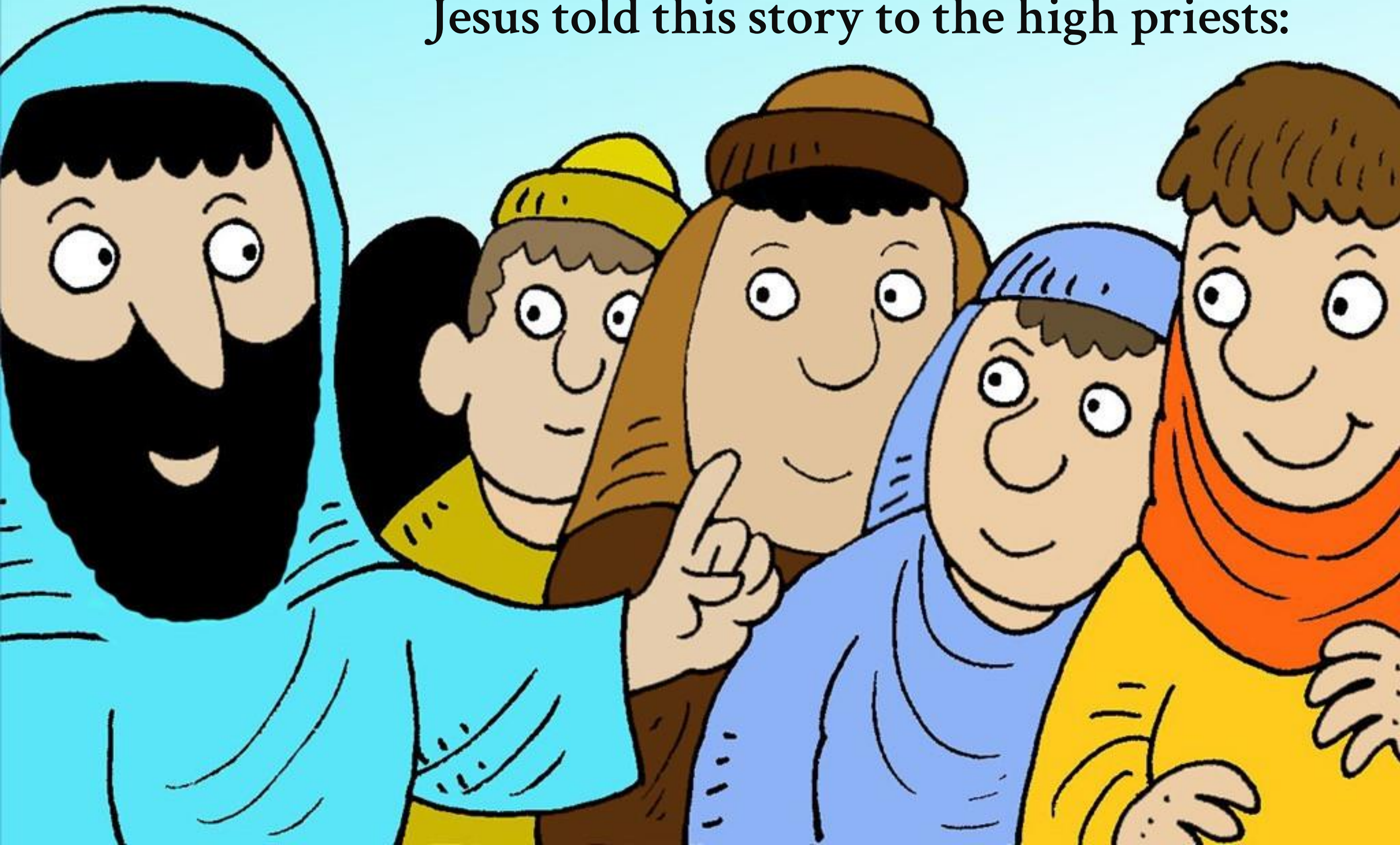




PARABLE OF TWO SONS ASKED TO HELP

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

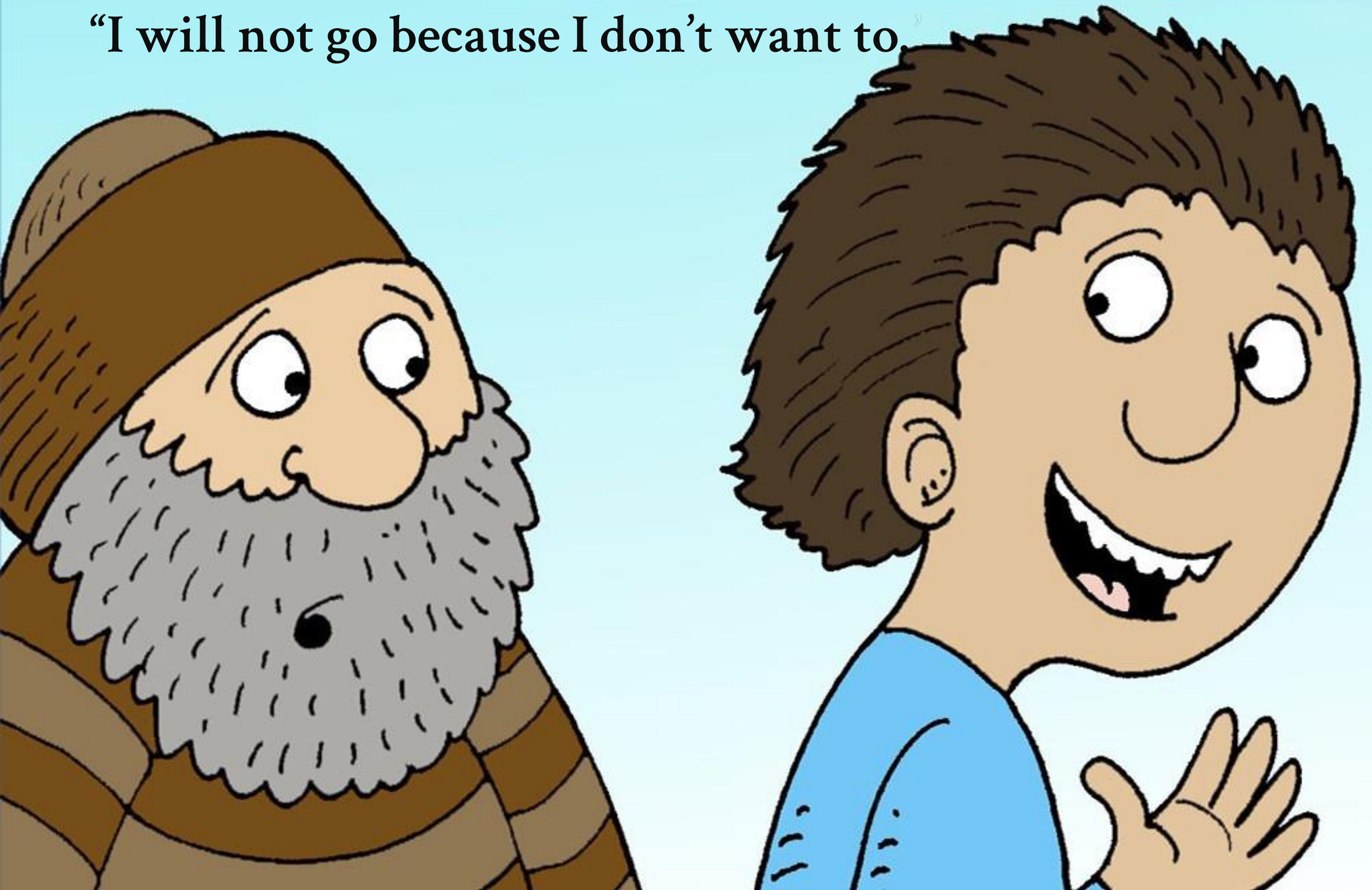
Jesus told this story to the high priests:



Once there was a man who had two sons.



He said to the First one, "Go and work in the vineyard today." But the son answered, "I will not go because I don't want to."



But later he changed his mind
and went to work after all.



When the man asked his younger son to go and work in his vineyard too, he said, "Of course I will go."



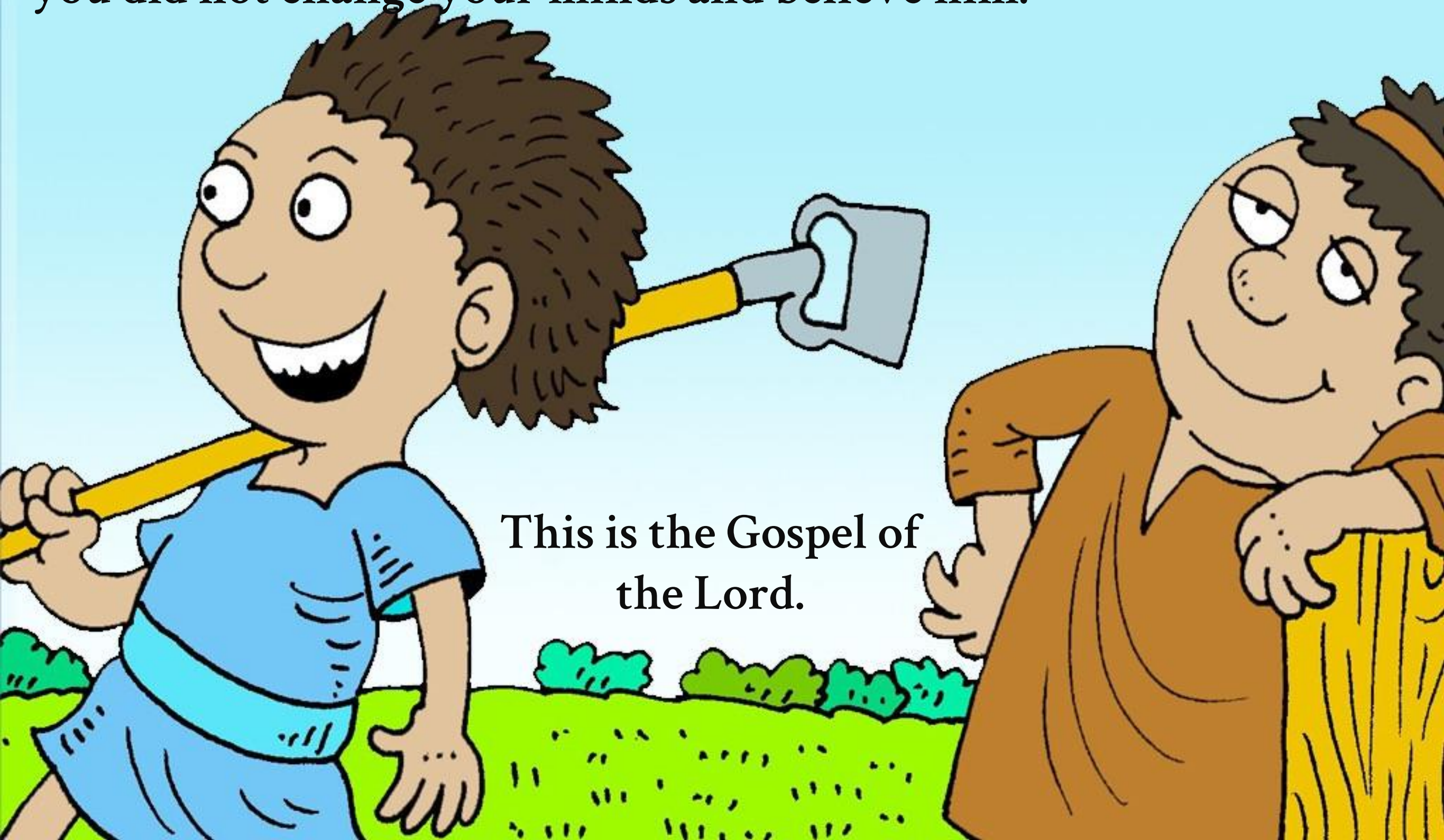
But he did not do what
he said he would do.



Jesus asked the high priests, "Which of these sons did what their father wanted?" "The older one, of course," they replied.



Jesus said to them, “The people you call sinners will enter God’s kingdom before any of you, because they listened and believed what John the Baptist told them. Even when you witnessed that, you did not change your minds and believe him.



This is the Gospel of
the Lord.



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