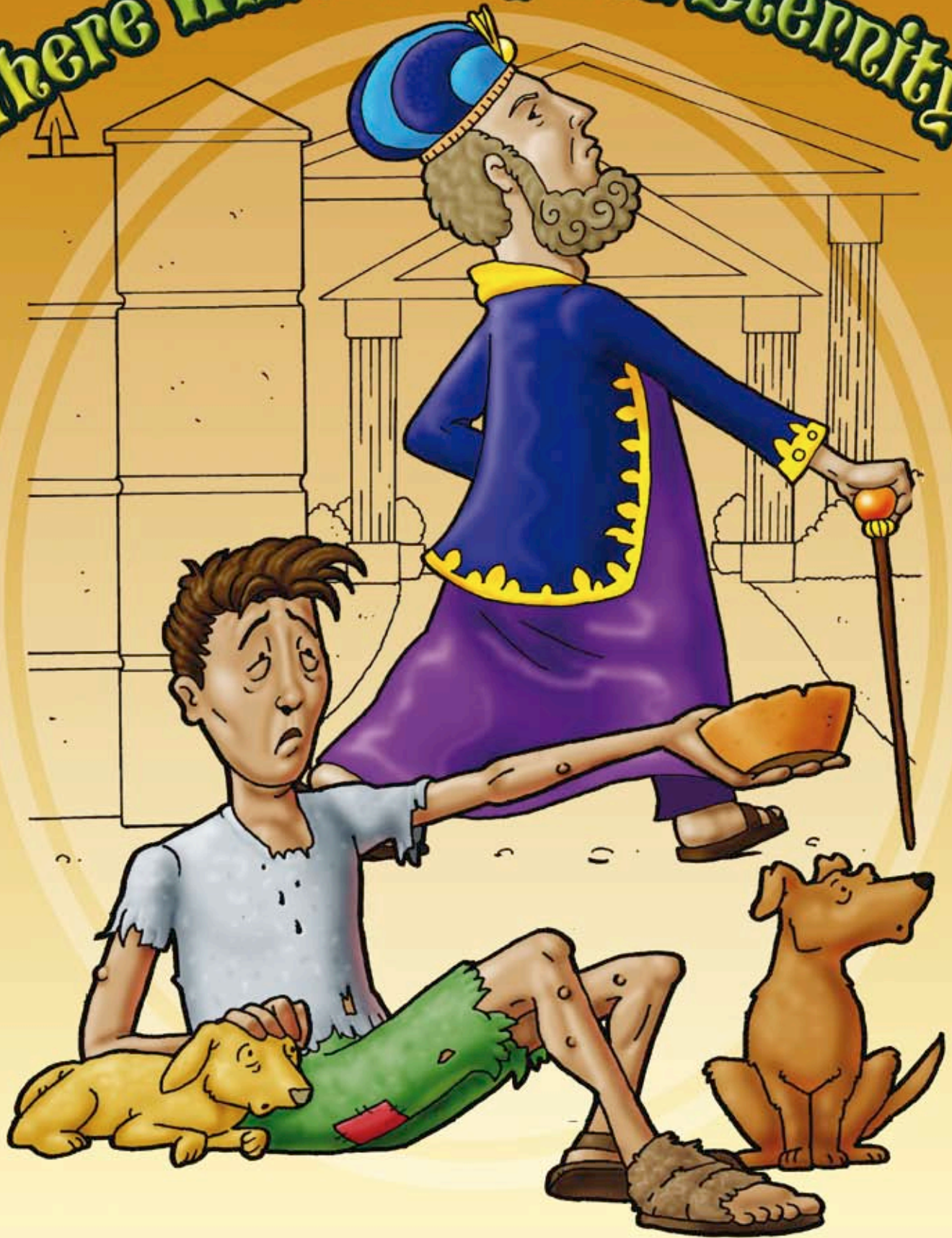


# Where Will You Spend Eternity?



Lazarus and the Rich Man: Luke 16

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This is a question we each need to think about. The Bible has the answers to that question. Listen close so that you can decide for yourself where you will spend eternity.

### **If Someone asked you to live in the most wonderful place in the entire Universe, would you want to live there? Yes!**

The Bible tells us that God lives in the most wonderful place called Heaven. It is a beautiful place where there is no suffering, no sickness and no pain. In Heaven there are beautiful mansions, streets of gold, and the sweet song of angels singing praises to God. And the best thing about Heaven is this, Jesus is there! Jesus is God's only Son and He loves you more than you can even know! And Jesus wants you to live in Heaven with Him. But there is a problem that keeps us from Heaven. That problem is sin. God is perfect and holy and never sins. He cannot allow sin into Heaven. Each one of us is born into this world as a sinner. That means we think, say and do things that are against God. The Bible says that our sin separates us from God and keeps us from Heaven. As a matter of fact our sins are so bad that we deserve to live forever in that place of torment called hell.

### **If Someone asked you to trade something horrible for the best thing in the world would you do it? Yes!**

The most horrible thing in the world is our very own sin! And the Bible says that because of our sin, we deserve to die. That's horrible too! But God offers us a wonderful trade. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins. The Bible says "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23a). When Jesus died on the cross He paid the wages of our sin because He died in our place. The verse goes on to say that "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 6:23b) Eternal life means that our sins are forgiven and Heaven is our forever home!

### **Would you like to trade your sin for eternal life? Yes!**

Then, simply admit that you are a sinner and believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour. When you believe this, your sins are forgiven, you are born into God's family and Heaven is your forever home!

***"He that has the Son has the life, He that does not have the Son of God, does not have the life." 1 John 5:12***

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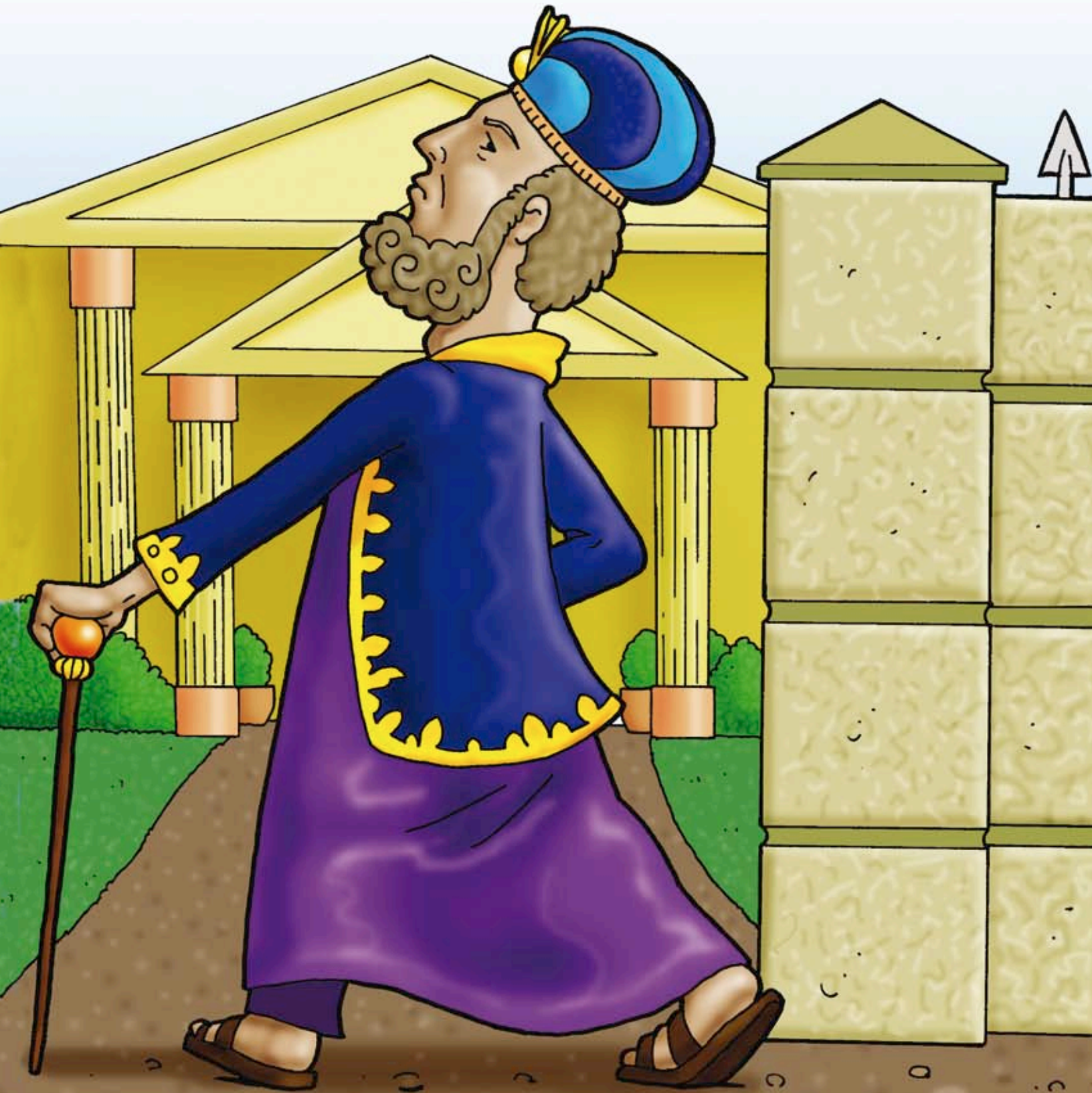
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When Jesus was alive on this earth he told a story, a true story, about a very, very rich man and a very, very poor man. It's a story that teaches each of us how to know where we will spend eternity! This story is told in Luke 16:19-31.



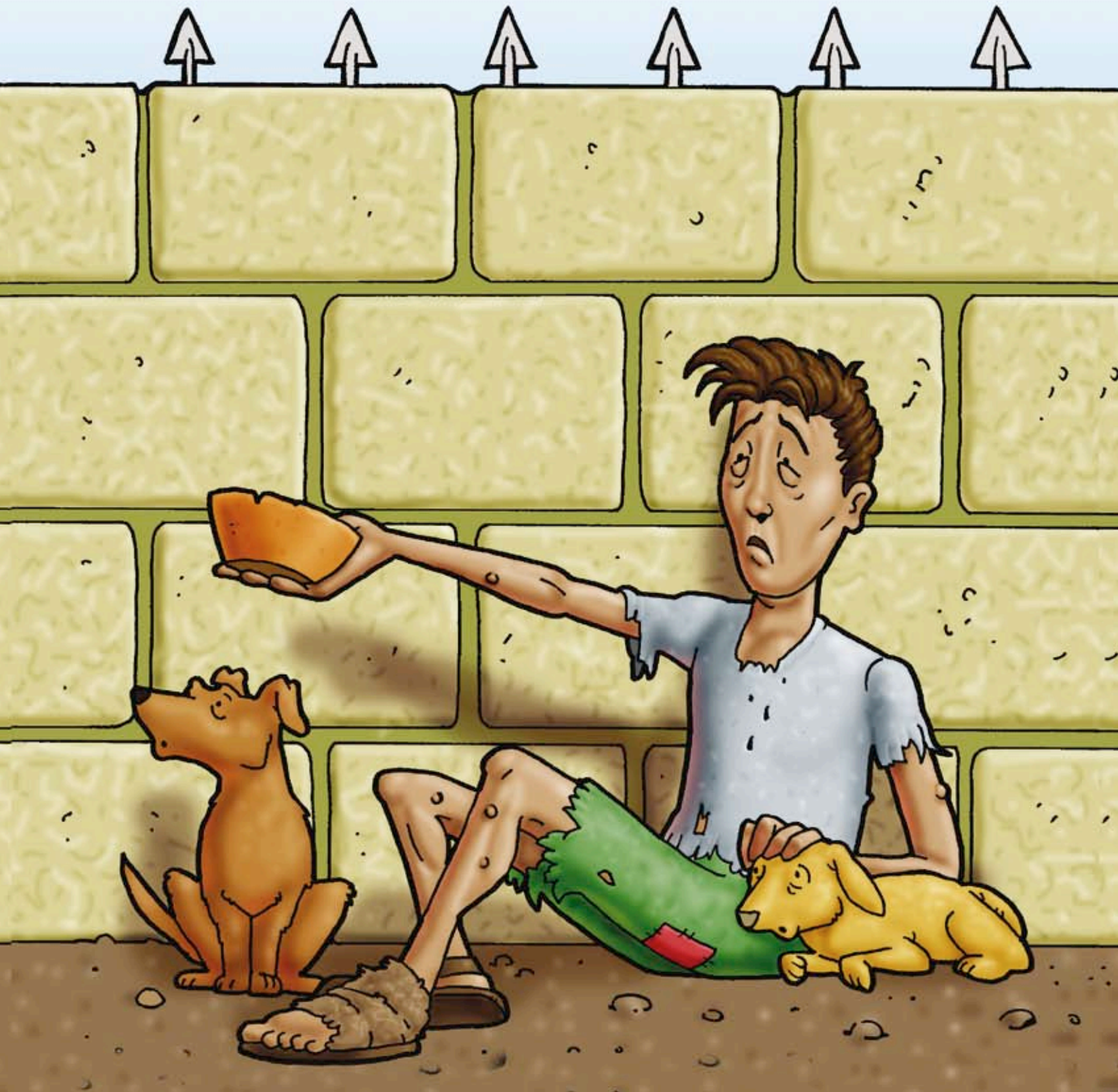
This is the rich man. He had everything! Every day he dressed in fancy clothes. He ate the best food in his fancy house. Everyone loved to be with the rich man!





This is Lazarus, the poor beggar man. He had nothing! Every day he dressed in rags. He was so hungry he wished he could eat the crumbs from the rich man's table. His only friends were the dogs that would lick his wounds!

But then, Lazarus died! What a wonderful day that was for Lazarus! He believed in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and guess what happened to Lazarus? The angels came and welcomed him straight into Paradise! His suffering was over and he was happy forever with God!



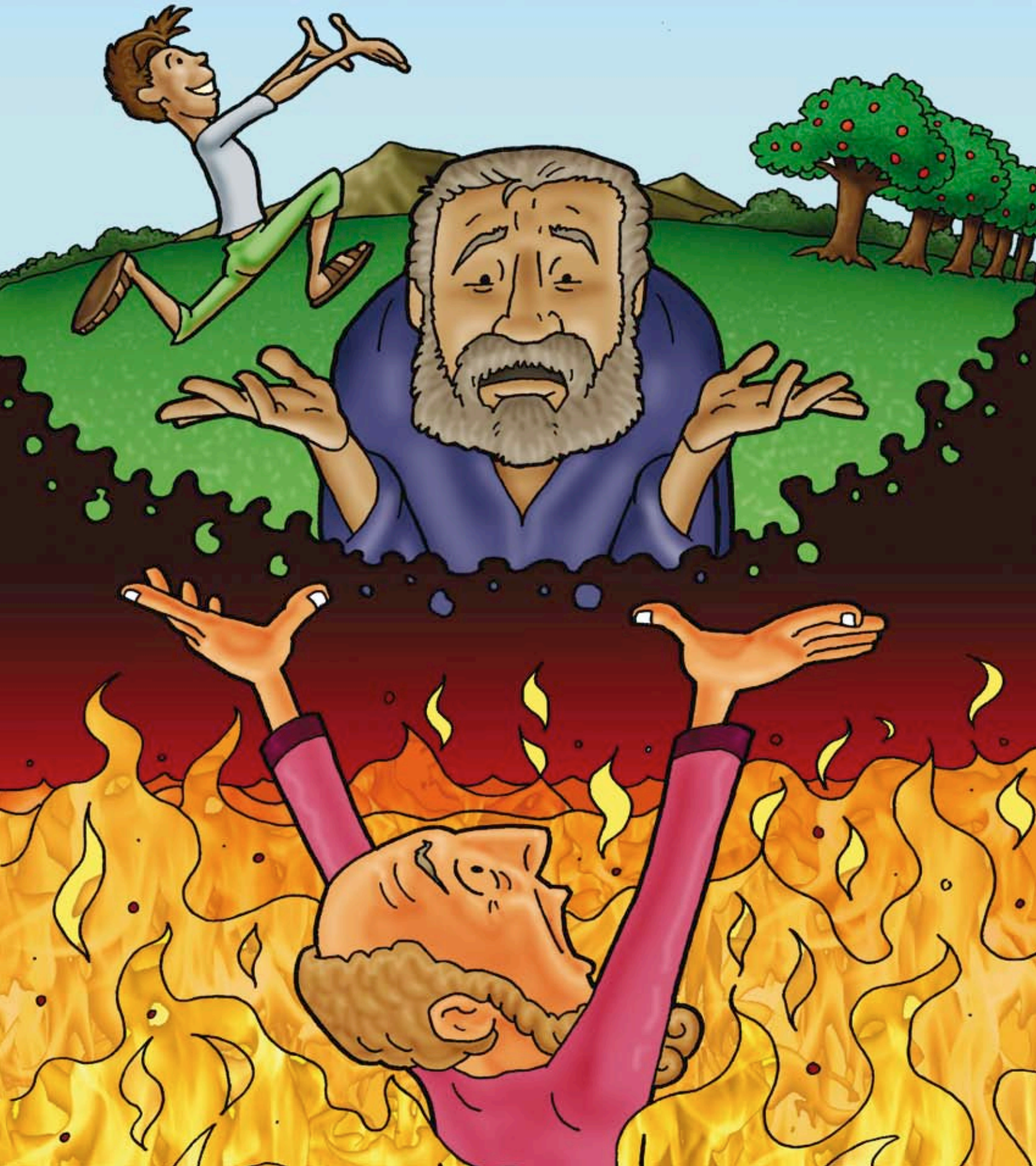


Then, the rich man also died. What a horrible day that was for the rich man! He never believed in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and guess what happened to the rich man? He went to a terrible place called Hell! His fun was over, his riches were gone, and he would be forever in torment without God.





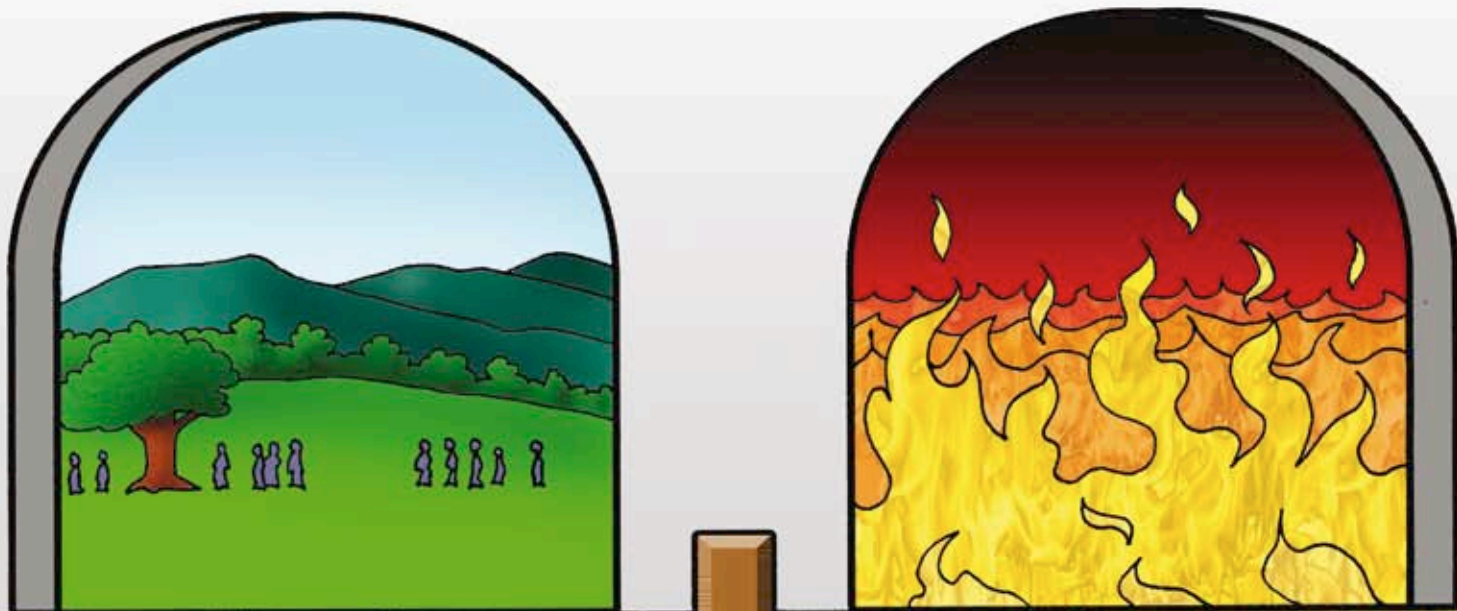
In Hell the rich man cried out in pain, “send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and cool off my tongue!” But Lazarus could not help the rich man. Because he never believed in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior he would spend forever in suffering, loneliness and pain!





1 John 5:12 says, **“He who has the Son, has the life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”** Lazarus believed in Jesus as His Lord and Savior. He has the Son and he has eternal life! The rich man did not believe. He does not have the Son of God and he does not have eternal life.

**Boys and girls, what is going to happen to you when you die?**



Will you be like Lazarus and live forever in happiness with God? Or, will you be like the rich man and live forever in torment? The choice is yours. The Bible says, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”** Acts 16:31