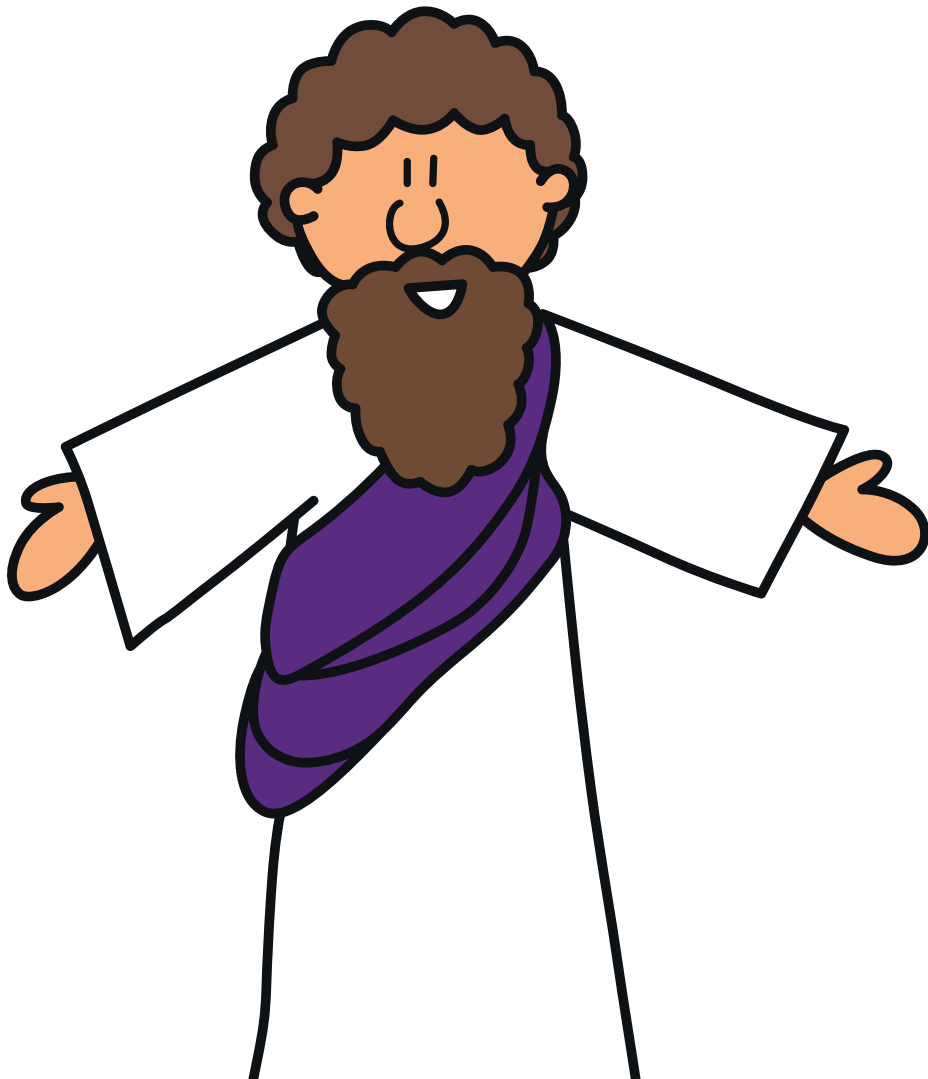
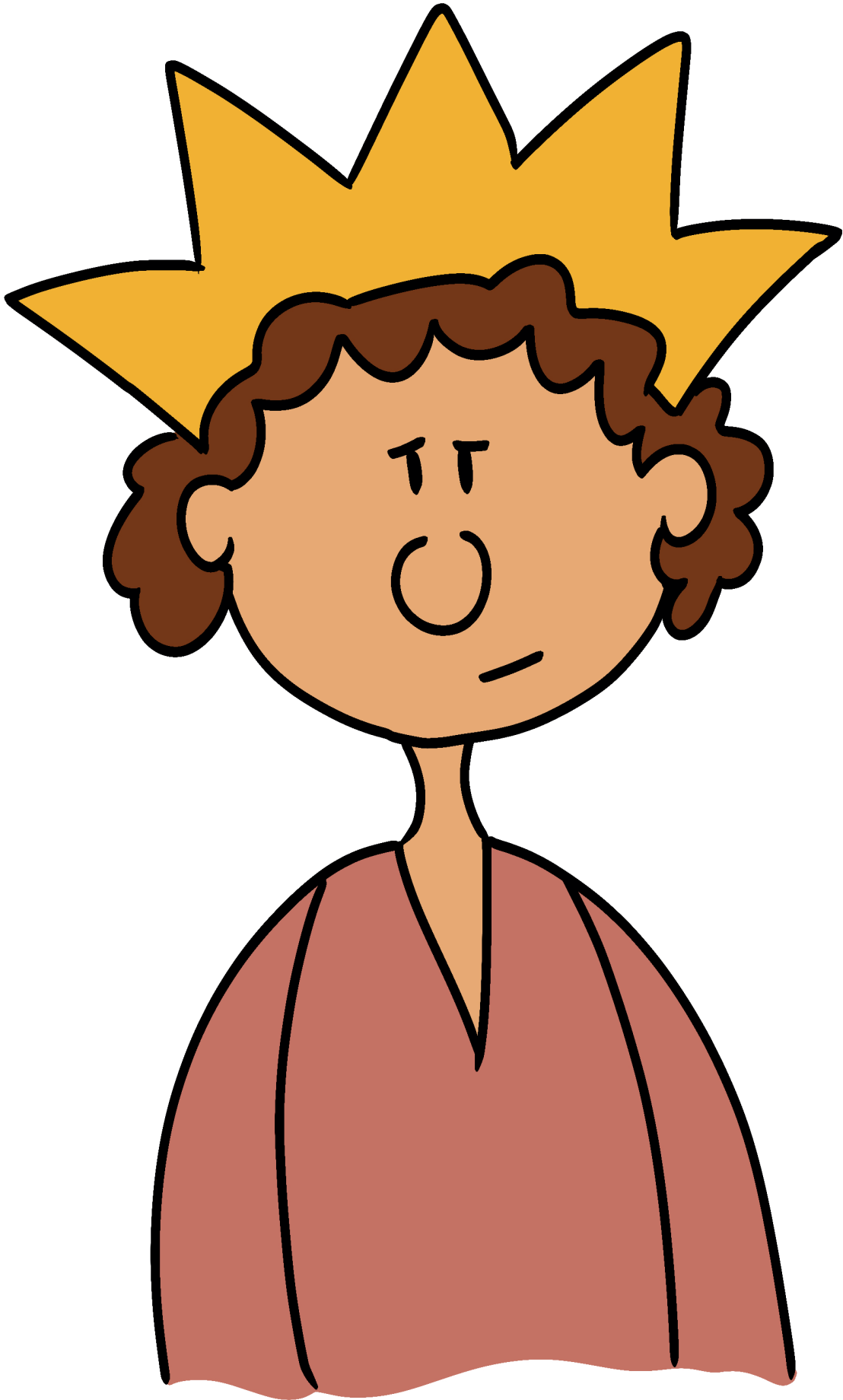


God's Promise to Samuel



Saul had been the king of Israel for many years.

But the LORD regretted making Saul king because he had turned away from the LORD.

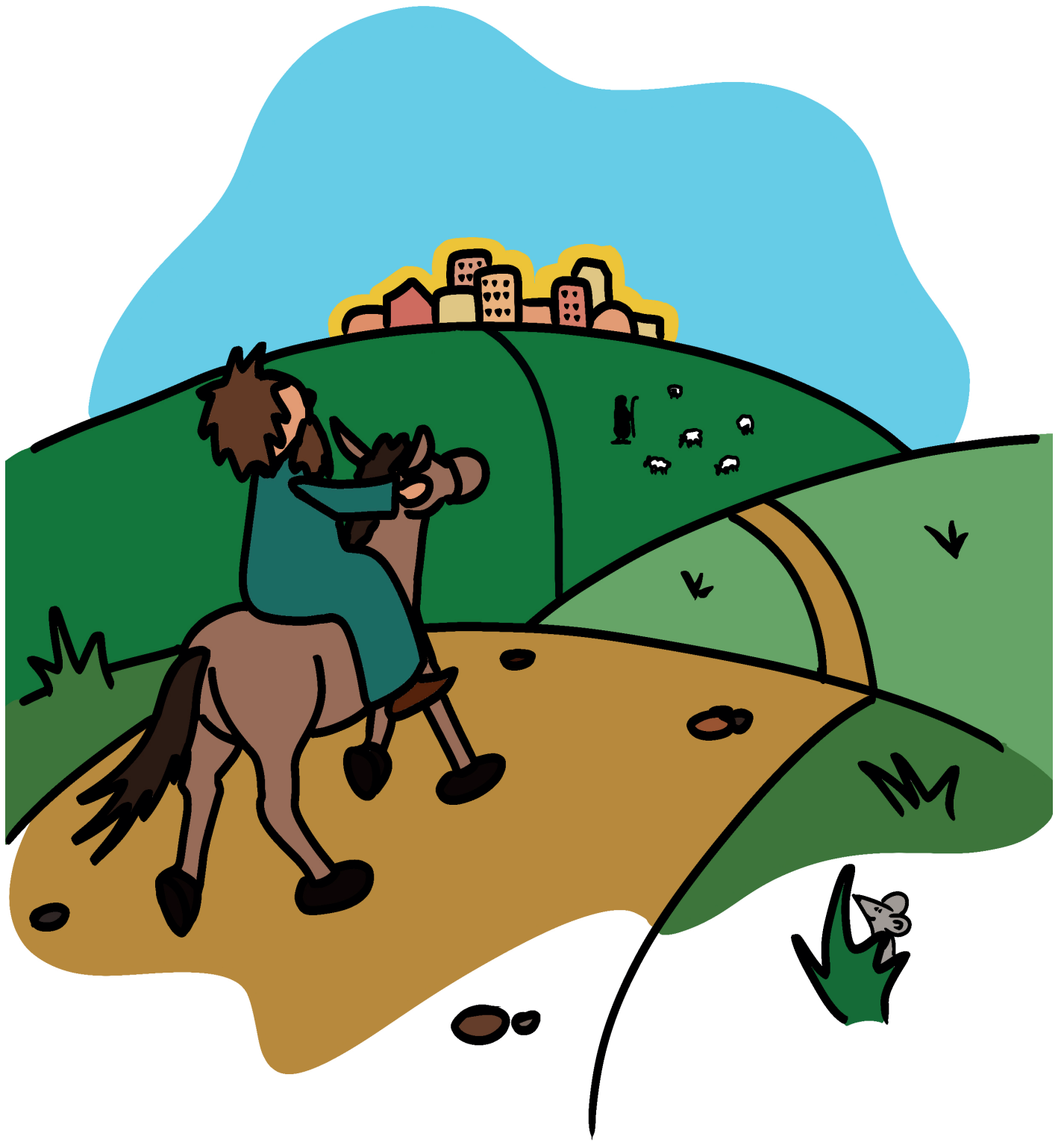


So the LORD said to the prophet Samuel, "I am sending you to the man named Jesse. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."



Samuel did what the LORD said.

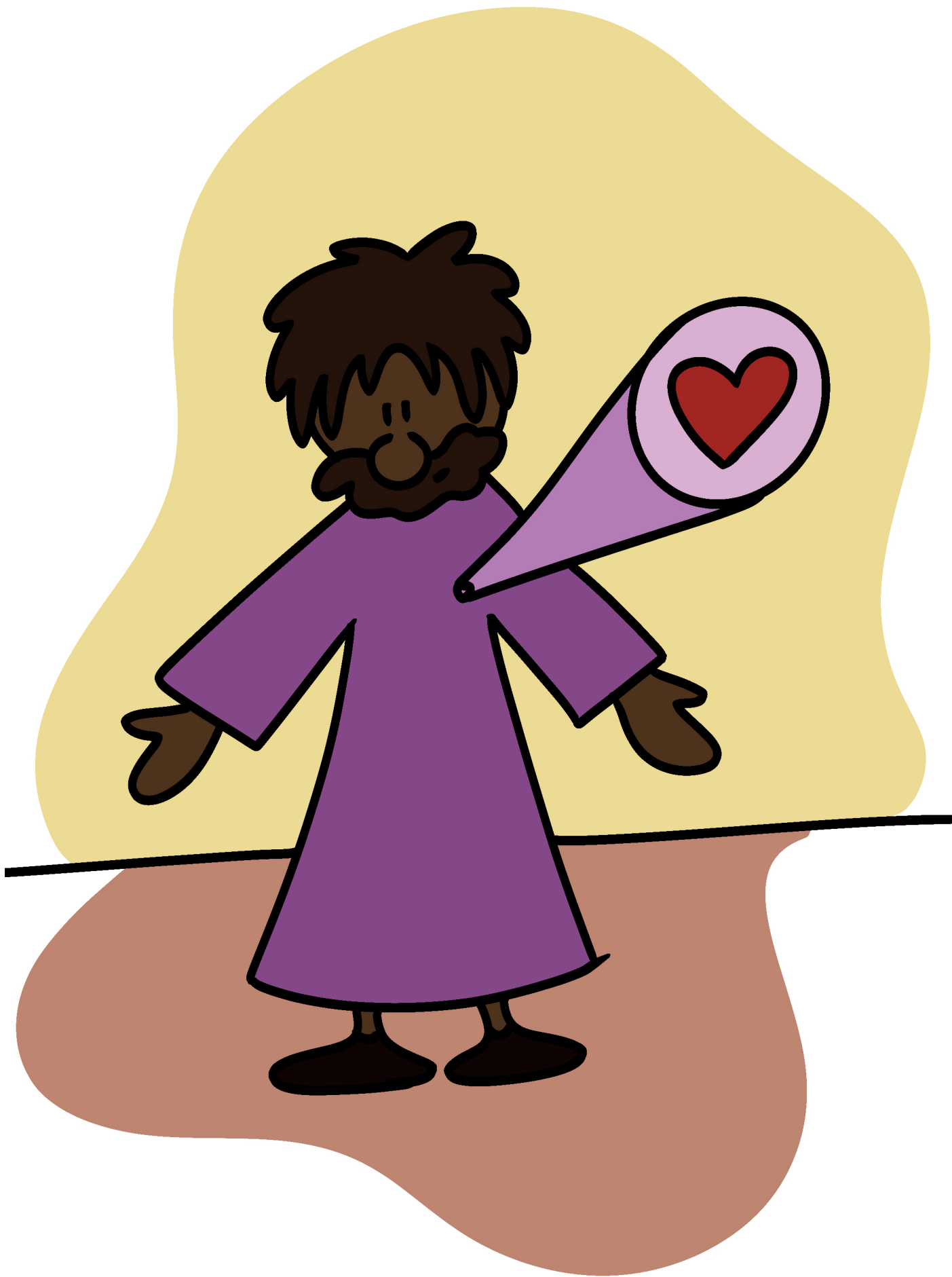
He went to visit Jesse in Bethlehem.



When he saw Jesse's first son, Eliab,
tall and good-looking, Samuel thought,
"Surely this is the LORD's anointed."



But the LORD said to Samuel, "The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD searches the heart."



Then Jesse called his next son, Abinadab, and had him pass in front of Samuel.

But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either,"

Jesse then had his next son, Shammah, pass by.

Samuel said again, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."



Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel.

But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen these. Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," said Jesse. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him."



When he arrived the LORD said,
"Anoint him; this is the one."

Samuel took the oil and anointed David
as the future king of Israel.

From that day on the Spirit of the
LORD came powerfully upon David.

1 Samuel 16

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