

Bible Stories for Young Children

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JEREMIAH THE PROPHET

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**JEREMIAH 1:1 – 2:7; 12–13, (23, 27) 4:1, (2,) 5–7,14;
25:1–12; 29:1, 3–14; 31:17, 20, 31–34; 39:9–14
Jeremiah 32:1–44; 2 Chronicles 34:33; 2 Kings 25:1–26**

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**God said to Jeremiah,
‘Before you were born,
I chose you to do a special work.
I chose you to be a prophet
to many countries.’**

**Jeremiah said.
‘Lord, I cannot be a prophet.
I do not know how to speak.
I am only young.’**

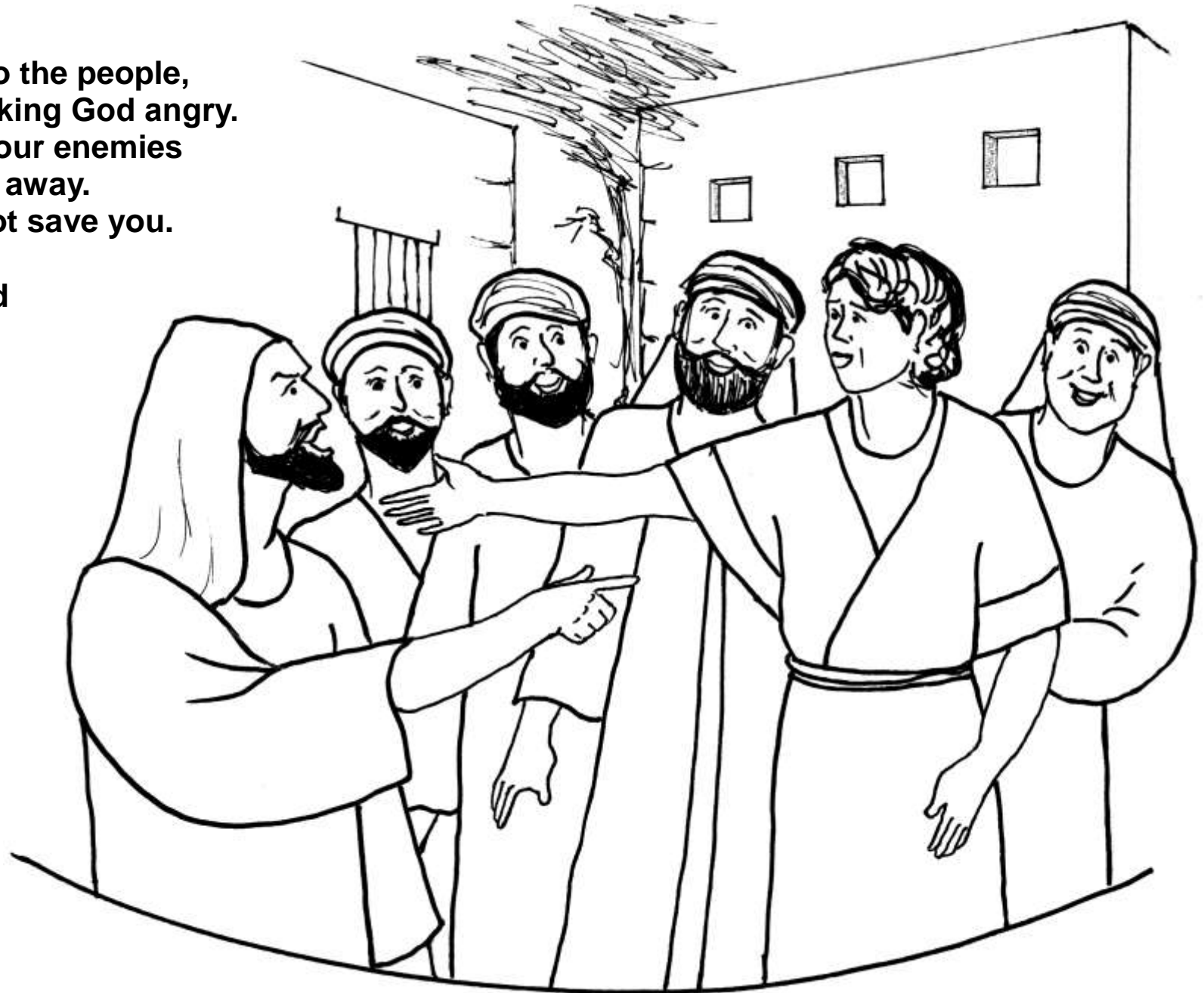
**The Lord said,
‘Do not be afraid.
I will give you the words to say.
I will look after you
and make your words come true.**

**‘My people used to love Me.
I looked after them,
but now they trust
gods of wood and stone.
These gods cannot save them.’**



**So Jeremiah said to the people,
'You have been making God angry.
He is going to let your enemies
come and take you away.
This time He will not save you.**

**The people laughed
at Jeremiah.
They did not
believe him.**



This made Jeremiah very sad.

**But he kept on saying to the people,
'Throw away your idols
and come back to the Lord.
If you are truly sorry for your sin,
God will change His mind
and stop the enemy from coming.'**

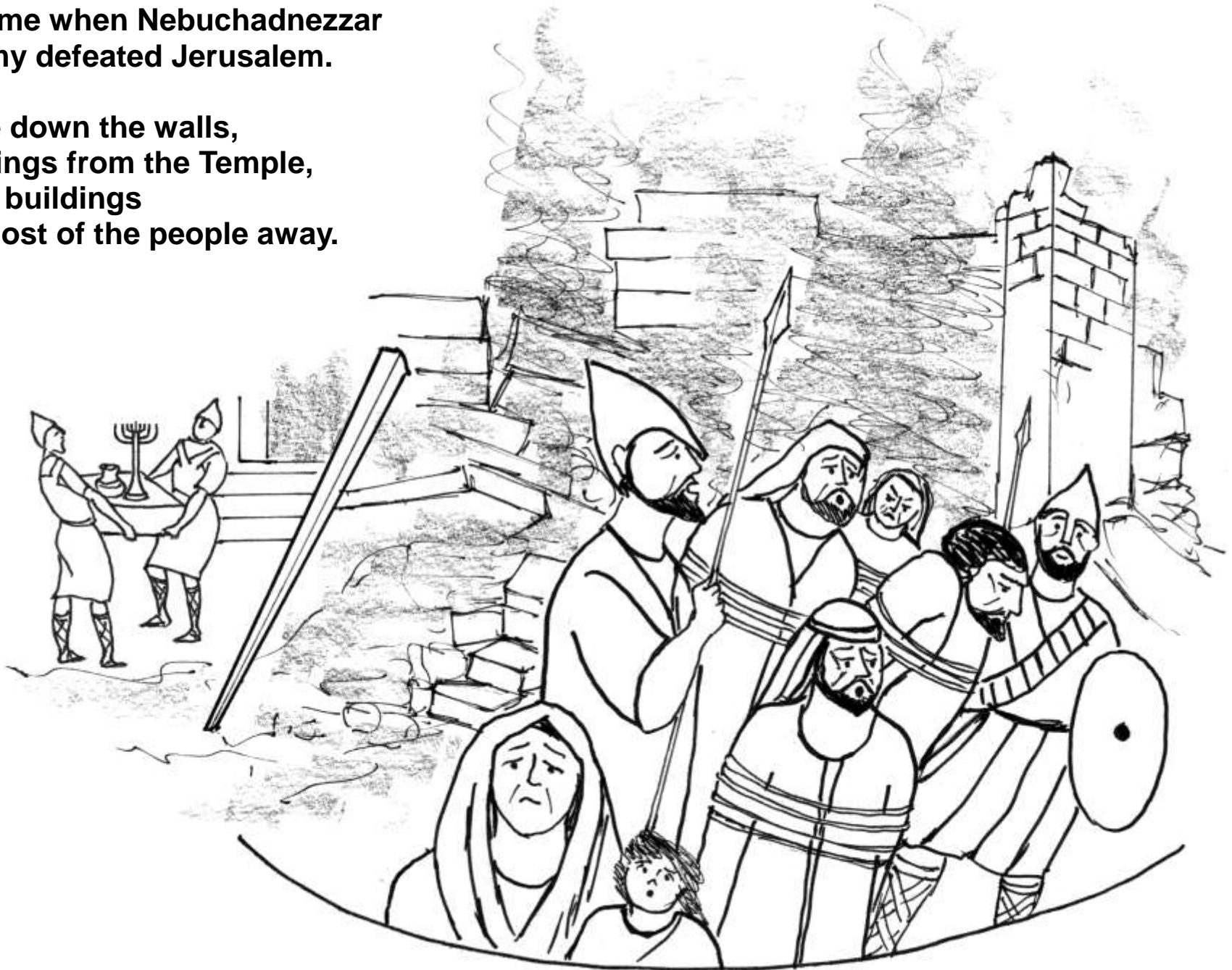
**The people were not sorry
for what they were doing.**

**Then Jeremiah said,
'When the enemy comes,
go with them.
You will be safe in Babylon.
After you have been there
for seventy years,
God will bring you back
to Jerusalem
and you will know that He is God.'**



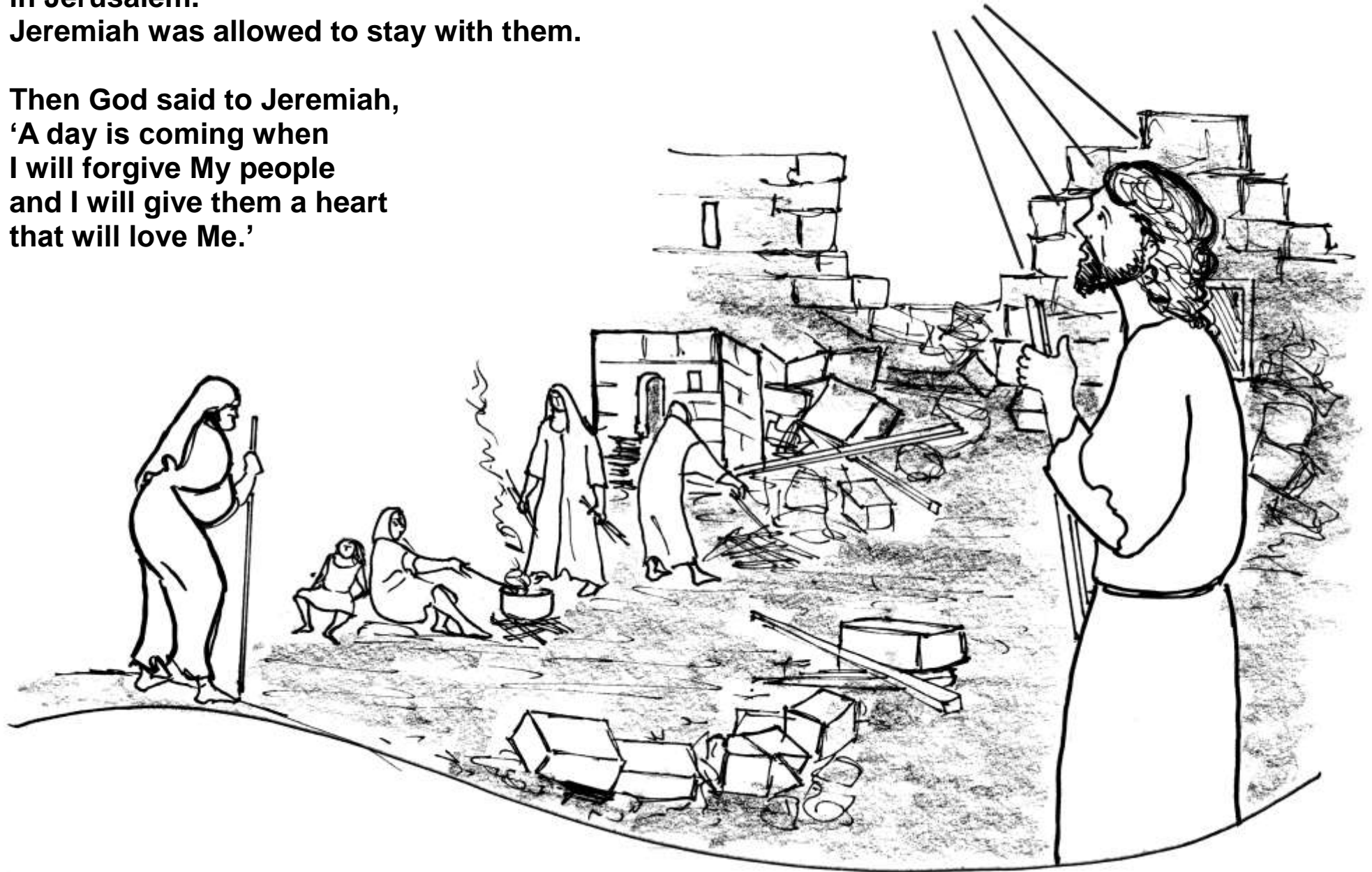
The day came when Nebuchadnezzar and his army defeated Jerusalem.

They broke down the walls, took the things from the Temple, burned the buildings and took most of the people away.



**Nebuchadnezzar left a few poor people
in Jerusalem.
Jeremiah was allowed to stay with them.**

**Then God said to Jeremiah,
'A day is coming when
I will forgive My people
and I will give them a heart
that will love Me.'**



***God never stopped telling His people
that he would save them from their sins.***

***He was preparing them
for the coming of His Son, Jesus,
who would die for us all
and teach us to love God
with all our heart.***

***Lamentations 3:21–24
The Lord's love never ends
His mercies never stop.
They are new every morning
Lord, Your faithfulness is great.***