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# ***JESUS IN THE TEMPLE AND JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY — A***

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**LUKE 2:41-52**  
**JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**  
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**When Jesus was twelve years old,  
his family and friends  
went on a long journey to Jerusalem.**

**They were going there for a festival  
called the Passover.**



**The Passover began  
when Moses was alive  
and God's people  
were slaves in Egypt.  
God was about to free them.**

**God's people sprinkled  
the blood of a lamb or a goat  
around their doorways.**

**When the angel of the Lord  
saw the blood on their  
doorway,  
he passed over their house  
and their eldest son  
was saved.**

**Every year  
after the first Passover,  
God's people remembered  
that God saved them  
by celebrating  
the Passover festival.**

**This was the festival that  
Jesus was now attending.**



**After the festival,  
everyone started on their long  
journey home, except Jesus.  
He stayed in Jerusalem.**

**His Mother and Father  
did not know He was there.  
They thought He was  
with their friends.**

**Everyone walked along  
singing, talking  
and playing games  
unaware that Jesus was  
not with them.**

**At the end of the day,  
Mary and Joseph  
looked for Jesus  
among their relatives  
and friends.**

**They could not  
find Him anywhere.**



**Mary and Joseph  
hurried back to Jerusalem  
and looked everywhere  
for Him.**

**Where did they find Him?**



**He was in the temple,  
listening to the teachers of the law  
and asking them questions.**

**The Teachers were amazed  
at what He understood  
and the questions  
He asked about God.**

**They did not realise  
He was the Son of God.**



**When Mary saw Jesus she asked,  
'Why didn't You come home with us?'**

**Jesus answered,  
'Why were you looking for Me?  
Didn't you know  
I had to be in  
My Father's house?'**

**Who was His Father?  
It was God and  
the Temple was God's house.**

**Mary and Joseph thought about  
all of these things.  
They were learning  
what it meant that Jesus  
was God's Son.**



**Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph.  
He obeyed them.  
He grew up to be wise.**

**God, His Father, blessed Him  
and people loved Him.**





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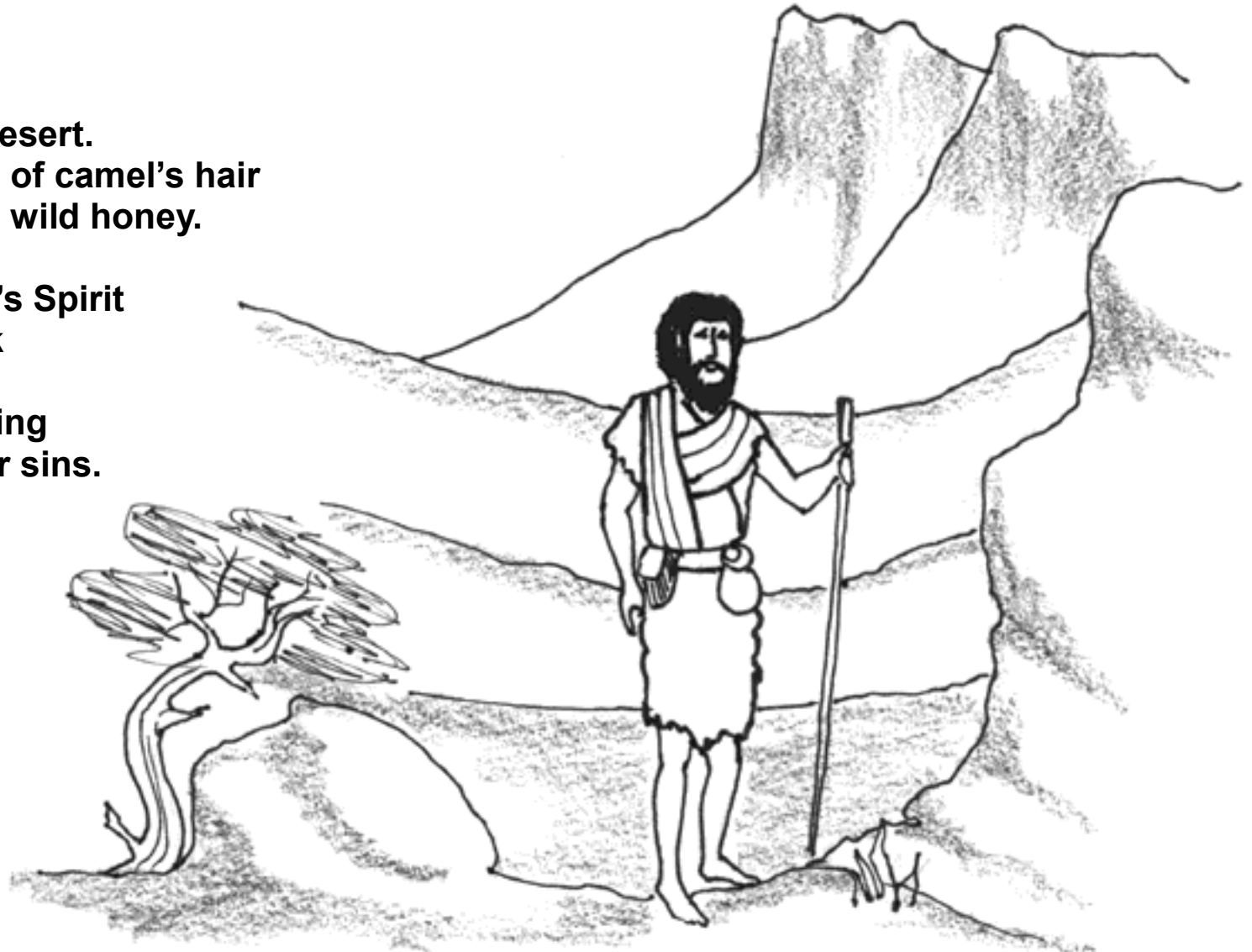
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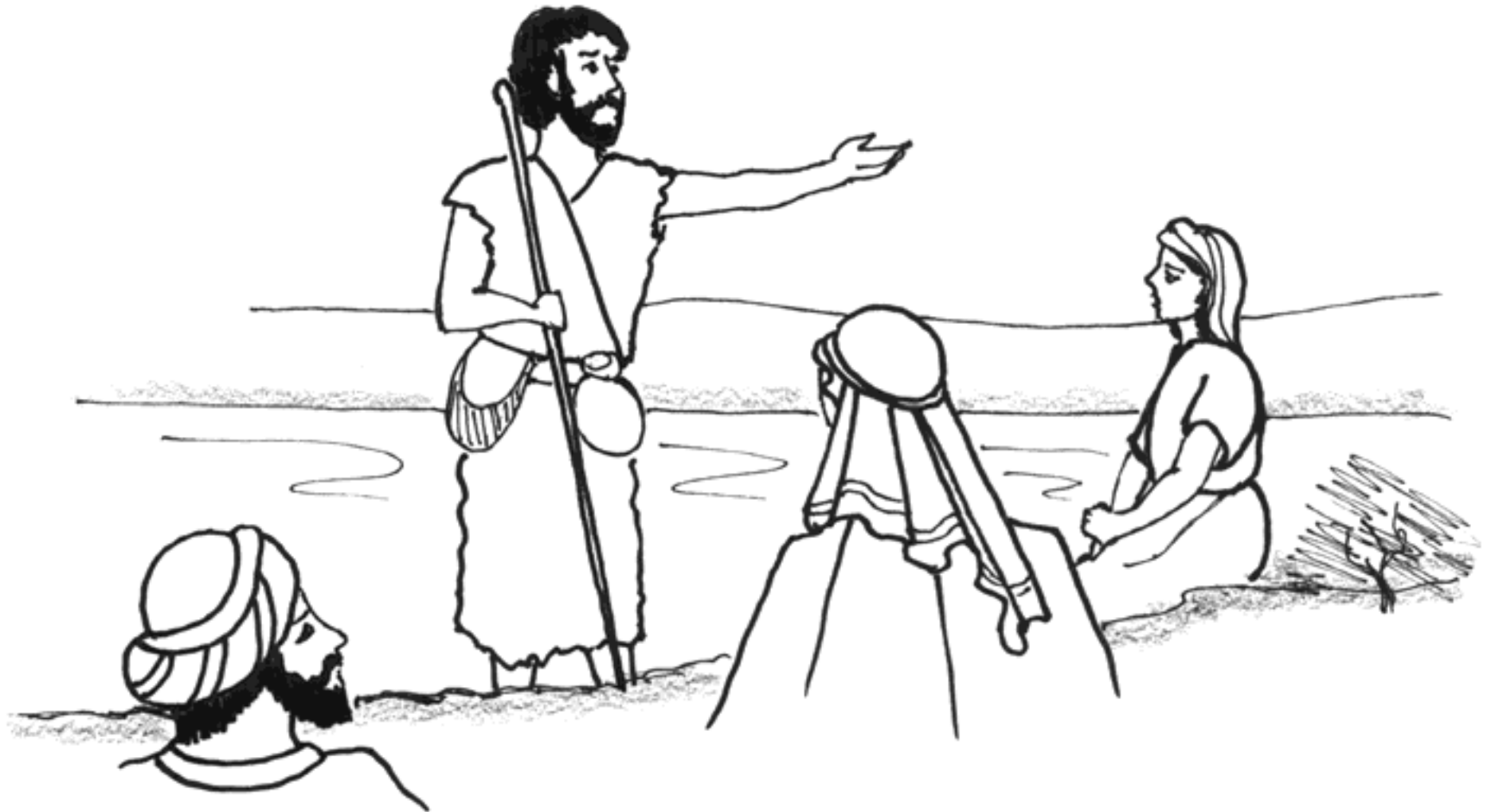
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**When John grew up  
he went to live in the desert.  
His clothes were made of camel's hair  
and he ate locusts and wild honey.**

**He was filled with God's Spirit  
and was given the task  
of telling God's people  
that the Lord was coming  
to save them from their sins.**

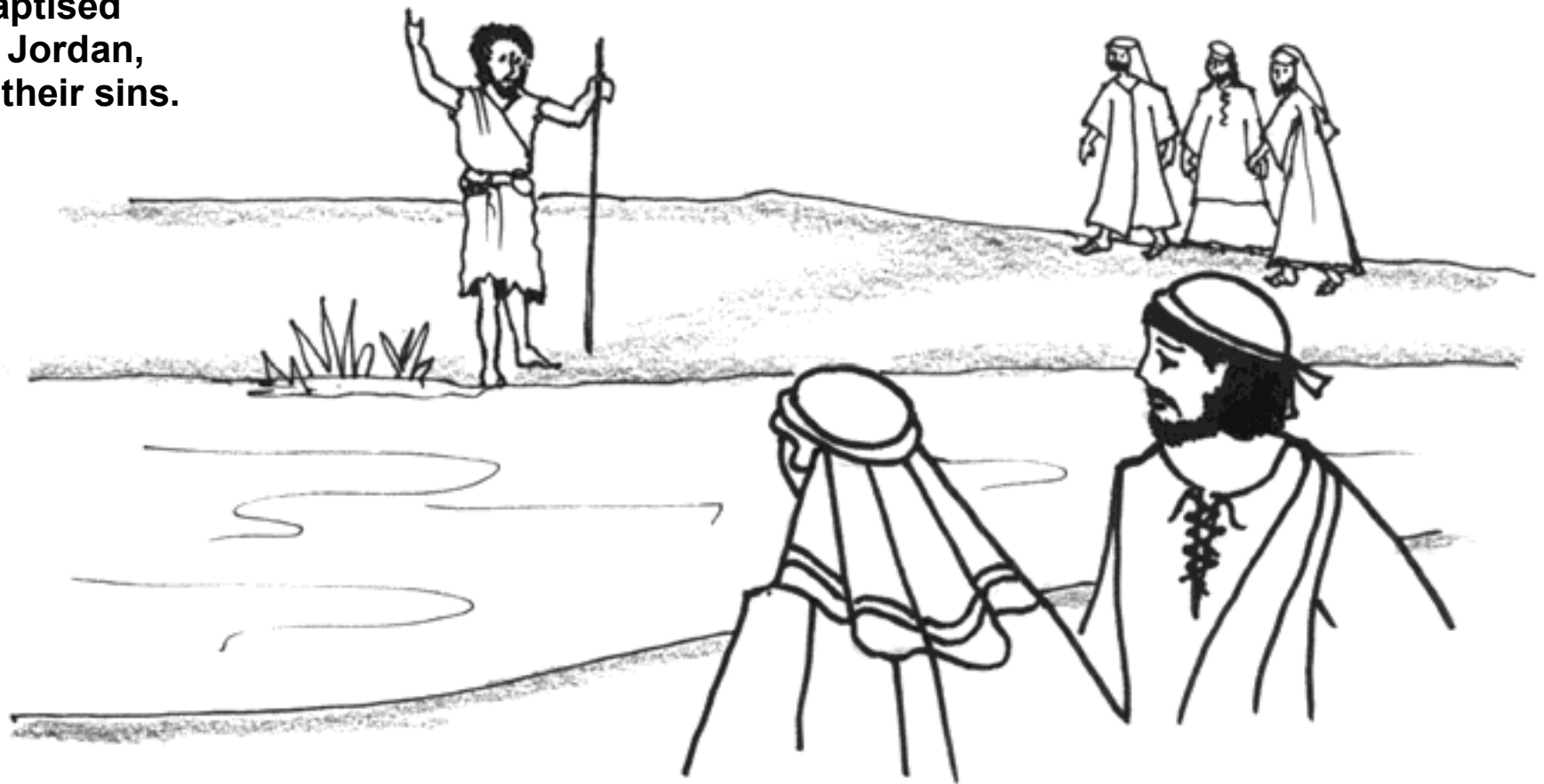


**John stood by the River Jordan saying,  
'Repent and be forgiven.  
A long time ago  
Isaiah told us that God's Son would come.  
He is here.  
Be ready for Him.'**



God's people had not heard  
God speak to them  
through a prophet for a long time.  
So they came  
from Jerusalem, Judea  
and all around the Jordan River  
to hear him.

A lot of people believed John  
and were baptised  
in the River Jordan,  
confessing their sins.



**Every day John went to the River.  
Every day he told  
the people to repent.**

**He would say,  
'I will baptise you with water,  
but God's Son will baptise you  
with the Holy Spirit and fire.'**



**Then one day,  
as John was baptising people,  
Jesus came along.**

**He went into the river  
and wanted John to baptise Him.**

**He was doing what  
God, His Father, told Him to do.**



**As He came out of the water,  
the heavens opened  
and the Spirit of God  
came down on Him  
like a dove.**

**God, His Father,  
spoke from heaven saying,  
'You are My Son and I love You.  
I am very pleased with You.'**





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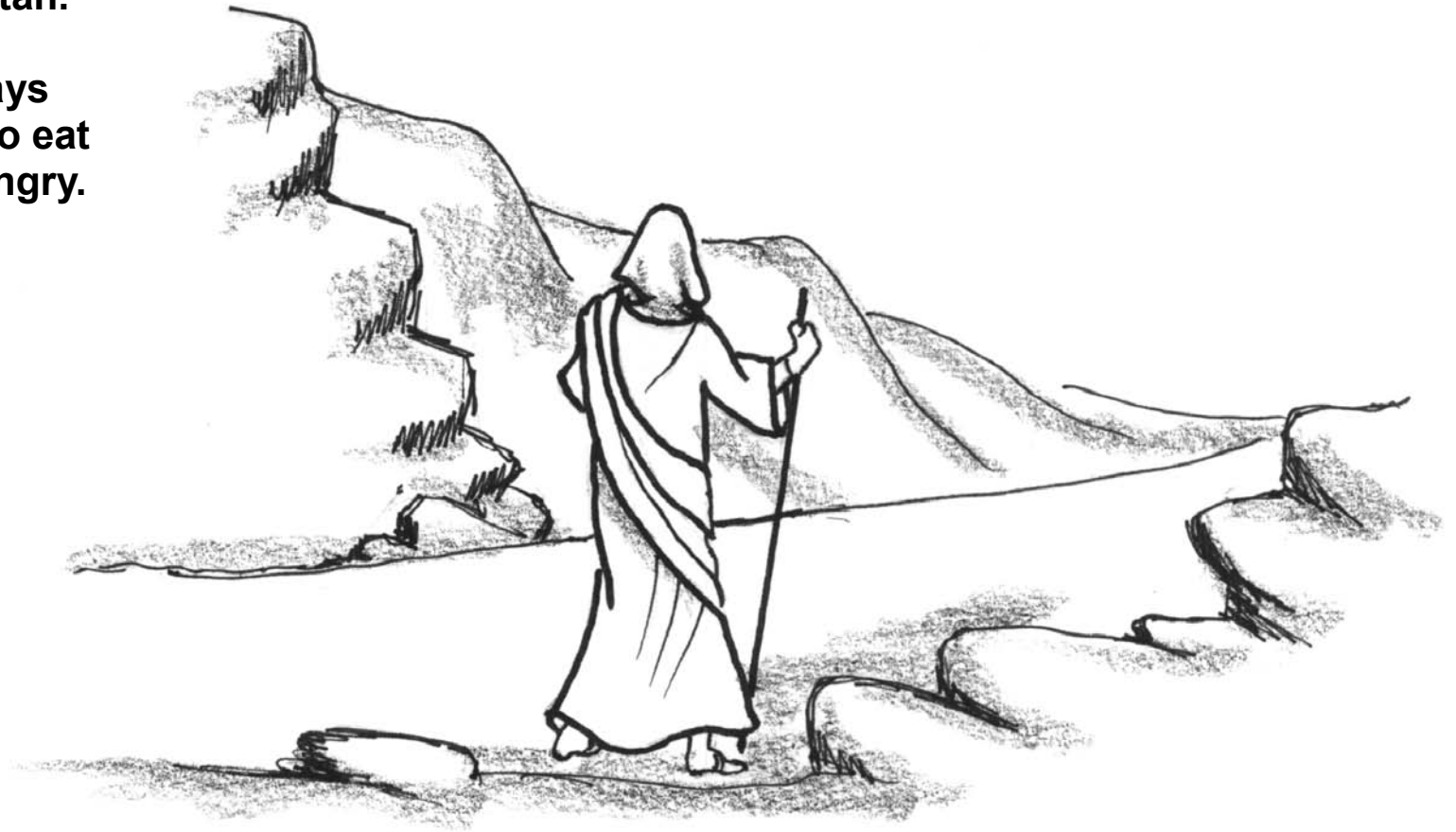
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**JESUS TEMPTED BY SATAN**

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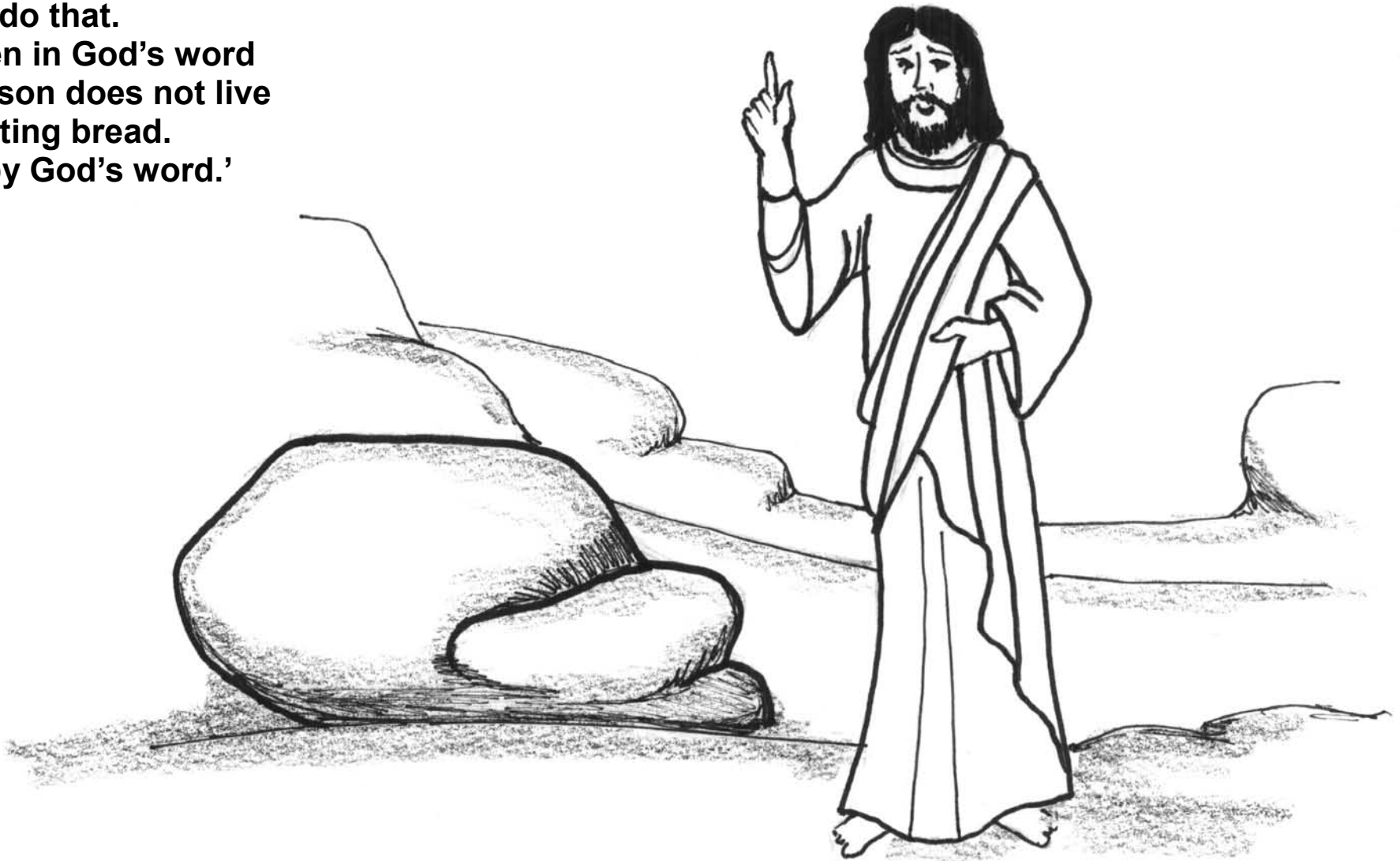
**The Spirit of God  
led Jesus into the wilderness  
to be tempted by Satan.**

**For the next forty days  
Jesus had nothing to eat  
and He was very hungry.**



**Satan said,  
'If you are the Son of God,  
tell this rock to change into bread.'**

**Jesus said,  
'I will not do that.  
It is written in God's word  
that a person does not live  
just by eating bread.  
He lives by God's word.'**



**But Satan tried again.**

**He took Jesus to Jerusalem  
and put Him  
on a high place of the Temple.**

**He said to Jesus,  
'If you are the Son of God,  
jump off!'**

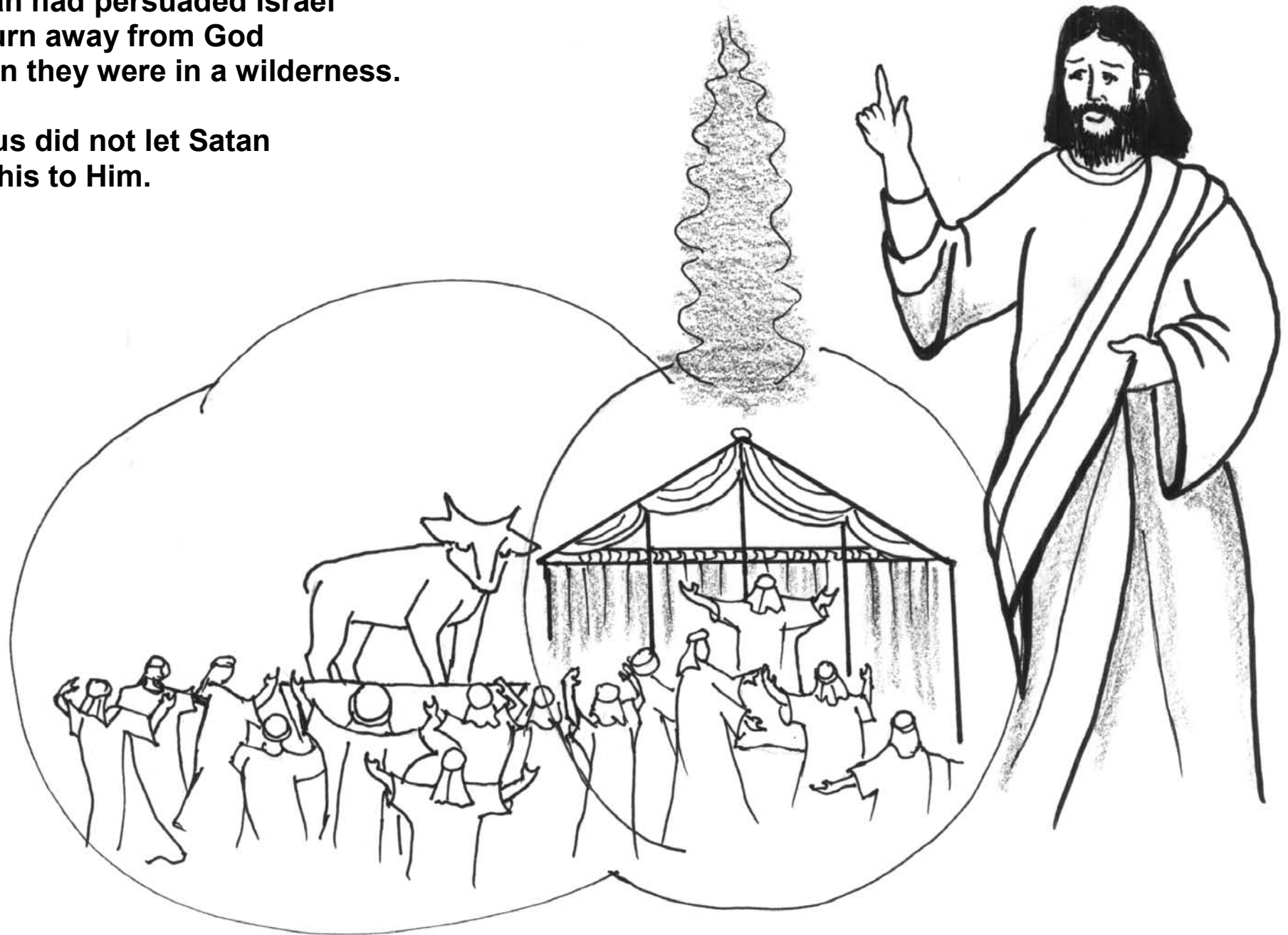
**'God won't let you get hurt.  
He will send angels  
to keep You  
from getting hurt.'**

**Jesus said, 'No,  
the Bible says:  
'Do not test  
the Lord your God.'''**



**Satan had persuaded Israel  
to turn away from God  
when they were in a wilderness.**

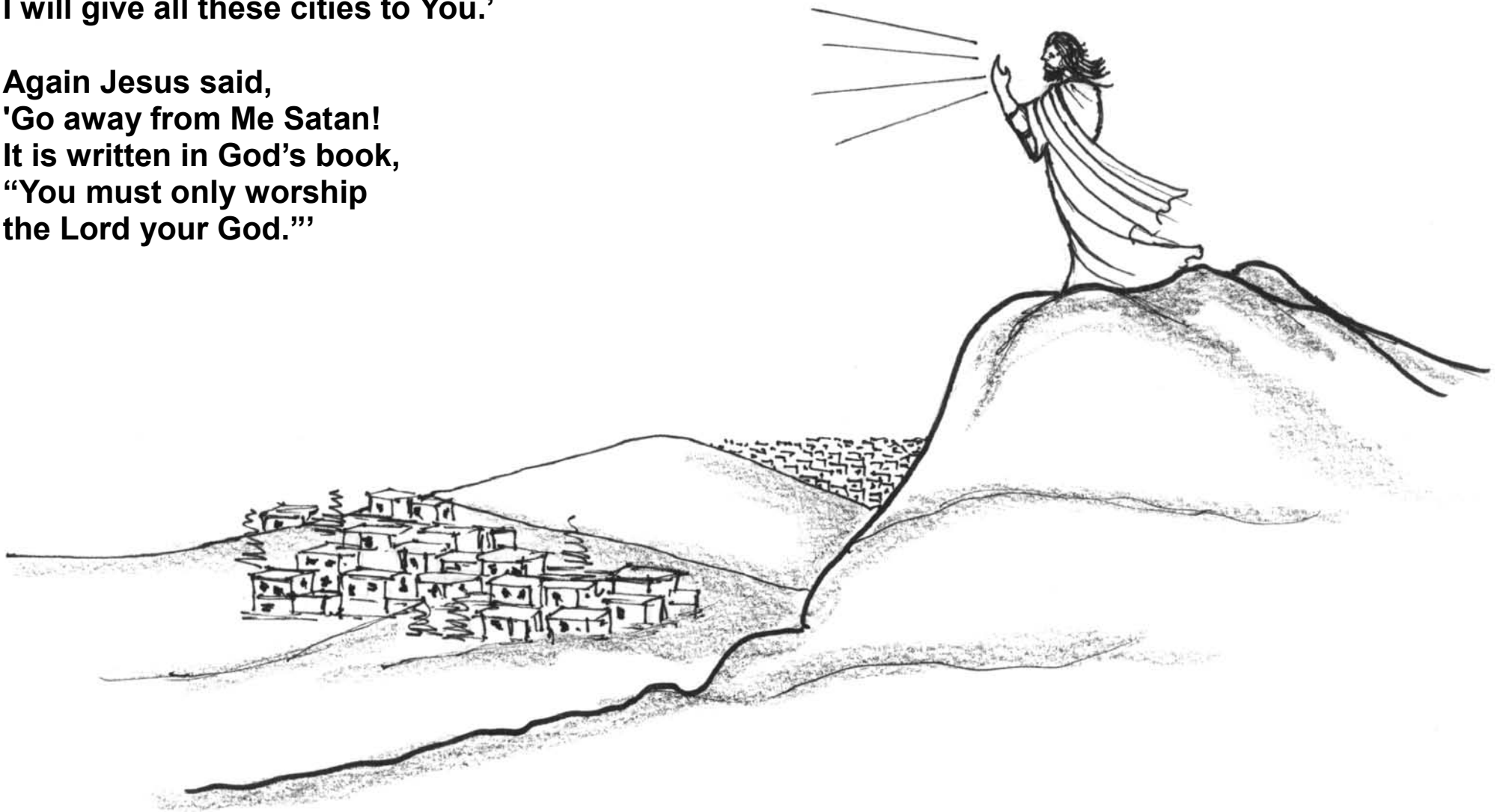
**Jesus did not let Satan  
do this to Him.**



**Satan tried something else.  
He took Jesus up a mountain.  
And showed Him the big cities.**

**He said, 'If You will worship me,  
I will give all these cities to You.'**

**Again Jesus said,  
'Go away from Me Satan!  
It is written in God's book,  
"You must only worship  
the Lord your God."'**

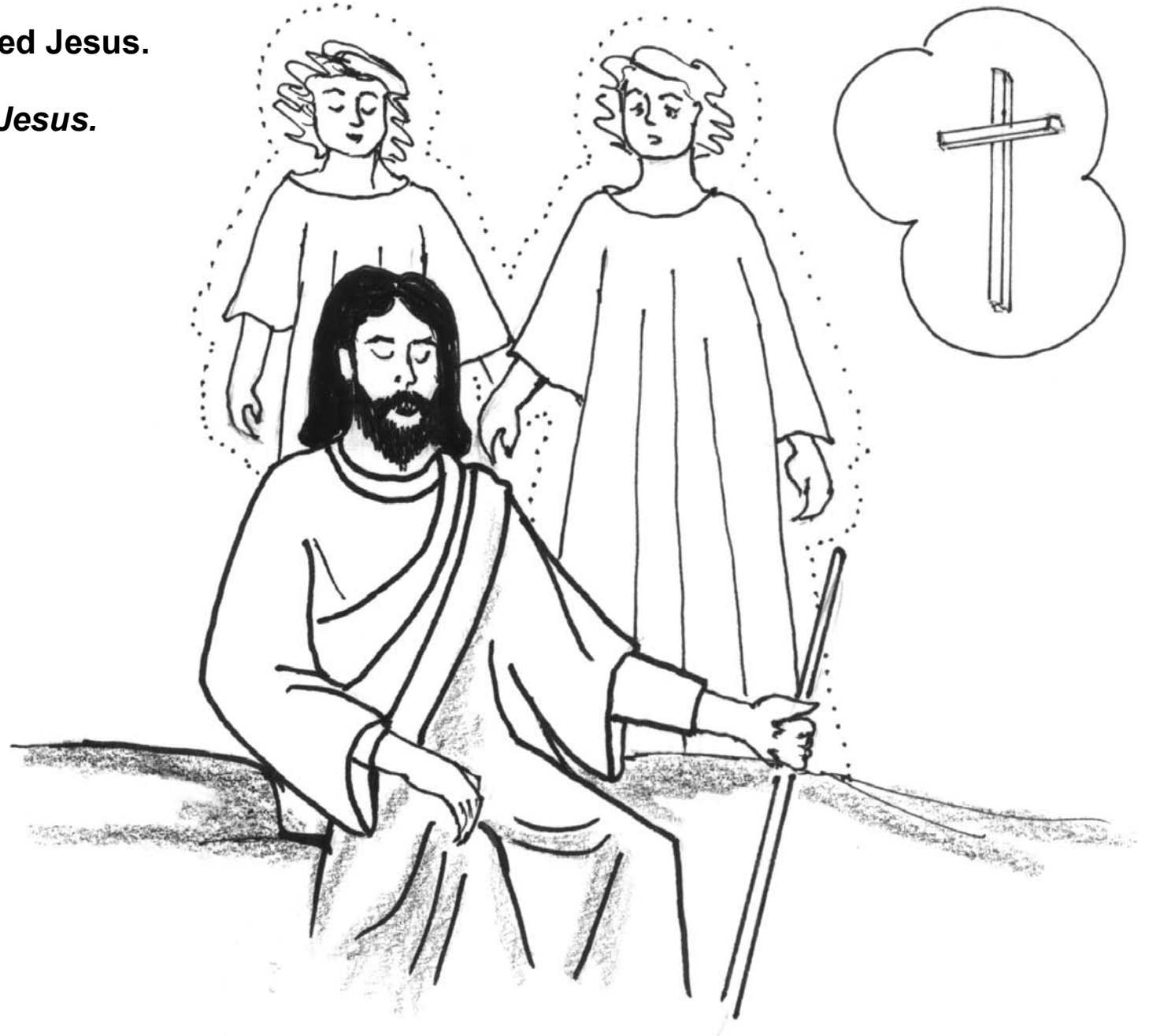


**Satan went away  
and angels came and helped Jesus.**

***Satan would never defeat Jesus.***

***Rather, Jesus had come  
to defeat Satan.***

***This is why  
He died and rose again,  
so that Satan  
would never again  
be able to have  
power over His people.***





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**Down by the river  
John was speaking to the people  
when he saw Jesus coming towards him.**

**He said,  
'Look, here is the Lamb of God,  
who takes away  
the sin of the world!**

**'I was sent here to baptise you  
so that when He comes  
you would know who He is.**

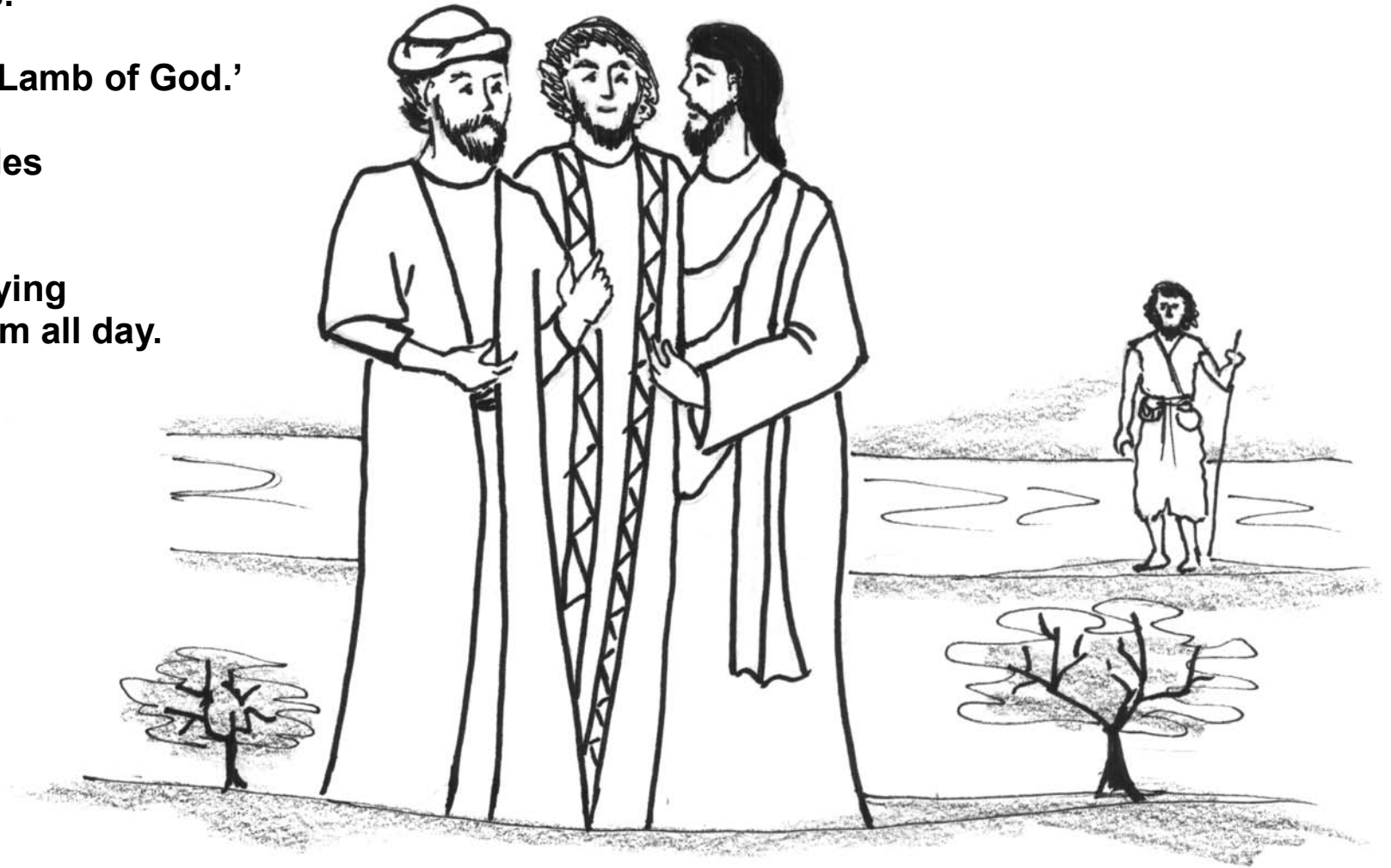
**'I know it is He,  
because I saw the Spirit  
come down from heaven  
and stay on Him.  
He is the Son of God.'**



**The next day  
John was standing by the river,  
with two of his disciples,  
and Jesus walked by.**

**He watched Jesus.  
Then he said,  
'Look, here is the Lamb of God.'**

**John's two disciples  
followed Jesus.  
They went to see  
where He was staying  
and talked with Him all day.**



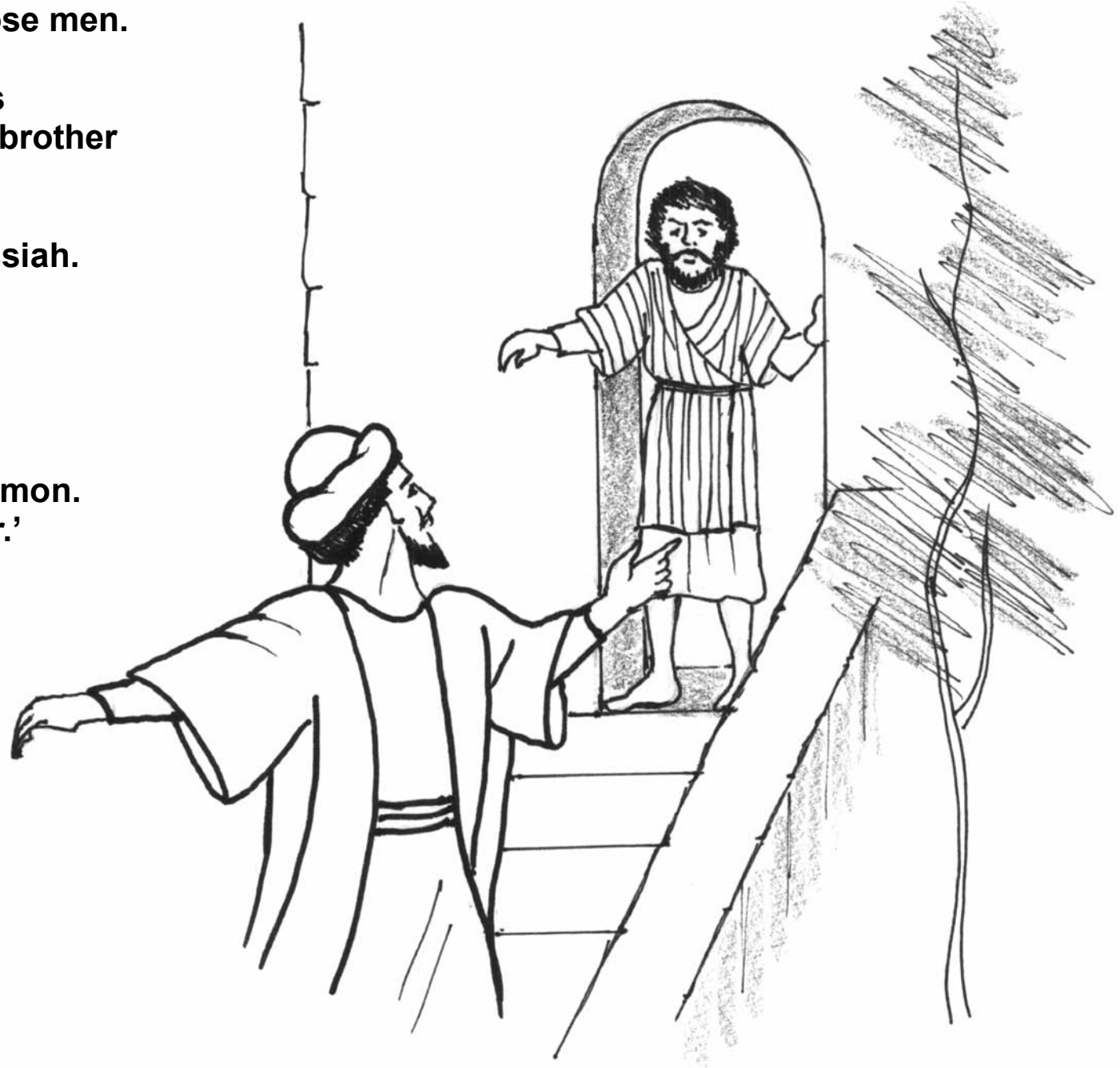
**Andrew was one of those men.**

**After listening to Jesus  
he went and found his brother  
and said.**

**'Simon,  
we have found the Messiah.  
Come and see Him.'**

**Simon came to Jesus.**

**Jesus said,  
'You are John's son, Simon.  
You will be called Peter.'**

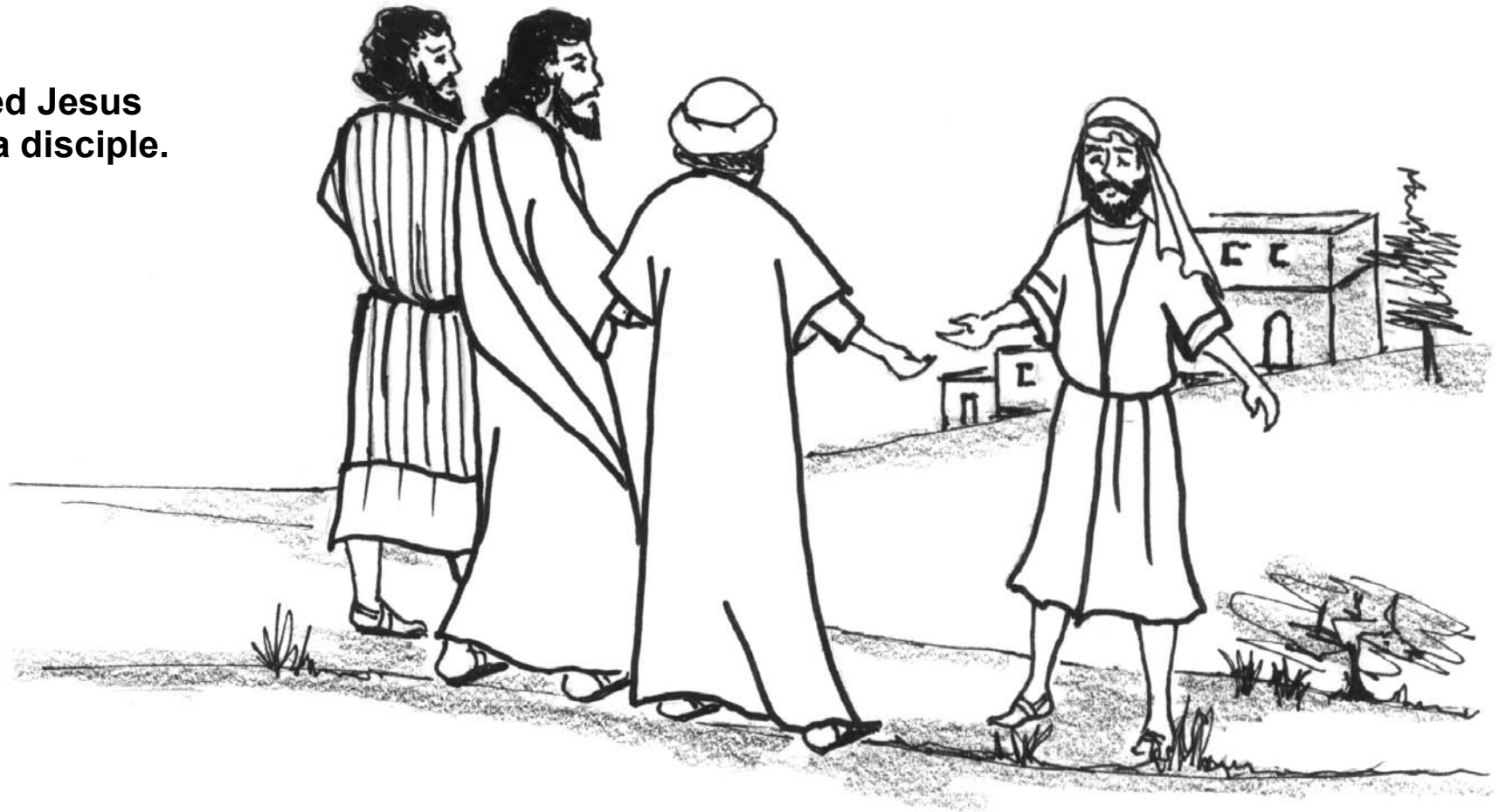


**The next day  
Jesus and His new friends  
travelled up to Galilee.**

**They found Philip,  
a friend of Andrew and Peter.**

**When Jesus saw Philip He said,  
'Follow Me.'**

**Philip followed Jesus  
and became a disciple.**

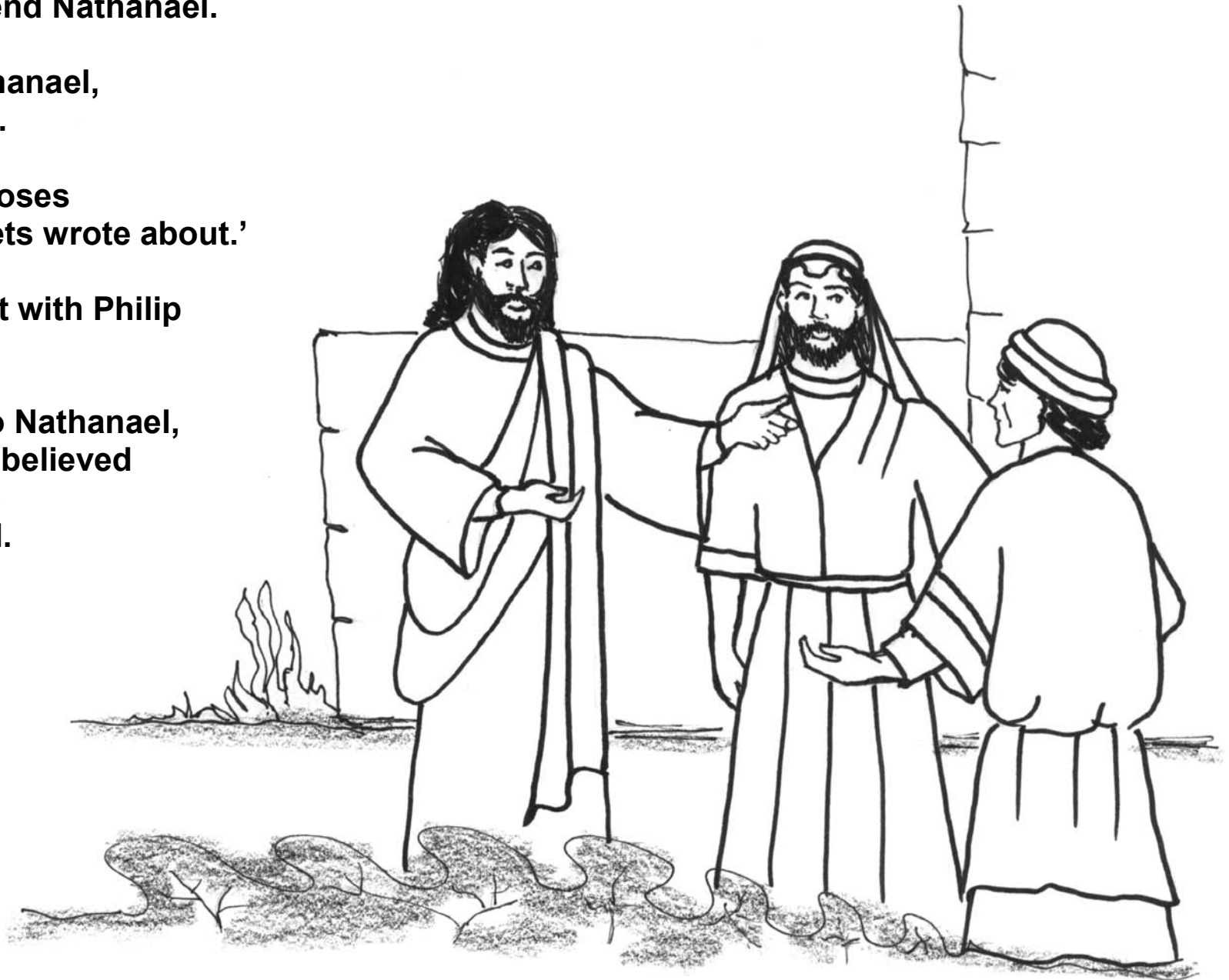


**Then Philip went  
and got his friend Nathanael.**

**He said to Nathanael,  
'Come and see.  
We have found  
the One that Moses  
and the prophets wrote about.'**

**Nathanael went with Philip  
to see Jesus.**

**Jesus spoke to Nathanael,  
and Nathanael believed  
that Jesus was  
the Son of God.**



**All of these men  
became servants  
of God's kingdom.**







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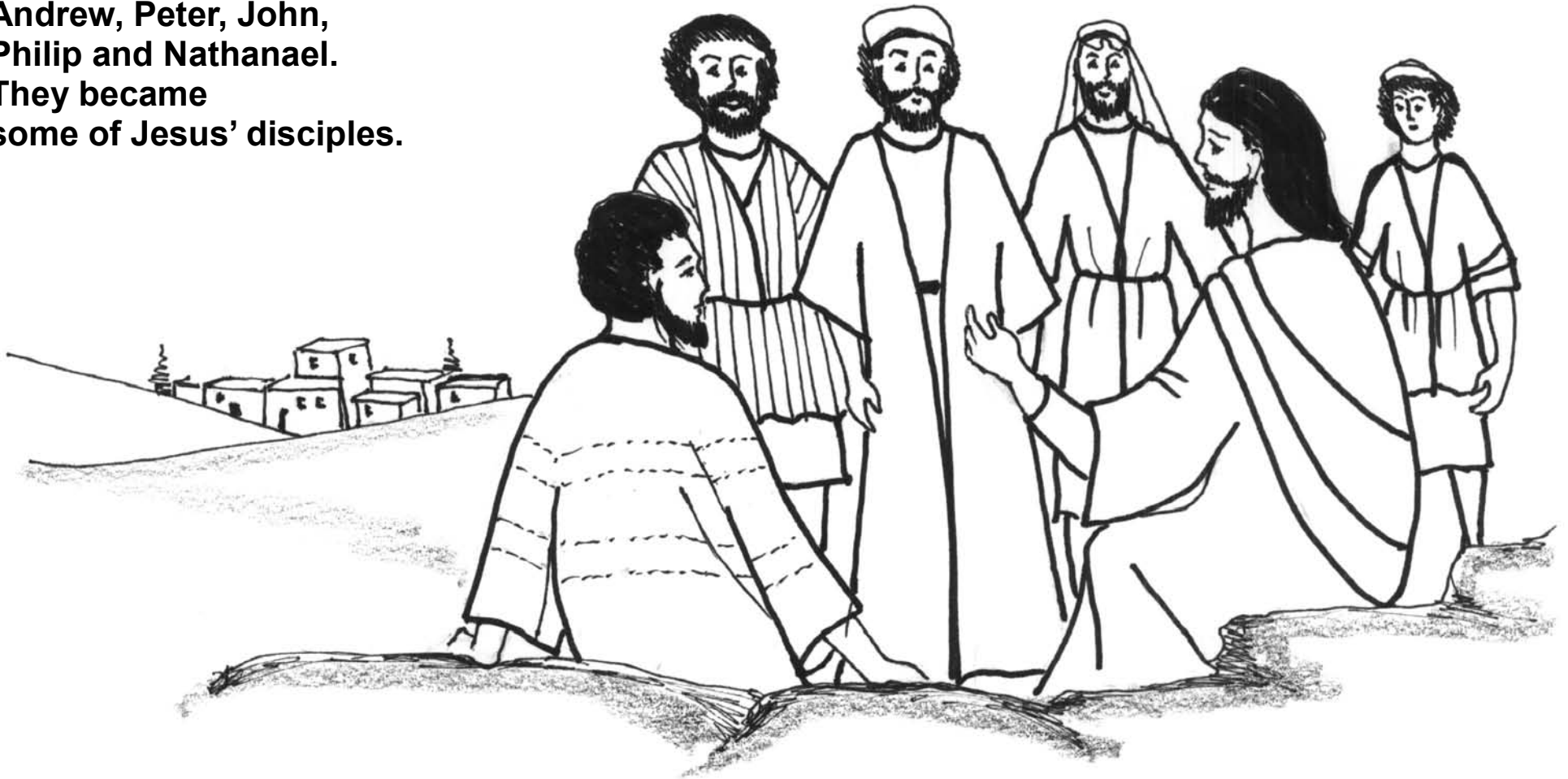
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**JOHN 2:1-11**  
**JESUS GOES TO A WEDDING**  
File no. 110

**Jesus had some new friends.  
Andrew, Peter, John,  
Philip and Nathanael.  
They became  
some of Jesus' disciples.**



**There was a wedding in Cana which Jesus and His disciples were invited to.**

**Jesus' mother was also there.**

**Weddings in these times lasted a few days.**

**It was a very happy time with plenty to eat and to drink.**

**However, before the wedding feast was finished all the wine was gone.**

**What would they do?**

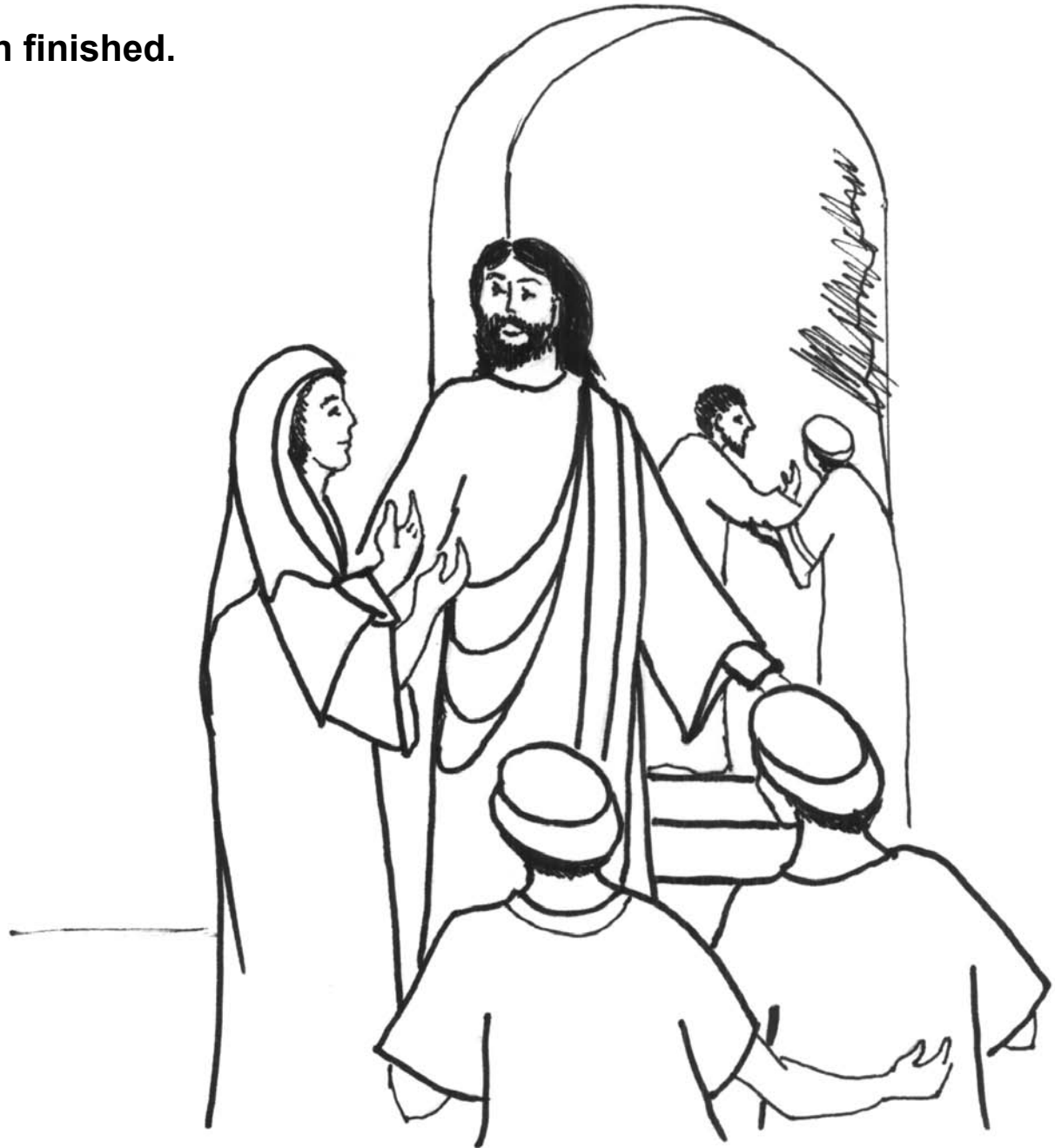


**Mary, Jesus' mother,  
saw that all the wine had been finished.  
She quietly went to Jesus  
and told Him about it.**

**Jesus asked Mary,  
'Why are you telling me?'**

**Mary believed  
that Jesus  
would do something.**

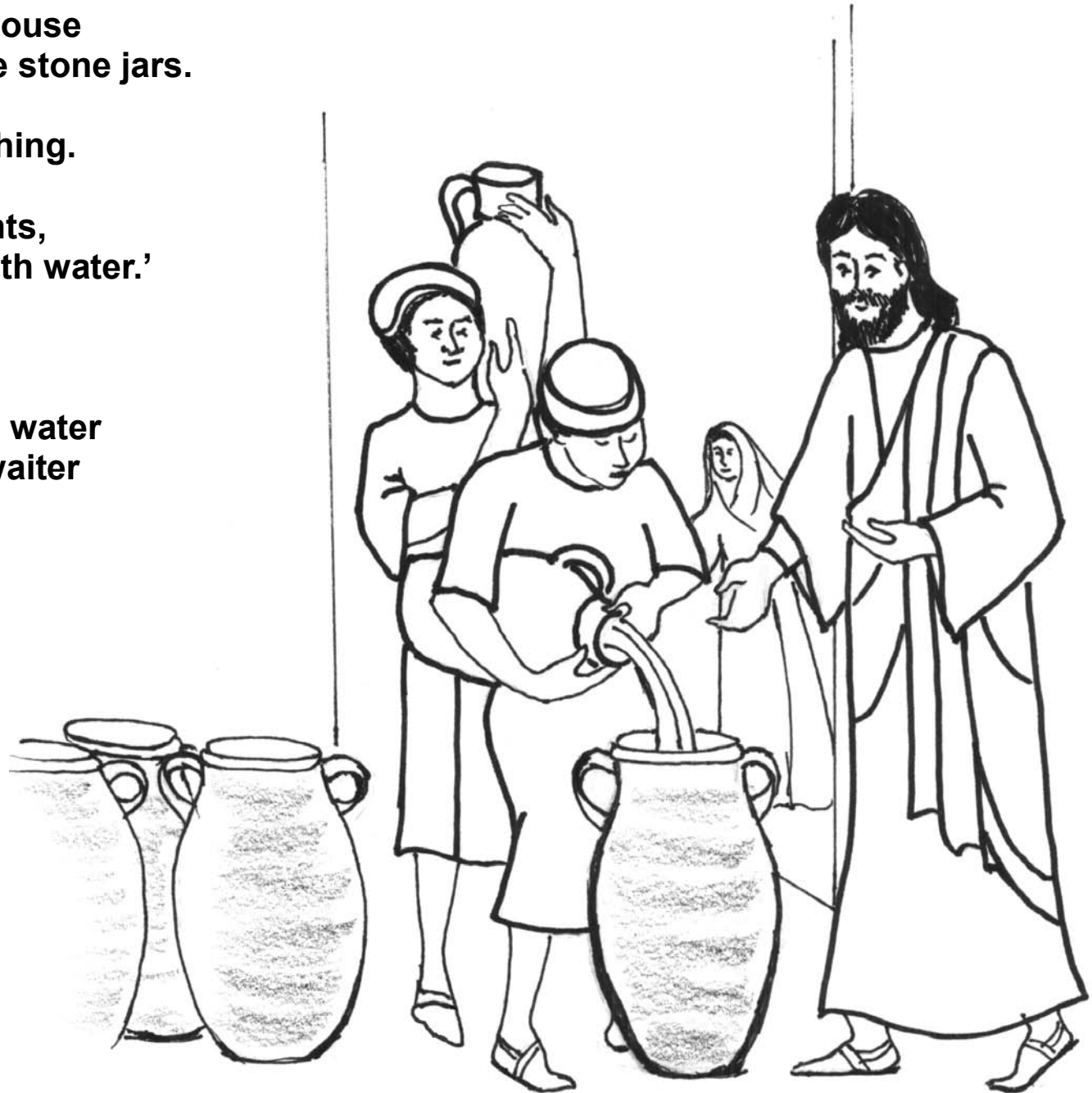
**She said to the servants,  
'Do whatever  
He tells you to do.'**



**Now at the door of the house  
there were six very large stone jars.  
The water in them  
was for ceremonial washing.**

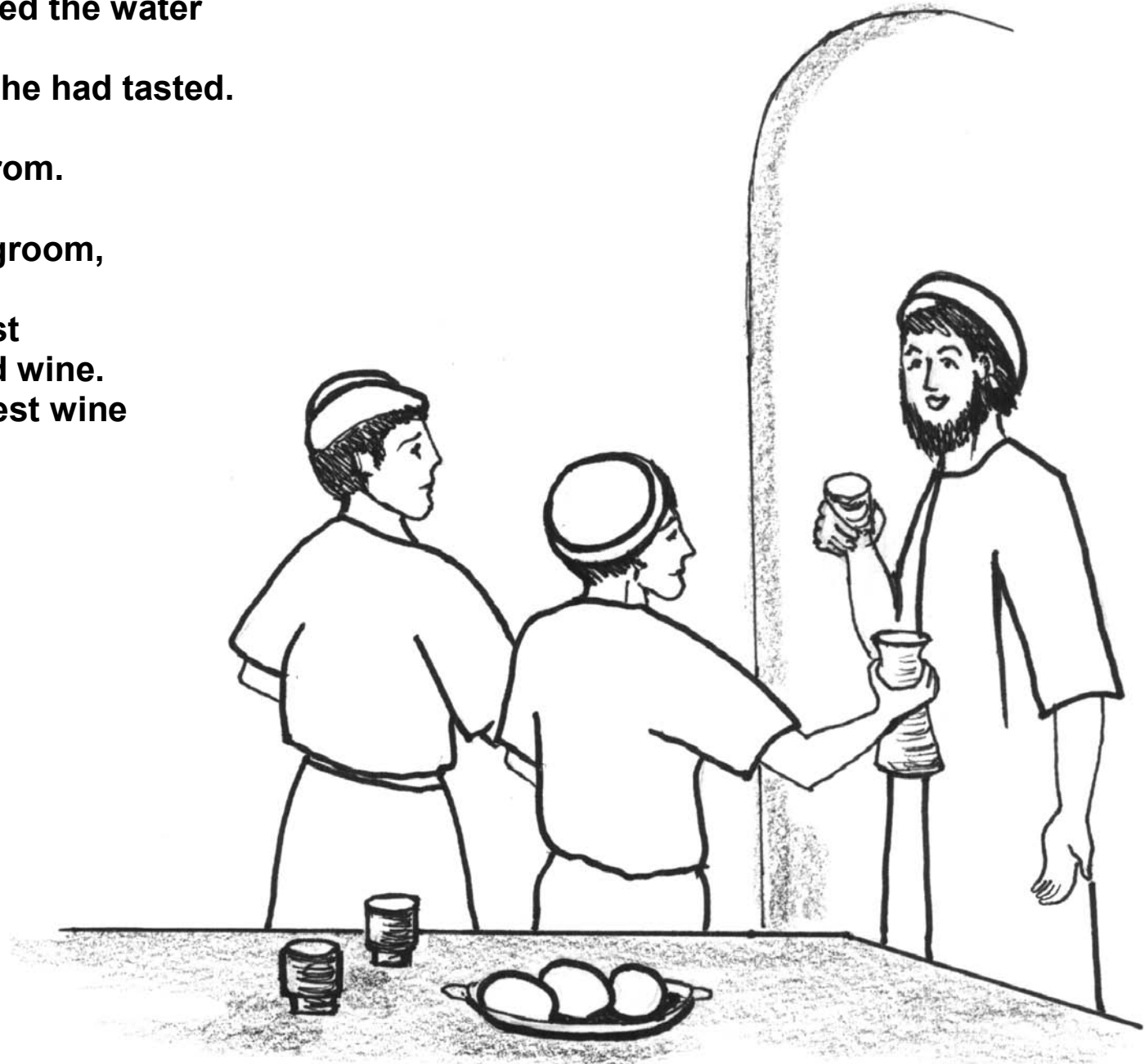
**Jesus said to the servants,  
'Go and fill these jars with water.'**

**When that was done  
He said,  
'Now go and draw some water  
and take it to the head waiter  
for him to taste.'**



**The head waiter tasted the water  
and it was wine.  
It was the best wine he had tasted.  
He did not know  
where it had come from.**

**He said to the bridegroom,  
'The good wine  
is usually served first  
then the not so good wine.  
You have kept the best wine  
until the last.'**



***This first miracle Jesus did,  
changing water into wine,  
saved the families  
from embarrassment.***

***It showed who Jesus was.***

***Some people saw Jesus' glory.***

***His disciples believed in Him.***



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**JOHN 2:12–25**

Psalm 69:9

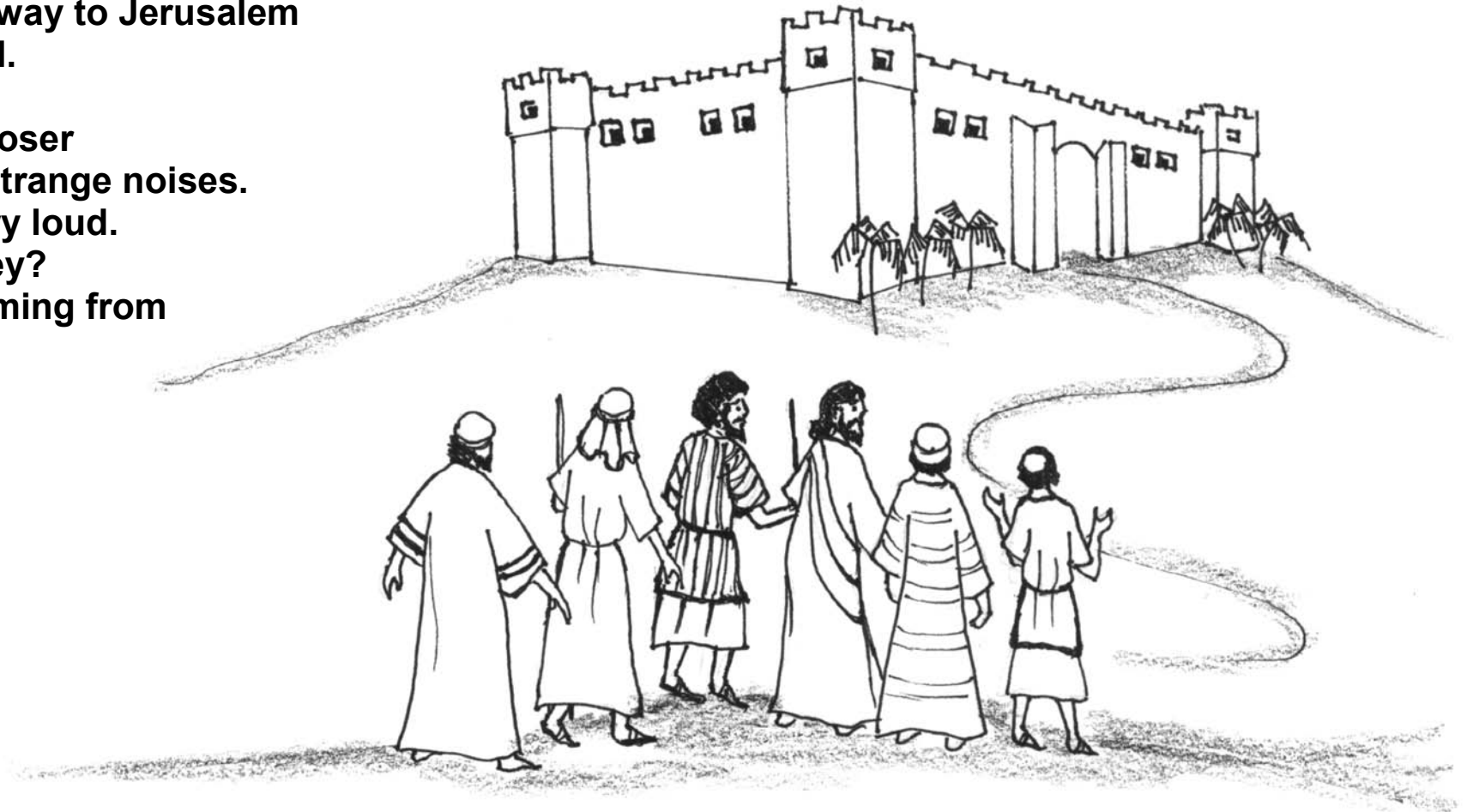
## **JESUS IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE**

*(Jesus shows that He has come to establish the true worship)*

File no. 111

**The time for the Passover was near.  
Jesus and His disciples  
were on their way to Jerusalem  
for the festival.**

**As they got closer  
Jesus heard strange noises.  
They were very loud.  
What were they?  
They were coming from  
the temple!**



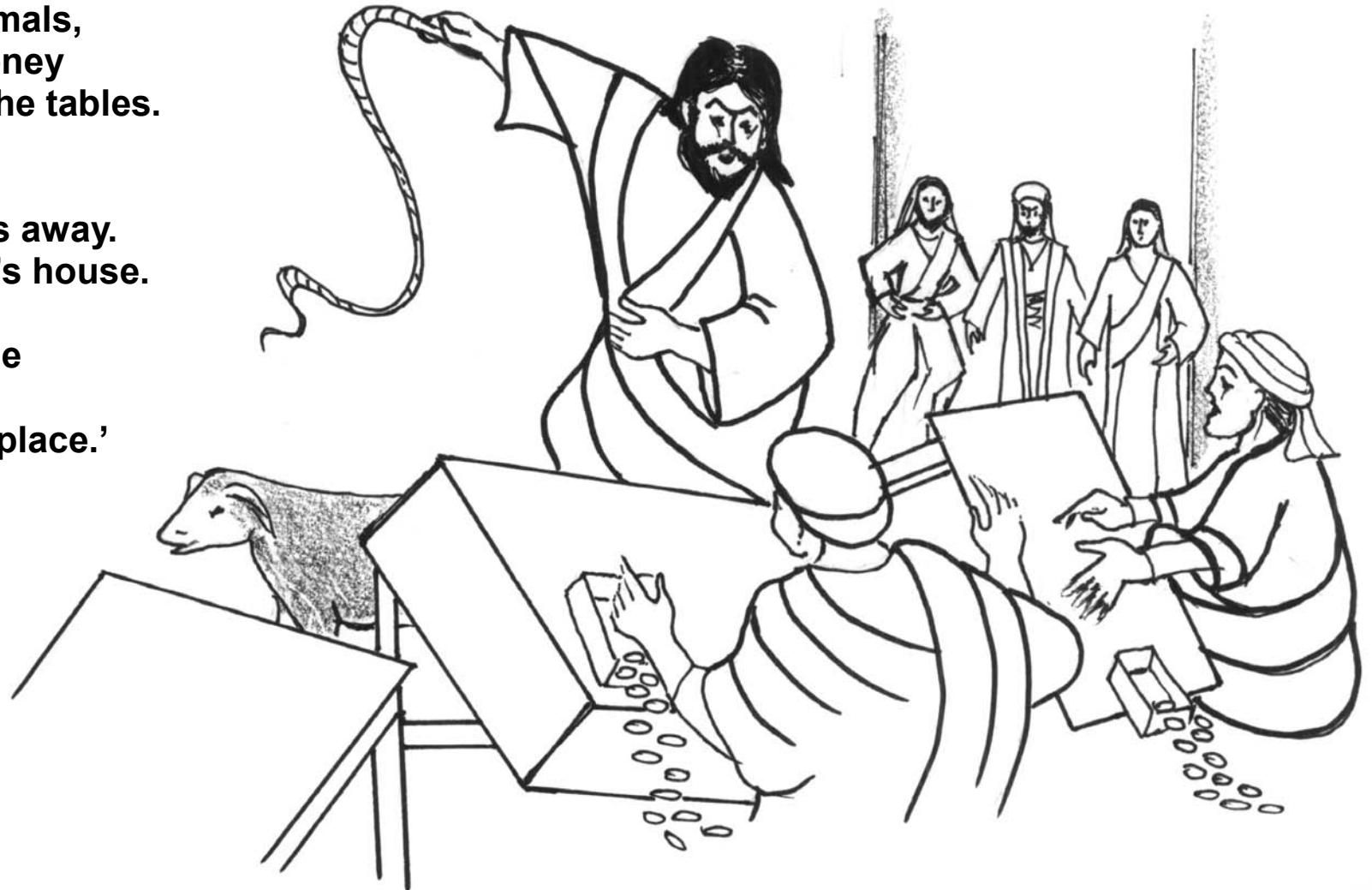
**When they got there,  
They saw men selling  
cattle, sheep and doves.  
Others were sitting at tables  
changing money.**



**Jesus was cross.  
He knew that  
this was not what  
God's temple was for.**

**So He made a whip,  
drove out the animals,  
tipped out the money  
and turned over the tables.**

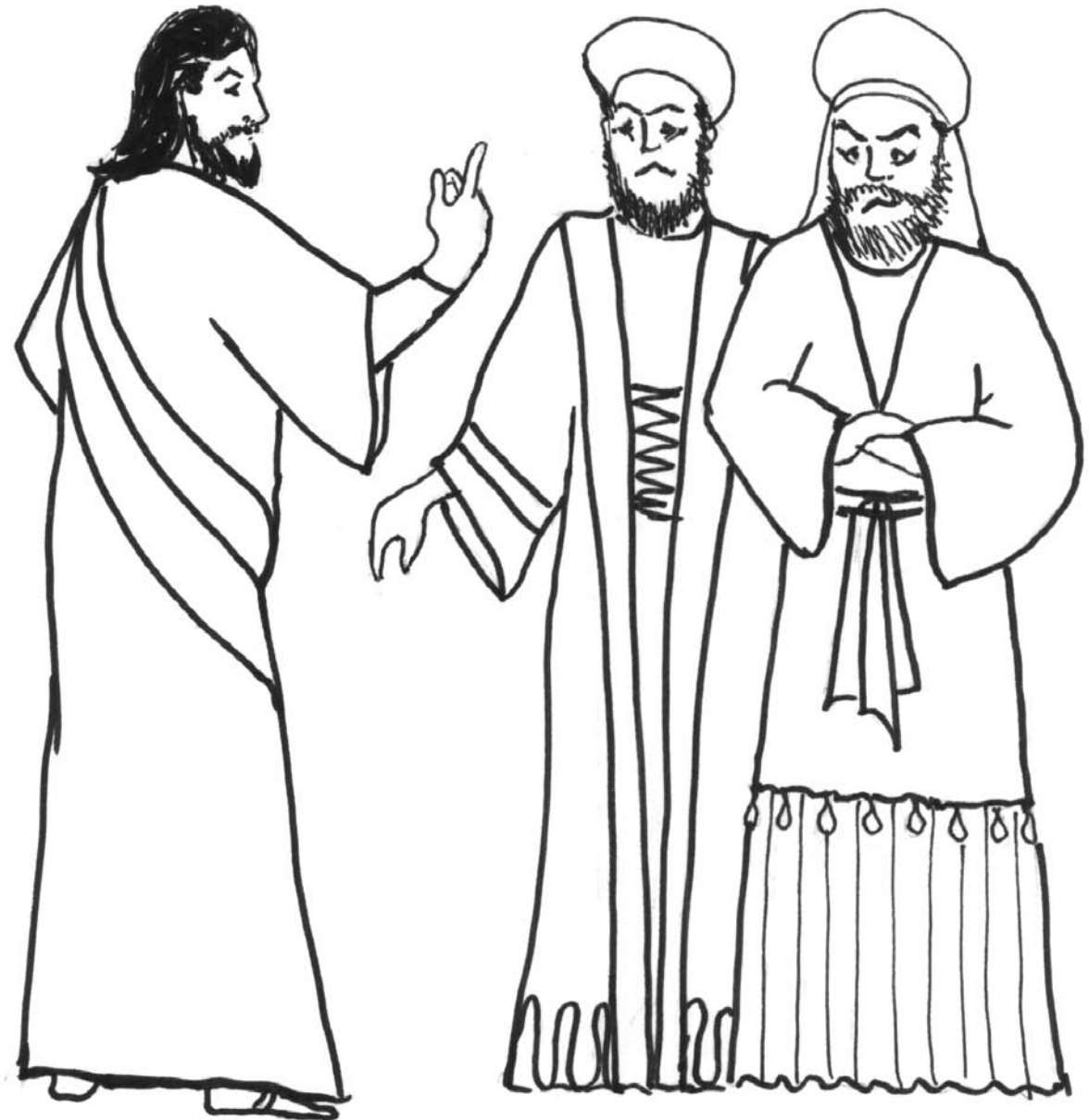
**Jesus said,  
'Take these things away.  
This is My Father's house.  
This is a place  
for people to come  
and pray to God.  
It is not a market place.'**



**The Jewish leaders watched Jesus  
and were angry.**

**They said,  
'Show us a sign  
that You have the  
right to do this.'**

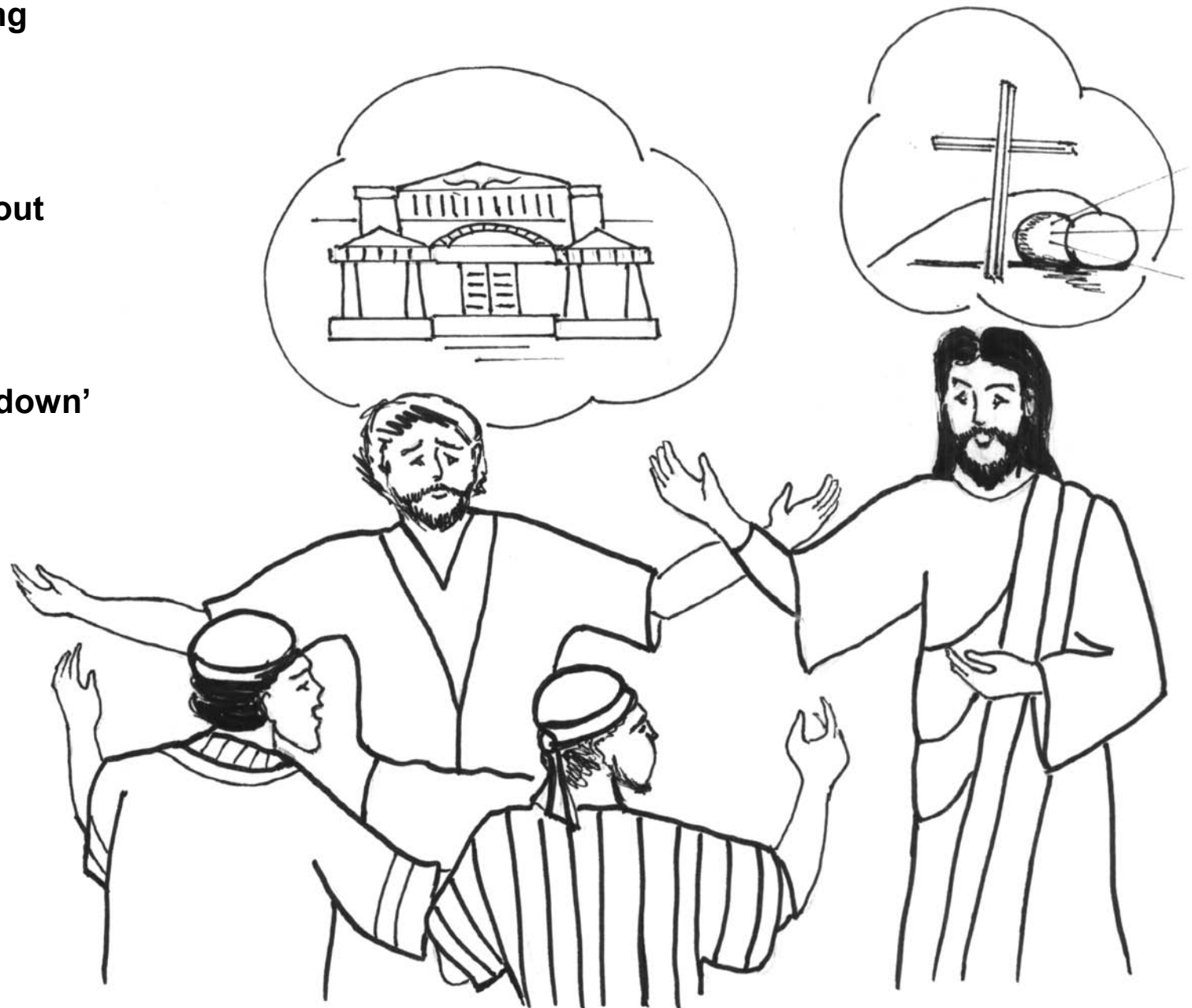
**Jesus answered them saying,  
'This will be the sign:  
"Destroy this temple,  
and I will build it again  
in three days."'**



**The people did not understand  
what Jesus was saying  
because they  
were only thinking  
of a building.**

**Jesus was talking about  
His own body.**

**His body was now  
God's temple.  
When people 'pulled down'  
this temple  
by killing Him,  
God would  
raise it up again.**



***From this time on,  
people could only come to God  
through Jesus,  
the One who would die for their sins  
and be raised up again.***



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**JOHN 3:1–21**

John 2:23–25: Numbers 21:9

**NICODEMUS COMES TO JESUS**

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**During the Passover Festival,  
many people saw the miracles  
Jesus did  
and they believed in Him.**



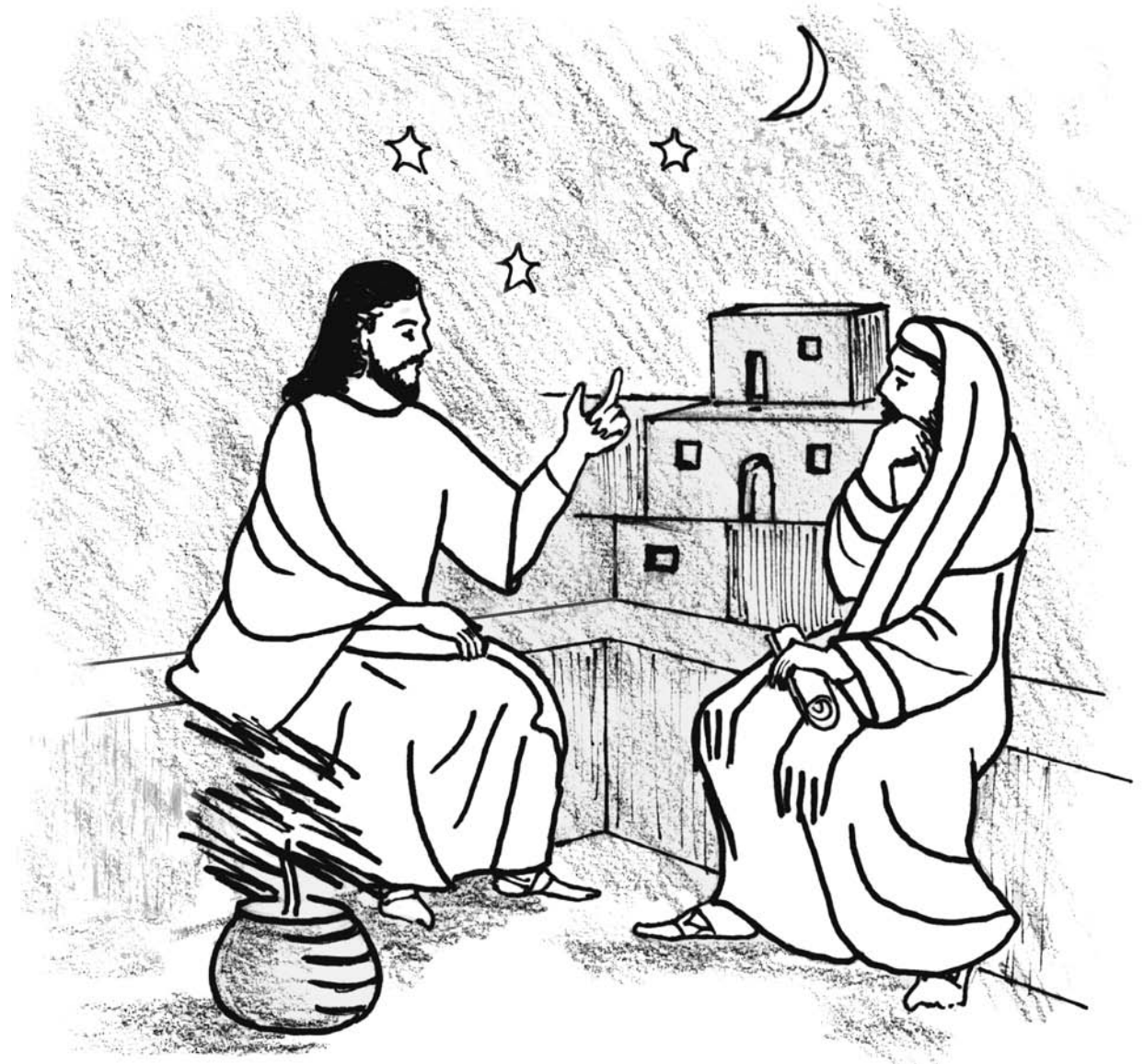
**Nicodemus, a teacher of God's law,  
saw the miracles Jesus was doing  
and wanted to talk to Him.**

**So one night he came  
to Jesus and said,  
'Sir, God must have sent you  
to teach us.  
These miracles You do  
can only be done  
if God is with You.'**

**Jesus said,  
'God's kingdom can only be seen  
by those who are born of God.'**

**'Born of God?  
Does that mean you have to  
become a baby again?'  
Nicodemus asked.**

**'If you want to live  
in God's kingdom  
you need to be born  
by God's Spirit,'  
said Jesus.**



**This was hard for Nicodemus to understand.**

**So Jesus said to him,  
'The Holy Spirit  
is like the wind.  
It blows,  
and you hear it,  
but you cannot see it.  
In the same way,  
the Holy Spirit comes  
to give us new life.'**



**‘How can this happen?’  
asked Nicodemus.**

**Jesus said,  
‘You are a teacher in Israel.  
Why is it that you don’t  
understand these things?’**

**‘Moses lifted up  
a bronze snake on a pole.  
Those who looked at it  
were saved.**

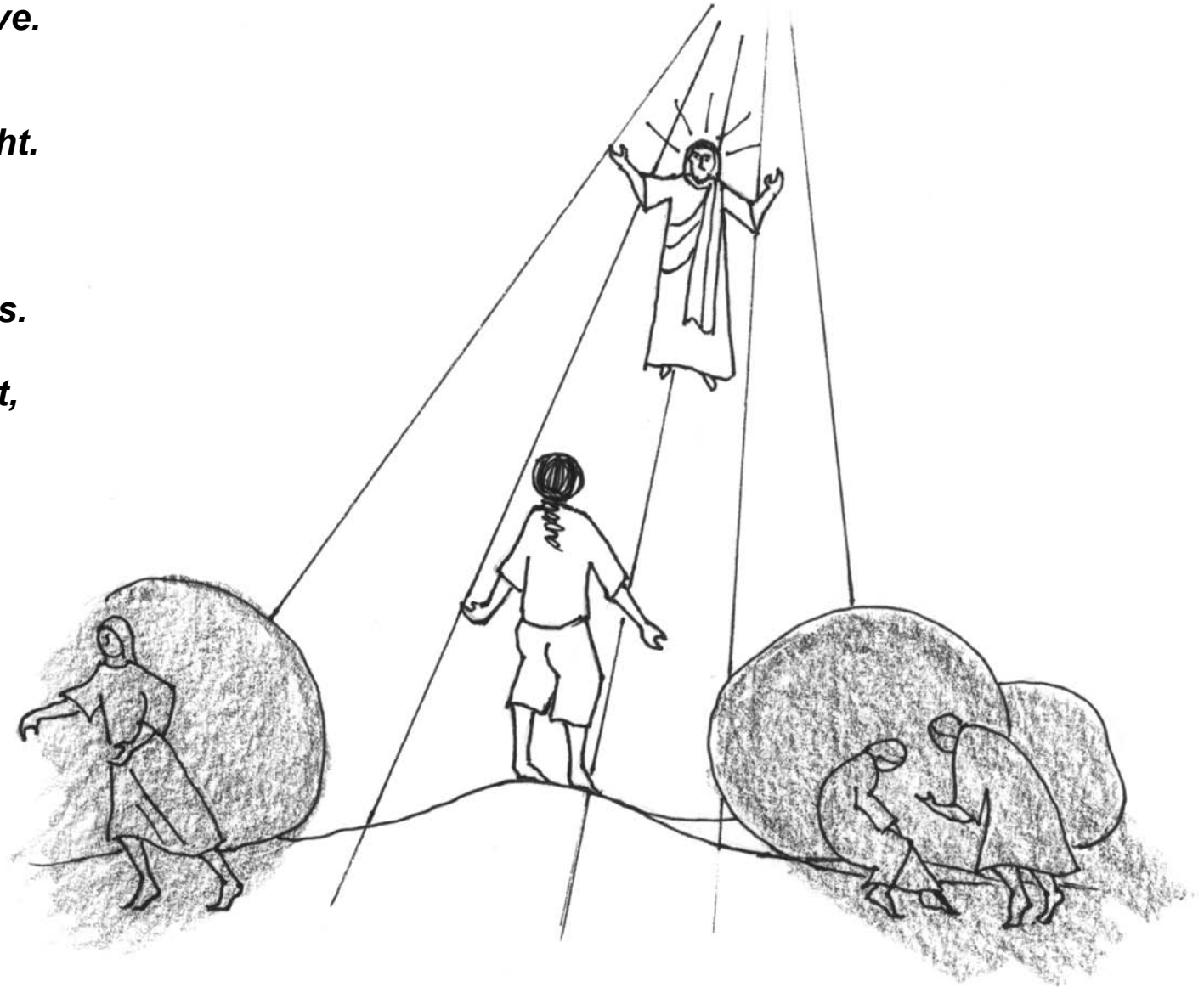
**‘I must be lifted up like that.  
Anyone who believes in Me  
will be saved  
and have life forever.’**



**God loves the world.  
That is why He sent His Son to us.  
He doesn't want us to be lost,  
but to come to Him and live.**

**Coming to Jesus  
is like walking into the light.  
Jesus is God's light,  
but if people don't want  
God to see them,  
they stay away from Jesus.**

**It is good to be in the light,  
because then we know  
God has welcomed us  
and forgiven us.**



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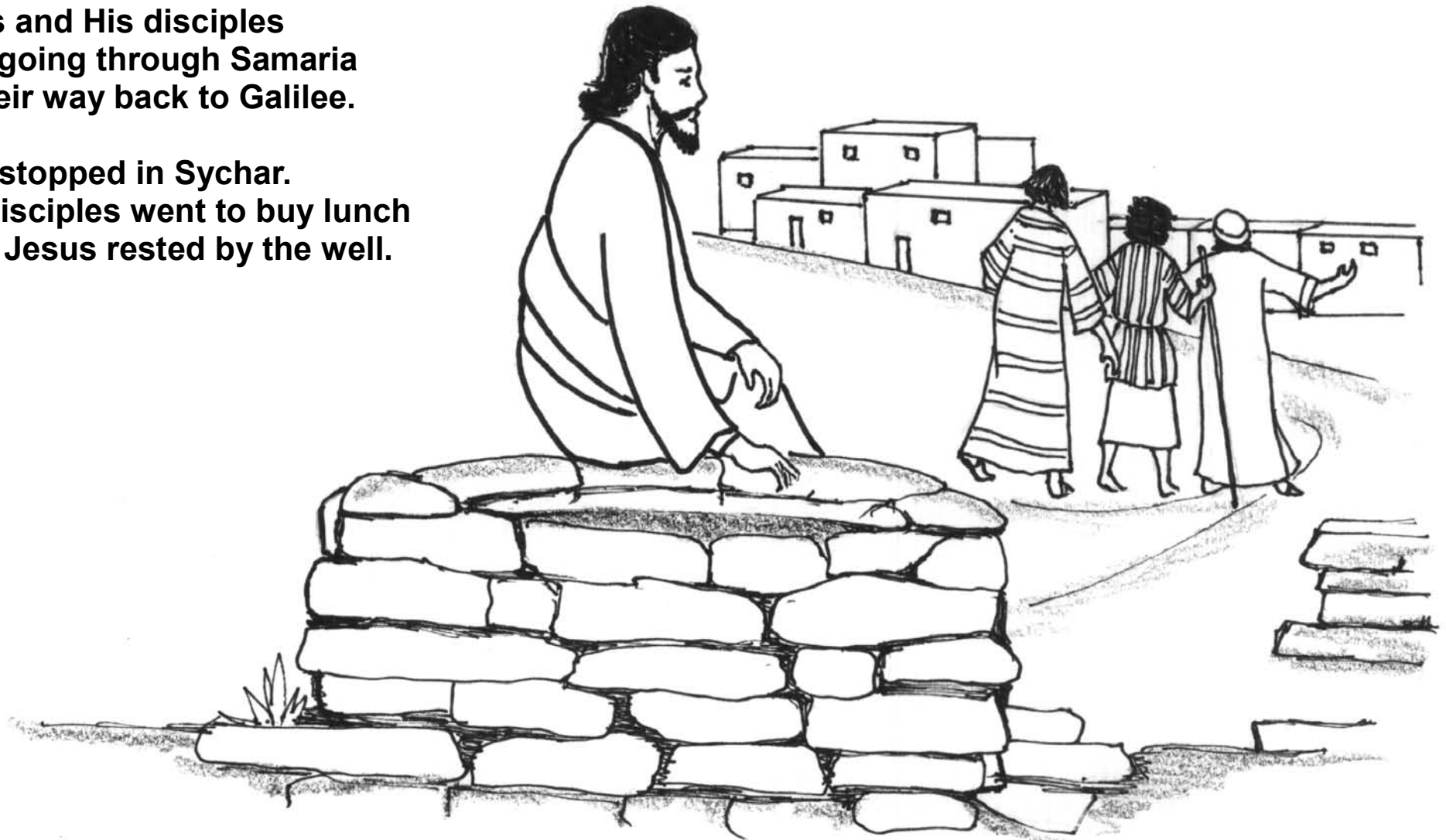
**JOHN 4:1-42**

## **THE WOMAN AT THE WELL**

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**Jesus and His disciples  
were going through Samaria  
on their way back to Galilee.**

**They stopped in Sychar.  
The disciples went to buy lunch  
while Jesus rested by the well.**

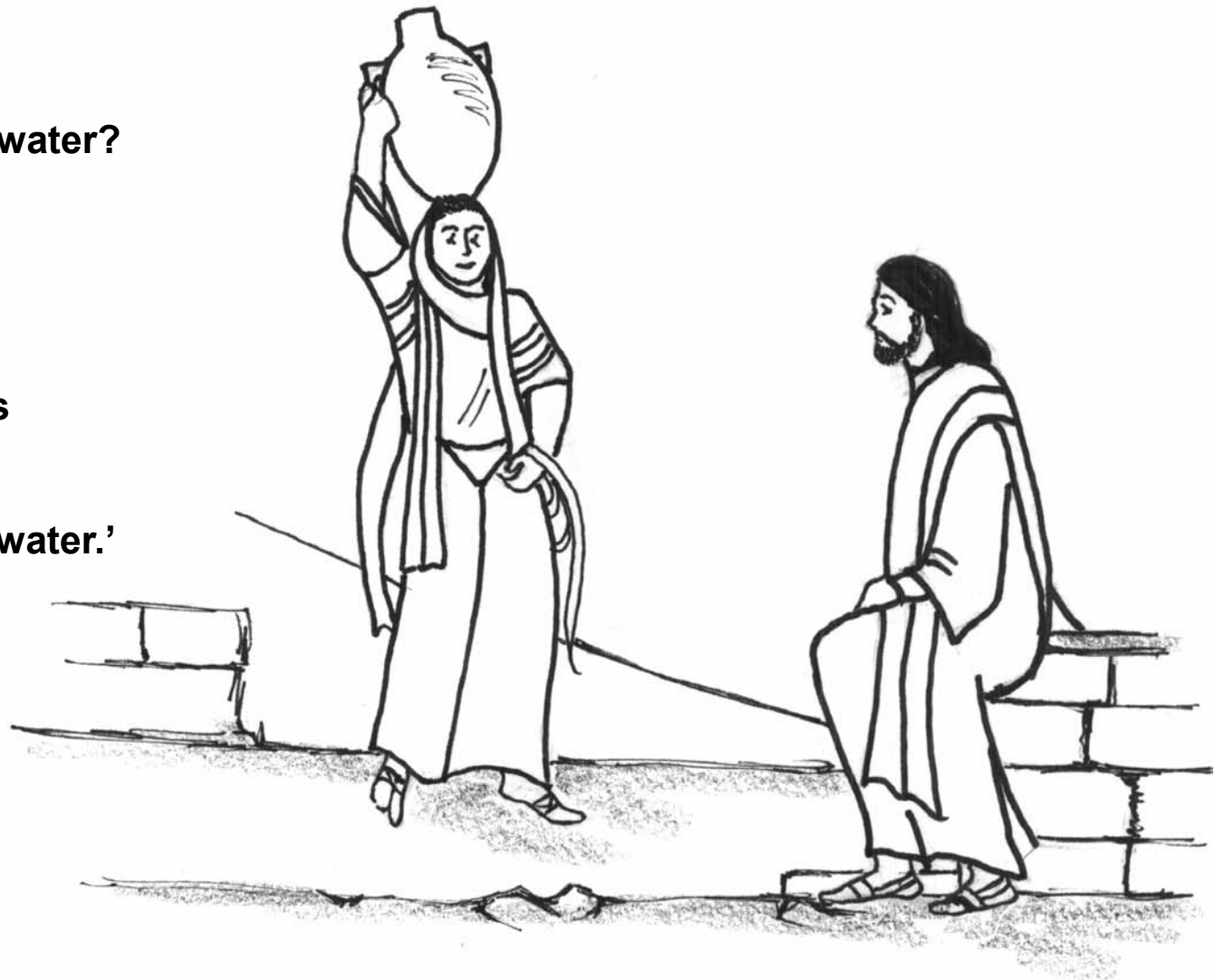


**He had not been there very long  
when a lady came to get water.**

**Jesus asked her.  
'Please give Me a drink.'**

**She answered,  
'You are a Jew.  
Why are You asking me for water?  
I am a Samaritan woman.  
You know we don't talk  
to each other.'**

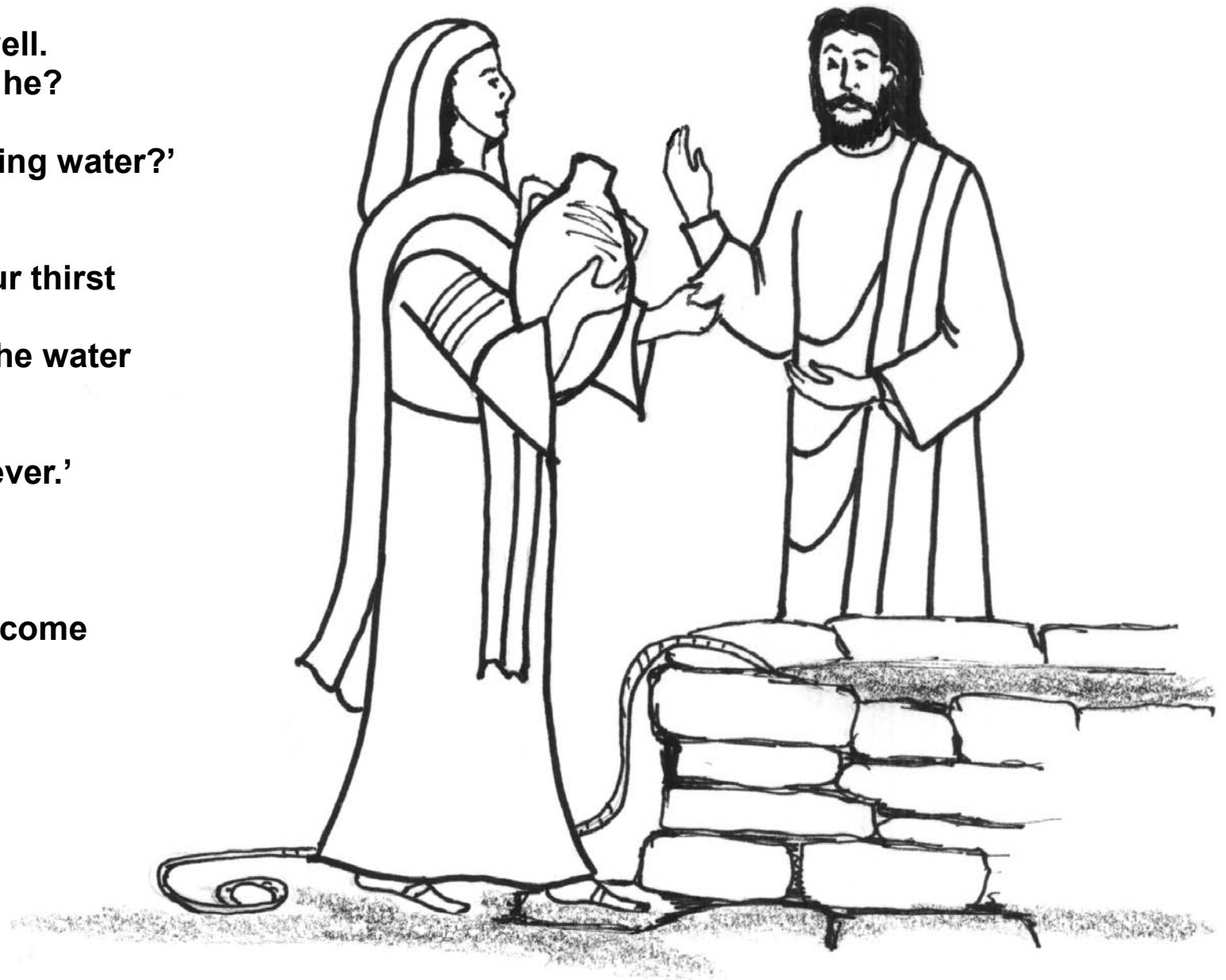
**Jesus said,  
'If you knew what God gives  
and who I am,  
you would ask Me  
and I would give you living water.'**



**She said,  
'Sir, You don't have a bucket  
and the well is deep.  
Jacob gave us this well.  
Are you greater than he?  
And from where  
would you get the living water?'**

**Jesus said,  
'This water stops your thirst  
for a little while,  
but whoever drinks the water  
that I give you,  
will never get thirsty,  
and they will live forever.'**

**'Give me that water,'  
she said.  
'Then I'll not have to come  
to this well again.'**



**‘Go and bring your husband,’  
Jesus told her.**

**‘I have no husband,’ she said.**

**Jesus said He knew  
about her many husbands.**

**She was amazed  
that Jesus knew her.**

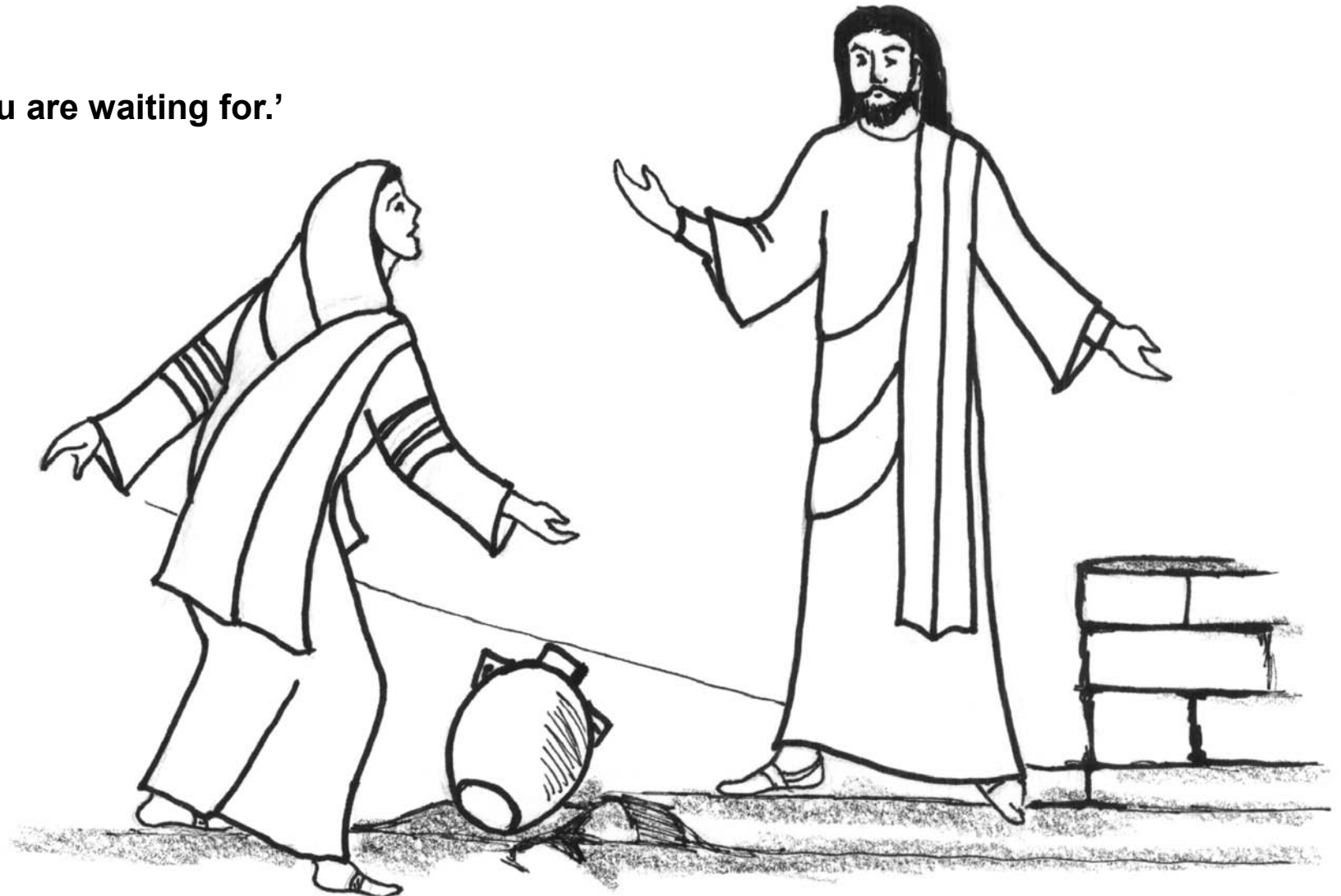
**The lady said,  
‘Sir, I see that You are a prophet.  
The Jews tell us that we can only  
worship God in Jerusalem.’**

**Jesus said to her,  
‘Soon you will  
worship God anywhere  
for God is spirit.  
Those who worship God  
must worship Him  
in spirit and truth.’**



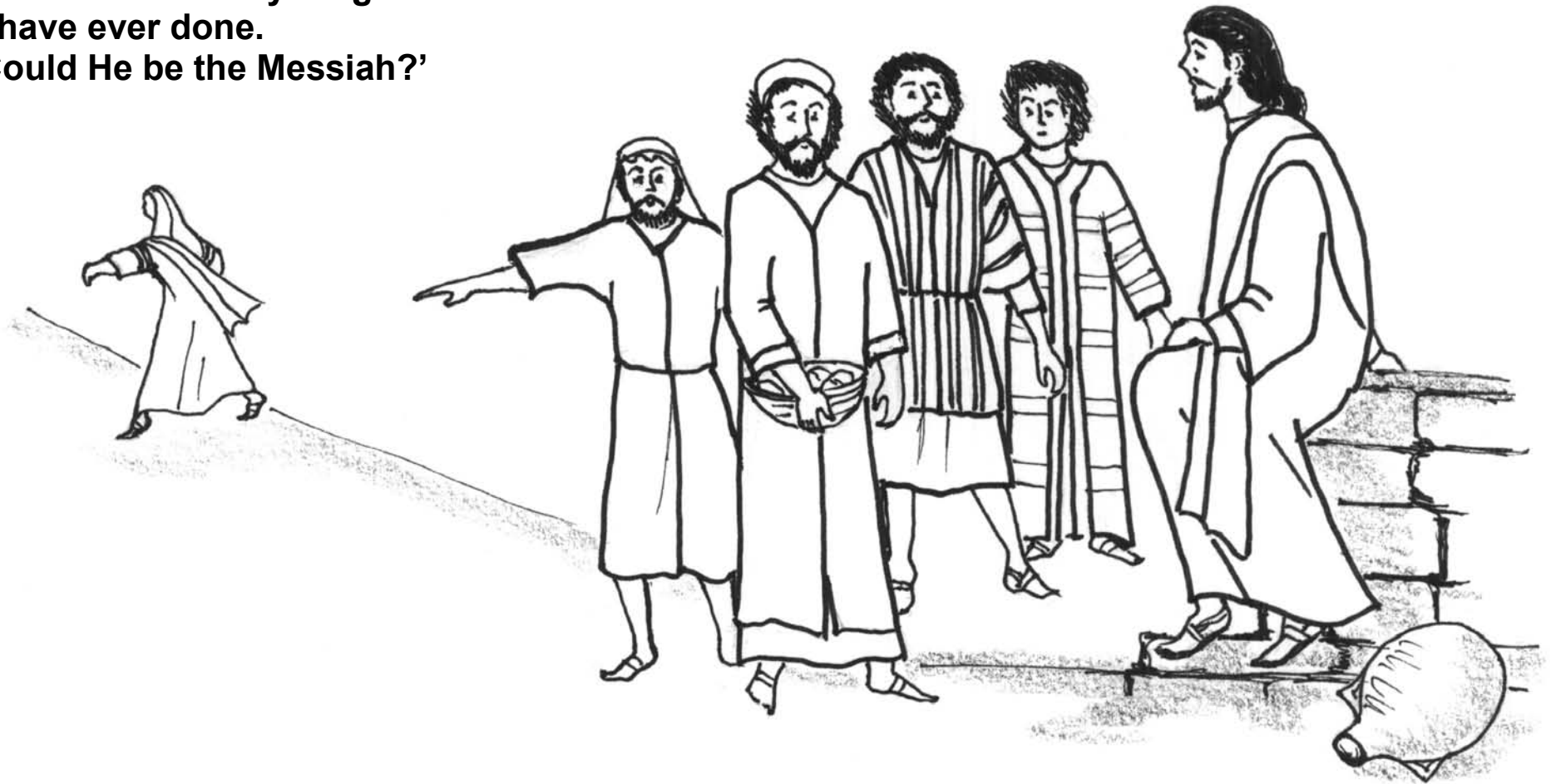
**'Sir, I know that the Messiah is coming.  
When He comes,  
He will teach us everything,'  
answered the woman.**

**Jesus said,  
'I am the One you are waiting for.'**



**The disciples returned with lunch,  
so the lady left her water pot  
and ran back to the village.**

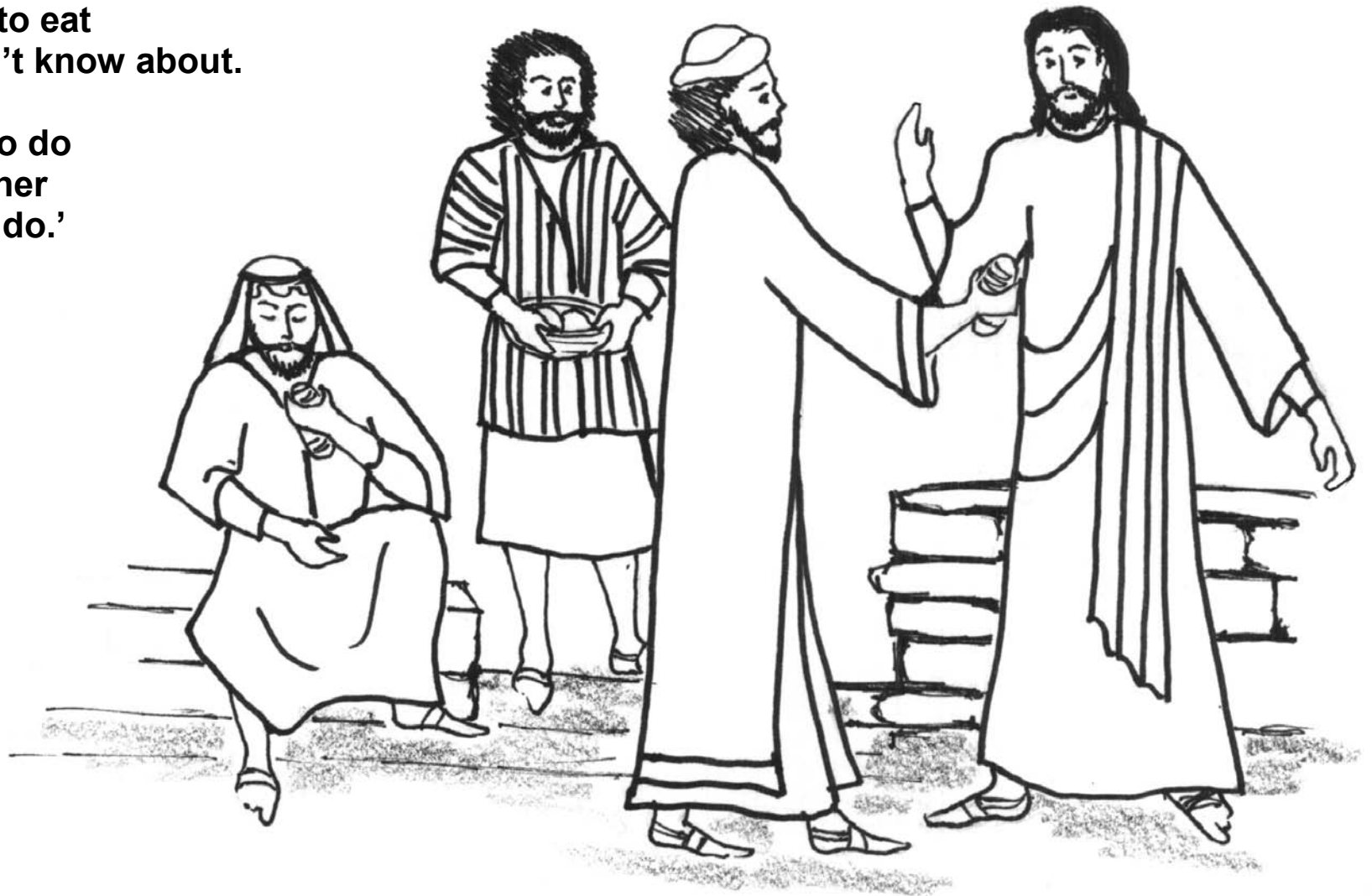
**‘Come quickly,’  
she said to the men there.  
‘Come and see a man  
who told me everything  
I have ever done.  
Could He be the Messiah?’**



**After the lady had gone  
the disciples  
tried to get Jesus to eat.**

**Jesus said to them,  
'I have food to eat  
that you don't know about.'**

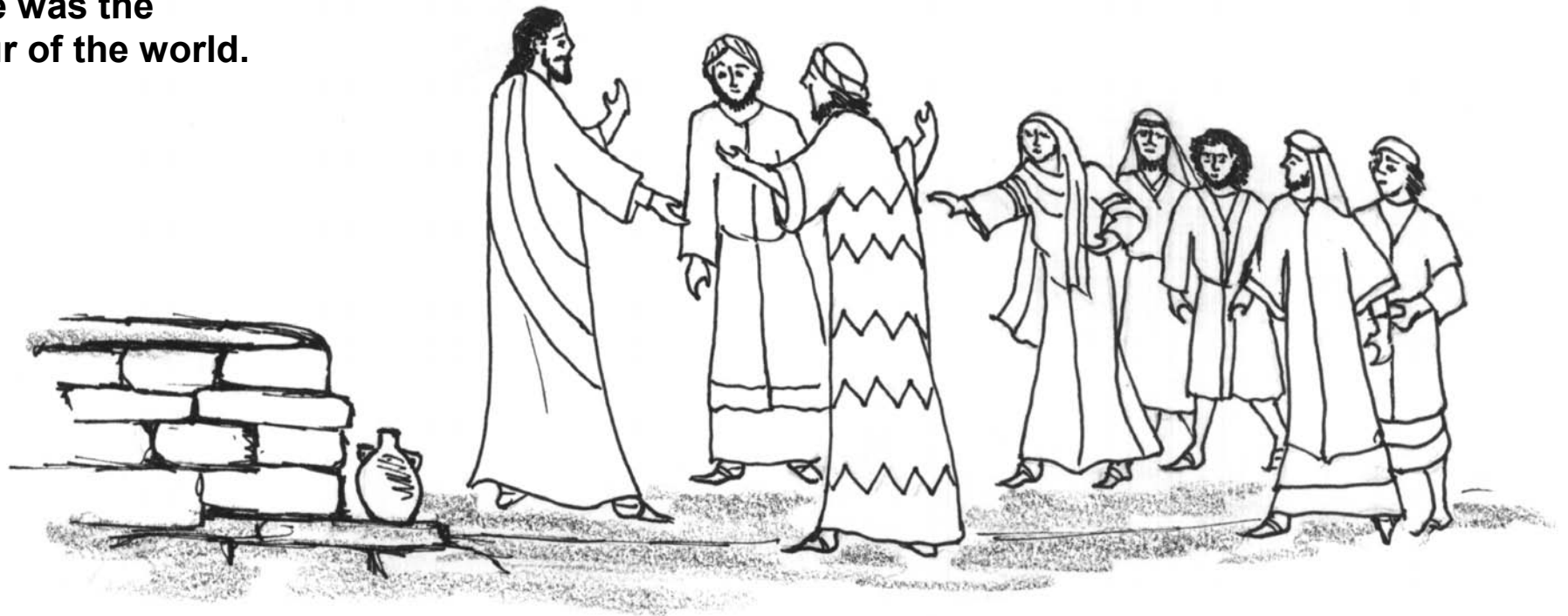
**'My food is to do  
what My Father  
wants Me to do.'**



**Back in the village the men  
listened to the lady  
and believed all that she  
told them about Jesus.**

**They went with her  
to where Jesus was  
and asked Him to  
stay with them  
to tell them more.**

**Many of these people believed  
that He was the  
Saviour of the world.**





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# ***PETER'S GREAT CATCH***

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**LUKE 5:1-11**  
**PETER'S GREAT CATCH**  
File no. 114

**Jesus was standing by the lake  
talking to a few people.**

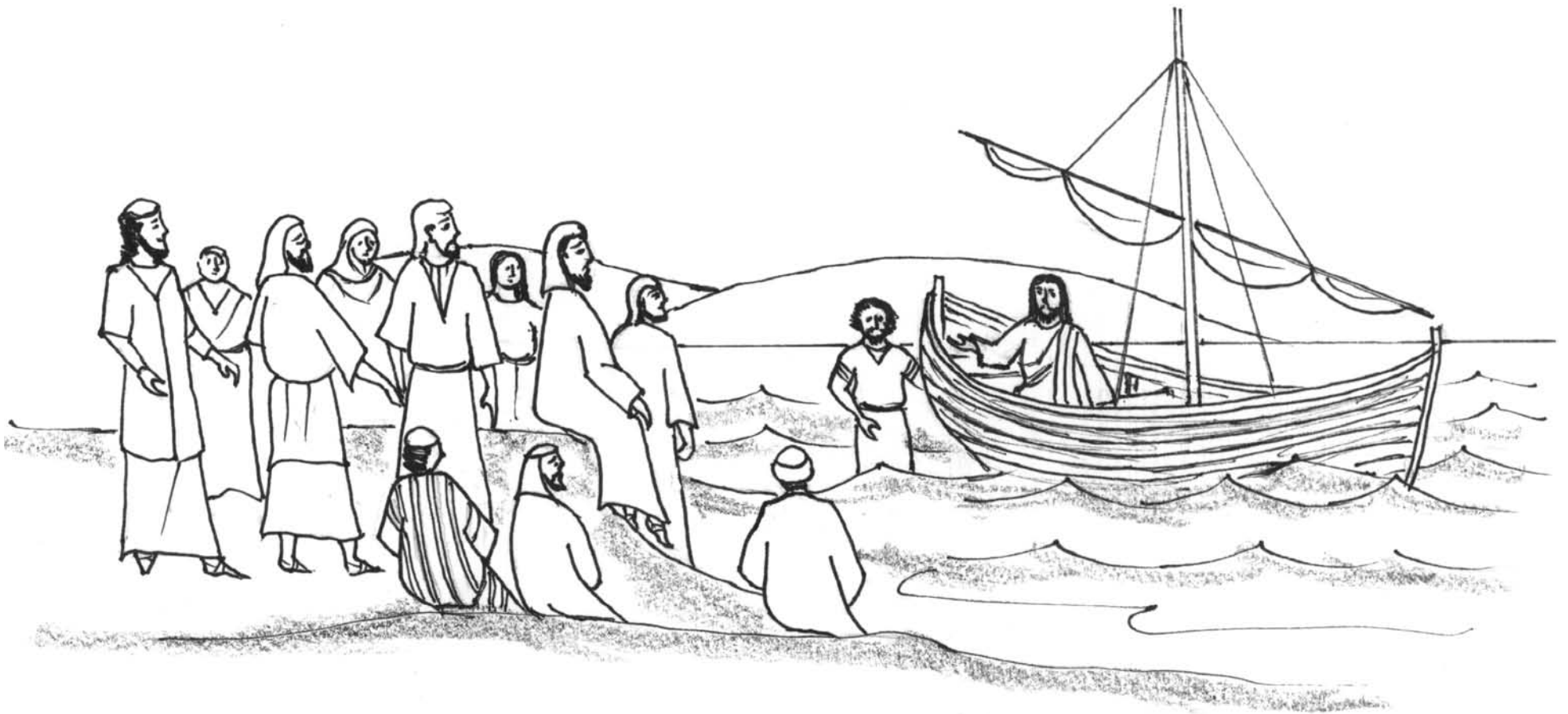
**Others joined them  
and soon there was a big crowd  
listening to Jesus  
speaking God's word**



**Everyone tried to get close to Him.**

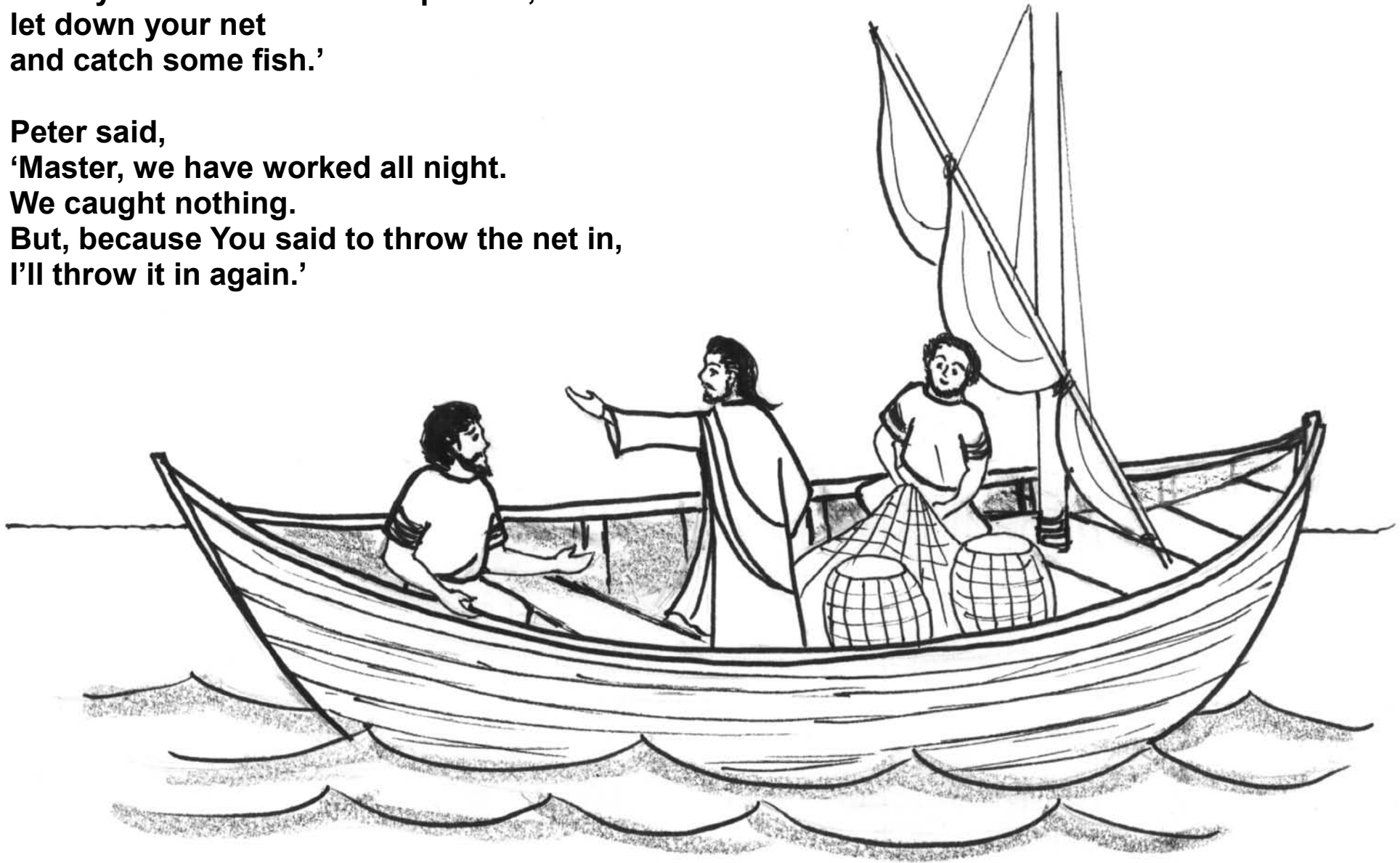
**So Jesus looked around  
and saw two fishing boats.  
One of them was Peter's.**

**Jesus hopped into Peter's boat  
and went on speaking to the crowd.**



**After He had finished speaking  
Jesus said to Peter,  
'Take your boat out into deep water,  
let down your net  
and catch some fish.'**

**Peter said,  
'Master, we have worked all night.  
We caught nothing.  
But, because You said to throw the net in,  
I'll throw it in again.'**

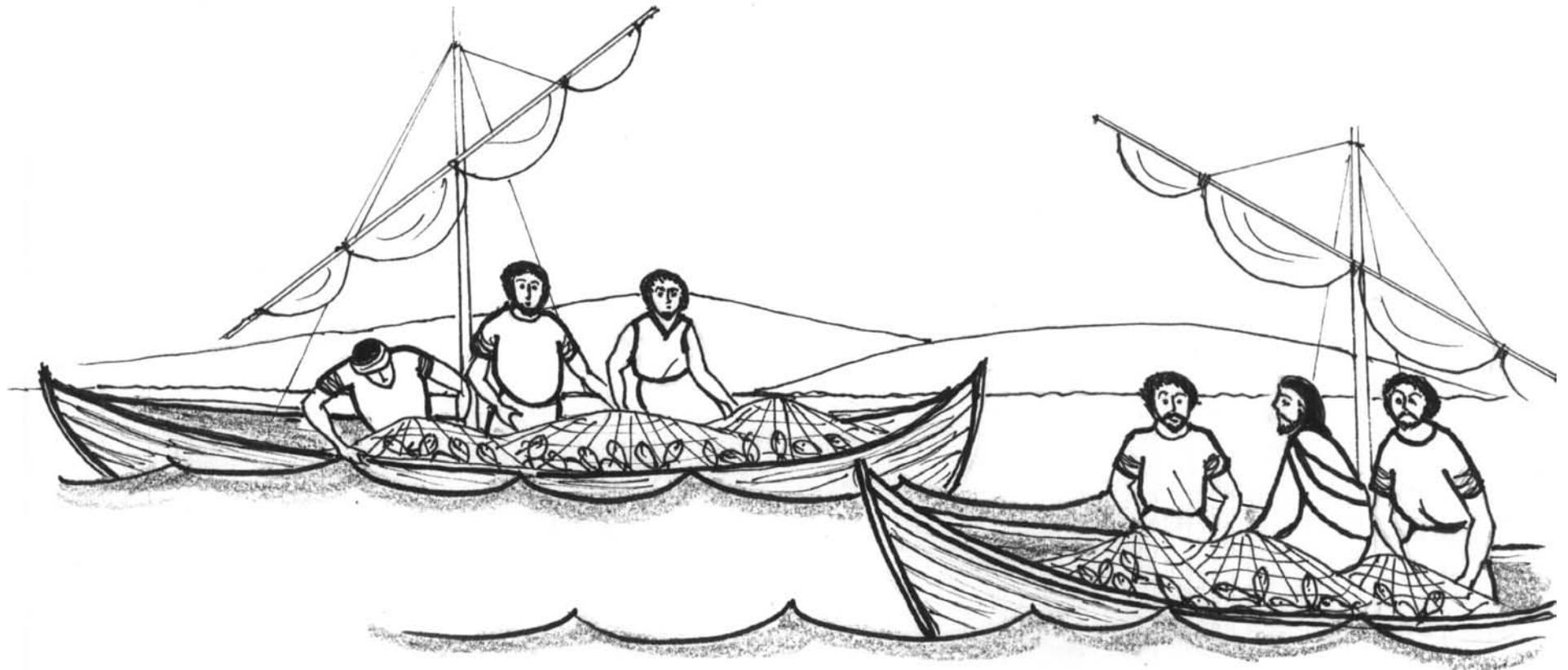


**He did what Jesus told him to do  
and they caught hundreds of fish.  
There were too many fish for one boat.**

**Peter called to his friends saying,  
'Come and help us.'**



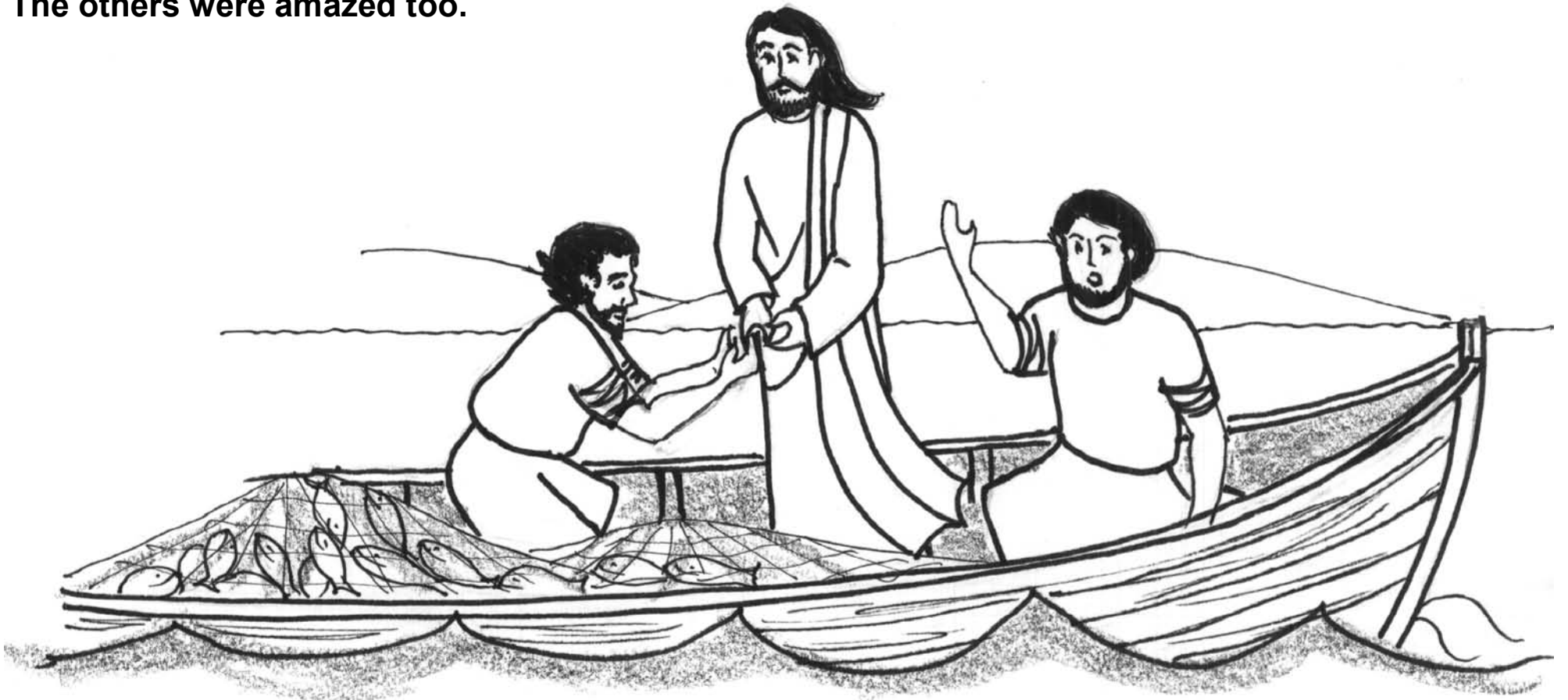
**James and John came with their boat.  
Soon the two boats were so full  
they nearly sank**



**Peter saw this miracle.  
He grew in faith and understanding.**

**He fell down at Jesus' feet  
and said,  
'Go away from me,  
Lord, I am a sinful man.'**

**The others were amazed too.**



**Jesus said to them,  
'Don't be afraid.  
From now on you will catch men.'**

**Peter and his friends  
left their boats  
and followed Jesus.**





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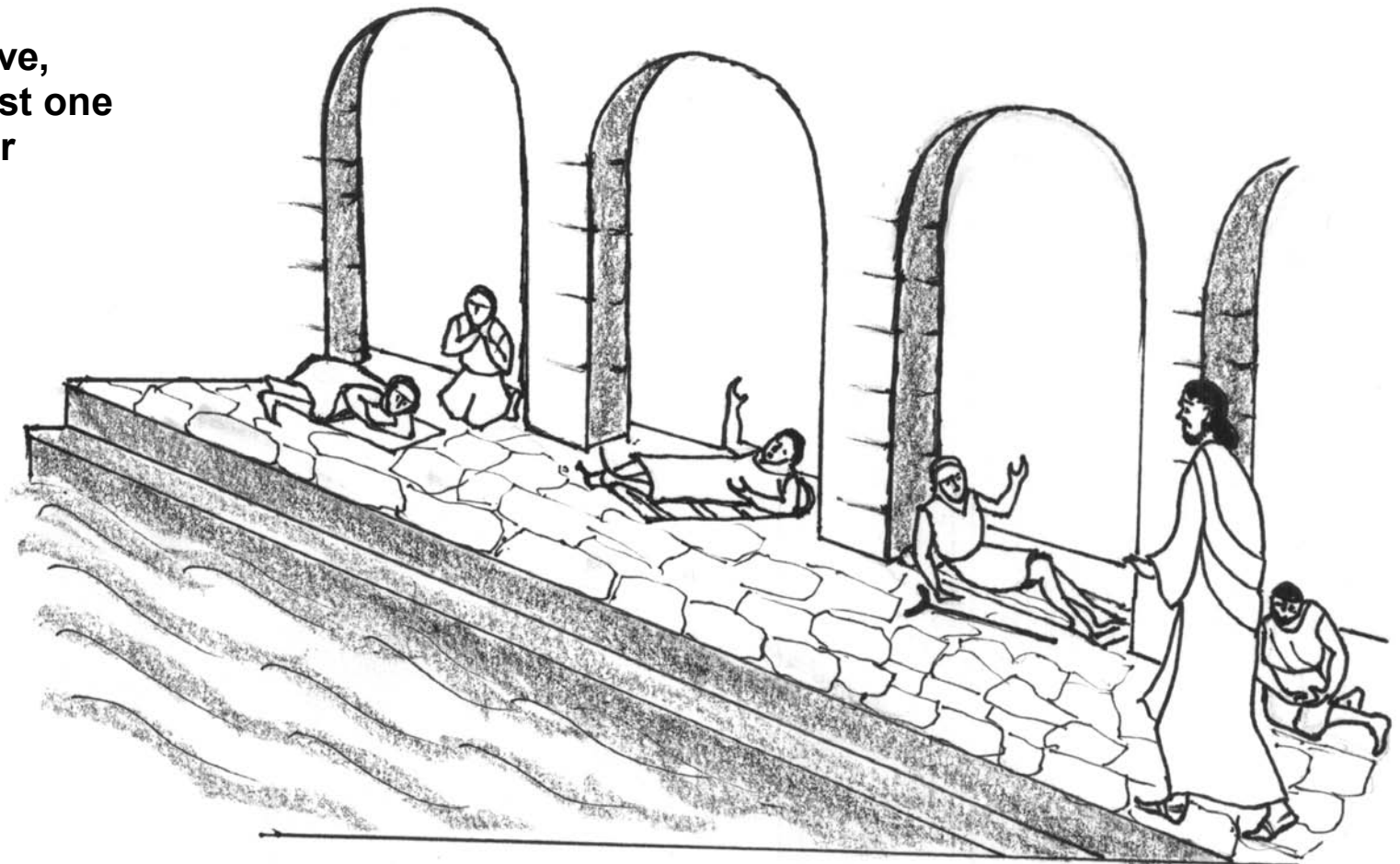
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**JOHN 5:1-24**  
**LAME FOR THIRTY EIGHT YEARS**  
File no. 115

**When Jesus came into Jerusalem  
He saw the sick, blind  
and lame people waiting by a pool.**

**They were waiting  
for the water to move,  
thinking that the first one  
to get into the water  
would be healed.**

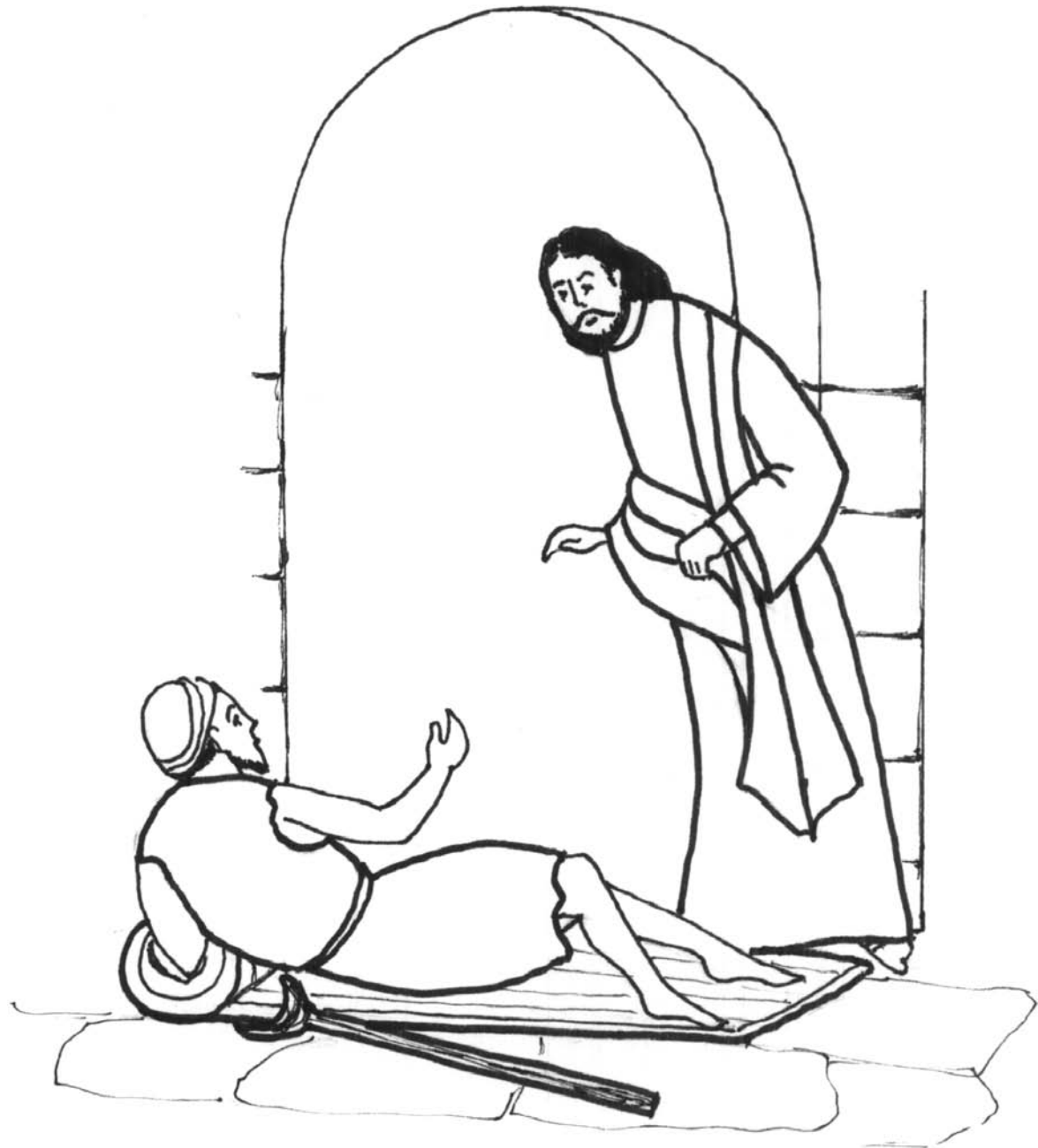


**Jesus spoke to a man  
who had been lame  
for thirty-eight years,  
and said,  
'Do you want to be well?'**

**The man answered,  
'Sir, I have no one  
to put me into the pool  
when the water moves.  
While I am going there,  
someone else gets into  
the water before me.'**

**Jesus said.  
'Stand up!  
Pick up your bed and walk.'**

**Straight away  
the man stood up,  
picked up his bed  
and walked.**



**All this happened on the Sabbath day  
when Jews thought  
no work was to be done.**

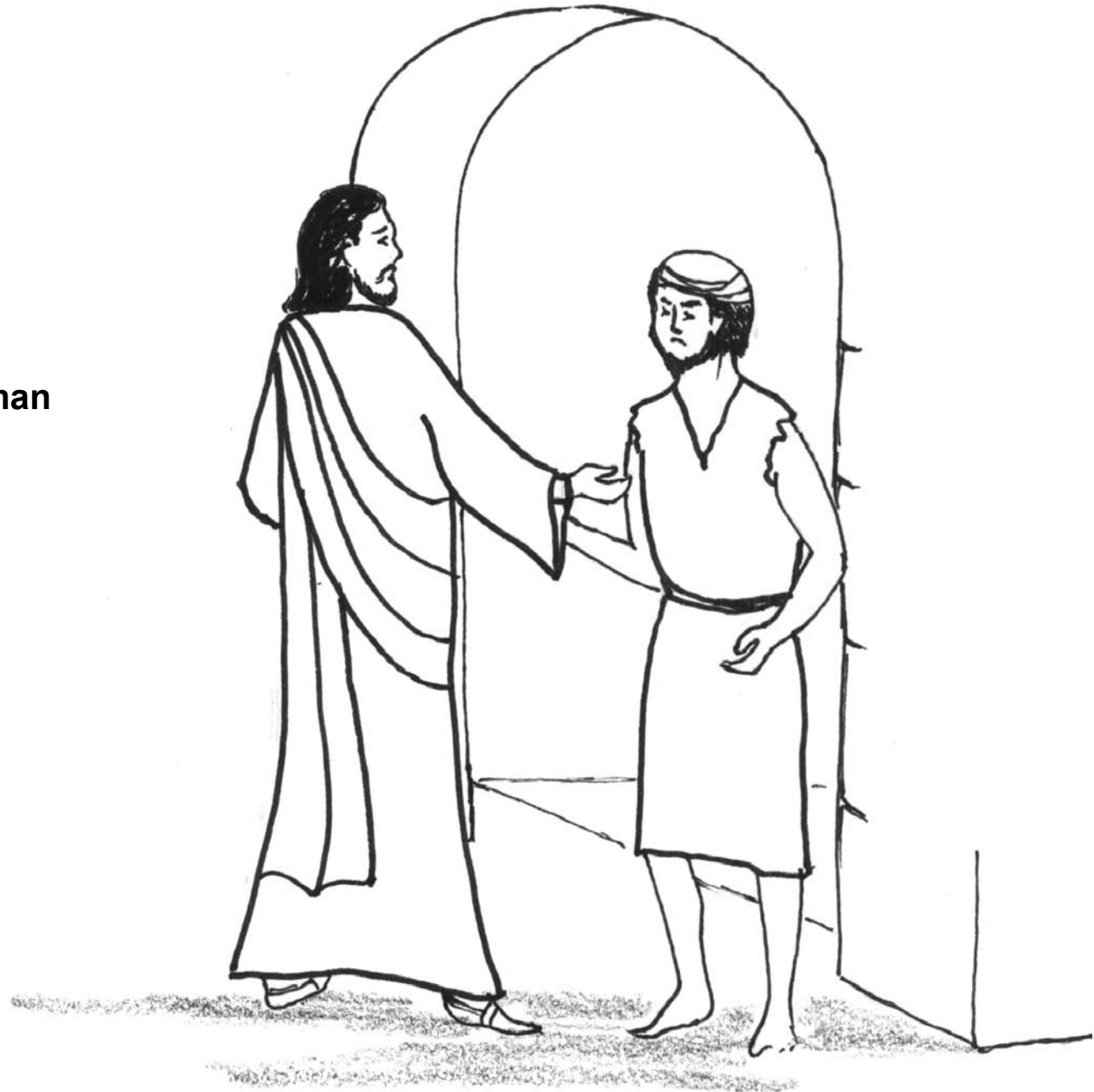
**The man walked  
past the Jewish teachers  
and they stopped him and said,  
'You're not allowed to carry your bed.  
That's work.'**

**'The man who made me well  
told me to pick up my bed and walk,'  
answered the man.  
'I don't know who it was  
who healed me.**

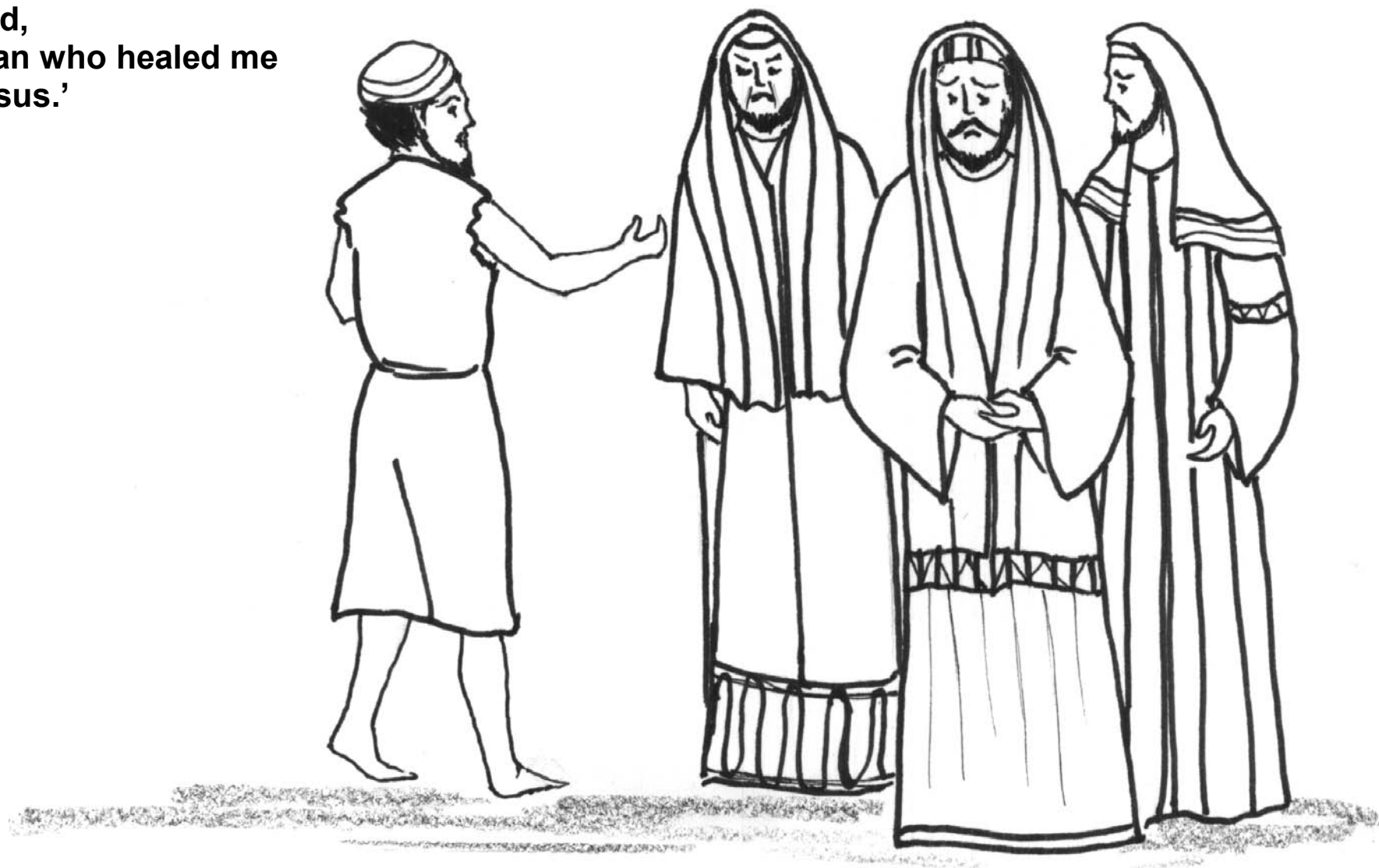


**Later, Jesus found the man  
in the temple.**

**He said,  
'You are well now.  
Don't sin any more  
or something worse  
may happen to you**



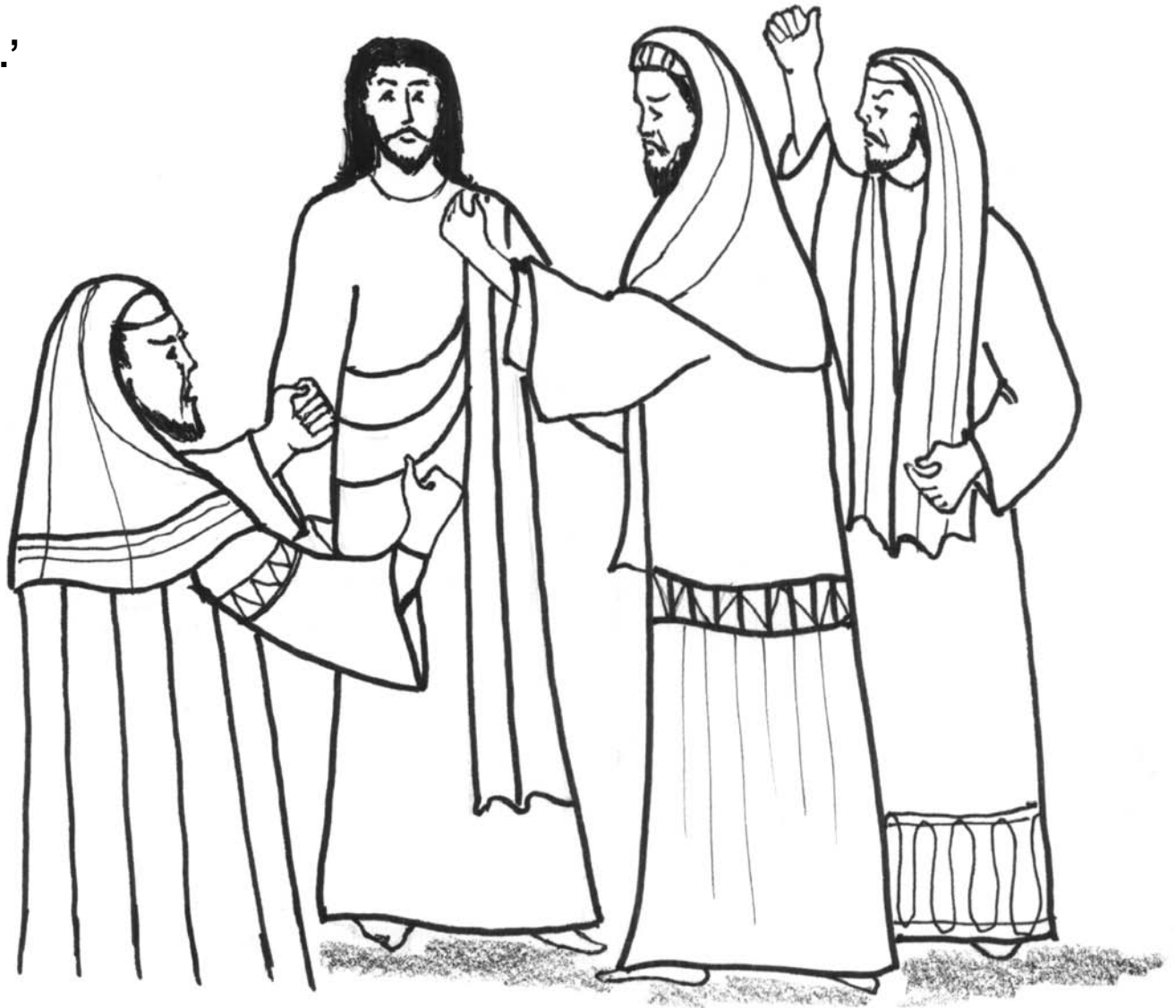
**Straight away the man went  
to the Jewish teachers  
and said,  
'The man who healed me  
was Jesus.'**



**The teachers were angry  
and accused Jesus  
of breaking their rules.**

**But Jesus said to them,  
'My Father is working, so I work.'**

**This really made the  
teachers angry.  
They were going to try  
and get rid of Jesus.  
Not only was He breaking  
their rules,  
but He was calling  
God His Father!**



**Jesus went on to say,  
'I do what My Father shows Me.  
The Father loves Me.  
He will show Me  
greater things to do  
so that you will be surprised.**

**'Anyone who hears what I say  
and believes in the Father,  
the One who sent Me,  
has life that never ends.'**





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**MARK 2:1–12;**

Matthew 9:1–8; Luke 5:17–26

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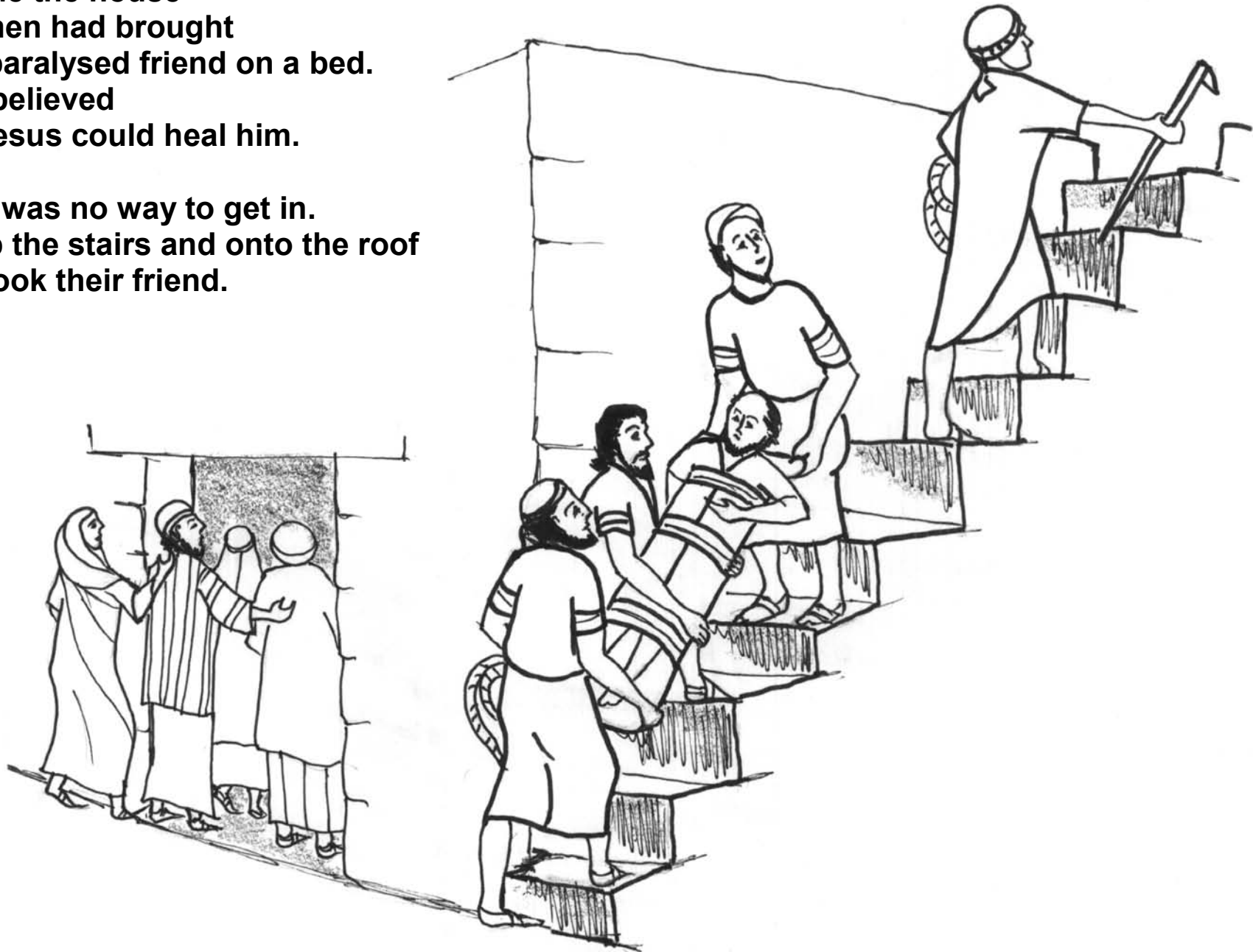
**The news was out.  
Jesus was home.  
The people of Capernaum  
came from everywhere  
to listen to Him  
speak God's word.**

**Scribes came too.  
They sat near Jesus  
and watched Him.  
Soon the place was full.  
No-one else could get in.**



**Outside the house  
four men had brought  
their paralysed friend on a bed.  
They believed  
that Jesus could heal him.**

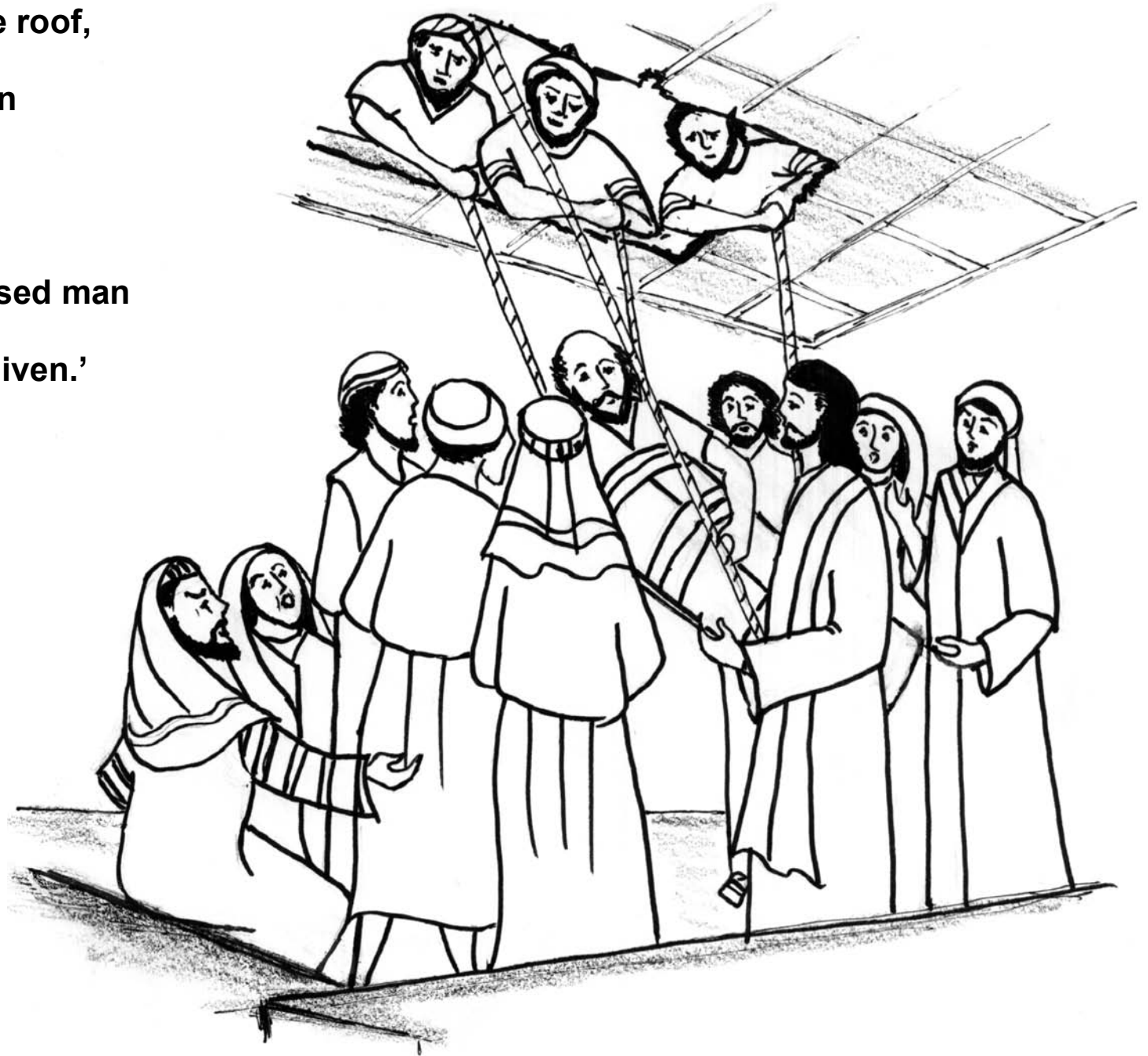
**There was no way to get in.  
So, up the stairs and onto the roof  
they took their friend.**



**They made a hole in the roof,  
tied ropes to the bed,  
and let their friend down  
right in front of Jesus.**

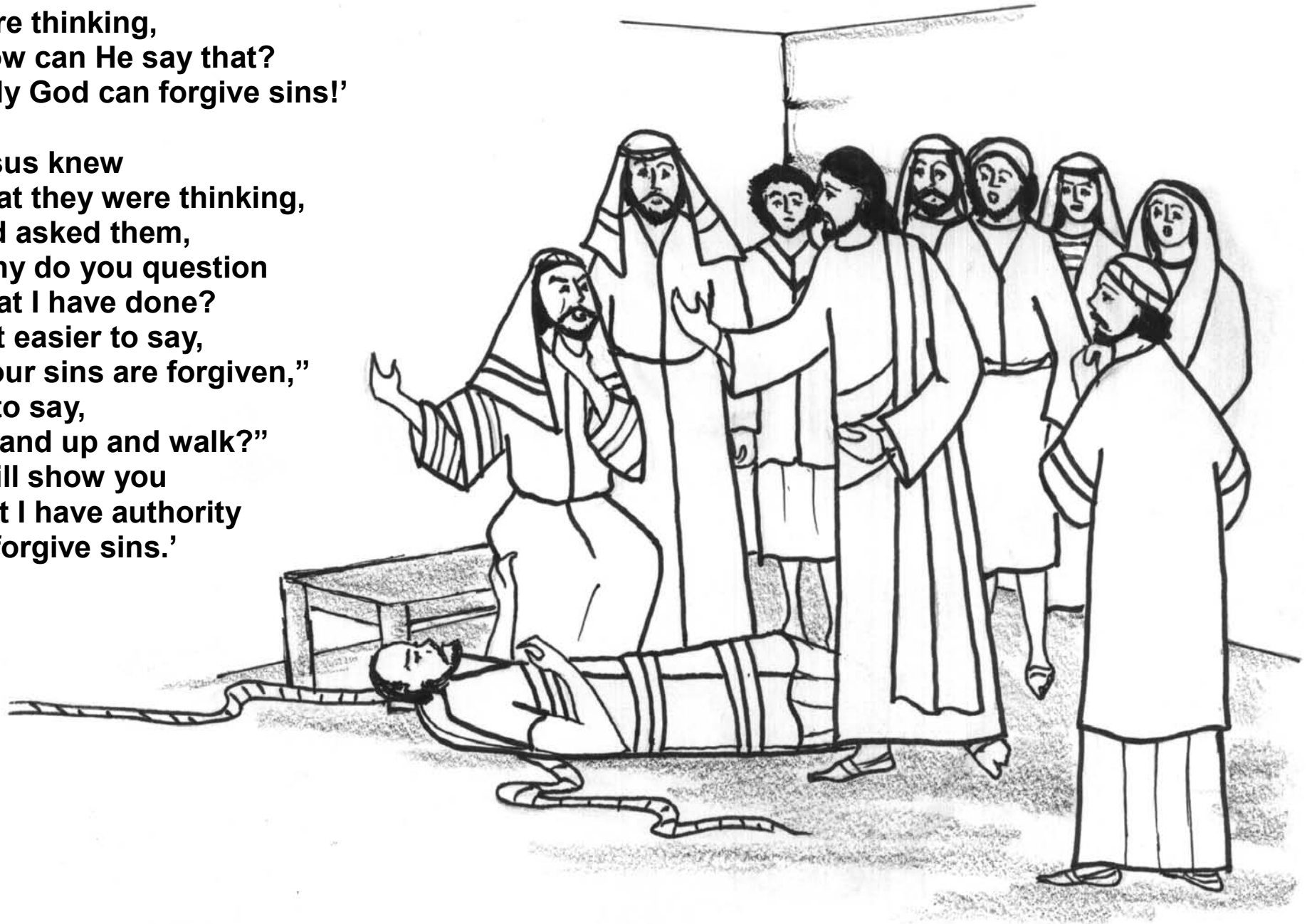
**Jesus saw their faith.**

**He looked at the paralysed man  
and said  
'Son, your sins are forgiven.'**



**The scribes who were there  
were thinking,  
'How can He say that?  
Only God can forgive sins!'**

**Jesus knew  
what they were thinking,  
and asked them,  
'Why do you question  
what I have done?  
Is it easier to say,  
"Your sins are forgiven,"  
or to say,  
"Stand up and walk?"  
I will show you  
that I have authority  
to forgive sins.'**

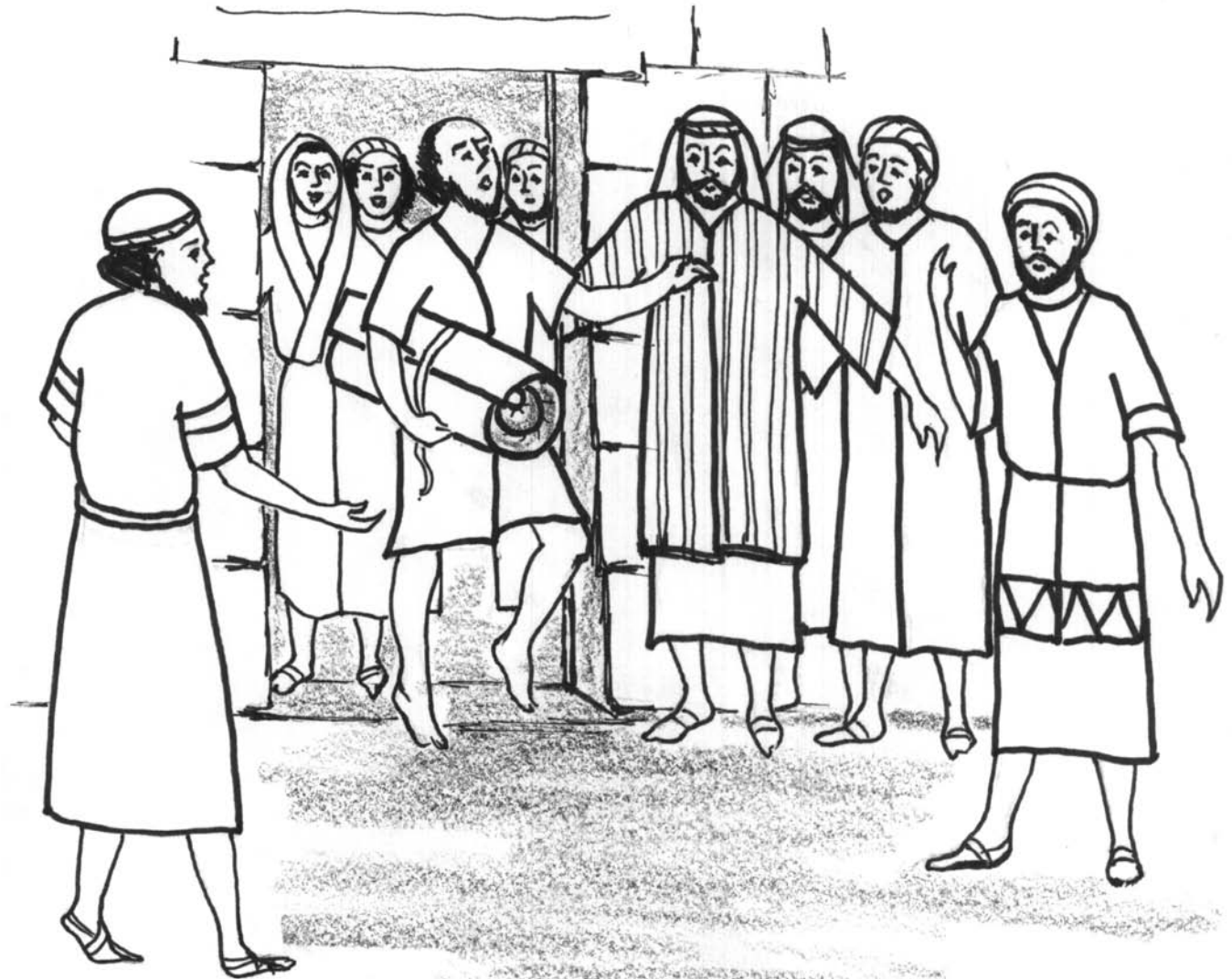


**He then turned to the sick man  
and said,  
'Stand up!  
Roll up your bed and walk.'**

**And that is what the man did.  
He walked out  
with his bed under his arm.  
Everyone watched  
and was amazed.**

**They had seen  
God's love in action,  
setting this man free.**

**Jesus truly was the Son of Man  
having authority to forgive sins  
and to heal.**







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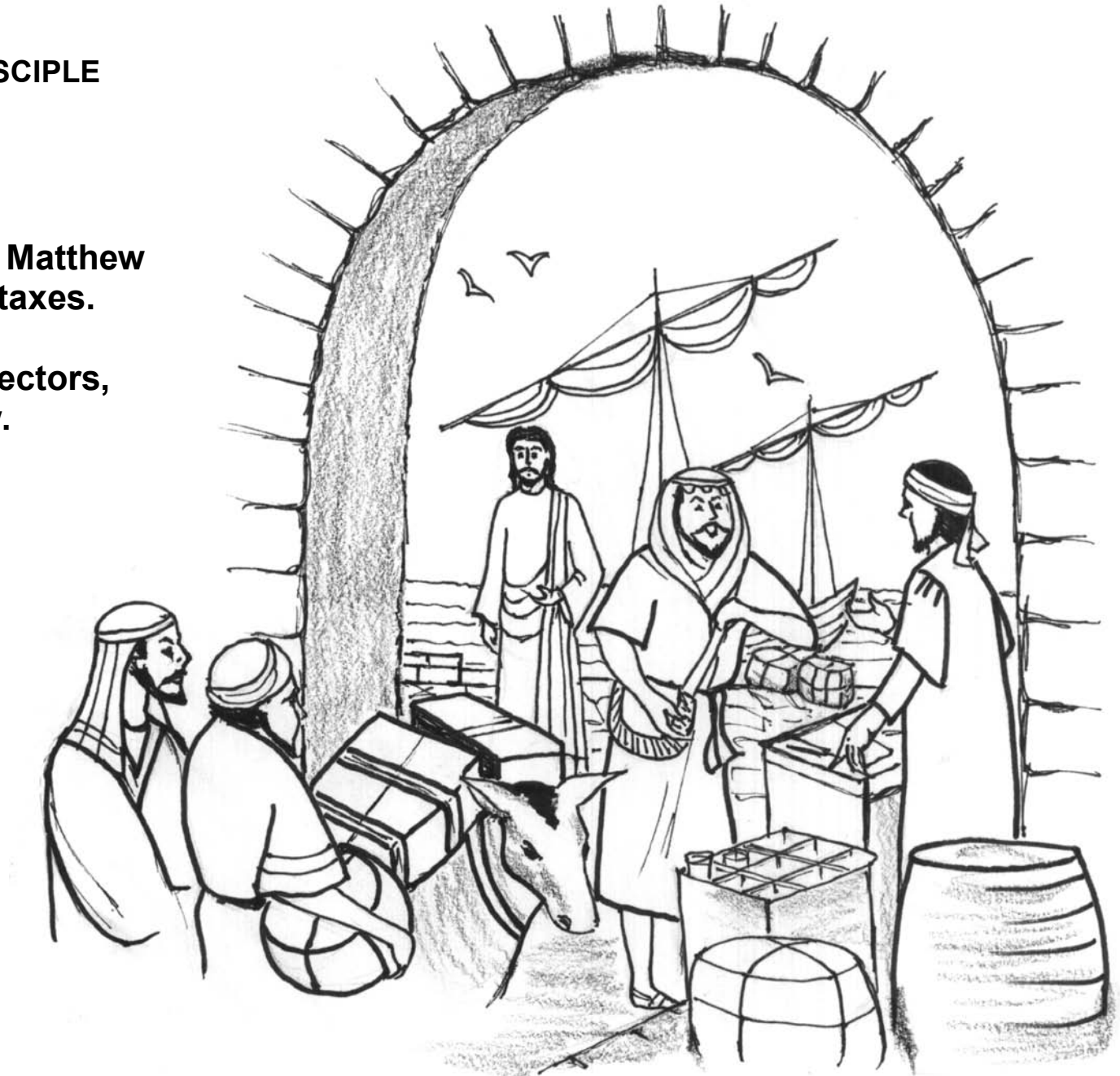
Mark 2:13–17; Luke 5:27–32

**MATTHEW BECOMES A DISCIPLE**

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**There was a man called Matthew  
who collected people's taxes.**

**The Jews hated tax collectors,  
and they hated Matthew.**

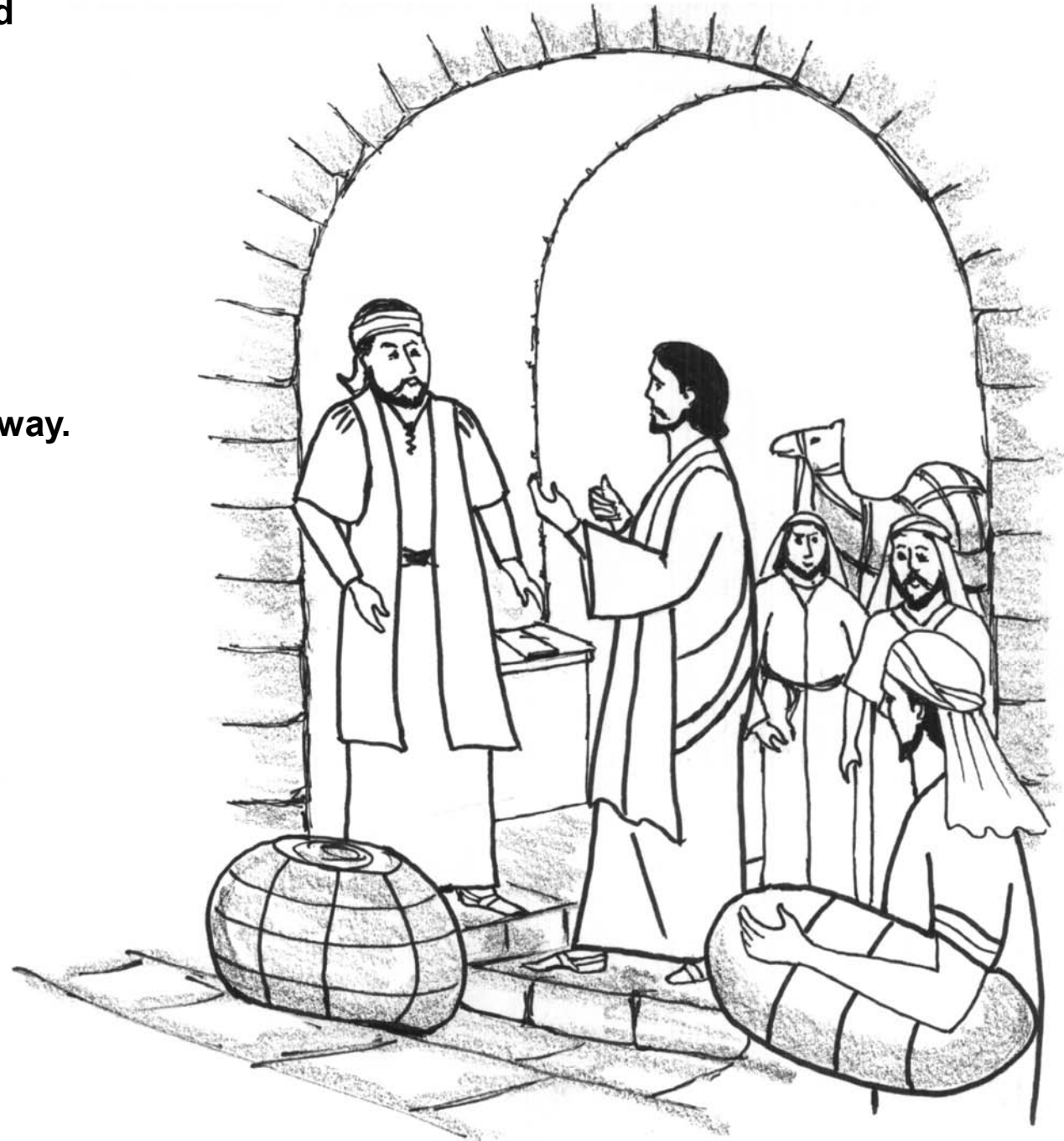


**Sometimes Matthew heard  
people talk about Jesus  
and he saw Jesus  
when He walked by.**

**Then one day  
Jesus came to Matthew  
and said,  
'Come and follow Me.'**

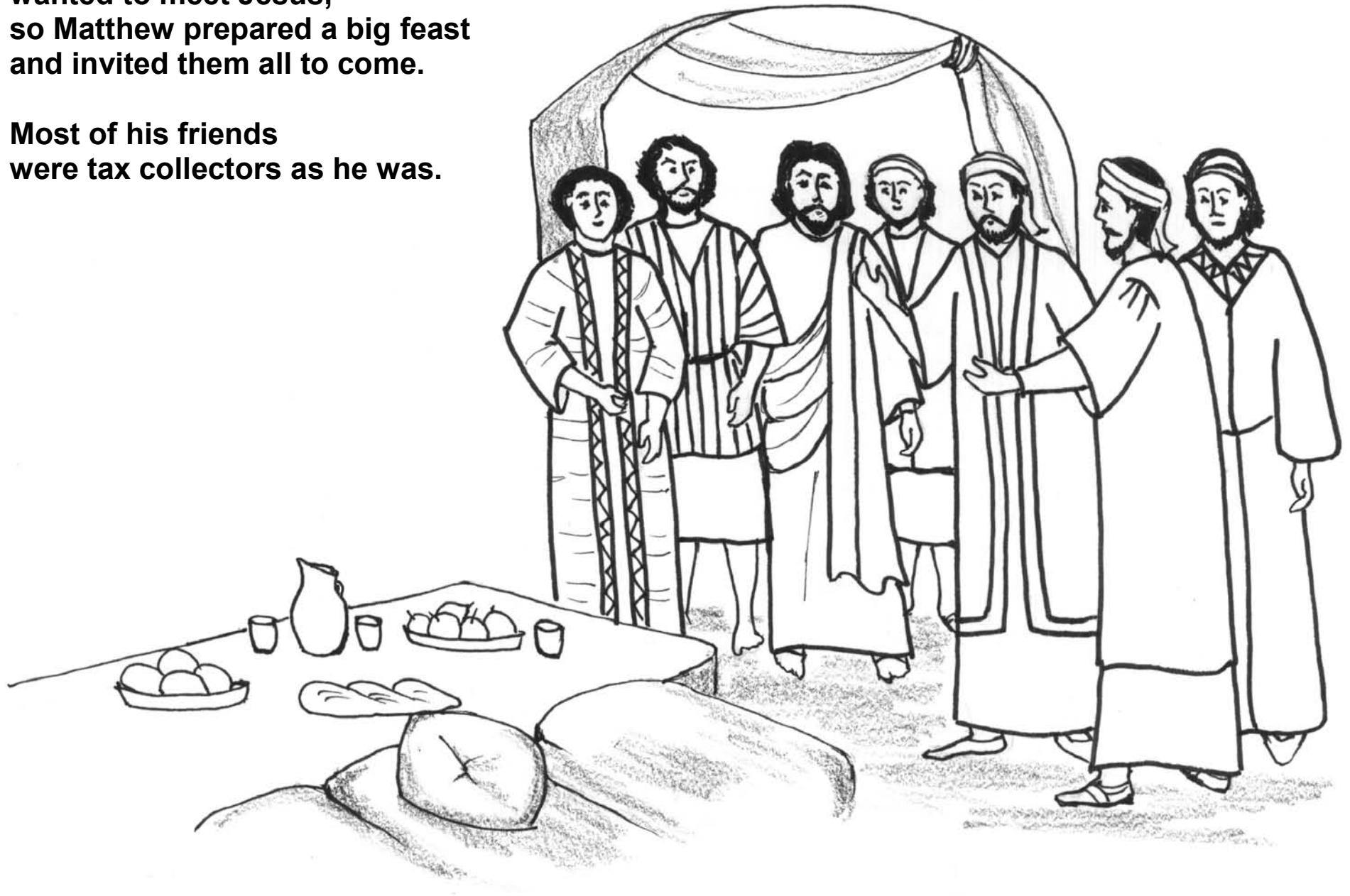
**Matthew got up straight away.  
He left his office  
and followed Jesus.**

**He listened to Him talk  
about God, His Father,  
and about His kingdom.**



**Many of Matthew's friends  
wanted to meet Jesus,  
so Matthew prepared a big feast  
and invited them all to come.**

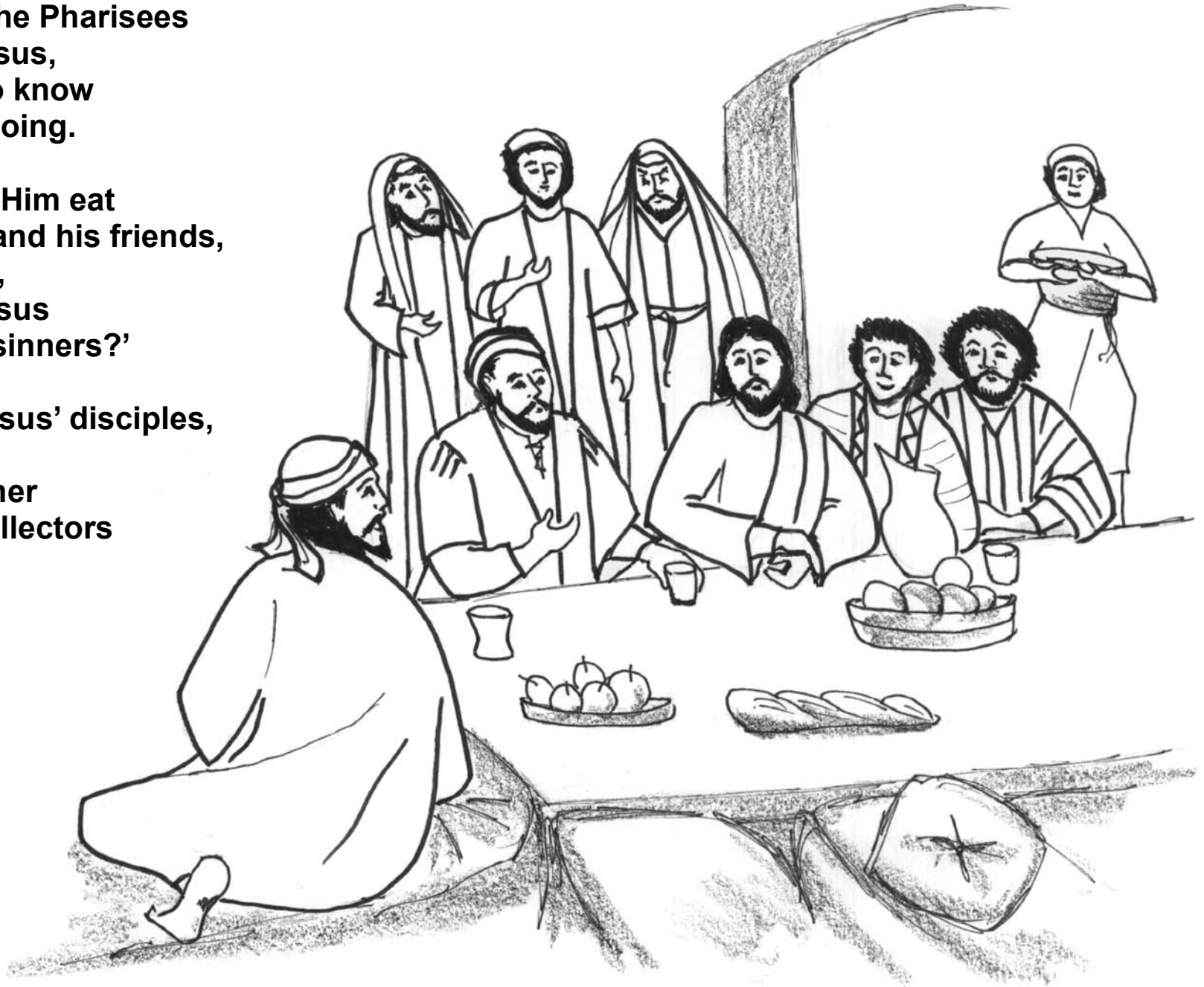
**Most of his friends  
were tax collectors as he was.**



**Even though the Pharisees  
did not like Jesus,  
they wanted to know  
what He was doing.**

**They watched Him eat  
with Matthew and his friends,  
and wondered,  
'How could Jesus  
be a friend of sinners?'**

**They asked Jesus' disciples,  
'Why do you  
and your teacher  
eat with tax collectors  
and sinners?'**



**Jesus heard them  
and answered saying,  
'People who are well  
don't need a doctor.  
A doctor is for sick people.  
I have come to call sinners to repent  
and turn away from their sins.**

**'Have a look and  
see in your scriptures  
what God requires.  
"I want mercy, not sacrifice."'**



**Matthew believed Jesus  
and became a servant  
of God's kingdom.**

