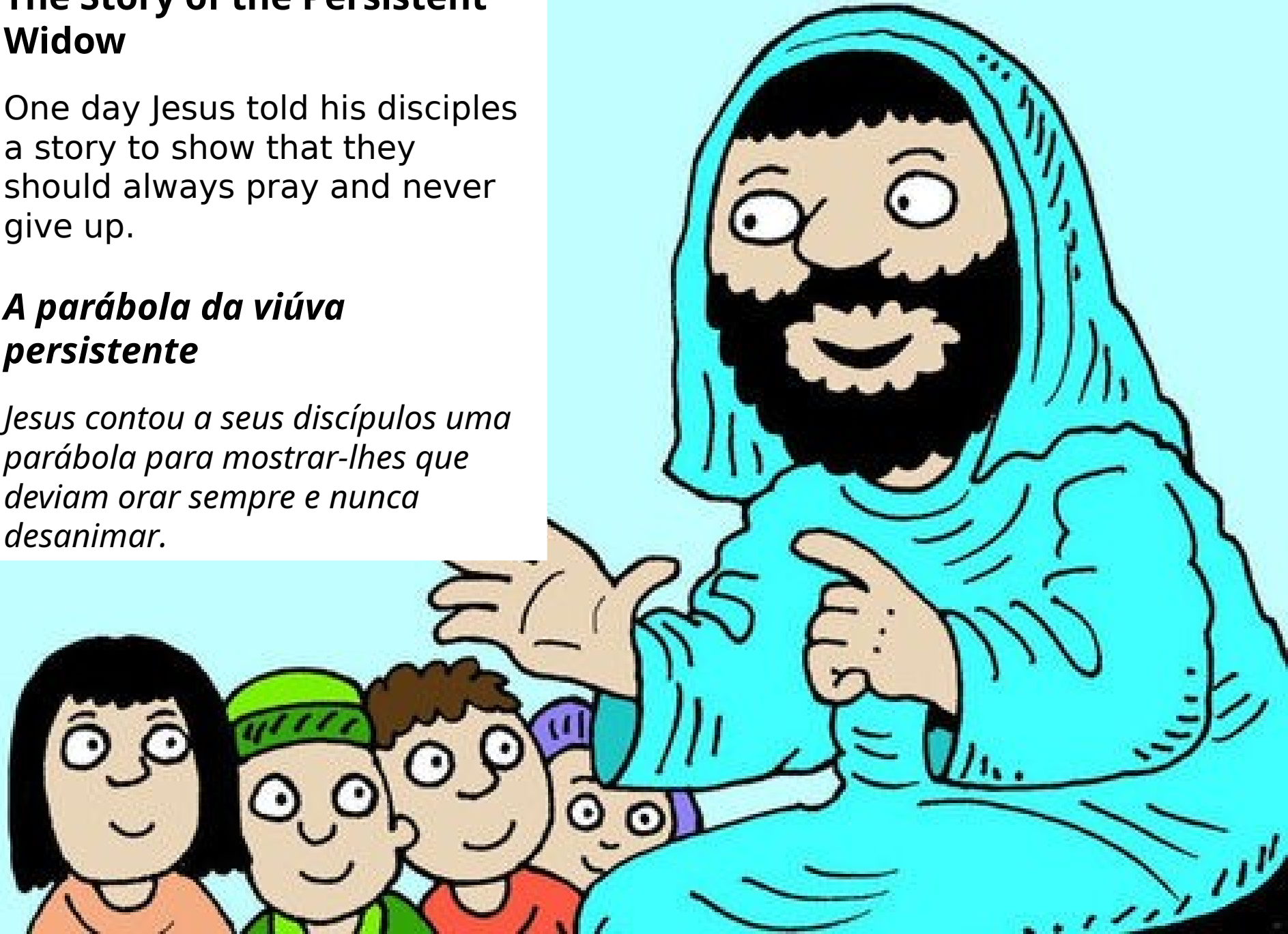


The Story of the Persistent Widow

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

A parábola da viúva persistente

Jesus contou a seus discípulos uma parábola para mostrar-lhes que deviam orar sempre e nunca desanimar.

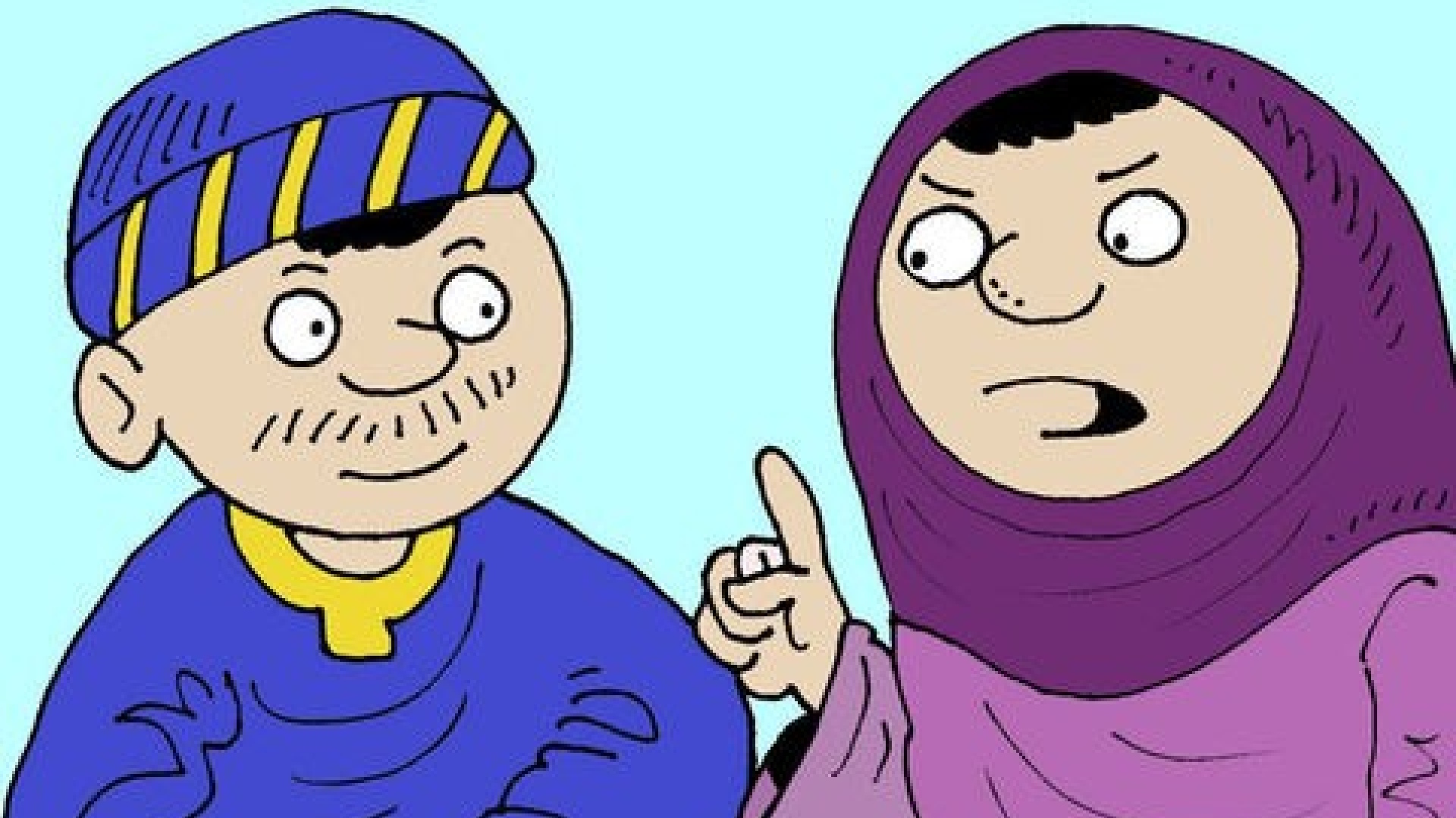


“Once there was a judge in a town. He did not care about God. He also did not care what people thought about him.

Ele disse:

—Em certa cidade havia um juiz que não temia a Deus e nem respeitava a ninguém.





In that same town there was a woman whose husband had died. She came many times to this judge and said, 'There is a man who is doing bad things to me.'

Nessa mesma vila vivia também uma viúva que sempre o procurava, pedindo: "Ajude-me a obter justiça contra o meu adversário".



But the judge did not want to help the woman.



Durante muito tempo o juiz não quis julgar o caso da viúva,

The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy!'

Mas afinal pensou assim: "É verdade que eu não temo a Deus e também não respeito ninguém. Porém, esta viúva continua me aborrecendo.





I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!"

Vou dar a sentença a favor dela. Se eu não fizer isso, ela não vai parar de vir me amolar até acabar comigo."



Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people?”



Então o Senhor disse:

—Considerem o que o juiz desonesto disse. Não fará Deus justiça a favor do seu povo?

God's people shout to him night and day, and he will always give them what is right. He will not be slow to answer them.

Eu lhes digo que ele fará justiça ao seu povo e depressa.



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