

***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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***THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH /  
TWO MISSIONARIES TO CYPRUS***

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**ACTS 11:19–30; 13:1–12**  
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**Many Christians left Jerusalem  
to get away from those  
who wanted to hurt them.**



**Wherever they went  
they spoke about the  
Lord Jesus.  
The Lord helped them.**

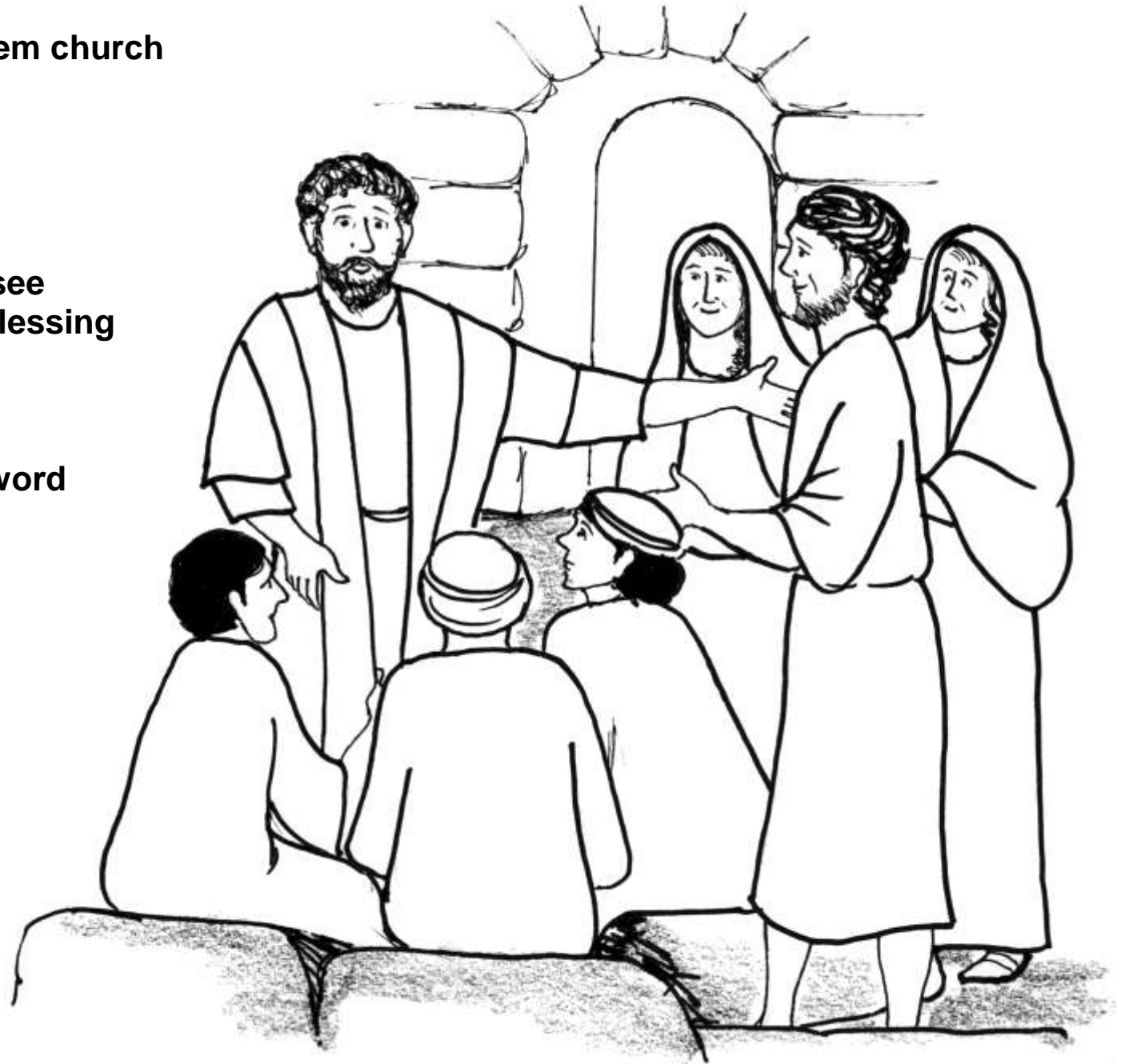
**In the city of Antioch  
many Jews and Greeks  
heard God's word  
and believed in the Lord.**



**The leaders of the Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to Antioch to find out if what was happening there was a work of God.**

**Barnabas was pleased to see that it was God who was blessing the people in Antioch.**

**He said to them, 'Go on listening to God's word and trusting Him.'**



**Barnabas then went to Tarsus,  
found Saul  
and took him back to Antioch.  
There they stayed for a whole year  
teaching the people  
the wonderful things of the Lord.**

**While Saul was there  
his name was changed to Paul.**

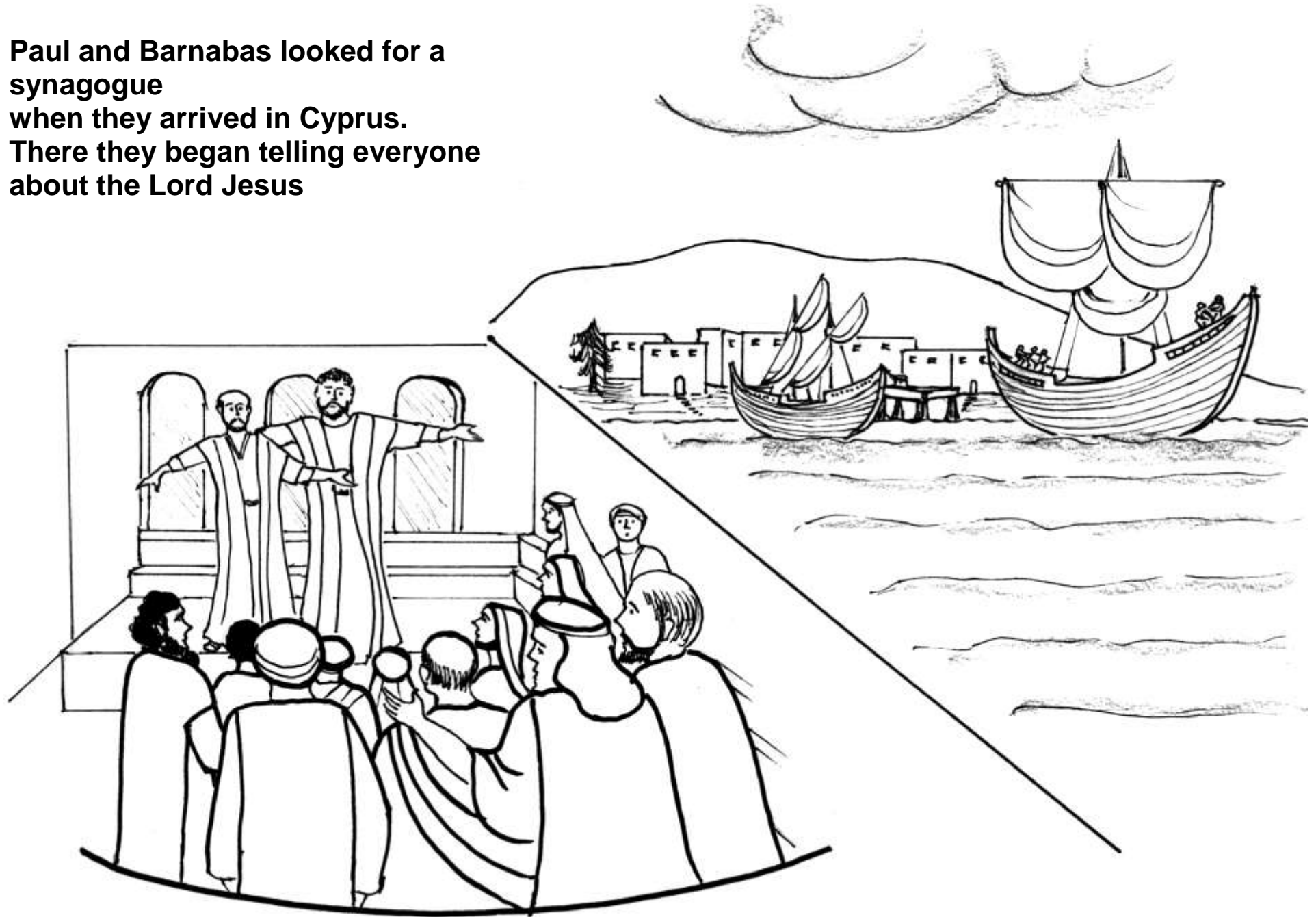


**One day as Paul and Barnabas,  
with the other prophets  
and teachers,  
were worshipping the Lord,  
the Holy Spirit said to them,  
'I have chosen  
Paul and Barnabas  
for a special work.  
Pray for them and let them go.'**

**The church did  
what the Spirit said.  
They prayed for them  
and sent them out  
to other places.**



**Paul and Barnabas looked for a  
synagogue  
when they arrived in Cyprus.  
There they began telling everyone  
about the Lord Jesus**



**The governor listened to Paul and said,  
'Come and tell me more.'**

**But a man called Elymas,  
a magician and a false prophet,  
tried to stop them.  
Elymas did not want  
the governor to believe in God.**

**Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
said to Elymas,  
'You are an enemy  
of God's ways.  
You try to change His truths  
into lies!  
The Lord is against you.  
For a while,  
God will make you blind.'**





**And that is what happened.  
Elymas could not see.  
He had to be lead about  
by someone else.**

**When the governor  
saw Elymas go blind,  
he was amazed  
at the message about Jesus  
and believed in Him.**

