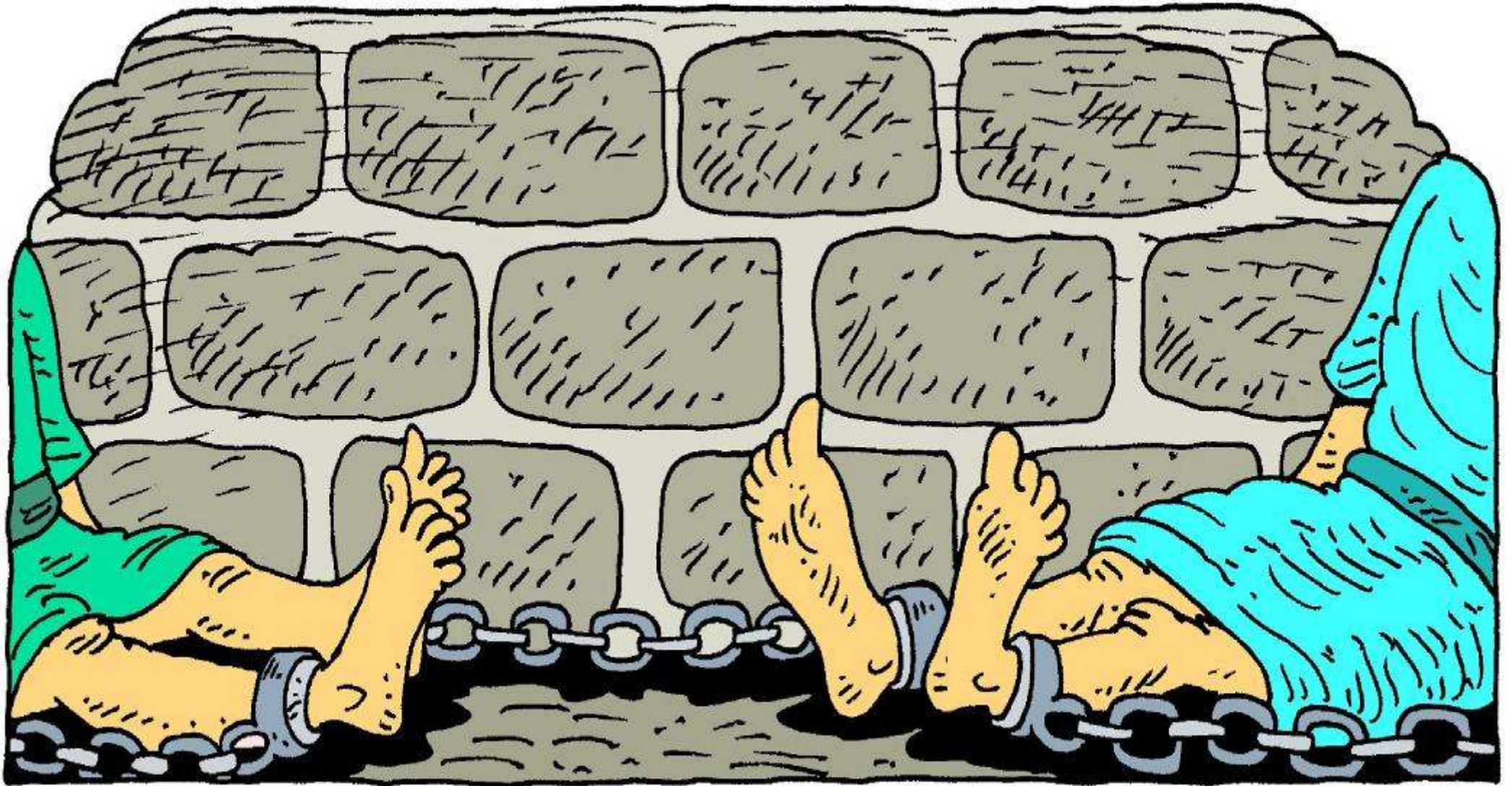


A long time ago, it was the rule that no one could talk about Jesus, or they would be put into jail. Paul and Silas loved Jesus. They told everyone about Him, so they were locked up.



The chains were heavy on their legs. It was cold and they were hungry too, but they knew that God was with them, right there in the dark, cold jail. He was their helper.



They cheered each other up with words from the Bible  
and sang songs of praise all night.  
The other prisoners and guards heard them and said,  
“How can anyone thank God in such an awful place?”



Their friends were praying that God would save them.  
A big earthquake shook all the prison doors open.  
The guards were frightened.  
If the prisoners escaped they would be in trouble.

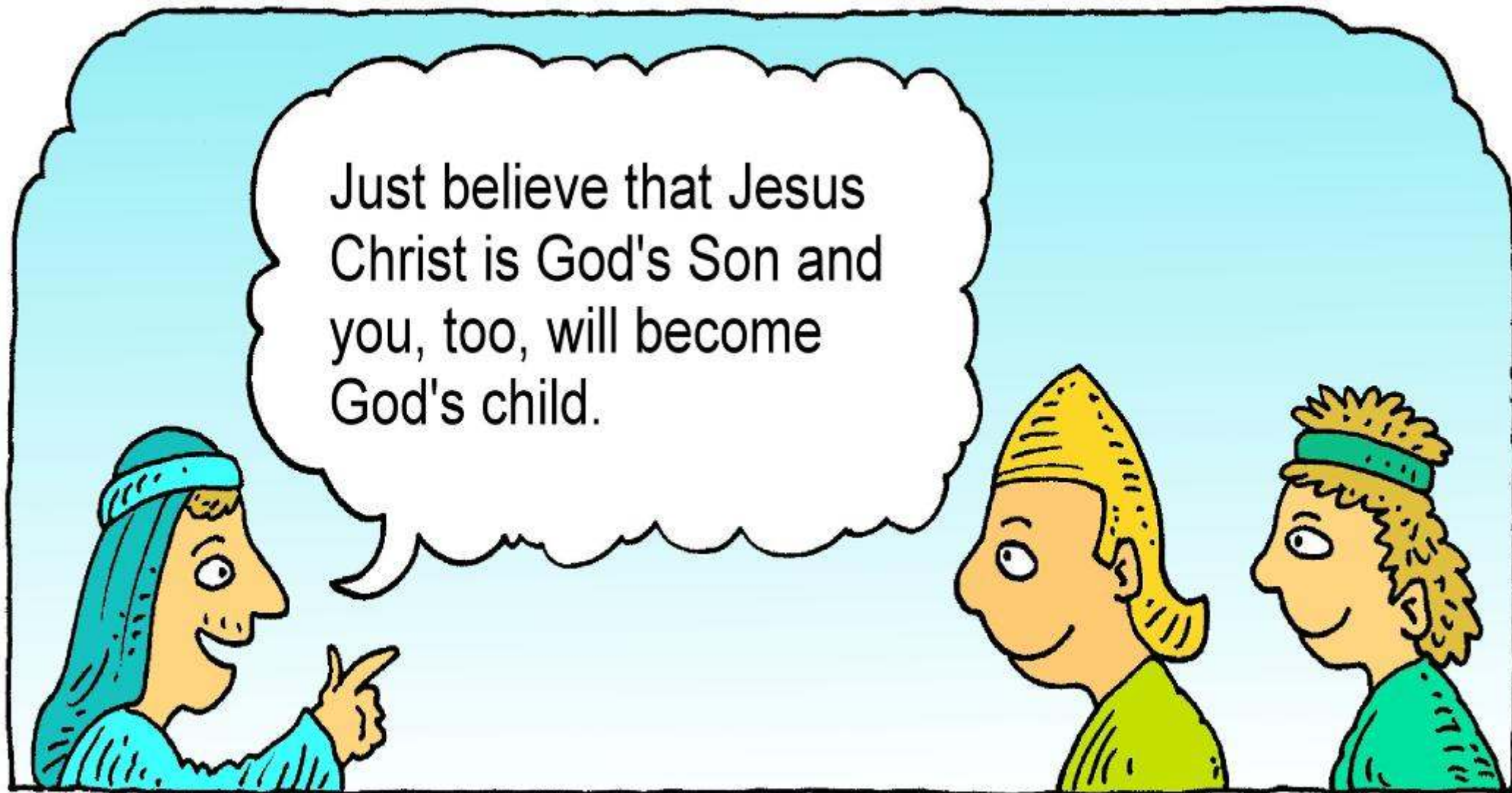


But, Paul and Silas did not run away.  
The guard was so pleased to see them.  
“We stayed because God is with us and we  
believe that Jesus is God’s Son,” they told the guard.



“Tell me about Jesus,” the guard said.

Paul told him, “Jesus was sent to earth by God. He healed and helped people, then died on a cross. Now He is alive again, just as God had promised.”



“I have heard you singing and thanking God.  
No one would do that unless  
they really believed,” said the guard.  
“Now I believe Jesus is God’s Son too.”



The guard went and told all his family about Jesus.  
They all listened to Paul and Silas  
and they all believed in Jesus too.  
Like Paul and Silas they were now God's children.