

Bible Stories for Young Children

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AN OFFICERS' GREAT FAITH

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LUKE 6:12, 17-19; 7:1-10;

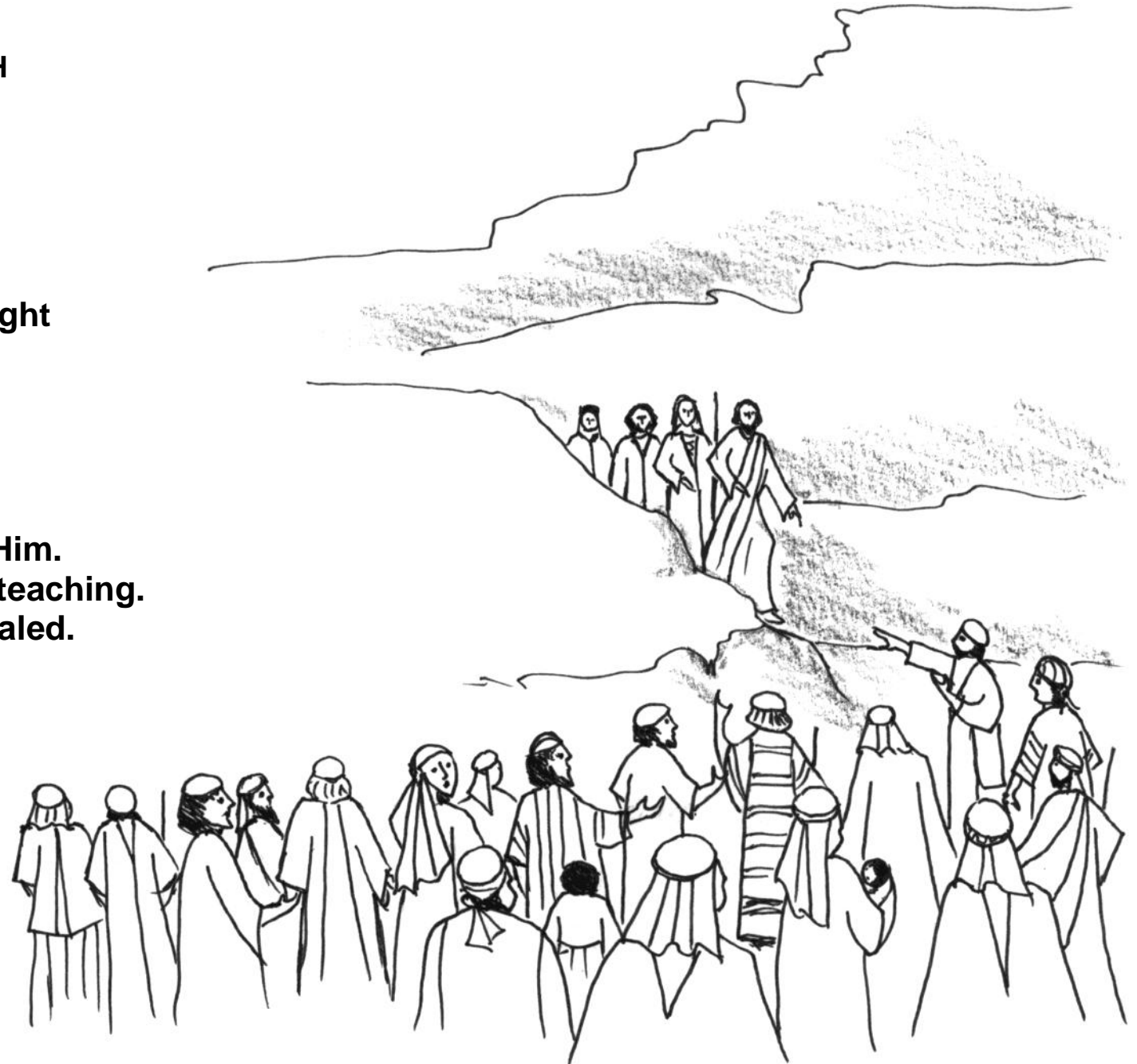
Matthew 8:5-13

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**Jesus spent the whole night
on a mountain
praying to His Father.**

**In the morning,
when He came down,
a crowd was waiting for Him.
They wanted to hear His teaching.
The sick wanted to be healed.**



**When Jesus finished speaking
and healing
He went into the town.**

**Jewish leaders met Him there
and said,
'A Roman officer, who loves us
and built a synagogue for us,
has a servant who is dying.
He loves his servant very much.
Would you come and heal him?'**



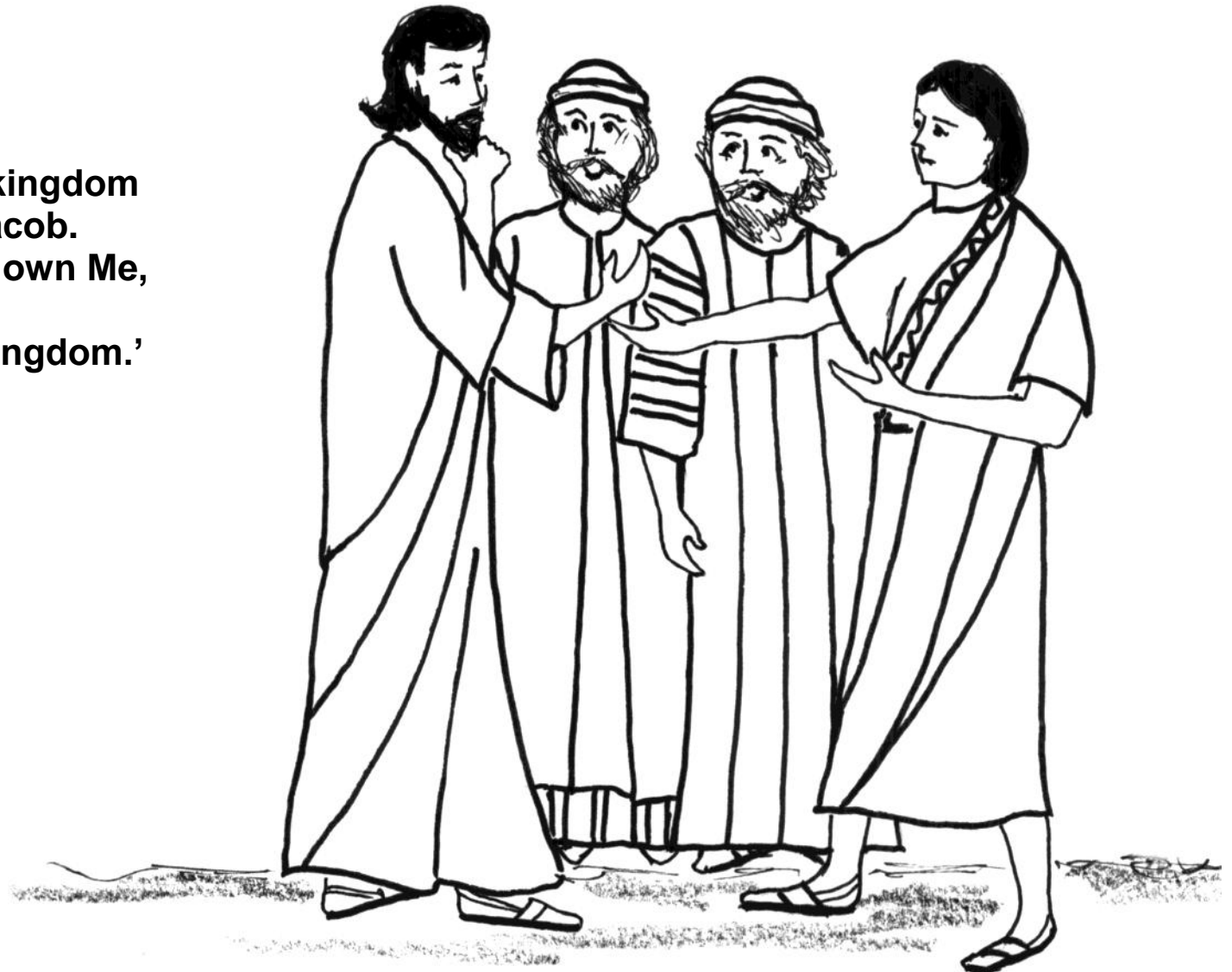
**Jesus happily went with the leaders,
but as they came near to the house,
the officer sent another message
saying,
'Sir don't come to me.
I am not worthy for You
to come to my house.
Just tell the sickness to go away
and I know
that my servant will be well.**

**'I am like You,
I am told what to do
and I tell my soldiers what to do.
They obey me.
Your Father loves You.
He tells You what to do
and You love to do
what He tells You.'**



**Jesus was surprised and said,
'This man has faith in God.
I haven't seen faith like this before,
not even in Israel.**

**'There will be people
like this Gentile Officer
who will be in My Father's kingdom
with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
Others who should have known Me,
but do not believe Me,
will not be in My Father's kingdom.'**



**When Jesus finished speaking,
the messengers hurried back
to the Roman officer.
They wanted to tell him
all that Jesus said.**

**What did they see
when they got to the house?**

**The servant who had been sick,
was well and working again.**

Jesus had healed him.

