

***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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***JONAH THE UNWILLING PROPHET /  
JONAH PREACHES IN NINEVEH***

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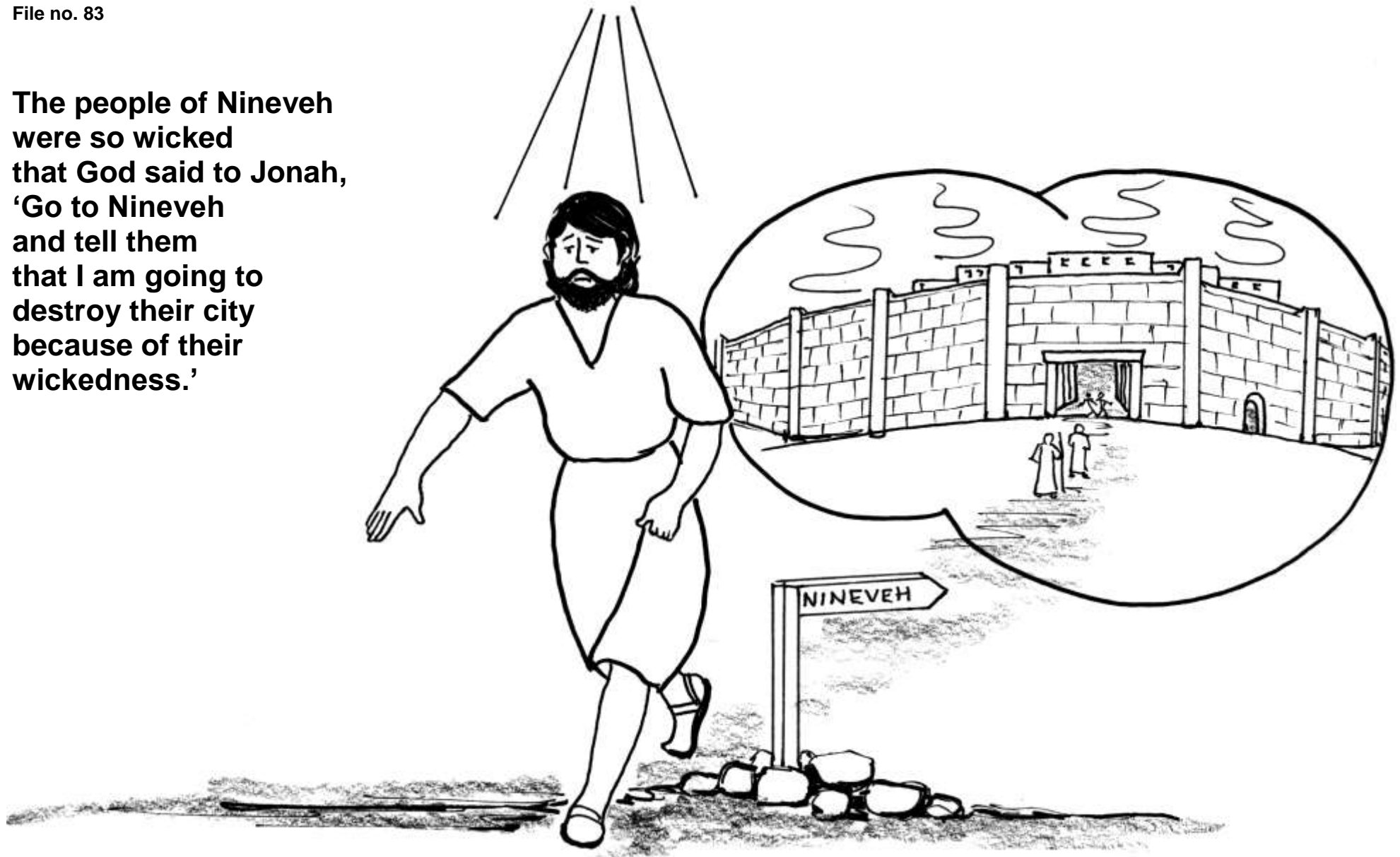
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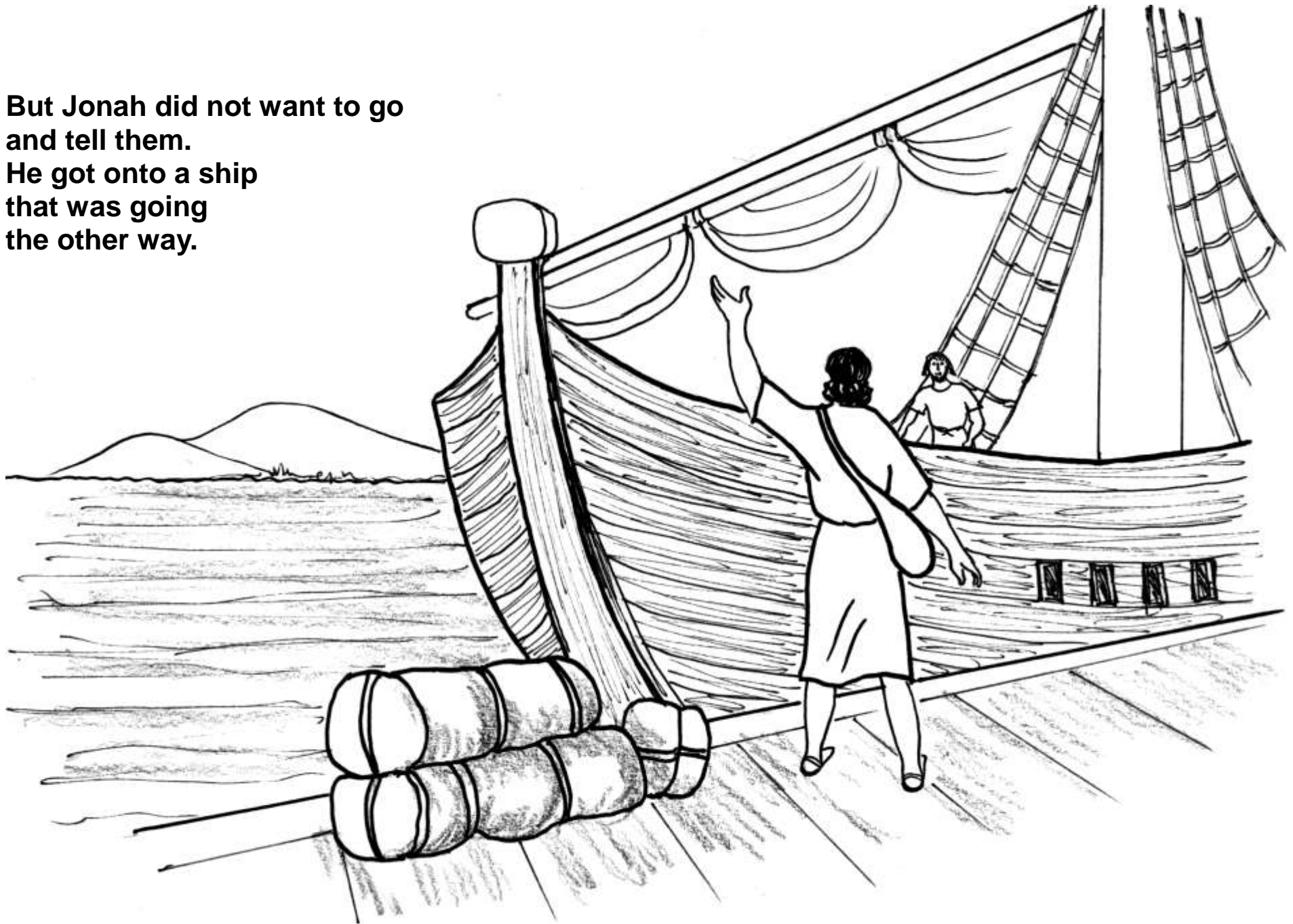
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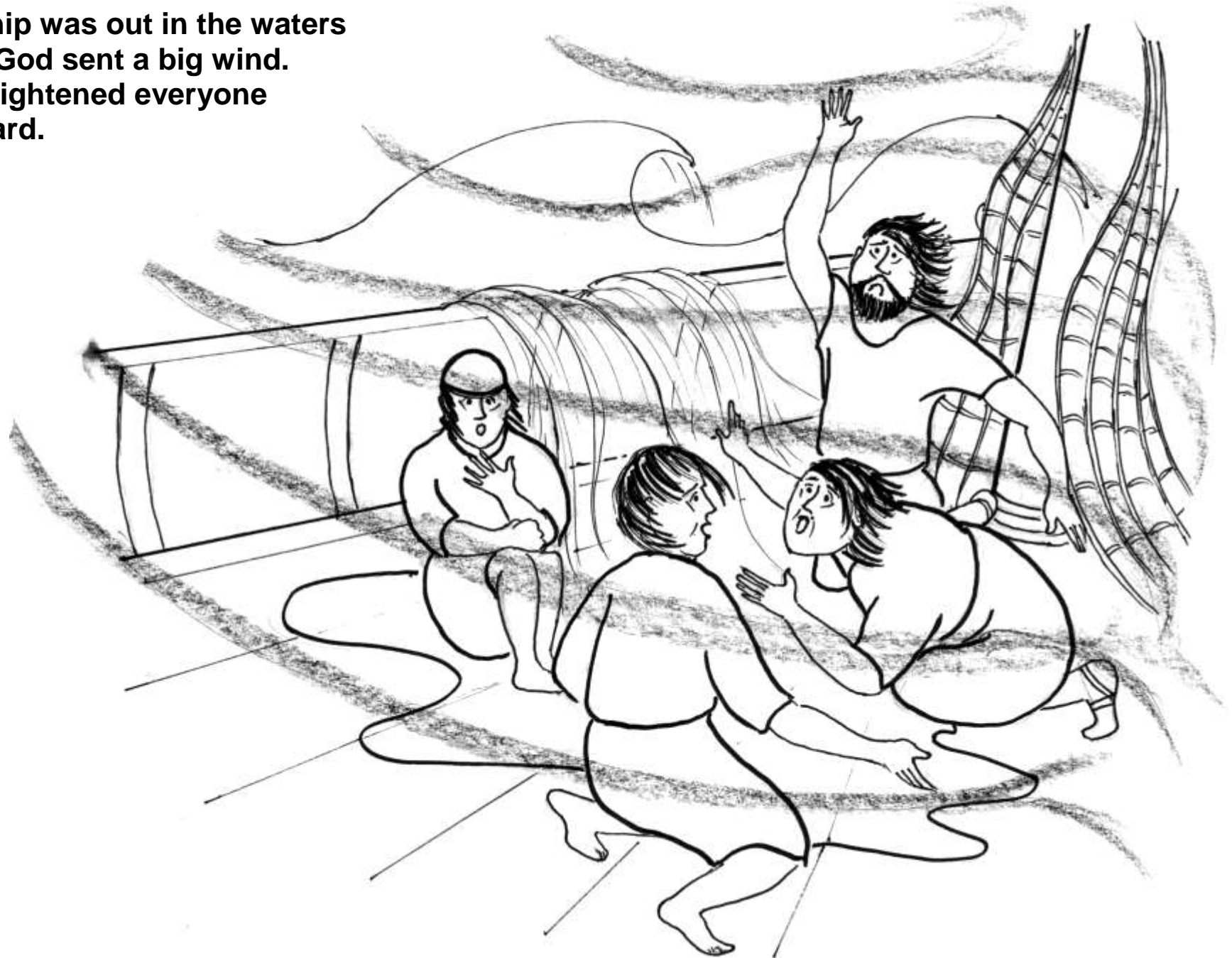
**The people of Nineveh were so wicked that God said to Jonah, 'Go to Nineveh and tell them that I am going to destroy their city because of their wickedness.'**



**But Jonah did not want to go  
and tell them.  
He got onto a ship  
that was going  
the other way.**



**The ship was out in the waters  
when God sent a big wind.  
This frightened everyone  
on board.**



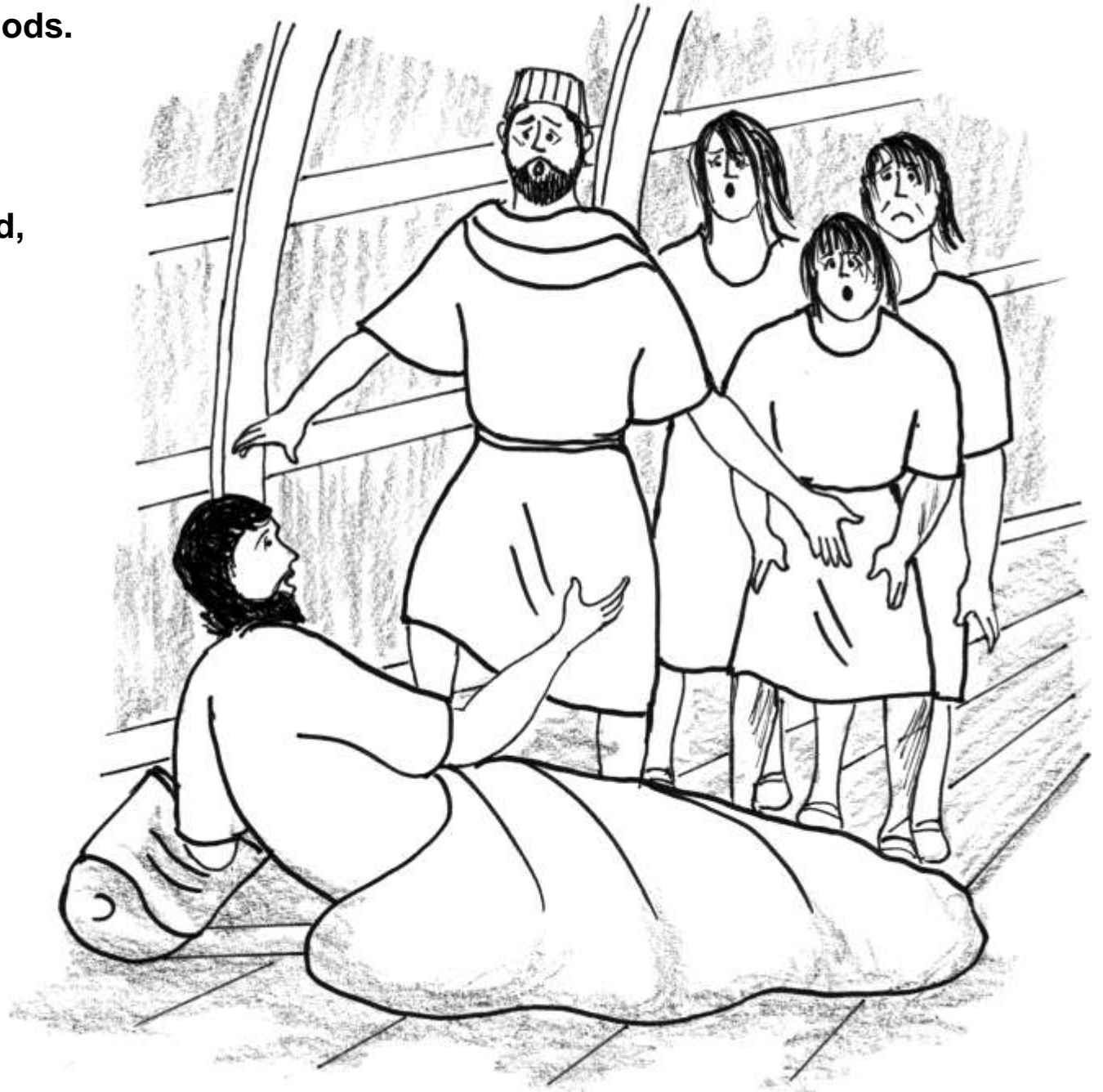
**The sailors cried out to their gods.  
but Jonah was not with them.  
He was fast asleep,  
down in the ship.**

**The captain woke him and said,  
‘Why are you sleeping?  
Get up and pray to your god!  
Perhaps your god  
will listen to us.  
Perhaps he will save us!’**

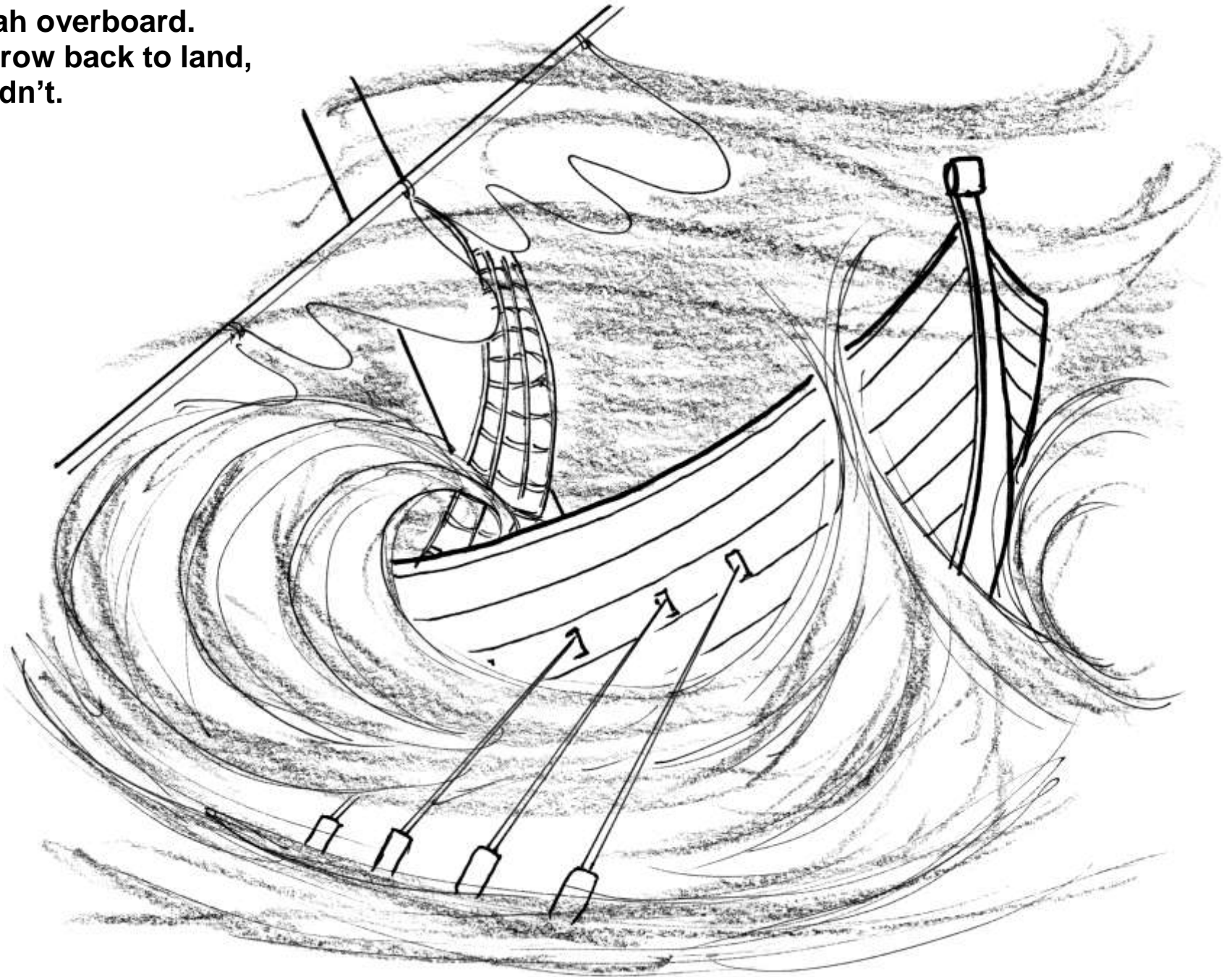
**Jonah said.  
‘I believe in the God  
who made the  
sea and the land.’**

**When the sailors heard this  
they were frightened.**

**‘Throw me into the sea  
and it will be calm,’  
said Jonah.  
‘It is my fault  
that God has  
sent this storm.’**



**The men did not want  
to throw Jonah overboard.  
They tried to row back to land,  
but they couldn't.**



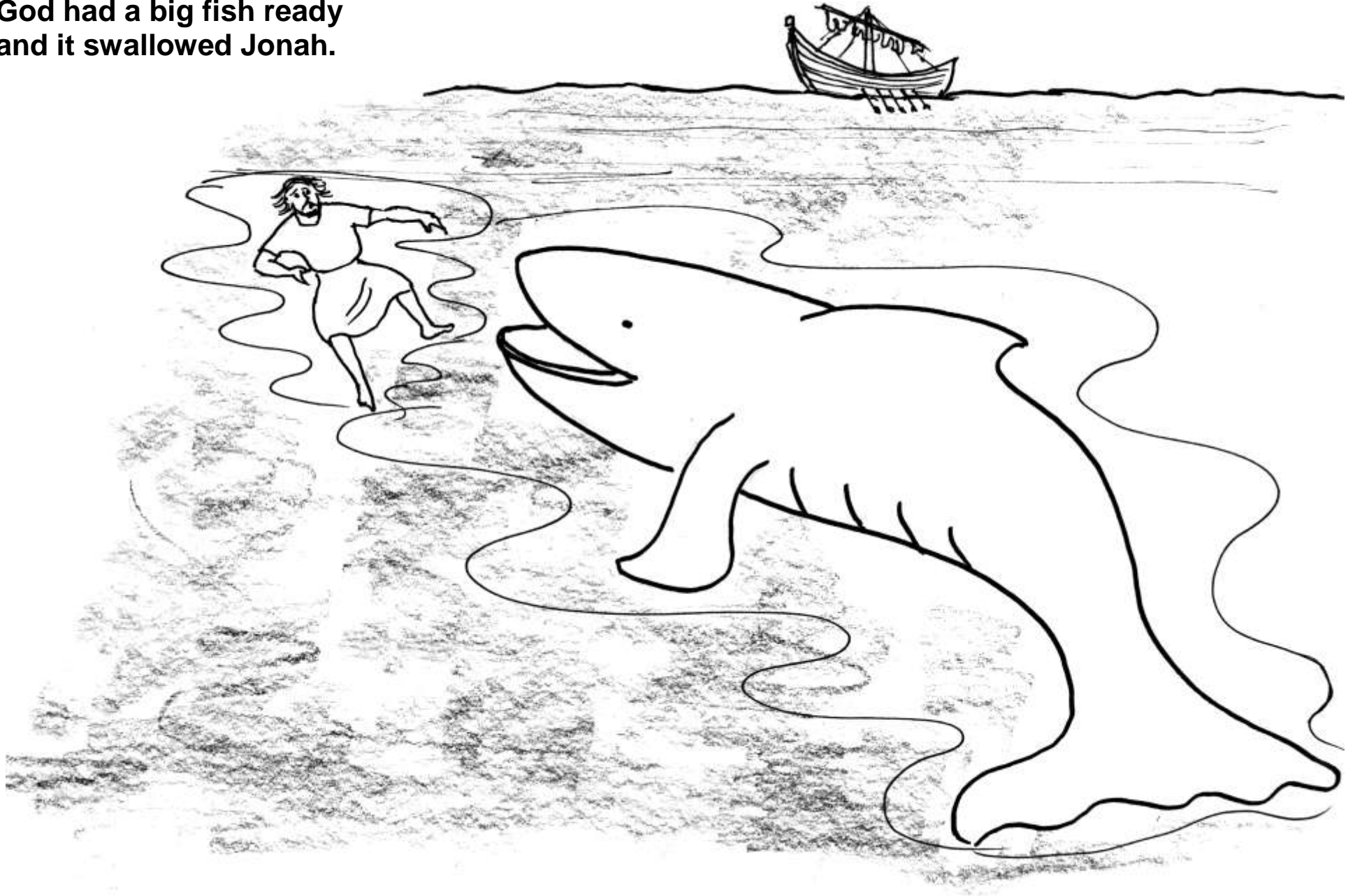


**They prayed,  
'God, please forgive us  
if Jonah dies.'**

**They threw Jonah  
overboard  
and straight away  
the sea became calm.  
They knew it was the Lord  
who had done it  
and everyone was afraid.**

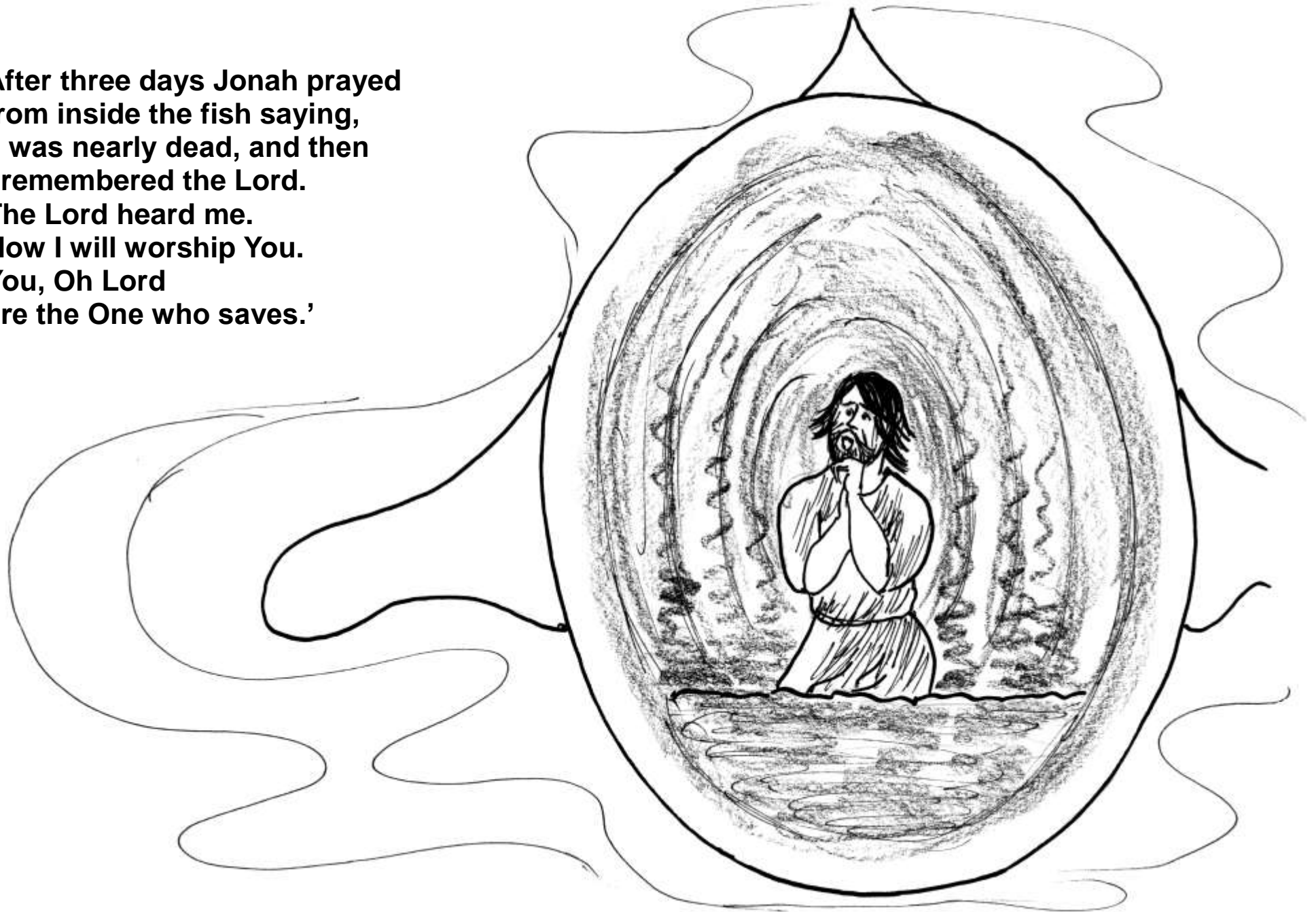


God had a big fish ready  
and it swallowed Jonah.



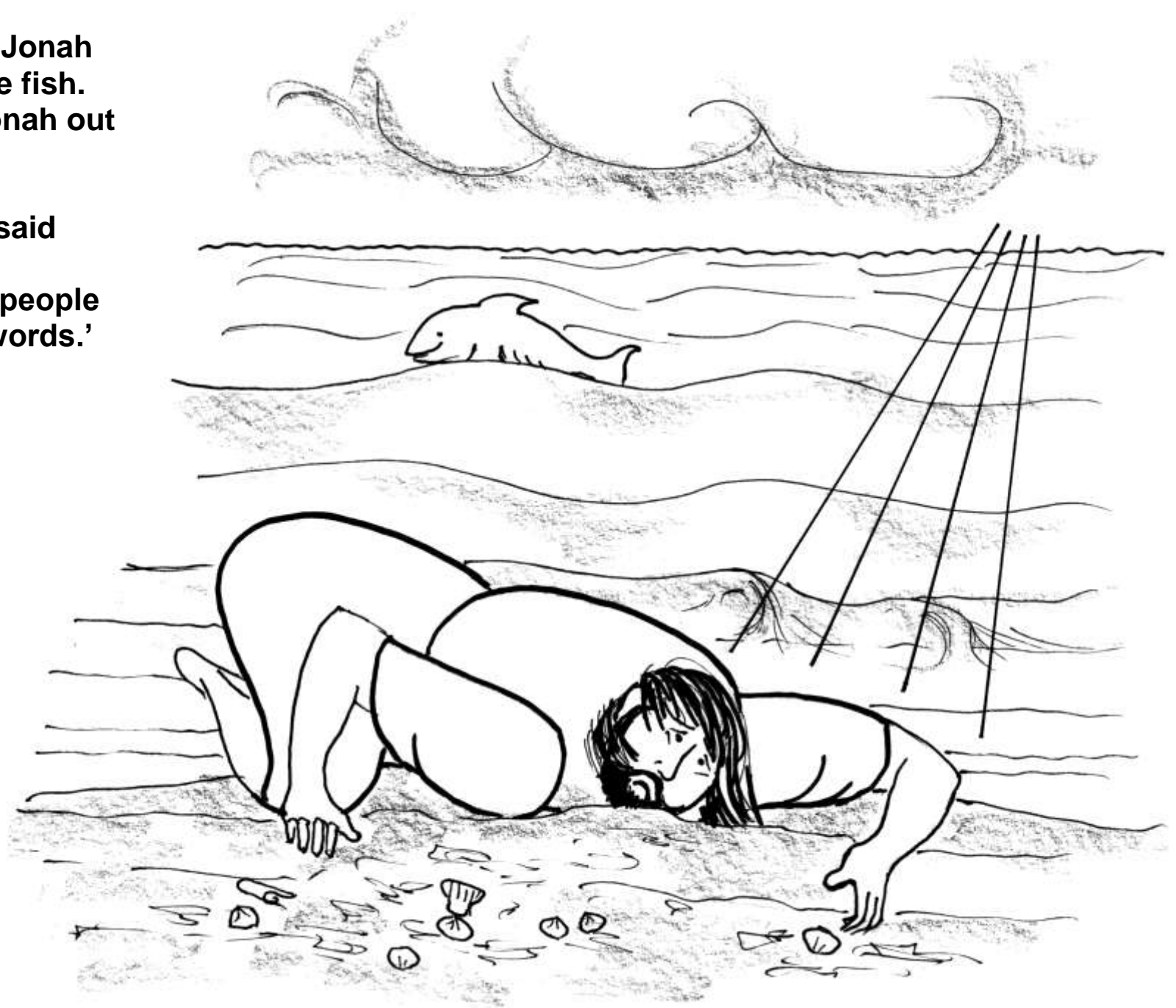


**After three days Jonah prayed  
from inside the fish saying,  
'I was nearly dead, and then  
I remembered the Lord.  
The Lord heard me.  
Now I will worship You.  
You, Oh Lord  
are the One who saves.'**



**The Lord heard Jonah  
and spoke to the fish.  
The fish spat Jonah out  
onto the beach.**

**Again the Lord said  
to Jonah,  
'Go and tell the people  
in Nineveh My words.'**

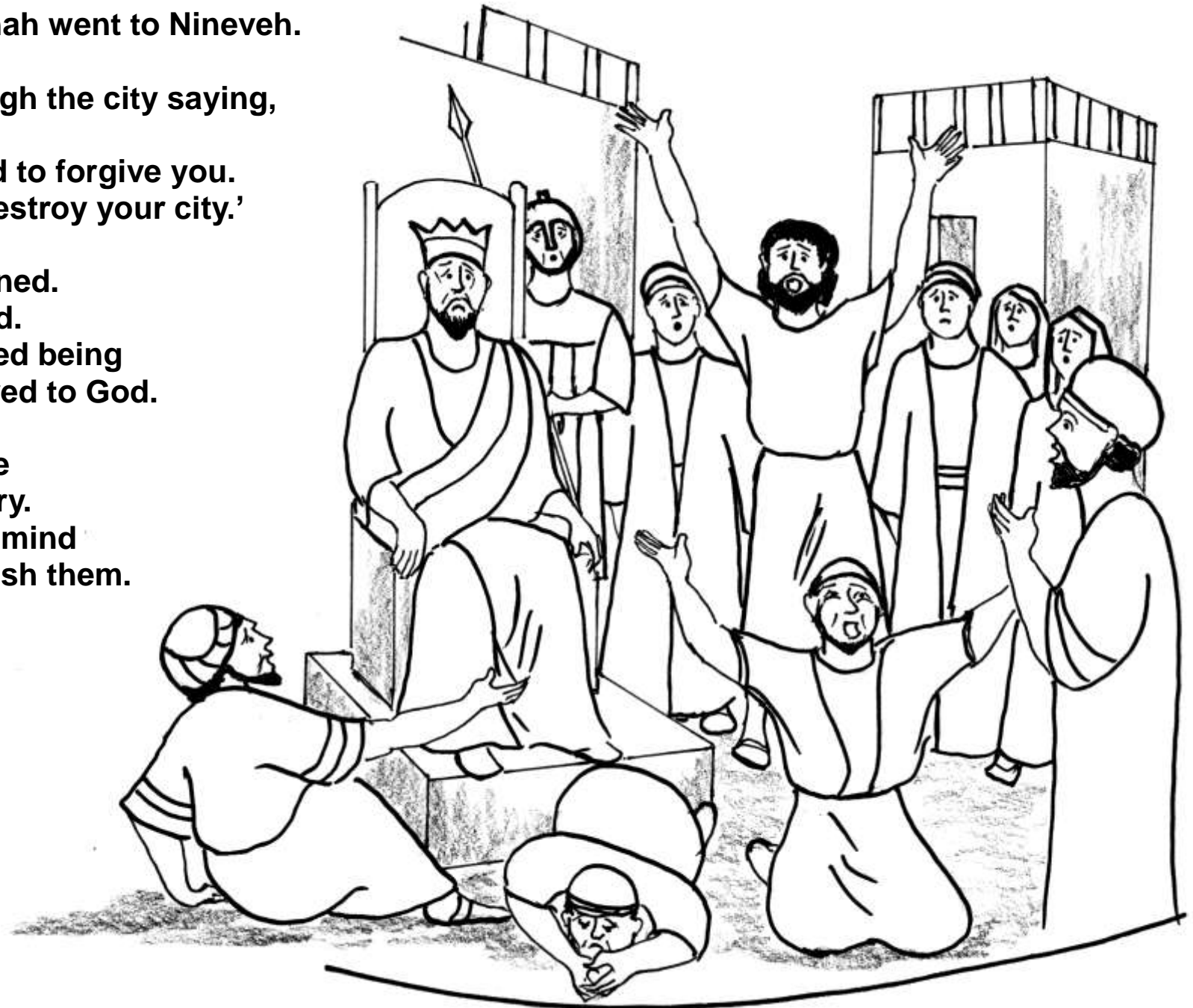


**Immediately Jonah went to Nineveh.**

**He walked through the city saying,  
'Stop doing evil  
and ask the Lord to forgive you.  
He is going to destroy your city.'**

**The people listened.  
The king listened.  
Everyone stopped being  
wicked and prayed to God.**

**God saw that the  
people were sorry.  
He changed His mind  
and did not punish them.**



**Then Jonah was angry with God.  
He did not want God  
to forgive them.  
But Jonah could not stop  
God loving and forgiving the Ninevites.**

***God loves all people  
and wants them to know Him.  
Like Jonah, He sends us  
to tell others  
this good news.***

