

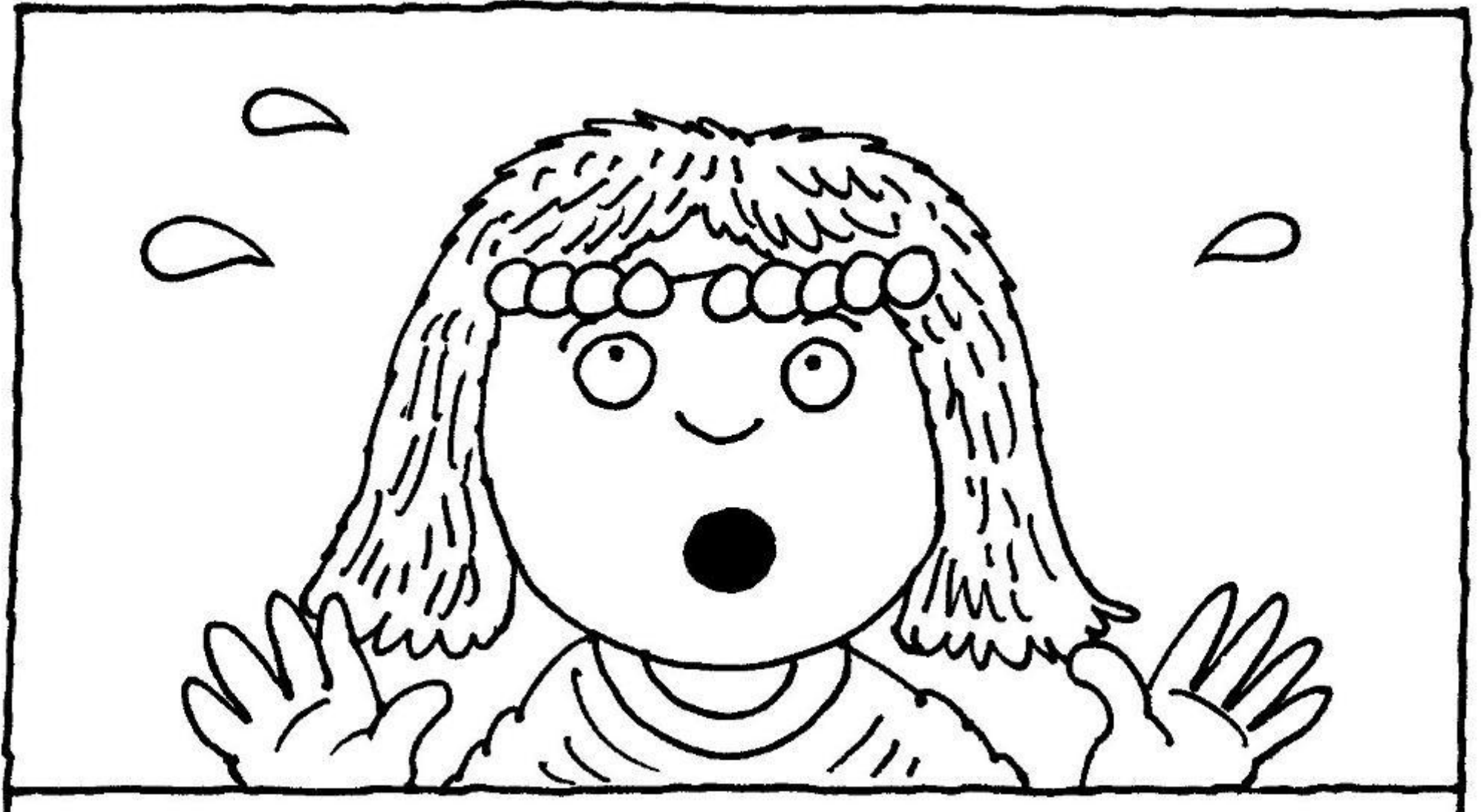
# Parable Of The Lost Coin

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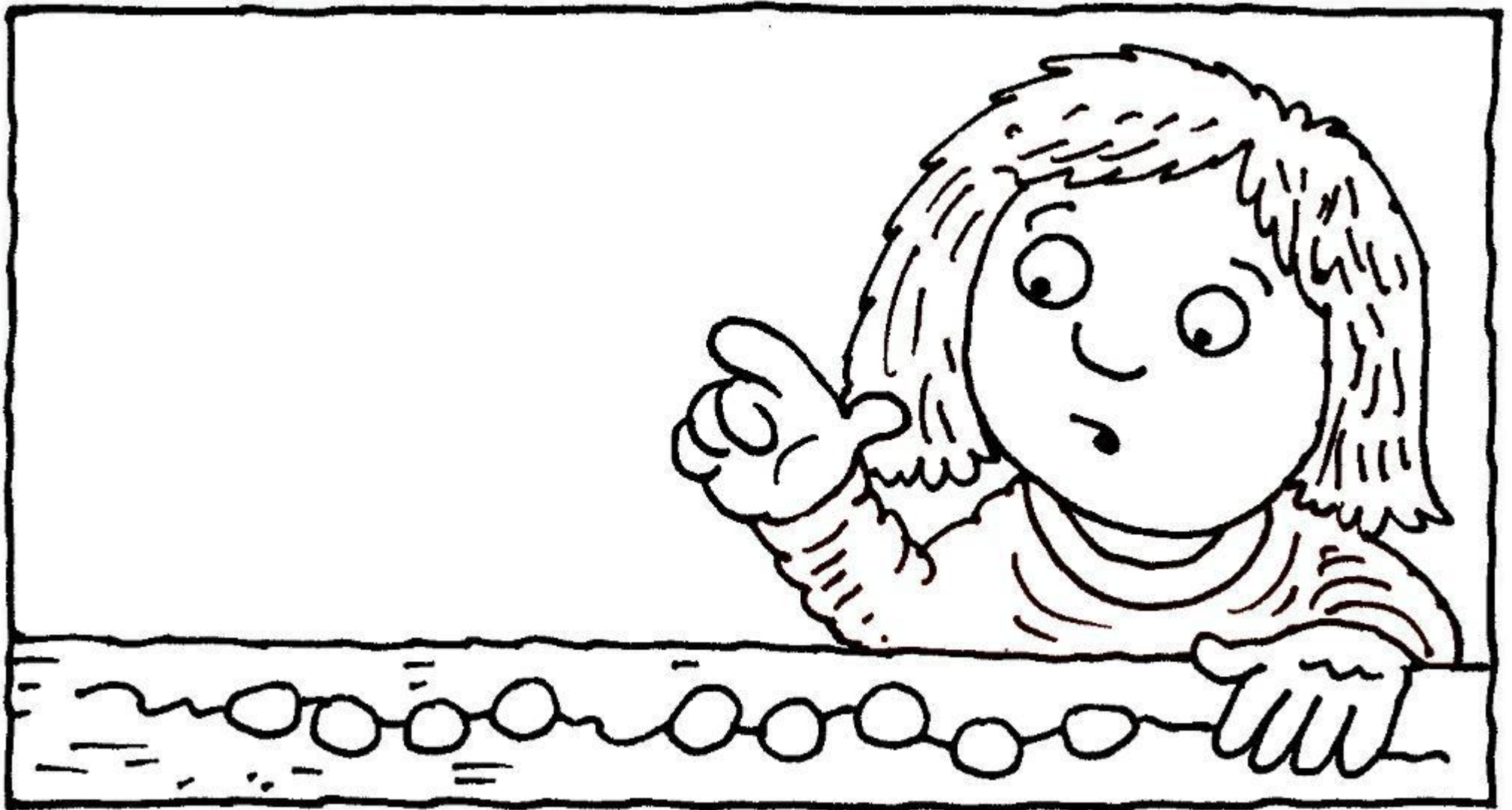
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Leaders from the temple asked Jesus  
why he was being friendly to  
people who didn't follow God's rules?  
Jesus told this parable, which is a story with a meaning.





“A lady had 10 silver coins  
that were very precious to her.  
One day she saw that one  
of her silver coins was lost!



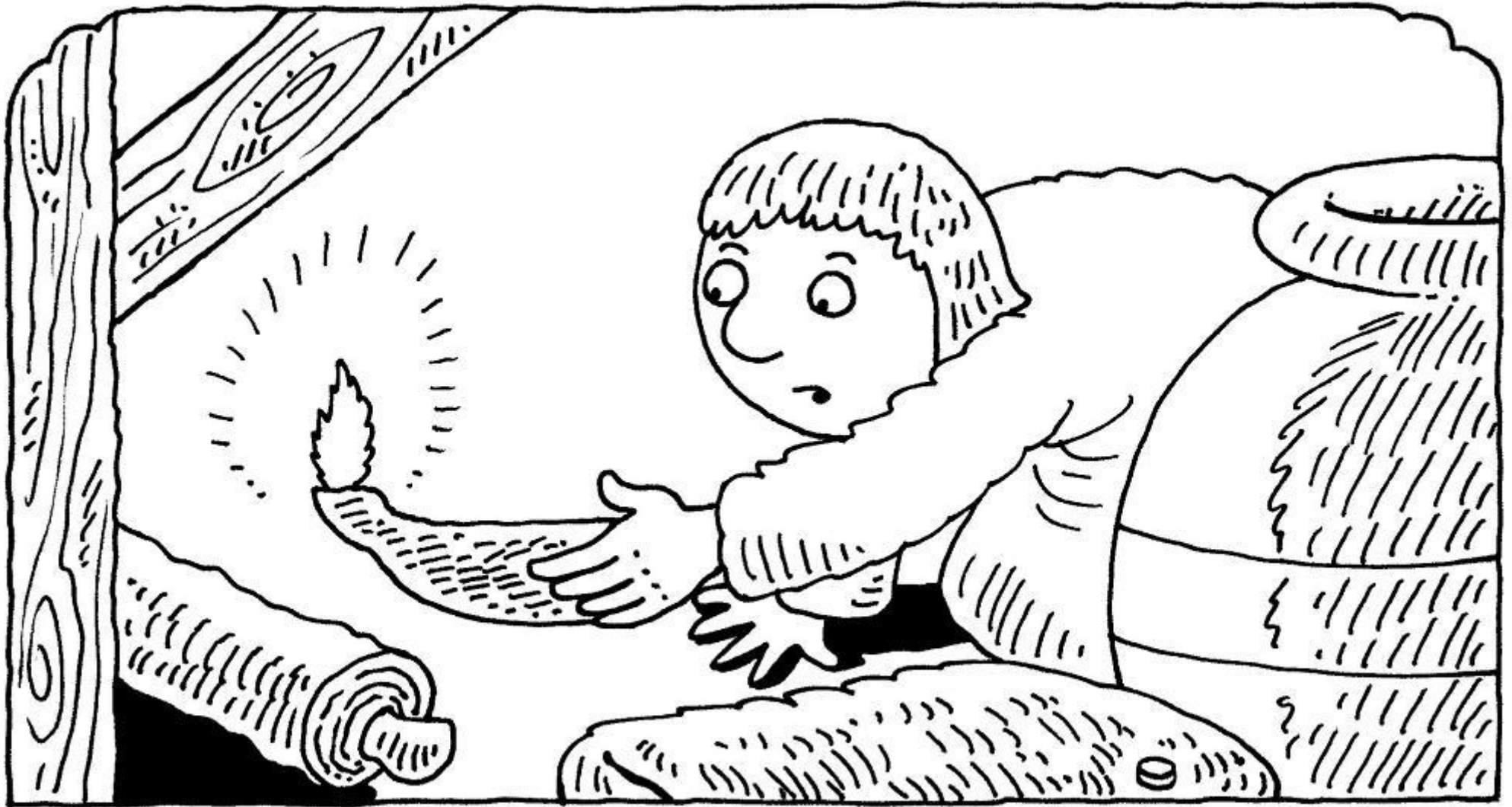
She counted them carefully  
“1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9....  
Where could I have dropped  
my precious coin?” she wondered.



She looked in things  
and under things,  
but she couldn't find  
her lost coin anywhere.



Then she got a broom  
and swept her whole house,  
but she didn't find  
that precious silver coin.



The lady was sad.  
She lit a candle and searched  
for her precious coin in every  
dark corner until, at last, she found it!



She told her friends the good news!  
“I have found the one that was lost!” she said.  
Everyone was happy and  
they all celebrated together.”



Jesus told this story to show how much God loves people who are far from him. “The angels in heaven celebrate when even one precious, lost person trusts in God,” Jesus said.