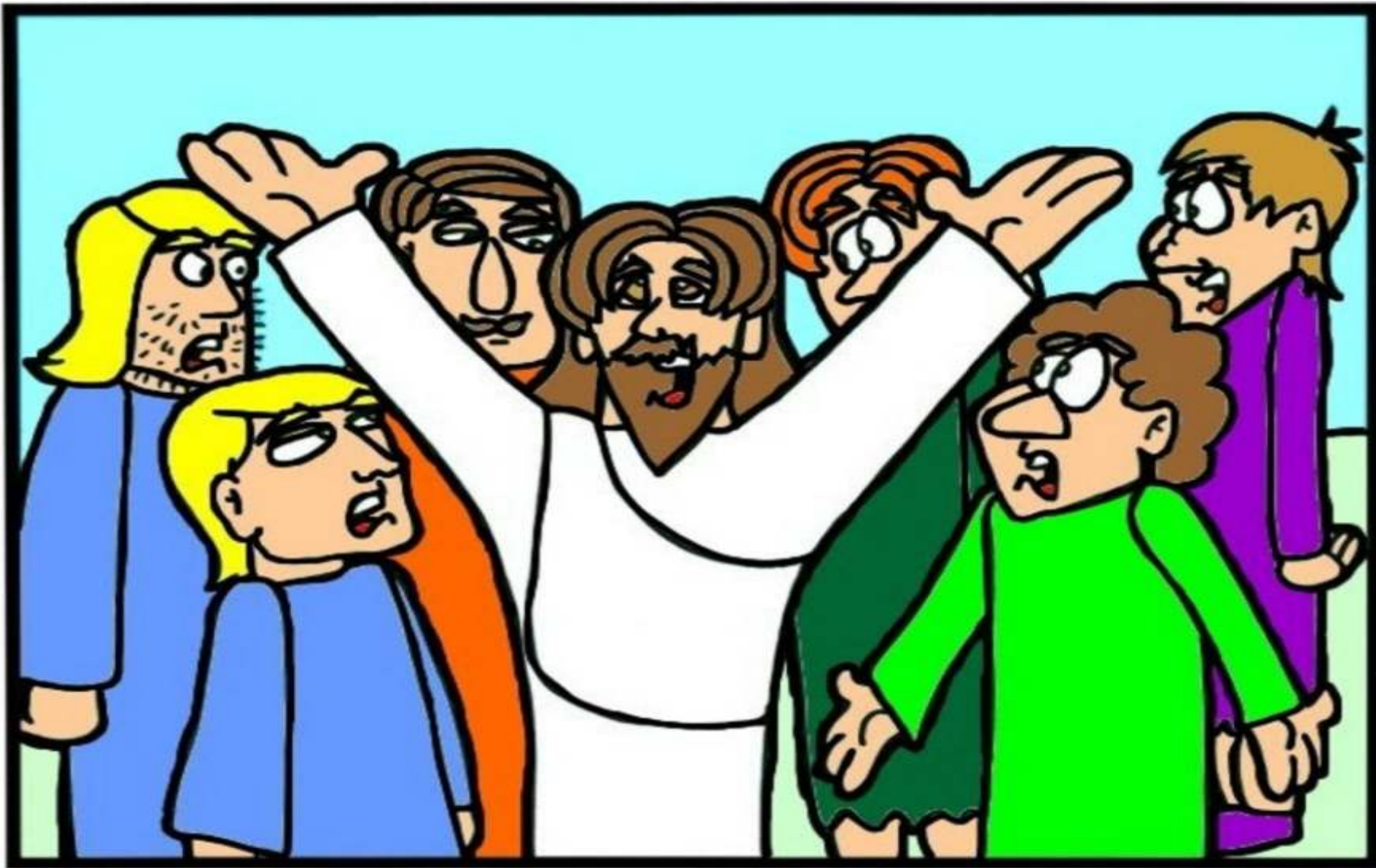


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The Lord's Prayer/Prayer of Persistence

(Based on Matthew 6:6-9, Luke 11:1-13)

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One day Jesus was praying and when he had finished one of his disciples asked, "Lord teach us to pray just like John the Baptist taught his followers." Jesus answered, "When you pray say, 'Our Father who is in heaven Hallowed (Holy) is your name. Your kingdom come.



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Your will be done in the earth just like it is in heaven. Give us day by day food to eat. Forgive us for the bad things we have done and we ourselves forgive everybody that has done bad things to us.



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Don't bring us to the test but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever.



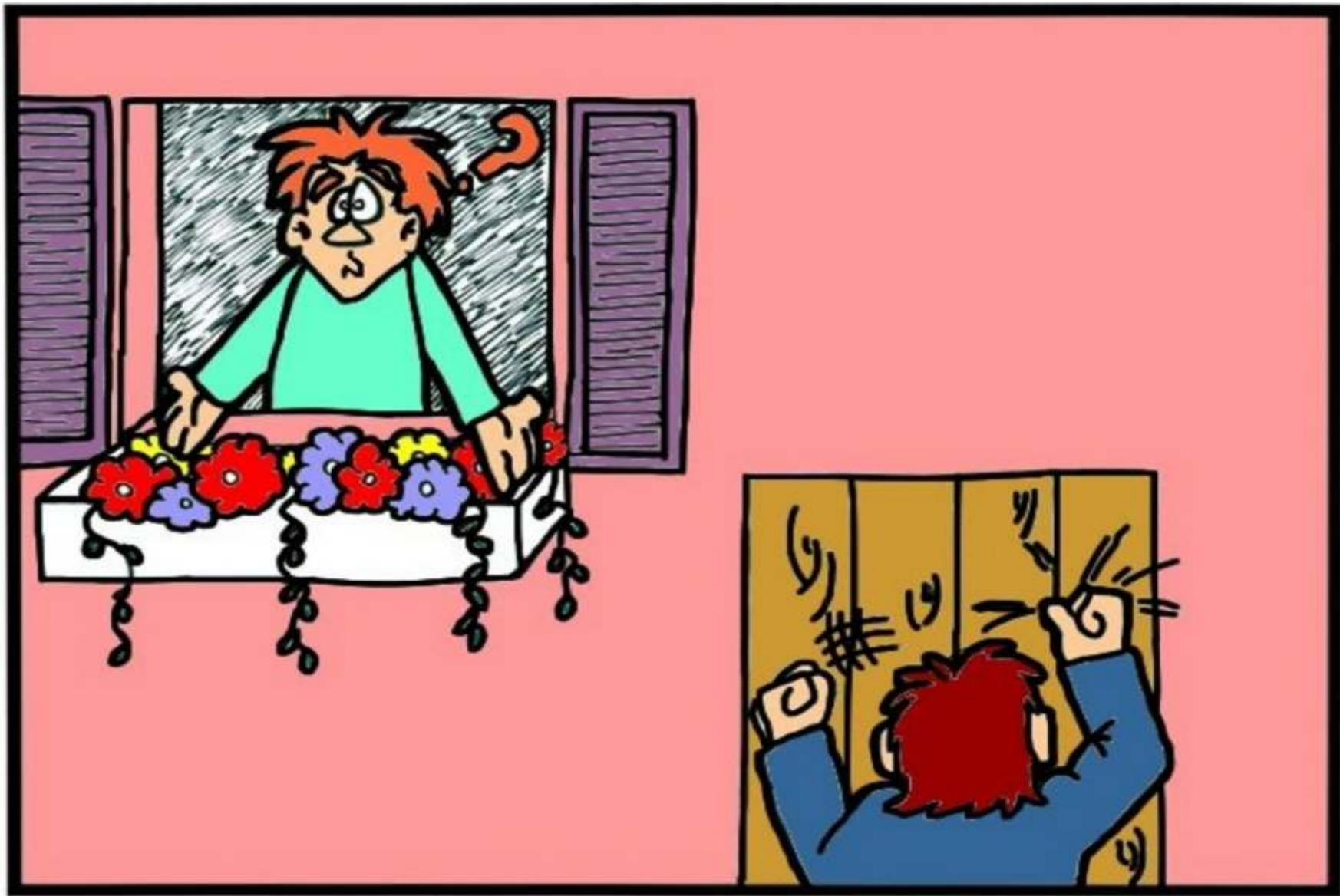
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Jesus continued, "If you went to your friend at midnight and pounded on his door saying, I need three loaves of bread! I have company that came to visit me from far away! What would your friend say?"



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He would say, 'Don't bother me! My door is locked. I'm in bed and my kids are in bed. I cannot get up and get them for you.'



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I say to you even though he wouldn't get up because you are his friend, he would get up just because you won't quit! I say to you, ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you.”



53-08

Lord, thank you for the privilege to come and pray to you. Help me to remember to tell you that I love you and not just ask for things.