

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

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## ***PAUL THE LETTER WRITER***

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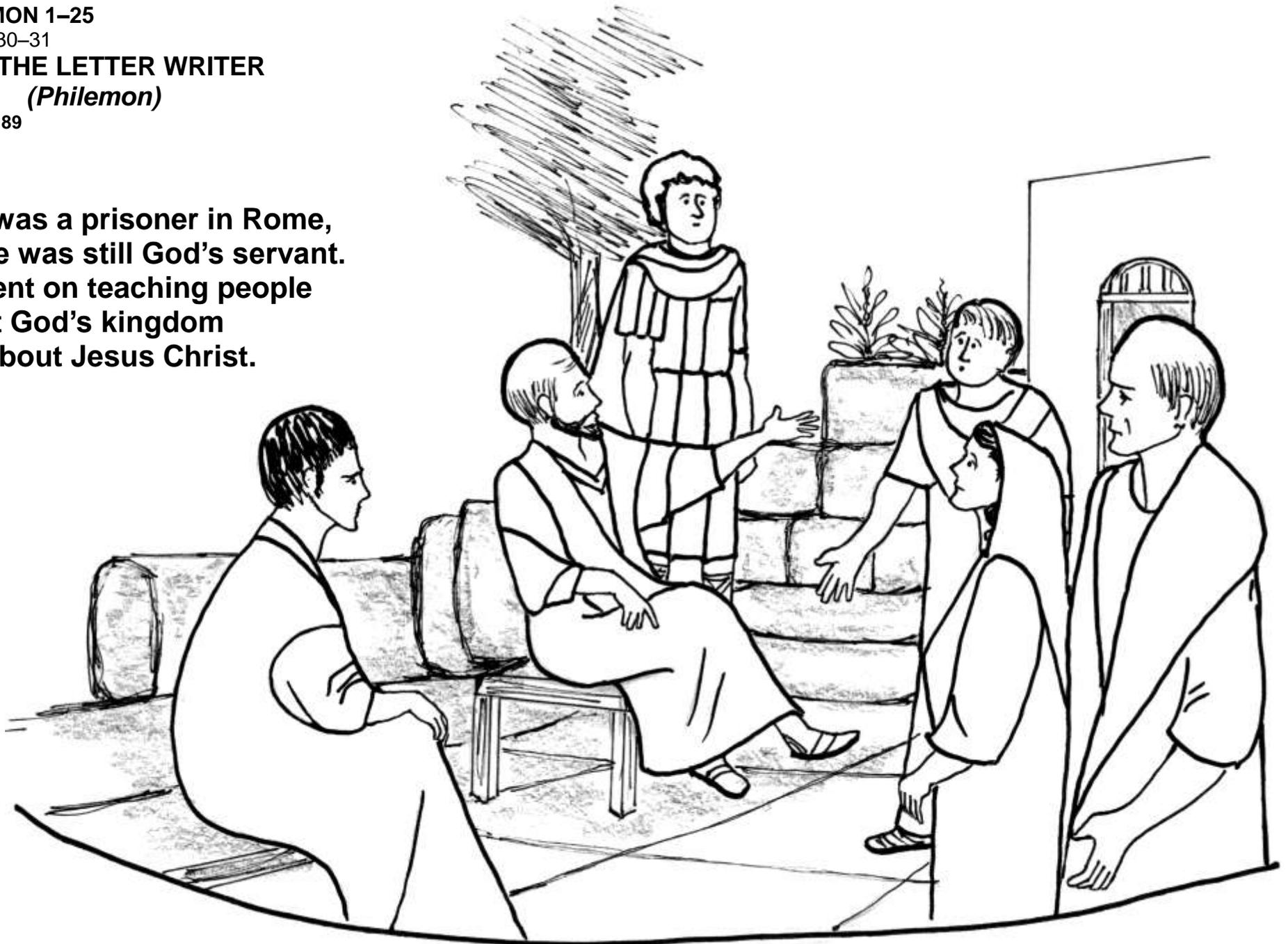
**PHILEMON 1–25**

Acts 28:30–31

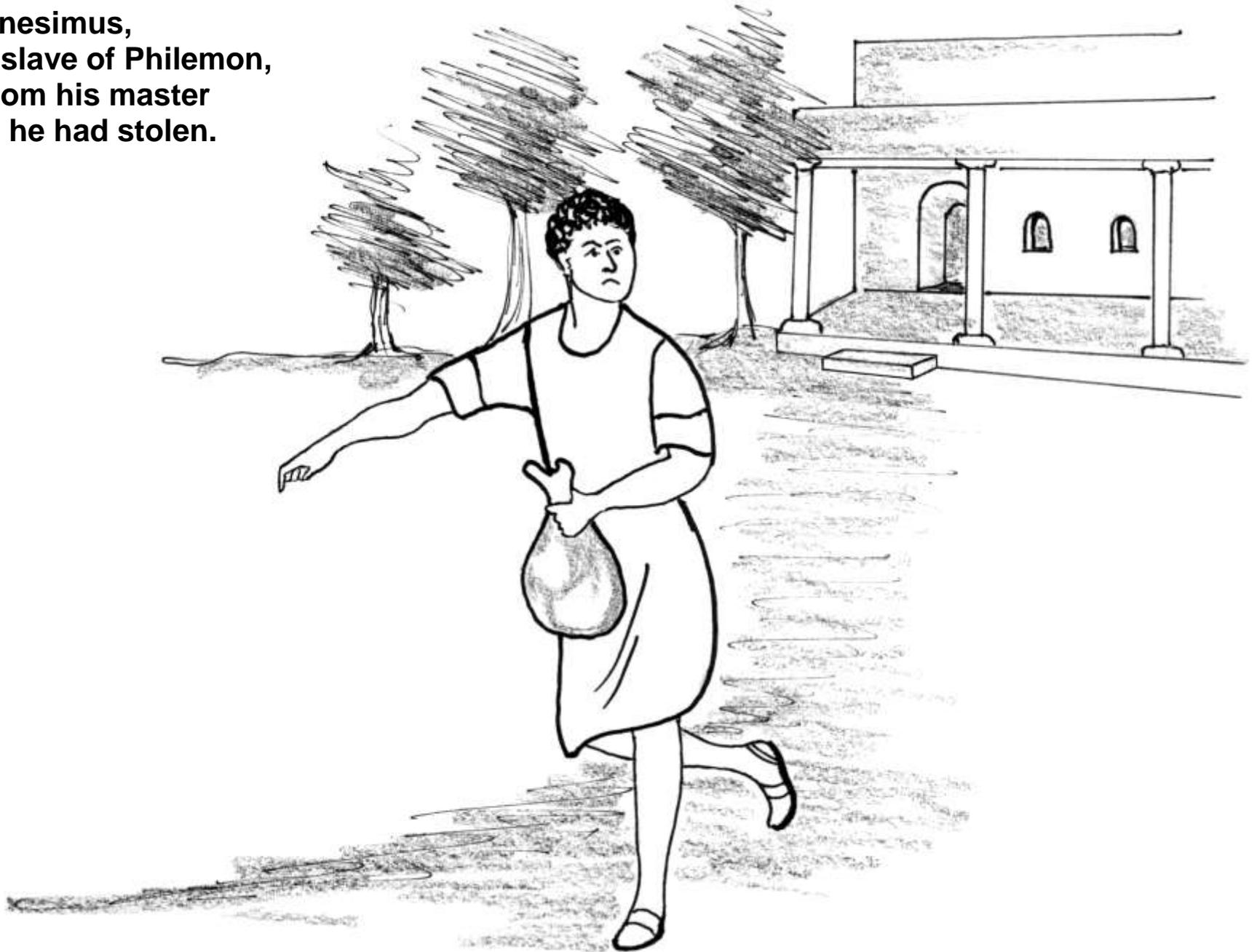
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*(Philemon)*

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**Paul was a prisoner in Rome,  
but he was still God’s servant.  
He went on teaching people  
about God’s kingdom  
and about Jesus Christ.**



**One day, Onesimus,  
who was a slave of Philemon,  
ran away from his master  
with things he had stolen.**



**He went to Rome  
where he could hide.  
However, while there,  
he happened to meet Paul.**

**Paul listened  
to this run away slave.  
He taught him about Jesus,  
who died for his sin  
and was raised  
to give him new life.  
Onesimus believed  
and his life was changed.  
He knew God had  
forgiven him.**



**Paul sent Onesimus  
back to his master,  
with this letter:**

**‘Dear Philemon,  
and all the church people  
who meet in your house.**

**‘I thank God for you.  
I hear of your love and faith  
in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**‘I am an old man  
and a prisoner for Christ.**

**‘I am asking you to  
do something for Onesimus.  
He has become  
a son to me in prison.**

**‘I am sending him back to you.  
I wanted him to stay  
and help me,  
but I would not do that  
before asking you.**



**'I trust that you will welcome Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ. He will be better to you now because he is the Lord's.**

**'When he ran away you lost a slave, so, if he owes you anything. I will repay you.**

**'I am sure that you will do what I have asked you to do. I am thankful to you in Christ.**

**'My friends who are with me send their love to you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.'**

**Paul.**

