

GOD'S *Way* TO *Live*

PSALM 1

Big Idea :

There are only two ways to live – God's righteous way which brings blessing or the way of the wicked which leads to destruction.

Aim :

To teach that living a righteous life by faith in Jesus is the best way to live.

INTRO GAME

Would you rather???

Before playing

- Explain that you are going to read out 2 options and the children have to choose one of the options by moving to either the left or right hand side of the room

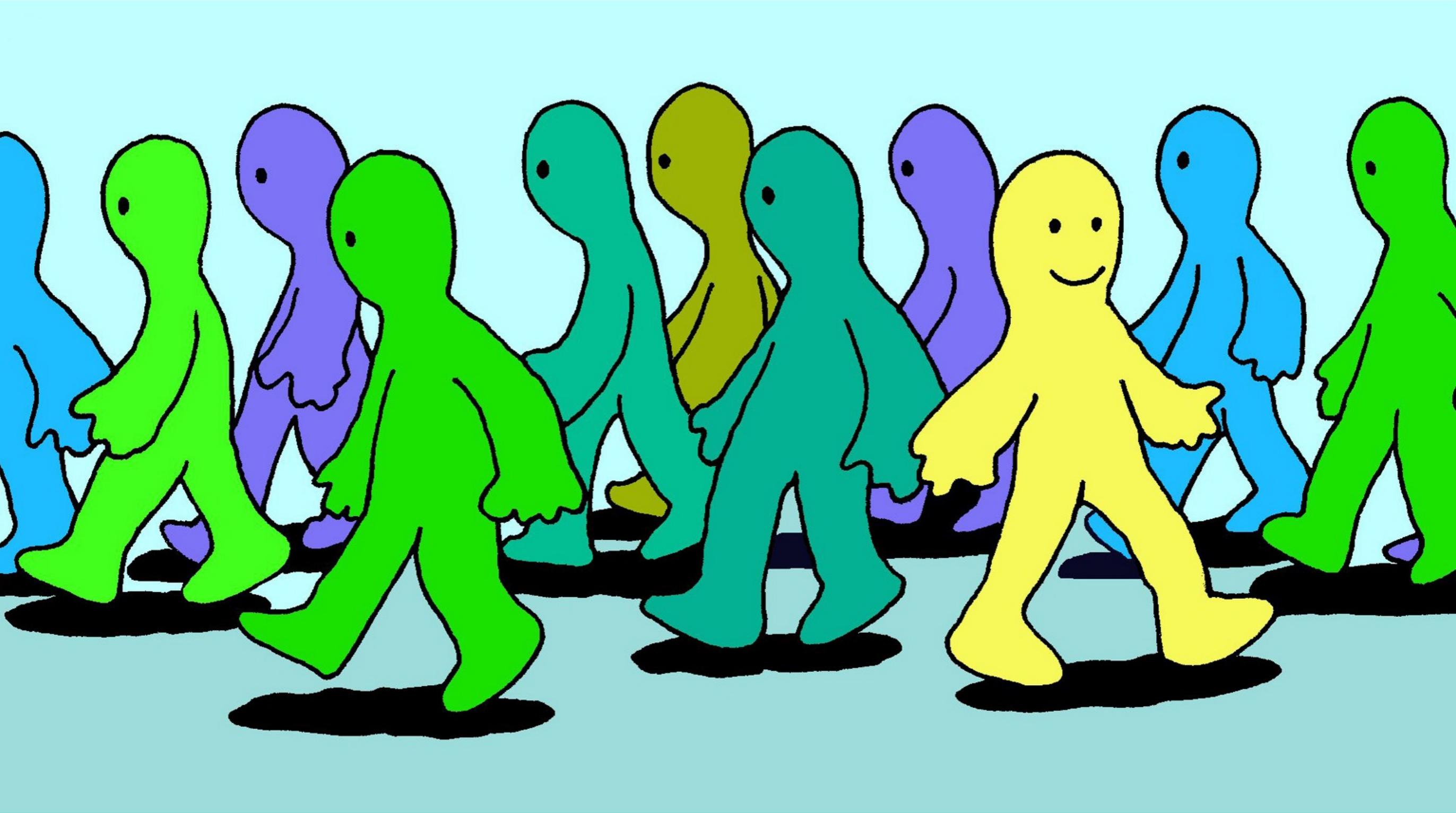
After playing -

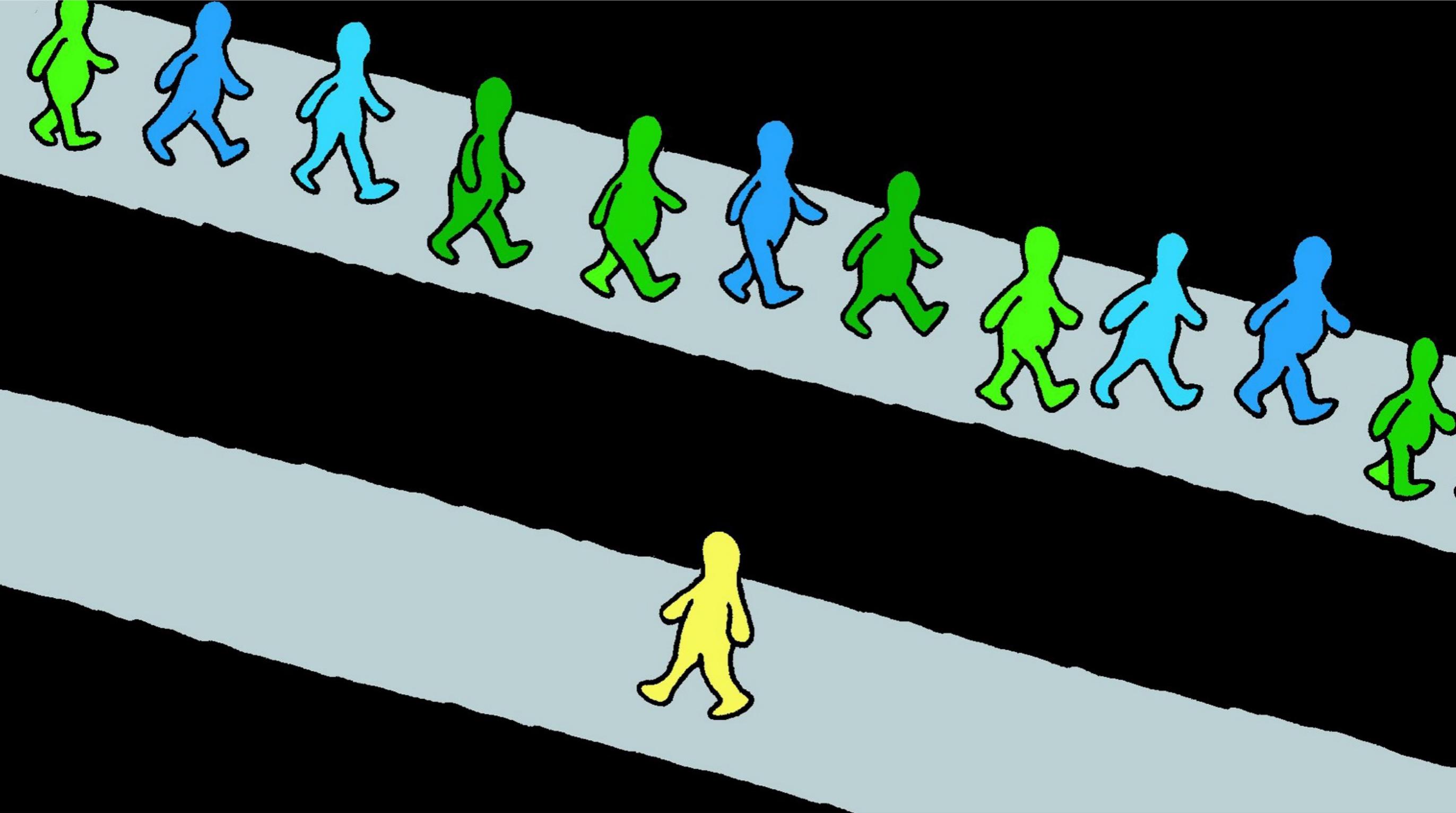
- Talk about why they chose some things rather than others.
- Did they all choose the same thing each time?
- Today's Bible lesson is a song about choosing the best way to live

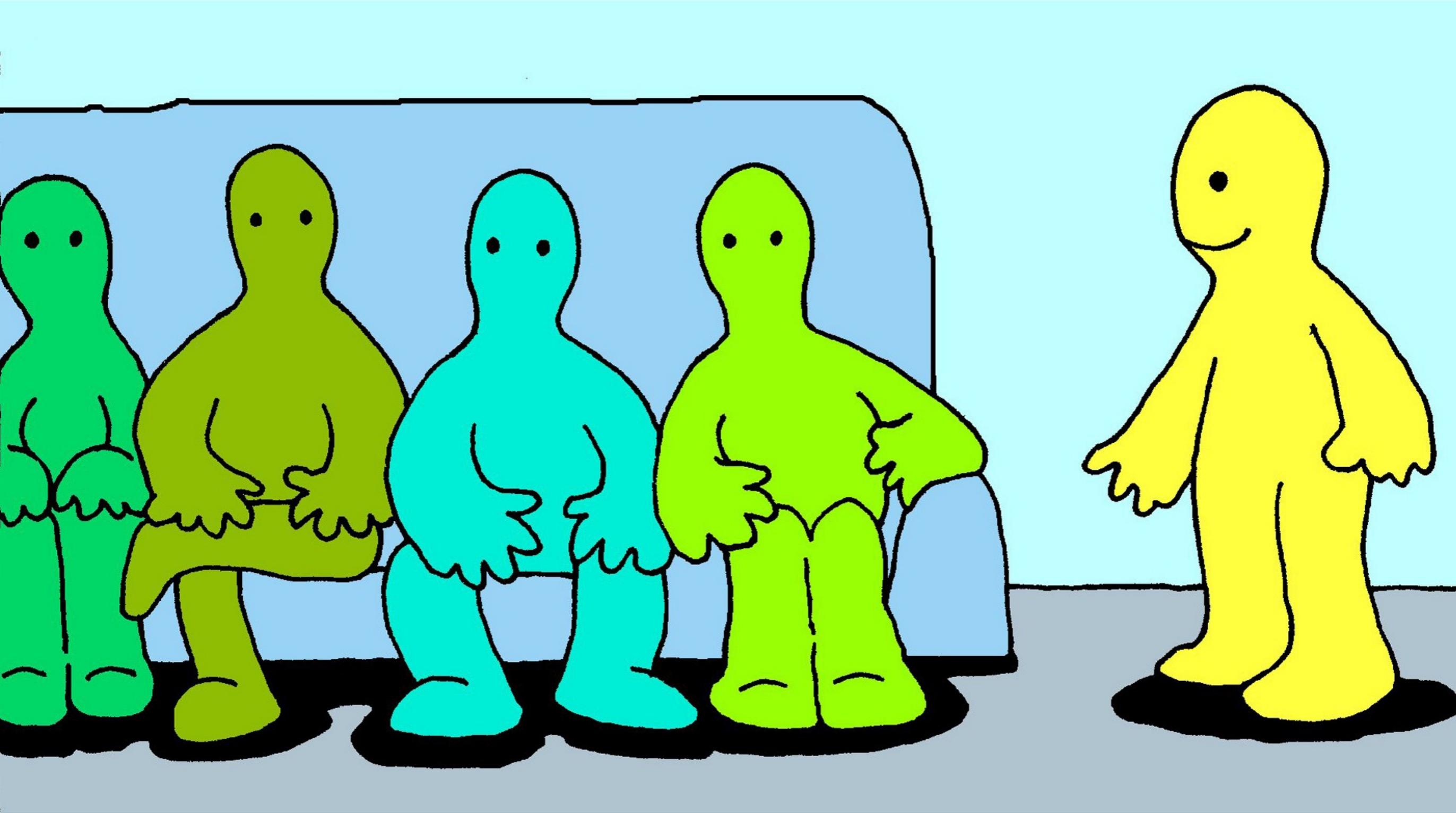
1. Would you rather be a detective or a pilot?
2. Would you rather go skiing or go to a water park?
3. Would you rather fly a kite or swing on a swing?
4. Would you rather dance or sing?
5. Would you rather play hide and seek or dodgeball?
6. Would you rather be incredibly funny or incredibly smart?
7. Would you rather become five years older or two years younger?
8. Would you rather have a full suit of armor or a horse?
9. Would you rather be a master at drawing or be an amazing singer?
10. Would you rather be a wizard or a superhero?
11. Would you rather sail a boat or ride in a hang glider?
12. Would you rather brush your teeth with soap or drink sour milk?
13. Would you rather be a famous inventor or a famous writer?
14. Would you rather do school work as a group or by yourself?
15. Would you rather be able to do flips and backflips or break dance?
16. Would you rather see a firework display or a circus performance?
17. Would you rather it be warm and raining or cold and snowing today?
18. Would you rather be able to create a new holiday or create a new sport?
19. Would you rather only be able to walk on all fours or only be able to walk sideways like a crab?
20. Would you rather start a colony on another planet or be the leader of a small country on Earth?
21. Would you rather be able to see things that are very far away, like binoculars or be able to see things very close up, like a microscope?
22. Would you rather be an incredibly fast swimmer or an incredibly fast runner?
23. Would you rather own an old-timey pirate ship and crew or a private jet with a pilot and infinite fuel?
24. Would you rather be able to jump as far as a kangaroo or hold your breath as long as a whale?
25. Would you rather be able to type/text very fast or be able to read really quickly?

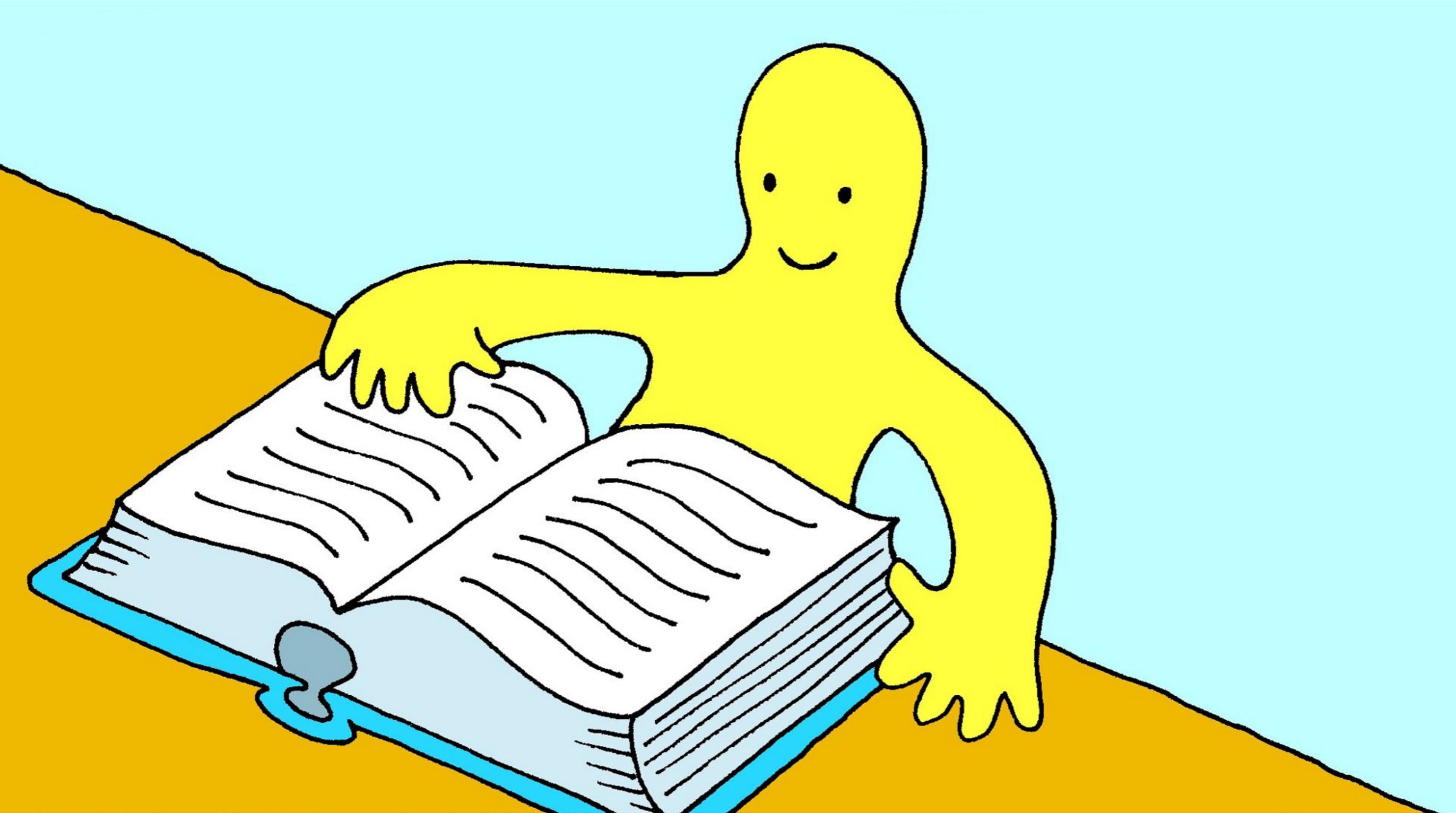
26. Would you rather randomly turn into a frog for a day once a month or randomly turn into a bird for a day once every week?
27. Would you rather have the chance to design a new toy or create a new TV show?
28. Would you rather be really good at math or really good at sports?
29. Would you rather be the author of a popular book or a musician in a band who released a popular album?
30. Would you rather live in a house shaped like a circle or a house shaped like a triangle?
31. Would you rather live in a place with a lot of trees or live in a place near the ocean?
32. Would you rather have your room redecorated however you want or ten toys of your choice (can be any price)?
33. Would you rather have a magic carpet that flies or a see-through submarine?
34. Would you rather everything in your house be one color or every single wall and door be a different color?
35. Would you rather visit the international space station for a week or stay in an underwater hotel for a week?
36. Would you rather have ninja-like skills or have amazing coding skills in any language?
37. Would you rather be able to control fire or water?
38. Would you rather have a new silly hat appear in your closet every morning or a new pair of shoes appear in your closet once a week?
39. Would you rather be able to remember everything you've ever seen or heard or be able to perfectly imitate any voice you heard?
40. Would you rather drink every meal as a smoothie or never be able to eat food that has been cooked?
41. Would you rather meet your favorite celebrity or be on a TV show?
42. Would you rather be a master at origami or a master of sleight of hand magic?
43. Would you rather have a tail that can't grab things or wings that can't fly?
44. Would you rather have a special room you could fill with as many bubbles as you want, anytime you want or have a slide that goes from your roof to the ground?
45. Would you rather dance in front of 1000 people or sing in front of 1000 people?
46. Would you rather ride a very big horse or a very small pony?
47. Would you rather be able to shrink down to the size of an ant any time you wanted to or be able to grow to the size of a two-story building anytime you wanted to?
48. Would you rather be able to move silently or have an incredibly loud and scary voice?
49. Would you rather be bulletproof or be able to survive falls from any height?
50. Would you rather eat a whole raw onion or a whole lemon?

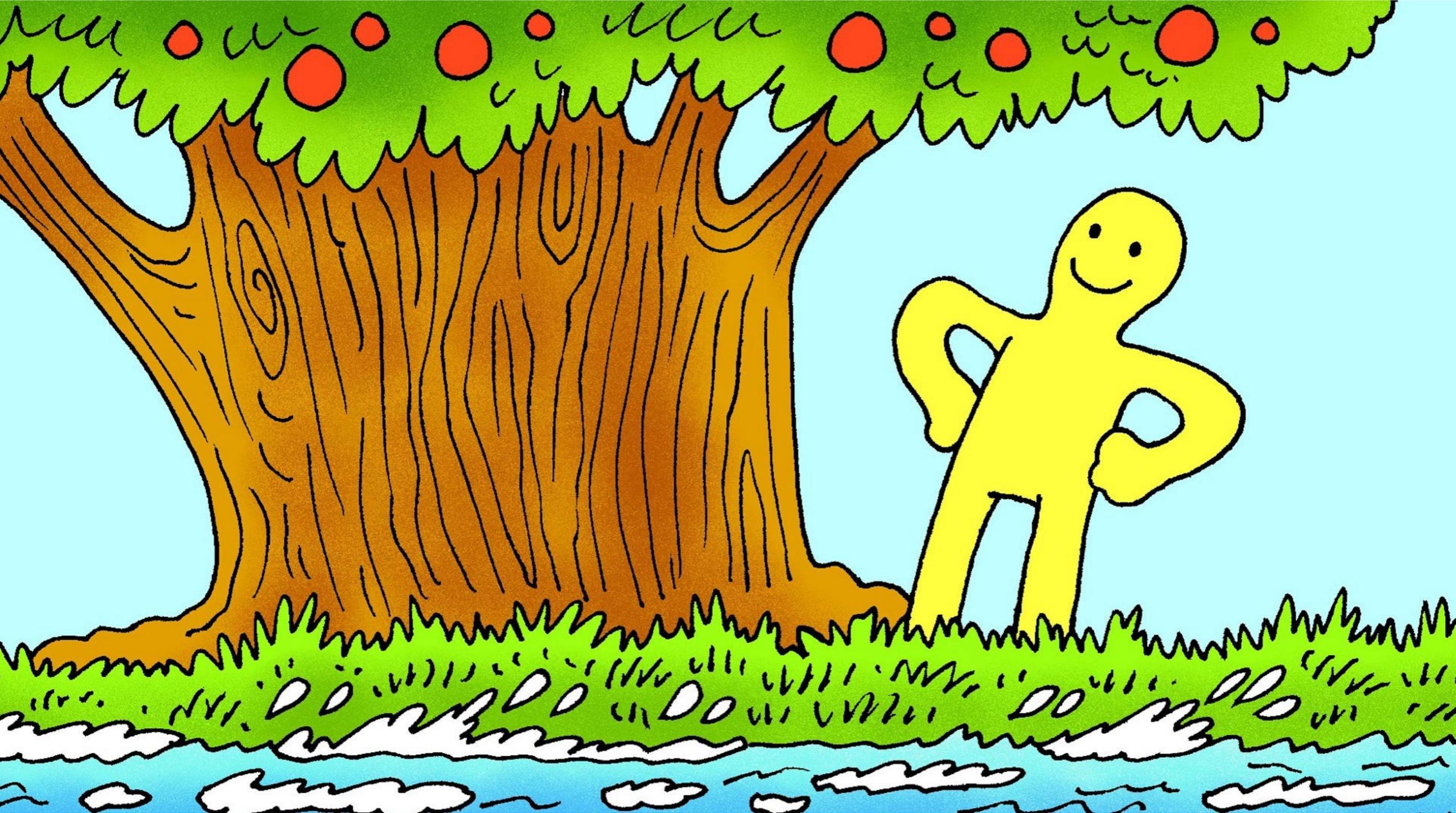
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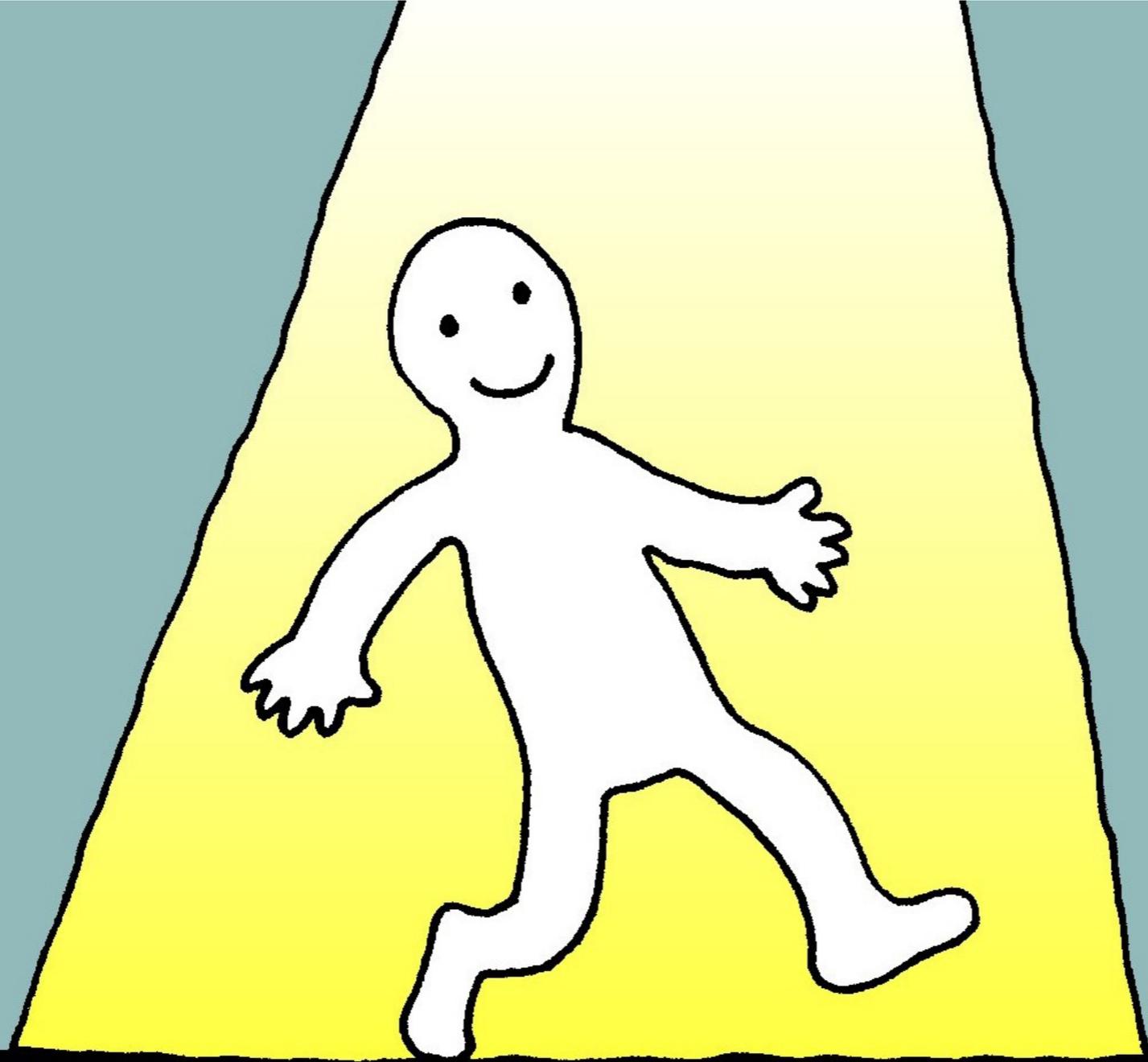




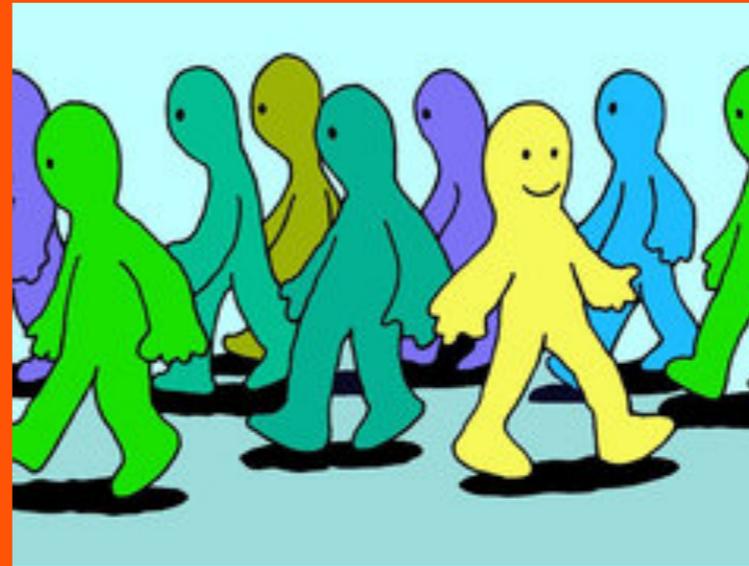




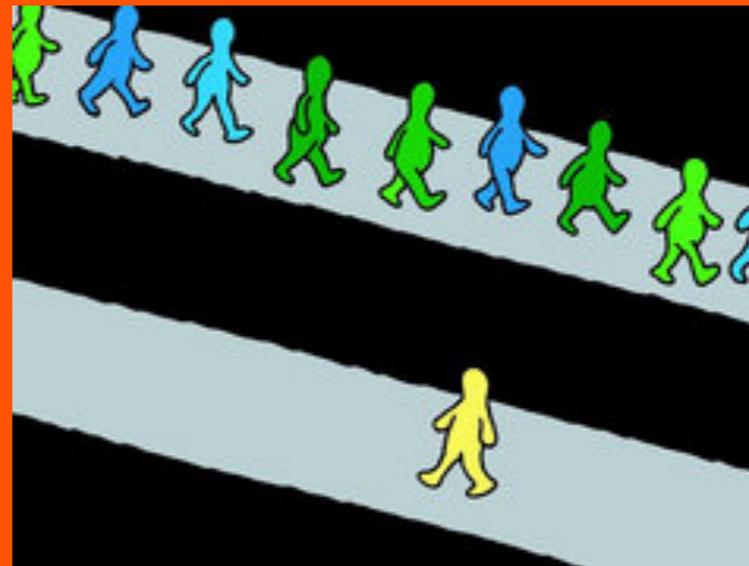




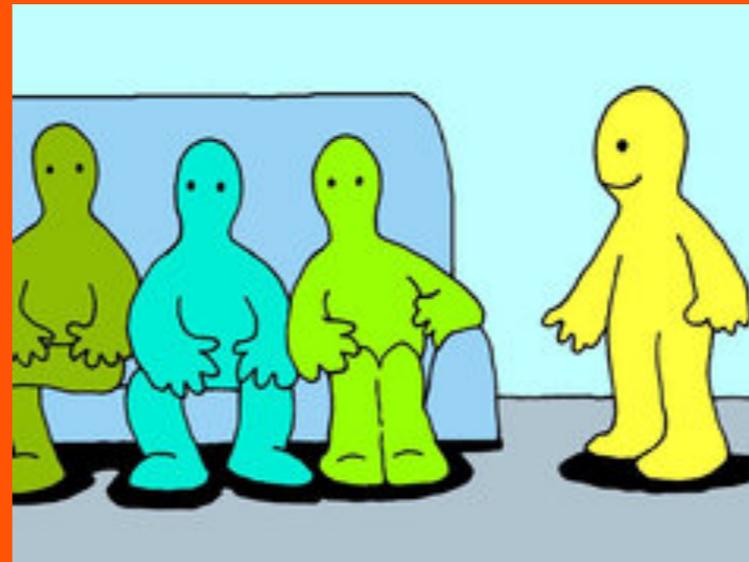
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- 1 Happy is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked ...



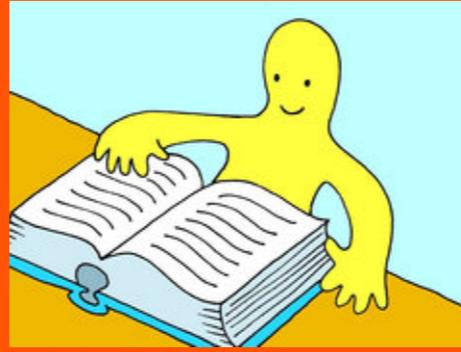
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- 2 ... or follow in the way that sinners take ...



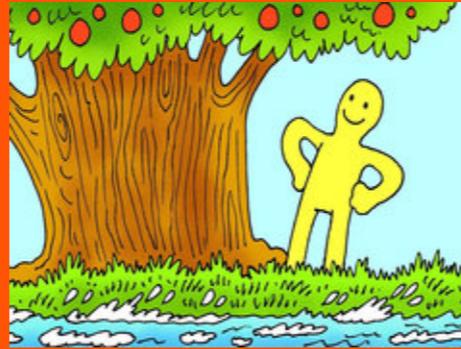
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- 3 ... or sit in the company of mockers...



4 ... but they delight in doing everything God wants them to, and day and night are always meditating on His laws and thinking about ways to follow Him more closely.



5 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which bears luscious fruit each season without fail. Their leaves shall never wither and all they do shall prosper.



6 But for sinners, what a different story! They blow away like chaff before the wind.



7 They are not safe on Judgment Day; they shall not stand among the godly.



8 For the Lord watches over all the plans and paths of godly men, but the paths of the godless lead to doom.



Lesson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_eTJyzMgCc

Can you answer these questions?

- What do we learn about the righteous? What do they not do? What do they do instead? (1:1-2)
- What is the righteous person compared to? Where is the tree planted? Why is it so fruitful? (1:3)
- What is the wicked person compared to? What happens to the chaff? What does this say about the wicked? (1:4-5)
- Where does the way of the wicked lead in the end? Why is the way of the righteous protected and safe? (1:6)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NBaGiF63Tw

OPPOSITE MATCHING GAME

Play the game and then answer these questions ...

- In Psalm 1 How many different ways of living are described? [Two (1:6)]
- Where do they lead? [The righteous to God's blessing; the wicked to destruction (1:1, 6)]
- Which way is the best? [The way of the righteous (1:1-3)]

CONCLUSION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma7WdO5kz4g>

MEMORY VERSE

Play the game and then talk about ...

Why the one child was able to win

What did they have to help them?

Remind the children that in today's true Bible lesson there were two different ways to live – the way of the righteous and the way of the wicked, but only one way is best. The righteous love God's word and do not listen to the wicked.

Reading the Bible tells us how to live the best way.

Discuss

- Do you think of yourself as 'righteous' or 'wicked'? What are some ways that you live in the way of the wicked? How can you live in the way of the righteous?
 - Are you able to live in the way of the righteous all the time? Which way do you tend to live?
 - Who is the only person who has lived a truly righteous life and never lived in the way of the wicked/sinners? How can this encourage us?
 - What is the only way in which we can be blessed by God? How should this motivate us to want to live a righteous life?
 - What does it mean to 'delight in' and 'meditate on' God's word? Do you do this? Are there things you enjoy doing more than this? How can we encourage one another to love God's word more?
 - Why did the tree produce fruit and not wither? Where was it planted? What does this teach us about God's word? What effect does his word have on the life of the righteous person?
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- How are the wicked like chaff? What happens to the chaff? What purpose does the chaff serve in the end? What will happen to the wicked when judgment comes? Will they get through it?
 - Why is the way of the righteous safe and secure? Who is watching over them? Does this mean that everything will always go our way? What does it mean to be blessed?

Game - OBVIOUS CHOICE

- Ask the children why the game was easier in the final round?
- Why did no-one choose the black cards?
- If any children did choose a black card, why was that not a good idea?
- Remind the children that the writer of Psalm 1 is clearly showing us the choice between death and life.
- When the choice is obvious, why would anyone choose death?
- Talk briefly about the fact that people are blinded by the lies of Satan and other people.
- They cannot see the truth about Jesus and therefore do not choose life.

PRAYER

Pray together

Lord God,

We want to live the way righteous people live. Help us to love your Word and to live as you command. Then we can be strong, like trees planted by the water. Amen.