Feeding the Five Thousand

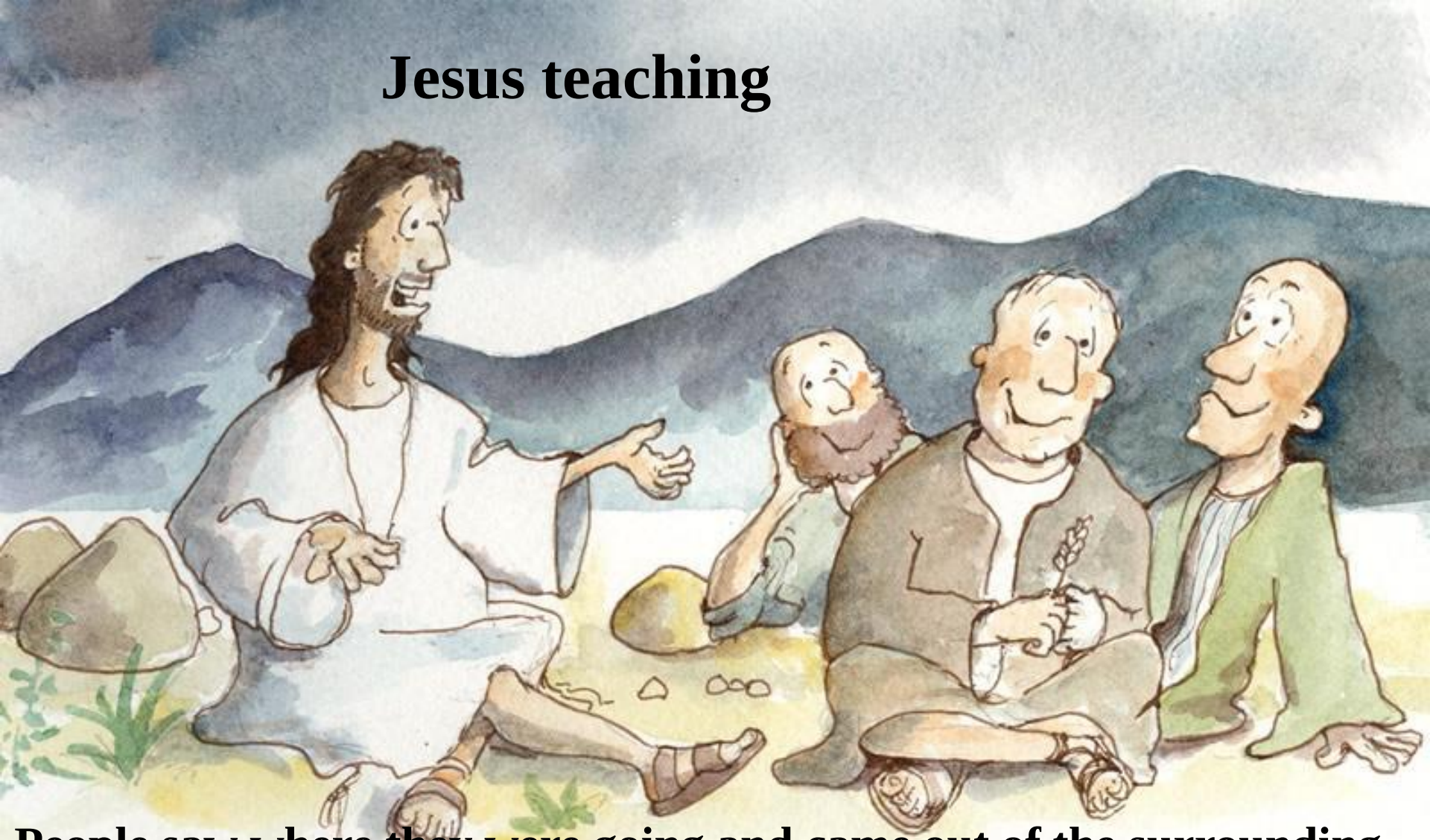


The Arrival



Great crowds of people followed Jesus because they saw the miracles that he did, and they wanted healing for themselves and their families. Jesus and his disciples were so busy they didn't even have time to eat. He decided that they needed to get away and just be by themselves for a while. He and his disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee in a boat. But still the people followed.

Jesus teaching



People saw where they were going and came out of the surrounding cities and were waiting for them on the other side of the sea. When Jesus saw the people, he felt sorry for them. Jesus spoke to them about the kingdom of God.

The crowd

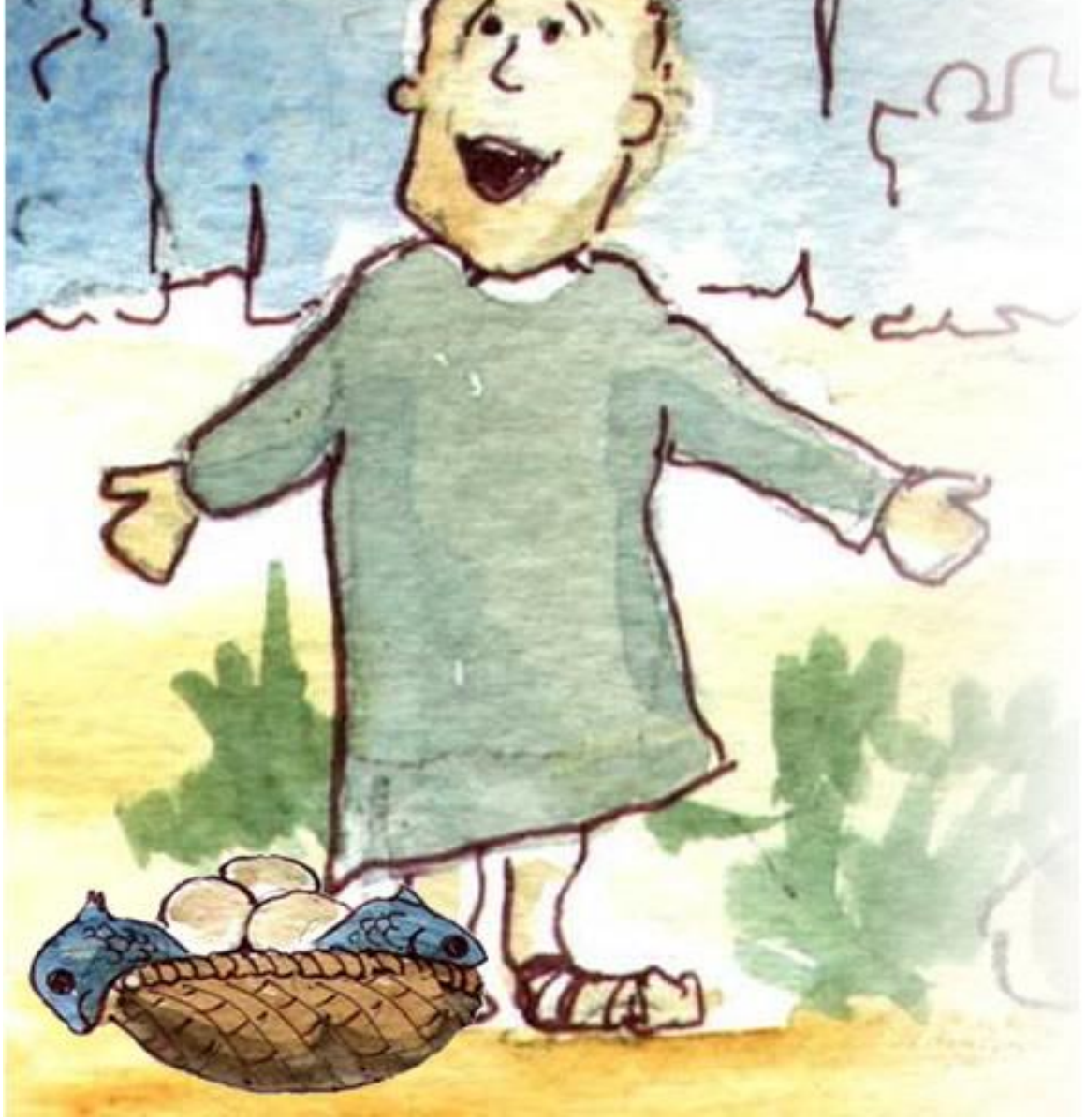


After listening to Jesus talking it was getting late in the day. The disciples came to him and suggested that he send the crowd away so they could go into the neighbouring countryside and villages to find a place to eat and spend the night.



Philip

Jesus asked Philip where they could buy bread. Now Jesus was just testing him. He already knew how he was going to feed them. Philip said that it would cost 200 denarii to buy enough bread for each person to have just a little. A denarius was the wage for a day's work. So 200 denarii would be the amount of money a man could earn by working 200 days.



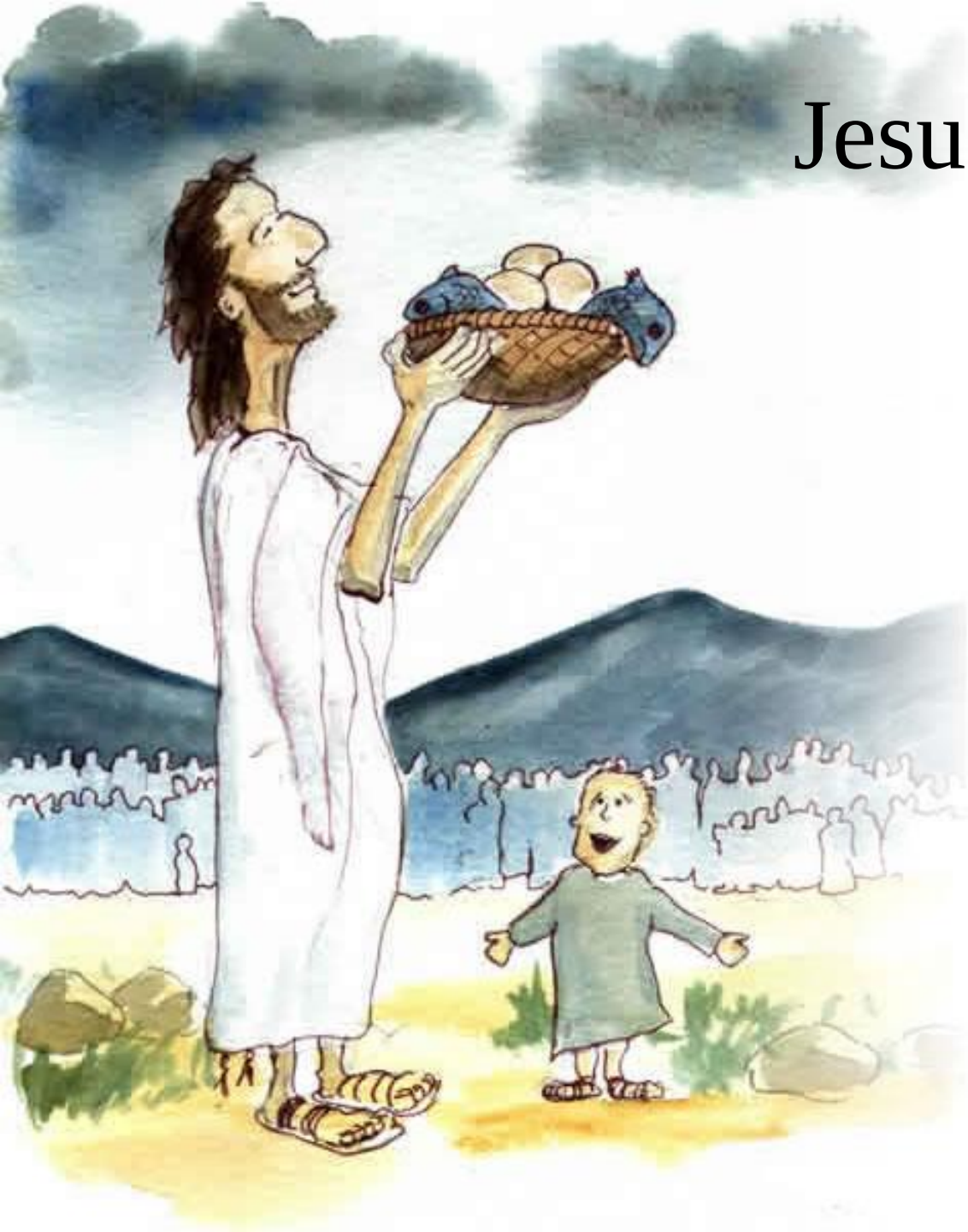
the basket

A disciple told Jesus that there was a boy in the crowd who had brought a meal. The lad had five loaves of bread and two small fish. Even though he had brought the picnic for himself, he was willing to *share* it with Jesus.

The basket

The disciples all looked at the small basket of food and wondered how this could possibly feed the crowd of 5000 people.

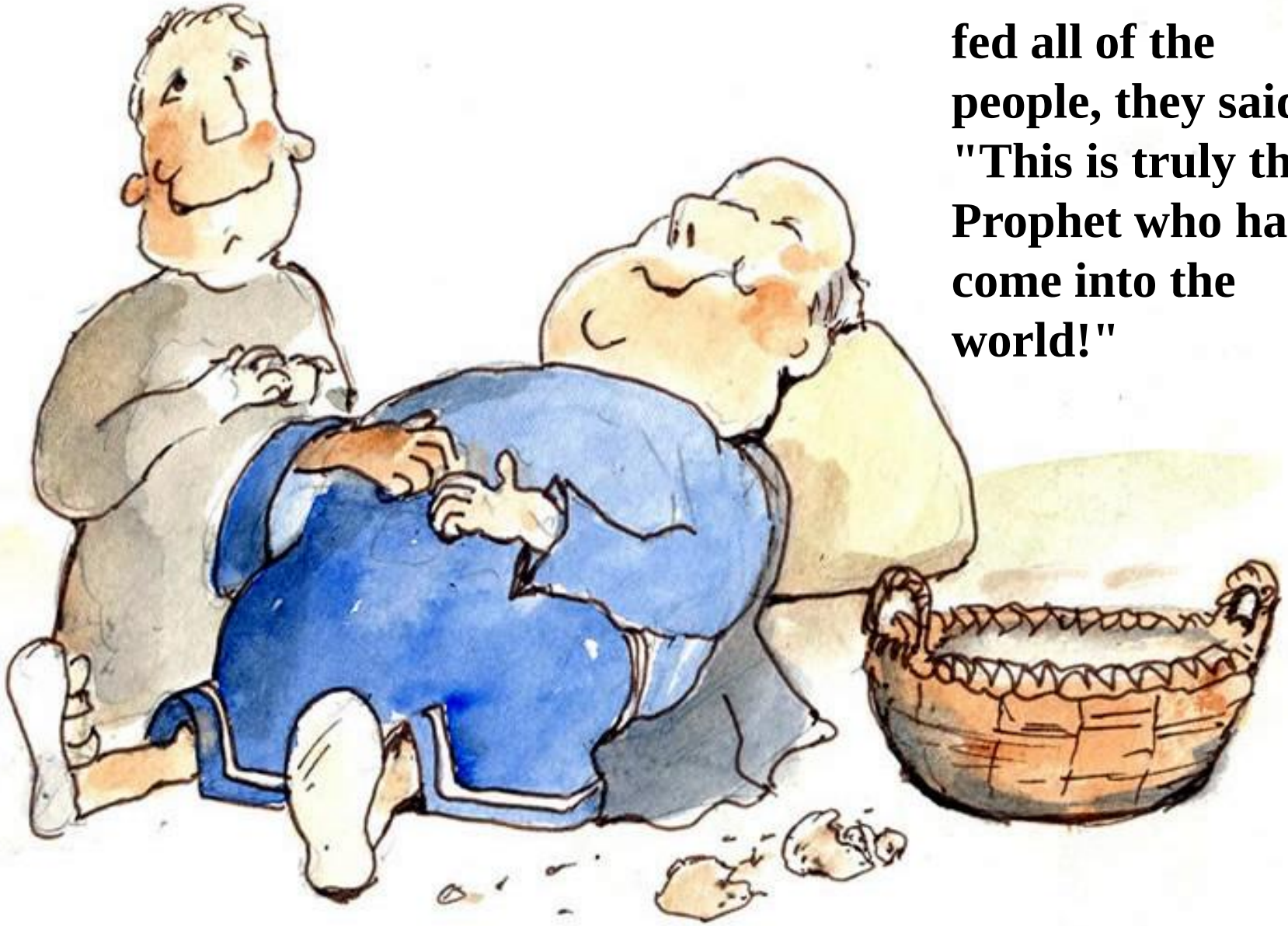




Jesus blessing the food

Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks and started breaking them and passing the bread out to his disciples. The bread began to multiply and make more bread. They broke the bread again and again. He did the same with the fish. Amazingly there was enough for everyone.

Full up



When the men saw how he had fed all of the people, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who has come into the world!"