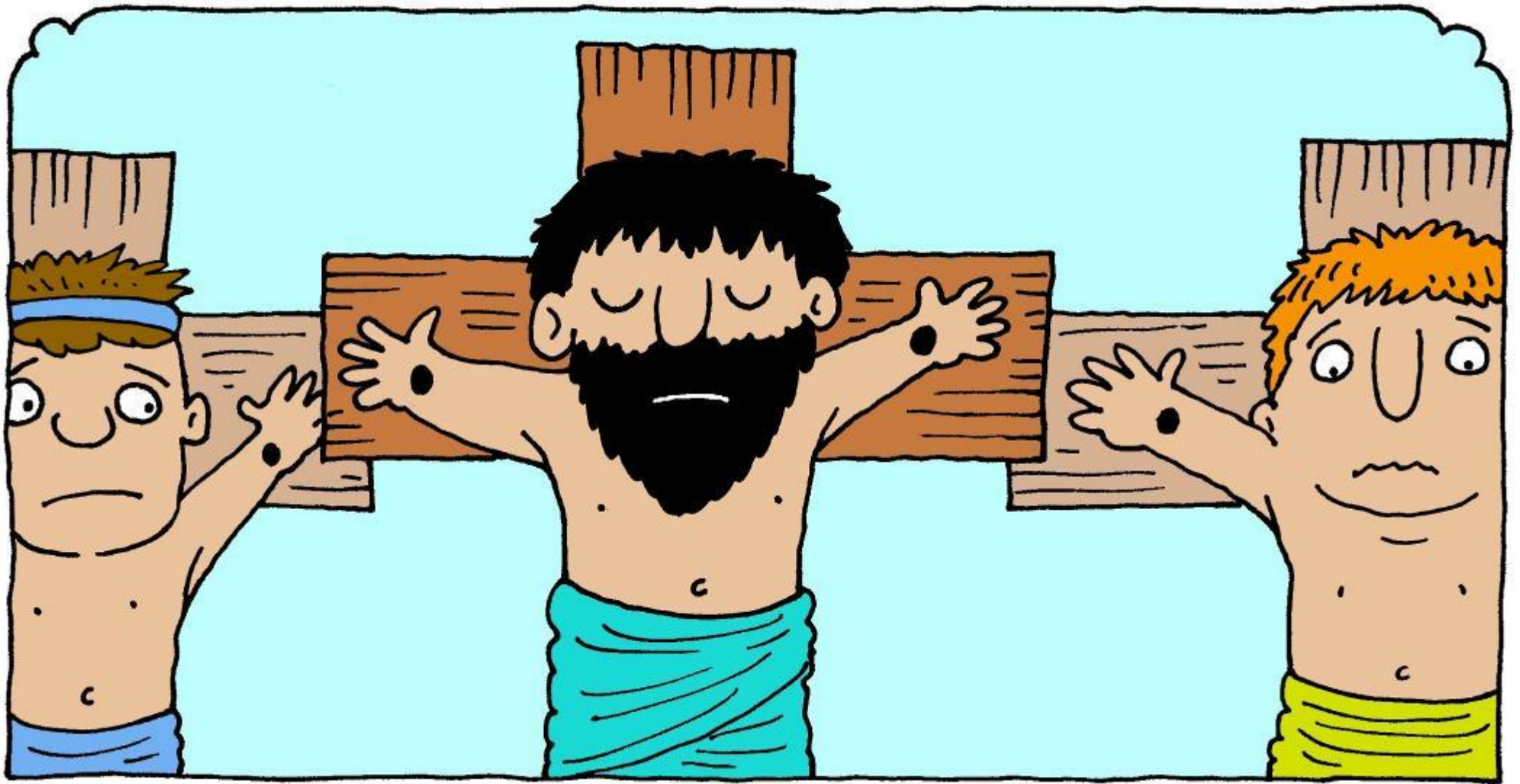


# The Thief On The Cross

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Jesus was crucified on a cross  
between two bad men.  
They were being punished  
for stealing other people's things.

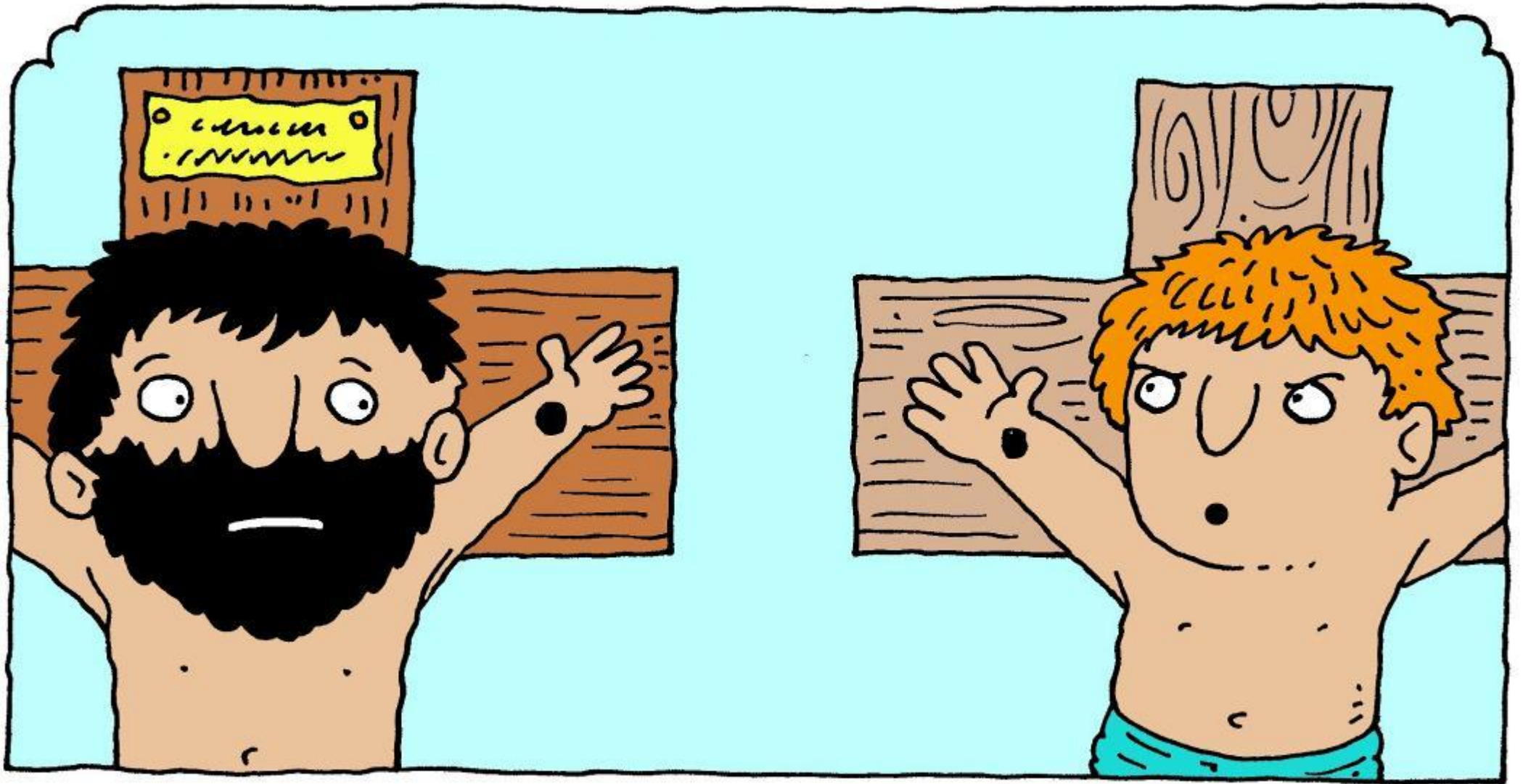


A Roman soldier nailed some words on the cross above Jesus. The words said, "This Is The King Of The Jews."



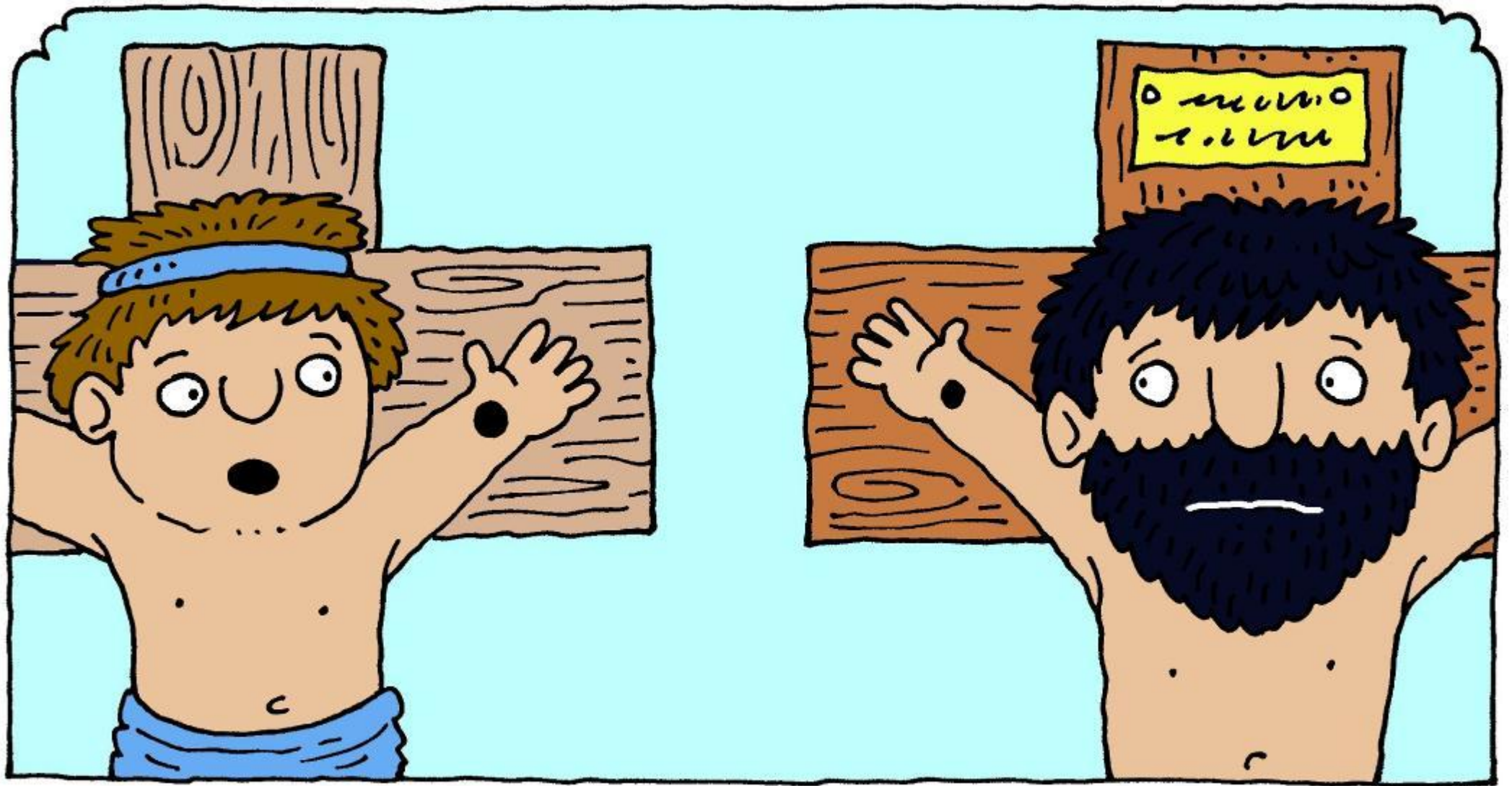


People in the crowd bowed down and made fun of Jesus, saying, "He saved others, so let him save himself if he is God's promised Messiah."

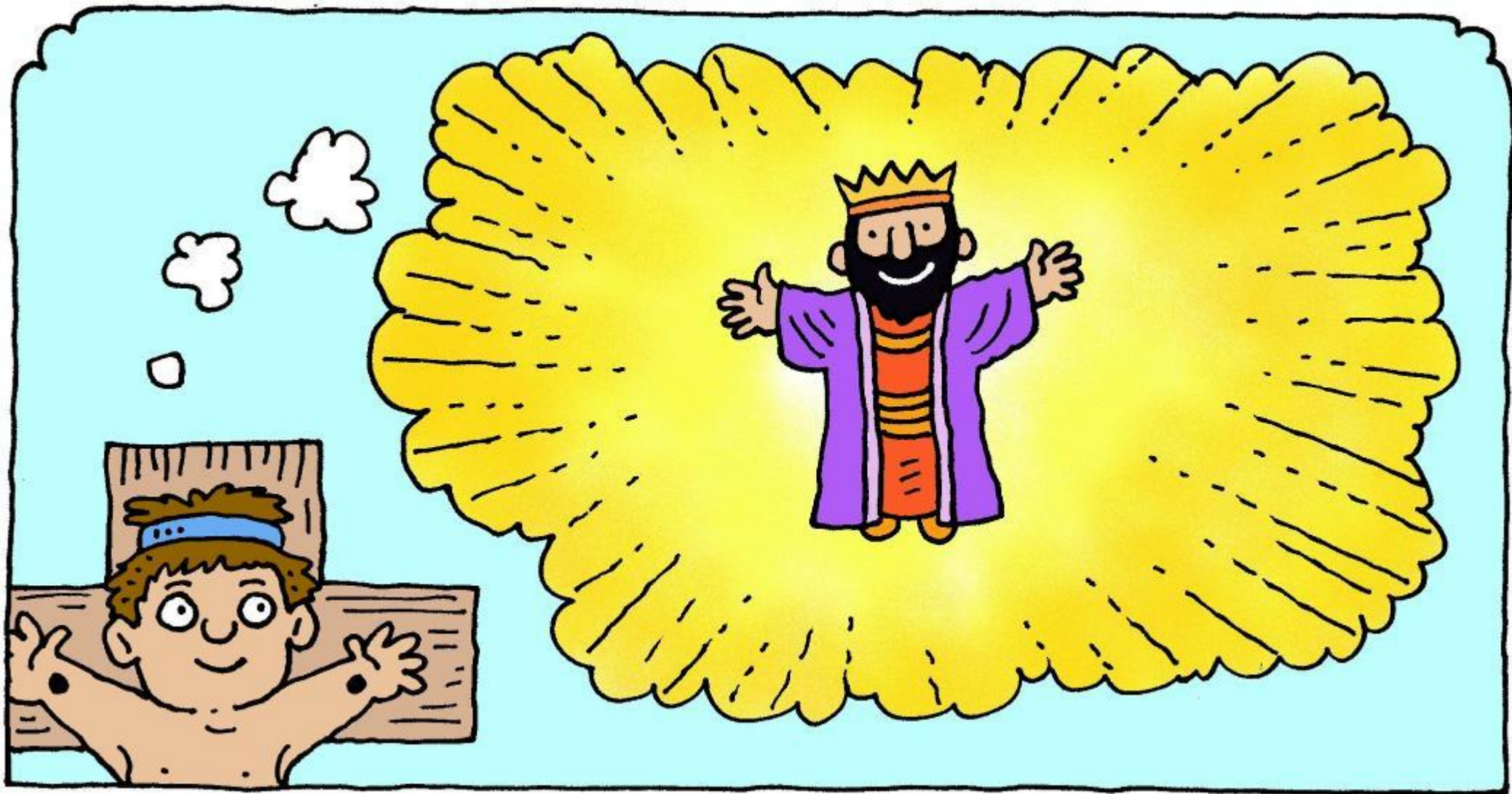


One of the bad men said to Jesus, "If you really are the promised Christ, then save yourself and save us too."



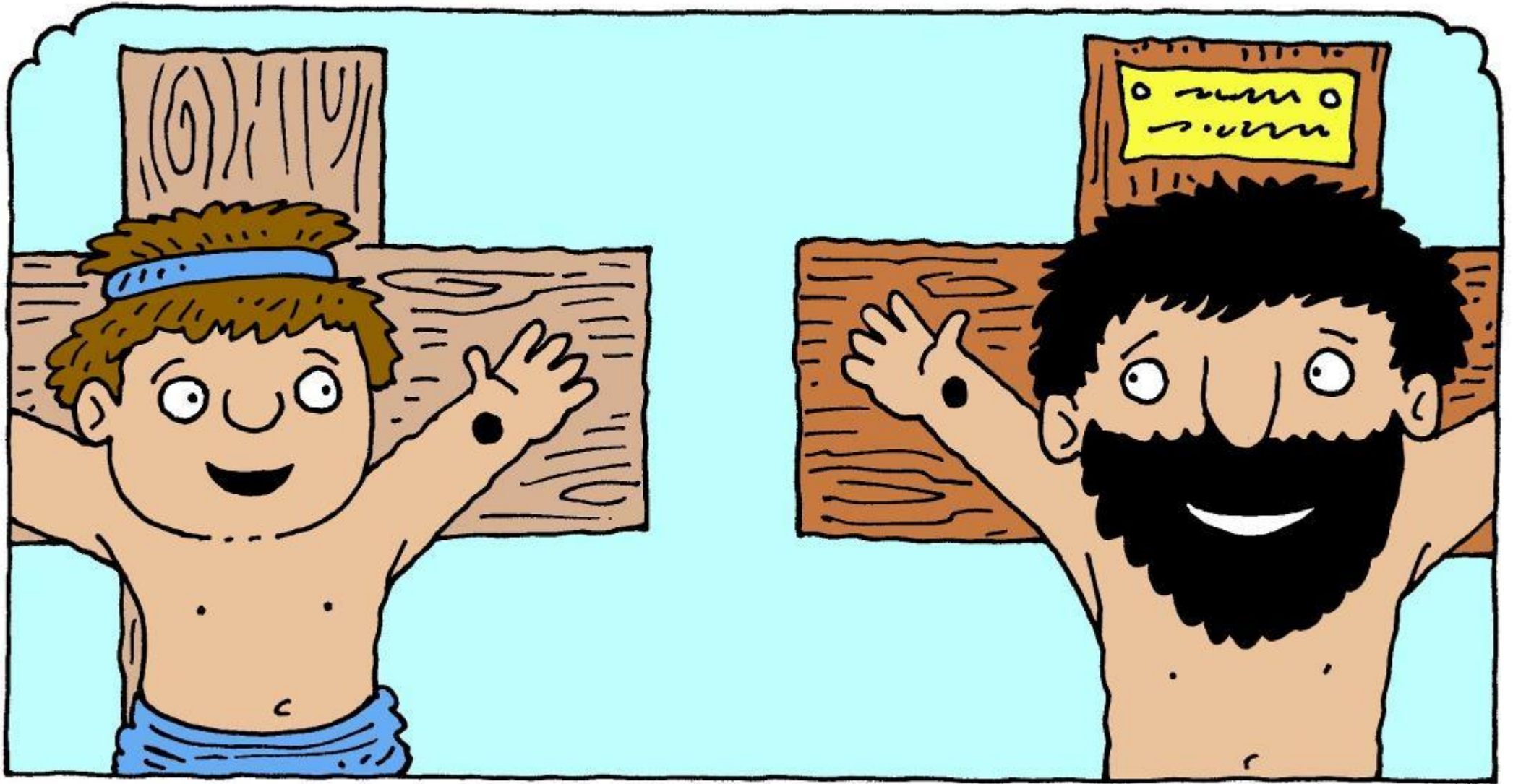


The other thief was sorry for all the bad things that he had done. "God knows that we deserve to pay for what we did, but Jesus has done nothing wrong."



“Jesus,” he said, “remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
Jesus answered, “I tell you truthfully that today you will be with me in paradise!”





The man was forgiven and  
his heart was filled with peace  
and joy because he believed that  
Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.