

Appearance to Disciples

(Based on Luke 24:33-43, Mark 16:14,
John 20:19-1)

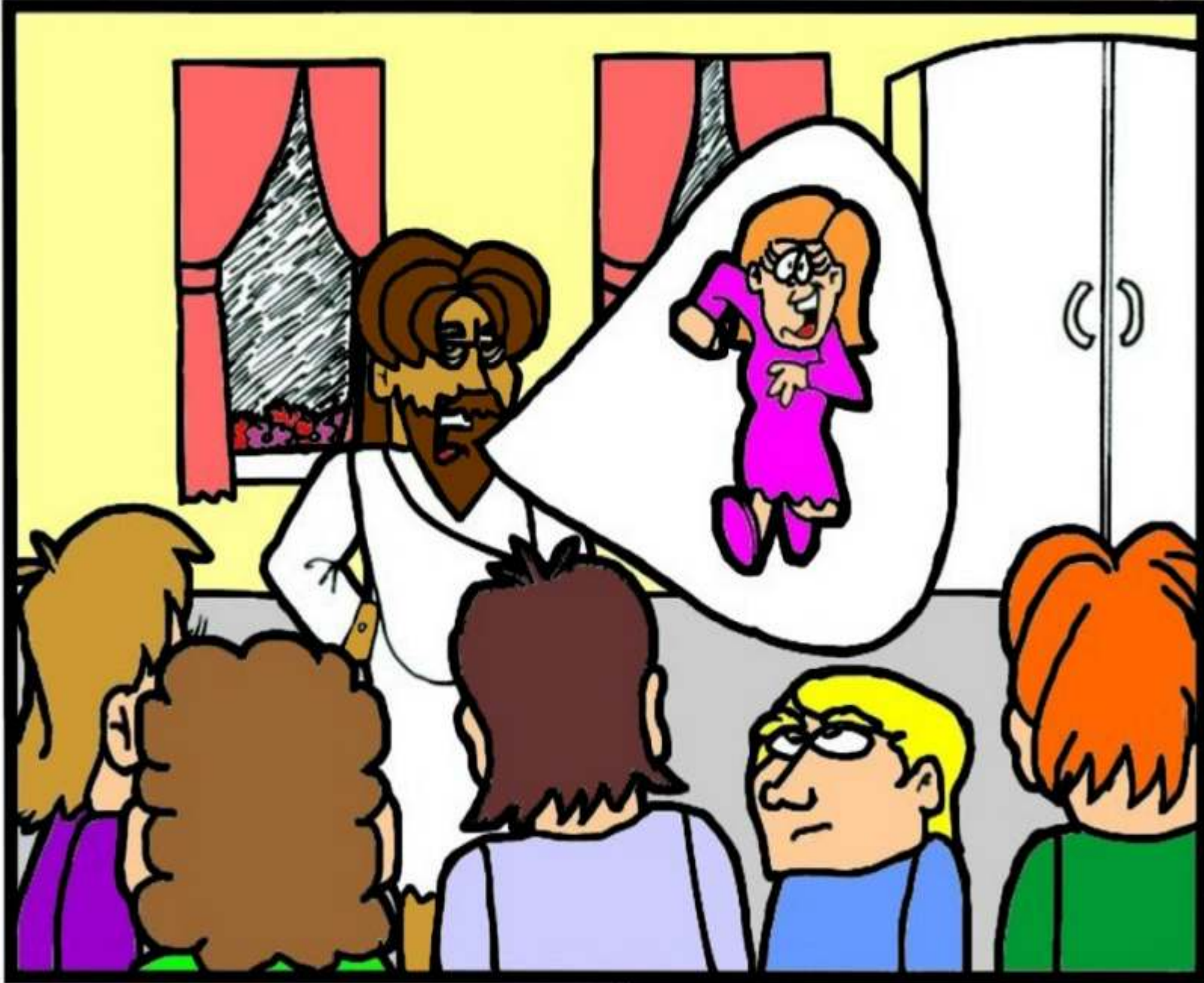
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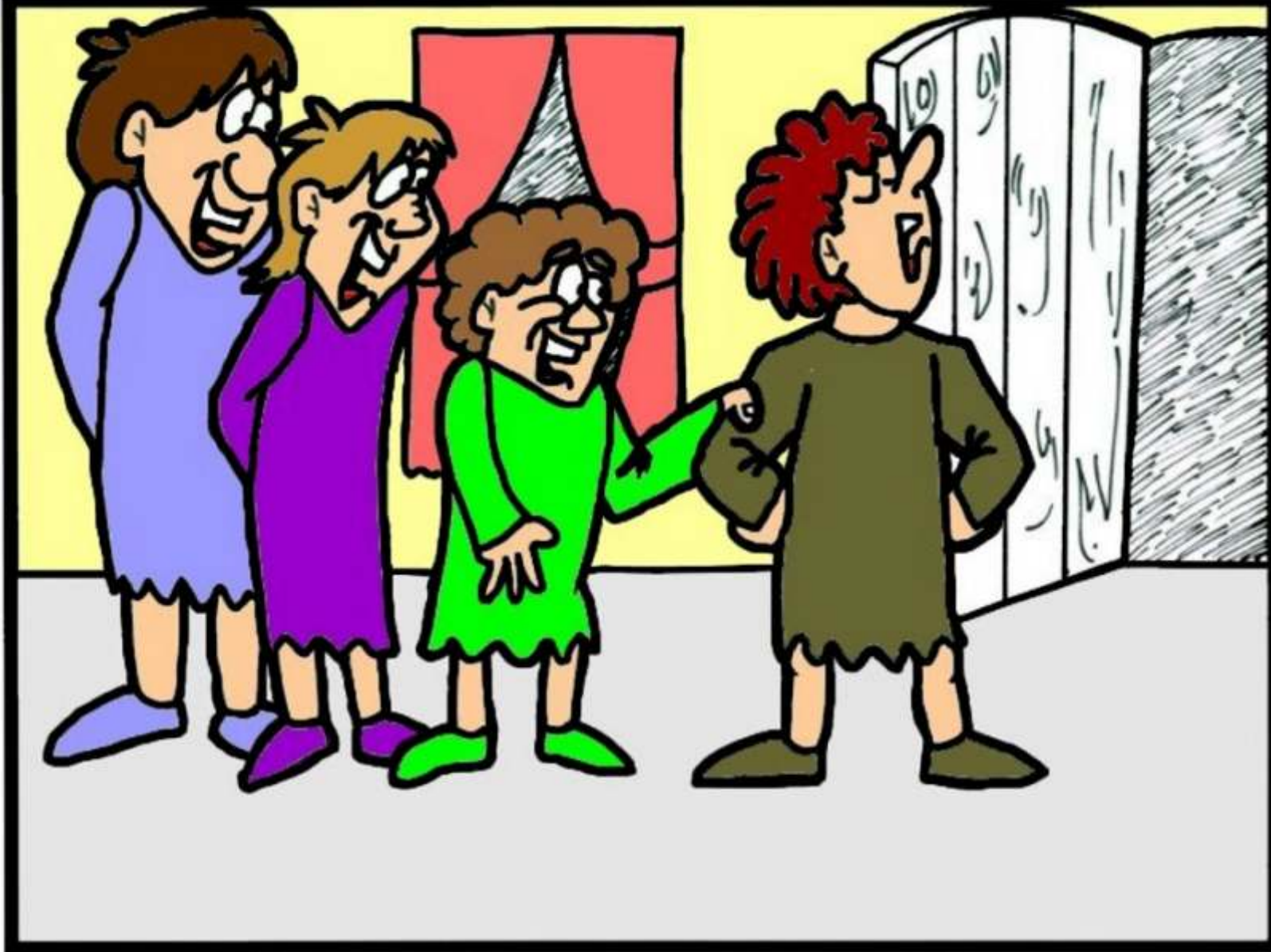
Later that evening, when the doors were shut, Jesus appeared right in the middle of the room. "It's a ghost!" gasped the disciples. "Peace be with you," said Jesus. "It's me! Look at the holes in my hands and the hole in my side."



While they still couldn't believe, because they were so happy, Jesus said, "Do you have any food?" The disciples gave Jesus some broiled fish and honeycomb and he ate in front of them.



"Why didn't you believe the people who told you they saw me alive? Why are your hearts so hard?" asked Jesus. Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



Thomas was not in the room that day. When he arrived he didn't believe what had happened. "Unless I see, and put my finger in the print of the nails in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe!" answered Thomas.



Eight days later Jesus appeared again. This time Thomas was there too. "Peace to you!" said Jesus. "Thomas, look at my hands and put your finger in the holes. Put your hand into my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe!"



Thomas worshipped Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" "Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those people that have not seen, and yet have believed," said Jesus.



Lord, I am a very blessed person because I have never seen you, but I believe you died for me and that you are alive again. Thank you.