

Bible Stories for Young Children

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PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND THE TARES

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MATTHEW 13:24–30, 36–43

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**This is a story Jesus told
about His Father's kingdom.**

**The kingdom of Heaven
is like a man
who sowed his paddock
with good seed.**



**During the night,
while everyone was sleeping,
an enemy came.
He sowed weeds
in the same place as the wheat.
Then he went away.**



**The wheat grew
and produced seed heads.
The weeds grew too.**

**The workmen said to their master,
'Sir, you sowed good seed
in your paddock.
How did the weeds get there?'**

**'An enemy has done this,'
answered their master.**

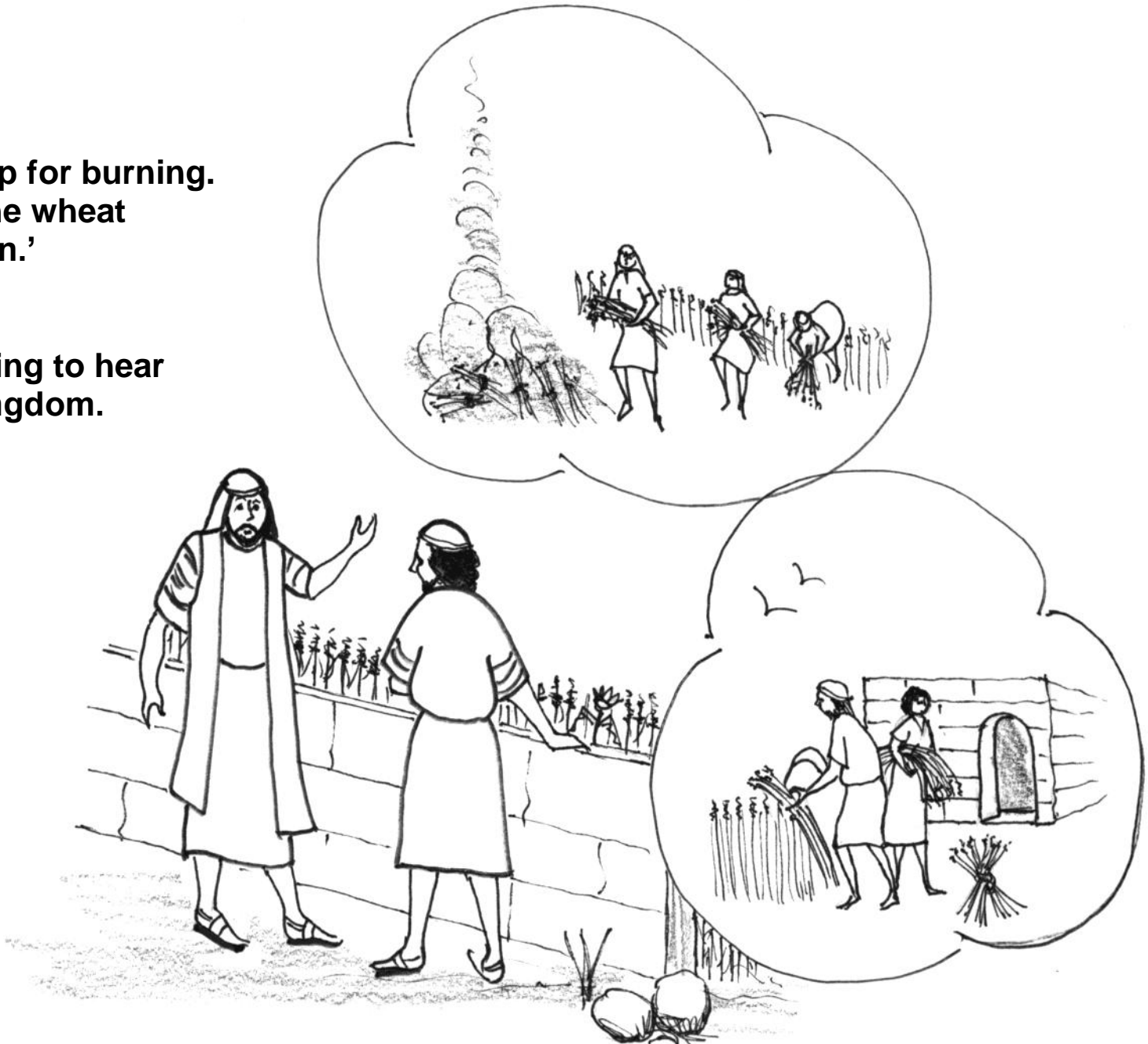
**'Do you want us
to get rid of the weeds?'
they asked.**

**'No,' said the master.
'If you pull out the weeds,
you might pull out
some of the wheat.
Let both of them
grow together.**



**‘At harvest time
I will get the reapers to
gather the weeds first
and they can tie them up for burning.
Then they can gather the wheat
and bring it into my barn.’**

**Jesus told this story
for those who were willing to hear
the secrets of God’s kingdom.**

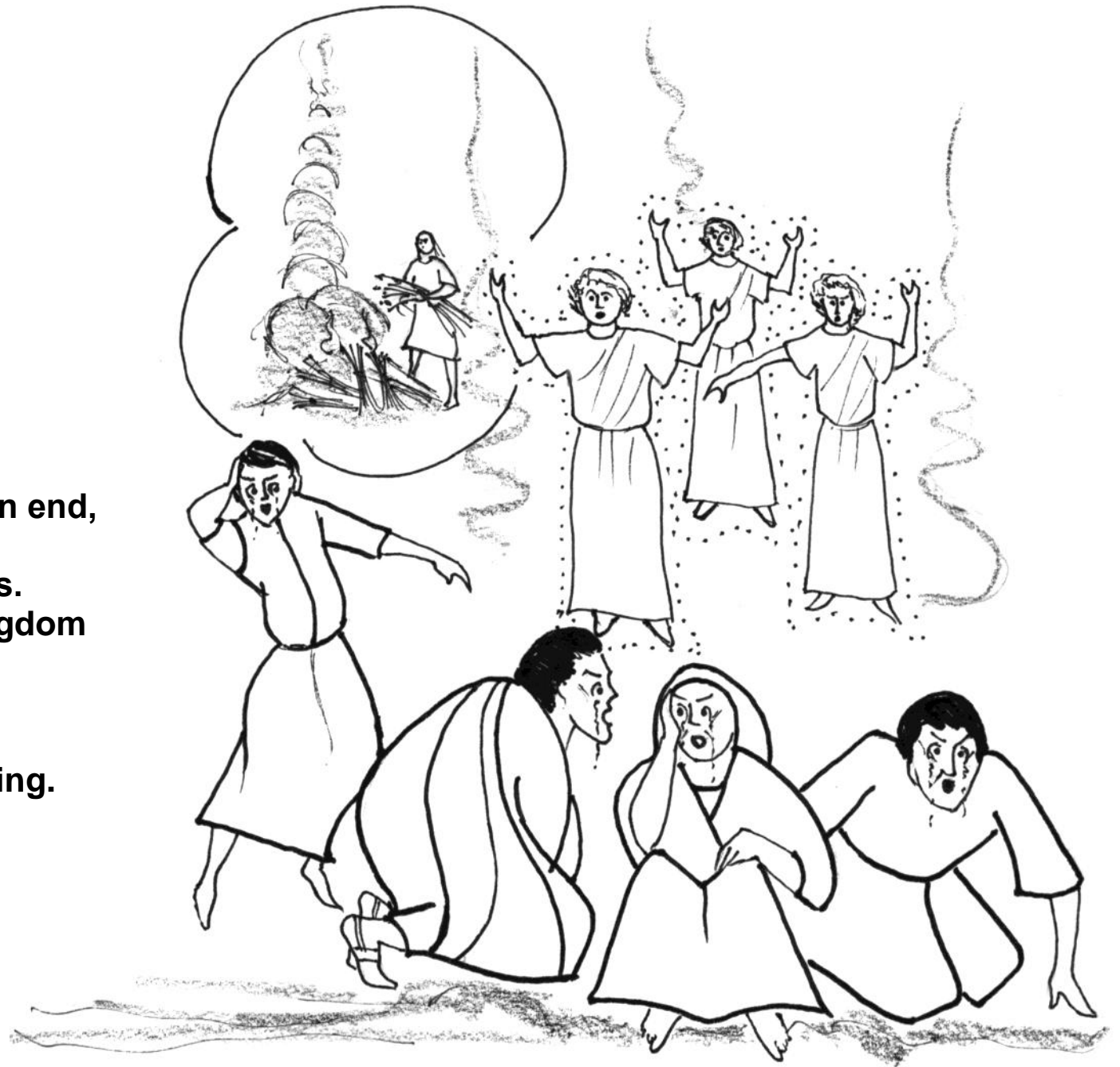


**After telling this story
Jesus went into a house
and His disciples asked Him,
'What does this story mean?'**

**Jesus said,
'The Son of Man planted
good seed in the world.
They are the
children of God's kingdom.
The one who planted the weeds
is the devil.'**



**‘When the world comes to an end,
it will be harvest time.
God’s angels are the reapers.
They will take out of His kingdom
everything that causes sin,
and all the evildoers.
They will be burned
and there will be a lot of crying.**



**'When this is done
only God's people will be left,
and it will be a wonderful harvest.
They will shine like the sun
in the Father's kingdom.'**

**Jesus wanted everyone
to hear, to believe
and to be part
of His Father's kingdom.**

