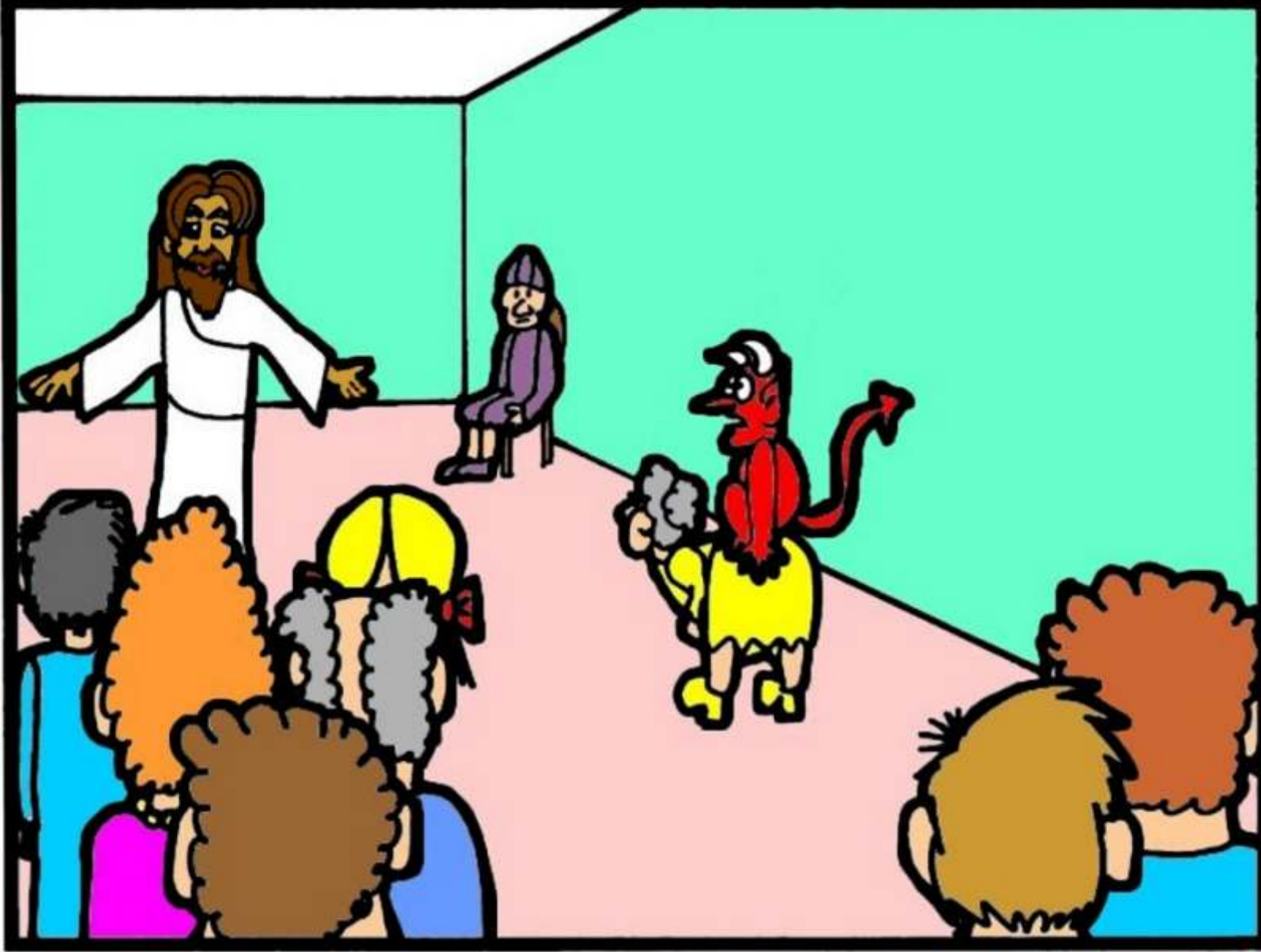


# Woman With 18 Year Infirmary

(Based on Luke 13:10-17)

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One day Jesus was teaching in a synagogue and there was a woman who for 18 years had a sickness, which was caused by an evil spirit. The lady was bent over and could not straighten up, not even a little bit.



When Jesus saw her he called,  
"Lady come over here."

So she hobbled over.



"Woman you are freed from your sickness," said Jesus. And he laid his hands on her.



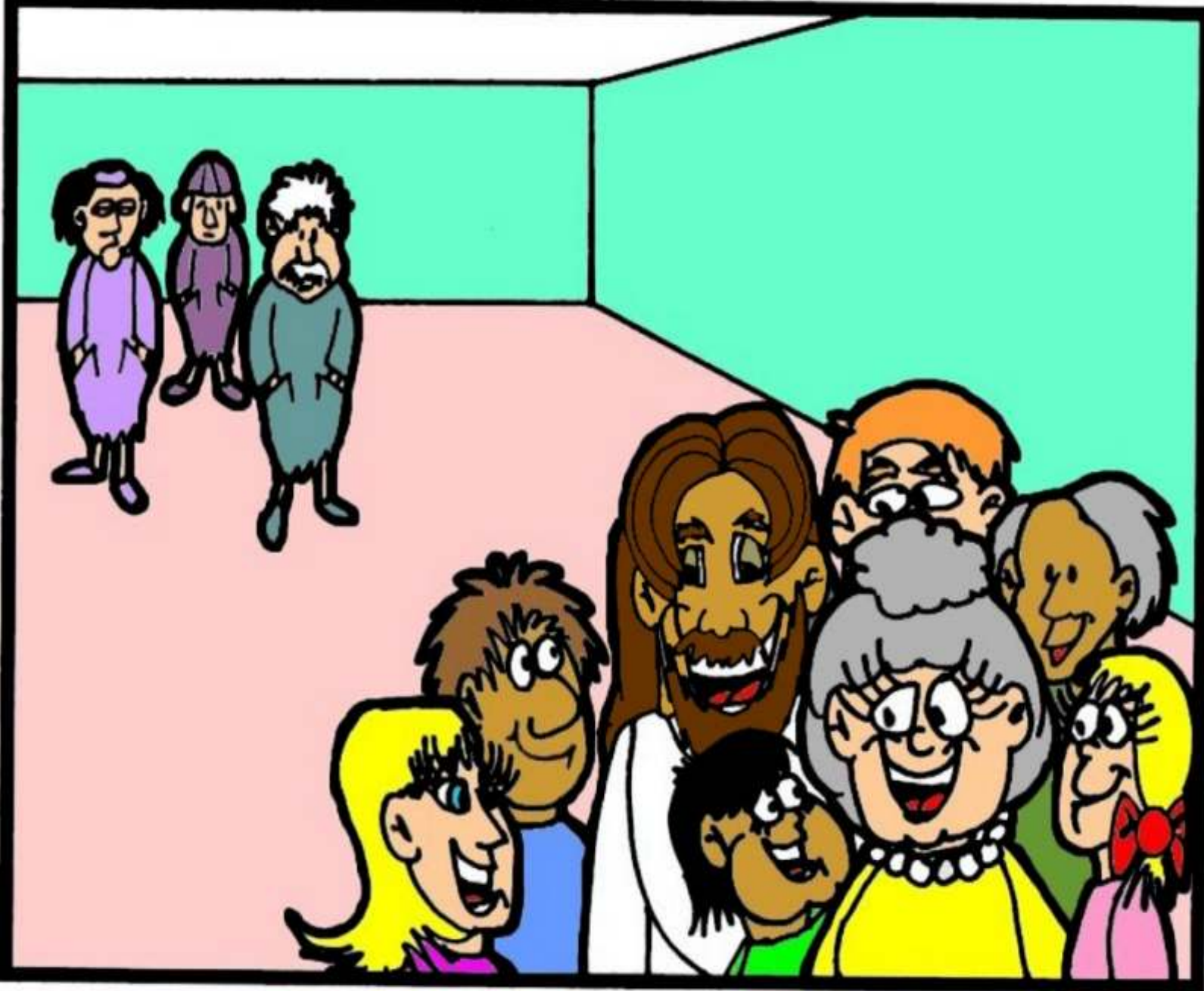
Immediately the lady was made straight again. "Glory to God," she shouted. "Thank you God!" The ruler of the synagogue was upset because Jesus had healed the lady on the Sabbath day (the day of rest).



"There are six other days in the week when you can come and be healed. You don't have to be healed on the Sabbath day," he scolded the people.

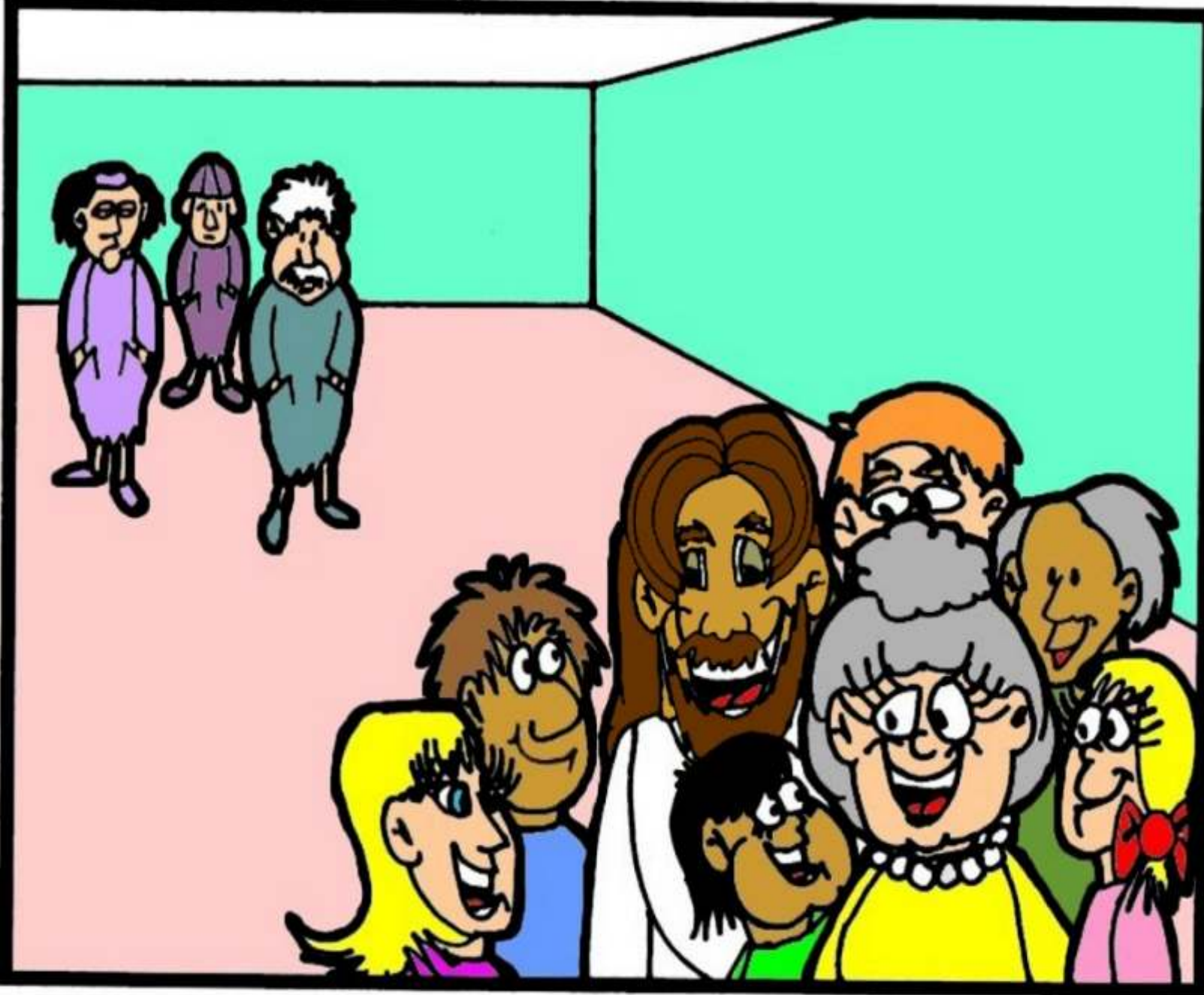


"You play actor!" yelled Jesus at the ruler. "Don't each one of you on the Sabbath day take your ox or donkey out of the barn and lead it to the water?"



"So, shouldn't this woman who is a daughter of Abraham, who Satan had bound up for 18 years, think about it, for **EIGHTEEN YEARS**, shouldn't she be set free on the Sabbath day?"





When he said these things all the people who were against Jesus looked foolish. But the rest of the people were very happy because of all the wonderful things that Jesus did.



Lord, help me to never have a hard heart toward anyone who is suffering.