

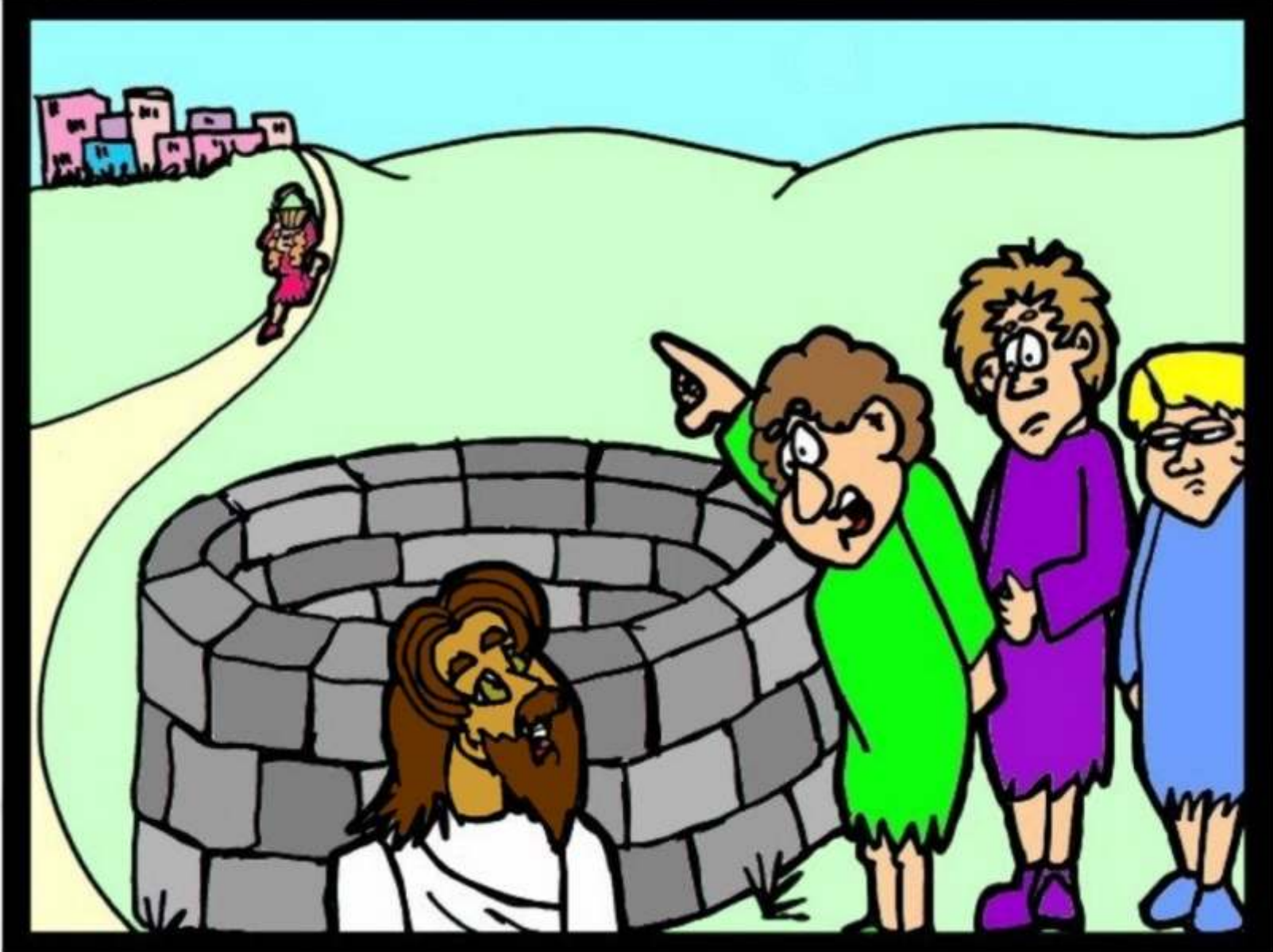
Woman at the Well

(Based on John 4:1-42)

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One day Jesus decided to go to Galilee, but first he had to pass through the territory of Samaria. At about 12:00 noon he arrived at a town and he sat to rest beside a well. This was a very special well because Jacob the grandson of Abraham had dug it.



“We’re hungry!” said all the disciples. “We’re going to go into town to buy some food to eat.” Jesus stayed to rest by the well. “Dum de dum de dum,” sang a Samaritan woman carrying a bucket to the well.



Jesus asked for a drink, but the woman couldn't believe that a Jewish man was even talking to her, a Samaritan. Jesus answered, "If you knew who is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water!"



“You don’t even have a bucket!” said the lady. “This is a deep well. Where do you get that living water?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks of this water will get thirsty again.”



“But whoever drinks the living water will never get thirsty again. It will be in him a well of water springing up to eternal life!” “Give me this water so I won’t be thirsty and so I don’t have to come here anymore!” said the woman.



Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come here.”

“I don’t have a husband,” answered the woman.



“You said the right answer,” said Jesus. “Because, you have had FIVE husbands and the one who you now have is not your husband. You told the truth about this.”



“Our fathers worshiped in this mountain and YOU PEOPLE say that Jerusalem is the place for worship.” Jesus answered, “The time is coming when it is neither.”



“True worshipers will worship the Father in their spirit and truly mean it when they worship him. This is the kind of people that God is looking for,” said Jesus.



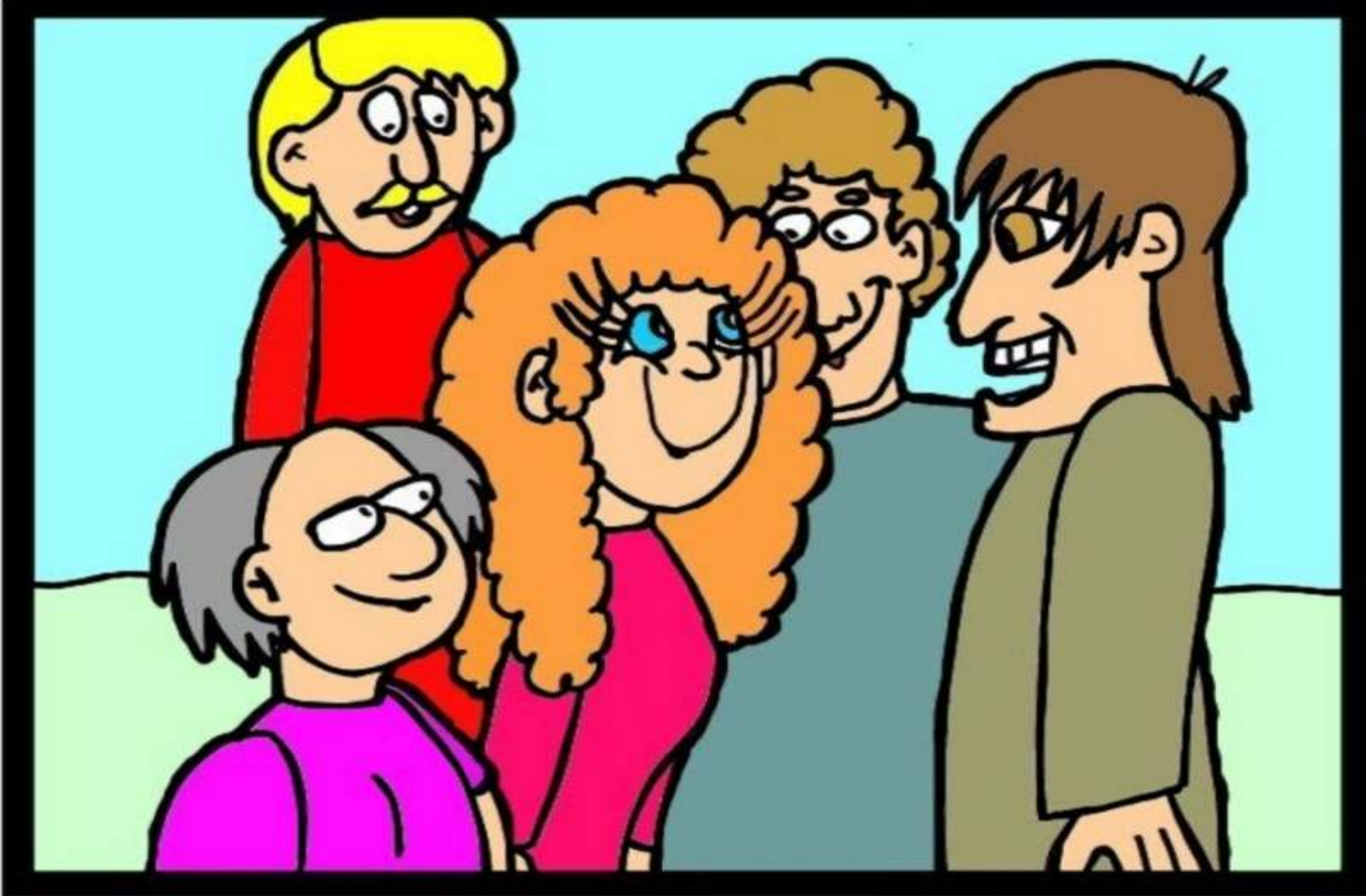
At this point the disciples returned and were astounded that Jesus was talking to a woman, but no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”



The lady ran into town while the disciples arrived with the food. “I have food to eat that you don’t know about,” answered Jesus. “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish his work!”



Look on the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” When the Samaritan people arrived they listened to Jesus teach. They asked him to stay and he stayed for two days.



“Lady,” they said. “We don’t believe now just because of what you said, because we have heard him for ourselves and we **KNOW** that this one is for sure the Saviour of the world!”



Lord, help me to always worship you from my heart, and really mean it. Please give to me that living water.