

# ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

*part of a curriculum prepared for young children*

# ***DOWN THROUGH THE ROOF***

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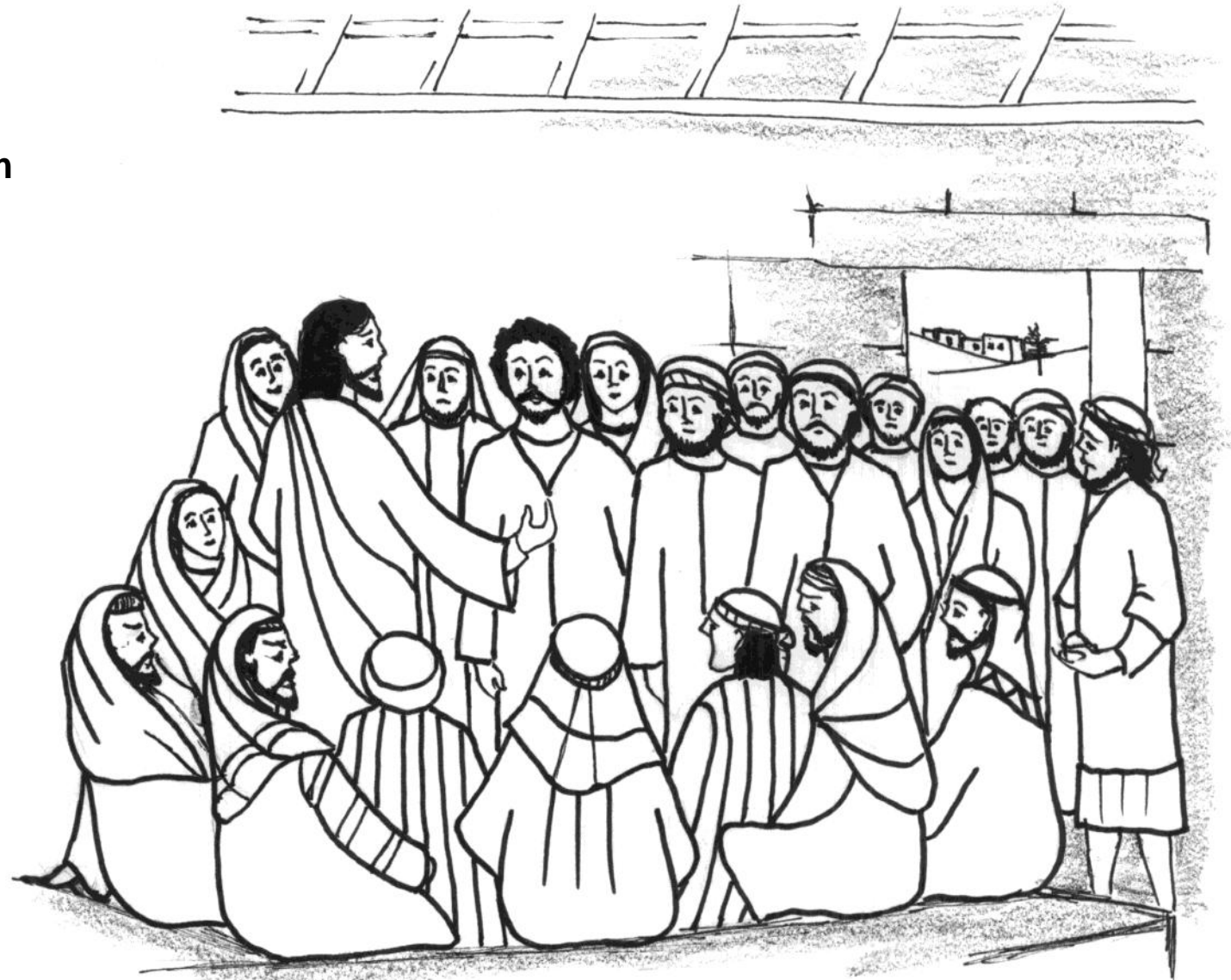
Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26

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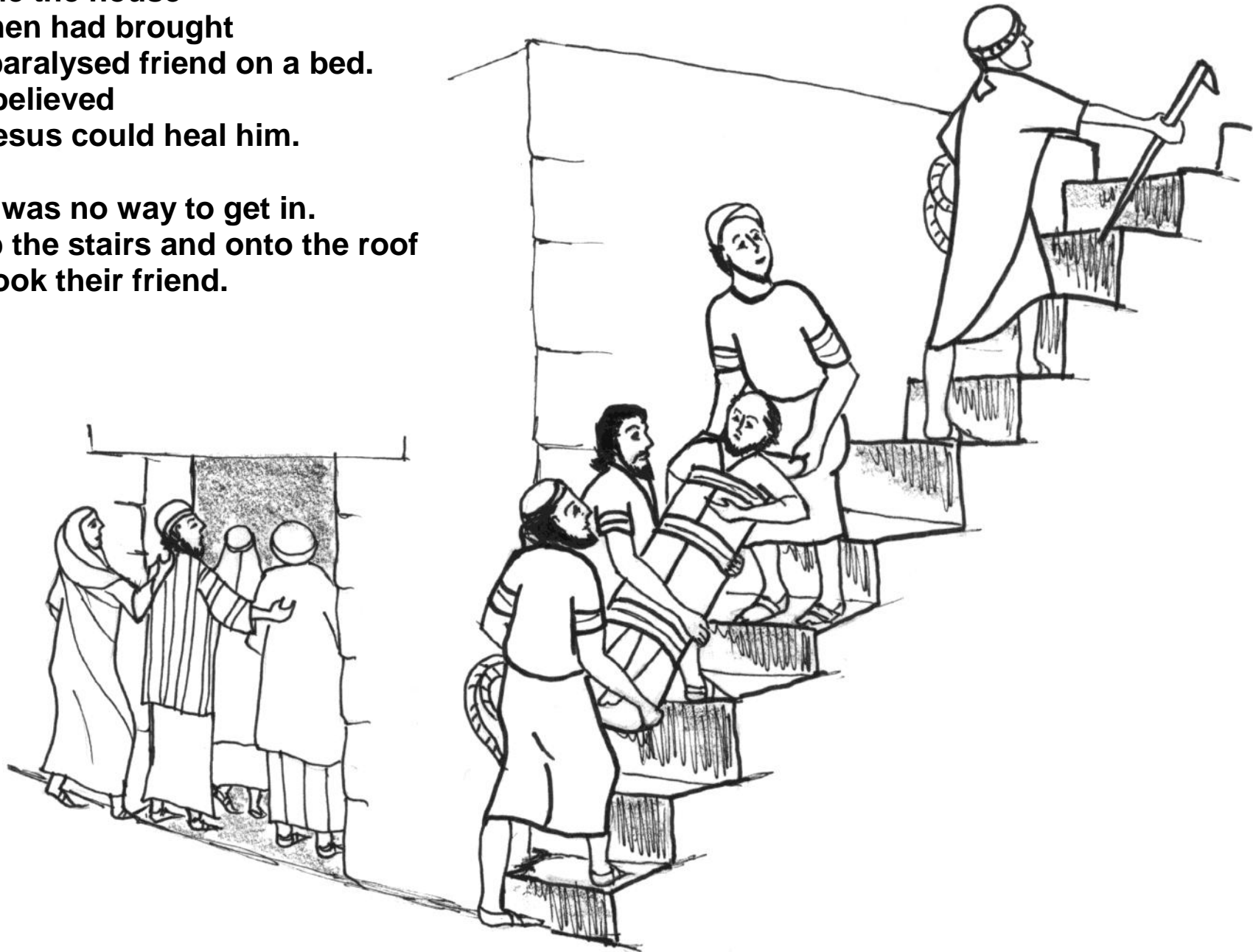
**The news was out.  
Jesus was home.  
The people of Capernaum  
came from everywhere  
to listen to Him  
speak God's word.**

**Scribes came too.  
They sat near Jesus  
and watched Him.  
Soon the place was full.  
No-one else could get in.**



**Outside the house  
four men had brought  
their paralysed friend on a bed.  
They believed  
that Jesus could heal him.**

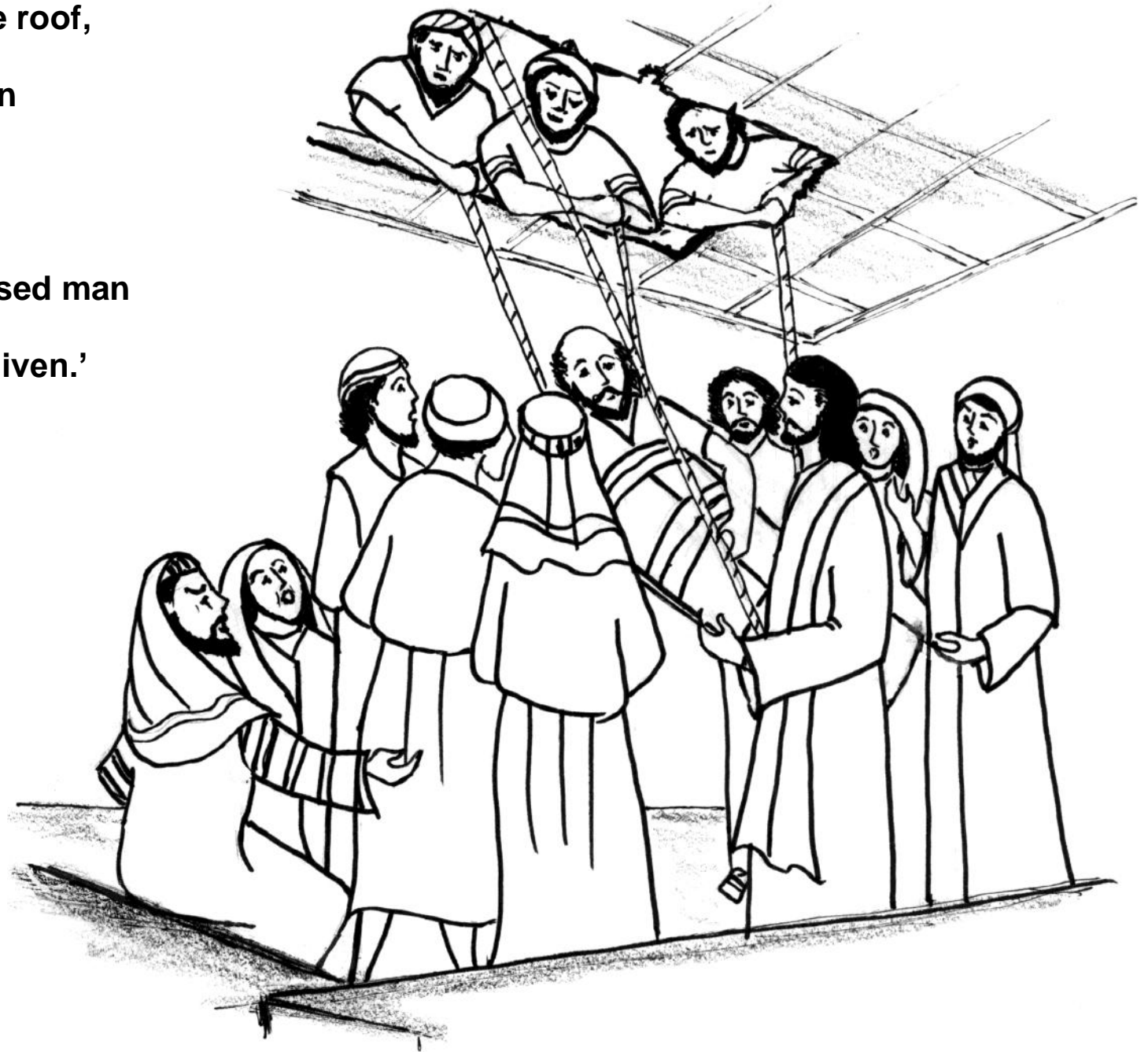
**There was no way to get in.  
So, up the stairs and onto the roof  
they took their friend.**



**They made a hole in the roof,  
tied ropes to the bed,  
and let their friend down  
right in front of Jesus.**

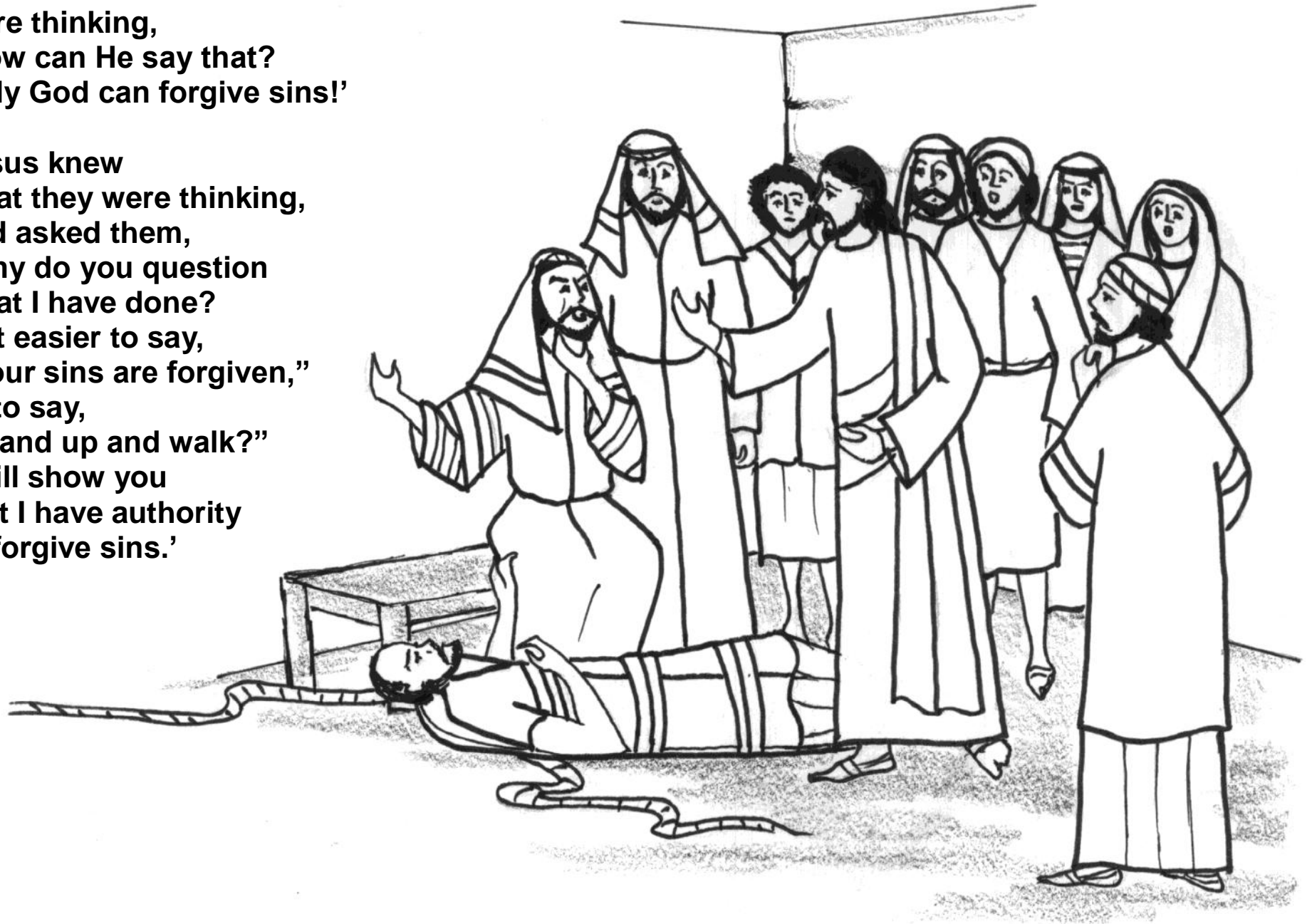
**Jesus saw their faith.**

**He looked at the paralysed man  
and said  
'Son, your sins are forgiven.'**



**The scribes who were there  
were thinking,  
'How can He say that?  
Only God can forgive sins!'**

**Jesus knew  
what they were thinking,  
and asked them,  
'Why do you question  
what I have done?  
Is it easier to say,  
"Your sins are forgiven,"  
or to say,  
"Stand up and walk?"  
I will show you  
that I have authority  
to forgive sins.'**



**He then turned to the sick man  
and said,  
'Stand up!  
Roll up your bed and walk.'**

**And that is what the man did.  
He walked out  
with his bed under his arm.  
Everyone watched  
and was amazed.**

**They had seen  
God's love in action,  
setting this man free.**

**Jesus truly was the Son of Man  
having authority to forgive sins  
and to heal.**

