

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE LOST SHEEP & COIN

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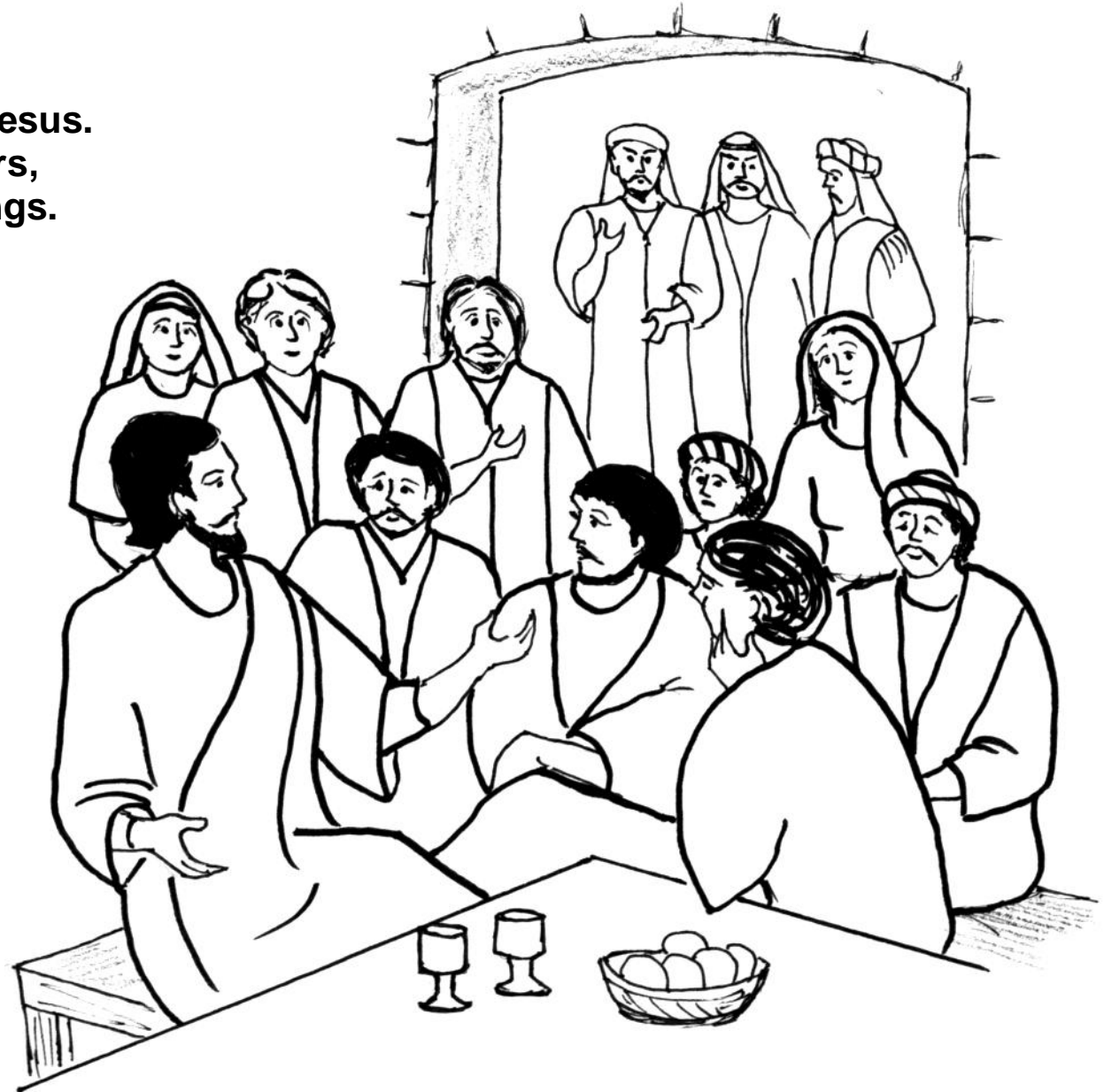
LUKE 15:1-10
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**Many people were listening to Jesus.
Some of them were tax collectors,
and others had done wrong things.**

**The Pharisees
and teachers of the law
were watching
what Jesus was doing.**

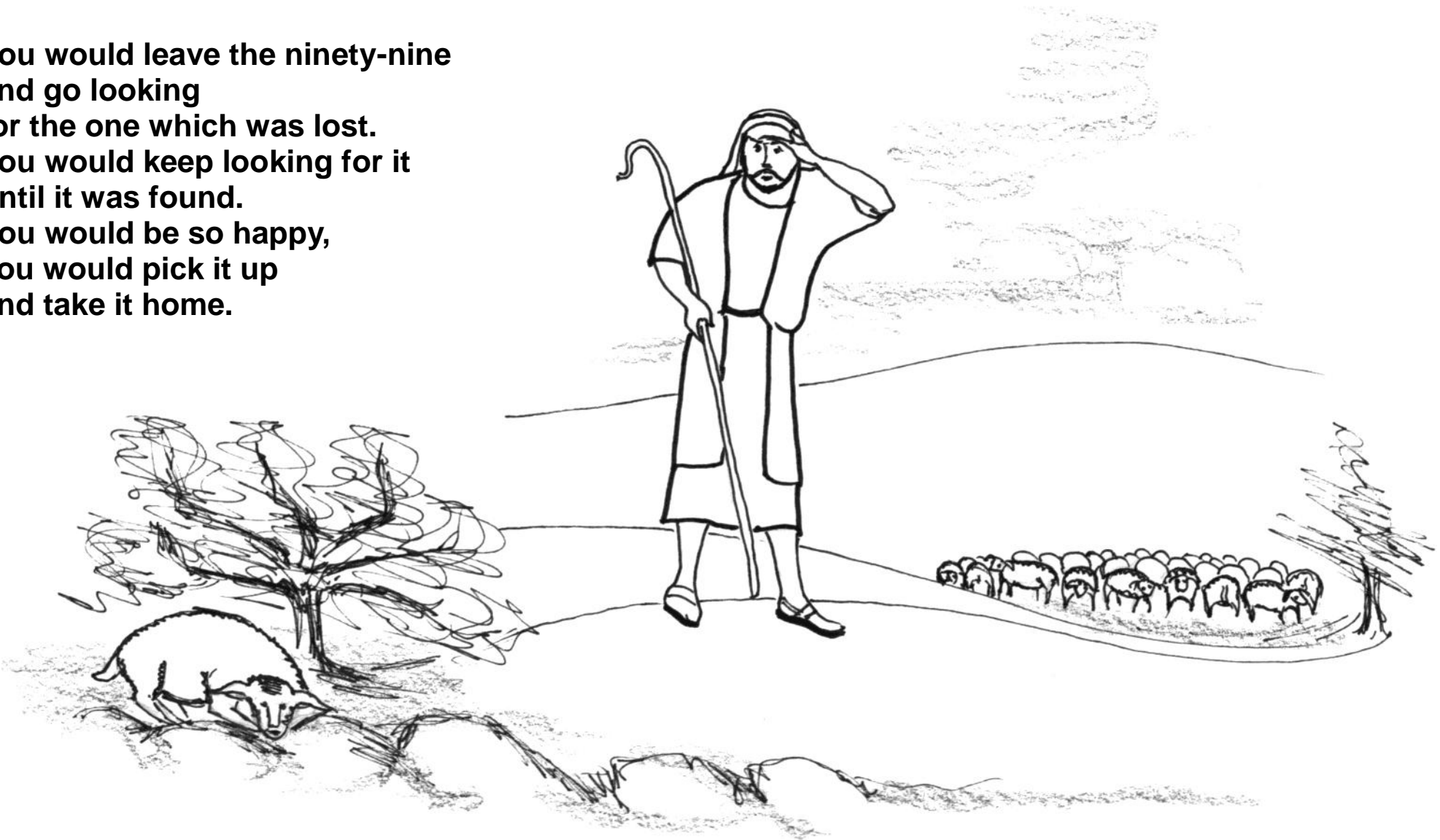
**They grumbled saying,
'He welcomes sinners
and eats with them.'**

**Jesus happened to hear
what they said
and told them this story:**



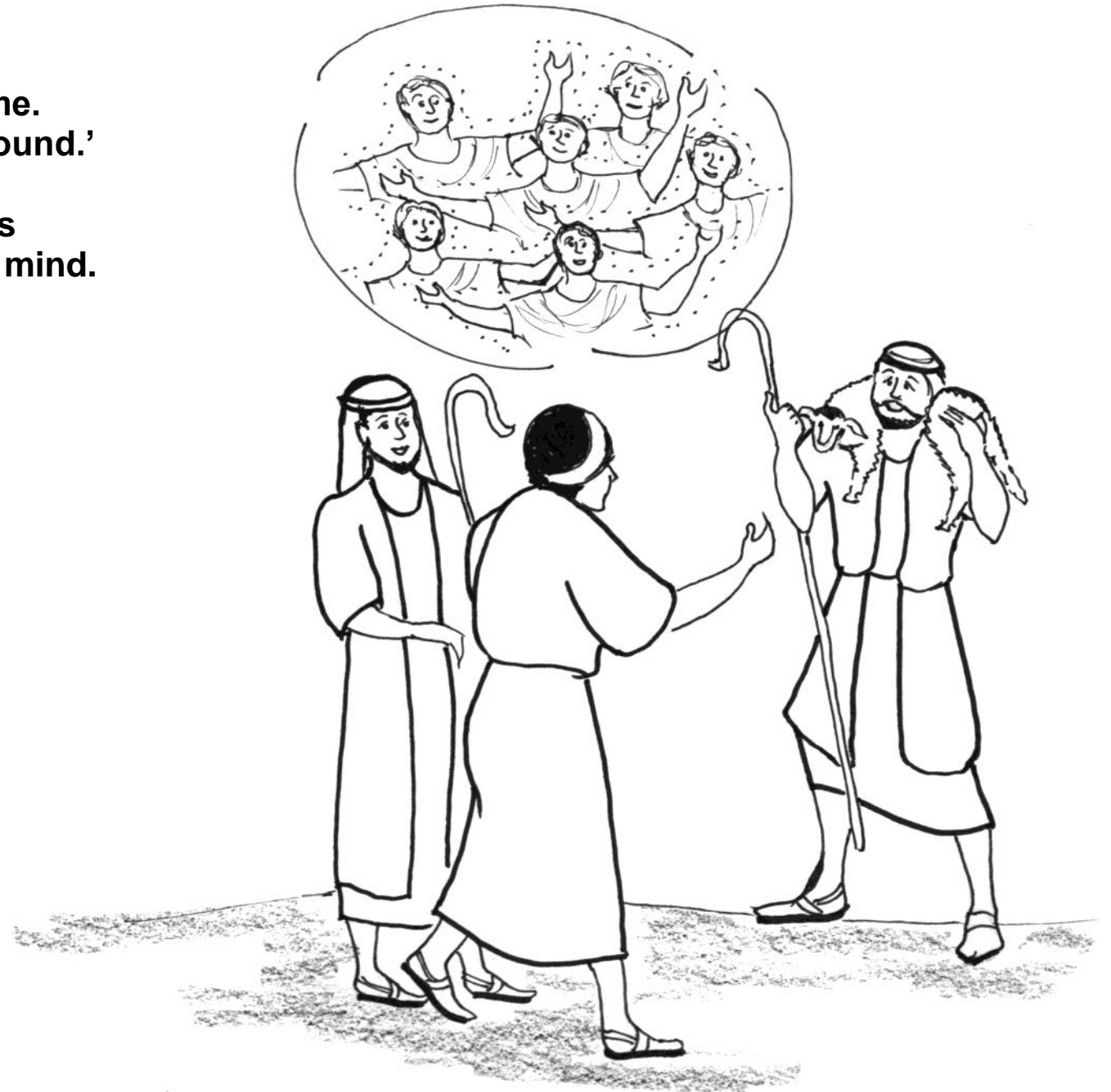
**If one of you had a hundred sheep
and one of them got lost,
what would you do?**

**You would leave the ninety-nine
and go looking
for the one which was lost.
You would keep looking for it
until it was found.
You would be so happy,
you would pick it up
and take it home.**



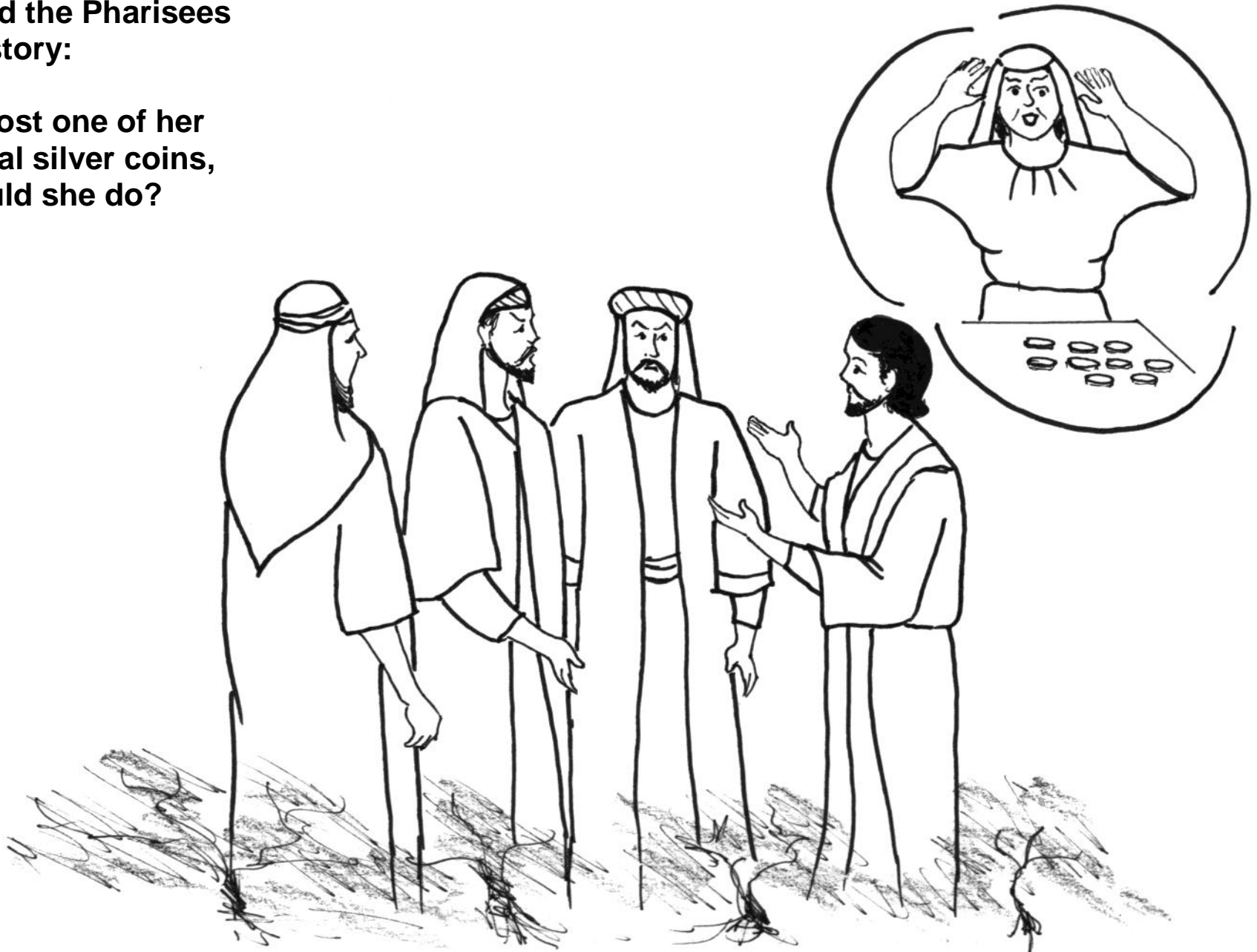
**Then you would
call your friends saying,
'Come and be happy with me.
My sheep that was lost is found.'**

**In heaven everyone rejoices
when a sinner changes his mind.
In fact there is more joy
over the one sinner
who has been saved,
than the ninety-nine
who were just being good.**



**Jesus told the Pharisees
another story:**

**If a lady lost one of her
ten special silver coins,
what would she do?**



**She would light her lamp,
and look everywhere.
She would look in the corners,
under the chairs
and behind the bed.
She would keep looking
until she found the coin that was lost.**



**Then when the lady found it
she would call out to her friends
and neighbours saying,
'I've found my coin.
Be happy with me.
I have found my coin that was lost.'**

**'It's like that in heaven,'
said Jesus.
'Up there with all God's angels,
everyone is really happy
when one sinner turns to God
and knows that he is forgiven.'**

