

# Man with Withered Hand

(Based on Mark 3:1-6, Matthew 12:9-14,  
Luke 6:6-11)

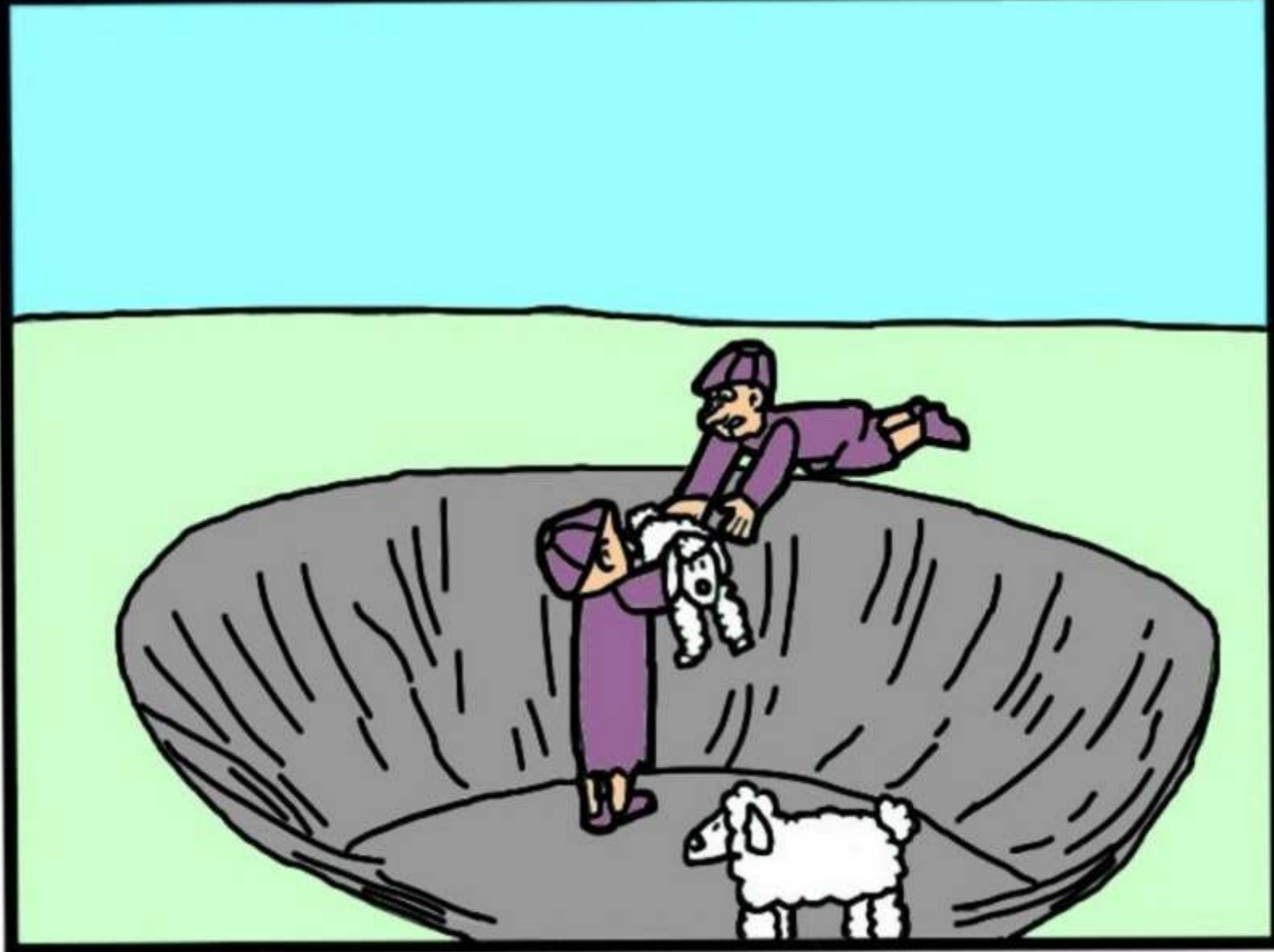
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One day in the synagogue, there was a man who had a withered hand. The phony Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath day. They wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking the 10 commandments.



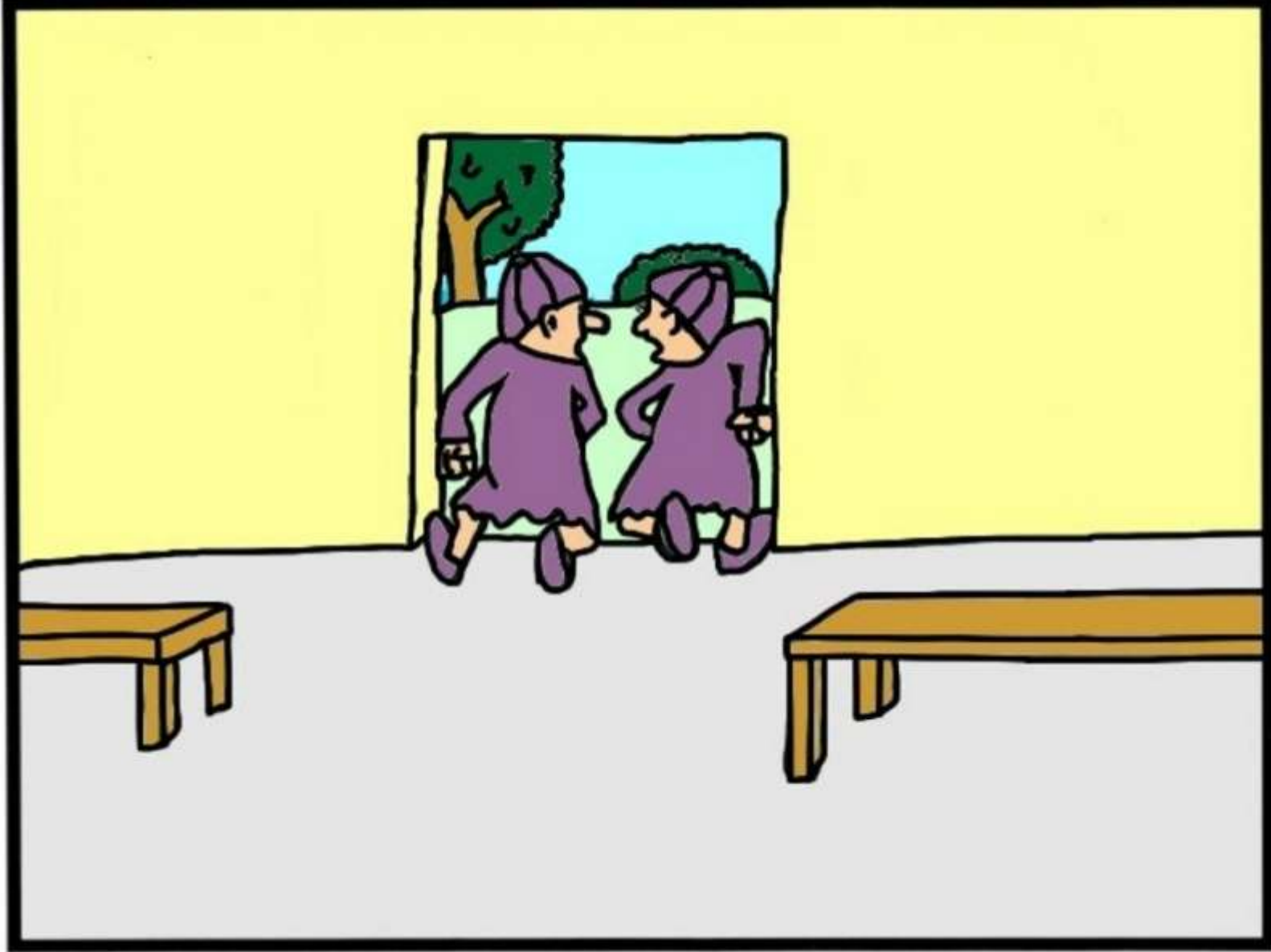
"Man with the withered hand," said Jesus. "Come here. On the Sabbath day is it okay to do good or to do hurt, to save a life or to kill?" Jesus was angry with the Pharisees because they were so hard-hearted.



"If your sheep falls into a pit on the Sabbath day, don't you lift it out? How much more valuable is a man than a sheep? I say, it is okay to do good on the Sabbath day." The Pharisees were silent.



"Stretch out your hand," said Jesus to the man. The man obeyed, stretched out his hand and it was healthy.



The Pharisees were angry with Jesus. "Let's kill him!" they plotted as they left the synagogue that day.



Lord, help me to always care more about people than rules. I never want to have a hard heart.