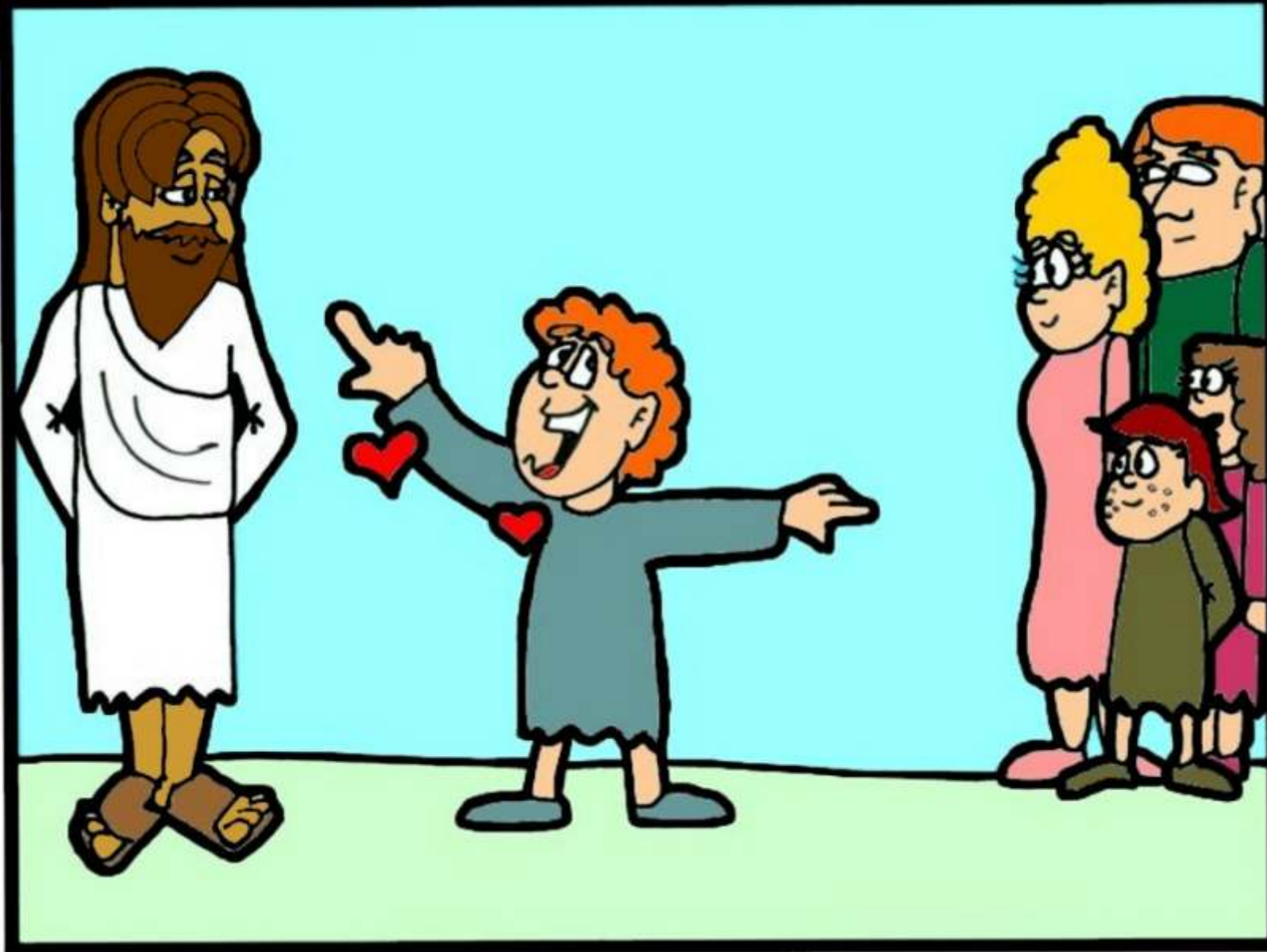


# Counting the Cost of Discipleship

(Based on Luke 14:25-35)

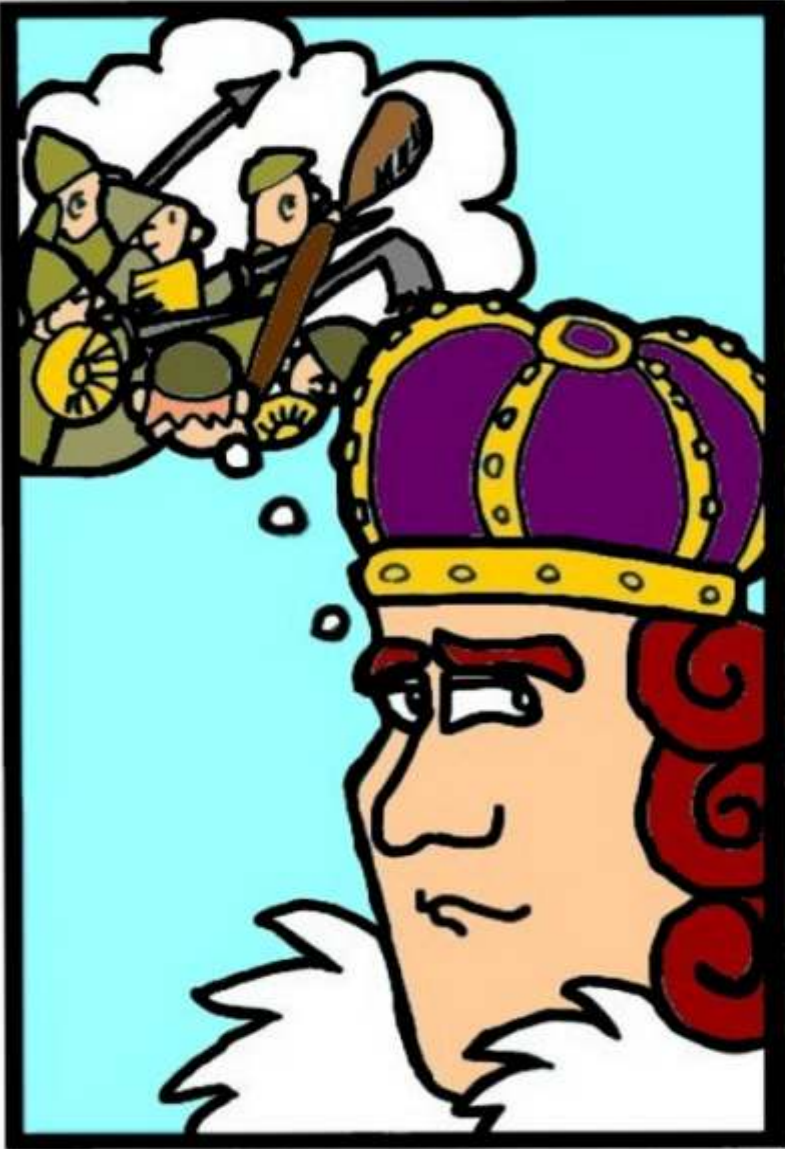
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One day Jesus said to the crowds, "If anyone comes to me they have to love me more than they love their father, mother, brothers, sisters and their children; even more than they love their own lives or that person won't be able to be my disciple."



People who build towers, first sit down and figure out how much it will cost, then they decide if they will be able to finish it. They don't want to put the foundation in the ground and then not be able to finish it because people will make fun of them.



Kings when they go to war sit down first and figure out if they will need 10,000 soldiers to meet the enemy army or 20,000 soldiers. Or they may decide, if the other army is a long way away, to send ambassadors and arrange a peace treaty.





Therefore I say to you whoever doesn't let go of everything that he has can't be my disciple.”



Lord, help me to always love  
you more than anyone or  
anything.