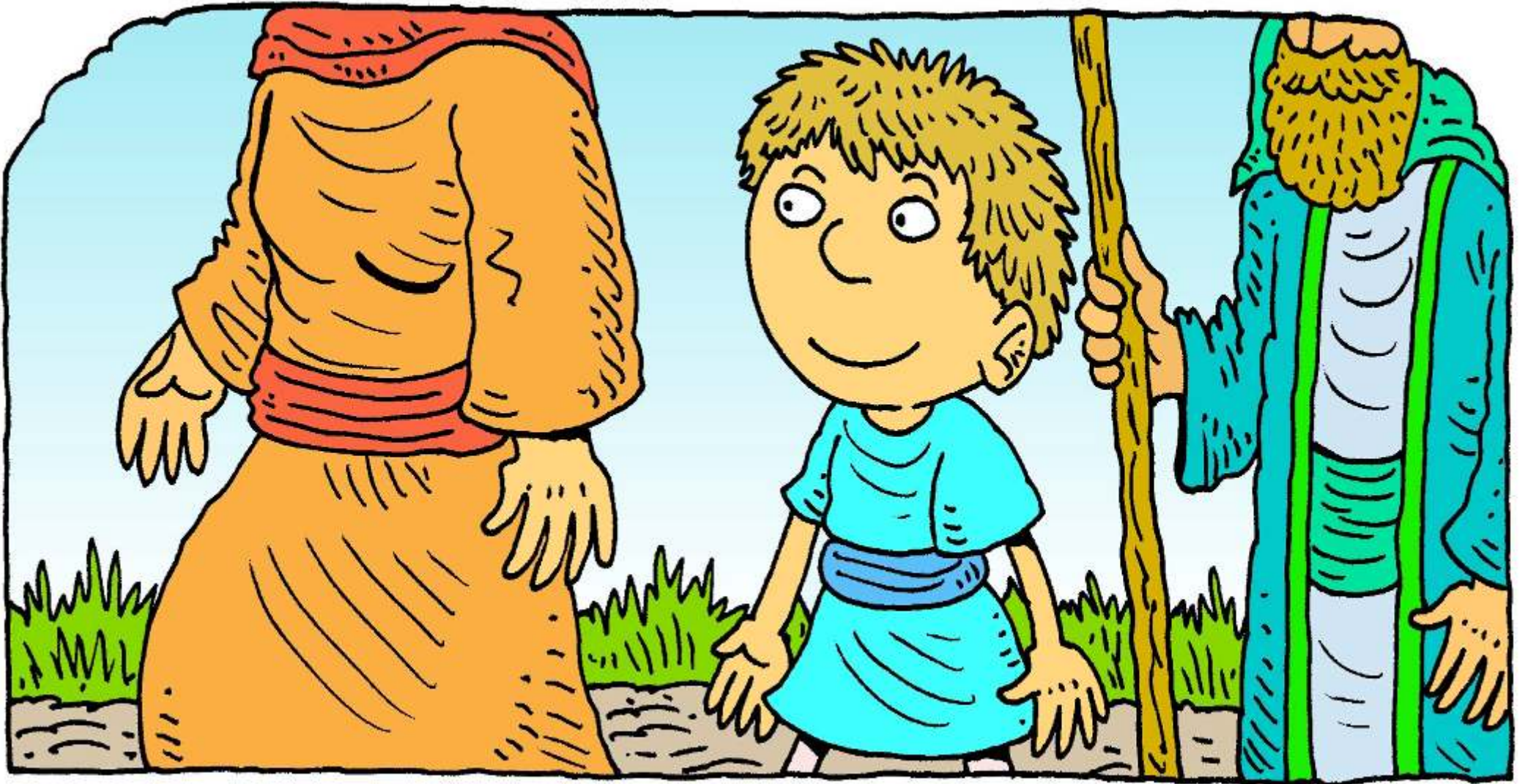


# Jesus Gets Lost

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When Jesus was twelve years old he went with his neighbours and parents, Joseph and Mary, to the Temple (church) at Jerusalem, just as they did every year.





When he got to the Jerusalem  
Jesus went to the Temple.  
He started asking questions and talking  
about God with the wise old teachers.





Jesus listened to them teaching and asked them questions too. They were amazed at how much this boy understood. He understood everything in the Bible!





When it was time to go home  
all the families went together.  
Joseph and Mary thought Jesus  
was walking with some of his friends.



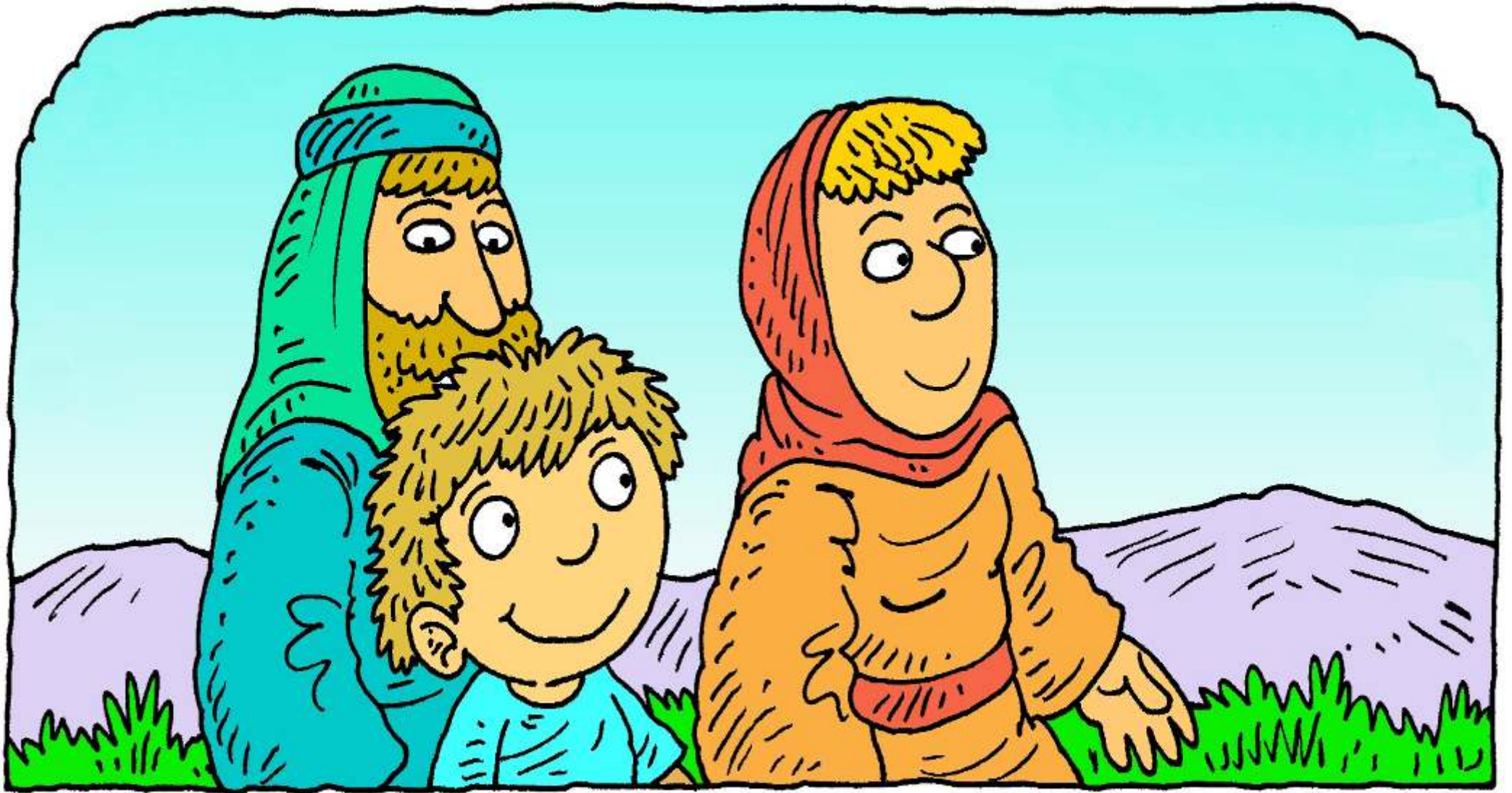


After a while they went to find Jesus,  
but no-one had seen him all day.  
“He must have been left behind,” said Joseph  
and they hurried back to look for him.





At last they found Jesus in the Temple with the teachers!  
Joseph and Mary told him how worried they were  
when they couldn't find him.  
“Didn't you know I was in my Father's house?” said Jesus.



He went straight home with them.  
Jesus always listened to his parents and obeyed them.  
And Mary never forgot how much Jesus loved  
God's word, even when he was a little boy.