

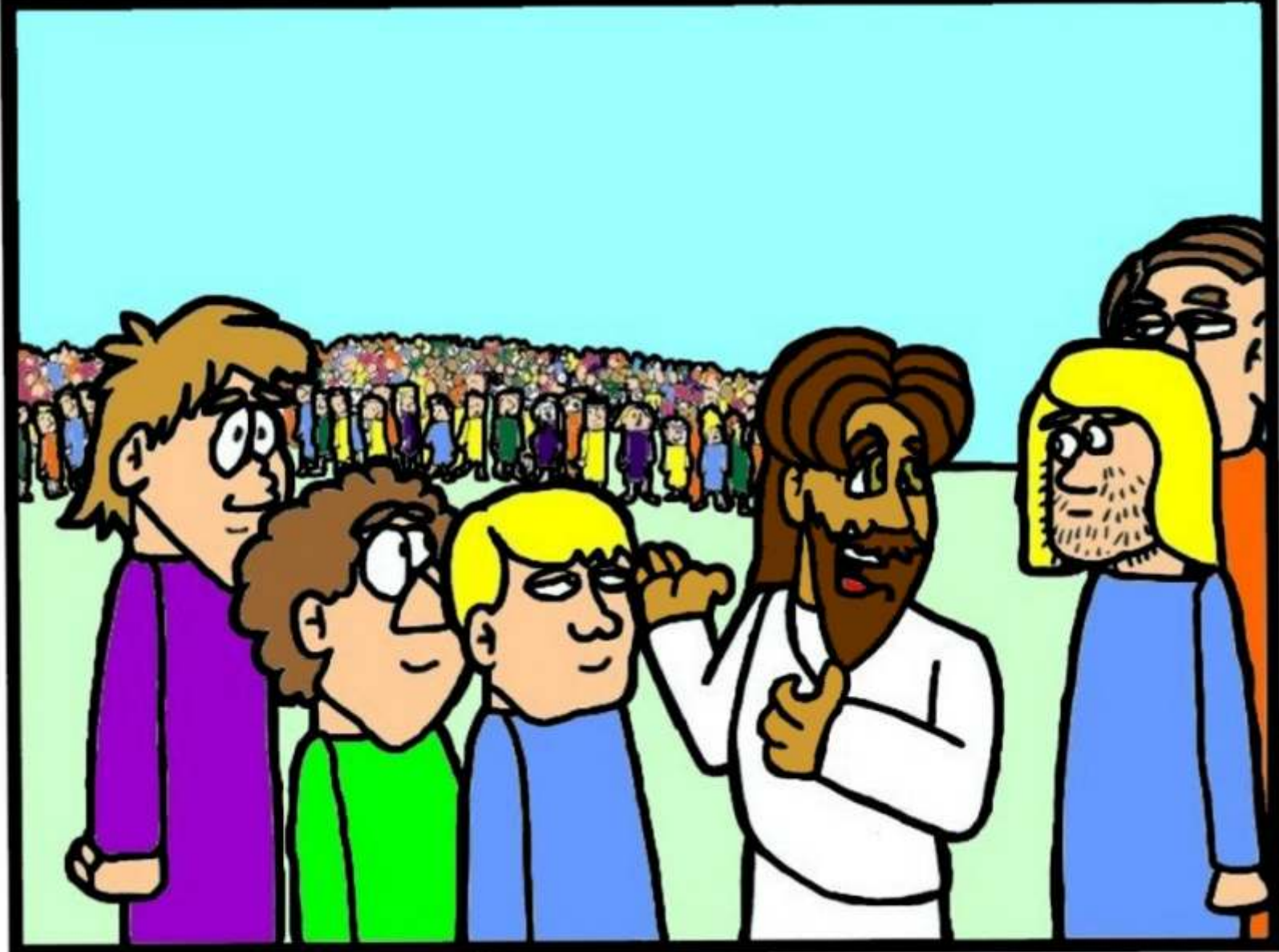
# Feeding of 4,000

(Based on Mark 8:1-9, Matthew 15:29-38)

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There came to Jesus big crowds with many blind, crippled and sick people. They laid the people at Jesus feet and he healed them. All the people gave praises to God.



Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "My heart goes out to these people. They have been with me now for three days and they have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry in case they pass out on the way home."



The disciples asked, "Where will we get enough bread here in the wilderness?" Jesus asked how much they had and they answered, "Seven loaves of bread and a few small fish."



"Everyone sit down on the ground," commanded Jesus to the crowd. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, he gave thanks to God, he broke them and handed them out to the disciples to give to the crowds.



Everyone ate until they were full. They gathered seven baskets full of left over pieces. There were four thousand men plus women and children who ate that day.



Lord, thank you that you never run out of power and you are always able to help us.