

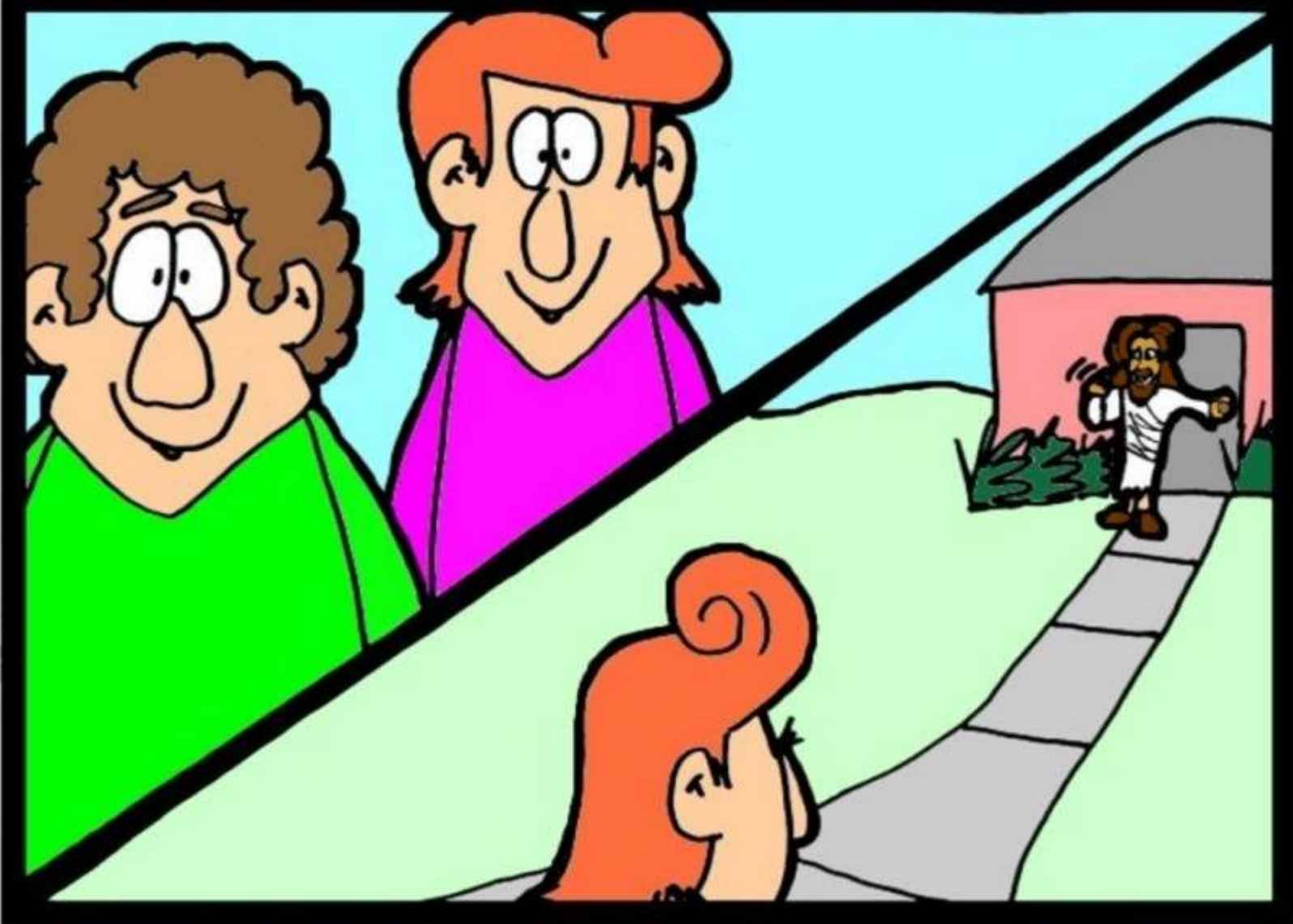
# Jesus Calls Disciples

(Based on Mark 1:16-20, Matthew 4:18-22,  
Luke 5:1-11, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16,  
Matthew 9:9, John 1:40-51)

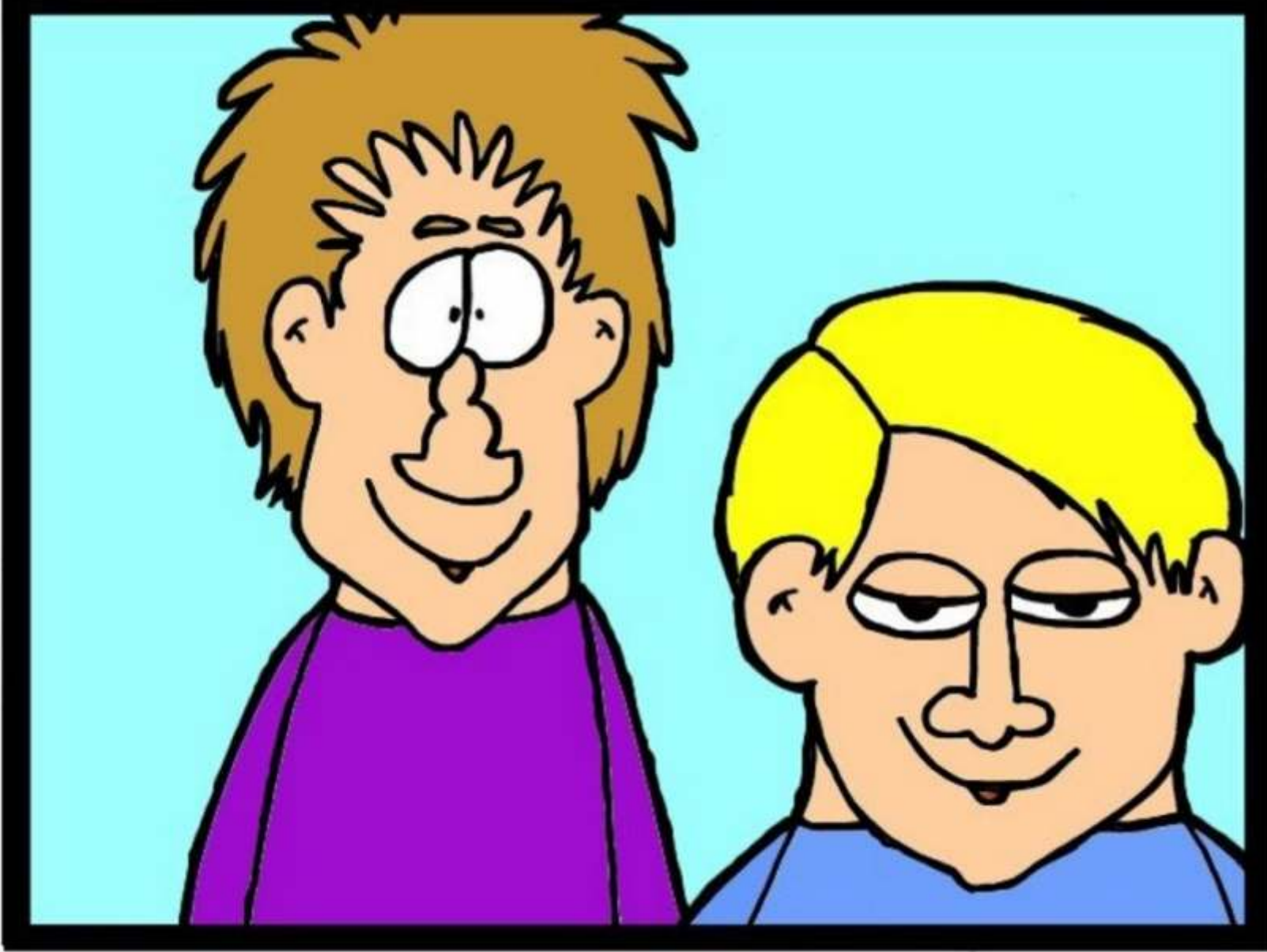
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One night Jesus went up into a mountain and he prayed all night to God. The next morning he had to make a very important decision. This was the day he picked the 12 disciples that he named apostles or sent ones. These 12 men were to stay with Jesus and learn from him.



Out of all the crowd of people that were following him he picked 12 men. Simon and Andrew, his brother. Andrew had been a follower of John the Baptist and one day when John talked about Jesus, Andrew followed Jesus home. Andrew ran and found his brother Simon. “We have found the Saviour!” he exclaimed.



Jesus also picked James and John, two brothers who were fishing partners with Simon and Andrew.



This is how Jesus met them. One day Jesus was teaching a huge crowd of people by a lake when he saw two empty boats. Jesus got into Simon's boat and asked him to push the boat out a little way from the land. Jesus sat down and began teaching the crowd of people.



Afterwards he said to Simon, “Take this boat out into the deep water and let down your nets to catch some fish!” “We fished ALL night and didn’t catch anything! But if you say so, we’ll do it,” answered Simon.

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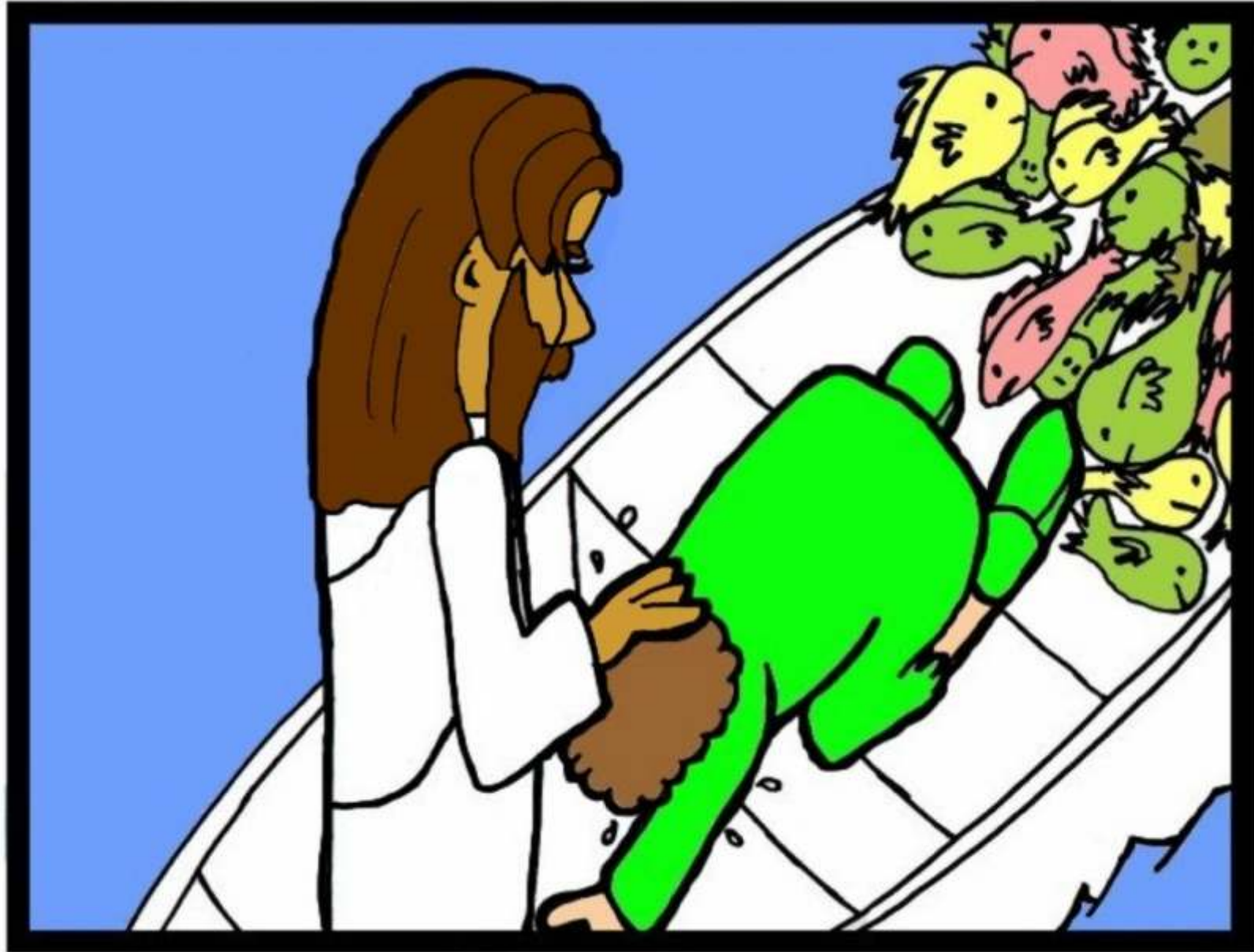
When they pushed out to the deep water and let down their nets, so many fish swam into their nets that their nets started to break! “James and John!” shouted Simon. “Get your boat out here and help!”

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They filled both of the boats with so many fish that the boats started to sink.





Simon came to Jesus and fell at his feet. “Go away from me because I have done lots of bad things Lord!” he said. “Don’t be afraid”, answered Jesus. “From now on you will be catching men.” Simon, Andrew, James and John left everything and followed Jesus.

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Jesus walked up to a man named Philip and said, "Follow me!" Philip, ran and found Nathanael. "Nathanael, we have found the one that Moses and the Prophets talked about. He is Jesus of Nazareth.



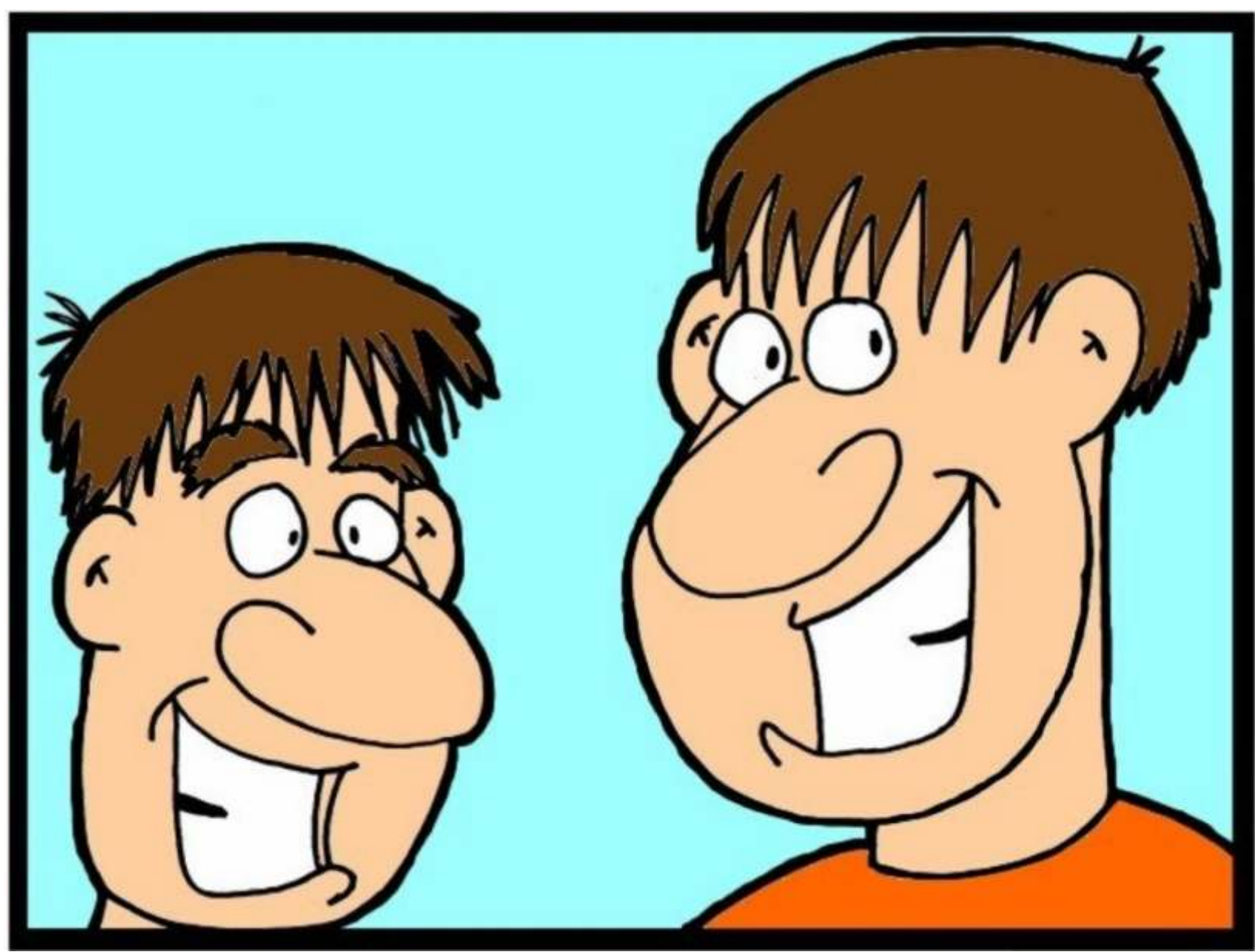
As Nathanael was walking toward Jesus, Jesus shouted, “Look a true Israelite who doesn’t lie and trick people!”



Jesus picked a man named Thomas and a man named Matthew. Jesus said to Matthew, a tax collector, "Follow me!" Matthew followed Jesus from that day.



Jesus picked another man named Simon and a man named Thaddaeus.



Jesus picked another James and his brother Judas.



Last of all he picked Judas Iscariot, the man who became the traitor.



Lord, help me to become a fisher of people. Teach me how to bring people to Jesus.