

Jethro's Advice

Based on Exodus 18

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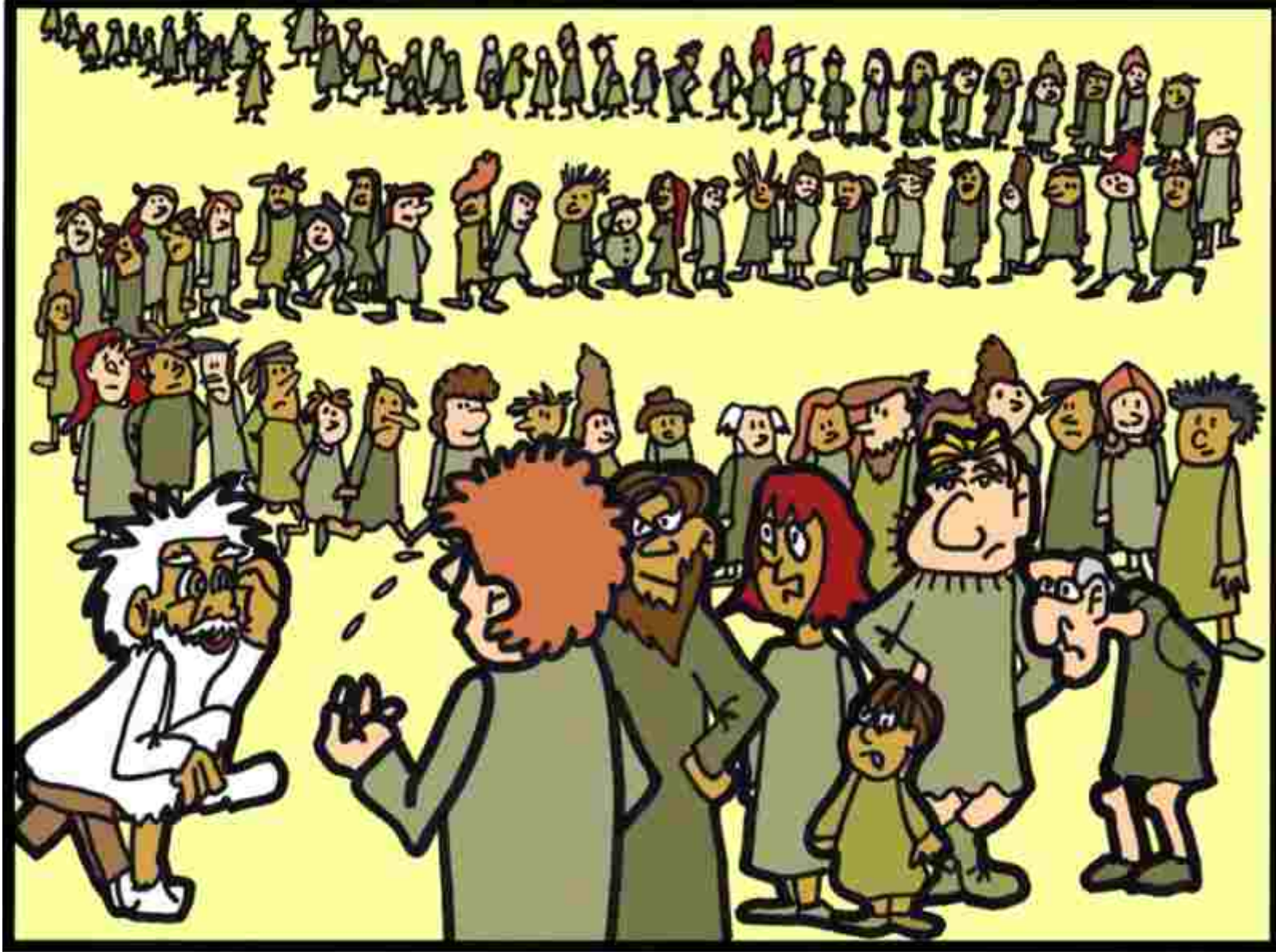
When Jethro, Moses' father in law heard of all that God had done for the people of Israel and that the Lord had brought them out of the land of Egypt, he came to meet Moses in the wilderness.



He brought Moses' wife Zipporah and Moses' two sons Gershom and Eliezer with him. Moses had previously sent them back to stay with Jethro.



Moses told his father in law all the miracles that God had done to rescue them and Jethro was very excited when he heard about how good God was to them. “Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods!” he said.



The next morning Moses went to sit in his chair and the people of Israel came to him with all their problems so he could settle problems and tell them God's Words. This went on all day from morning until the evening.



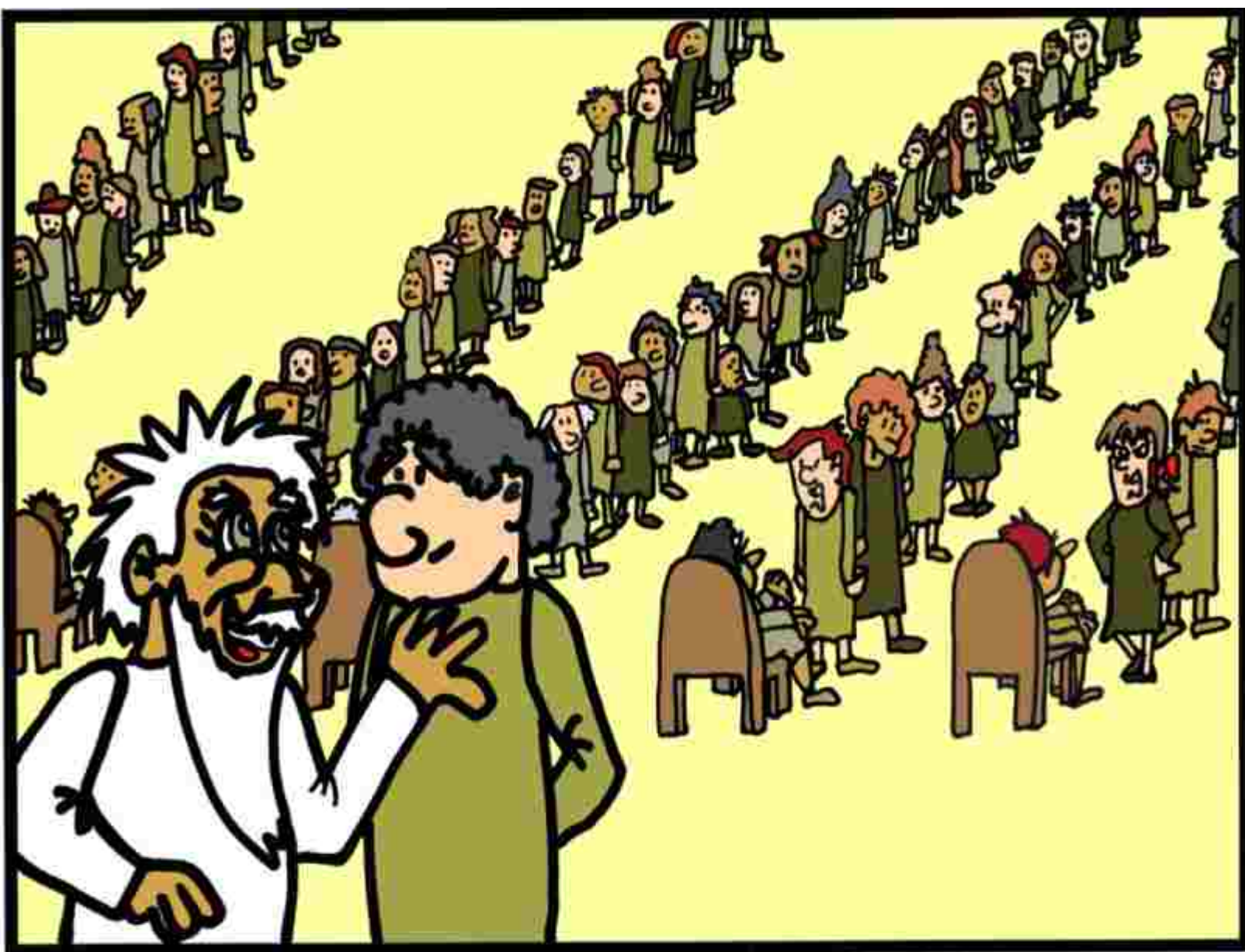
“What are you doing?” exclaimed Moses' father in law. “Why are you sitting all alone talking to the people all day? This is not a good thing that you are doing. You are going to wear yourself out and the people too! It is too heavy for you to do this job yourself alone.”



“This is my advice and God will be with you. You should focus on praying to God for the people and bringing their problems to God. God will tell you how they should live and the work they should do.



Then pick men that love God, who always tell the truth and who are not greedy people. Make them the bosses over big groups and little groups of people. They can be the judges over the smaller problems and only bring the big problems to you. They will help you carry the load and then you will not wear out.



So Moses listened to Jethro and set up Judges among all the people. They handled all the smaller problems and only brought the hard cases to Moses. It came time for Jethro to go back home and Moses let him go.



Lord, help me to know when something is too hard for me and that I should ask for help from others. Help me to see when others need my help.