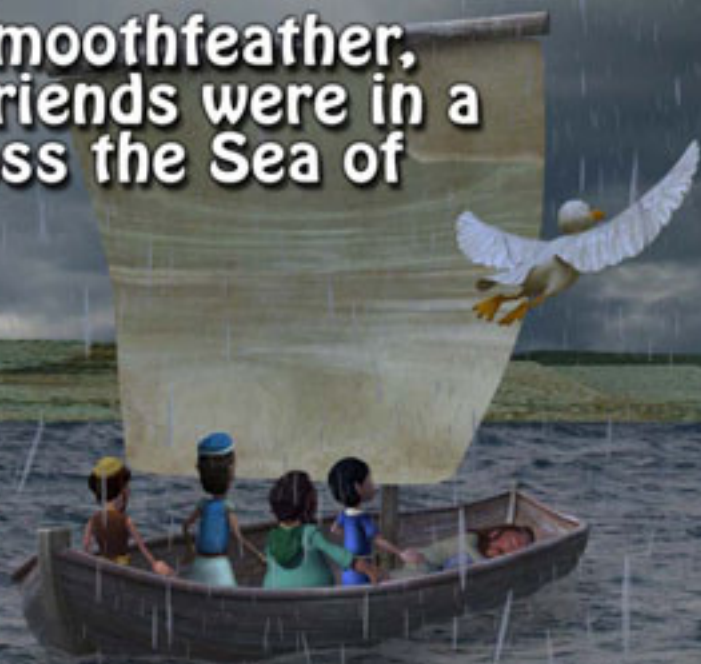
They made it just in the nick of time.

**“You know,” said Smoothfeather,
“Jesus was out in a storm
one time...”**

**“What happened?”
asked Ollie.**

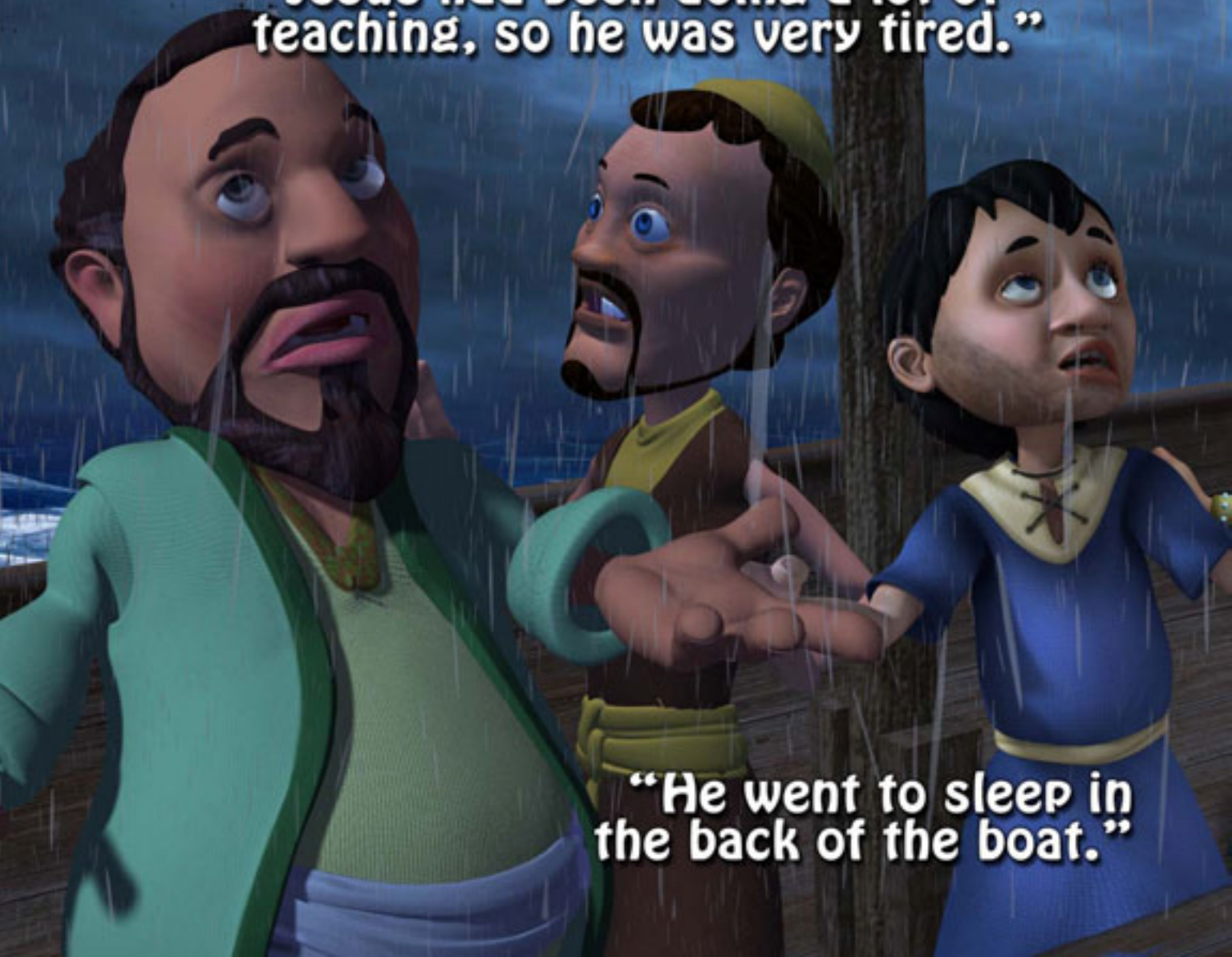


**“Well,” began Smoothfeather,
“Jesus and his friends were in a
boat sailing across the Sea of
Galilee...”**



**“...when a storm
came out of
nowhere!”**

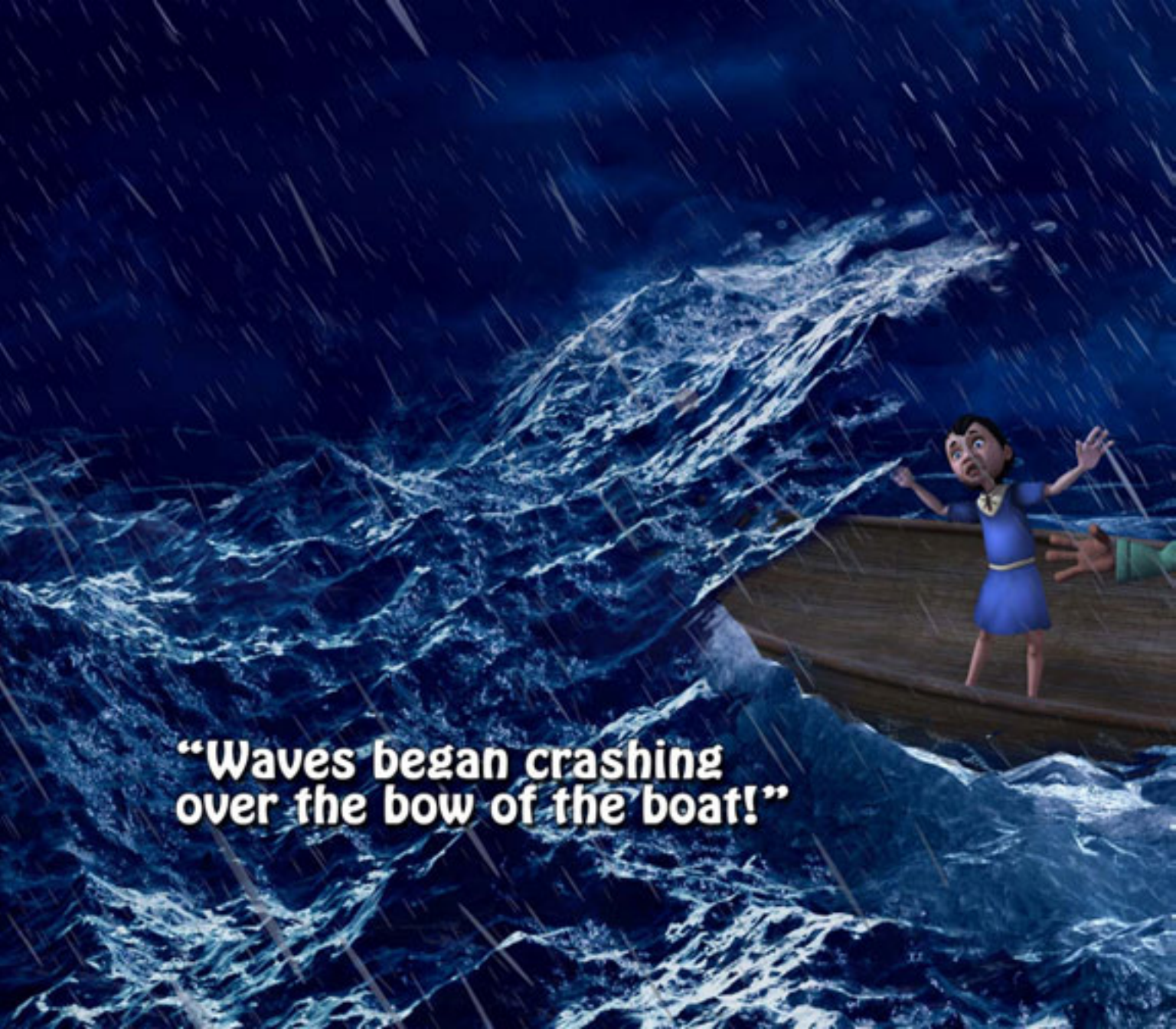
“Jesus had been doing a lot of teaching, so he was very tired.”



“He went to sleep in the back of the boat.”



The storm got bigger and bigger, but he just kept sleeping.”



**“Waves began crashing
over the bow of the boat!”**

“Even the men who were sailors and fishermen were afraid that they were going to sink!”



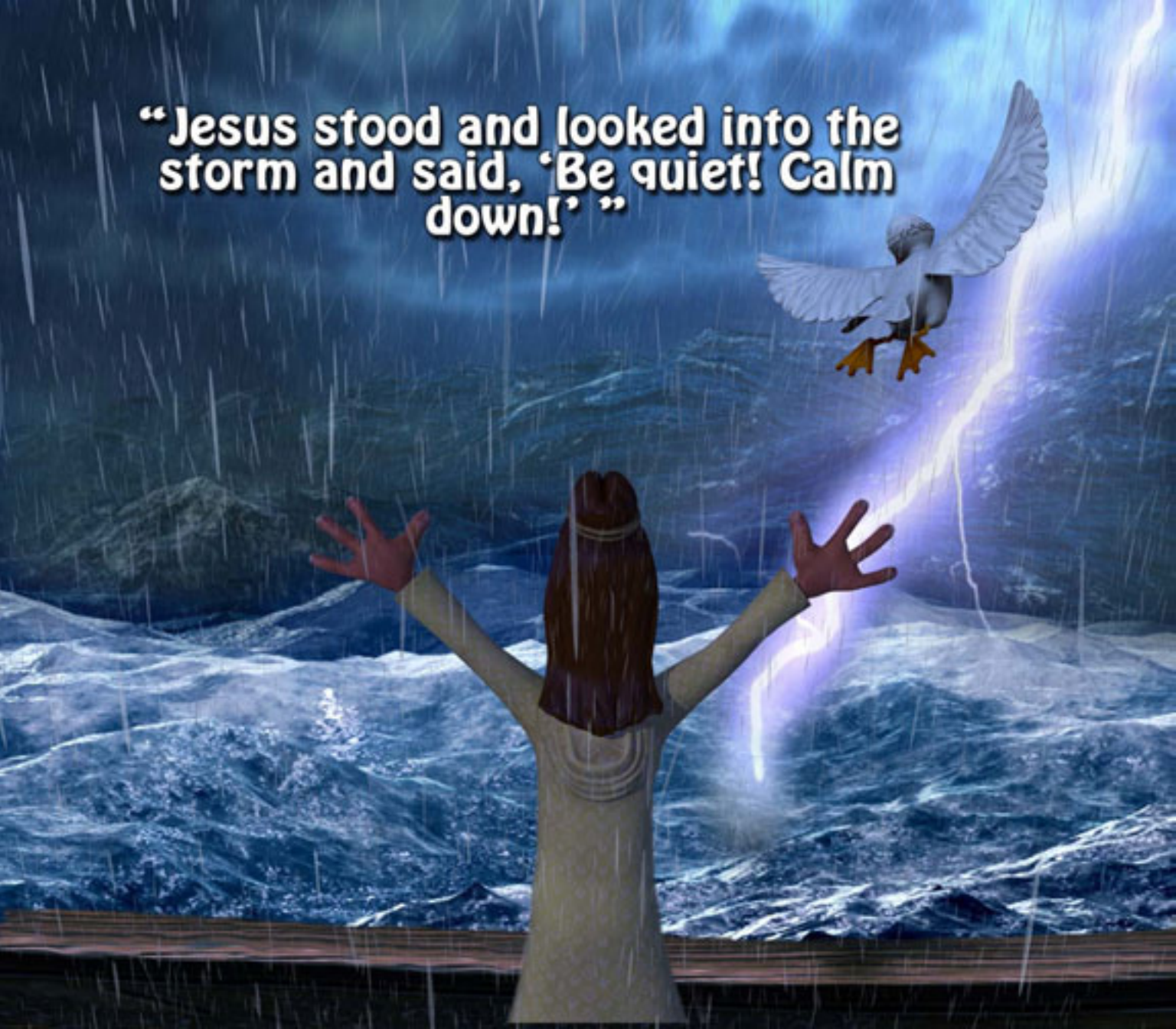


“Finally, they woke up Jesus. ‘Master,’ they cried, ‘don’t you even care that we are about to sink!!!!’ ”

**“Jesus looked at them and said,
‘What’s the matter? Don’t you
have any faith in me?’ ”**



“Jesus stood and looked into the storm and said, ‘Be quiet! Calm down!’ ”



**“Instantly, the wind
stopped blowing.
The sea became calm.”**



**“All of Jesus’
friends looked at him with fear.
‘Who IS this man?’ they asked each other.”**

**“They were afraid of Jesus?”
asked Ollie.**

**“Yes,” said Smoothfeather.
“That’s when they realized
he was truly the Son of God.”**



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Curing on the
Sabbath





**It was a nice quiet
Sabbath, when
suddenly Ollie
heard, "Help!
Help! I'm stuck!"**



**"Can you help me,
Ollie?" asked Isa.**

**"I've been trying and
trying, but I can't get out."**

**“I’d better get the others!”
said Ollie.**



**Ollie came back quickly with
his brothers and Aunt Alana.**

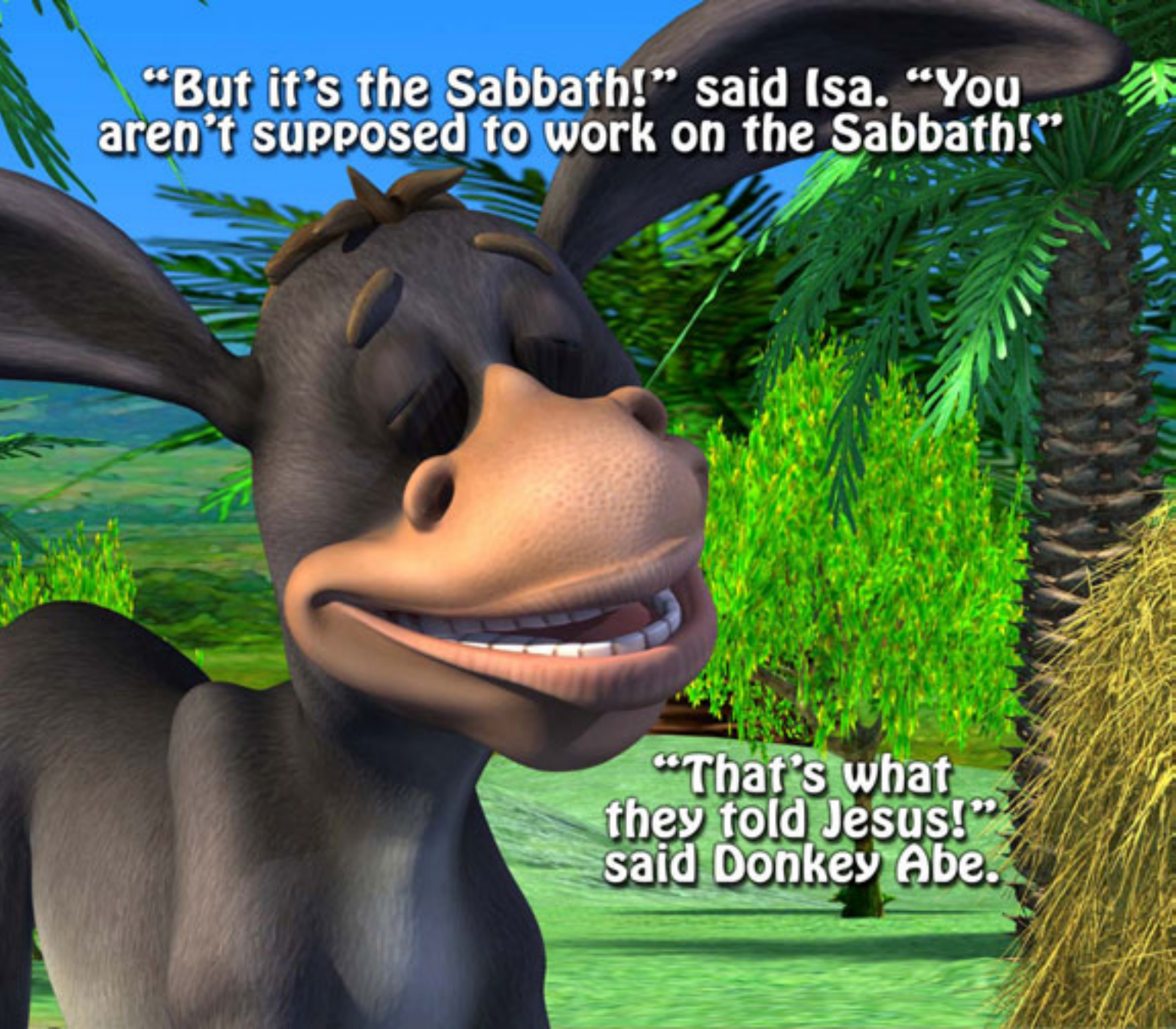
**Donkey Abe wandered
over to watch.**



**They threw a rope around
Isa and began to pull.**

**“Hang on, Isa.
We’ll have you
out soon!”**





“But it’s the Sabbath!” said Isa. “You aren’t supposed to work on the Sabbath!”

**“That’s what they told Jesus!”
said Donkey Abe.**

Everyone stopped pulling on the rope.

“Who told Jesus?” asked Ollie.

**“The Pharisees, the
leaders of the temple,”
said Donkey Abe.**



“The Pharisees were watching Jesus like a hawk! They wanted him to break the law, so they could arrest him.”





“Tell us the story!” urged Ollie.

“Yeah!” said Esau and Jeremy.

“Uh, guys?” asked Isa.



**“Jesus asked, “if you had
a sheep and it fell in a
ditch, would you pull it out,
even on the Sabbath?”**



“ ‘People are more important than sheep,’ said Jesus, ‘so it’s okay to help them, even on a Sabbath!’ ”





“What happened then?” asked Jeremy.

“Jesus healed the man’s hand!” said Donkey Abe.

**“And there wasn’t much the Pharisees
could do about it, because everyone
agreed with Jesus!”**



**“Wow!” said Ollie.
“Jesus risked being
arrested just so he
could help somebody?”**





**“God wants us to do good things
no matter what day of the week
it is!” said Aunt Alana.**

**“So,” said Isa,
“how about getting THIS
sheep out of the ditch?”**

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Book #6

The Dying Girl





**“Did Jesus like children?”
asked Jeremy.**

**“Of course he did!”
said Donkey Abe, who
had come over to see
Aunt Alana.**

“In fact, he cured Jairus’ daughter!”



**“Who is Jairus?”
asked Rupert.”**

**“Jairus is the keeper of the
temple on the far side of the
Sea of Galilee,” said Donkey Abe.**

A close-up shot of two cartoon donkeys standing behind a wooden fence. The donkey on the left is dark grey with large green eyes and a wide, happy smile. The donkey on the right is light purple with large yellow-green eyes and a more neutral, slightly open-mouthed expression. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame. The background shows a bright blue sky, green foliage, and a distant landscape with hills.

**“Aunt Alana and I
were down there one time
when Jairus’ daughter got very sick.
He was afraid she was going to die!”**

“When Jesus arrived to teach in the temple, Jairus asked Jesus to come see his daughter right away.”





**“If only you would
touch her,” said Jairus,
“I know she would get well!”**

“Just then, some men from Jairus’ house came to tell him his daughter had died!”



“Oh the poor man!” said Jeremy.



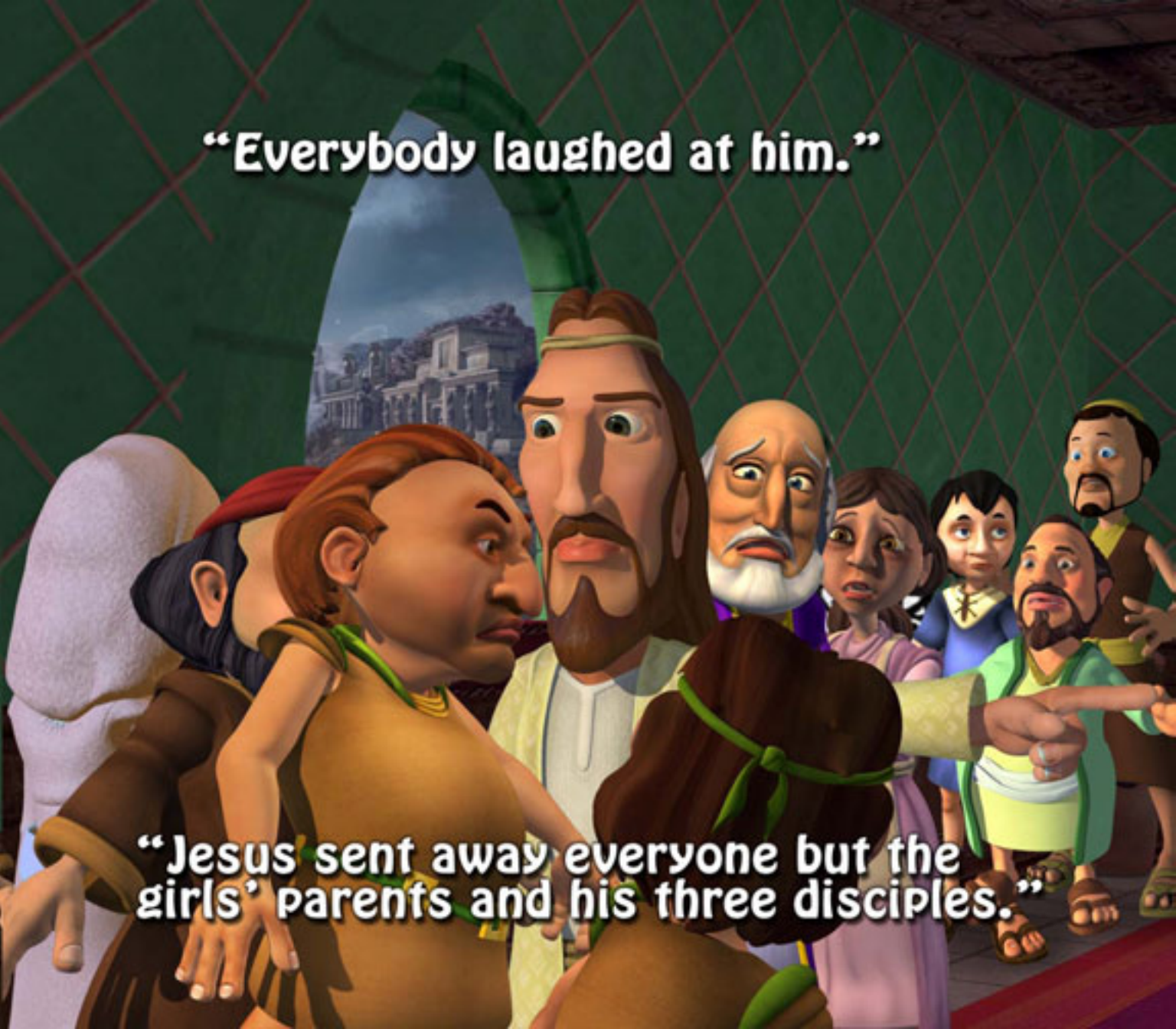
**“But.” said Aunt Alana,
“Jesus told him, ‘Don’t worry!
Just have faith!’”**

“When they got to Jairus’ house everyone was crying,” continued Donkey Abe.

“ ‘Why are you crying?’ asked Jesus. ‘The child isn’t dead. She is just sleeping.’ ”



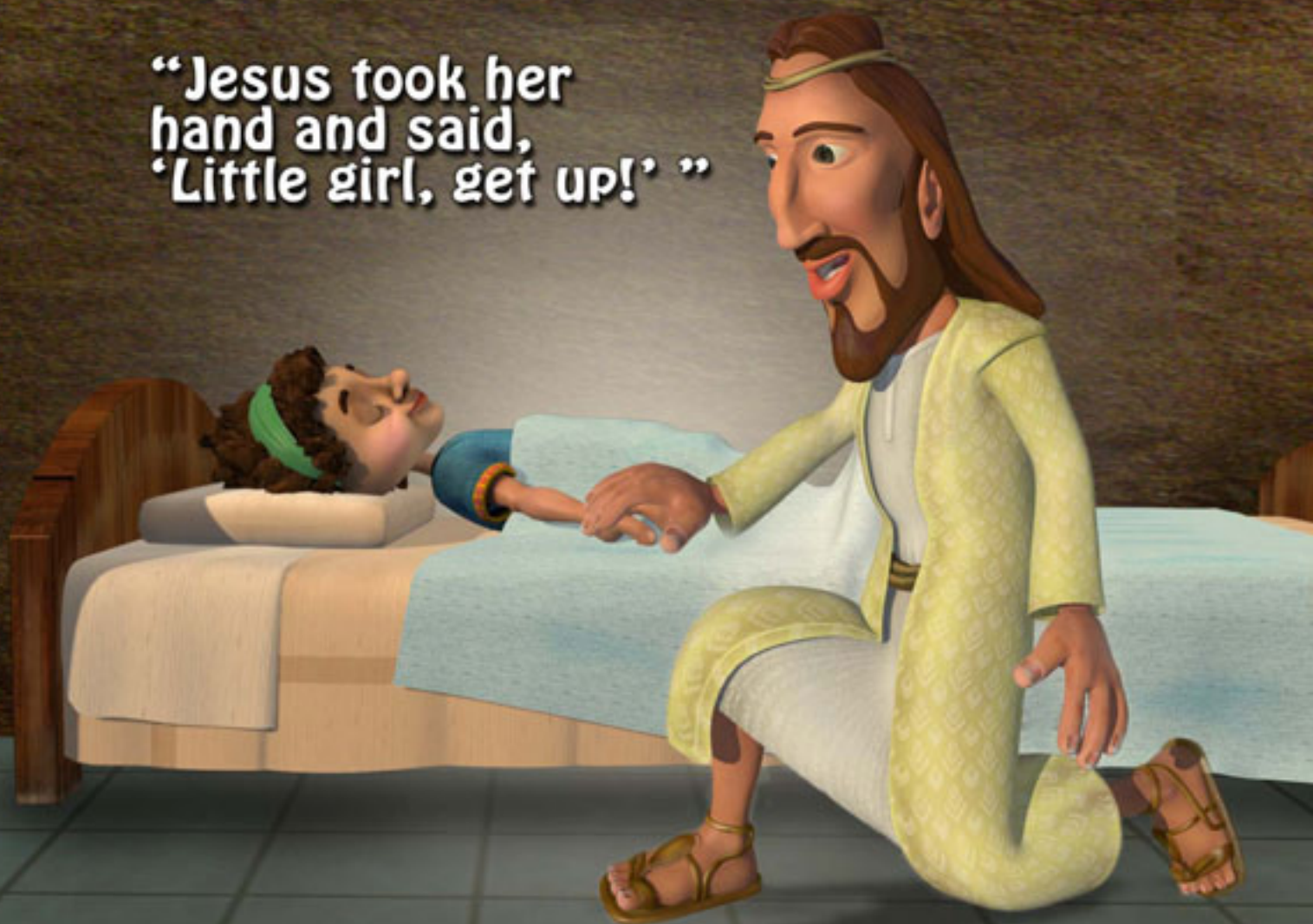
“Everybody laughed at him.”



“Jesus sent away everyone but the girls’ parents and his three disciples.”

“They went into the girl’s room.”

**“Jesus took her
hand and said,
‘Little girl, get up!’ ”**



**“The little girl opened
her eyes and
sat up.”**



**“ ‘Wow!’
said Ollie.”**

**“Give her something to eat,”
said Jesus. And
then he left.”**



A scene from an animated movie. On the left, a blue bird with a large orange beak and a small bow around its neck is perched on a wooden post. In the center, a grey donkey with large ears and a pink nose looks on. On the right, a grey horse with blonde hair and large green eyes is shown in profile, looking towards the donkey with its mouth open as if speaking. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees and a blue sky.

**“Didn’t he want any thanks?”
asked Rupert.**

**“No,” said Aunt Alana. In fact, he
asked them not to tell anybody about it.”**



“Why?” asked Ollie.

**“Jesus always said that
what he did was freely given
and should be freely received. He
did not want to be paid or thanked.”**

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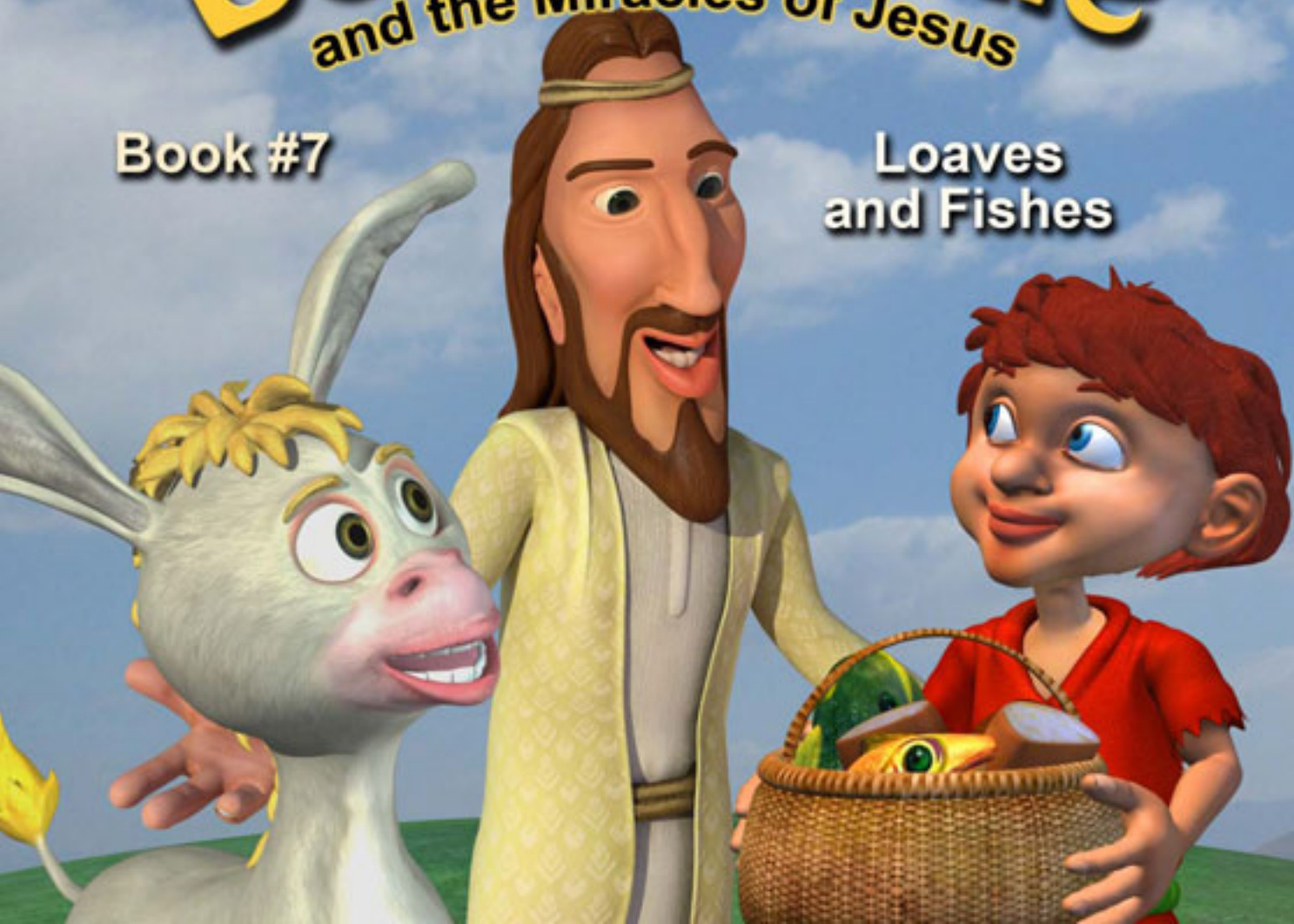
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Book #7

Loaves
and Fishes





**“Lunch time!” called
Ollie. His three brothers
came running.**

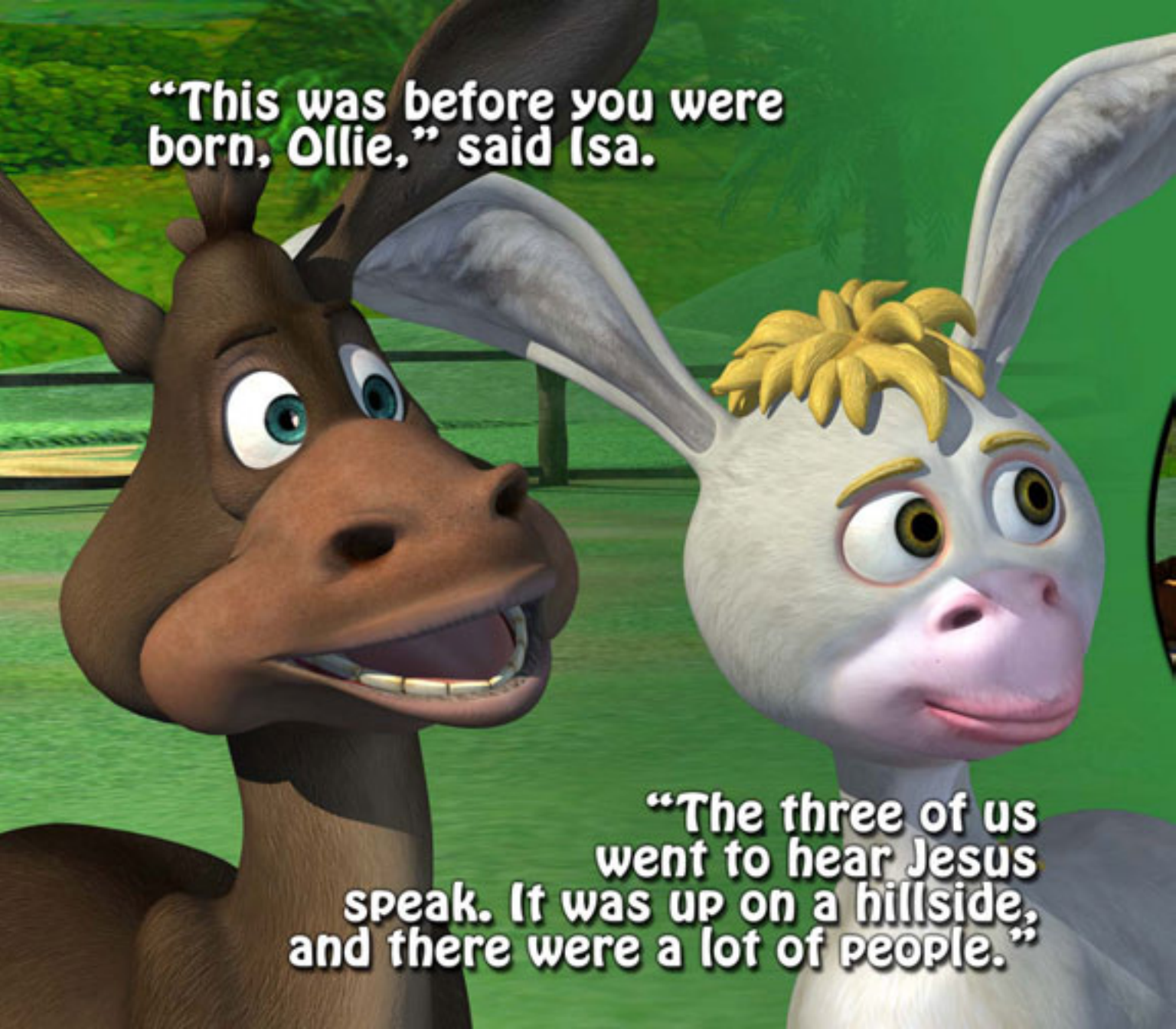
**“Is that all there is?” asked Esau
as he took a big mouthful.**



A cartoon illustration of two donkeys in a green field. On the left is a brown donkey with large blue eyes, smiling broadly with its mouth open, showing its teeth. On the right is a white donkey with yellow hair tufts on its head and a pink nose, looking surprised with wide eyes and an open mouth. In the background, there is a wooden fence, trees, and rolling green hills under a bright sky.

“Well, hey,” said Isa, “if Jesus could feed 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish, I figure we can make this stretch!”

“What are you talking about?” asked Ollie.

A close-up of two cartoon donkeys. On the left is a brown donkey with large blue eyes and a wide, toothy grin. On the right is a white donkey with long ears, a tuft of yellow hair on its head, and large yellow eyes. They are both looking towards the right. The background is a green field with a fence and trees.

“This was before you were born, Ollie,” said Isa.

“The three of us went to hear Jesus speak. It was up on a hillside, and there were a lot of people.”

**“The place with the sweet, sweet grass?”
asked Jeremy. “I remember that!””**



**“Yeah,” said Esau.
“That was delicious grass!”**

**“Remember how Jesus spent
the whole day teaching and
healing people?”**

**I mean there were
hundreds of them!”
said Isa.**





“Thousands,” said Esau. “And he knew just where to scratch me behind the ears...”

“You DO remember, then!” said Isa.



**“Of course I remember!”
said Esau. “As the day went
on, people began to get really hungry!”**



“So, why didn’t they eat that wonderful grass?” asked Jeremy.

“James and John asked Jesus about feeding all those people,” said Isa.

**“Yeah,” said Esau. “Jesus just said,
‘You give them some-
thing to eat, then.’”**



“James and John said it would take more than a year’s wages to buy bread for all those people,” said Jeremy.





**“Then a little boy said
he had five loaves of
bread and two fish
that he would share,”
continued Esau.**





**“Jesus smiled,” said
Jeremy. “Then he told his
disciples to start sharing
it with all the people.”**

**“That’s when
it happened!”**

**“There was enough food to eat and
they had enough
left over to
fill 12 large
baskets!”**



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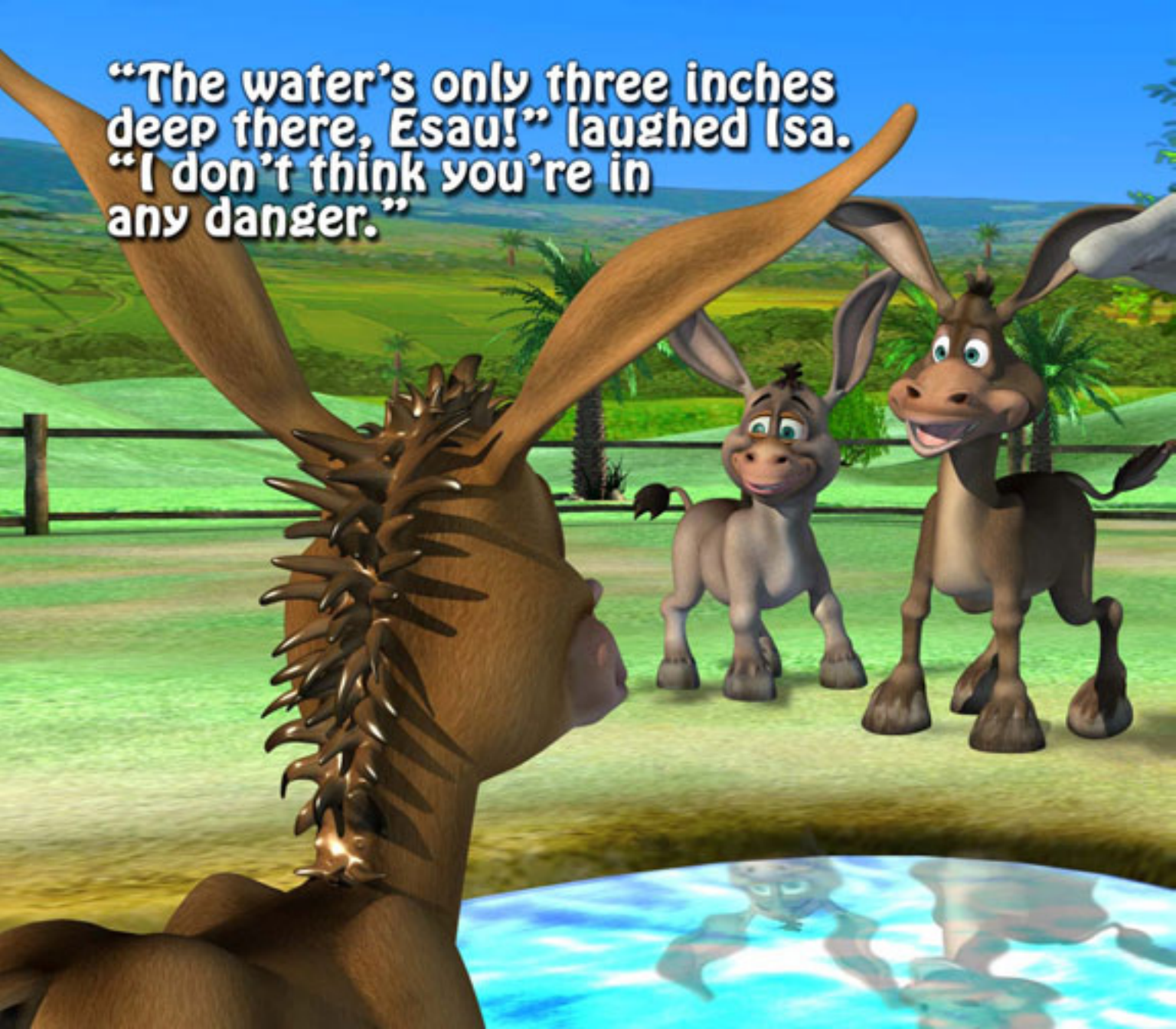
Walking on Water



**“Hey look guys!
I’m walking on
water!” yelled
Esau.**



**“The water’s only three inches deep there, Esau!” laughed Isa.
“I don’t think you’re in any danger.”**





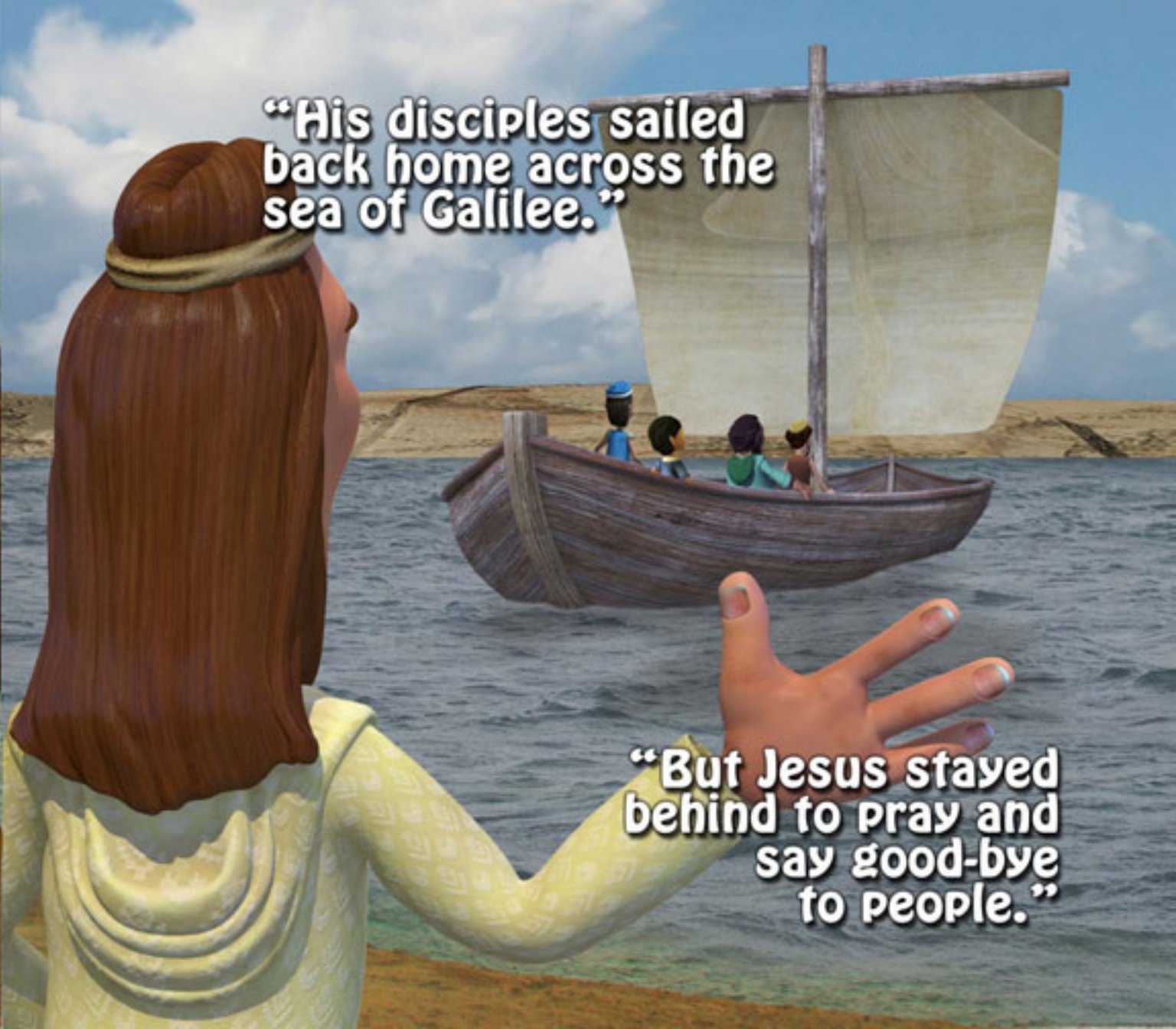
“You know, Jesus really DID walk on water!” said Smoothfeather as he landed on a fence post.

“And I saw him do it!”

“Tell us about it!” urged Ollie.

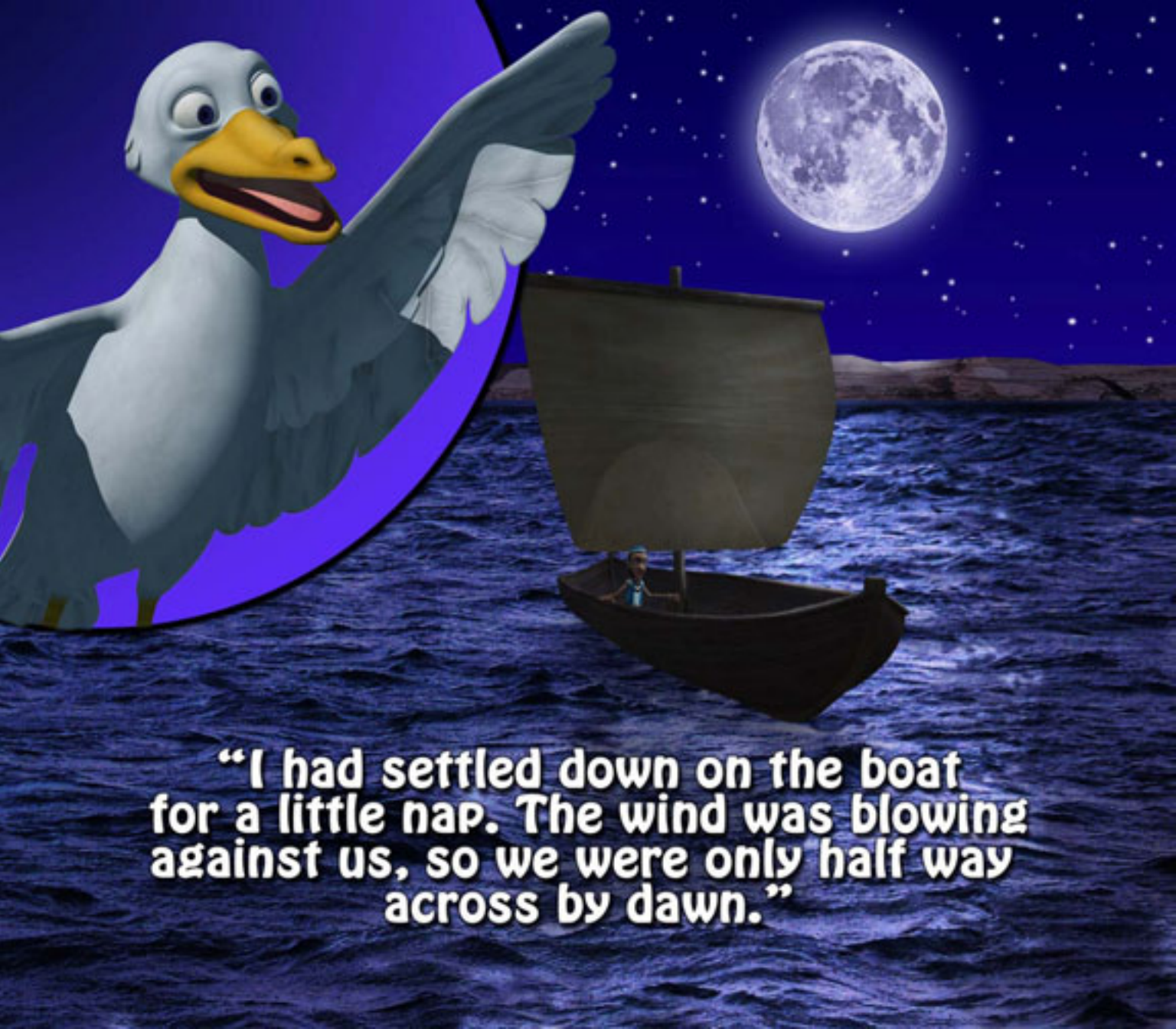
**“Well,” began Smoothfeather,
“Jesus had just spent a
long day teaching and
healing people.”**



A 3D animated scene showing Jesus from behind, looking out at a small wooden boat with four people on the sea of Galilee. Jesus has long brown hair and is wearing a yellow robe. The boat is dark brown with a large white sail. The background shows a blue sky with white clouds and a sandy shore.

**“His disciples sailed
back home across the
sea of Galilee.”**

**“But Jesus stayed
behind to pray and
say good-bye
to people.”**



**“I had settled down on the boat
for a little nap. The wind was blowing
against us, so we were only half way
across by dawn.”**

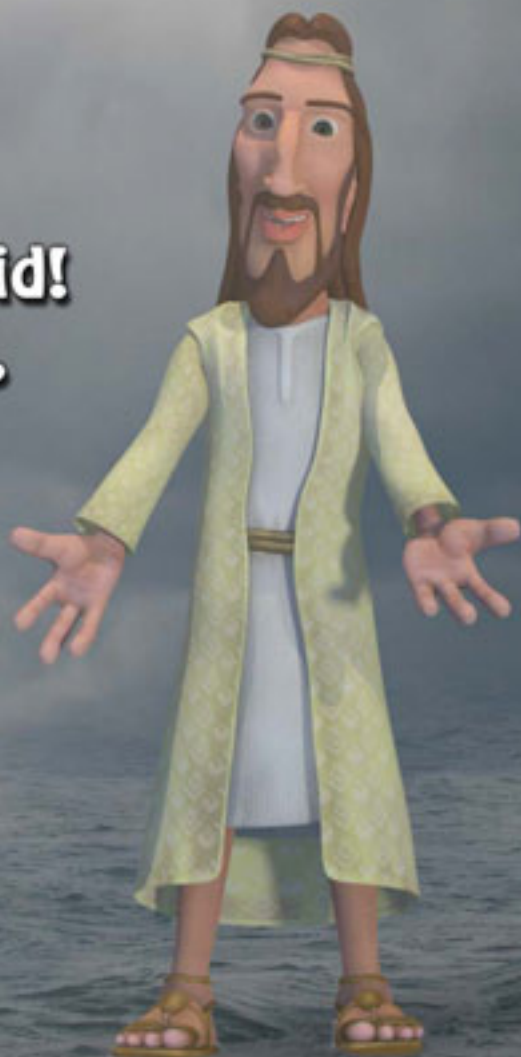
**“Fog was everywhere!
Suddenly I could see something
moving over the water towards us!”**





**“ ‘Arrghh! It’s a ghost!!!’
cried the disciples.”**

**“ ‘Don’t be afraid!
It’s me, Jesus,’
said the figure.”**





**“If that’s really you,
Master,” said Peter,
‘let me come out
there, too!’**



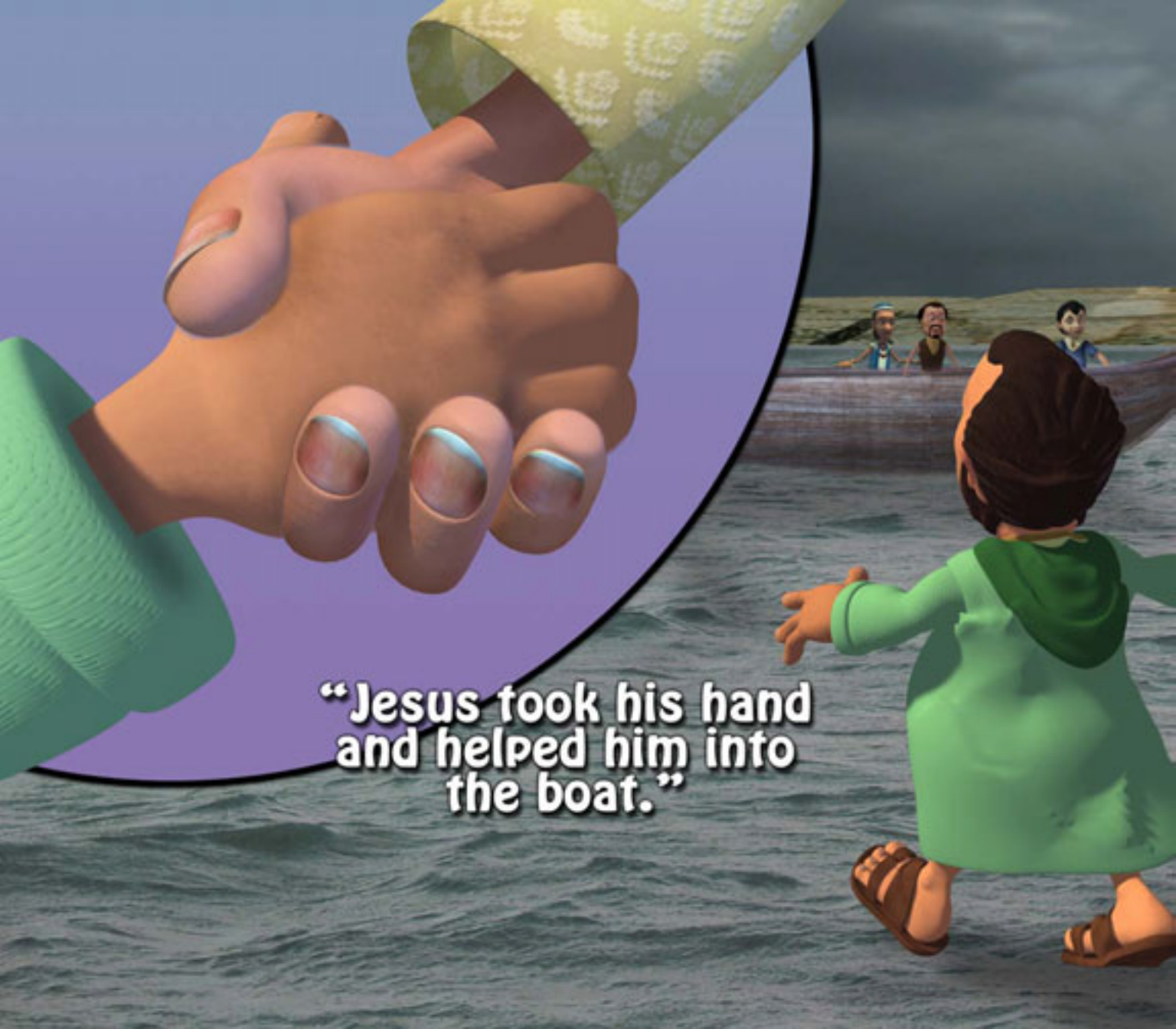
**“ ‘Come on out,
Peter!’ said Jesus,
holding out his hand.”**



“Peter got out of the boat and walked over to Jesus. Then suddenly, he got scared and began to sink.”



“ ‘Help me, Lord!’ he cried.”



**“Jesus took his hand
and helped him into
the boat.”**

**“ ‘You need to have more
faith, Peter!’ he said.
‘Why do you doubt?’ ”**





"I think he found the deep end," said Jeremy.

"I guess I need more faith, too!" said Esau.

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Raising Lazarus



A 3D animated scene featuring two donkeys. On the left, Aunt Alana, a brown donkey with blonde hair, is looking towards the right with a wide, open-mouthed smile. On the right, Ollie, a white donkey with blonde hair, is looking back at her with a surprised expression, his mouth also open. They are standing in a lush green field with a large tree behind them. The background shows rolling hills under a blue sky.

**One afternoon, Aunt Alana found Ollie
alone under a tree.**

**“Are you all right,
Ollie?” she asked.**

**“Yes,” said Ollie.
“I’m just trying to
remember something”.**

“Oh?” asked Aunt Alana.

“I was really young when I met Jesus. Didn’t he work a miracle right here in Bethany?”



“He most certainly did! That’s when our neighbor Lazarus got really sick and died!”



**“But... but he
is still alive!”
cried Ollie.
“Tell me what
happened.”**

**“Jesus was a really good
friend of Lazarus.” said Aunt Alana, “and
he often stayed with him and his sisters.”**

“So when Lazarus got sick, Martha and Mary sent for Jesus,” continued Aunt Alana.





“And Jesus came right away?” asked Ollie.

“No,” said Aunt Alana. “Jesus didn’t leave for two more days, and by the time he got here. Lazarus was dead!”



**“What?!!” cried Ollie.
“But Lazarus was his
friend! Why didn’t he
come sooner?”**

**“That’s what everyone else
asked, too,” said Aunt Alana.**

**“Hey, this man can cure the blind,
but he couldn’t even save
his friend!”**



**“If only you had been here,
our brother would not have
died!” said Martha and Mary.**

A 3D animated scene featuring Jesus on the left, looking surprised with his mouth open. He has long brown hair, a beard, and wears a light green robe over a white tunic. On the right, two women are seen from behind, walking away. One woman has brown hair in a bun and wears a green dress; the other wears a tan dress and a white headscarf. They are in a rocky, hilly landscape under a blue sky with clouds. A large black circle highlights the text on the left.

**“Where have you
put the body?”
asked Jesus.”**

**“The sisters led
Jesus to the tomb.”**

**“Jesus had tears in his eyes.
Lazarus had been his good friend.”**

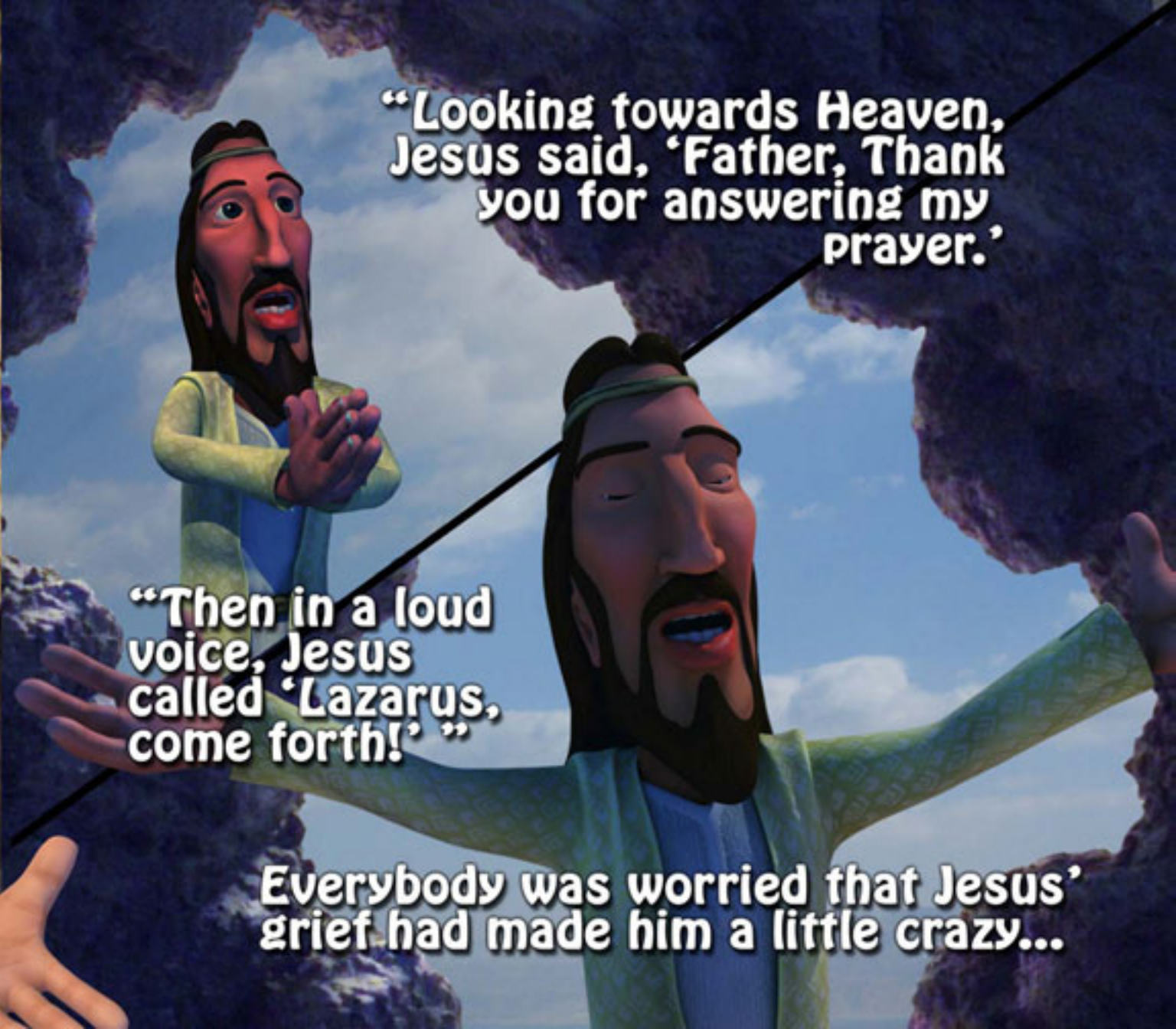


**“ ‘Roll the rock away
from the tomb,’ said Jesus.”**

“ ‘My brother has been dead for four days. The smell is going to be terrible!’ said Martha.”



“ ‘Have faith, and you will see the glory of God,’ said Jesus.”



**“Looking towards Heaven,
Jesus said, ‘Father, Thank
you for answering my
prayer.’**

**“Then in a loud
voice, Jesus
called ‘Lazarus,
come forth!’ ”**

**Everybody was worried that Jesus’
grief had made him a little crazy...**

“But then Lazarus came walking out of the the tomb. still wrapped up in his burial cloth!”



“Martha and Mary were overjoyed!”





**“Martha and Mary’s
faith in God and Jesus
had been rewarded.”**

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The Servant's Ear



A blue bird with a large orange beak and a white donkey with a yellow flower on its head are in a grassy field. The bird is on the left, and the donkey is on the right. The bird is looking at the donkey, and the donkey is looking at the bird. The background is a green field with trees.

“Ollie,” said Rupert one afternoon, “Jeremy said you were right there when Jesus died.”

“Can you tell me about it?”

“No,” said Ollie. “That’s just too sad to think about.”



“But I can tell you about his last miracle.”



**“Okay,” said
Rupert, settling
down on a
fence post.**

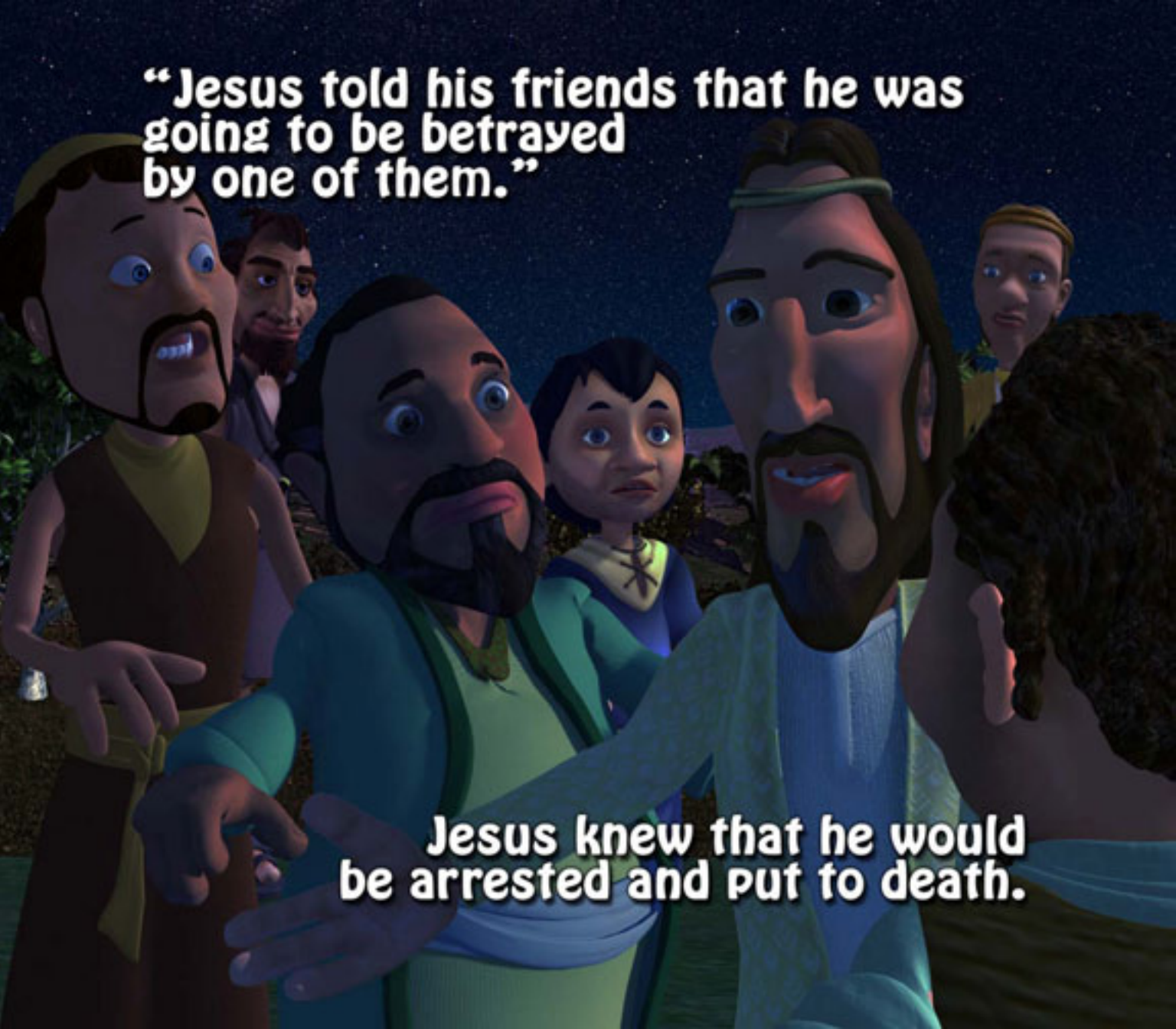


**“Jesus and
his friends had just
eaten a big Passover meal and had
gone to the Garden of Gethsemane.”**

**“Jesus liked to go there
because it was quiet.”**



“Jesus told his friends that he was going to be betrayed by one of them.”

A 3D animated scene depicting Jesus and his disciples at night. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, is in the center-right, gesturing with his hands. He is surrounded by several disciples with various expressions of surprise and concern. The background is dark with a starry sky and some foliage. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white font with a black outline.

Jesus knew that he would be arrested and put to death.

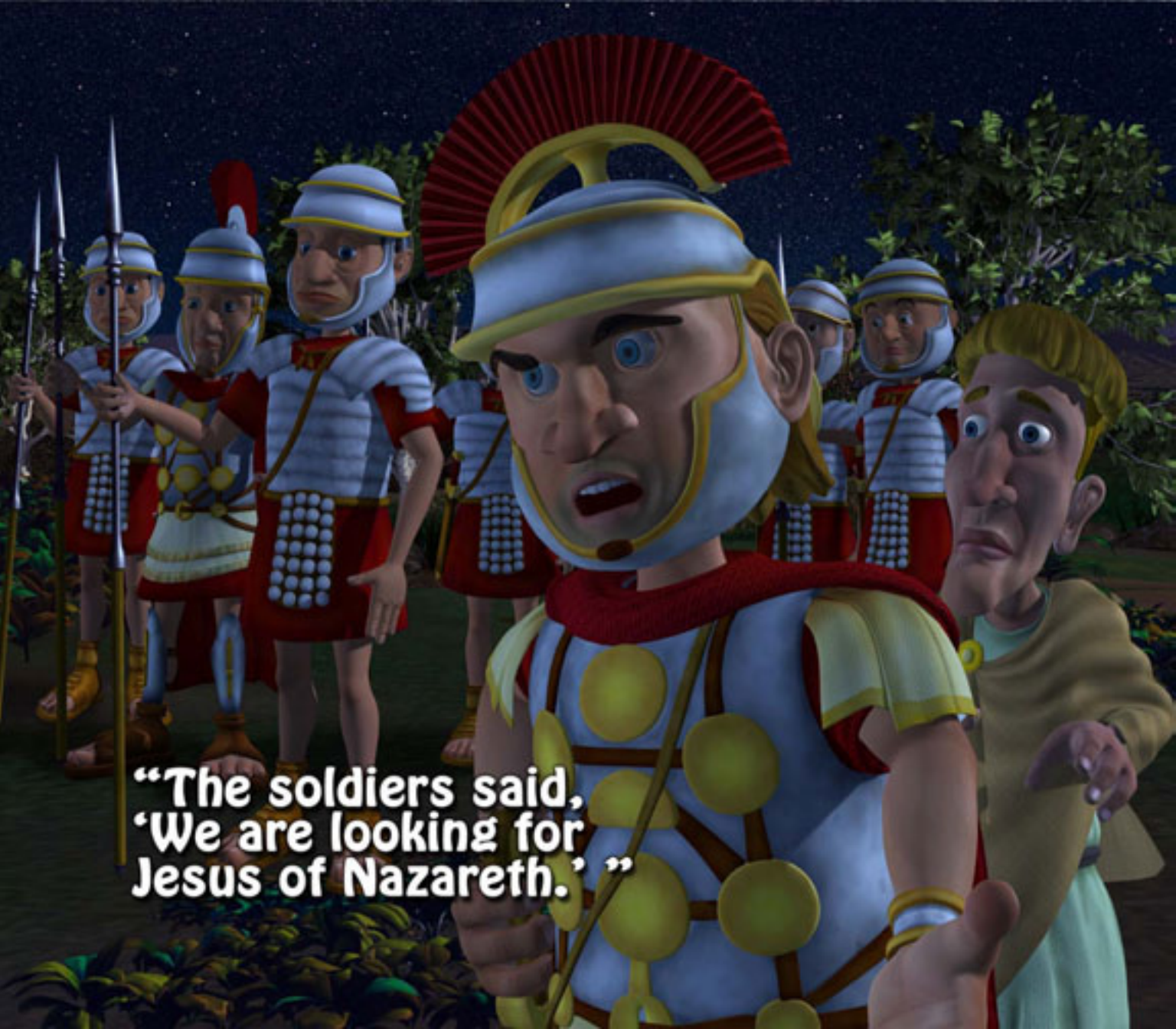
**So, he got a little angry when
his friends fell asleep
while he was praying.**



**“Suddenly soldiers came
into the garden.”**

**“Judas, one of Jesus’
friends, was with them.
He greeted Jesus with a kiss.”**



A 3D animated scene depicting a group of Roman soldiers at night. In the foreground, a soldier with a large, ornate helmet featuring a red plume and a white face mask looks intensely at the viewer. He wears a white tunic with yellow circular patterns and a red sash. To his right, a man with a surprised expression, wearing a simple brown robe, looks towards the soldiers. In the background, several other soldiers in similar armor stand in a line, holding spears. The scene is set outdoors at night, with a dark sky and some foliage visible.

**“The soldiers said,
‘We are looking for
Jesus of Nazareth.’ ”**

“‘I am he,’ said Jesus.”



“The disciples were finally awake and they saw what was happening!”

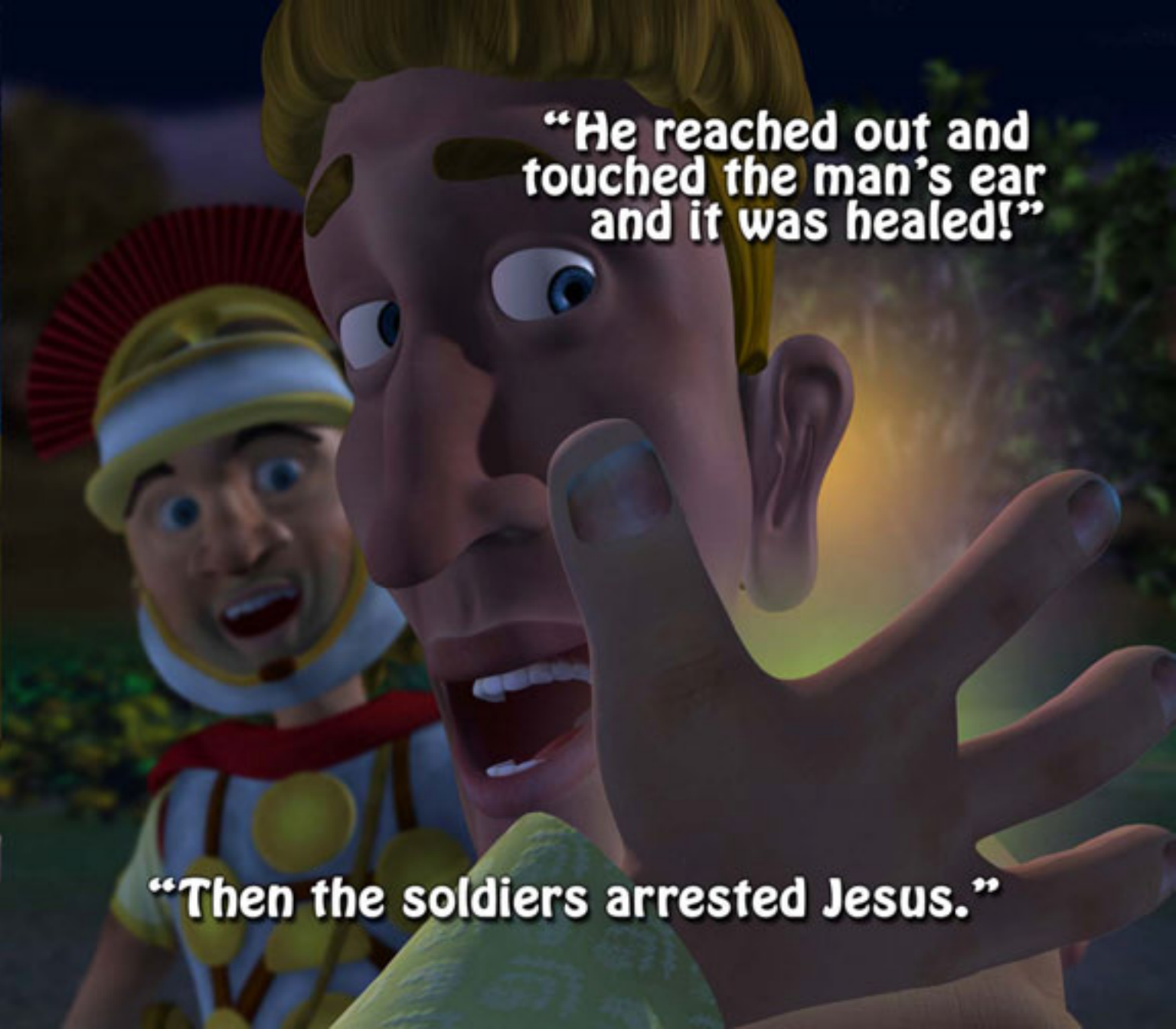


“Peter had a sword and lunged forward.”

“He cut off the ear of a soldier’s servant!”

“Enough of that!” said Jesus.



A 3D animated scene. In the foreground, a man with light skin and blonde hair has a very large, surprised expression, with wide eyes and an open mouth. His right hand is raised towards his face, with fingers spread. In the background, a Roman soldier wearing a helmet with a red plume and a white tunic with yellow circular patterns looks on with a surprised expression. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an outdoor night setting.

**“He reached out and
touched the man’s ear
and it was healed!”**

“Then the soldiers arrested Jesus.”

**“So Jesus knew he was going to die,
but he still healed the ear of a man
who helped
to arrest him?”
asked Rupert.**



“Yes,” said Ollie.

“Wow!”

“Yes, wow!”

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