

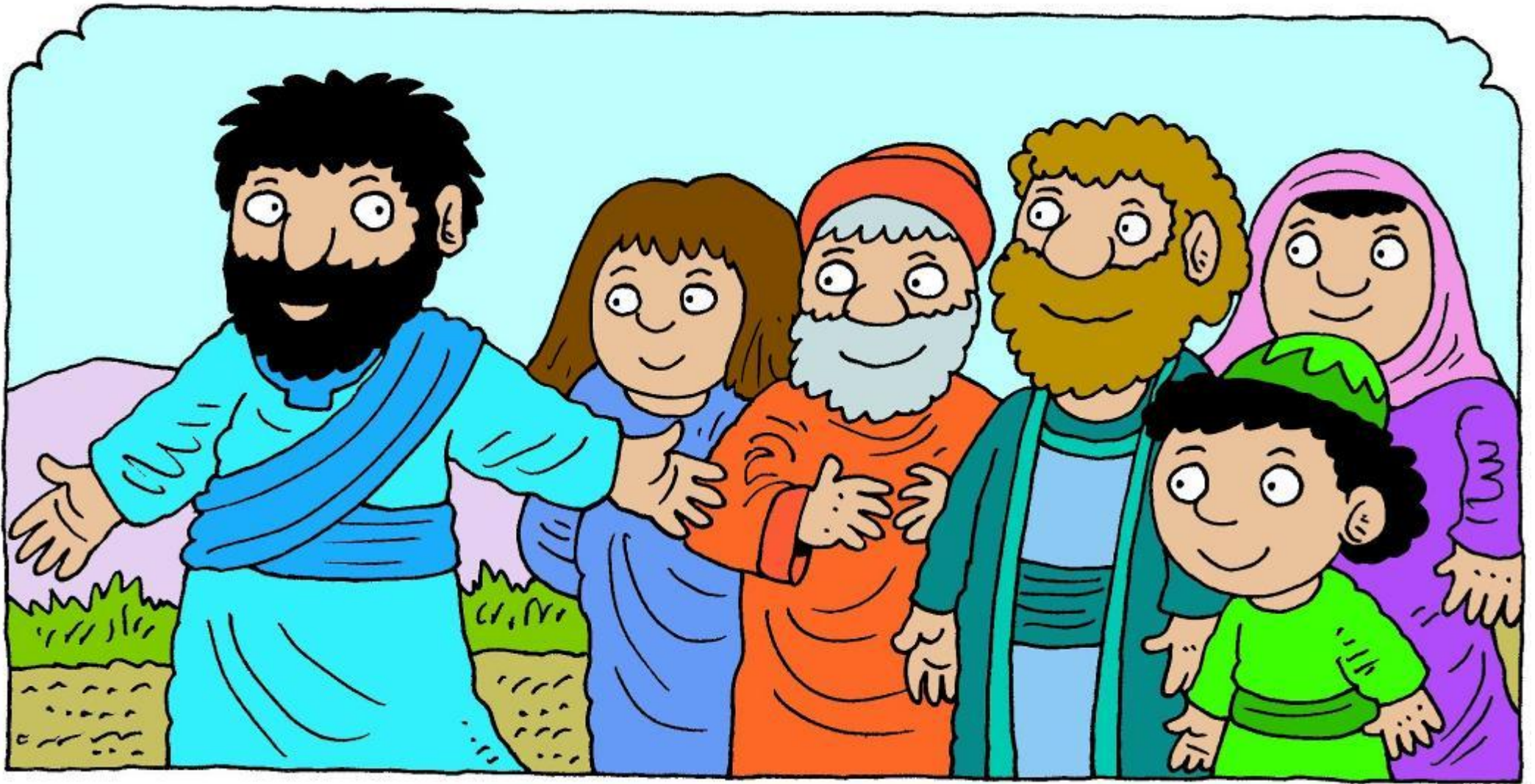
Parable: Counting The Cost

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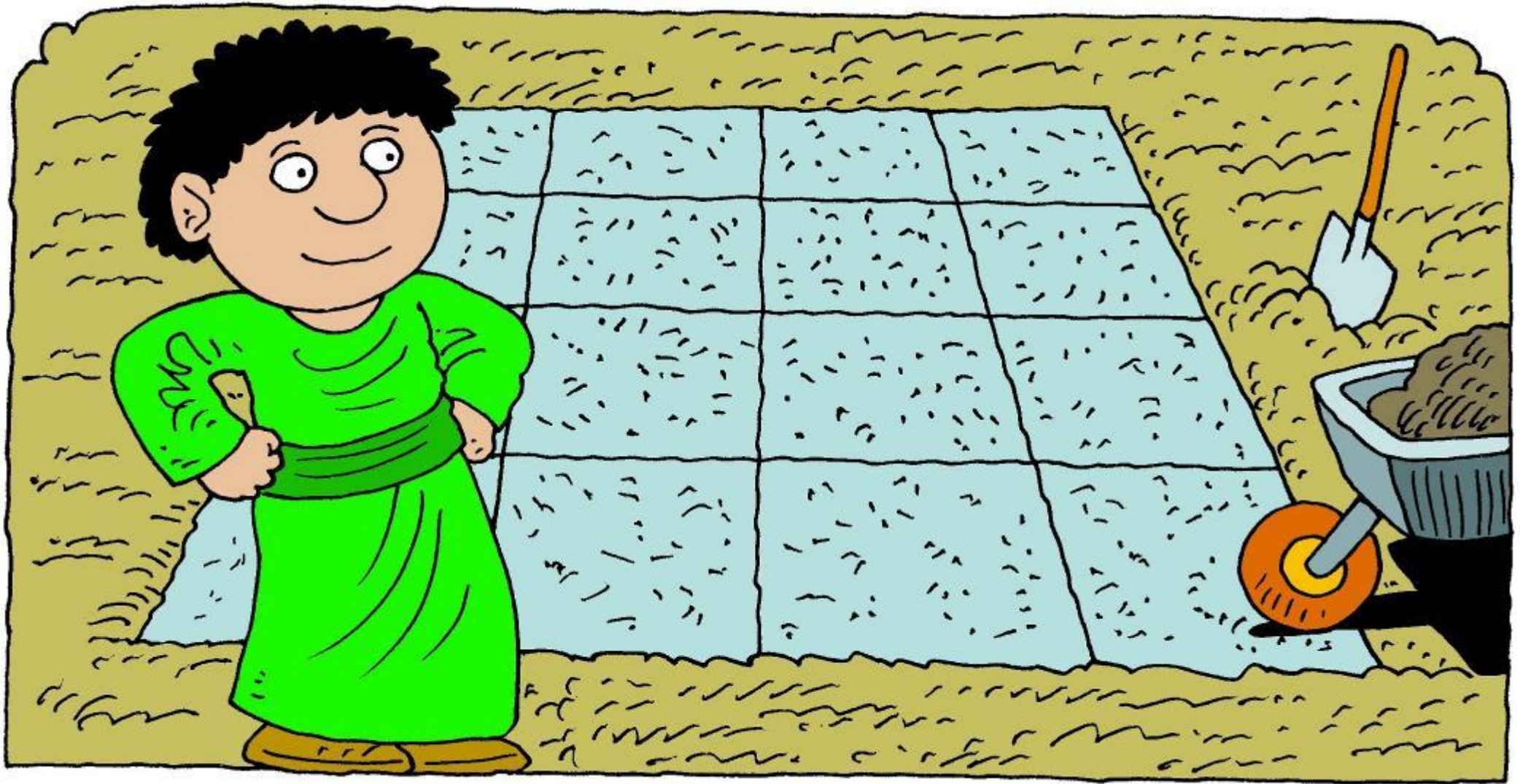
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Keep following Jesus
with all your heart
and make Him the most
important focus of your life.



Crowds followed Jesus everywhere.
“You need to love me more than you
even love your own family,” Jesus said,
“If you choose to be my disciple.”



Then He told them this story: “Imagine if one of you wanted to build a tower. You would first work out the cost and make sure you had enough money to finish it.”



If you got half way through and realized you didn't have enough money to buy all the bricks that were needed, then others would laugh at you for being so unwise.



Imagine that a King's country was going to be attacked by an big army. He would need to decide if his own army was strong enough to win.



And he would make sure there were enough weapons for all of his soldiers, before he sent them to fight a stronger enemy.



If there were not, he would quickly send someone to make peace with his enemy, before they started fighting and his army lost.”



It isn't just starting that is important.
It is having the purpose and will,
because of your great love for God,
to keep going, right to the very end."