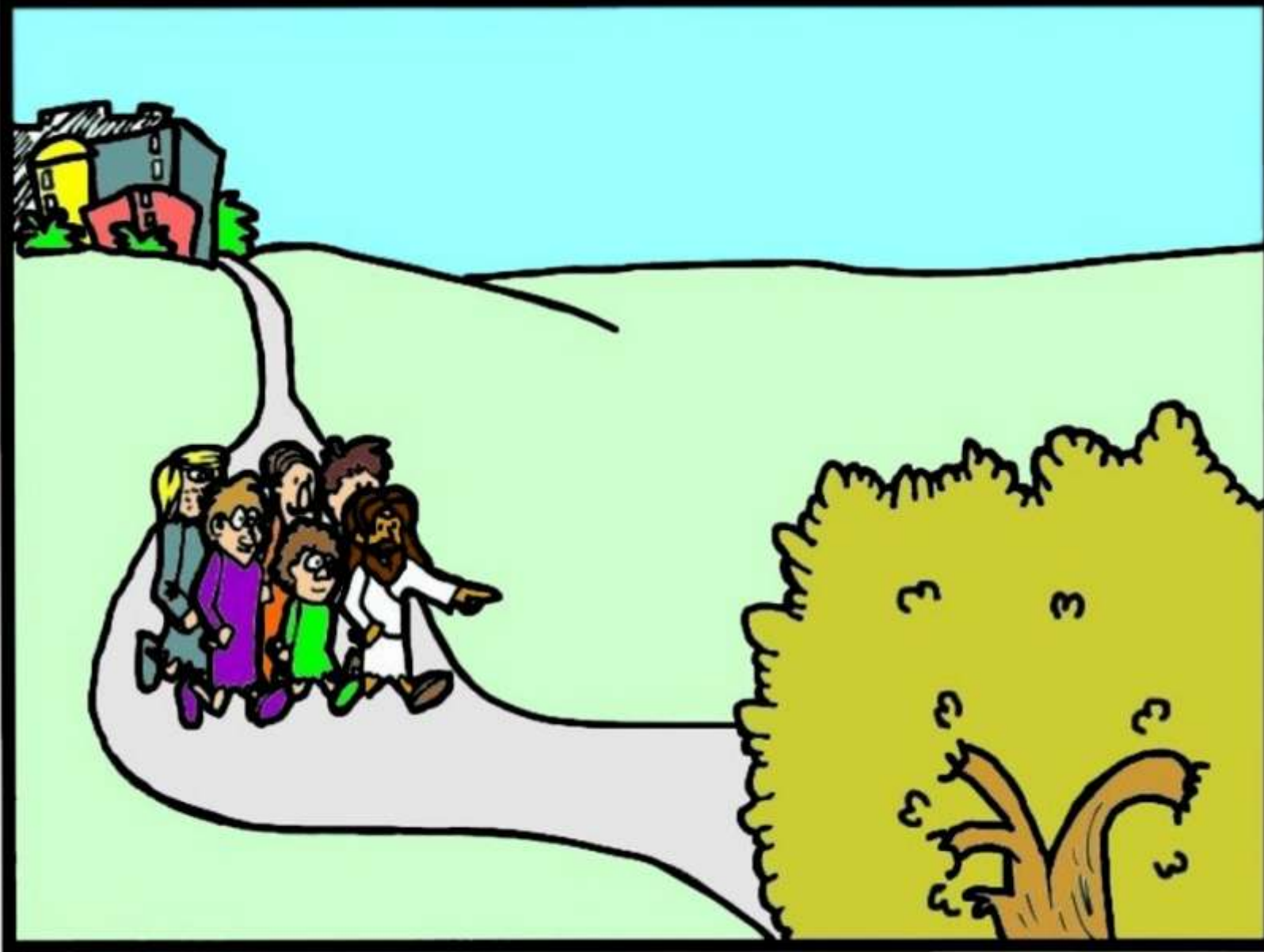


# Cursing of Barren Fig Tree

(Based on Mark 11:12-25)

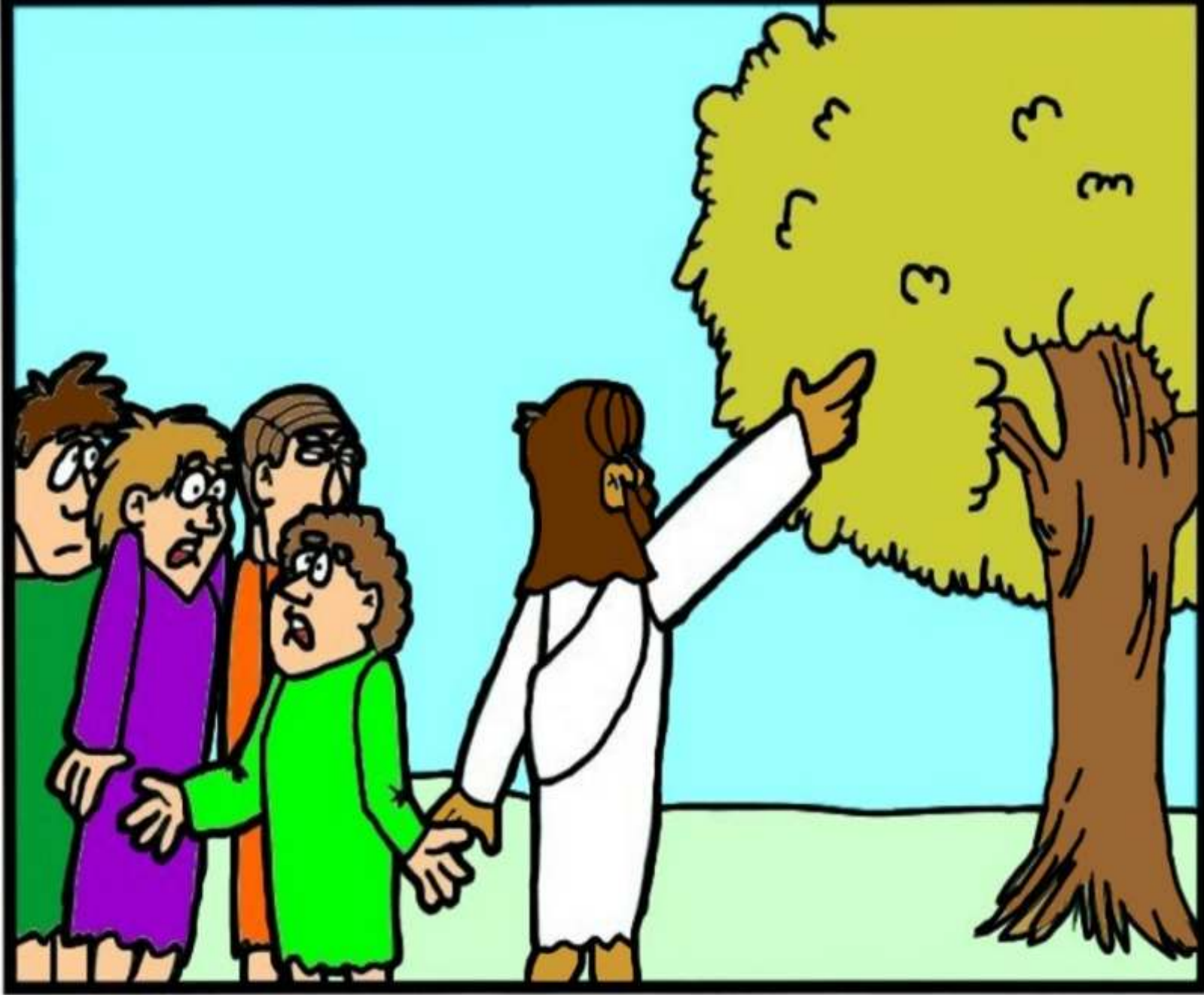
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The next morning Jesus and his disciples traveled from the town of Bethany to Jerusalem and Jesus was hungry. Far away Jesus spotted a fig tree full of leaves so he came to it hoping that he would find fruit on it.



But there wasn't one single fruit on it, nothing but leaves because it was not the season for fig fruit.



Jesus said to the tree, "No man will eat fruit from you from this time on forever!" The disciples heard Jesus talking to the tree.





When they arrived in Jerusalem Jesus entered the temple and shoved out those people who were buying and selling stuff in the temple. He turned over the tables of the people who were trading money.



He knocked over the chairs of the people who were selling doves and he would not allow anybody to come into the temple carrying stuff.



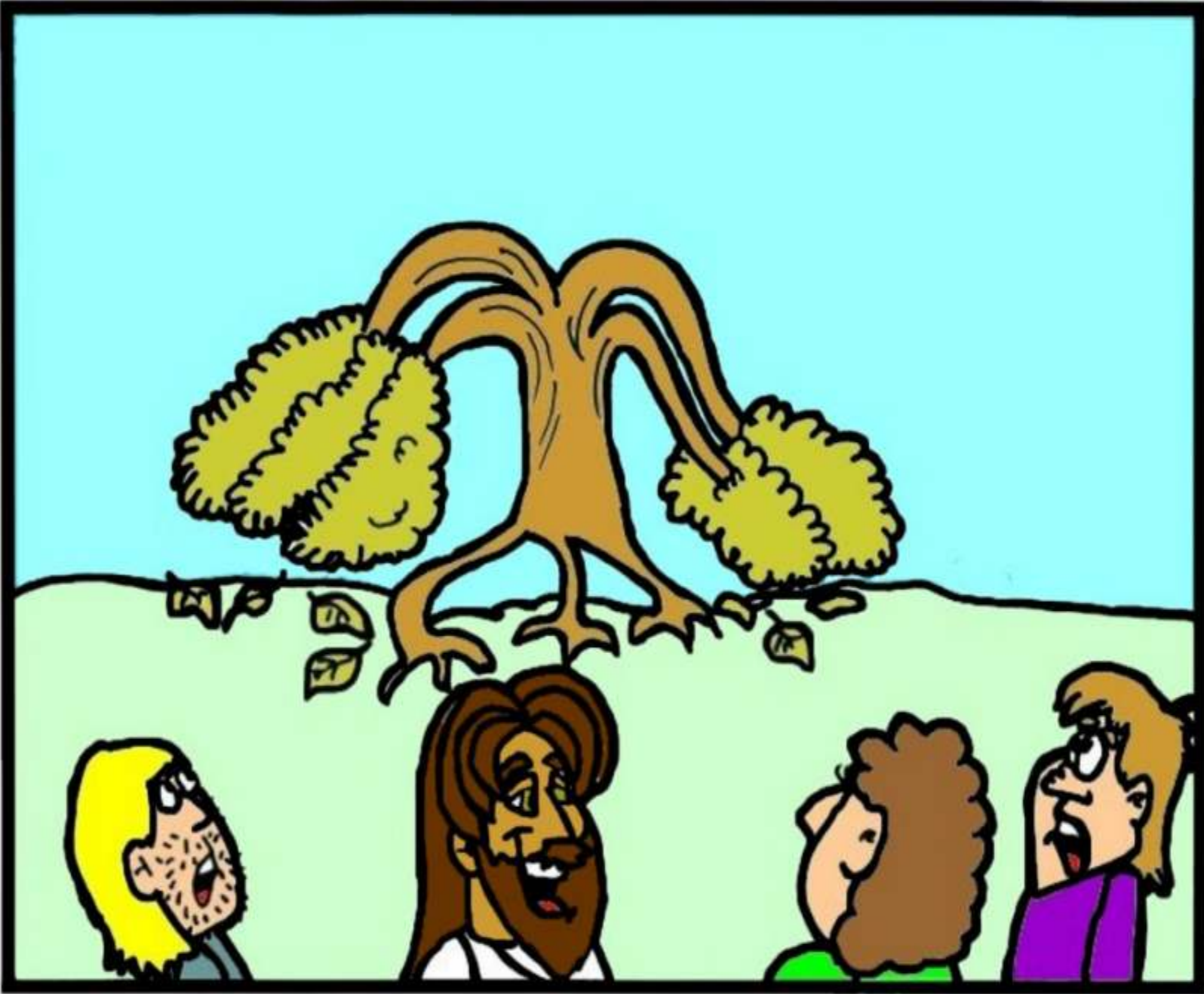


Then he taught the people, "Isn't it written in the Bible, my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples? But you have made it a house of robbers!" The boss priests wanted to kill Jesus because they were afraid of him and because all the people loved his teaching.



That night Jesus went out of the city as he did during those days. He stayed at night on the Mount of Olives.





The next morning on their trip into Jerusalem the disciples saw the tree withered and dried up from the roots. "Teacher!" exclaimed Peter. "Look, the fig tree you talked to is totally withered away!"



"Have faith in God," answered Jesus. "I'm telling you the truth, whoever will say to this mountain, be lifted up and be thrown into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says happens, he will have whatever he says."



“For this reason I say to you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you received them and you will have them. And when you pray, forgive if you are holding any grudges so that your Father in heaven can forgive you for the bad things you did.”





Lord, thank you for the miracles that can happen when we pray and believe.