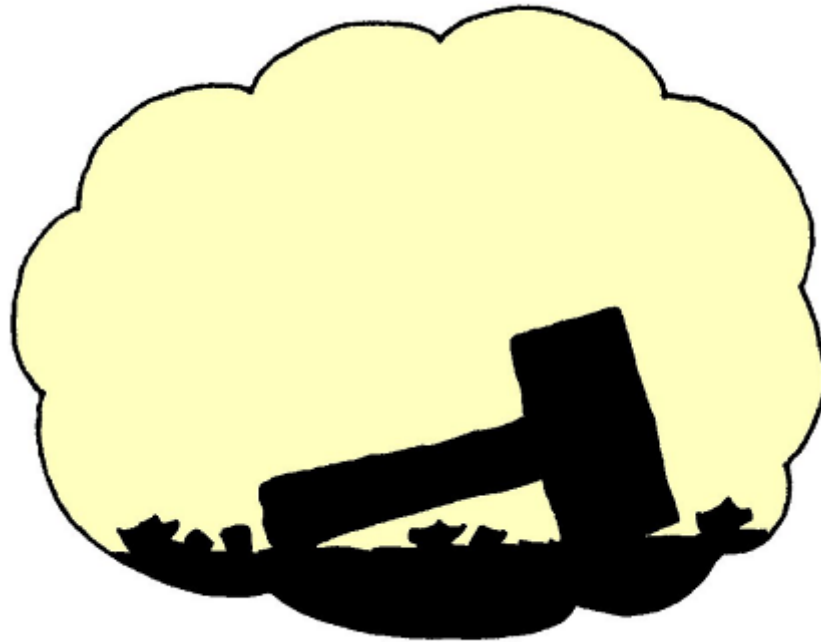


# Joseph The Carpenter

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When Jesus was a boy  
his family lived in the town of Nazareth.  
Joseph worked as a carpenter.  
He made things from wood, to sell.





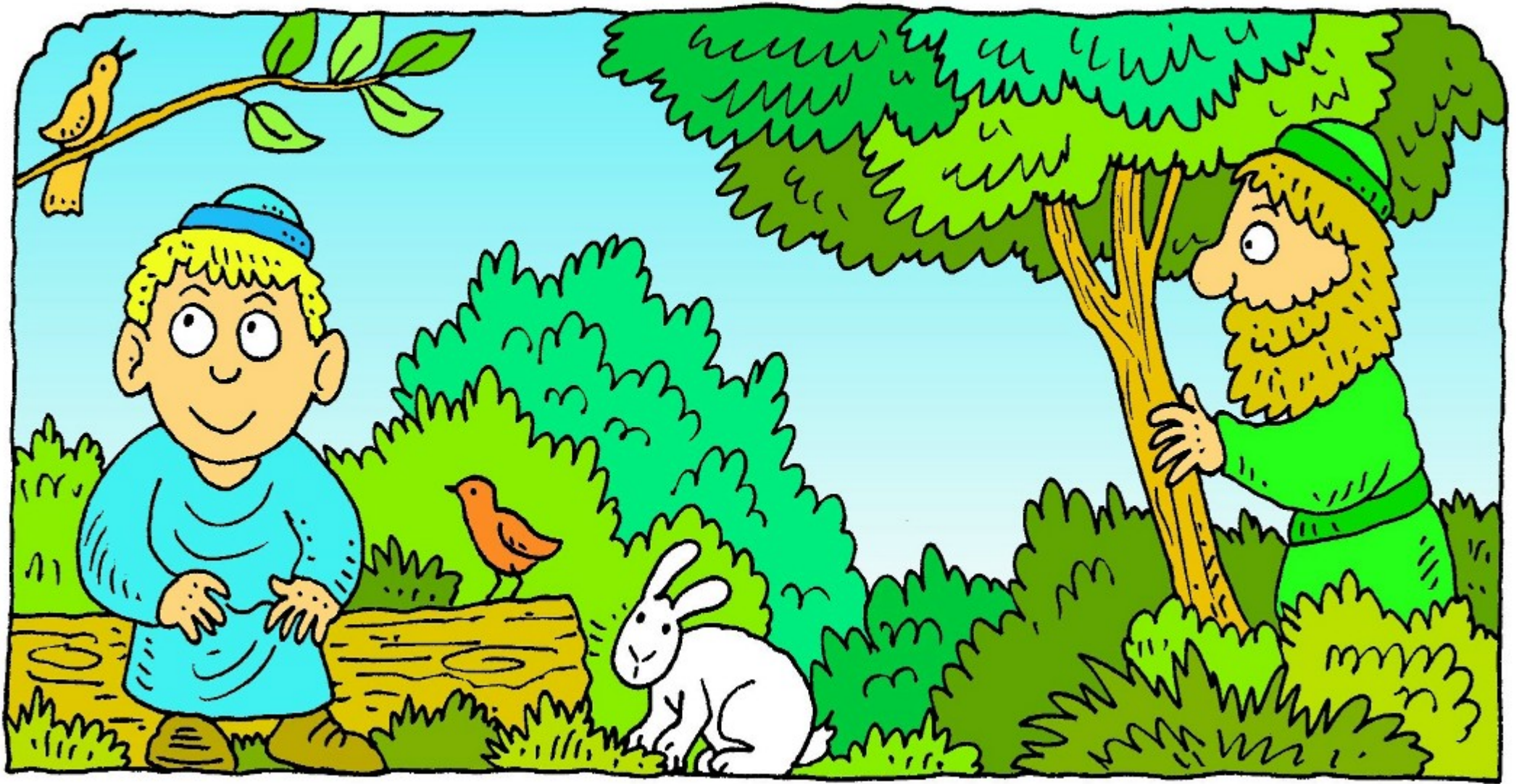
People knew that Joseph  
did a good job and was honest.  
He could make a table, a wheel  
or fix a handle for a hoe.





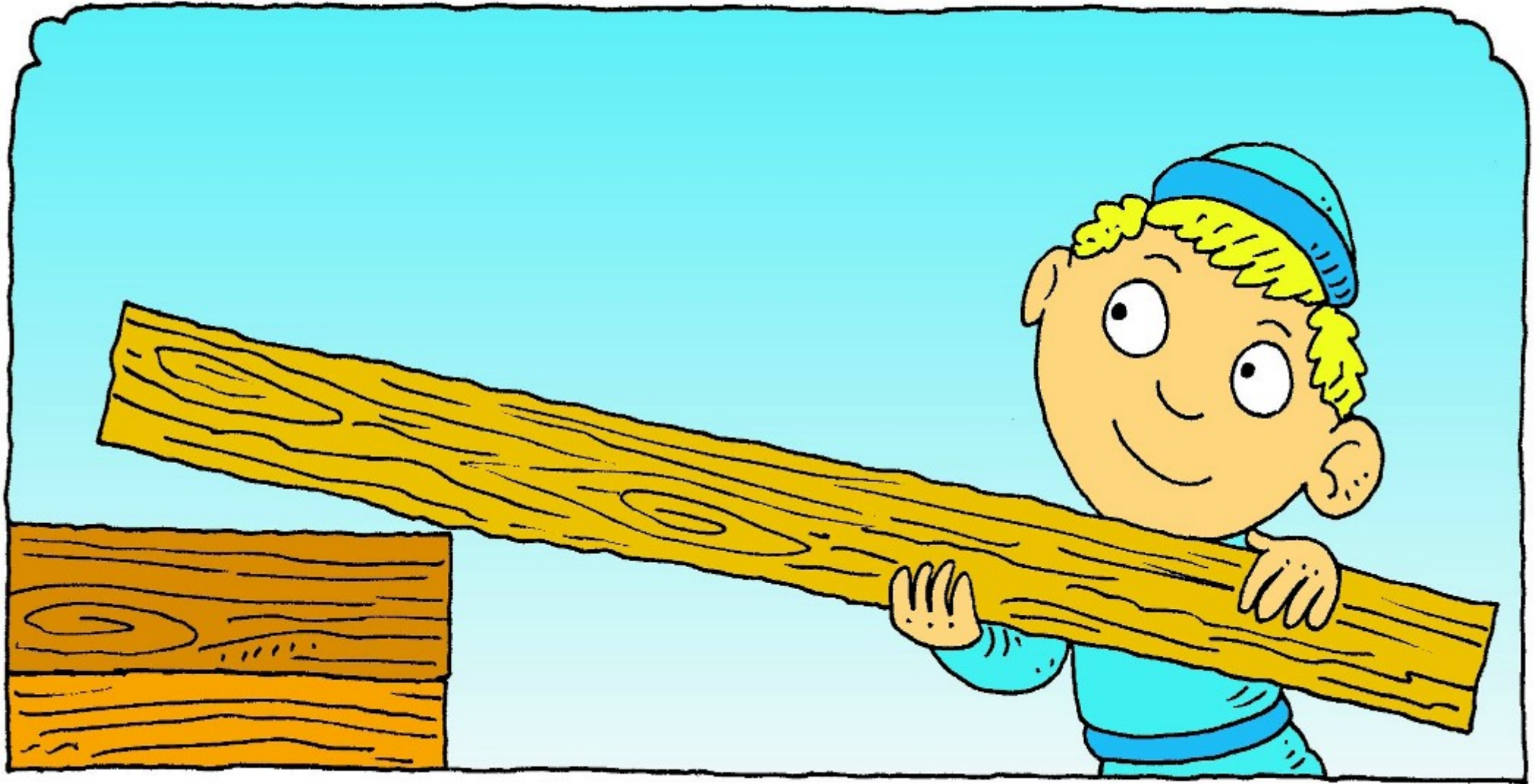
Jesus helped Joseph  
carry wood to the workshop.  
It was hard work for a boy,  
but he never complained.





Jesus knew where every tree had grown.  
He had seen it from a tiny seed  
and he knew every bird that sat in it's branches.  
Joseph was surprised at the things Jesus knew.





Jesus held the wood for Joseph to cut.  
He listened and obeyed.  
He liked to help Joseph  
and it was fun being with his father.





Sometimes Jesus would sweep  
up the wood shavings,  
or tidy up the workshop for Joseph.  
There was always work to do.





Joseph made a little stool for Jesus.  
“You are a good son and I love you,” he said.  
“I remember when God sent you to us.”  
Joseph the carpenter was a good dad.