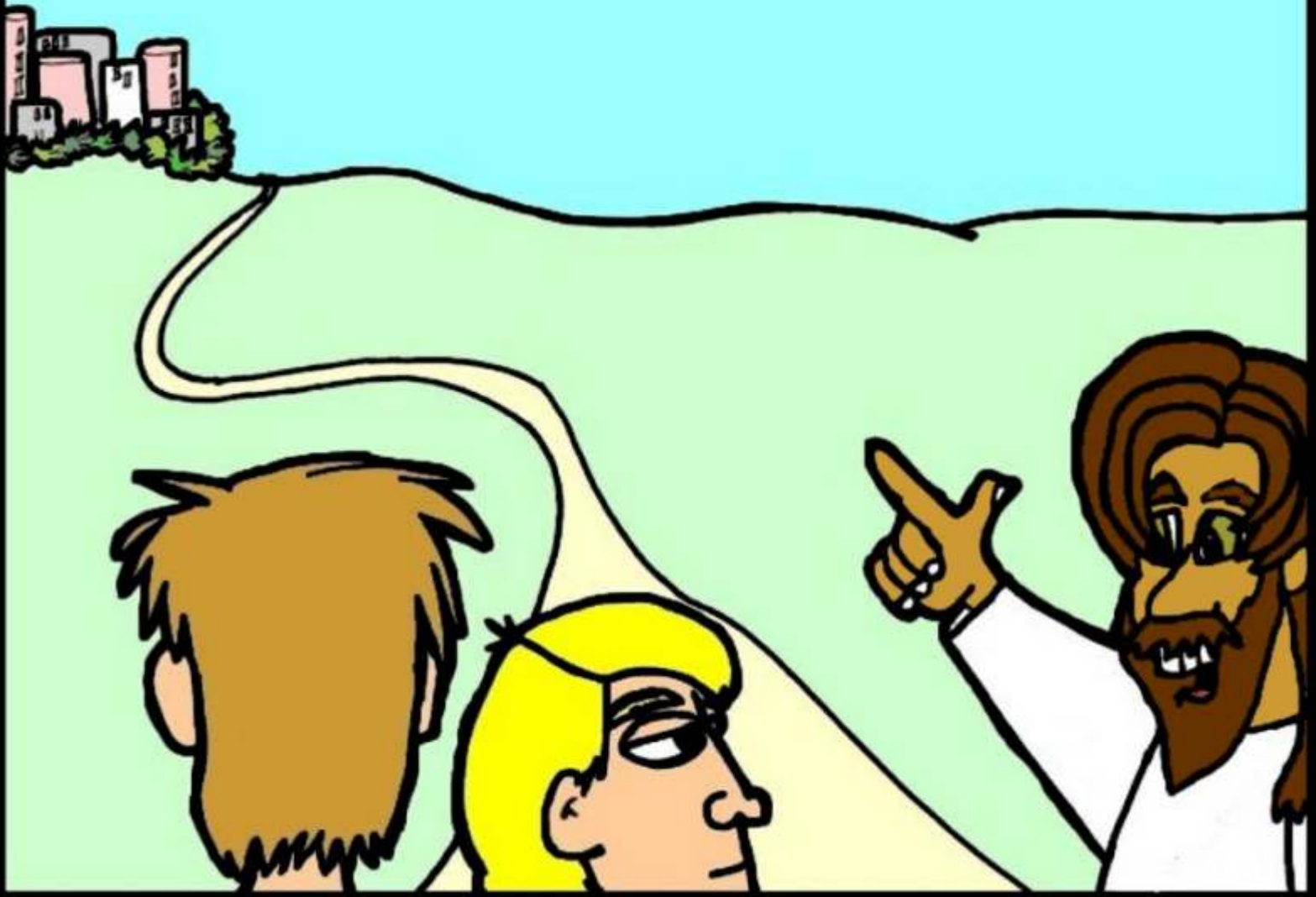


# Rejection By the Samaritans

(Based on Luke 9:51-56)

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Soon Jesus would be crucified and he needed to travel to Jerusalem. “We’re going to Jerusalem,” said Jesus to his disciples. “We are going to go through the country of Samaria. I want you to run ahead and make preparations.”



Before long they arrived at a village in the land of Samaria. "Who goes there?" said the village people.



"I am James and this is my brother John. We are disciples of Jesus. But you can call us Sons of Thunder. That's the nickname that Jesus gave to us."



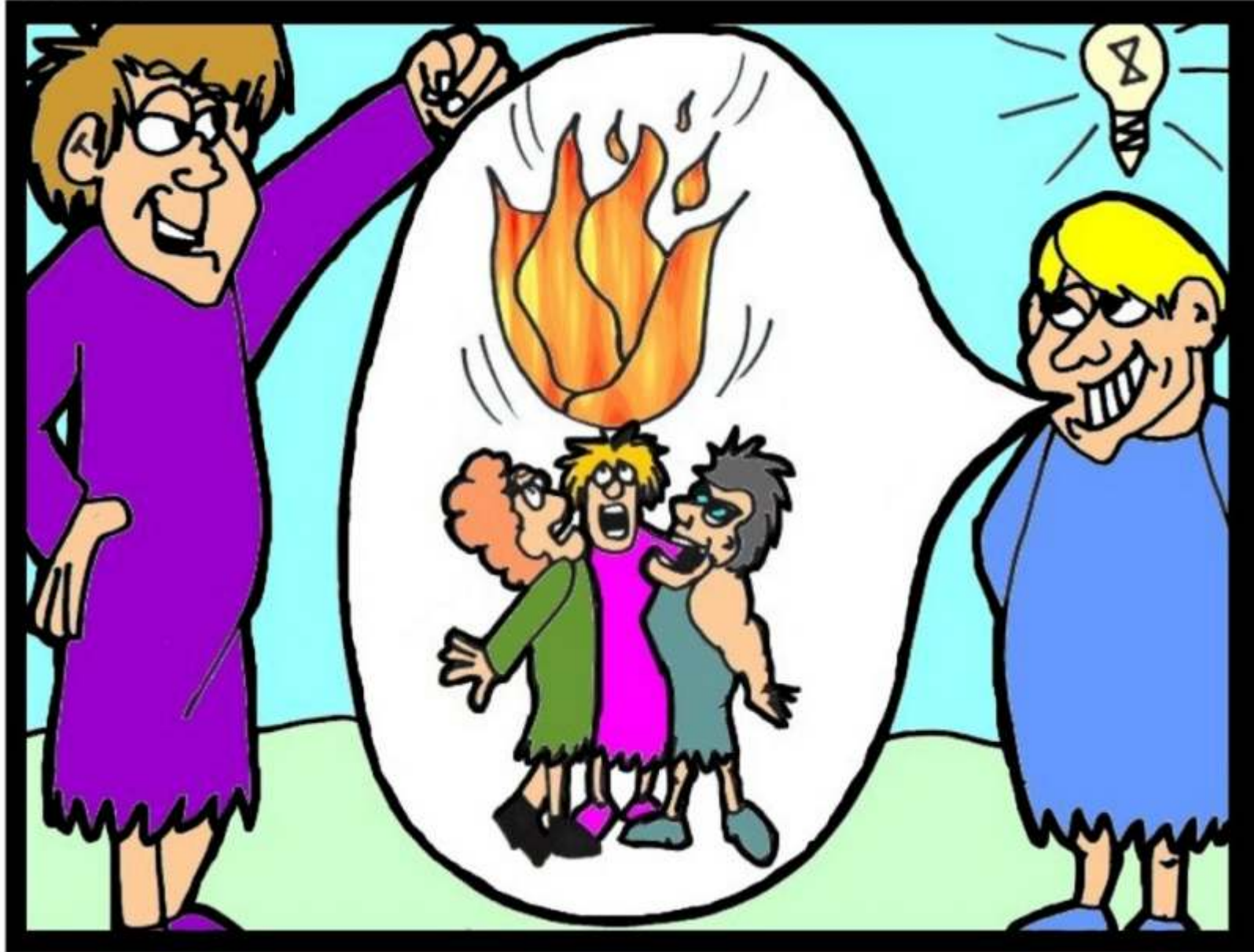
“Where are you going?” asked the village people. “We're going to Jerusalem,” answered the disciples.



"Jerusalem!" shouted the village people. "Don't you know there is a big feud between the Jews and the Samaritans? We don't like them and they don't like us!"



“You're not going through our village!” “Wha wha what? I can't believe the treatment Jesus is getting!” gasped James.



"If Elijah was here he'd call fire down from heaven!" James and John ran back to find Jesus. "Jesus do you want us to call down fire from heaven and burn up these bozos just like Elijah did?"





"Boys! Boys! Boys! I did not come to hurt people but to save them! Come. We'll go to another village," said Jesus.



Lord, help me to let go of bad feelings when people are mean to me. Let love be the boss in my life.