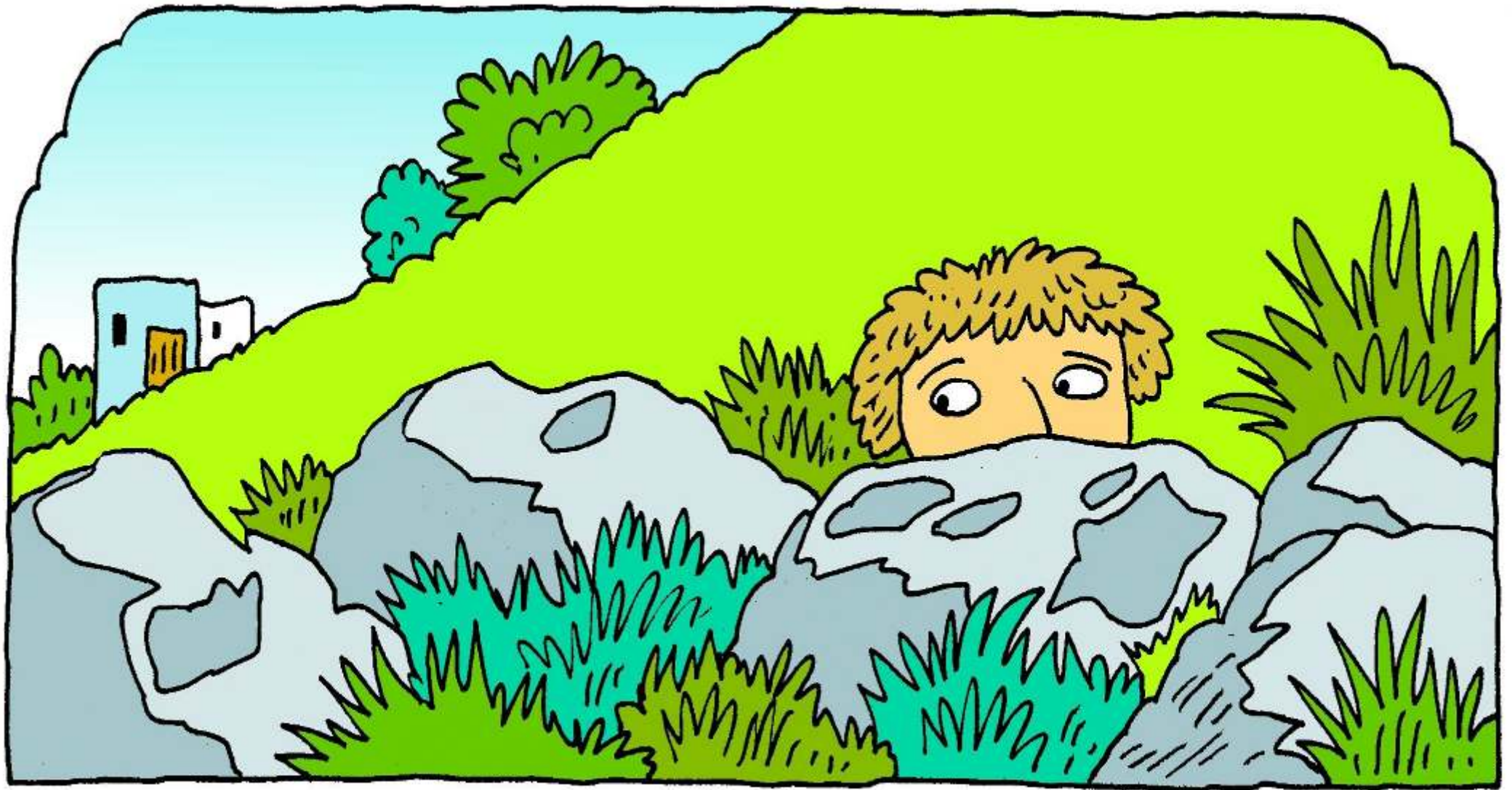


Gideon's Fleece

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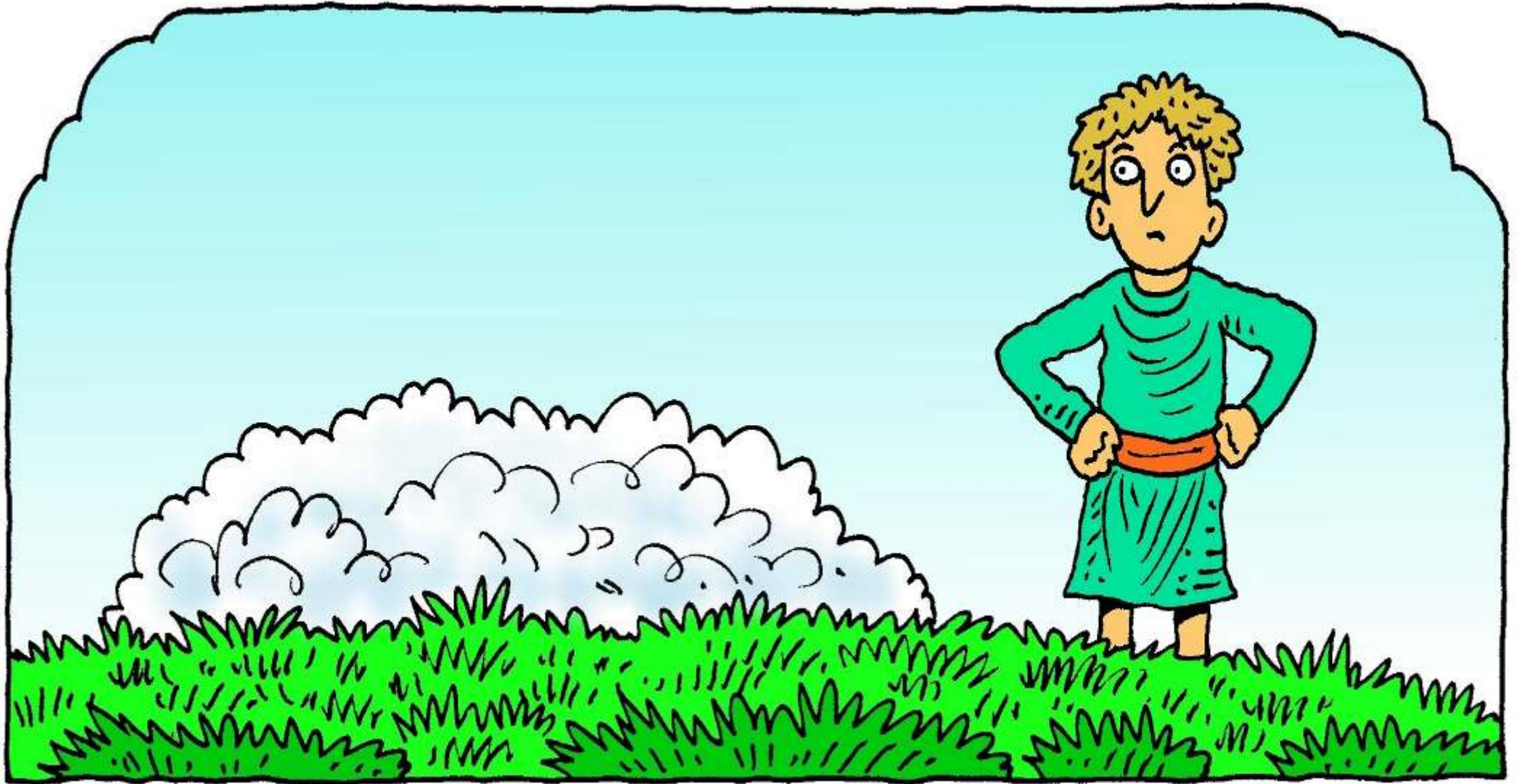


God had told Gideon
to lead an army of soldiers
and fight the enemies of Israel,
but Gideon didn't want to do what God had said.



Just to make sure he had REALLY heard God,
he took a fleece of wool, cut from a sheep.

“Please show me by a sign
that you want me to do this,” he prayed.



“I will leave it on dry ground all night.
In the morning if the ground is dry,
but the fleece is wet,
then I will lead the army.”



The next morning
the woolly fleece was dripping wet,
but the ground was dry.
“It must be a sign from God,” said Gideon.



“Just to be sure you want me to do this, God, tomorrow if the ground is wet, but the fleece is dry, I will be certain it is really you,” he prayed.
The next day the fleece was dry!



Then Gideon knew that God was with him.
He took the small army
and went to fight
Israel's enemies.



The children of Israel
were saved from their enemies
because Gideon
obeyed God.