



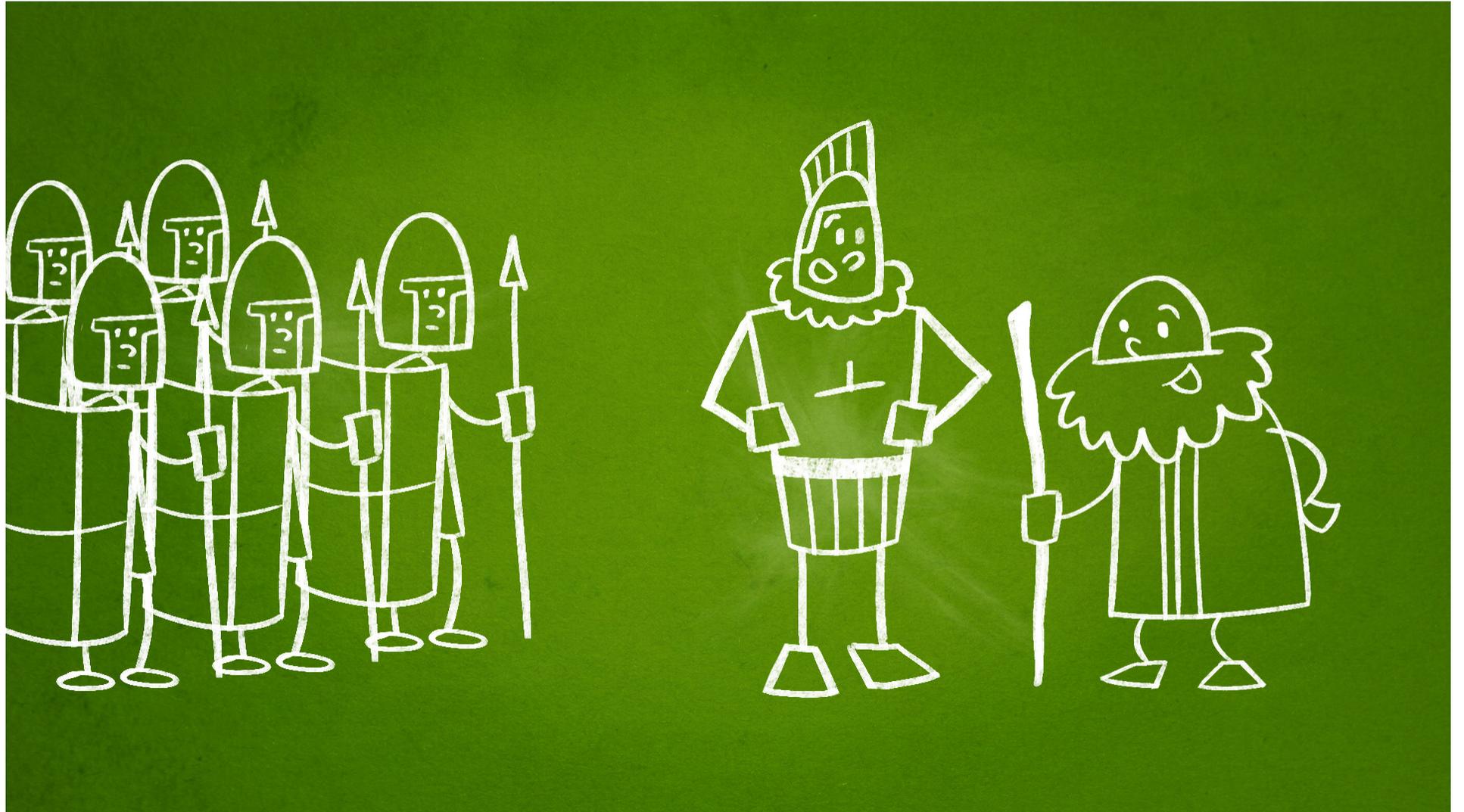
Moses, Aaron, and Hur

Exodus 17:8-13

Today's story comes from the book of Exodus in the Bible. While I read, listen carefully for your part of the story so you can act it out.

We talked about a man named Moses last week. God gave Moses a very important job. He was the leader of God's people, the Israelites. Last week, we read that Moses was trying to do too much by himself, but a man he respected, named Jethro, helped him figure out a way to do all the work with a team.

This story picks up a little later in Moses' life. He was still leading the Israelites, and they were being attacked by a group of people called the Amalekites.



Moses chose Joshua to lead the Israelite army in the battle. He told Joshua to choose some men and take them to fight the Amalekites.

(Moses and Joshua can pretend to talk to each other)

Moses planned to stand on top of the hill holding the special walking stick that God had given him.

(Moses can pretend to hold a walking stick in the air)

Even though Moses was the leader of all the Israelites, he knew that he was not the best person to lead the army in battle. That's why he let Joshua play his part.



So Joshua chose his men and went to fight the Amalekites.

(Joshua and soldiers pretend to be fighting the battle)

Meanwhile, Moses went to the top of the hill to watch the battle, just as he said he would. Two other Israelite men, Aaron and Hur, also went to the top of the hill.

(Moses, Aaron, and Hur can stand up and pretend to be watching on the hill)

As long as Moses held up his arms, the Israelites were winning the battle. But, as soon as he lowered his arms, the Amalekites started to win.

(Moses can raise and lower his arms)

This seems like a pretty simple way to win a battle, doesn't it? But, Moses' arms started to get really tired.



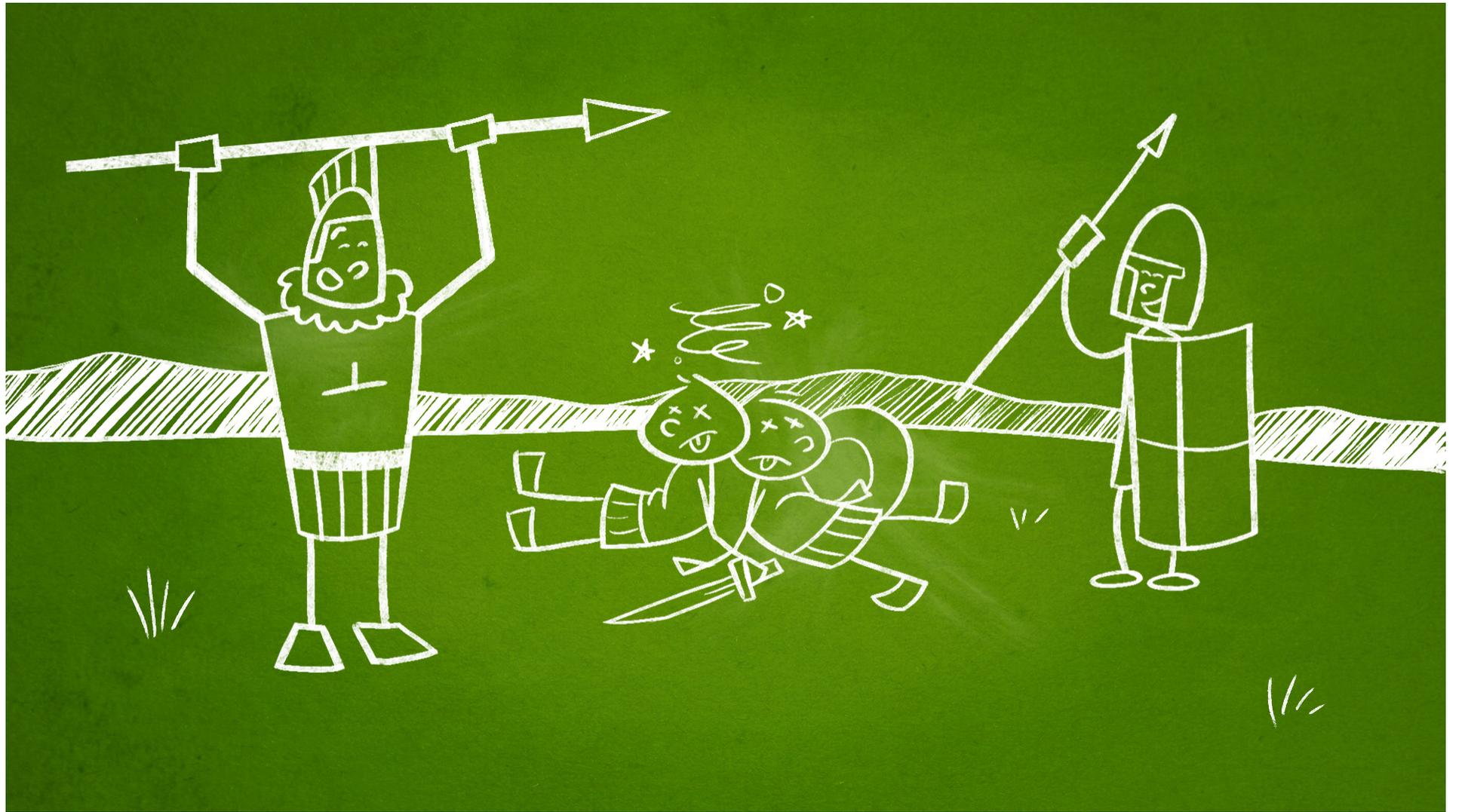
When Moses' arms started getting tired, Aaron and Hur realized they could help. First, they got a stone and put it under Moses so he could sit down.

(Aaron and Hur can pretend to roll a big stone)

As Moses sat down on the stone, Aaron and Hur held up his arms. Aaron was on one side, and Hur was on the other.

(Aaron and Hur can hold up Moses' arms)

Can you imagine trying to hold your arms up all day long? (Allow responses) They would get so tired! And Moses got tired, too. It's a good thing Aaron and Hur were with him on the hill, doing their part to help him.



Because Aaron and Hur were each holding up an arm, Moses' hands remained steady until the sun set. With Moses' arms in the air, Joshua and his army won the battle and celebrated with each other.

(Joshua and soldiers can celebrate by high-fiving and cheering)

Was it fun to play your part while you acted out the story? (Yes) Good! We each had a part to play in the story. Without all of us doing our part, we couldn't have acted out the whole thing.

The same is true for the Israelites. They all had a part to play. If Joshua had been too scared to lead the army, it would have cost them a battle. And if Aaron or Hur thought they were too cool to just hold up Moses' hands all day, they wouldn't have won either. Moses, Aaron, Hur, Joshua, and the soldiers were a team and they all had an important part to play to win the battle.

Did you know that God has a part for each of us to play on His team, too? (Allow responses) He does! God wants us all on His team, and He has a part for each of us!