

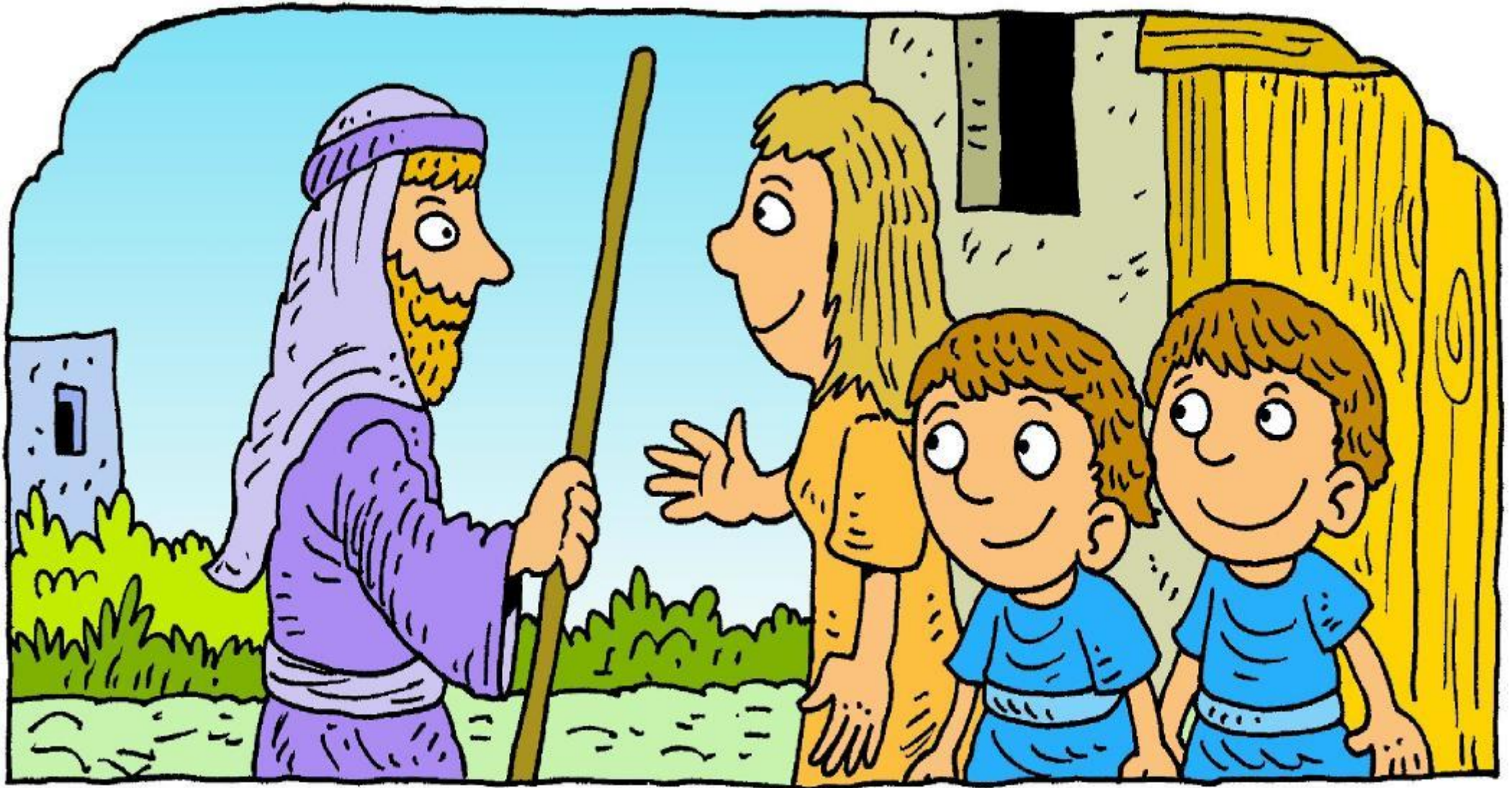
Elisha And The Oil That Never Ran Out

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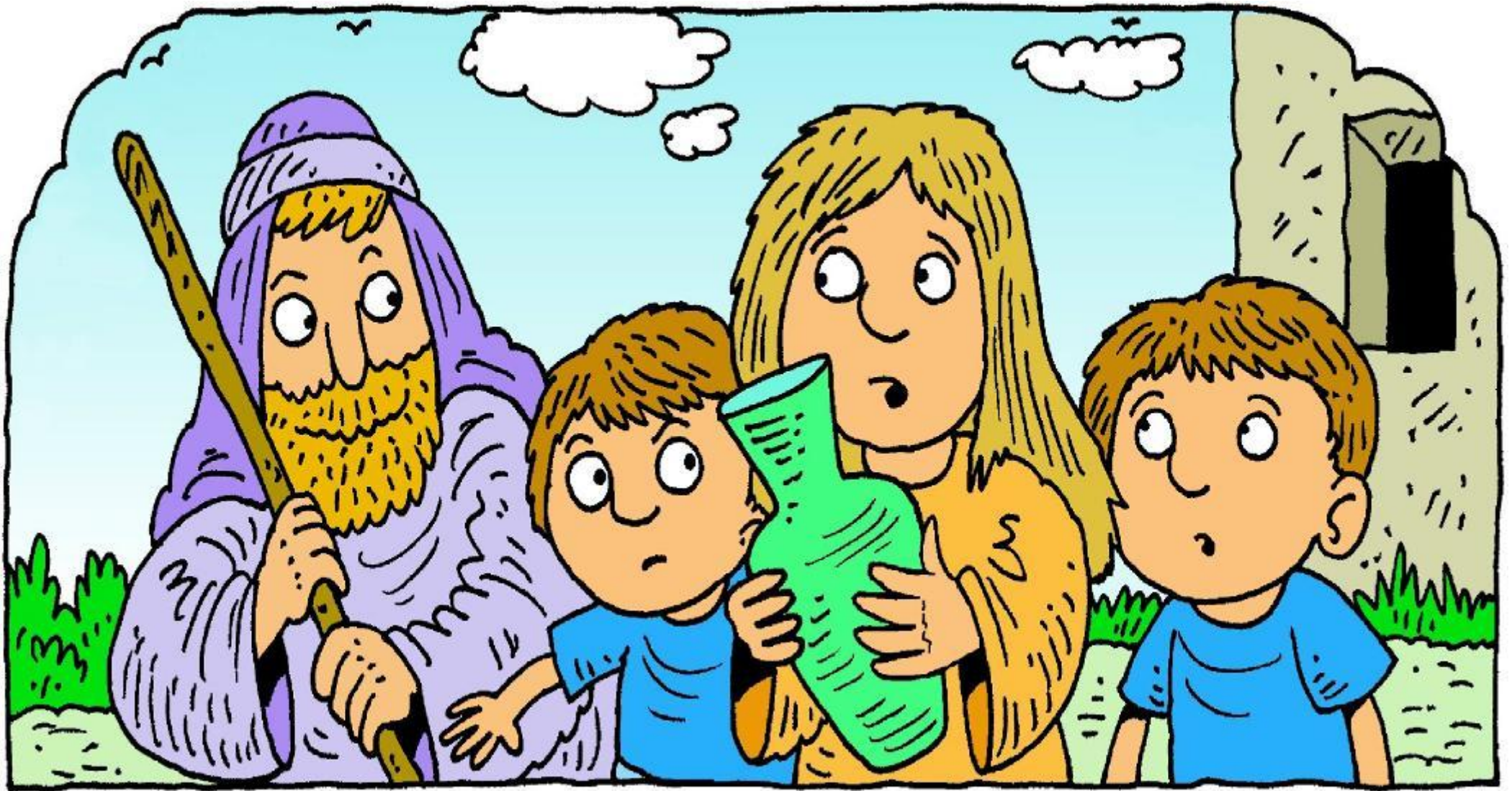
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I wonder how many jars
I would have borrowed?
How much faith to believe
do I have?





The Bible tells us about a lady who was sad.
Her husband had died and owed a man lots of money.
She had no money to pay him.
She went to see Elisha, the man of God, for help.



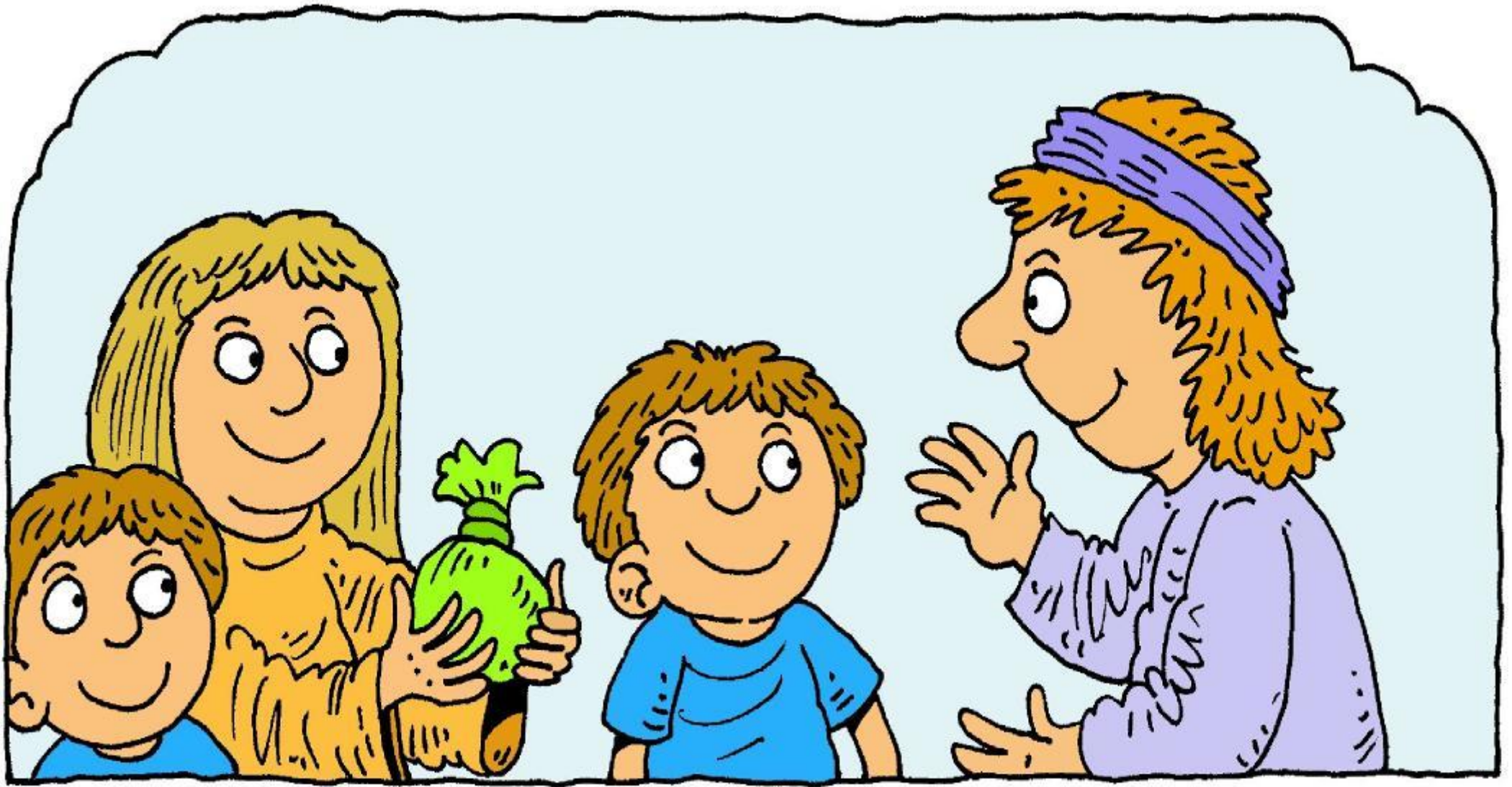
Elisha asked, "What do you have in your house?"
"Only a jar with a little cooking oil," replied the lady.
"Borrow as many empty containers as you can.
Fill them with oil from your jar," Elisha told her.



The lady was surprised.
She didn't have **that** much cooking oil in her jar,
but she did as the man of God said.
The boys borrowed lots of empty pots and bowls.



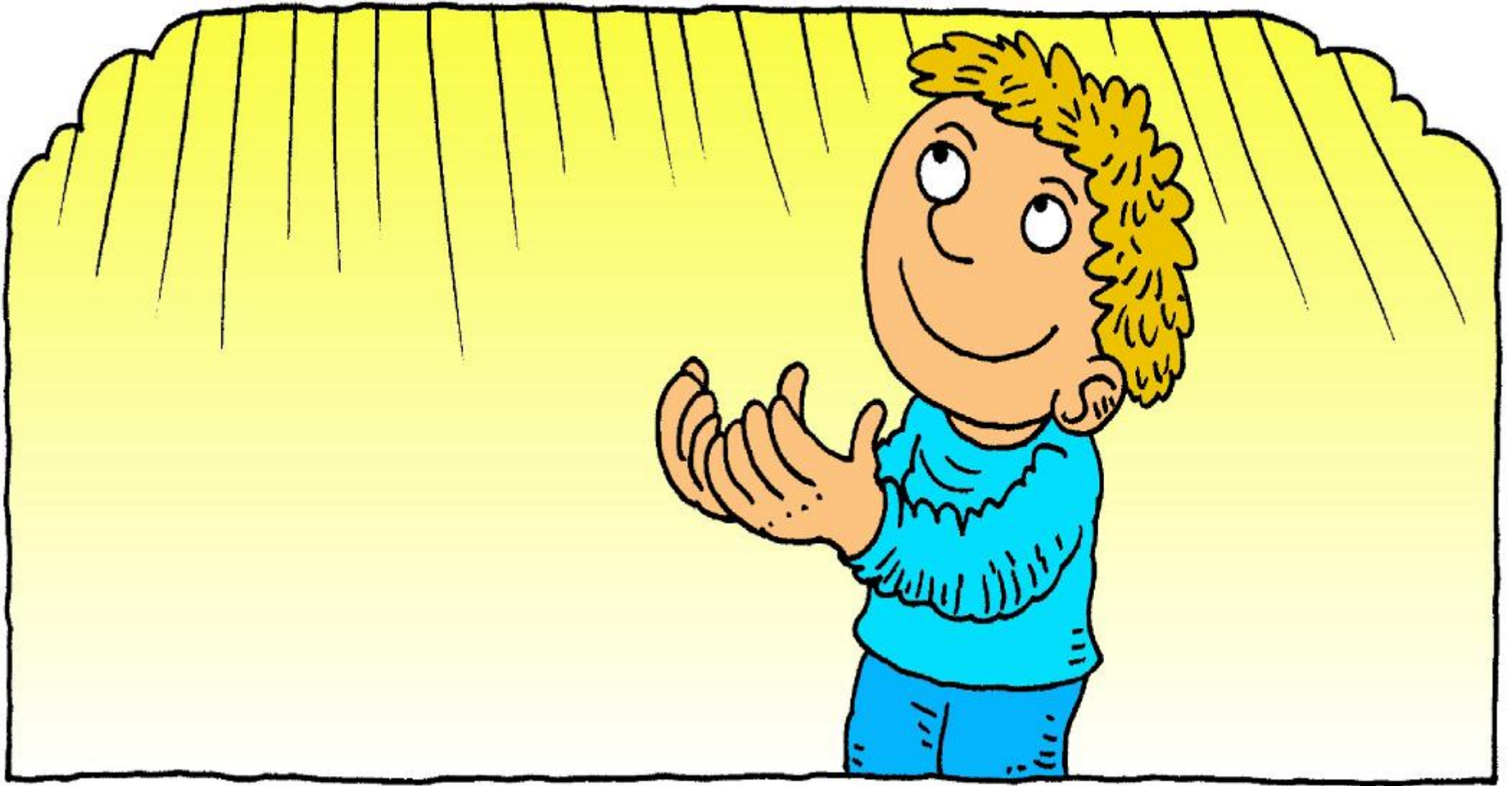
They went inside the house and shut the door.
They filled one jar full, then the next.
The oil in the jar just kept pouring out,
until every single jar was full!



She sold the cooking oil
at the market and gave all the
the bowls and jars back to her neighbours.
Then she paid all the money her husband had owed.



I wonder how many jars I would have borrowed?
How much faith would I have had?
If the lady had only borrowed one bowl she would
not have had enough oil to sell to pay back the money.



The family thanked God
for looking after them and
for the wonderful miracle.
God will look after you too.