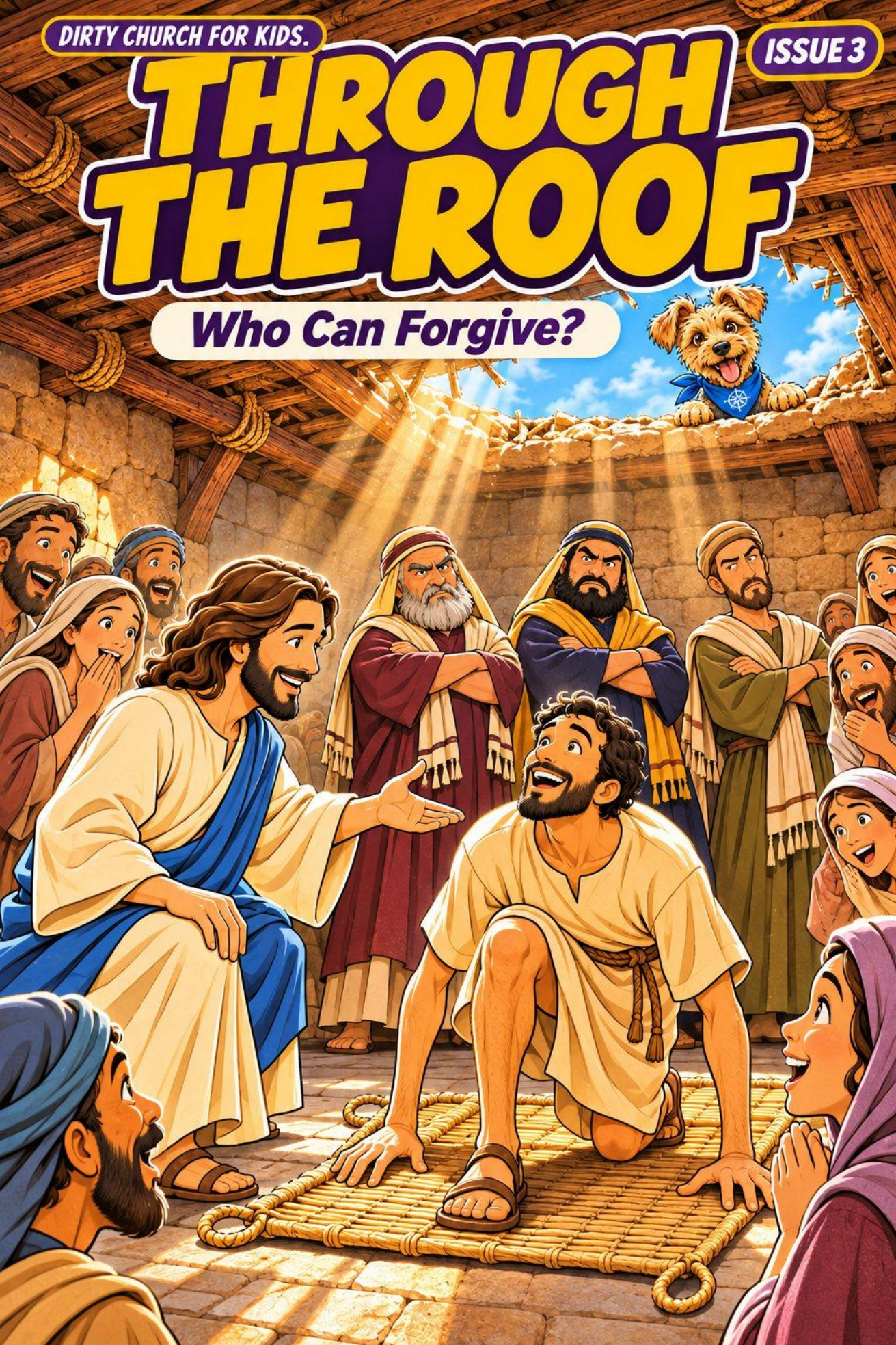
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THROUGH THE ROOF

Who Can Forgive?

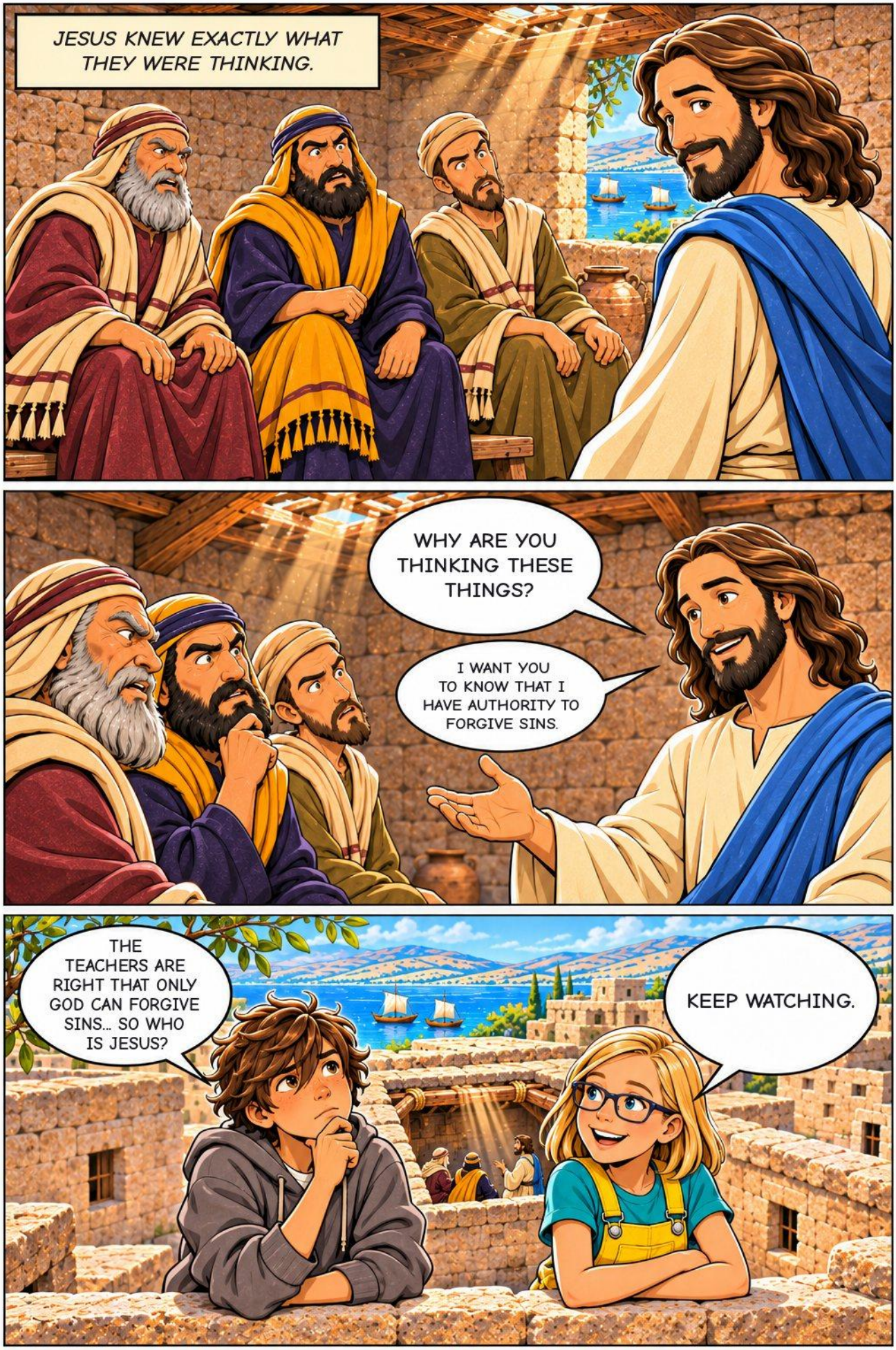


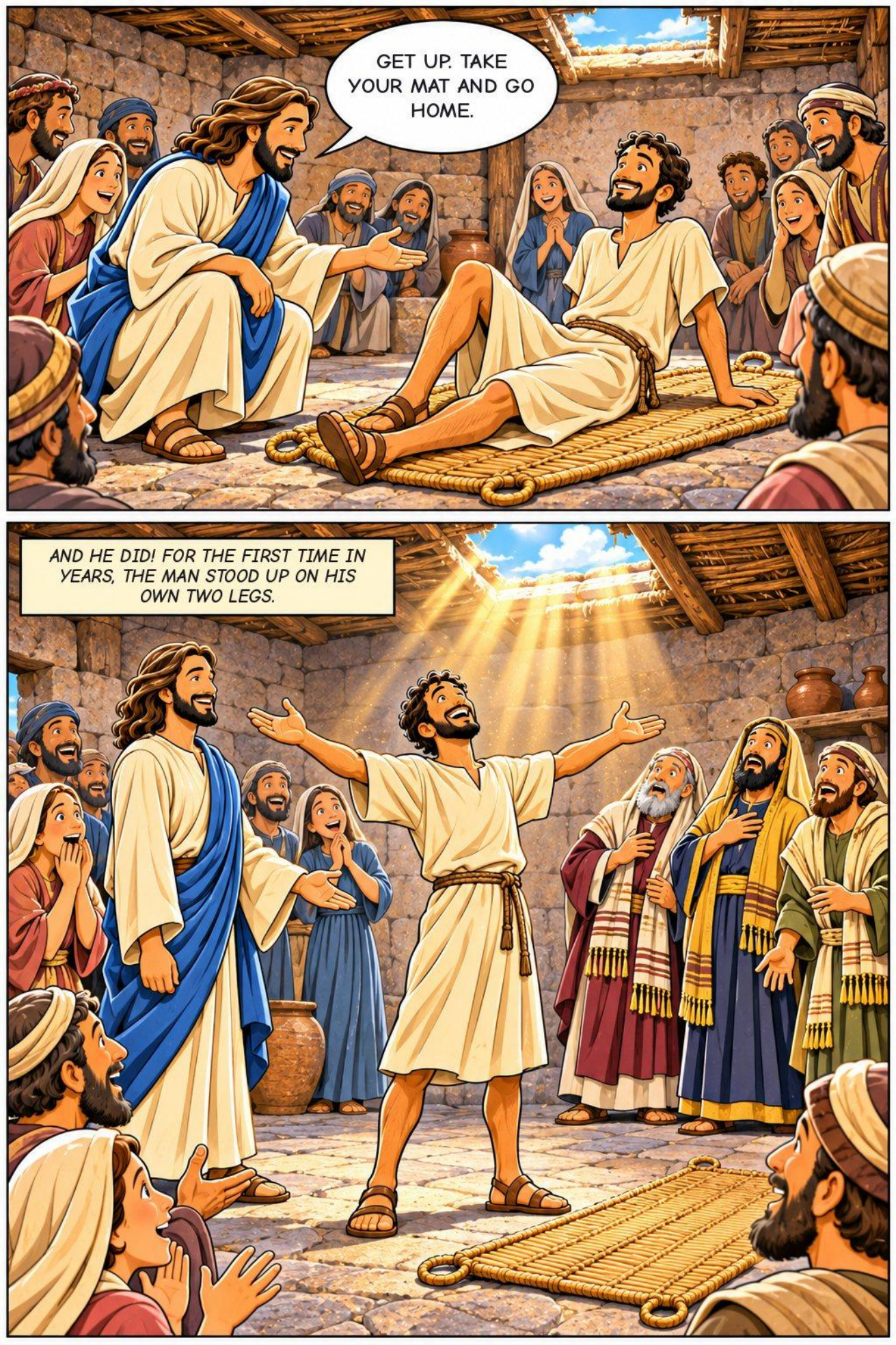

SUNDAY MORNING. ELI WAS SHOWING OFF HIS NEW TRICK SHOT IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.
WATCH THIS! PAPER BALL... OFF THE WALL... INTO THE TRASH CAN!
IT DID NOT GO INTO THE TRASH CAN.


IT KNOCKED JOY'S FAVORITE MUG OFF THE WELCOME TABLE. THE ONE WITH THE CROSS PAINTED ON IT.
OH NO. OH NO, OH NO, OH NO.
ELI SHOVED THE PIECES BEHIND A PLANT. NOBODY SAW. BUT BAXTER DID.
ELI... YOU LOOK LIKE YOU SWALLOWED A BEE.
BAXTER'S COMPASS BANDANA BEGAN TO GLOW.
I'M FINE. CAN WE JUST GO SOMEWHERE? ANYWHERE?
LET'S GO BACK IN TIME!


WHOOSH! BACK TO CAPERNAUM, RIGHT WHERE THEY LEFT OFF.
WE'RE BACK ON THE NEIGHBOR'S ROOF! LOOK, THE MAN IS STILL ON HIS MAT.
JESUS HAD JUST SAID, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN." BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS HAPPY ABOUT IT.


SOME TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE. THEY KNEW A LOT ABOUT GOD'S RULES, BUT THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HIS LOVE.
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SINS!
THEY DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING OUT LOUD. BUT YOU CAN TELL WHAT THEY'RE THINKING.

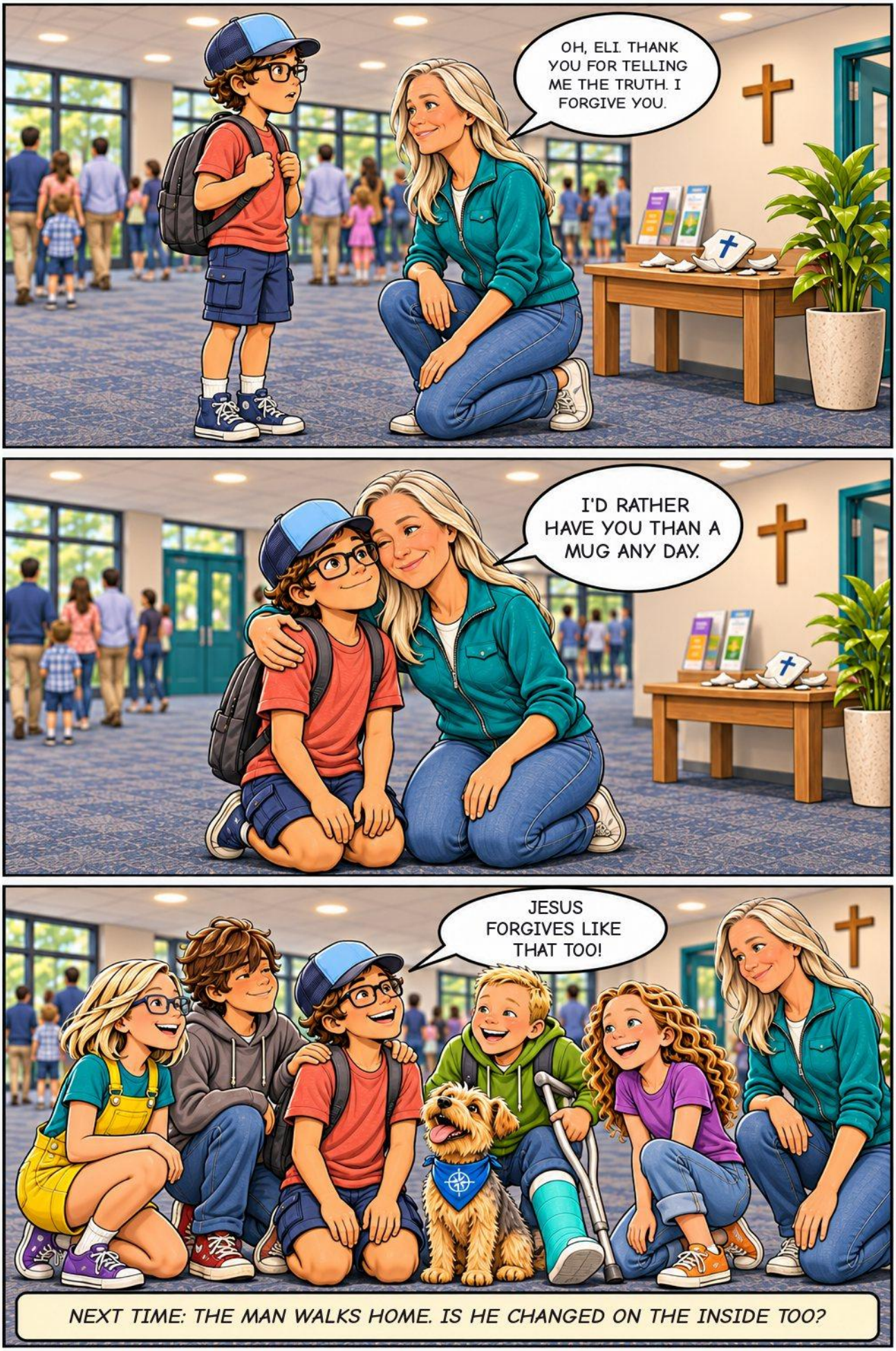

JESUS KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE THINKING.
WHY ARE YOU THINKING THESE THINGS?
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS.
THE TEACHERS ARE RIGHT THAT ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SINS... SO WHO IS JESUS?
KEEP WATCHING.


GET UP. TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME.
AND HE DID! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, THE MAN STOOD UP ON HIS OWN TWO LEGS.


HE ROLLED UP HIS MAT AND WALKED RIGHT OUT THE DOOR, IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.
EVERYONE WAS AMAZED, AND THEY THANKED GOD.
WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
HE CAN WALK! AND I CAN'T EVEN GO UP OR DOWN STAIRS RIGHT NOW.


JESUS FIXED HIS LEGS TO PROVE SOMETHING.
THAT HE REALLY IS GOD. HE CAN HEAL PEOPLE AND FORGIVE SINS.
JESUS FORGAVE A MAN HE JUST MET.
JESUS FORGIVES ANYONE WHO COMES TO HIM. ANYONE, ELI.


FLASH! BACK IN THE LOBBY.
I HAVE TO GO DO SOMETHING.
ELI PULLED THE BROKEN PIECES OUT FROM BEHIND THE PLANT.
MISS JOY? I BROKE YOUR MUG. AND THEN I HID IT. I'M REALLY SORRY.


OH, ELI. THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME THE TRUTH. I FORGIVE YOU.
I'D RATHER HAVE YOU THAN A MUG ANY DAY.
JESUS FORGIVES LIKE THAT TOO!
NEXT TIME: THE MAN WALKS HOME. IS HE CHANGED ON THE INSIDE TOO?

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