

Gideon
Judges 6

Long ago, God's people (point to men inside the cave) kept doing wrong things, so, God let their enemies (point to soldiers outside the cave) rule over them.

Builder buddies, show me a scared face! (Everyone will make scared faces)

You do look scared! And that's how God's people felt! They were so scared that they hid inside caves (point to picture).

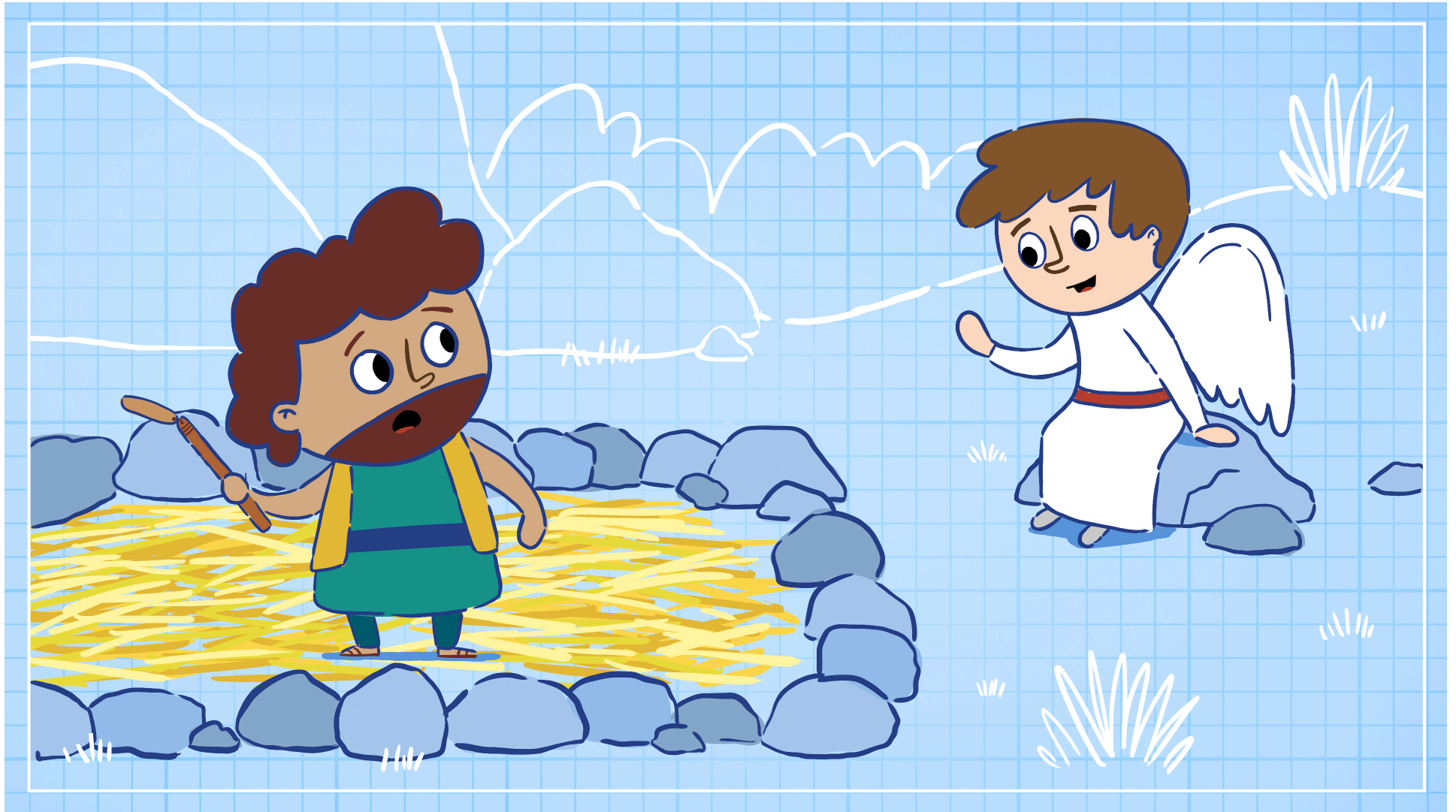


Now their enemies were mean and would destroy (point to food on fire) all the food that God's people planted.

So, God's people (point to men praying) prayed and asked God for help.

On the count of three, let me hear you say, "Help," like God's people did when they prayed. One, two, three! (Everyone will say, "Help!")

Good job, builder buddies! God was with His people, and He heard their prayers.

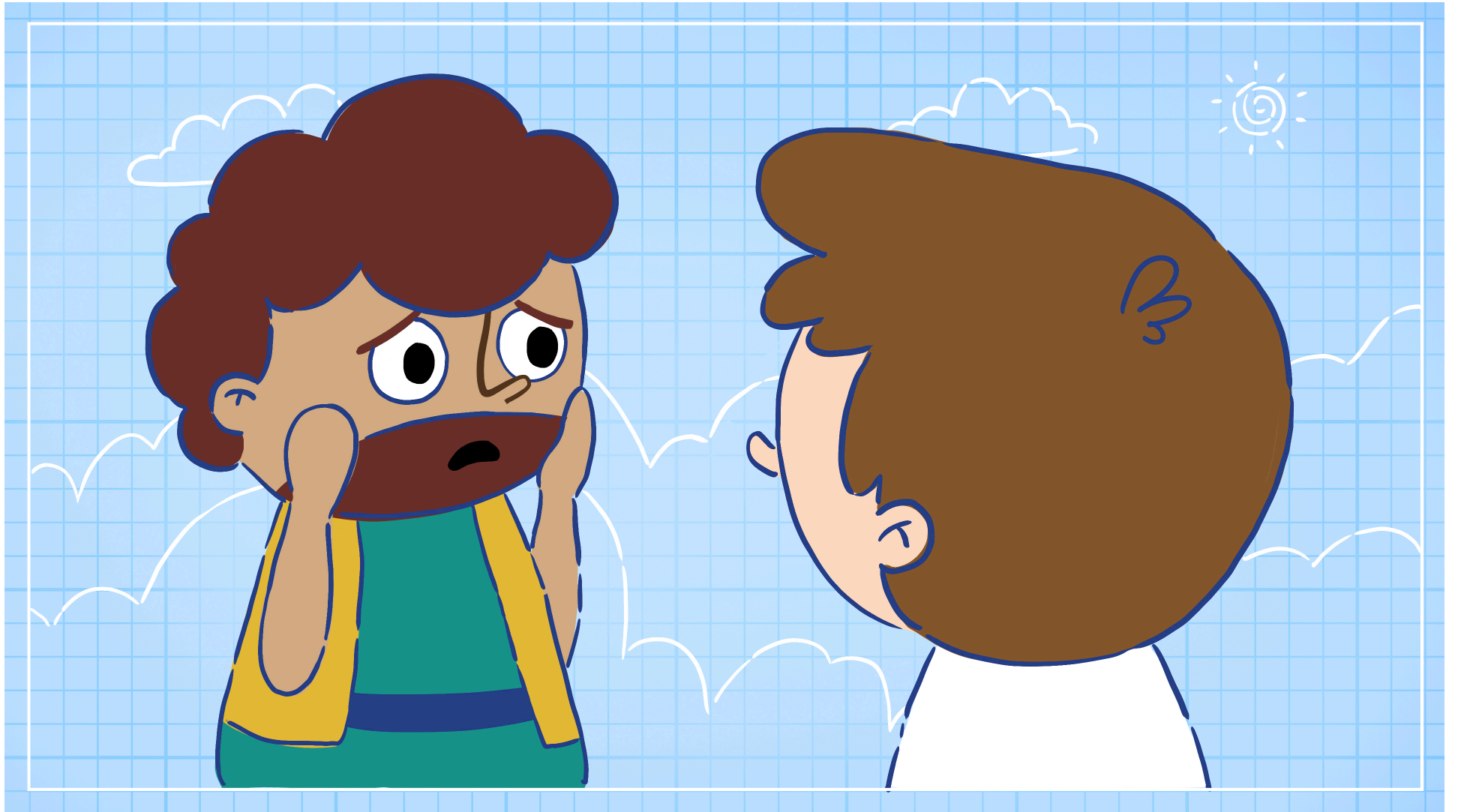


(Point to the picture) ***God sent an angel to talk to a man named Gideon.***
(Pronounced: Gid-ee-uhn)

Does Gideon look happy or scared? (Scared)

That's right! Gideon was hiding with some food he had grown, because he was scared that the enemy would come take away his food.

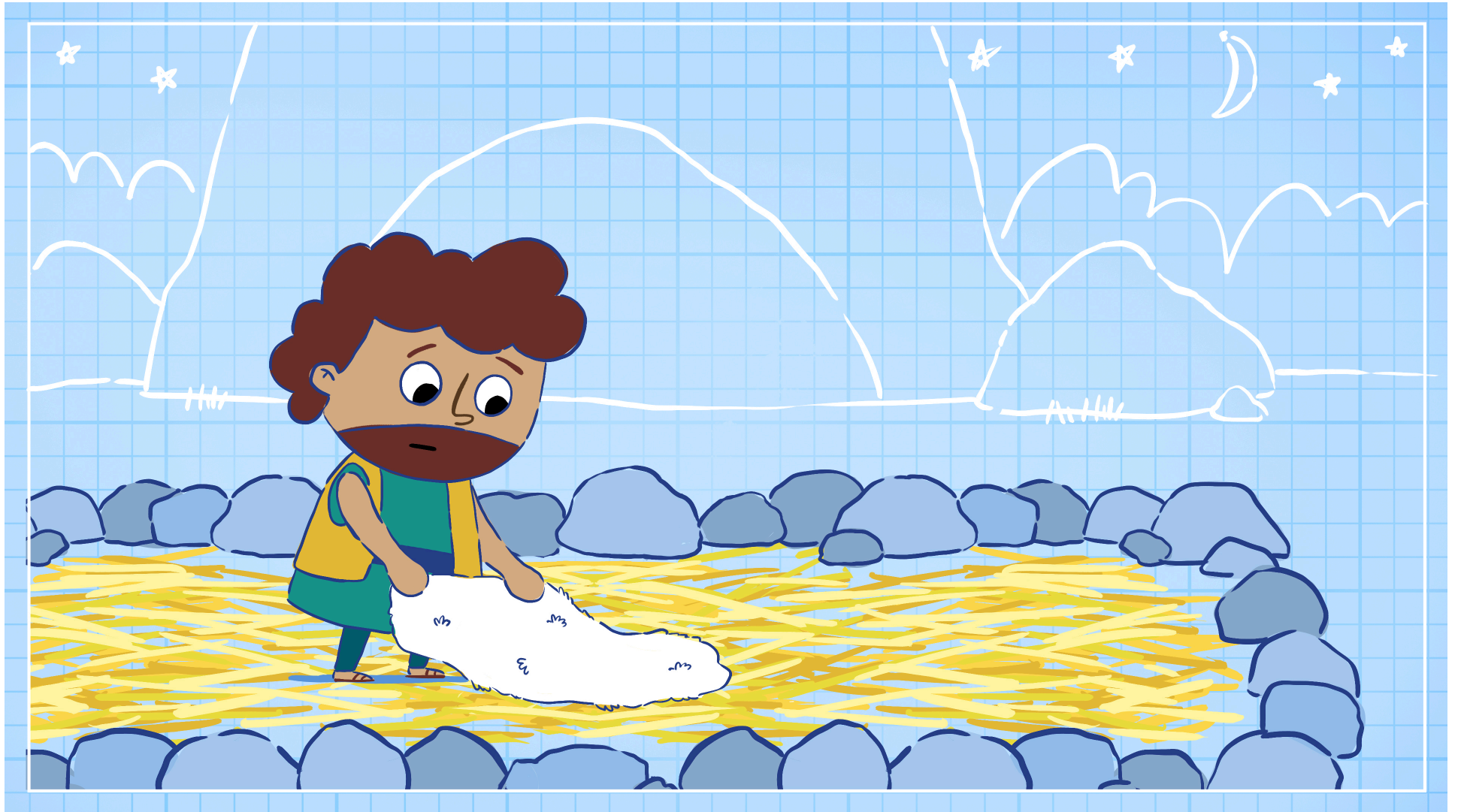
The angel told Gideon, "Mighty warrior, the Lord is with you."



The angel told Gideon that the Lord would give him the strength (show muscles) to save God's people!

(Point to Gideon) *Does Gideon look happy or scared? (Scared)*

Yes! Gideon was still scared! So Gideon asked God to do something to show that He was really there and would help Gideon save the people.



(Point to the picture) *Gideon put a piece of wool, or sheep's fur, on the ground outside of his cave.*

Before Gideon went to sleep, he asked God to make the wool wet and the ground around it dry.

Builder buddies, what do you think is going to happen when Gideon wakes up? Do you think the wool will be wet or dry? (Allow responses)



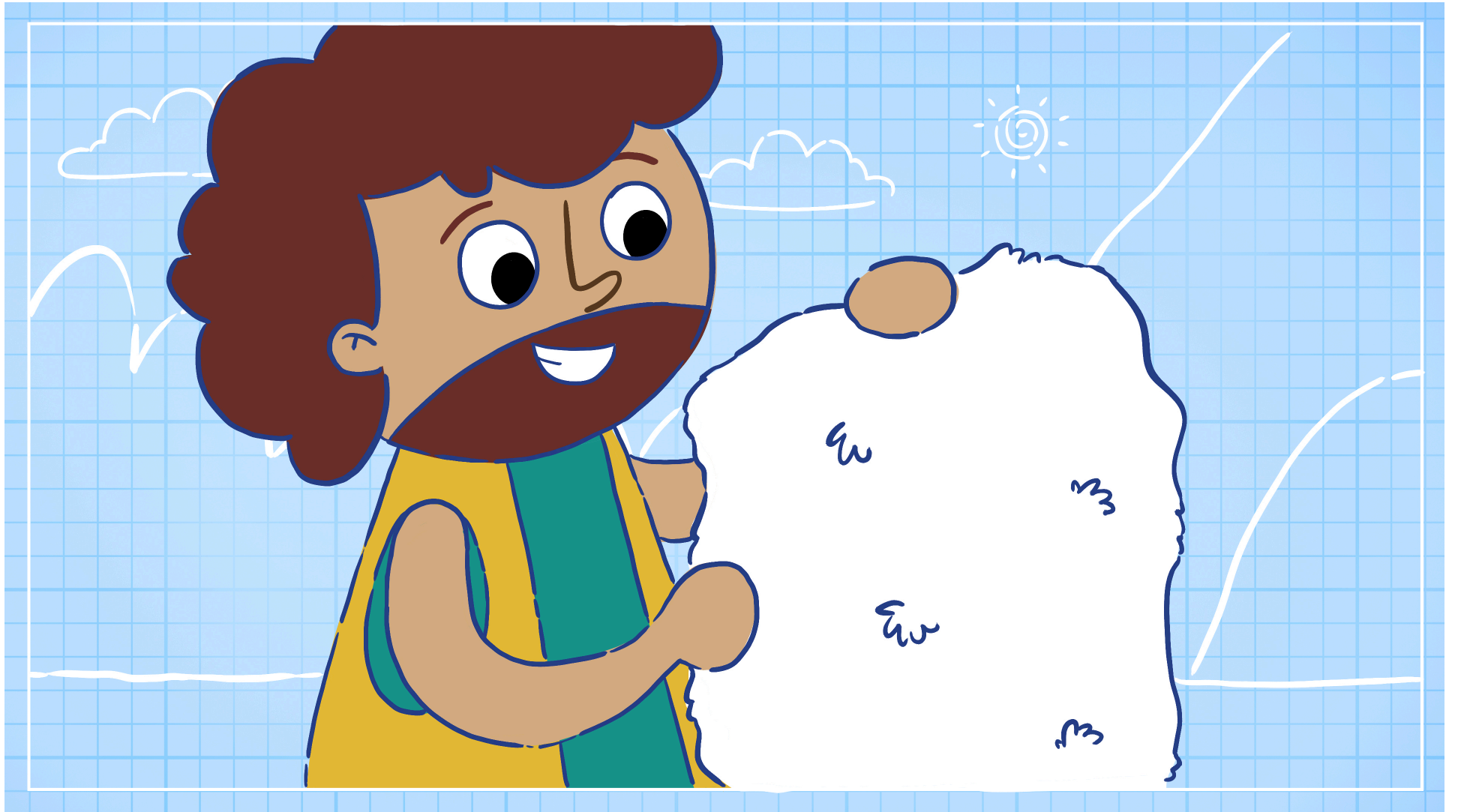
Gideon went to check the wool early the next morning. The ground was dry and the (point to the picture) wool was so wet!

Did God do what Gideon had asked him to do? (Yes)

Yes! Do you think Gideon is still scared or feels brave? (Allow responses)

Gideon was still feeling scared! So he asked God to do (show one finger) one more thing. This time Gideon asked God to make the wool dry and the ground wet.

Do you think God will do what Gideon asked Him to do? (Allow responses)



(Point to dry wool) ***The next morning, Gideon saw that the ground was wet and the wool was dry!***

Does Gideon look scared or happy? (Happy)

You got it! When Gideon was scared, God was with him. When you are scared, God is with you, too!

Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

When I'm Scared, (make scared face)

God Is (both hands point up)

With Me (thumbs to chest)