

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

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## ***ISRAEL WOULD NOT LISTEN***

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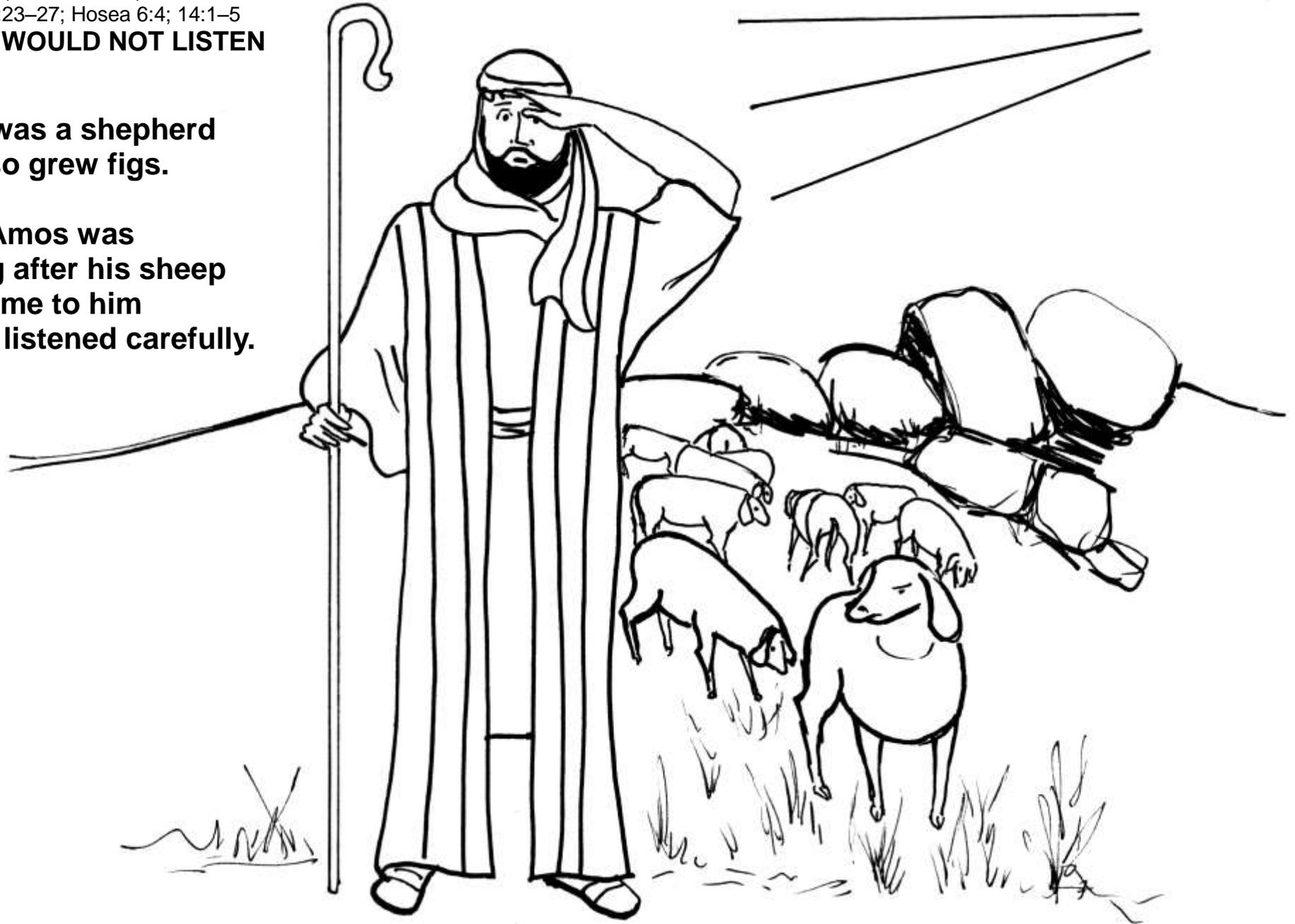
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**AMOS 1:1; Chs 4 — 8; 9:11–14**  
2 Kings 14:23–27; Hosea 6:4; 14:1–5  
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**Amos was a shepherd  
and also grew figs.**

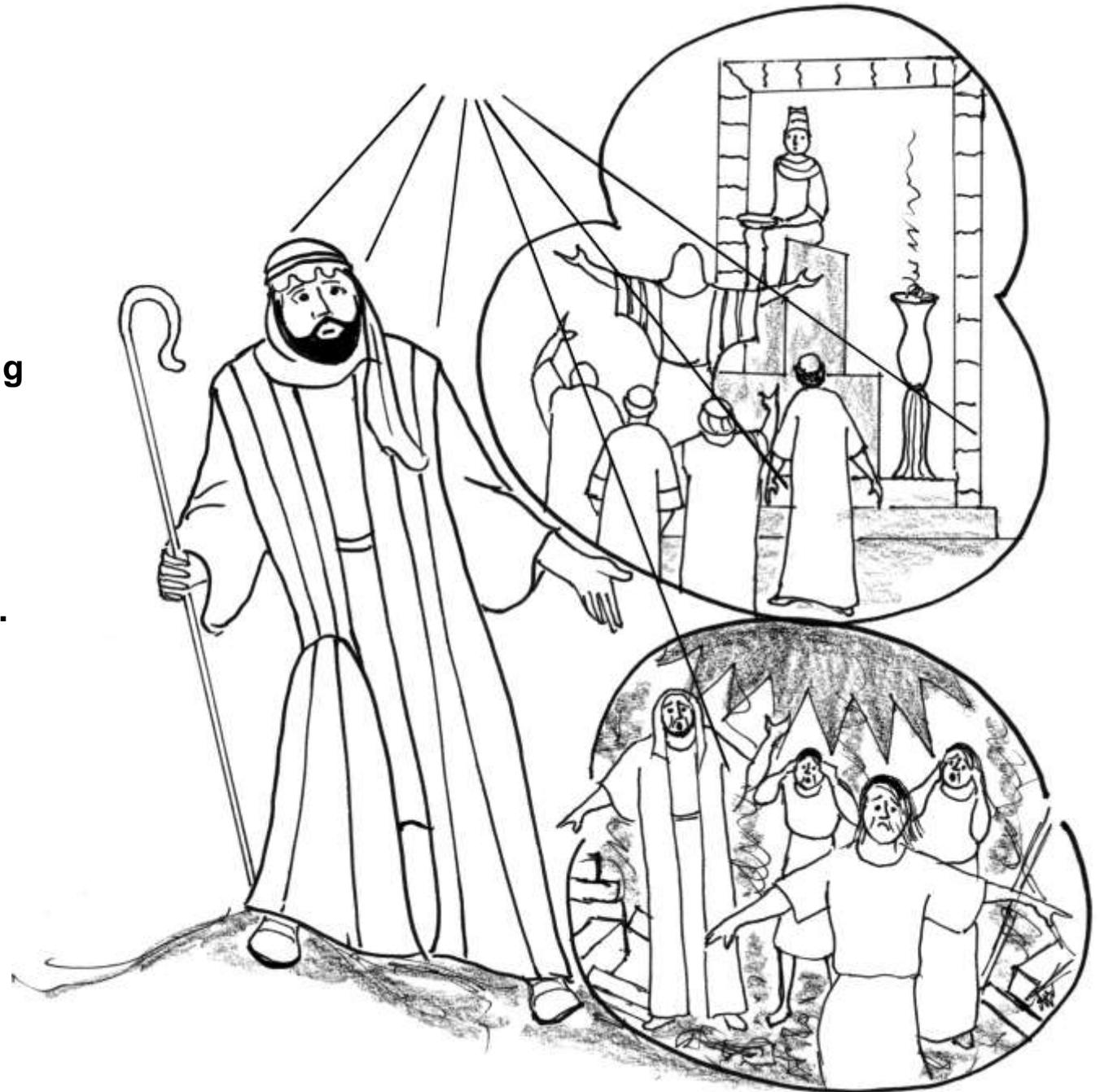
**While Amos was  
looking after his sheep  
God came to him  
and he listened carefully.**



**God said,  
'I love My people Israel,  
but they have  
turned away from Me.  
I blessed them  
so they would be a blessing  
in the whole world.**

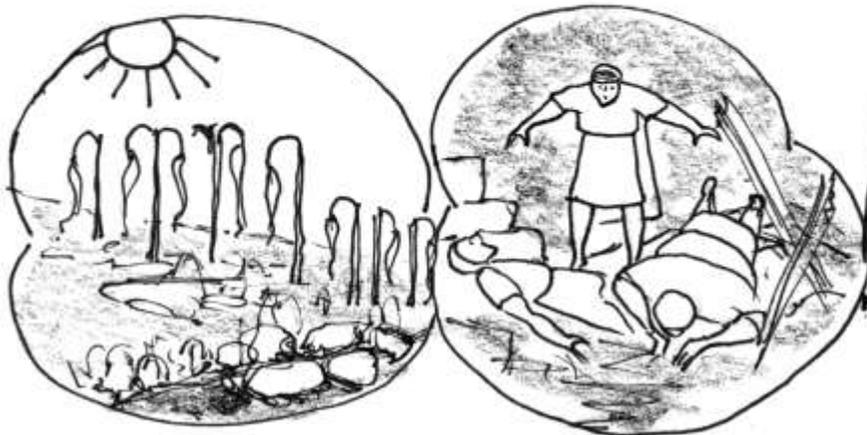
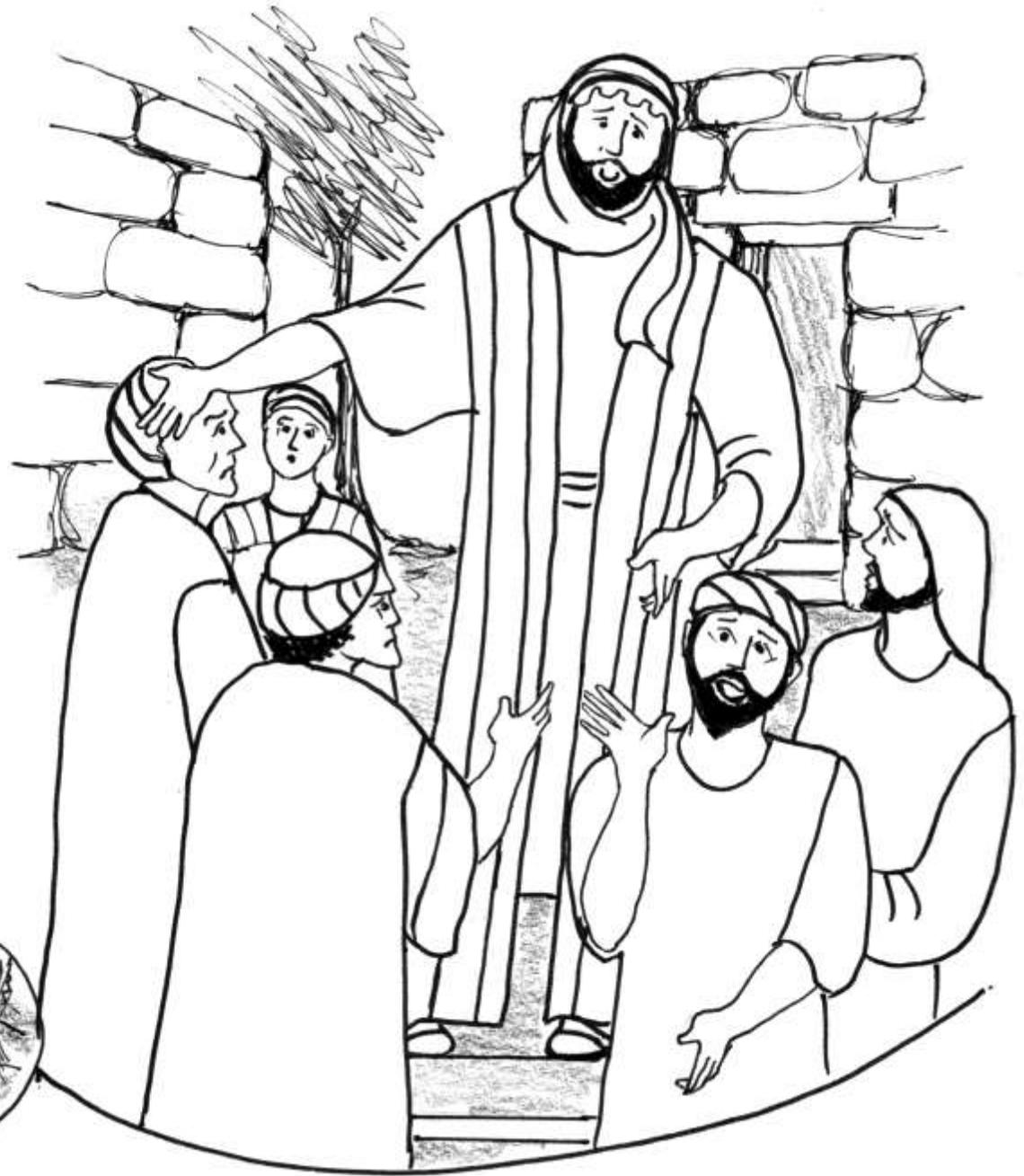
**'But what are they doing?  
They are trusting gods  
of wood and stone  
who cannot speak to them.**

**'Go and tell My people  
that I am a holy God.  
I am going to punish them  
for what they are doing.**



**'Tell them:  
I stopped the rain to see  
if you would come back to Me.  
You did not come back.  
I made your crops and gardens die.  
You did not come back.  
Some people died,  
and still you did not  
come back to Me.**

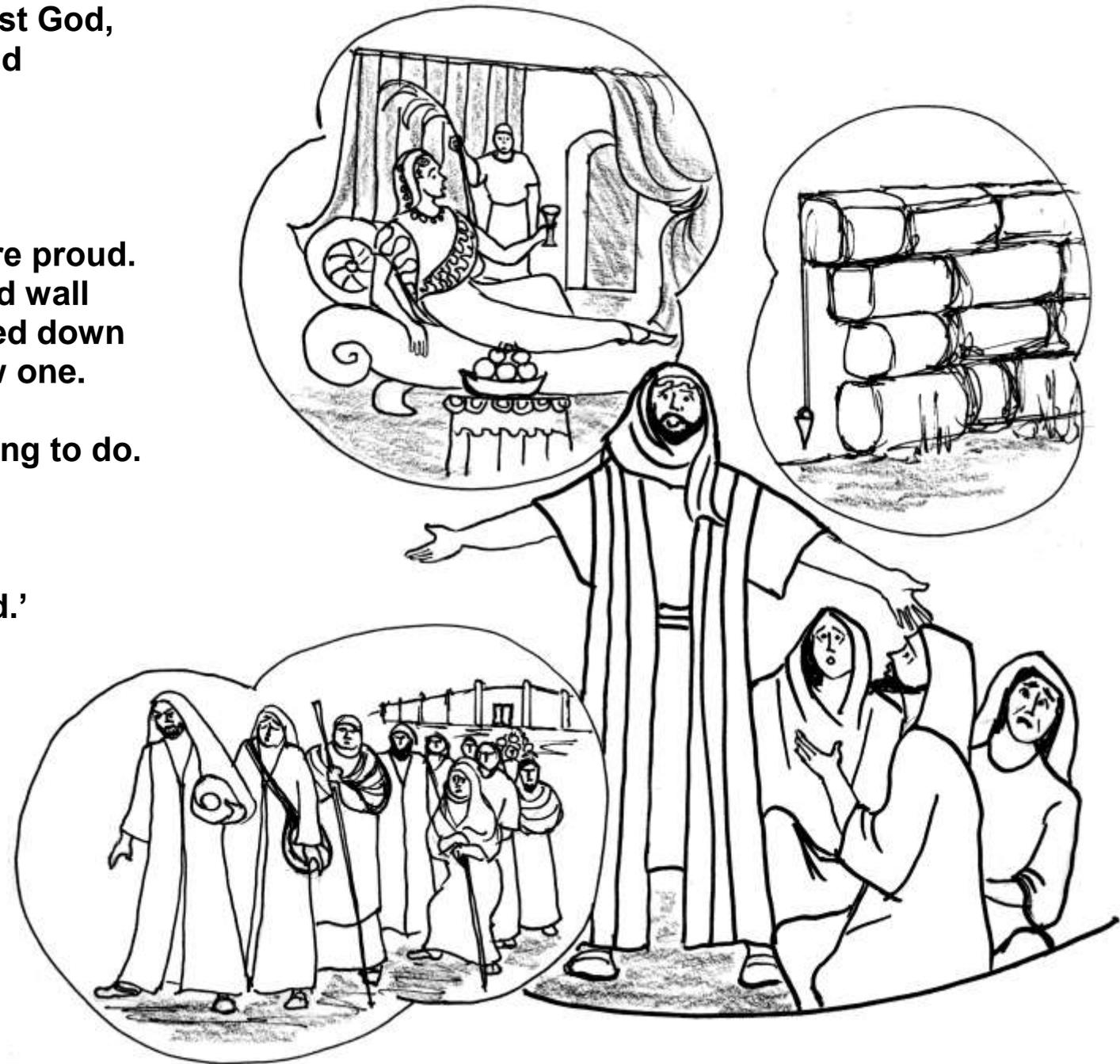
**'Get ready to meet God  
for He is coming to you.  
His name is the Lord God.  
Even now the Lord says,  
Come to Me and live.  
Do not go to your idols.**



**‘When you do not trust God,  
your houses, food and  
what you do  
are more important  
than what God says.**

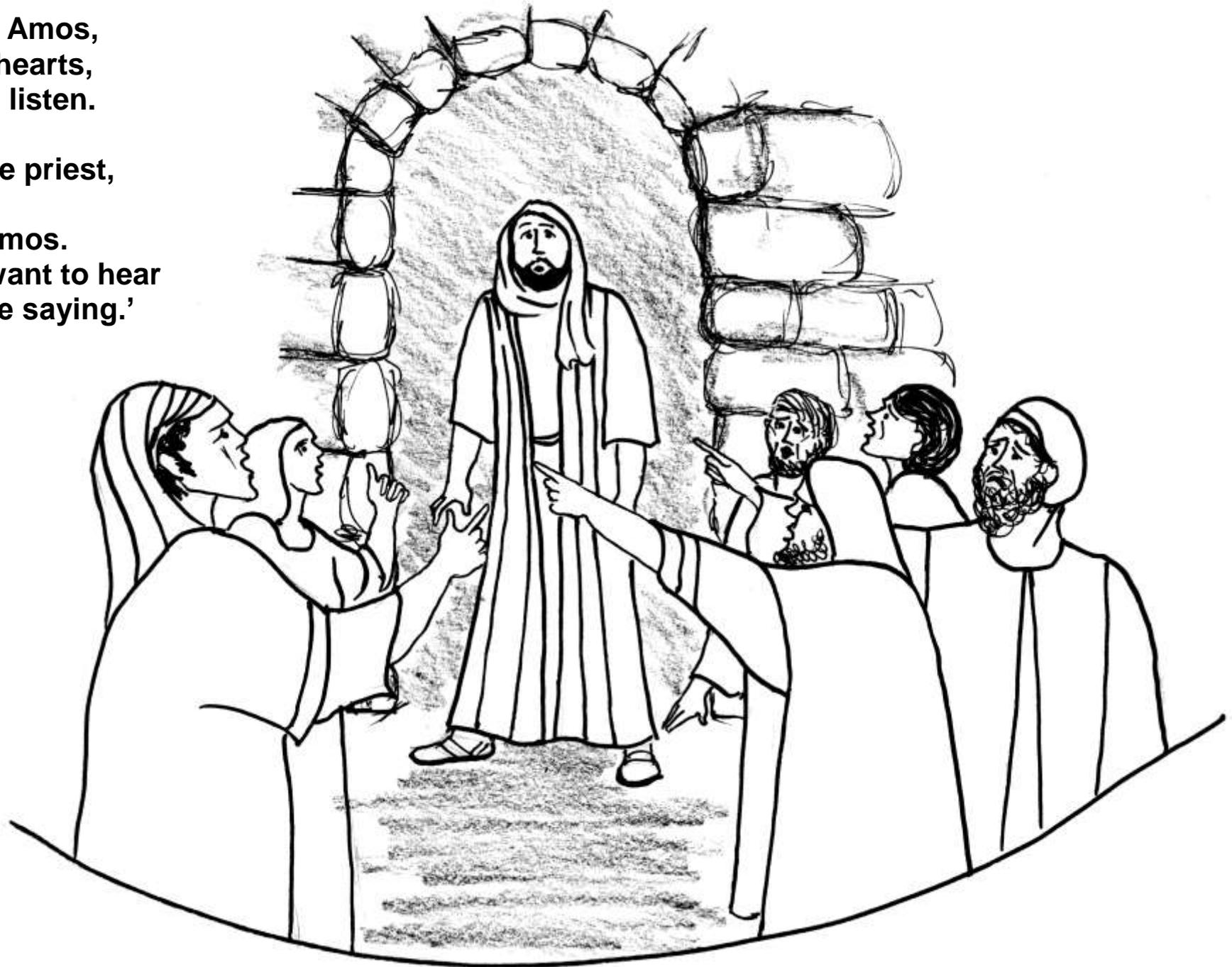
**‘God says that you are proud.  
You are like a crooked wall  
that needs to be pulled down  
before building a new one.**

**‘This is what I am going to do.  
I will send you away  
to another country.  
However,  
I will still be your God.’**



**Israel heard Amos,  
but in their hearts,  
they did not listen.**

**Amaziah, the priest,  
said to him,  
'Go home Amos.  
We do not want to hear  
what you are saying.'**



**Amos kept on saying,  
'Come to the Lord and live.'**

**God not only told Amos  
that He was going to  
punish Israel,  
but that a King would come  
who would lead Israel  
to truly love Him.**

**Then God would bless His people.  
Other nations would also  
come and worship God.**

***God fulfilled this promise  
when He sent Jesus  
to turn us from our sins.***

