

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

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# ***THE SLAVE GIRL AND THE JAILER***

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**ACTS 16:16–40**  
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**Paul and Silas were on their way to the place of prayer, when they met a slave girl. She had an evil spirit. It gave her power to tell fortunes and make money for her owners.**

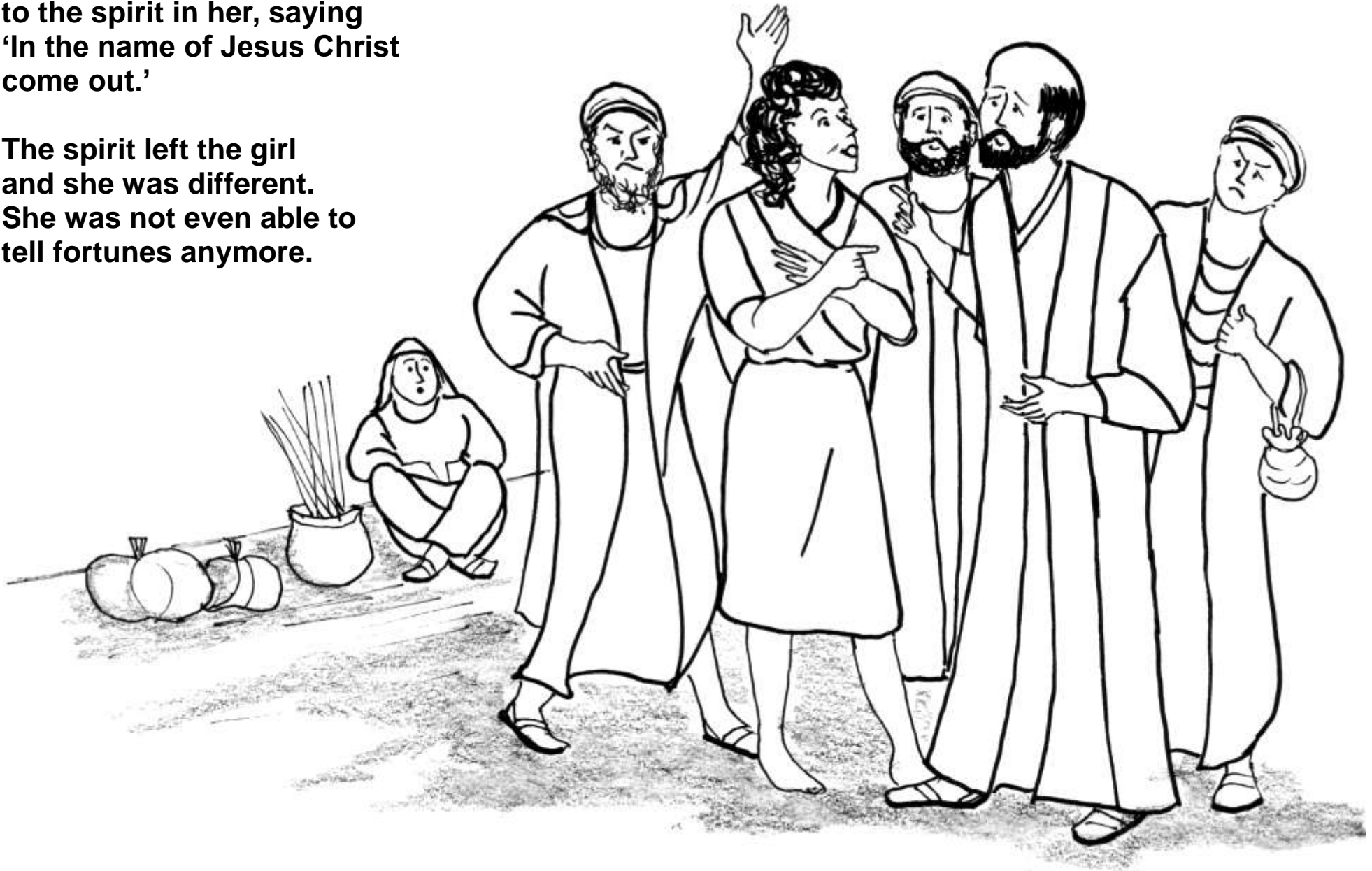
**One day she followed Paul and Silas and called out, ‘These men work for the Most High God. They are telling you how to be saved.’**

**She kept on doing this for several days.**



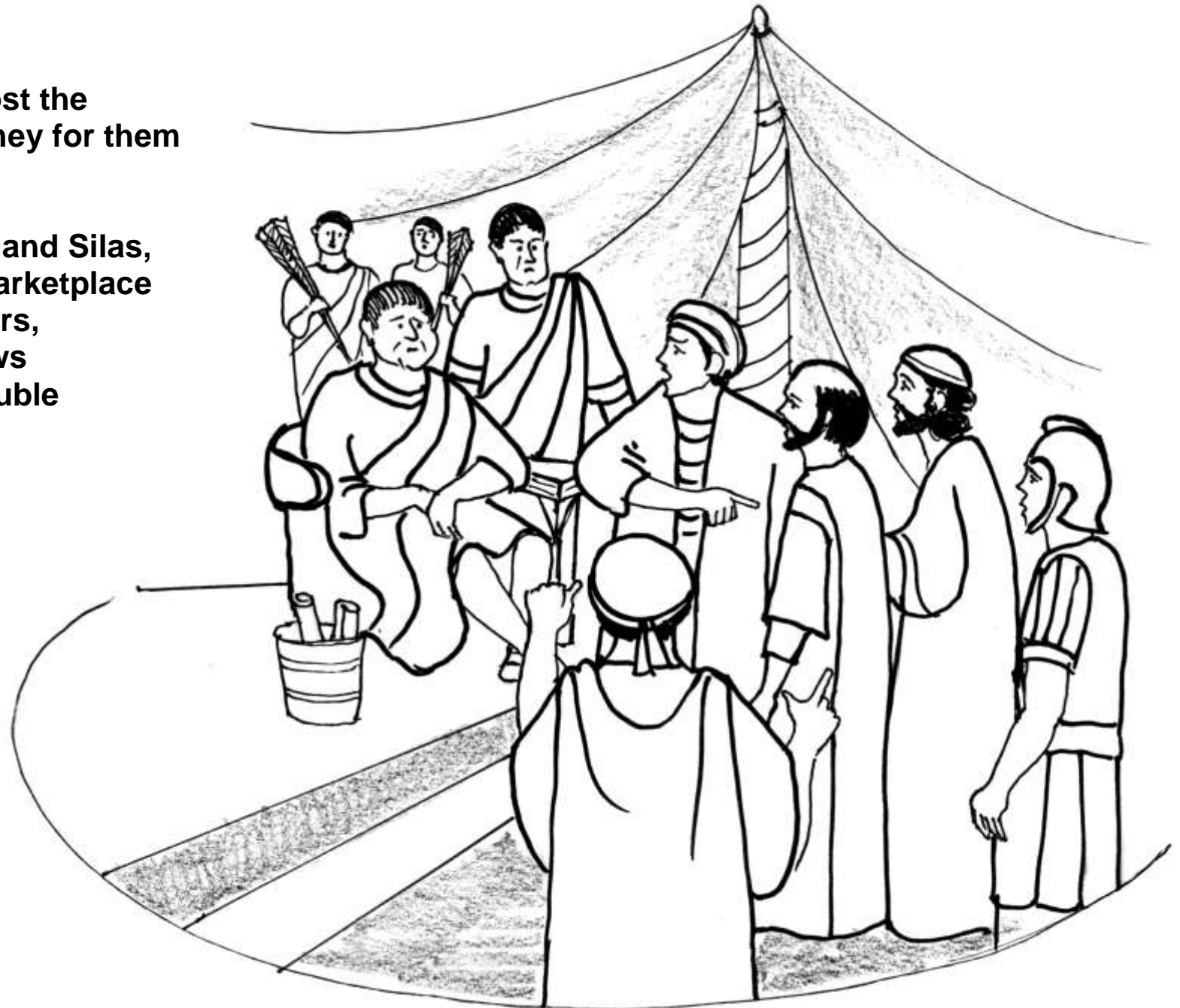
**Paul did not like her saying those things all the time.  
He turned around and spoke  
to the spirit in her, saying  
'In the name of Jesus Christ  
come out.'**

**The spirit left the girl  
and she was different.  
She was not even able to  
tell fortunes anymore.**



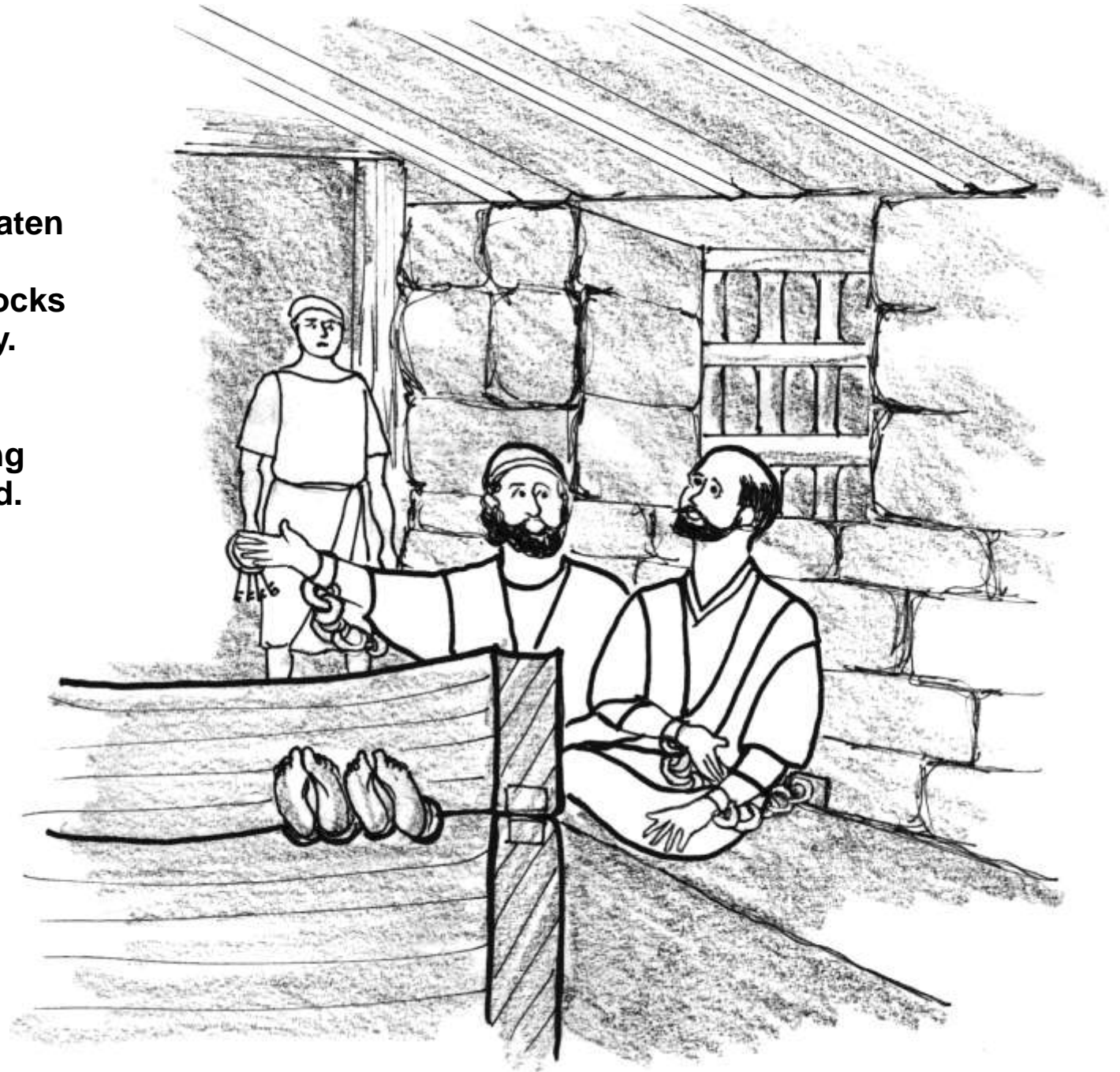
**When her owners saw that she had lost the power to make money for them they were angry.**

**They grabbed Paul and Silas, took them to the marketplace and said to the rulers, 'These men are Jews and are making trouble in our city.'**



**The rulers believed them  
and had Paul and Silas beaten  
and put into prison.  
Their feet were put into stocks  
so they could not get away.**

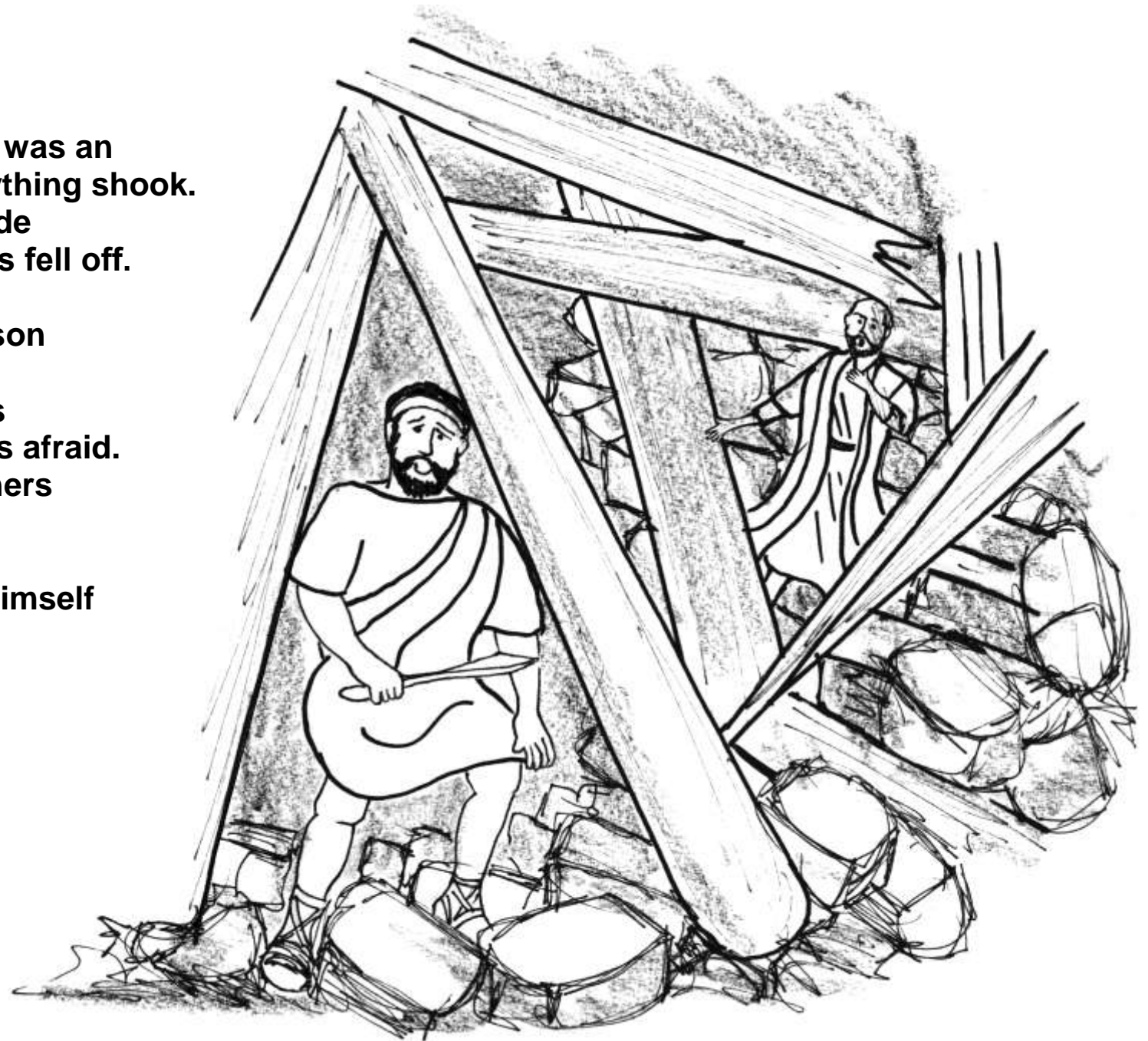
**In the middle of the night  
Paul and Silas were praying  
and singing praises to God.**



**Then, suddenly there was an earthquake and everything shook. The doors opened wide and everyone's chains fell off.**

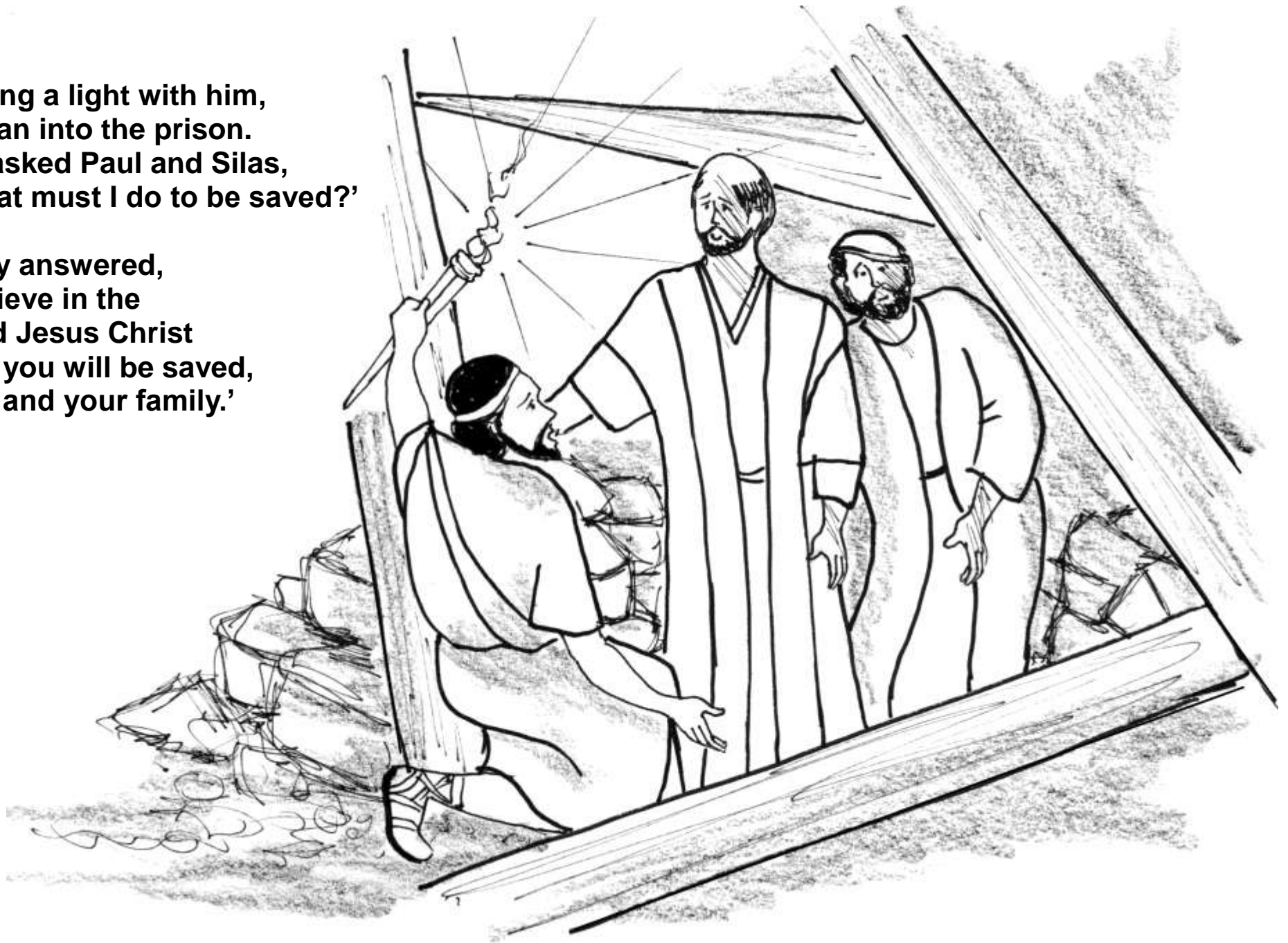
**The keeper of the prison woke up. He saw that the doors were open and he was afraid. He thought his prisoners had gone.**

**He was about to kill himself when Paul shouted, 'Do not hurt yourself. We are all here.'**

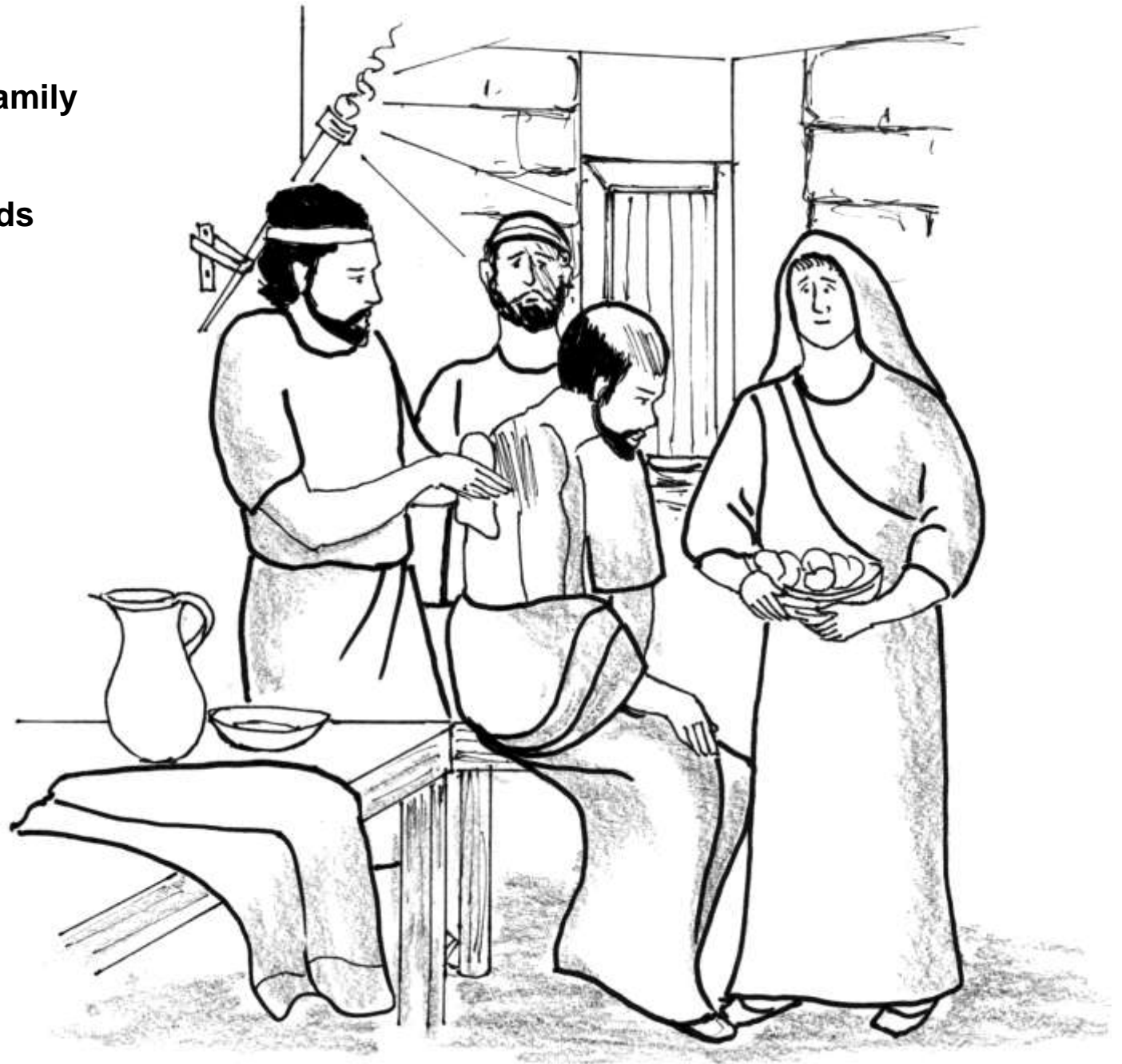


**Taking a light with him,  
he ran into the prison.  
He asked Paul and Silas,  
'What must I do to be saved?'**

**They answered,  
'Believe in the  
Lord Jesus Christ  
and you will be saved,  
you and your family.'**



**The prison keeper and his family  
heard the word of the Lord  
and were baptised.  
Then he washed their wounds  
and gave them food to eat.**



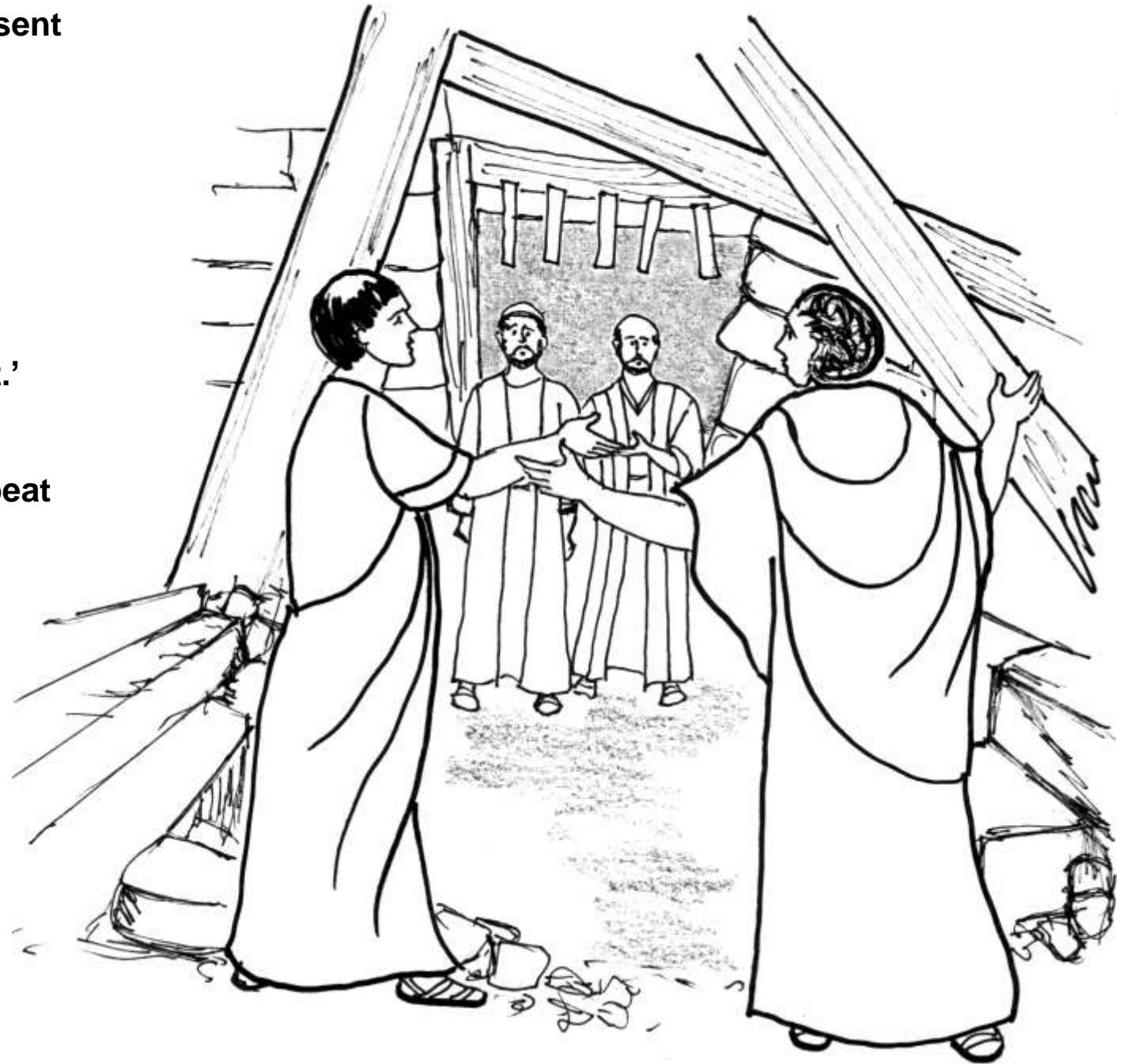


**In the morning the rulers sent  
a message saying,  
'Let those men go.'**

**But when Paul heard this  
he said to them,  
'You have beaten us  
and put us in prison.  
We are Roman citizens.  
You come and take us out.'**

**This frightened the rulers.  
It was against the law to beat  
Roman citizens  
or put them in prison  
without a trial.**

**So they came  
and apologized  
for what they had done.  
They took them  
out of prison and said,  
'Please leave our city.'**



**Paul and Silas left the prison,  
went to Lydia's house  
and met with the believers.  
They encouraged each other  
with God's word.**

**Then Paul and Silas went on  
to other cities to tell God's word.**

