

Today's CRAZY story from the Bible is about a man named Gideon. Gideon was a farmer. Our story begins with Gideon hiding because he is scared of the Midianites, the enemies of the Israelites, God's chosen people. They would come and invade the Israelites' farms (including Gideon's) and steal all of their crops and food. Gideon hid in a winepress because he was afraid. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." Mighty warrior? That doesn't make any sense at all. Gideon was not a mighty



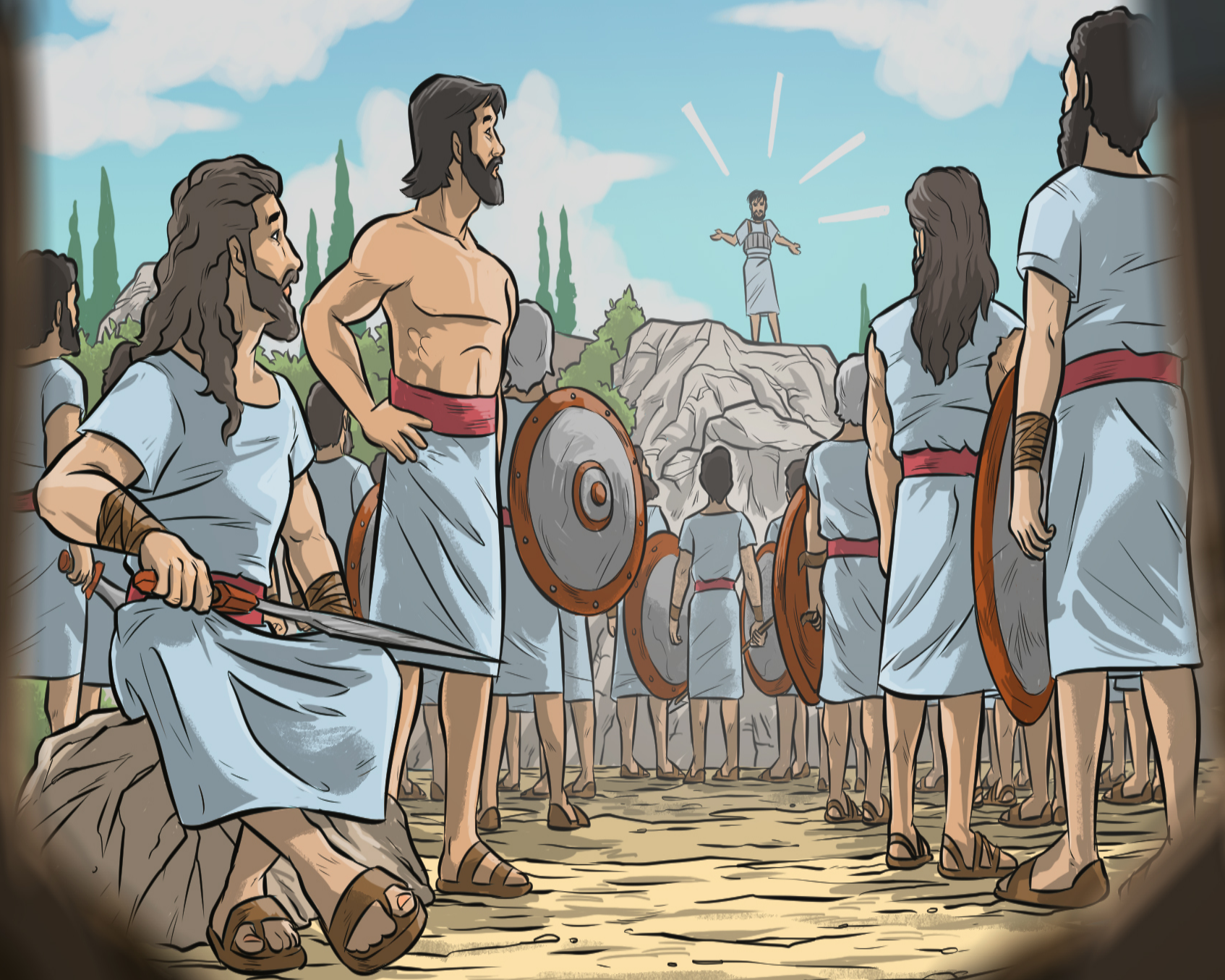
The angel told Gideon that God wanted him to lead the army of Israel in battle to defeat the Midianites. Gideon argued for awhile but finally decided to go ahead and answer God's call to lead His people into victory, even though it made NO SENSE at all. Gideon put out a call for all of the fighting men of Israel to meet him so he could put together an army to defeat the Midianites.



Mighty warrior...

He looked out at this army of 32,000 men and thought, “Maybe we can do this.” But then God told Gideon, “You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands.” Too many men? How can you have too many men for a battle? That made no sense!

Gideon told all the men who were scared to go home, and 22,000 of them left. Now, he only had 10,000 men to fight against the Midianite army.



As if things couldn't get worse, God told him there were still too many men. God then told Gideon to let the men go down to the water and get a drink. He told him that the men who drank the water by scooping it with their hands could remain in the army. WHAT? Does that make sense? Choosing an army based on how the soldiers drink water? But Gideon obeyed.



Then, it REALLY got crazy! God told Gideon to take the 300 men who were left and give them each a jar, a torch, and a trumpet. He instructed Gideon to have his army surround the camp of the Midianites, hold up jars and candles, and blow trumpets. What a CRAZY battle plan! But Gideon obeyed. Gideon and the men reached the edge of the camp, blew their trumpets, and broke the jars that were in their hands. The Midianites woke up from their sleep and were so confused by the lights surrounding their camp that they started fighting each other. They ended up defeating themselves, and Gideon's men didn't even have to fight at all. They won the victory with candles, jars, and trumpets. Gideon obeyed, even when it didn't make sense.



WHEN GOD DOESN'T



MAKE SENSE



I SAY:

“GOD,

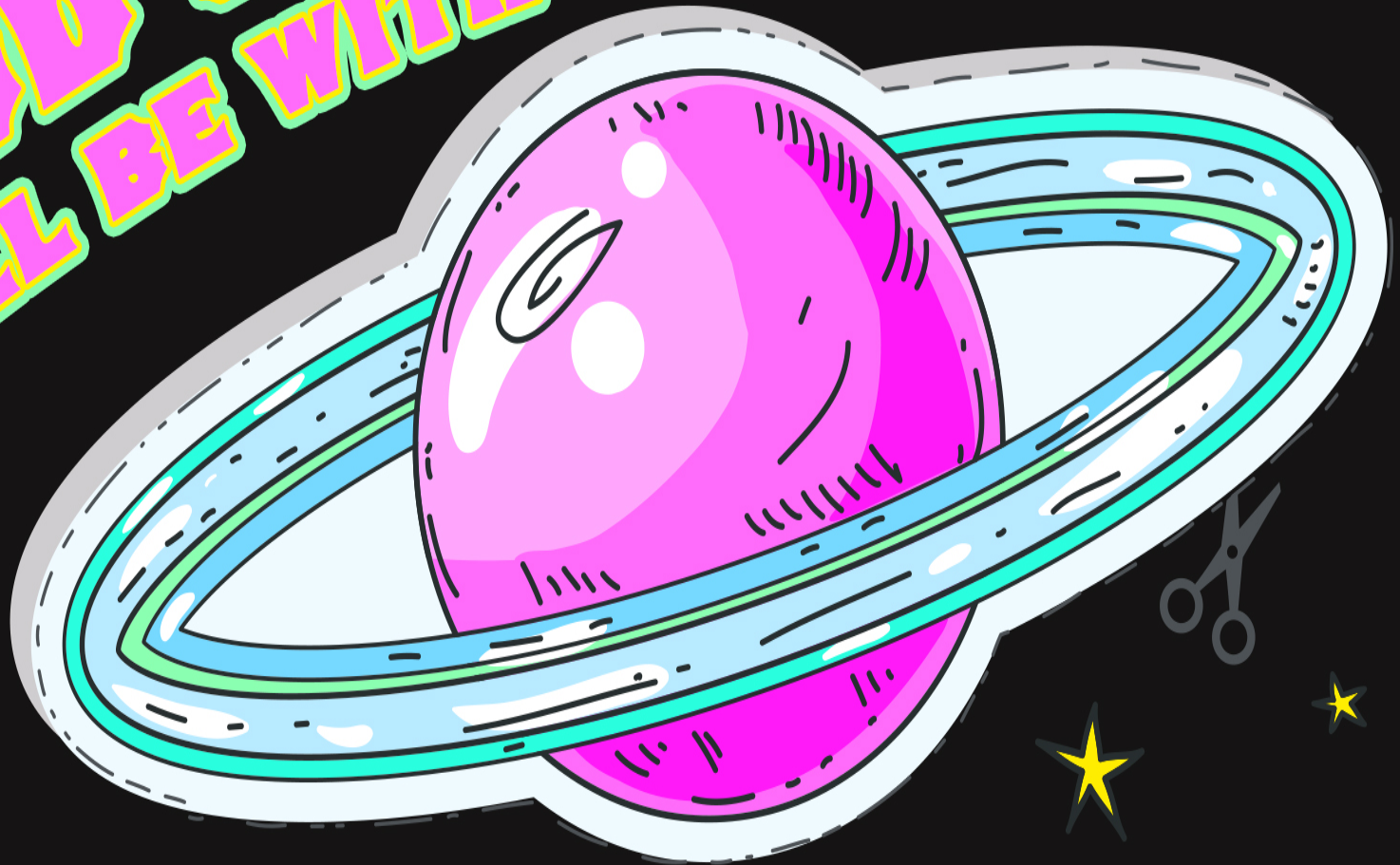
ARE YOU

SURE YOU

CAN USE

ME?”

GOD SAYS!
I WILL BE WITH YOU!

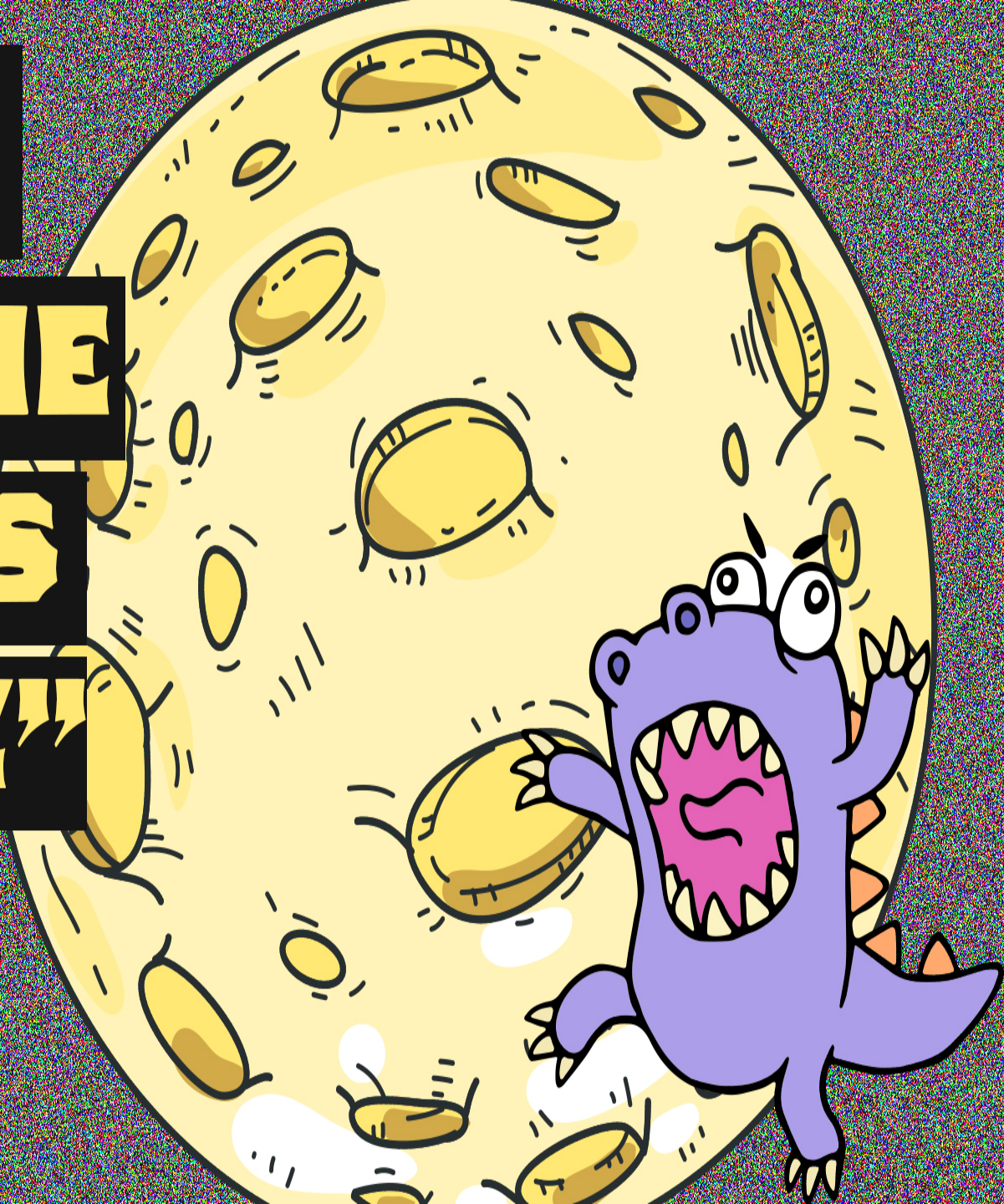


I SAY:

"GOD, THE

ENEMY IS

TOO BIG!"



A cartoon illustration of a green dinosaur with a large, brown speech bubble. The dinosaur has a friendly expression with large, white eyes and a small, jagged mouth. The speech bubble contains the text "GOD SAYS: 'I AM BIGGER!'". The background is a solid yellow color.

**GOD
SAYS:
"I AM
BIGGER!"**



**I SAY:
“GOD, THIS
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE!”**



**GOD SAYS:
"I AM GOD!"**