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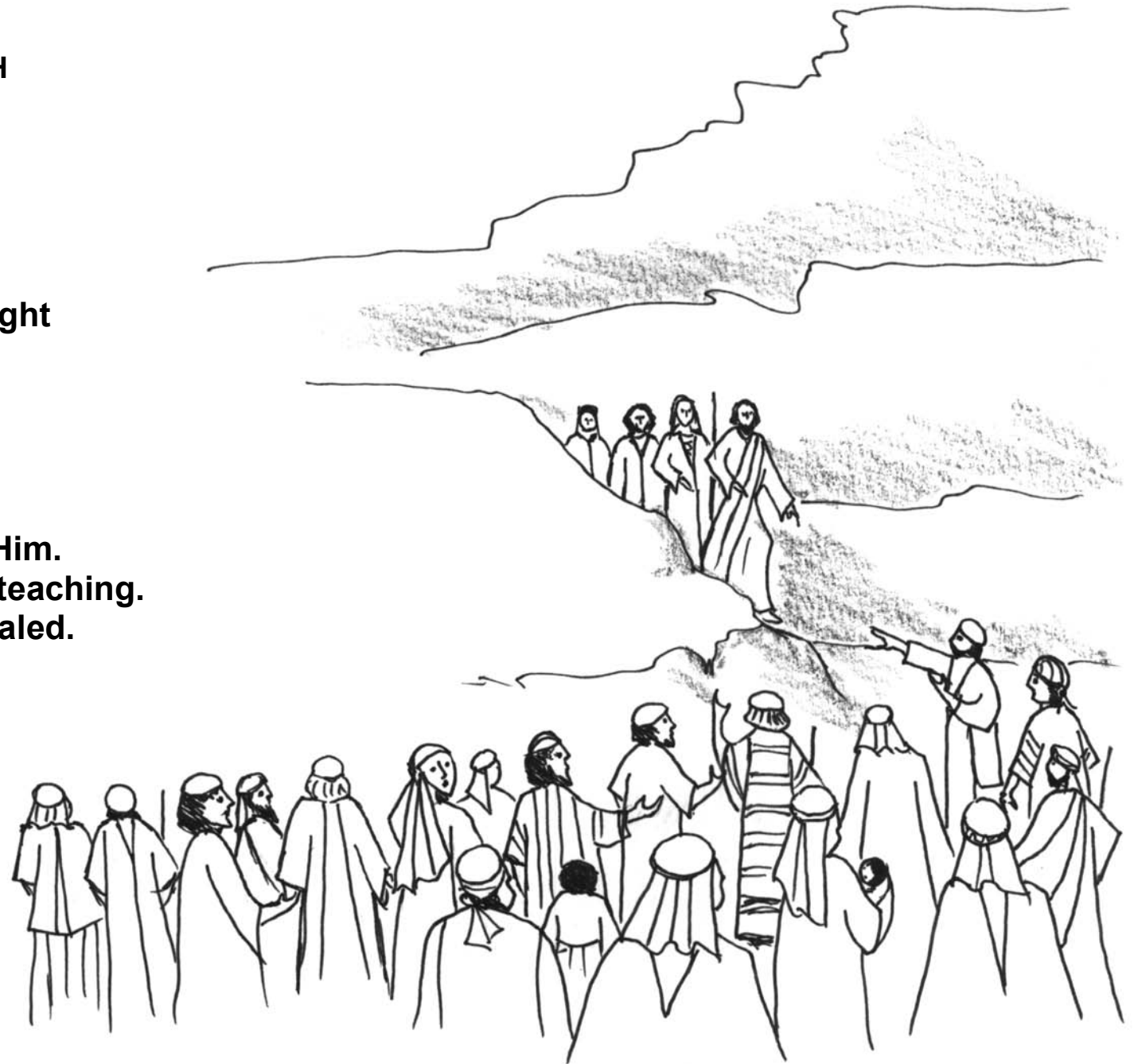
Matthew 8:5–13

## **AN OFFICERS' GREAT FAITH**

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**Jesus spent the whole night  
on a mountain  
praying to His Father.**

**In the morning,  
when He came down,  
a crowd was waiting for Him.  
They wanted to hear His teaching.  
The sick wanted to be healed.**



**When Jesus finished speaking  
and healing  
He went into the town.**

**Jewish leaders met Him there  
and said,  
'A Roman officer, who loves us  
and built a synagogue for us,  
has a servant who is dying.  
He loves his servant very much.  
Would you come and heal him?'**



**Jesus happily went with the leaders,  
but as they came near to the house,  
the officer sent another message  
saying,**

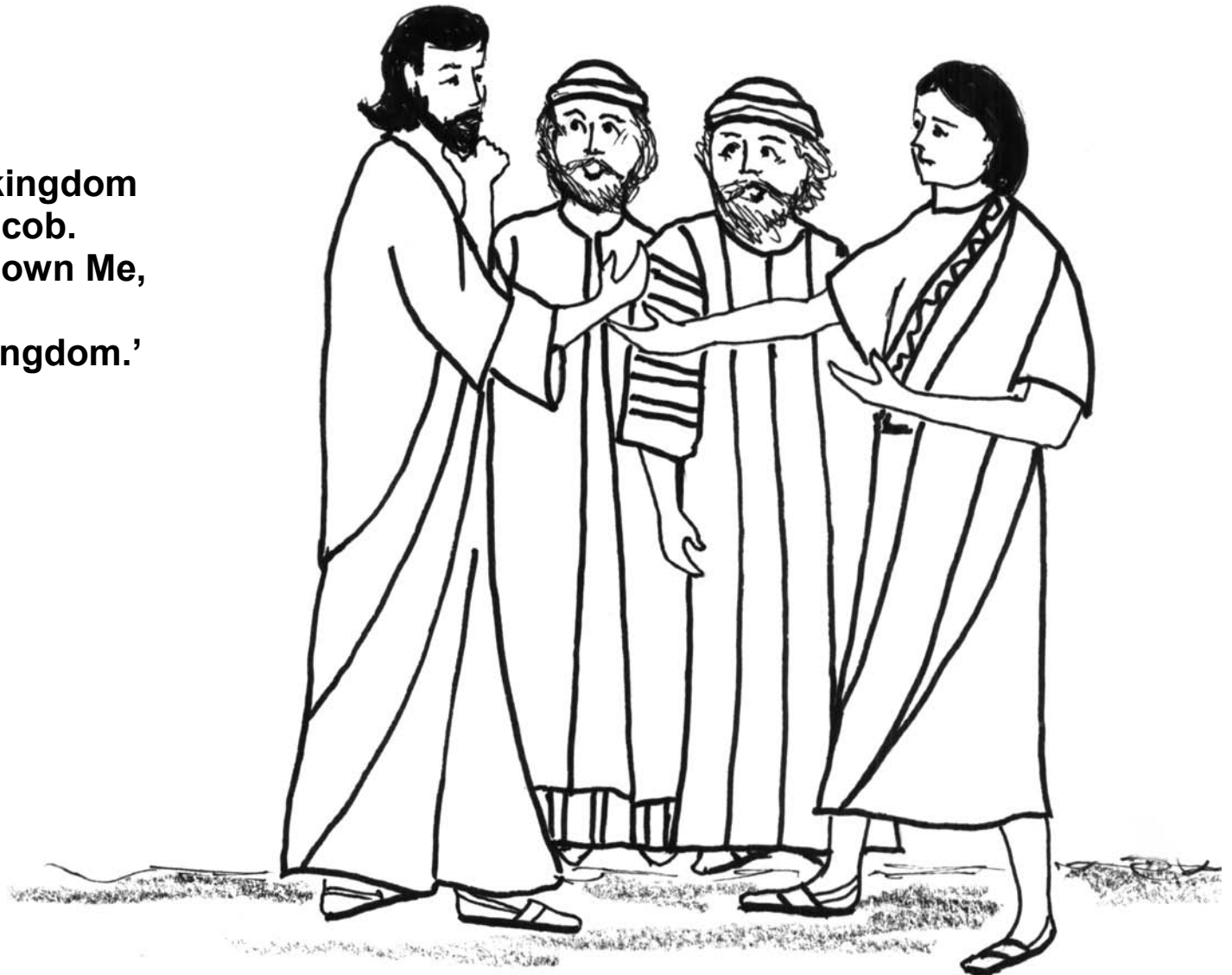
**‘Sir don’t come to me.  
I am not worthy for You  
to come to my house.  
Just tell the sickness to go away  
and I know  
that my servant will be well.**

**‘I am like You,  
I am told what to do  
and I tell my soldiers what to do.  
They obey me.  
Your Father loves You.  
He tells You what to do  
and You love to do  
what He tells You.’**



**Jesus was surprised and said,  
'This man has faith in God.  
I haven't seen faith like this before,  
not even in Israel.**

**'There will be people  
like this Gentile Officer  
who will be in My Father's kingdom  
with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.  
Others who should have known Me,  
but do not believe Me,  
will not be in My Father's kingdom.'**



**When Jesus finished speaking,  
the messengers hurried back  
to the Roman officer.  
They wanted to tell him  
all that Jesus said.**

**What did they see  
when they got to the house?**

**The servant who had been sick,  
was well and working again.**

**Jesus had healed him.**



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LUKE 7:11-30

**'SIGHT FOR THE BLIND, GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR'**

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**A crowd was following Jesus.  
As they came into the town  
Jesus saw a mother who was very sad.**

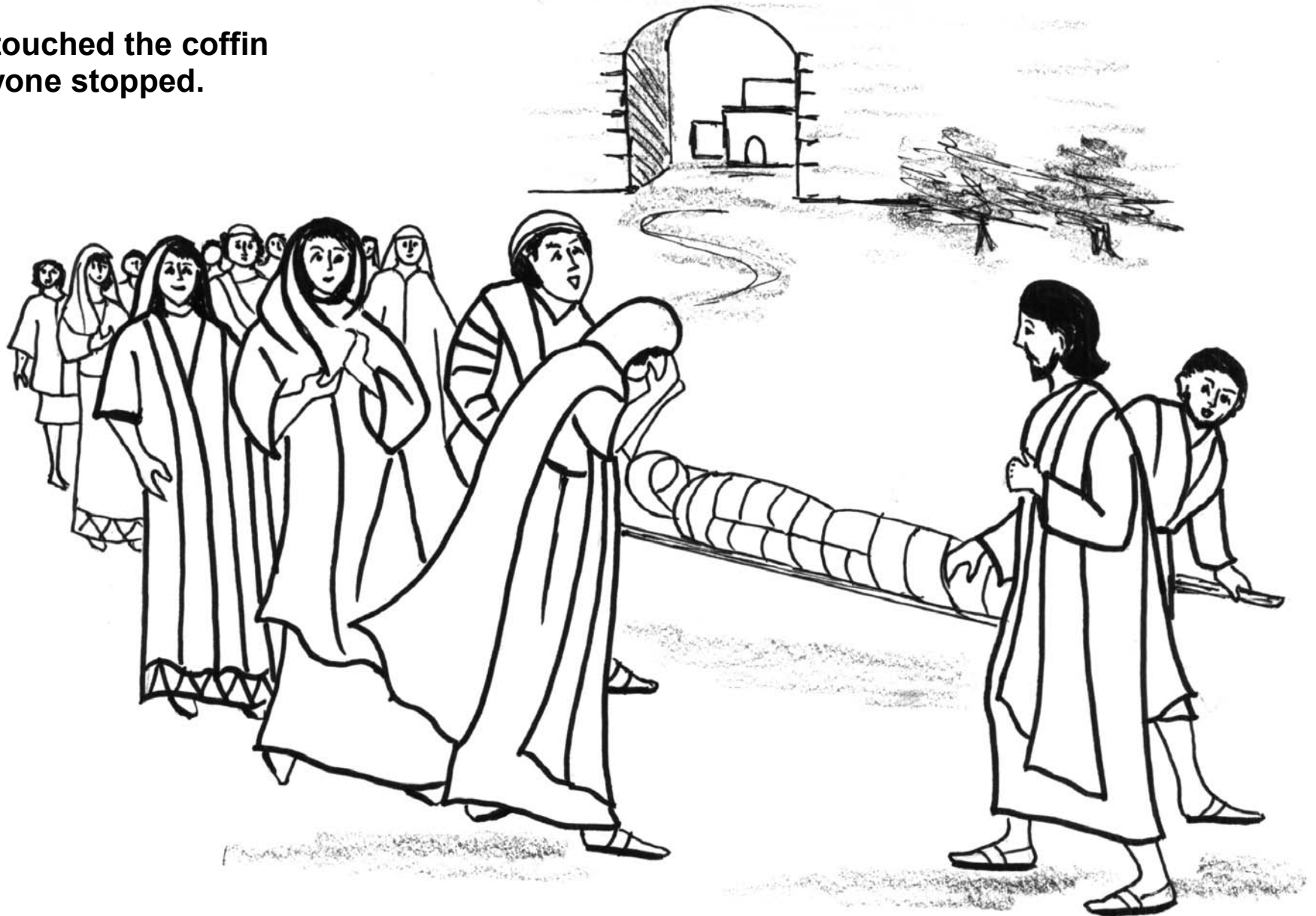
**The mother was crying.  
Her only son had died.  
She and her friends were following the coffin.**





**Jesus said to the sad lady,  
'Don't cry.'**

**Then He touched the coffin  
and everyone stopped.**



**Speaking to the dead man  
Jesus said,  
'Young man, get up!'**

**The young man sat up  
and started talking.  
Jesus gave him back  
to his mother.**

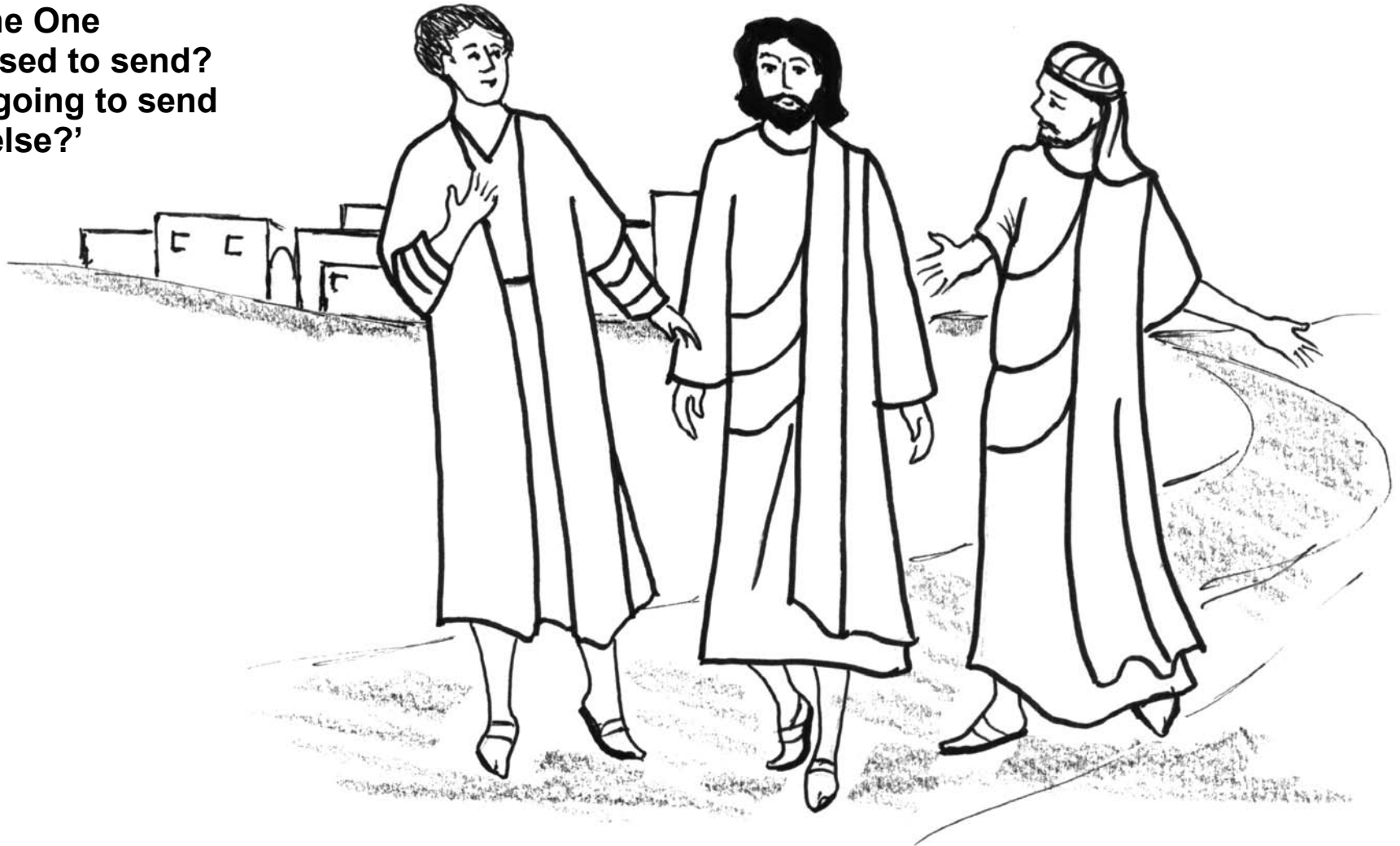
**Everyone was amazed.**

**They praised God and said,  
'God has come  
to help His people.'**

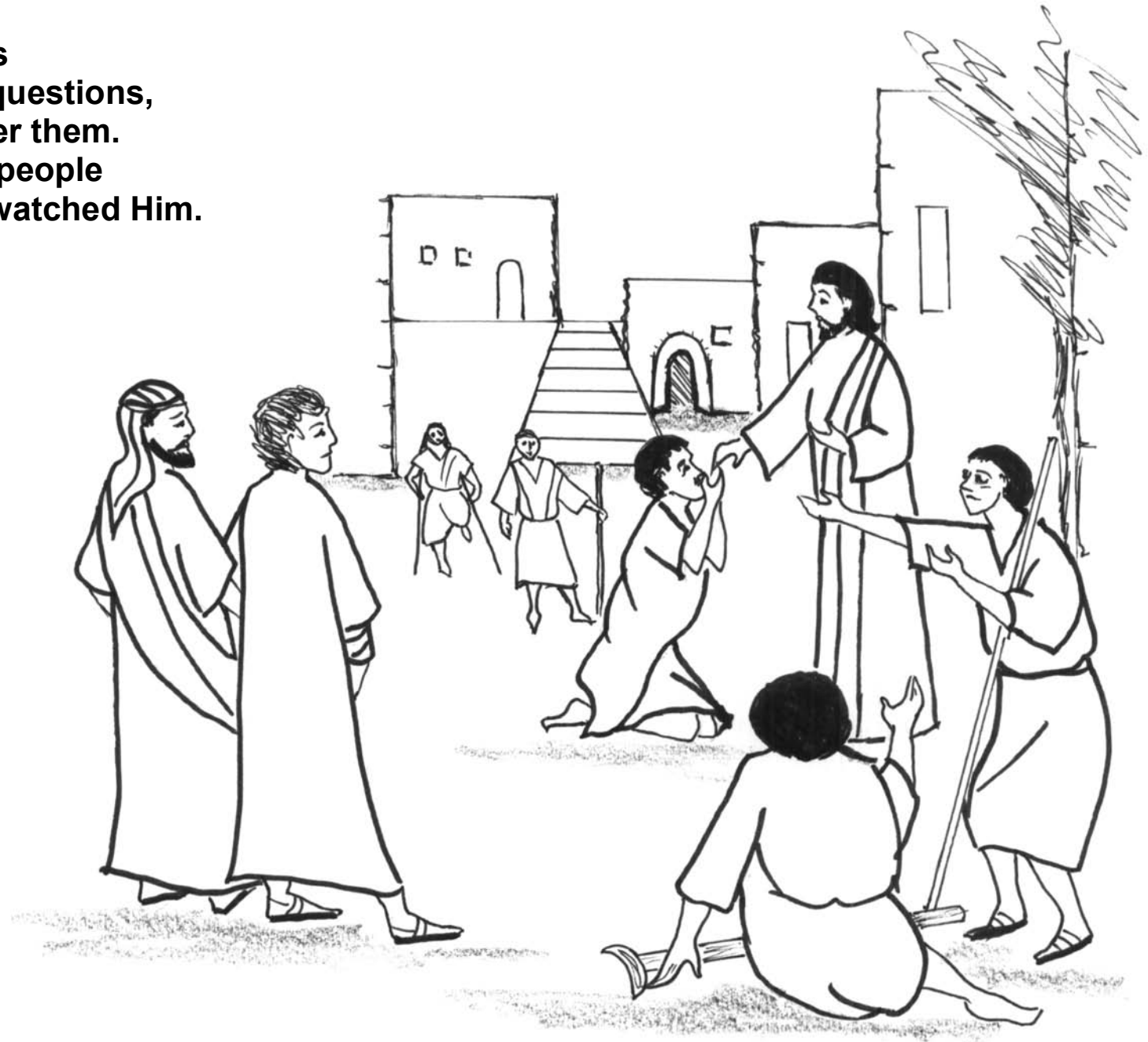


**John the Baptist was in prison  
when he heard about the things  
Jesus was doing.**

**He sent his friends to Jesus  
and they asked,  
'Are you the One  
God promised to send?  
Or is God going to send  
someone else?'**



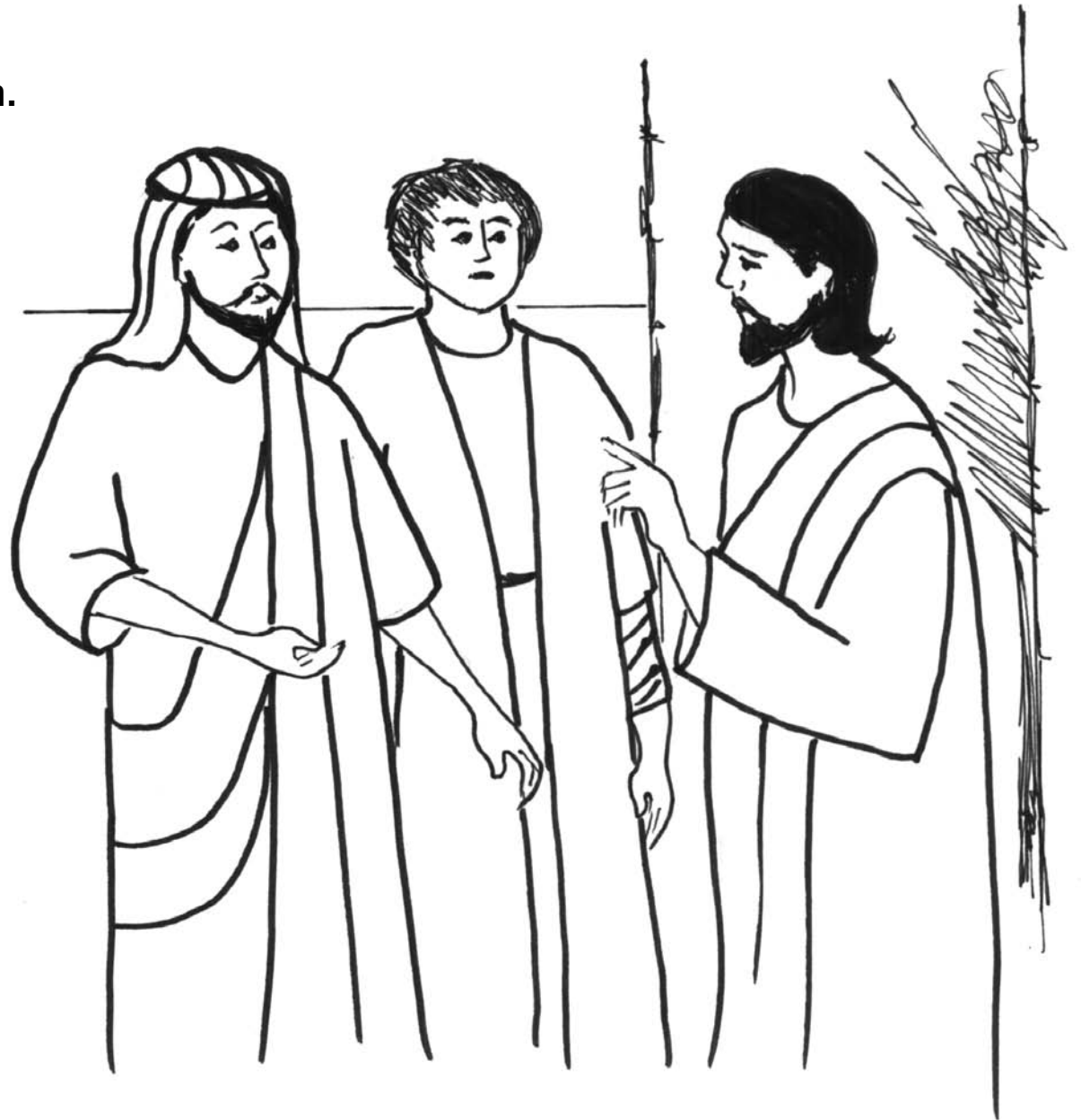
**When John's friends  
asked Jesus these questions,  
Jesus did not answer them.  
He went on healing people  
and John's friends watched Him.**



**Then Jesus said,  
'Go and tell John what you have seen.  
The blind people see again,  
the deaf people hear,  
lame men walk,  
sick people are made well,  
the dead are raised up,  
and the poor people  
hear Jesus' good news.'**

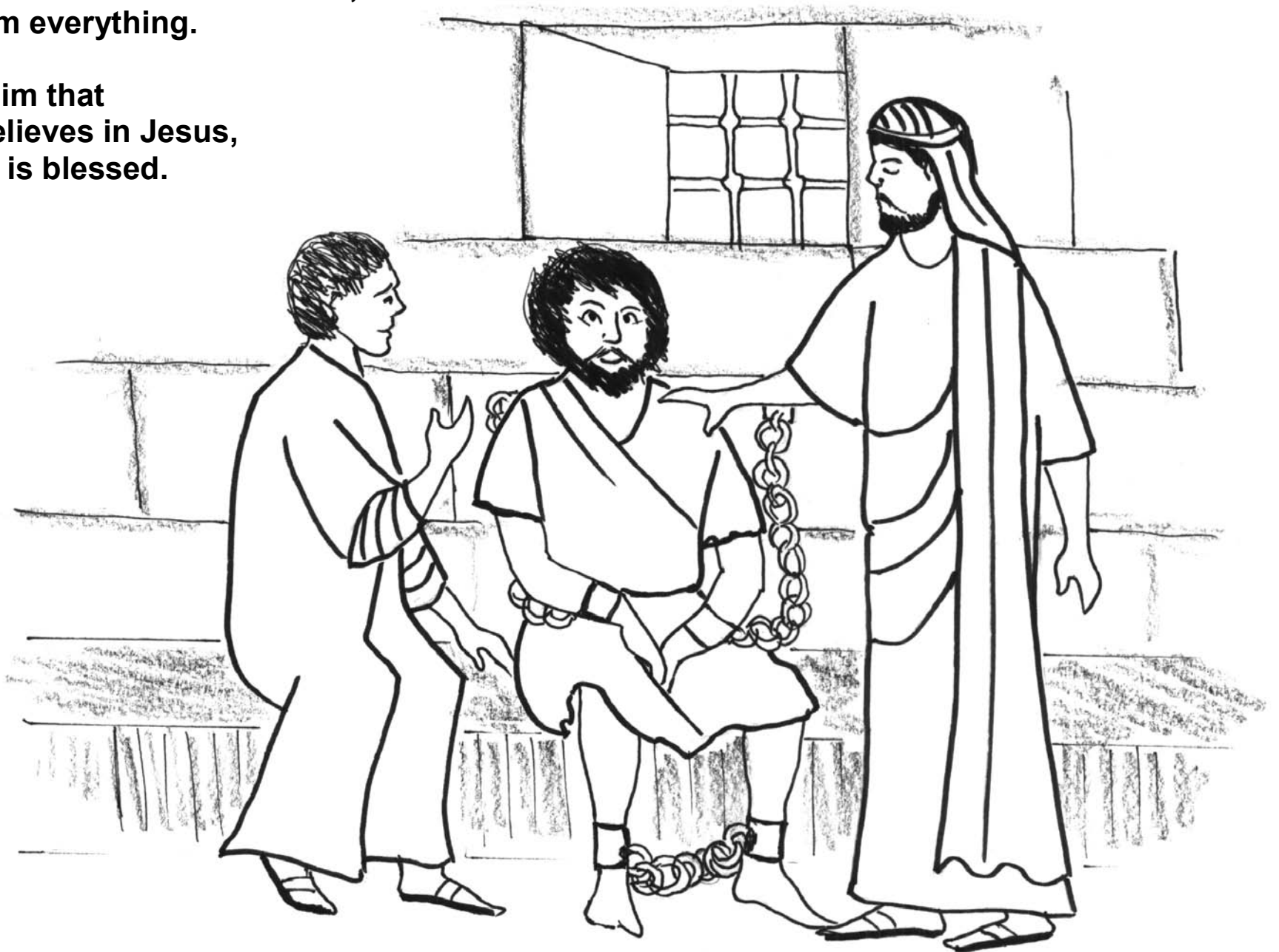
**Jesus was doing what the prophet,  
Isaiah, said would happen,  
when God's Son came to earth.**

**Jesus said to John's friends,  
'Go and tell John that  
whoever believes in Me is blessed.'**



**John's friends hurried back to him,  
and told him everything.**

**They told him that  
whoever believes in Jesus,  
God's Son, is blessed.**



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***JESUS CALMS THE STORM /  
JESUS MAKES A WILD MAN QUIET***

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**LUKE 8:22–39**

Matthew 8:23–34 Mark 4:35 — 5:20,

**JESUS CALMS THE STORM /  
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**After teaching all day  
Jesus said to His disciples,  
‘Let’s go to the other side of the lake.’**

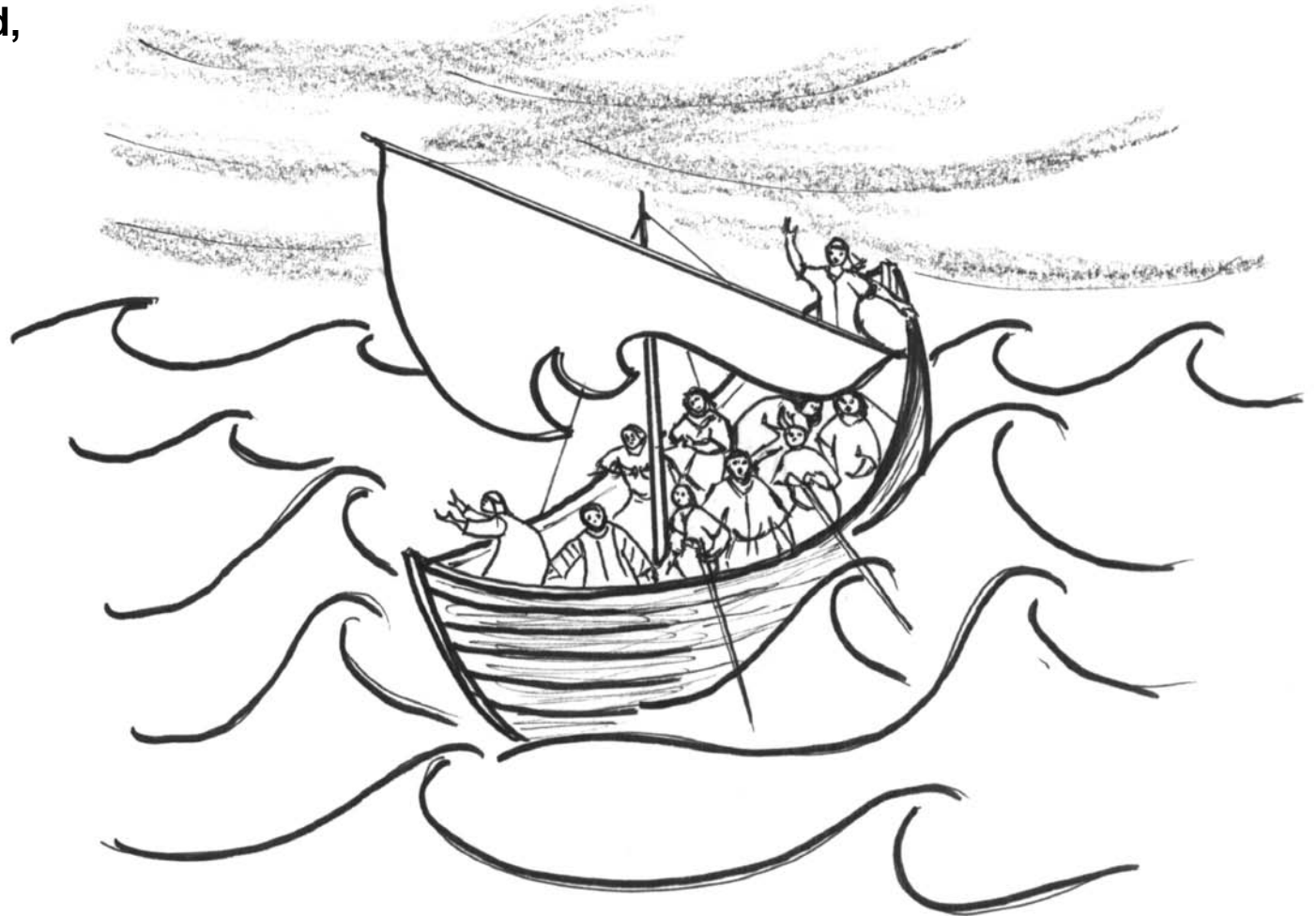
**Jesus was so tired  
that when He got into the boat  
He lay down and went to sleep.**





**Suddenly, a big wind blew  
and the sea became rough.  
Water began to fill the boat  
and they were in danger.**

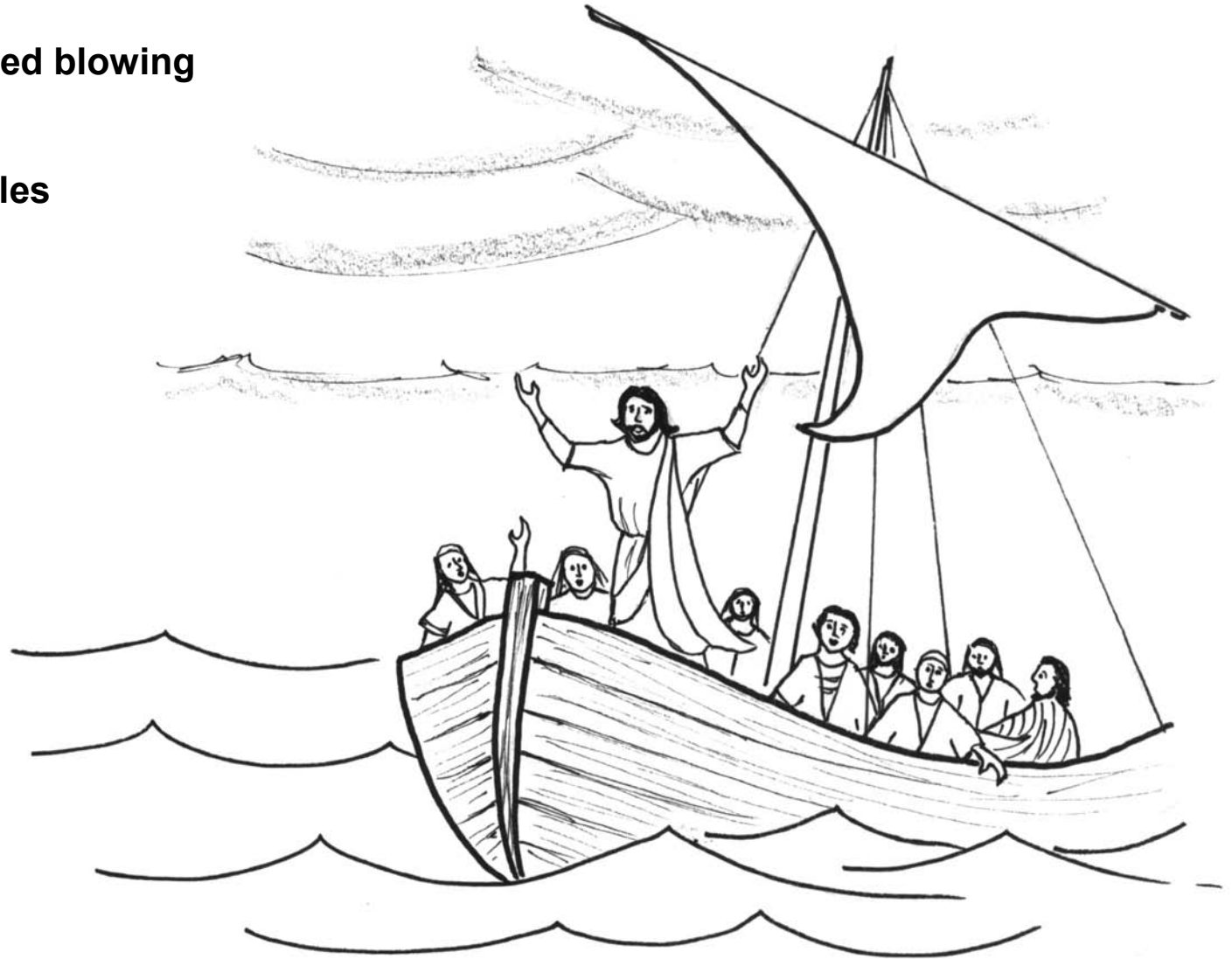
**The disciples  
woke Jesus up and shouted,  
'Master,  
we are going to drown!'**



**Jesus stood up and spoke  
to the wind and the waves saying,  
'Be quiet! Lie down!'**

**Amazingly, the wind stopped blowing  
and the sea became calm.**

**Jesus looked at His disciples  
and asked,  
'Where is your faith?'**

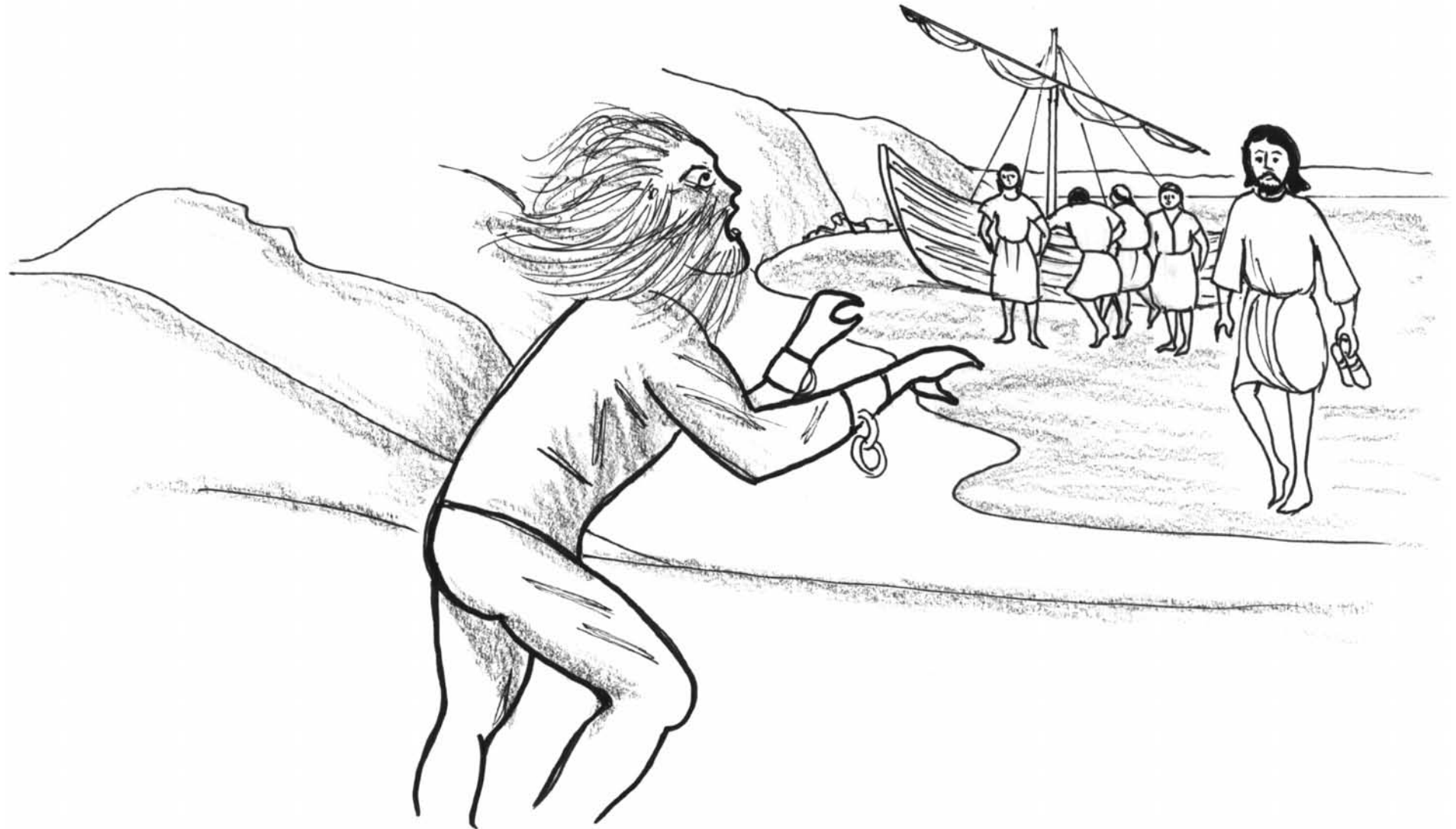


**The disciples were afraid  
and said to each other,  
'What kind of man is this?  
Even the wind  
and the waves obey Him!'**



**When they reached the other side of the lake,  
a madman came running up to Jesus.**

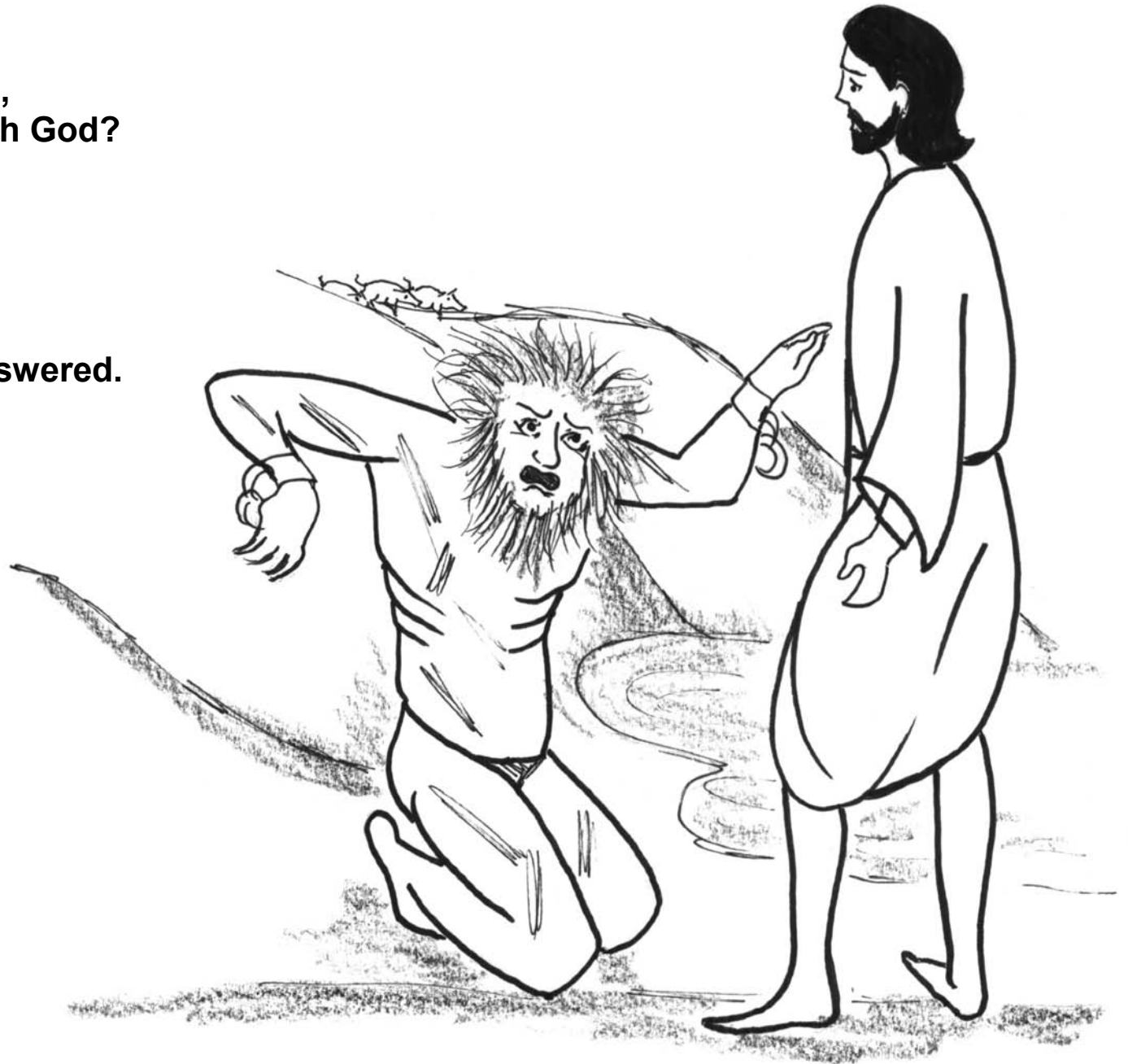
**Evil Spirits lived in this man and made him wild.  
He didn't wear clothes and lived among the graves.**



**He fell down at Jesus' feet  
and shouted angrily,  
'Why have you come to me,  
Jesus, Son of the Most High God?  
You are tormenting me.'**

**'What is your name?'  
Jesus asked.**

**'My name is Legion,' he answered.  
Meaning many of us.  
'Don't send us away.  
Let us go into those pigs.'**



**Jesus did what they asked  
and sent the wicked spirits  
into the pigs.  
The pigs became wild,  
ran into the sea  
and drowned.**



**The keepers of the pigs  
saw what happened.  
They ran to the town  
and told everyone.  
Everyone came to see,  
and there was the man  
sitting at Jesus' feet.  
He was dressed and quiet.**

**You would think  
everyone would be happy.  
Instead they were afraid  
and said to Jesus,  
'Go away from us.'**



**The man wanted to stay with Jesus,  
but Jesus said,  
'Go home.  
Tell your people the great things  
God has done for you.'**





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Matthew 9:18–26; Luke 8:40–56

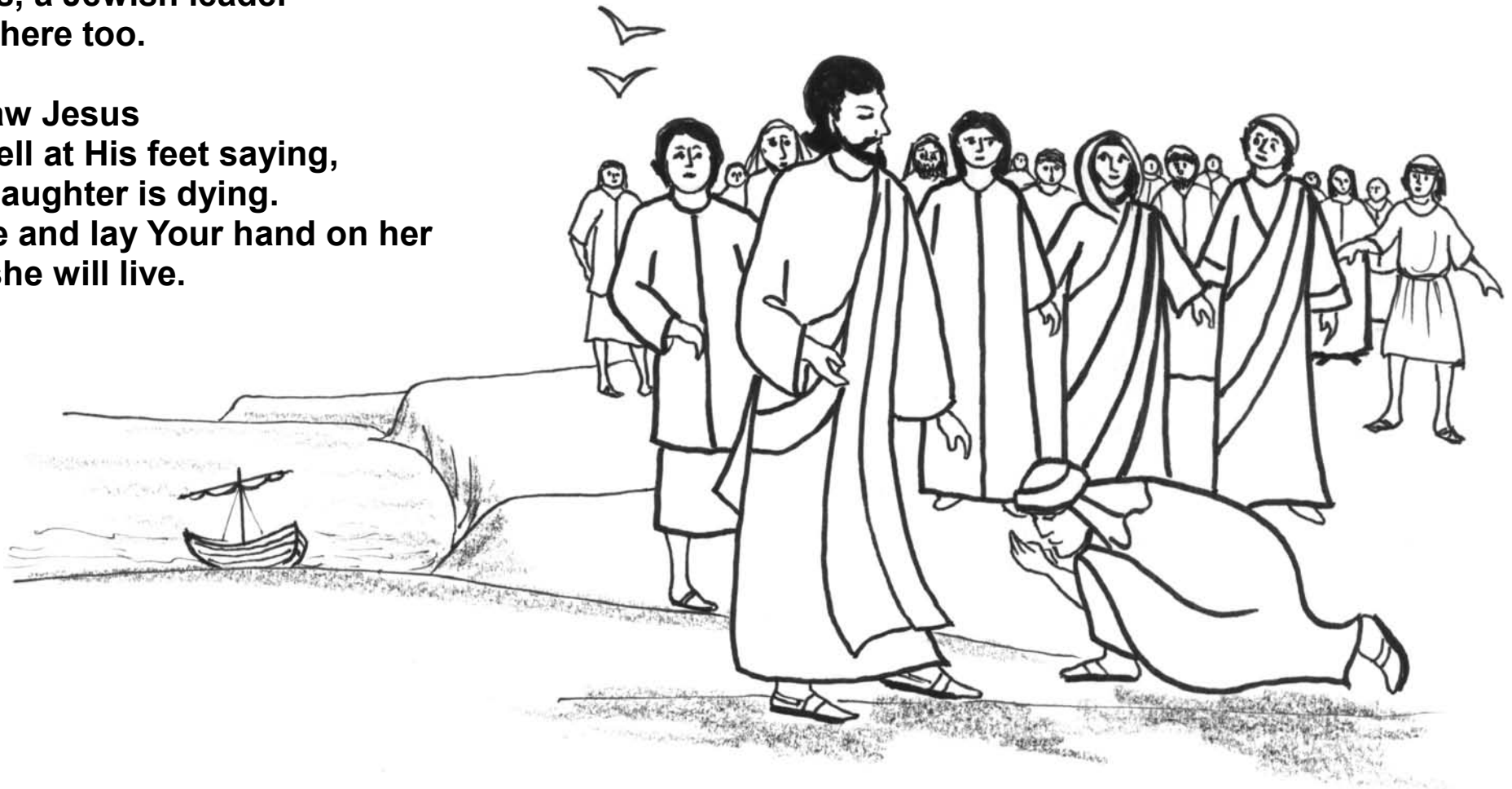
**DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS**

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**A crowd was waiting for Jesus  
by the lake.**

**Jairus, a Jewish leader  
was there too.**

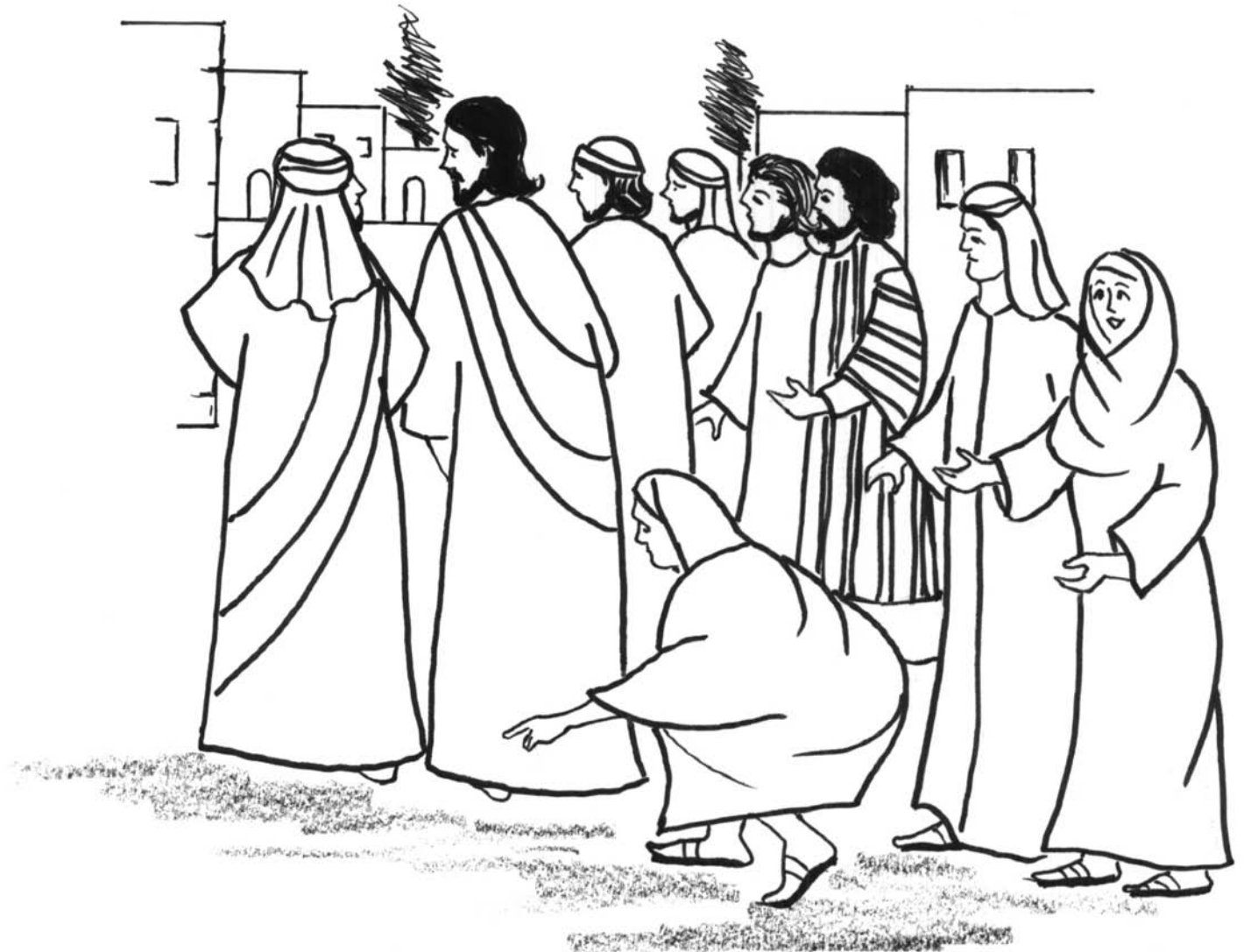
**He saw Jesus  
and fell at His feet saying,  
'My daughter is dying.  
Come and lay Your hand on her  
and she will live.'**



**Jesus started walking  
with Jairus to his house.  
He could not walk fast  
because the crowd  
was all around Him.**

**Then a lady who had  
been sick for a long time  
came up behind Jesus.  
She touched the edge  
of His coat.**

**She had said to herself,  
'If I just touch His clothes,  
I will be made well.'**

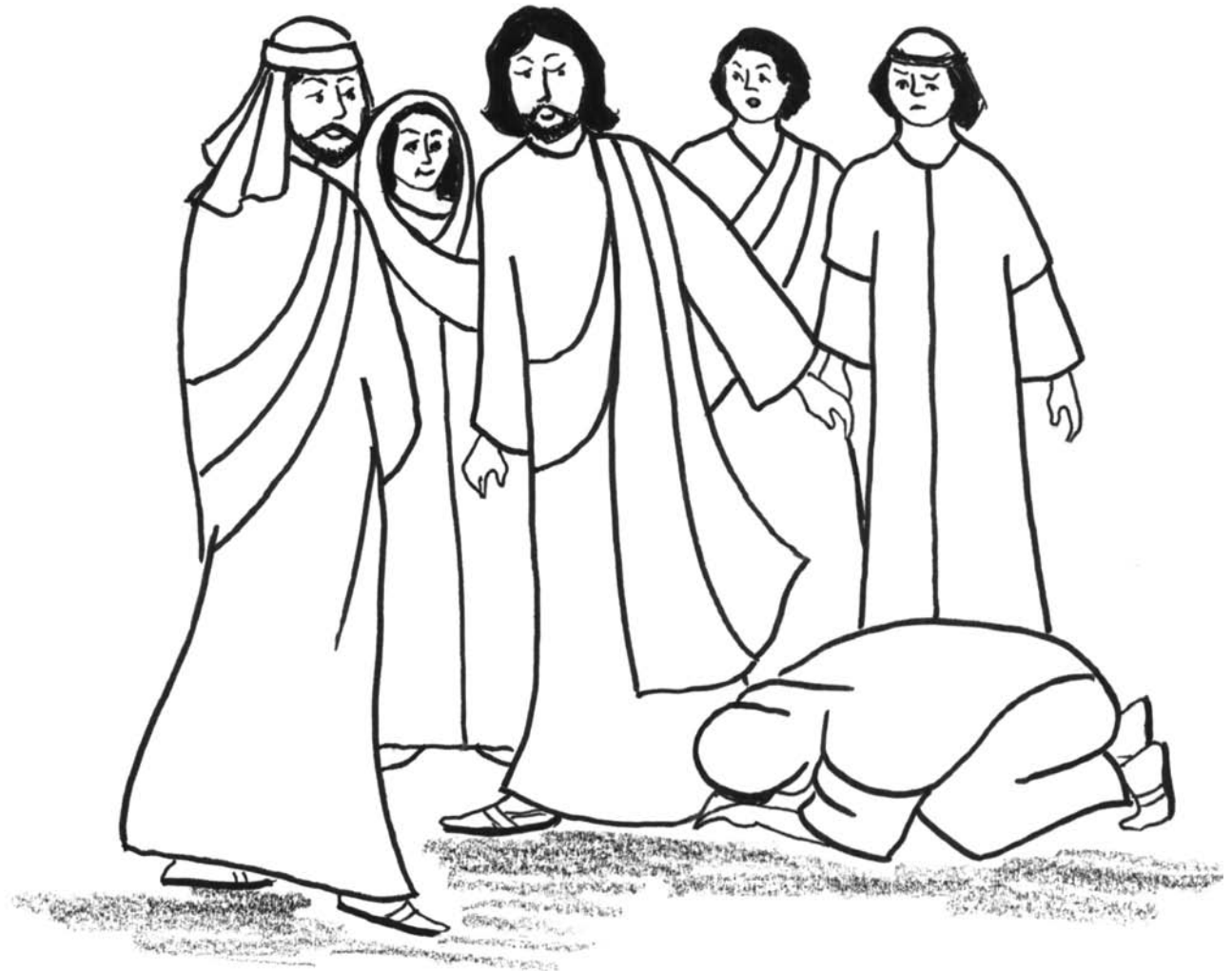


**As she touched Jesus' coat  
the lady was made well  
and Jesus felt power go from Him.**

**He stopped and asked,  
'Who touched Me.'**

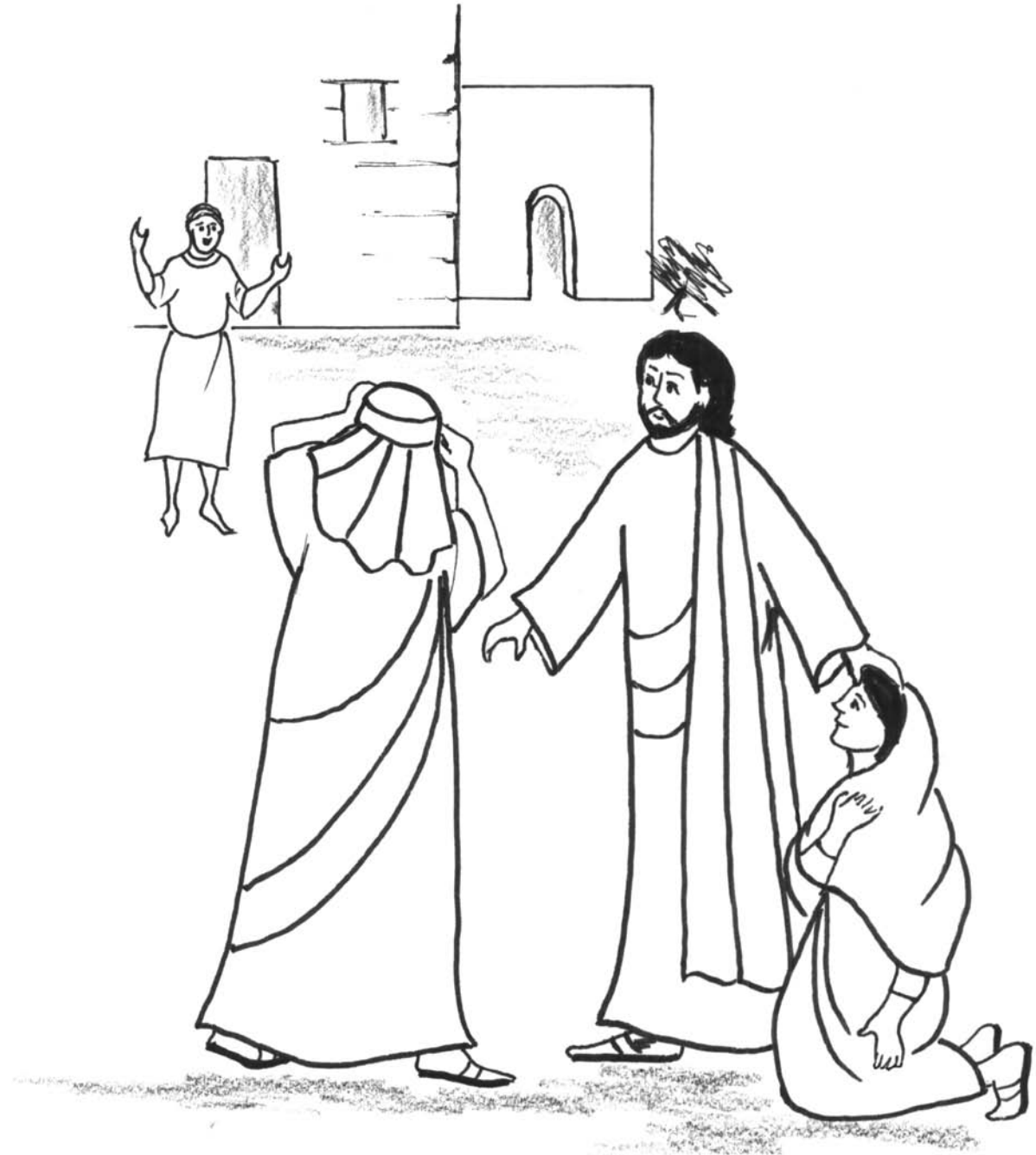
**The lady was frightened  
but she fell at His feet  
and told Him it was her.**

**Jesus said,  
'Dear lady,  
your faith has made you well,  
go in peace.'**



**Just then a friend from  
Jairus' house arrived saying,  
'Your daughter is dead.  
Don't worry Jesus any more.'**

**Jesus heard him and said,  
'Don't be afraid.  
Only believe,  
and she will be well.'**



**Jesus arrived at  
Jairus' home and took  
Peter, James, John,  
the girl's father  
and mother  
into the house.  
People were there crying.**

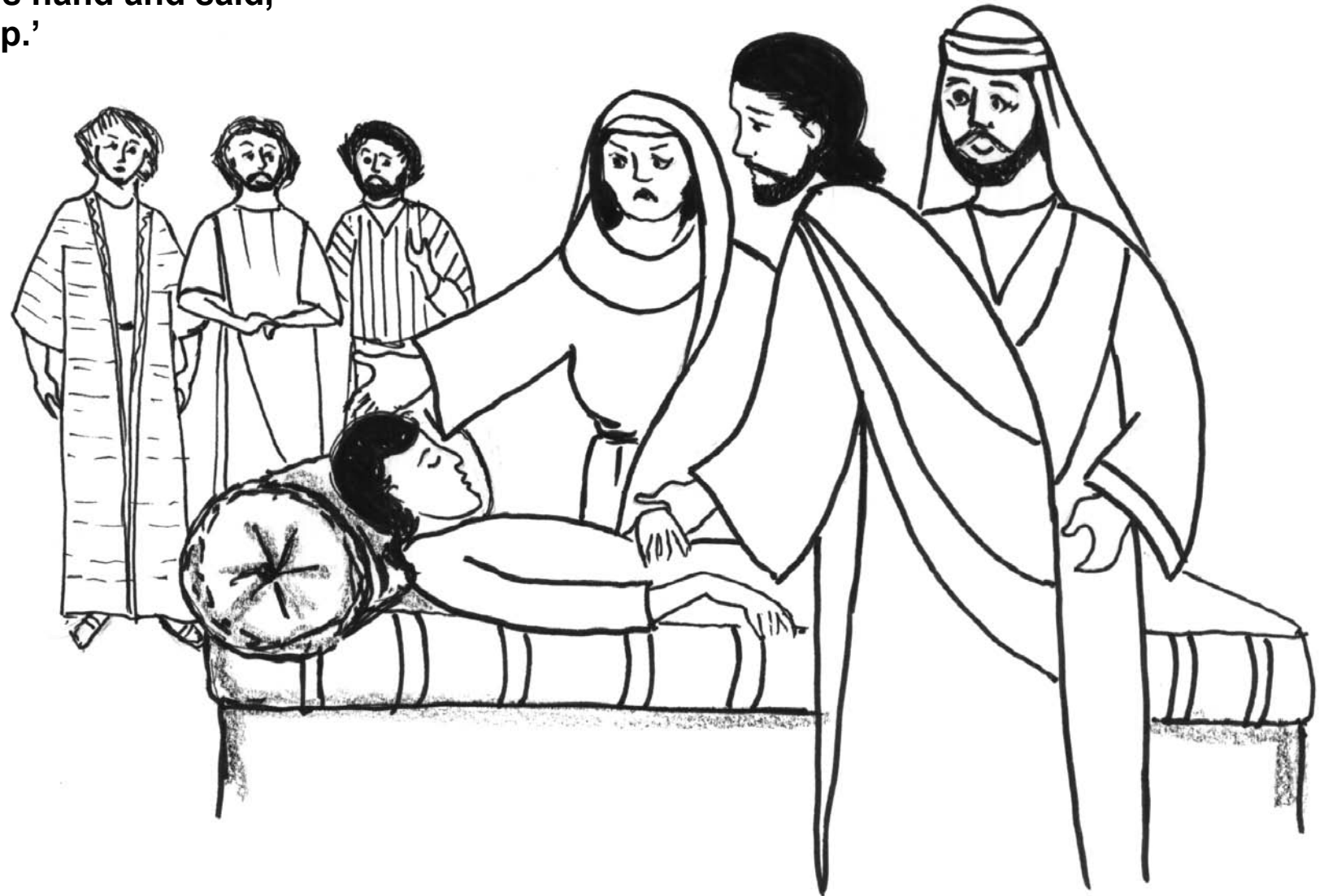
**Jesus said to them,  
'What is all this noise?  
Don't cry.  
She is not dead.  
She is sleeping.'**

**No one believed Him.**



**Jesus sent everyone out of the house.  
He went into the room with  
the girl's father, mother and disciples.**

**He took the girl's hand and said,  
'Little girl, get up.'**



**The little girl opened her eyes,  
got up and began walking.**

**‘Don’t tell anyone about this,’  
said Jesus.  
‘Give her something to eat.’**

**Jairus and his wife  
were amazed.  
They saw God’s kindness  
and mercy to them.**





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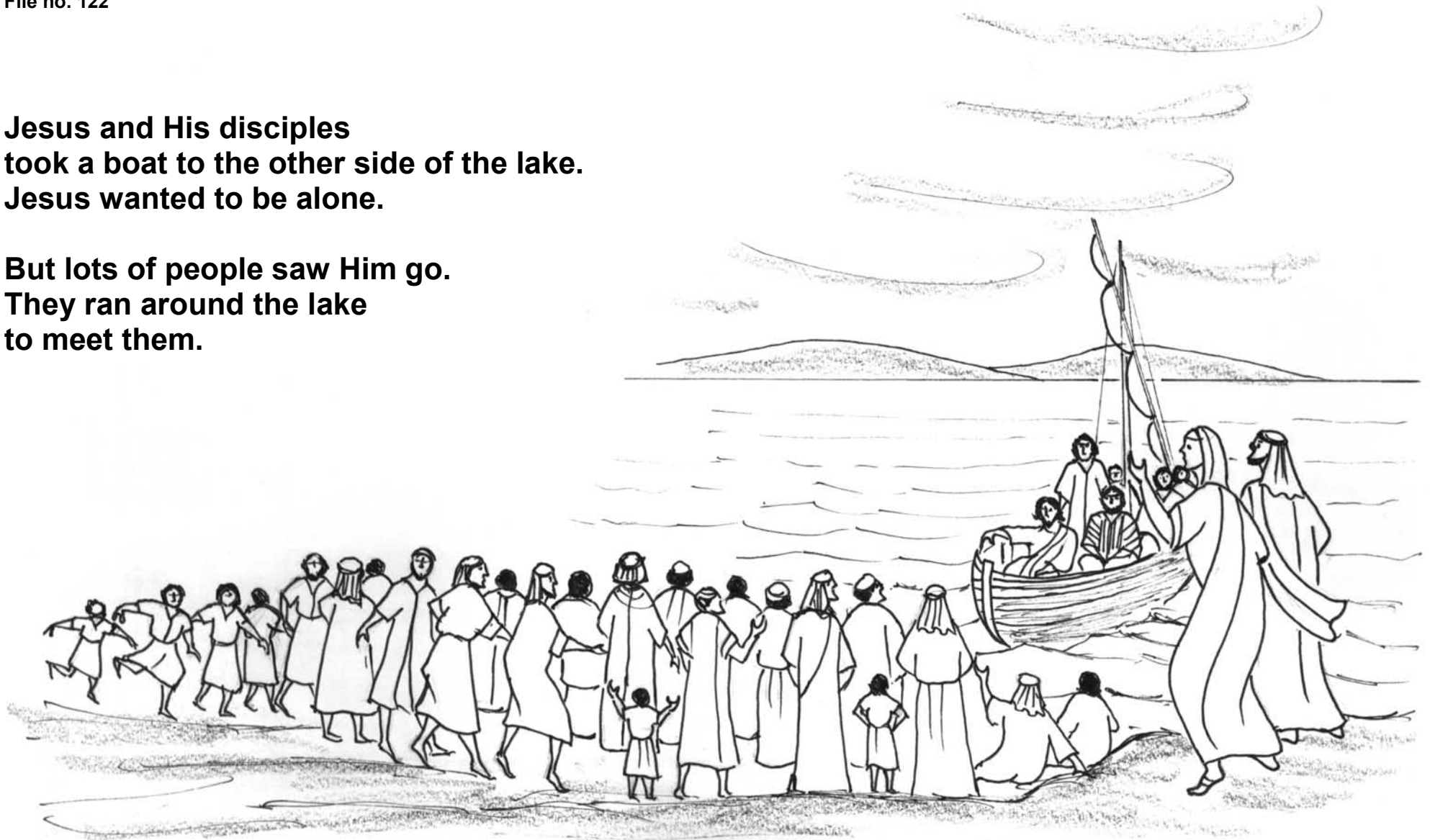
Mark 6:31–46; Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–15

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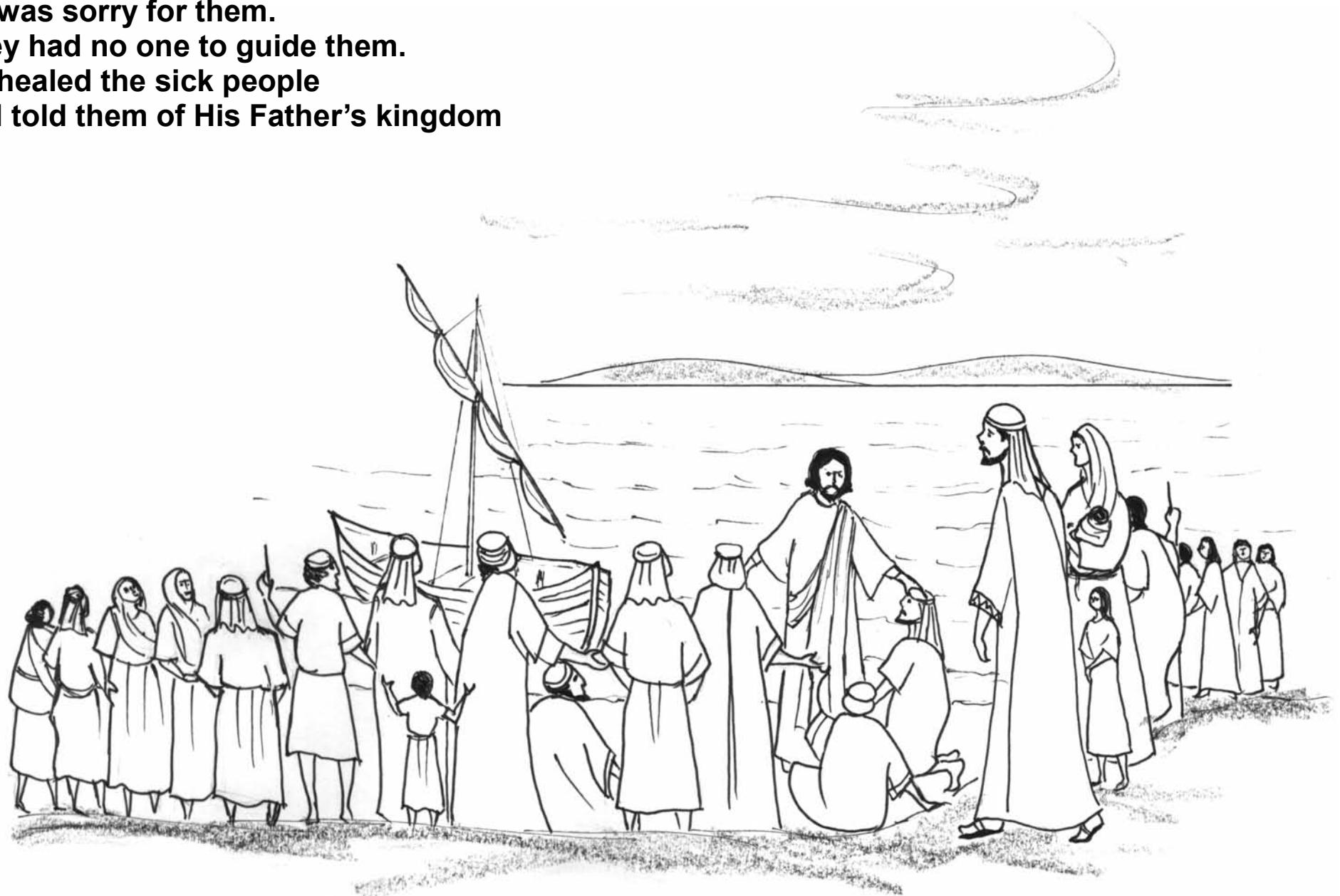
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**Jesus and His disciples  
took a boat to the other side of the lake.  
Jesus wanted to be alone.**

**But lots of people saw Him go.  
They ran around the lake  
to meet them.**



**When Jesus saw the people  
He was sorry for them.  
They had no one to guide them.  
He healed the sick people  
and told them of His Father's kingdom**



**At the end of the day  
everyone was hungry.**

**The disciples said to Jesus,  
'It is getting late.  
Nobody lives here.  
Send the people away.  
They can go to the  
towns and buy food.'**

**Jesus answered.  
'They don't need to go.  
You give them  
some food.'**

**They said,  
'We have only  
five loaves  
and two fish.  
Not enough for  
all these people.'**



**Jesus said,  
'Bring the food to Me,  
and tell the people to sit down  
on the grass.'**

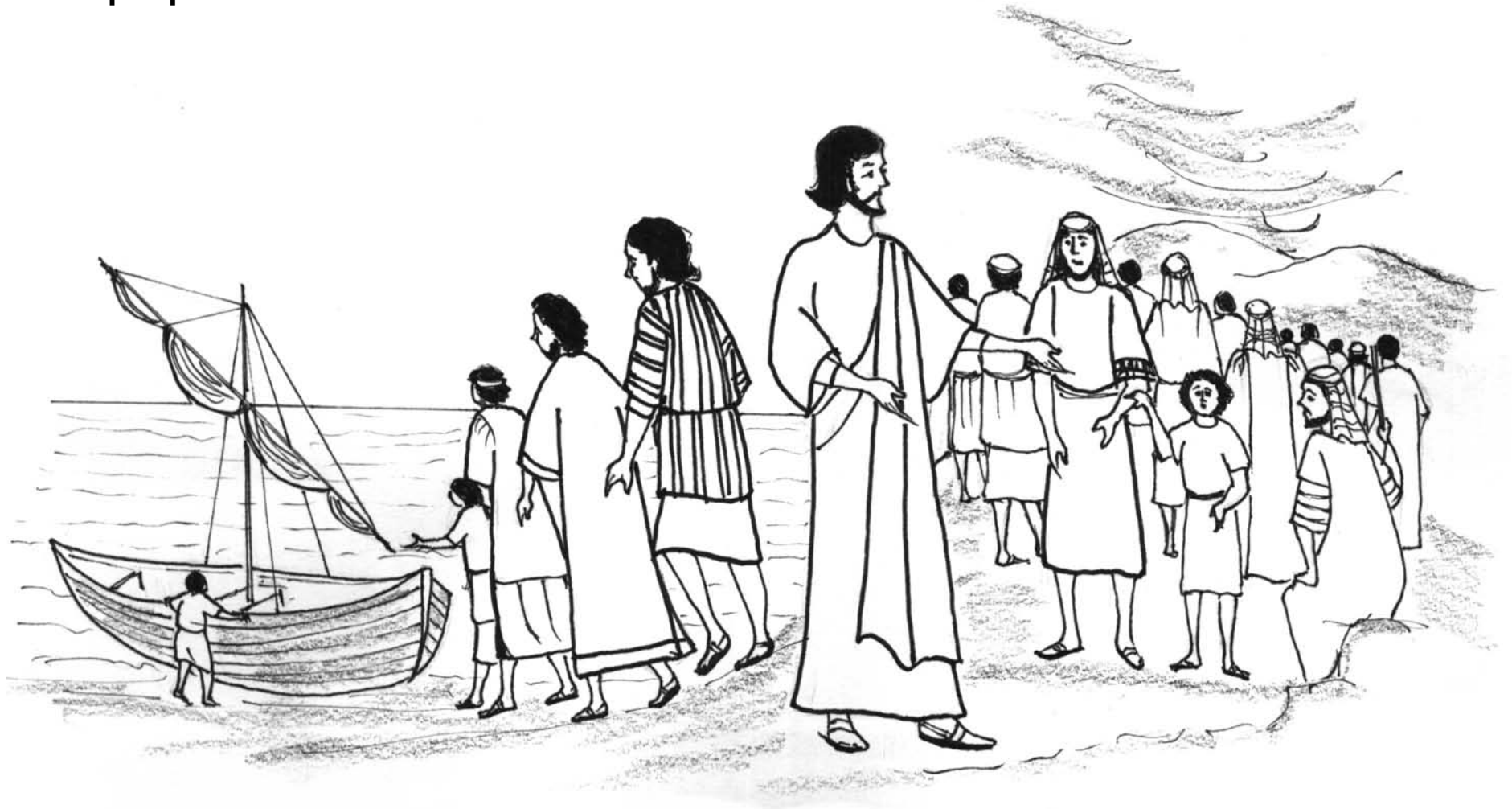
**When everyone was sitting,  
Jesus took the loaves and fish,  
looked up to heaven,  
blessed the food  
and broke it into pieces.  
He gave it to the disciples  
and they shared it  
among the people.**



**Five thousand men  
plus women and children  
had plenty to eat.  
The food left over  
filled twelve big baskets.**



**After everyone had finished  
Jesus sent His disciples  
away in the boat  
and the people to their homes.**





**He went up into the hills  
to be alone with God His Father.**

**Jesus showed  
that He could give them bread  
for their daily needs.**

**He went on to say  
that He would do  
even more than this.  
He would give His body for us,  
so we could be forgiven.**





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## ***WALKING ON THE SEA***

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**MATTHEW 14:22–33**

Mark 6:45–52; John 6:15–21

**WALKING ON THE SEA**

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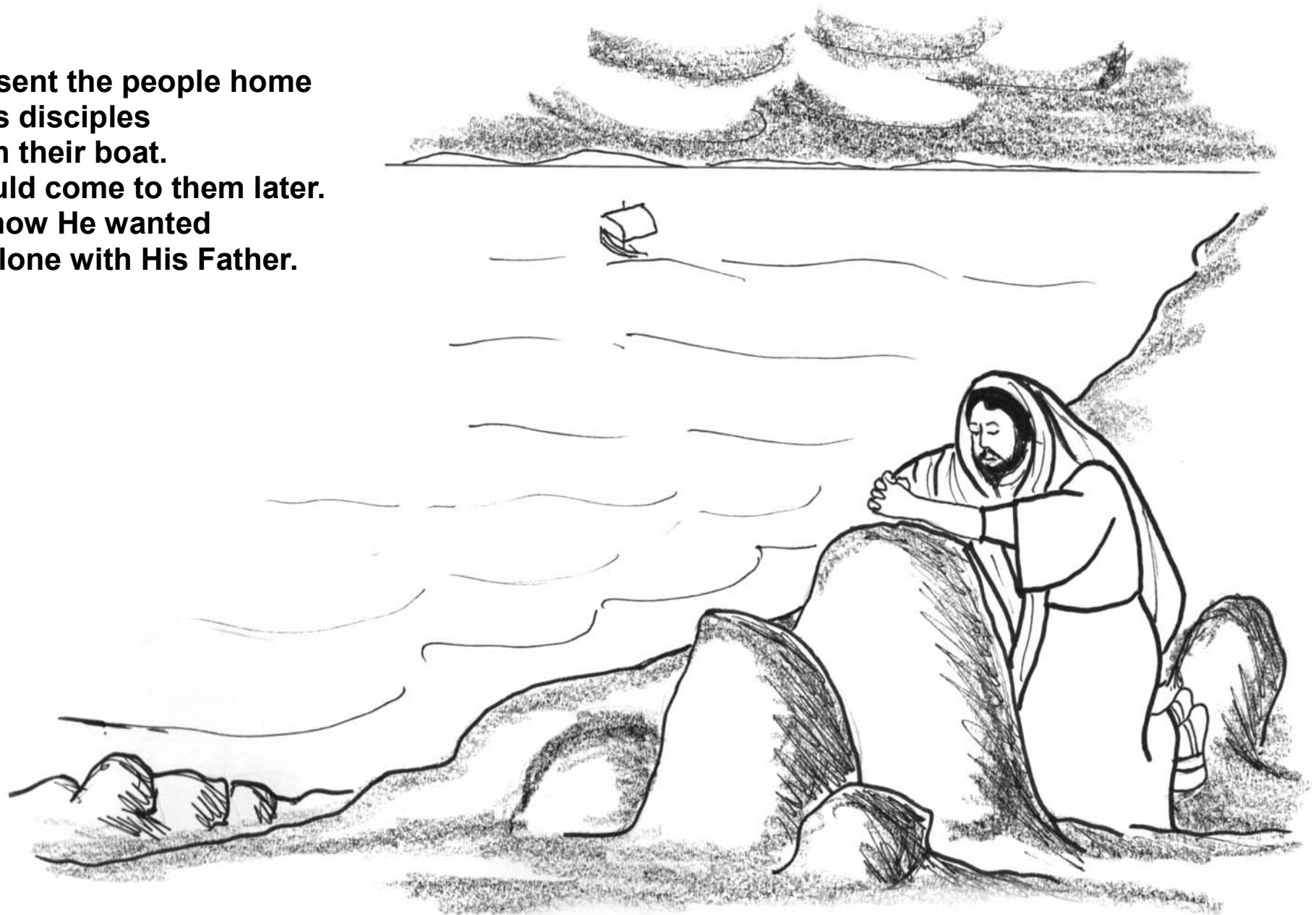
**Do you remember  
hearing about Jesus  
feeding five thousand people?**

**These people liked being fed  
and wanted to make  
Jesus their king.**

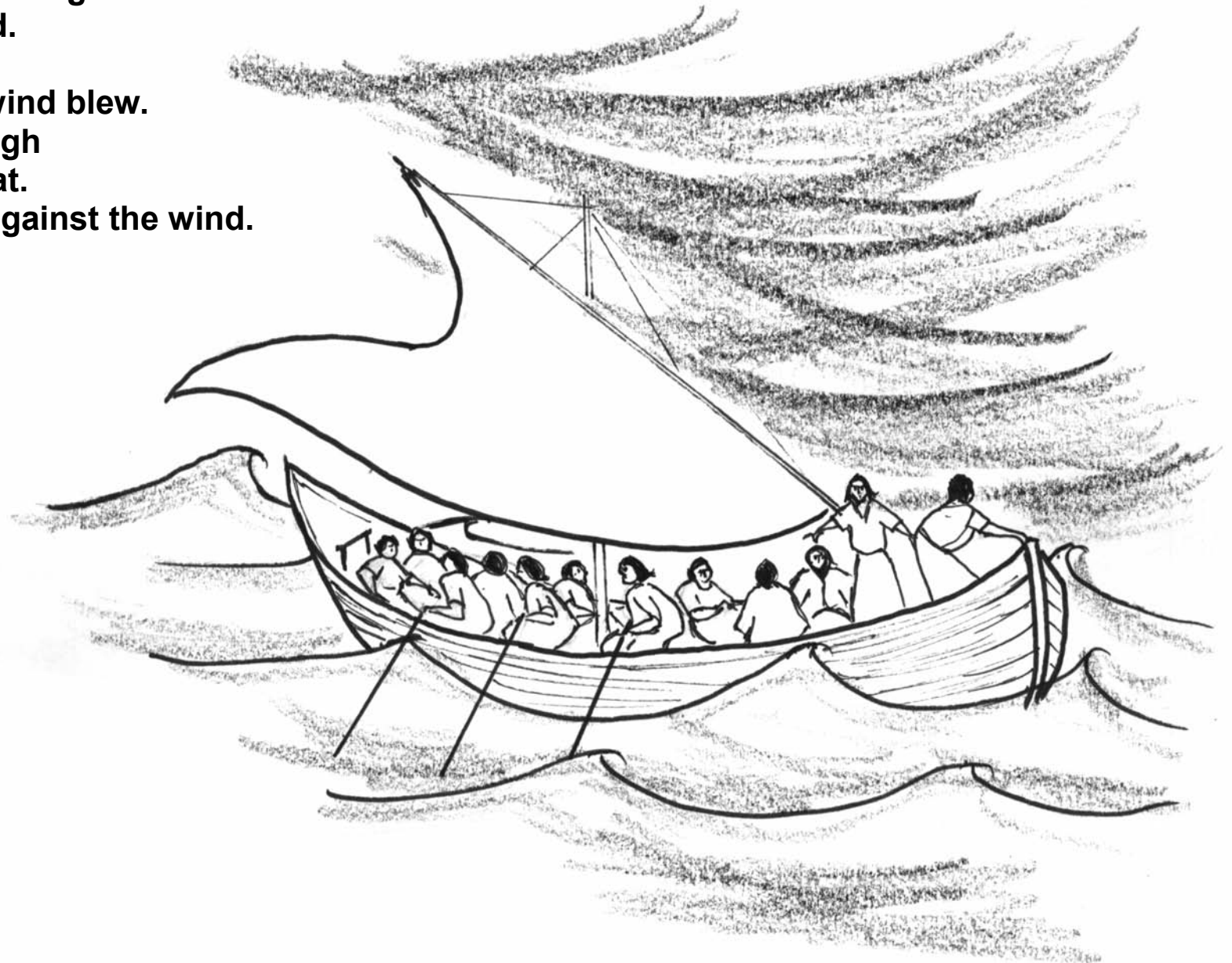
**But Jesus knew  
that the only way  
to be truly their king  
was to obey His Father  
and die for His people,  
so they could live forever.**



**Jesus sent the people home  
and His disciples  
away in their boat.  
He would come to them later.  
Right now He wanted  
to be alone with His Father.**



**Out on the lake  
the disciples were rowing their boat  
as fast as they could.  
It was getting dark.  
Suddenly a strong wind blew.  
The sea became rough  
and rocked their boat.  
It was hard rowing against the wind.**

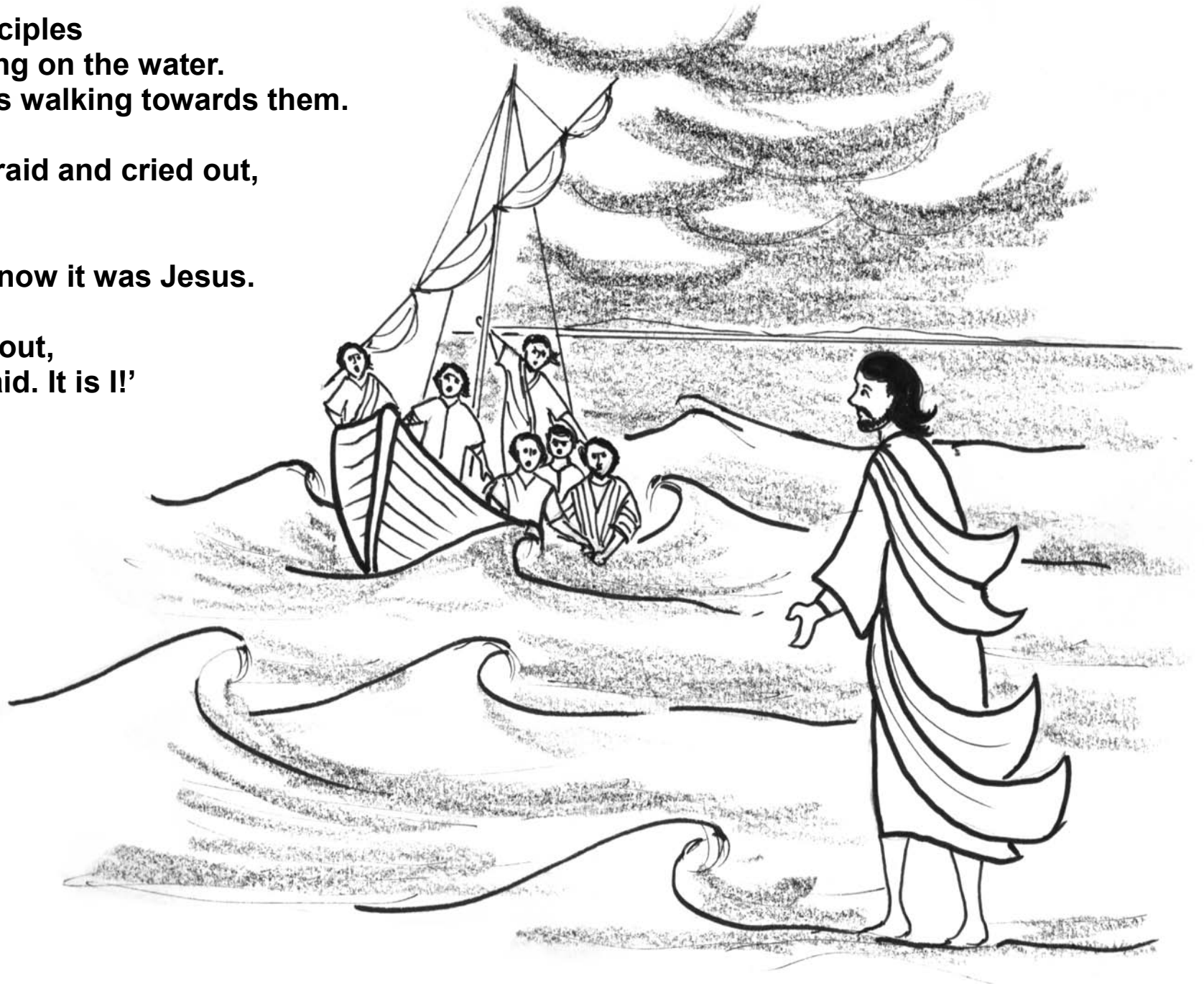


**Then, the disciples  
saw something on the water.  
Someone was walking towards them.**

**They were afraid and cried out,  
'It's a ghost!'**

**They didn't know it was Jesus.**

**Jesus called out,  
'Don't be afraid. It is I!'**





**Peter wanted to  
walk to Jesus on the water.**

**He called out,  
'Lord, if it is You,  
tell me to come to You.'**

**'Come,' said Jesus.**

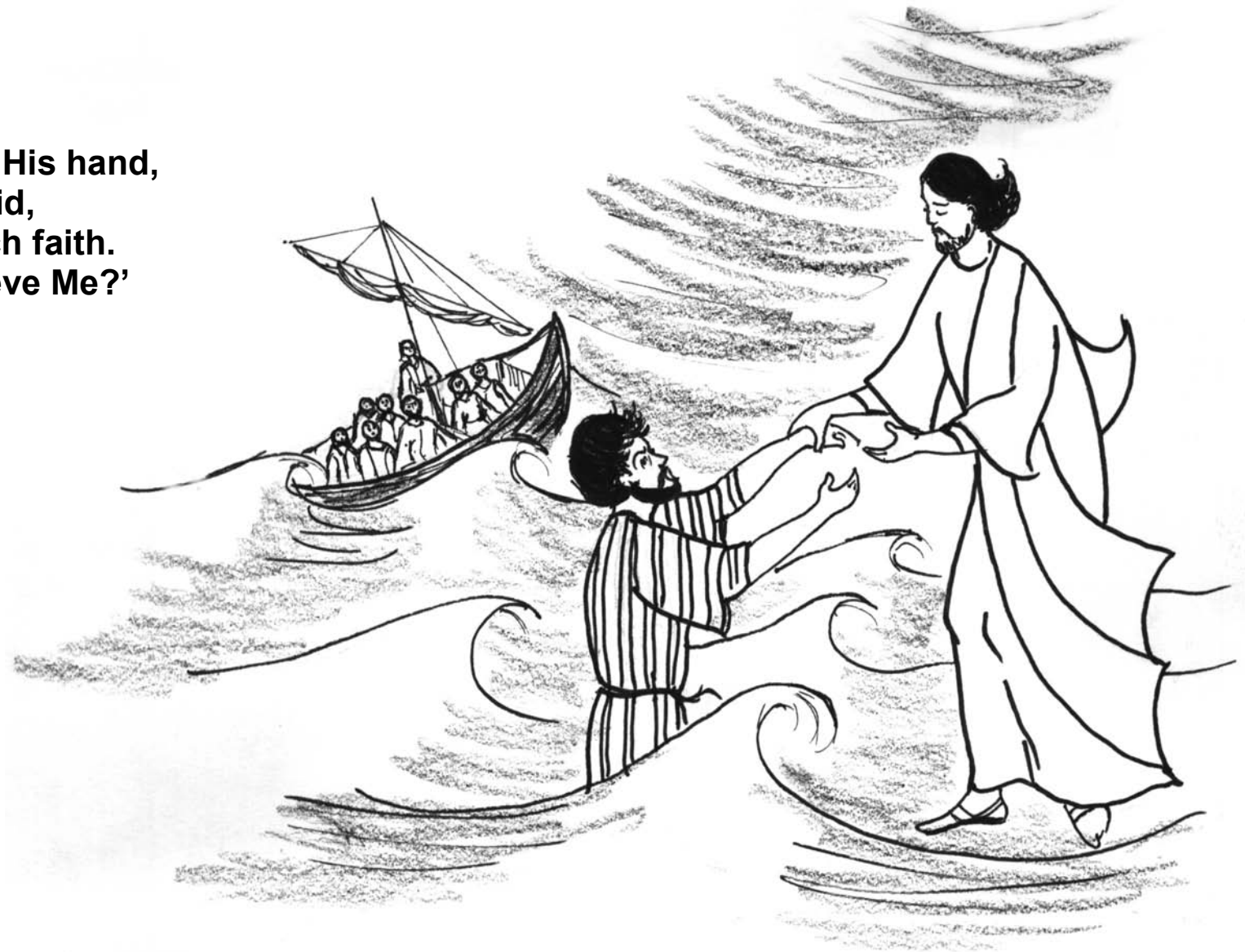
**Peter climbed out of the boat  
and began walking to Jesus.**



**He looked at the big waves  
and was afraid.**

**He started to sink  
and cried out,  
'Lord, save me!'**

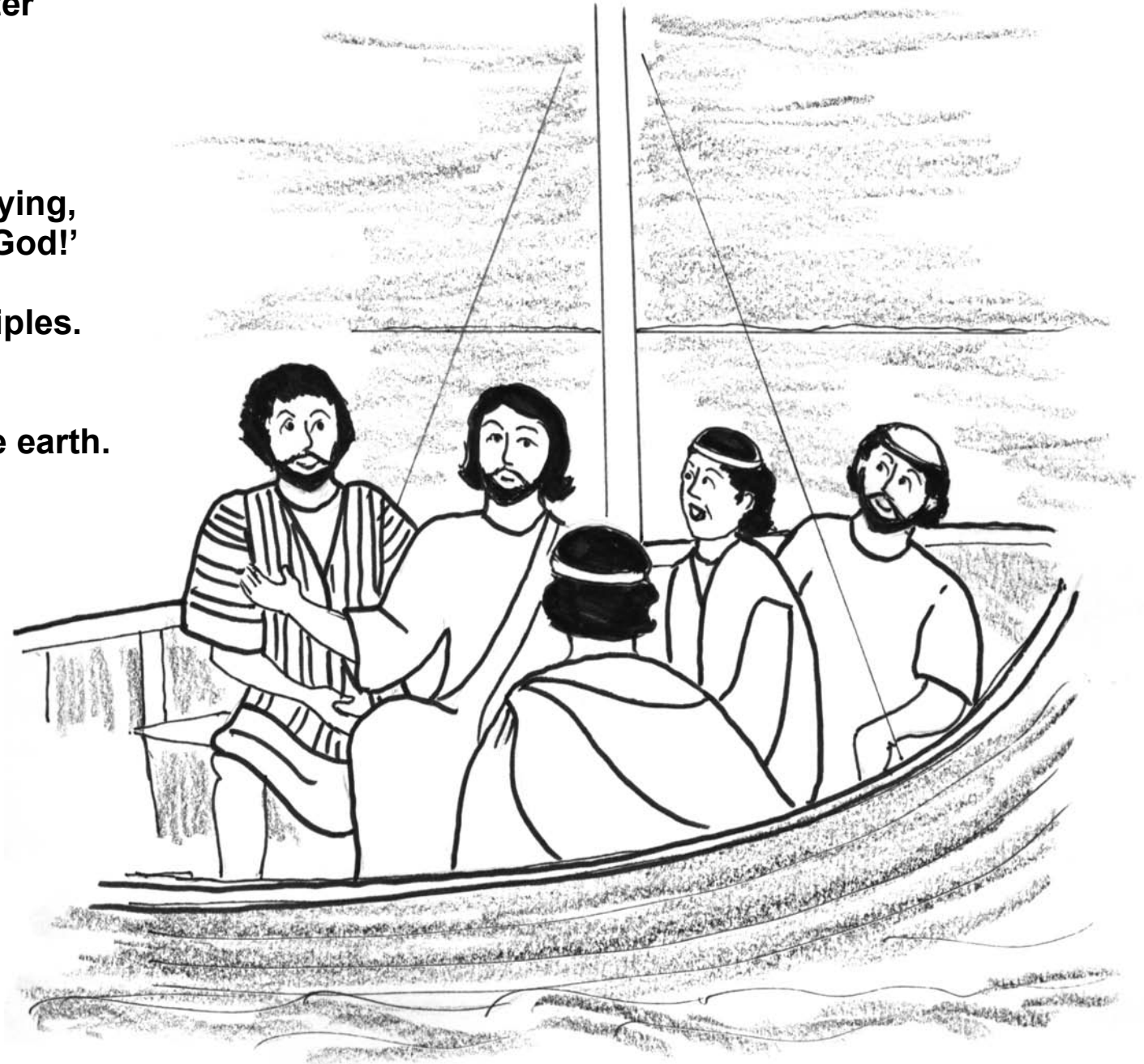
**Jesus stretched out His hand,  
caught Peter and said,  
'You don't have much faith.  
Why didn't you believe Me?'**



**As soon as Jesus and Peter  
got into the boat,  
the wind stopped.**

**Everyone was amazed  
and worshipped Jesus saying,  
'Truly You are the Son of God!'**

**This was new for the disciples.  
They were learning  
that Jesus had come  
to rule as King over all the earth.**





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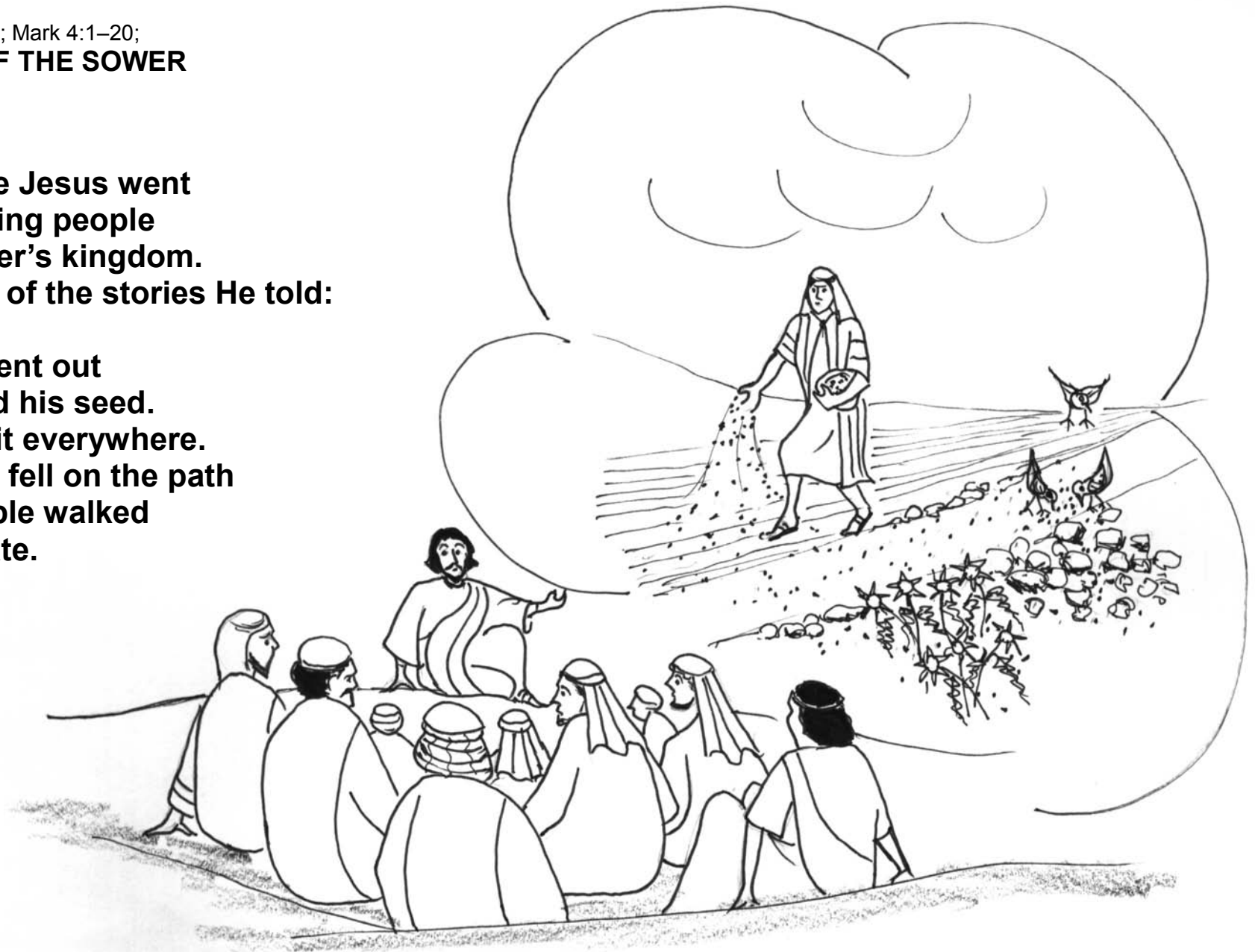
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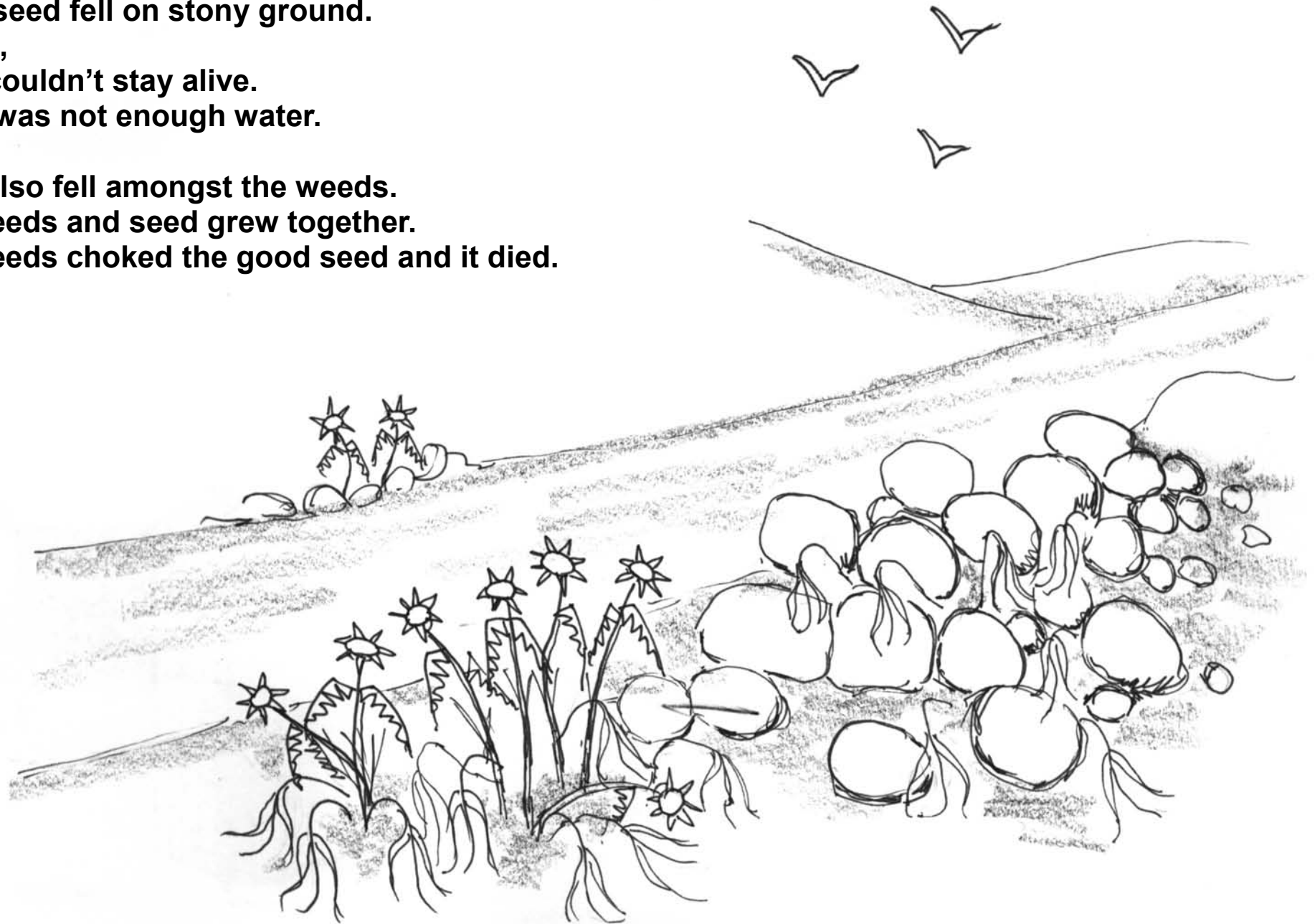
**Everywhere Jesus went  
He was telling people  
of His Father's kingdom.  
This is one of the stories He told:**

**A farmer went out  
and planted his seed.  
He spread it everywhere.  
Some seed fell on the path  
where people walked  
and birds ate.**



**Other seed fell on stony ground.  
It grew,  
but it couldn't stay alive.  
There was not enough water.**

**Seed also fell amongst the weeds.  
The weeds and seed grew together.  
The weeds choked the good seed and it died.**



**Some seed fell on good ground.  
It grew beautifully.  
It ripened  
and gave the farmer a big crop.'**





**Jesus finished the story and said,  
'Listen to these things I am saying.'**

**The disciples were puzzled  
and asked,  
'What does this story mean  
and why do you speak like this?'**

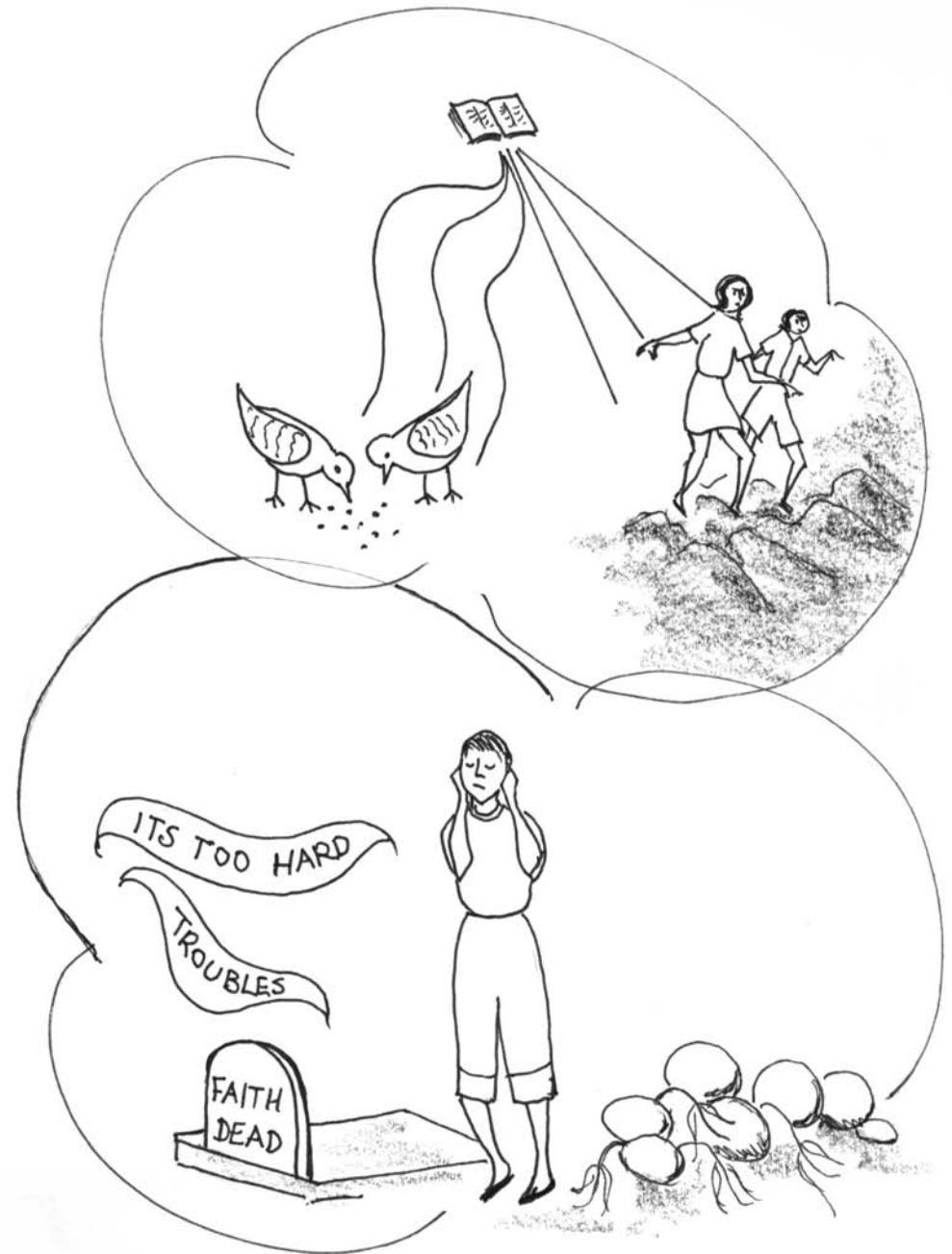
**Jesus said,  
'I speak in stories  
so that some people  
will understand  
and others will not.  
God has enabled you  
to know the secrets  
of His kingdom.  
I will tell you  
what the story means.'**



**‘The seed is God’s word.**

**‘The seed that fell on the road  
is like people who hear God’s word,  
but the devil takes it away.  
They won’t believe it and be saved.**

**‘The seed that fell on the stony ground  
is like people who, at first,  
want to hear God’s word.  
But, there is no soil for the  
roots to grow in.  
When the sun is hot  
or life gets tough  
they stop listening to God’s word.  
and their faith dies.**

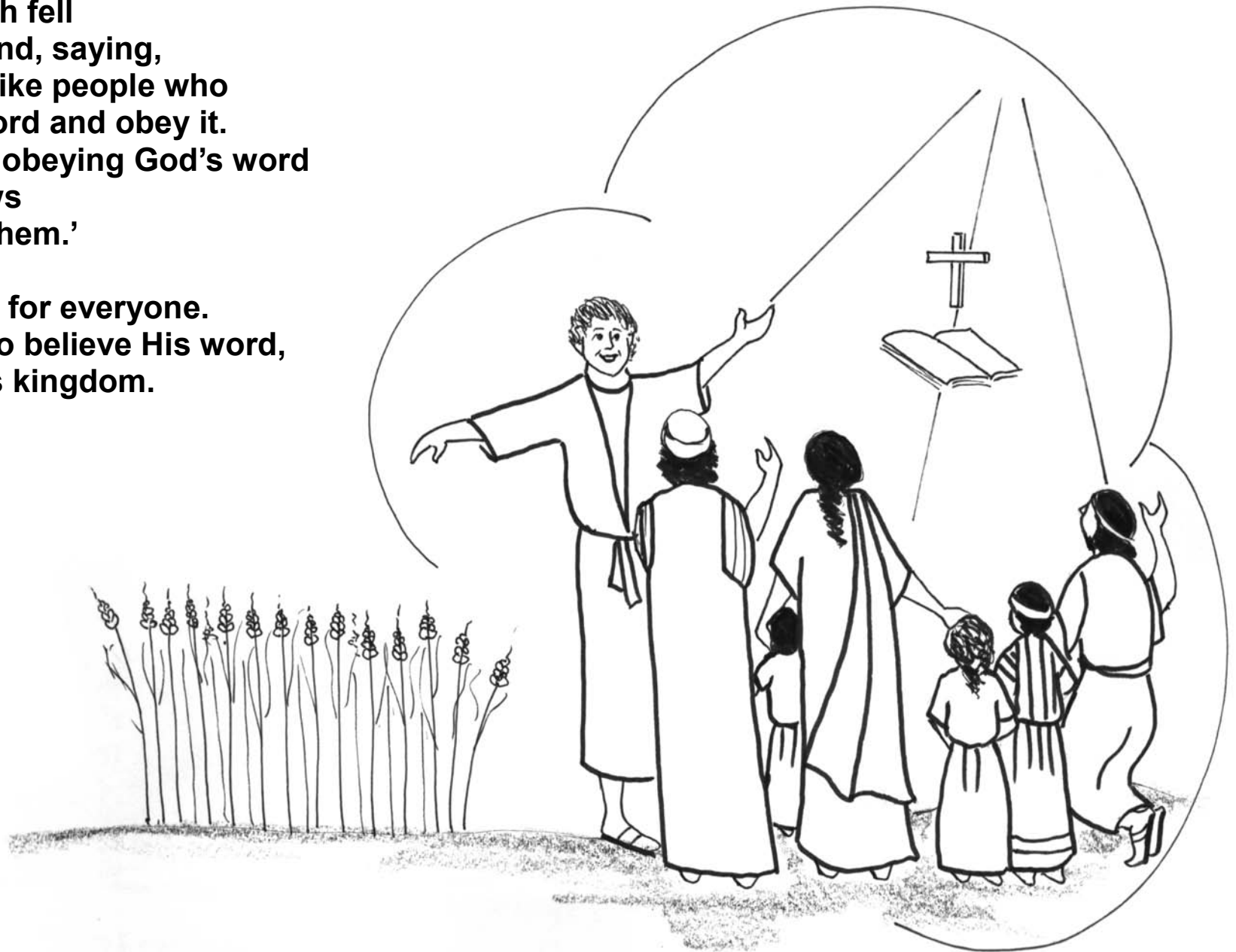


**'The seed that fell among the weeds  
is like people who hear God's word,  
but love other things more.  
Other things become  
more important to them than God.  
Their faith does not last.'**



**Then Jesus spoke about  
the seed which fell  
on good ground, saying,  
'This seed is like people who  
hear God's word and obey it.  
They keep on obeying God's word  
and God grows  
good fruit in them.'**

**God's word is for everyone.  
He wants us to believe His word,  
and live in His kingdom.**



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# ***PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND THE TARES***

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**MATTHEW 13:24–30, 36–43**

**PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND THE TARES**

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**This is a story Jesus told  
about His Father's kingdom.**

**The kingdom of Heaven  
is like a man  
who sowed his paddock  
with good seed.**



**During the night,  
while everyone was sleeping,  
an enemy came.  
He sowed weeds  
in the same place as the wheat.  
Then he went away.**



**The wheat grew  
and produced seed heads.  
The weeds grew too.**

**The workmen said to their master,  
'Sir, you sowed good seed  
in your paddock.  
How did the weeds get there?'**

**'An enemy has done this,'  
answered their master.**

**'Do you want us  
to get rid of the weeds?'  
they asked.**

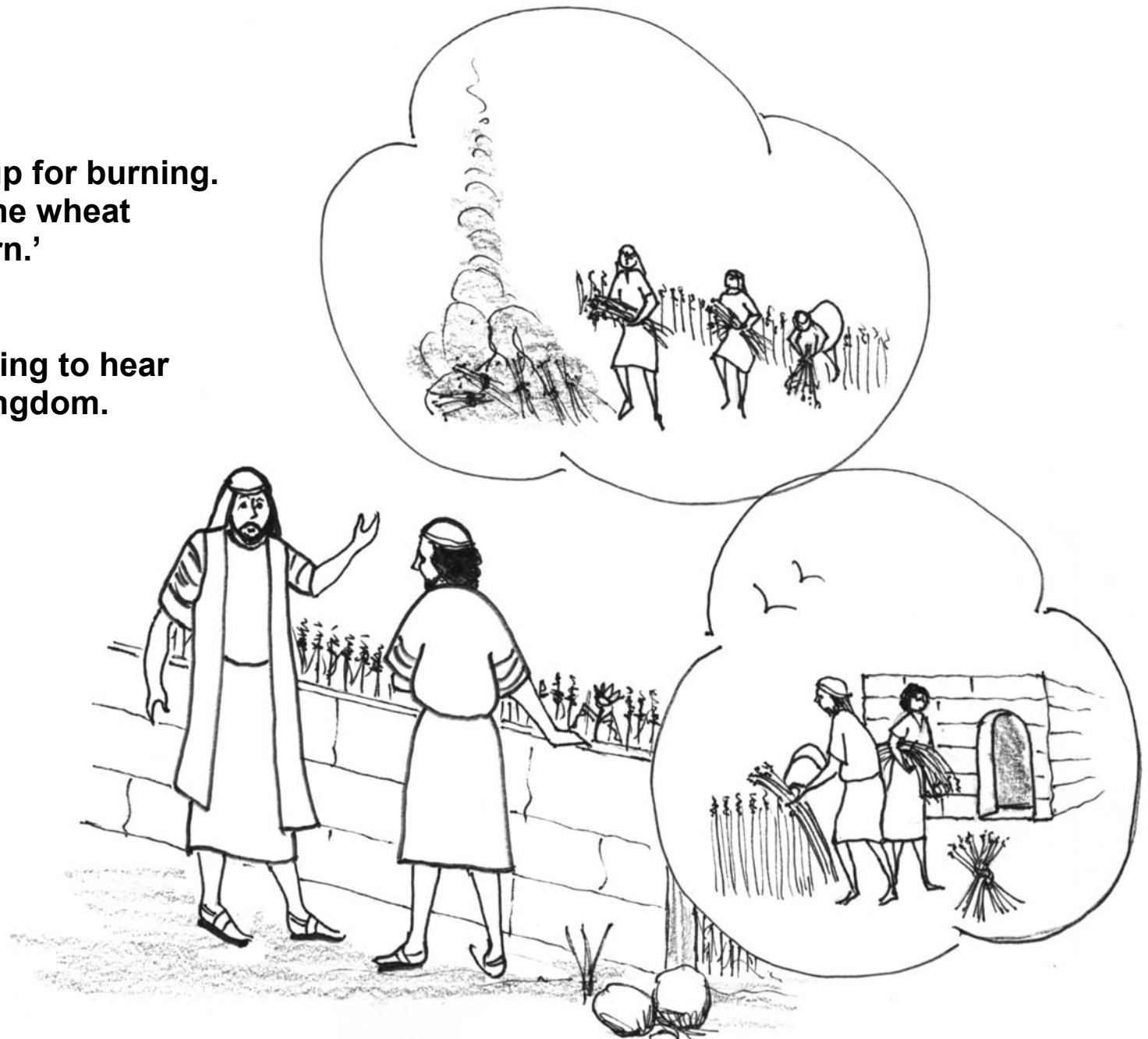
**'No,' said the master.  
'If you pull out the weeds,  
you might pull out  
some of the wheat.  
Let both of them  
grow together.**





**‘At harvest time  
I will get the reapers to  
gather the weeds first  
and they can tie them up for burning.  
Then they can gather the wheat  
and bring it into my barn.’**

**Jesus told this story  
for those who were willing to hear  
the secrets of God’s kingdom.**

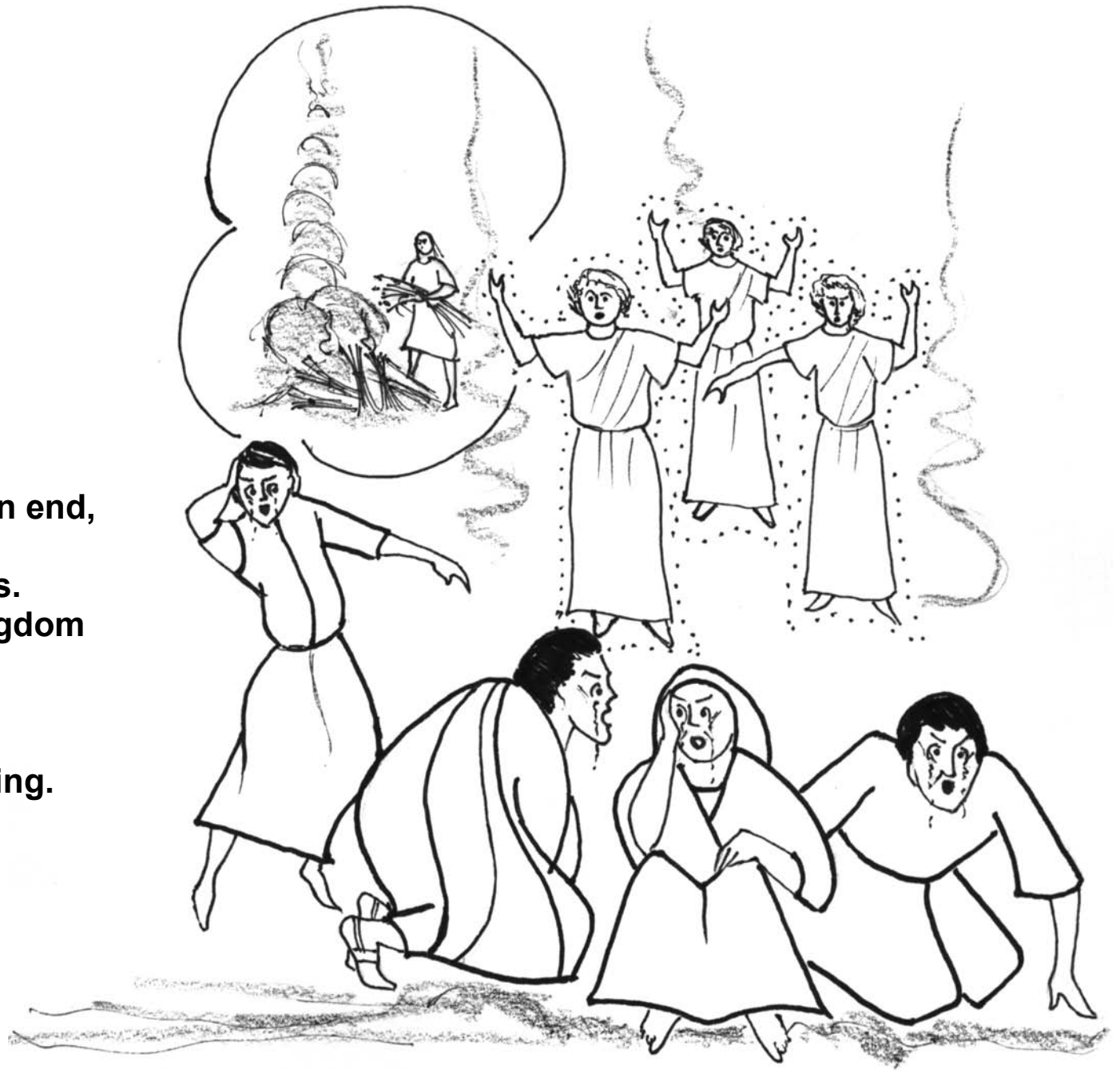


**After telling this story  
Jesus went into a house  
and His disciples asked Him,  
'What does this story mean?'**

**Jesus said,  
'The Son of Man planted  
good seed in the world.  
They are the  
children of God's kingdom.  
The one who planted the weeds  
is the devil.'**

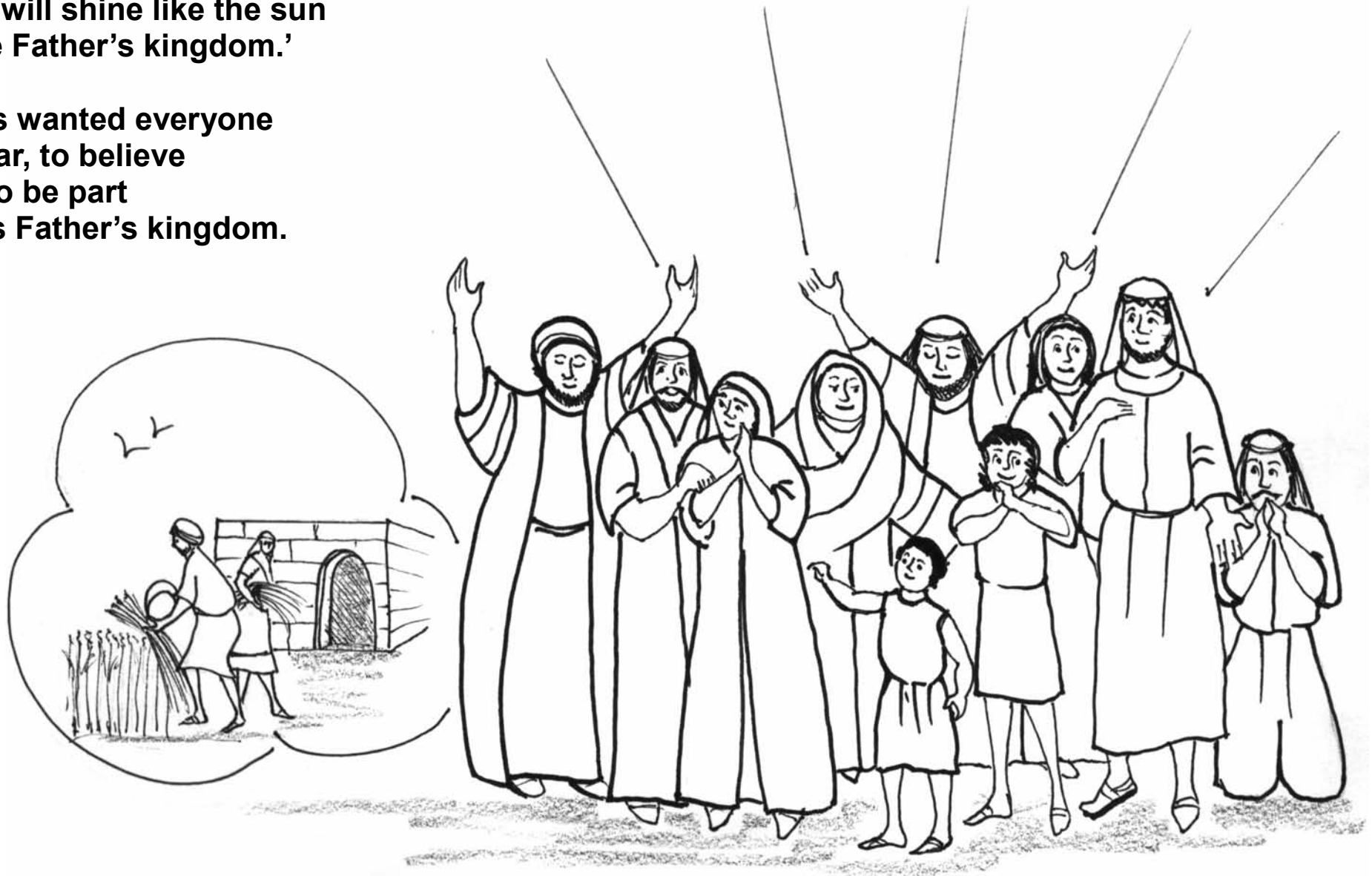


**‘When the world comes to an end,  
it will be harvest time.  
God’s angels are the reapers.  
They will take out of His kingdom  
everything that causes sin,  
and all the evildoers.  
They will be burned  
and there will be a lot of crying.**



**‘When this is done  
only God’s people will be left,  
and it will be a wonderful harvest.  
They will shine like the sun  
in the Father’s kingdom.’**

**Jesus wanted everyone  
to hear, to believe  
and to be part  
of His Father’s kingdom.**



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Mark 7:24–30

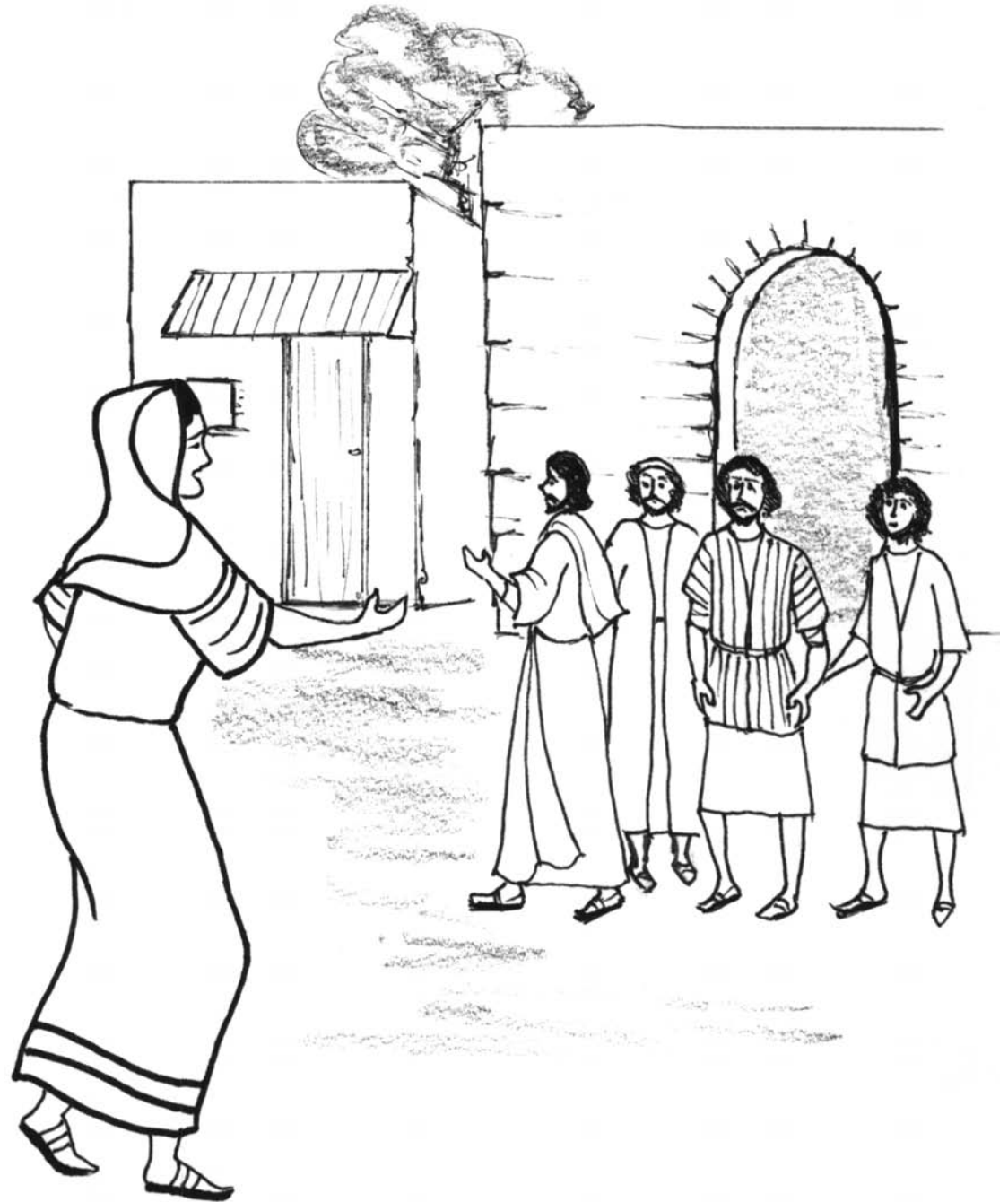
**A GENTILE MOTHER COMES TO JESUS**

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**Jesus arrived in the area of Tyre and Sidon.**

**A Canaanite lady cried out,  
'Lord, Son of David, help me!  
My little girl has a demon  
and it is hurting her.'**

**Jesus did not answer her.**



**The lady kept on shouting.  
'Lord, Son of David, help me!'**

**She kept on calling out  
to Jesus,  
annoying the disciples.**

**The disciples said,  
'Send her away.  
She keeps following us  
and shouting at us.'**

**Jesus had come to do  
what His Father wanted.  
Was this  
what His Father wanted?**

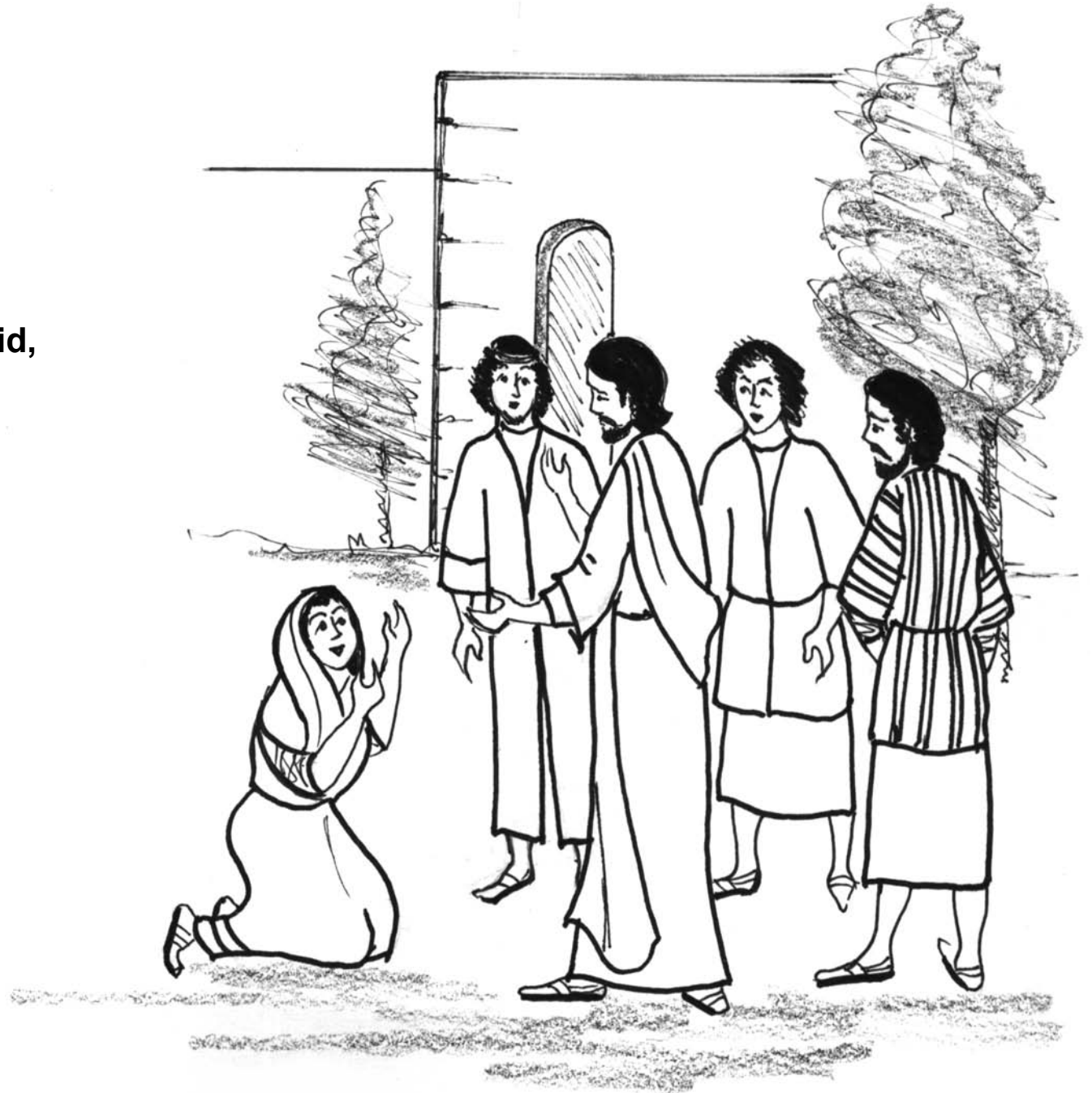


**Then Jesus said ,  
'God sent Me  
only to the people of Israel,  
His lost sheep.'**

**The lady believed  
that Jesus would help her.**

**She bowed before Him and said,  
'Lord, help me!'**

**Jesus answered her saying,  
'It is not right  
to take the children's food  
and give it to the dogs.'**





**The lady believed that God's blessing  
was not just for Israel,  
but for her as well!**

**She answered,  
'That is true, Lord,  
but the puppies  
can eat the little bits  
that fall from the master's table.'**

**Jesus said,  
'You have great faith!  
I will do  
what you have asked Me to do.'**



**Immediately the lady's daughter  
was made well.**

**This lady received  
the Father's blessing,  
which was first given to Israel,  
but through Jesus,  
would be for all people.**



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## ***‘WHO AM I?’***

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**MATTHEW 16:13–28**

Mark 8:27 – 9:1; Luke 9:18–27

**‘WHO AM I?’**

*(Peter’s confession)*

File no. 127

**Jesus wanted His disciples  
to know who He was.**

**He asked them,  
‘Who do people say that I am?’**

**The disciples said,  
‘Some say You are John the  
Baptist.  
Some say You are Elijah.  
Others say You are Jeremiah or  
one of the prophets.’**



**‘Who do you say that I am?’  
asked Jesus.**

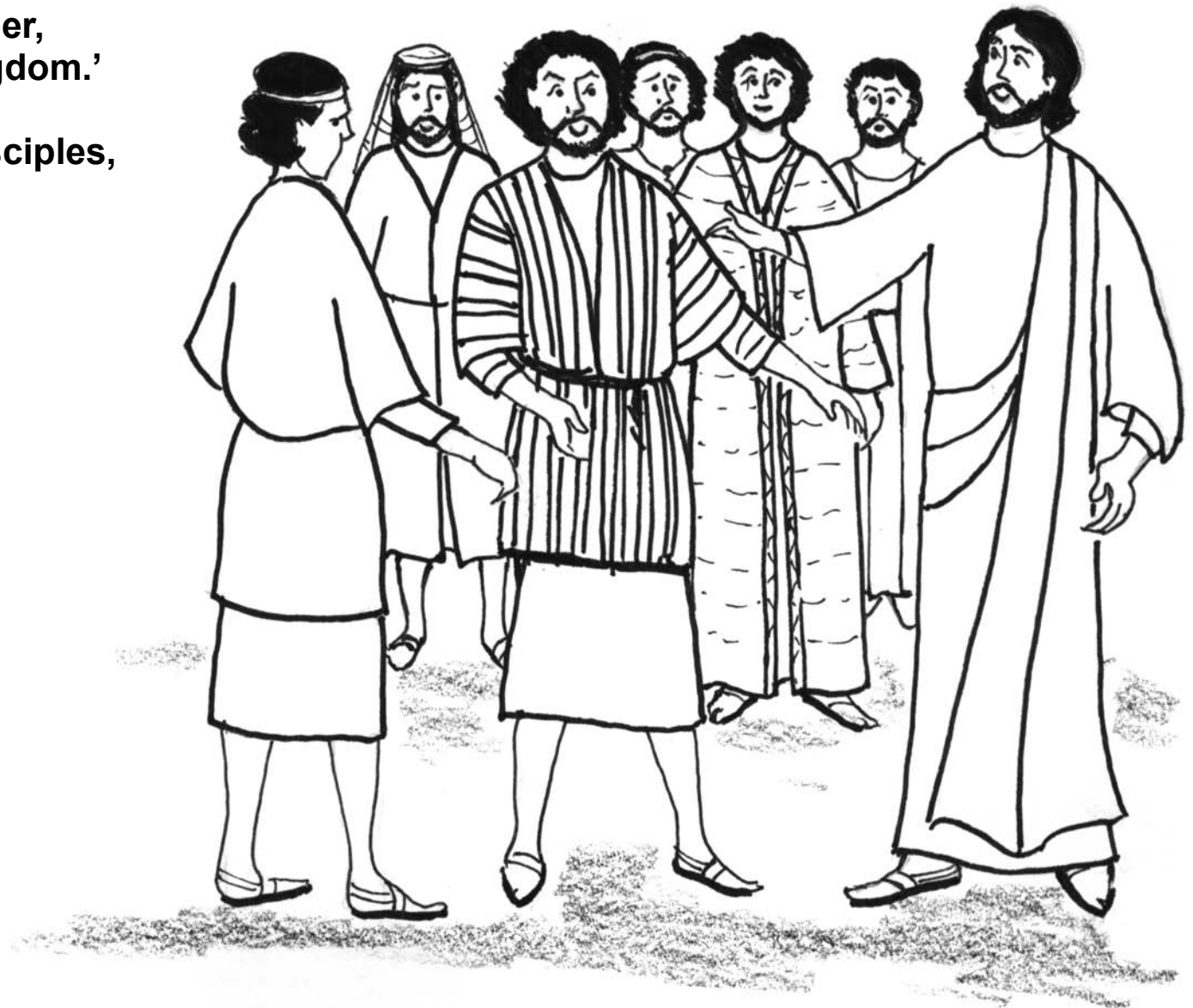
**Peter answered Him saying,  
‘You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.’**

**‘No man taught you this, Peter,’  
said Jesus,  
‘My Father has blessed you.  
He has shown you who I am  
and because of this  
I will build My church on you.’**



**'My church will never  
be destroyed by evil.  
You will be like a gatekeeper,  
letting people into My kingdom.'**

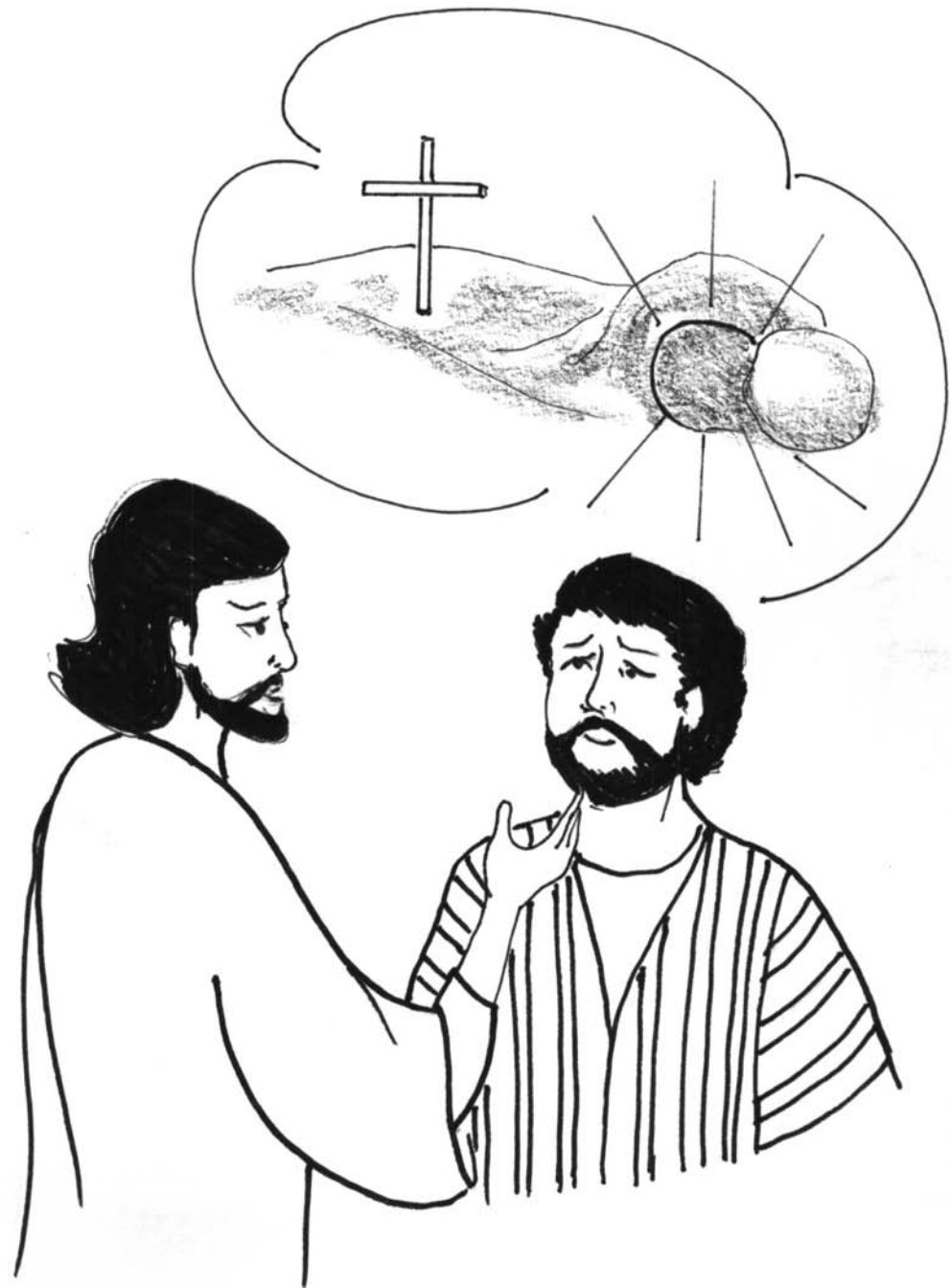
**Then Jesus said to His disciples,  
'Don't tell anyone  
that I am the Christ.'**



**'Soon I must go to Jerusalem  
where people don't like Me.  
The leaders are going to kill Me.  
Three days later  
I will be raised from death.'**

**Peter said,  
'This mustn't happen.  
God must stop it.'**

**Jesus looked at Peter and said,  
'Get behind me, Satan!  
You are not thinking  
the way God thinks.  
You are thinking  
the way men think.'**



**Then Jesus said,  
'It will not be easy,  
for anyone to live God's way  
but keep following Me.**

**'If you live for yourself,  
you will lose your life.  
God is the only One who gives life.**

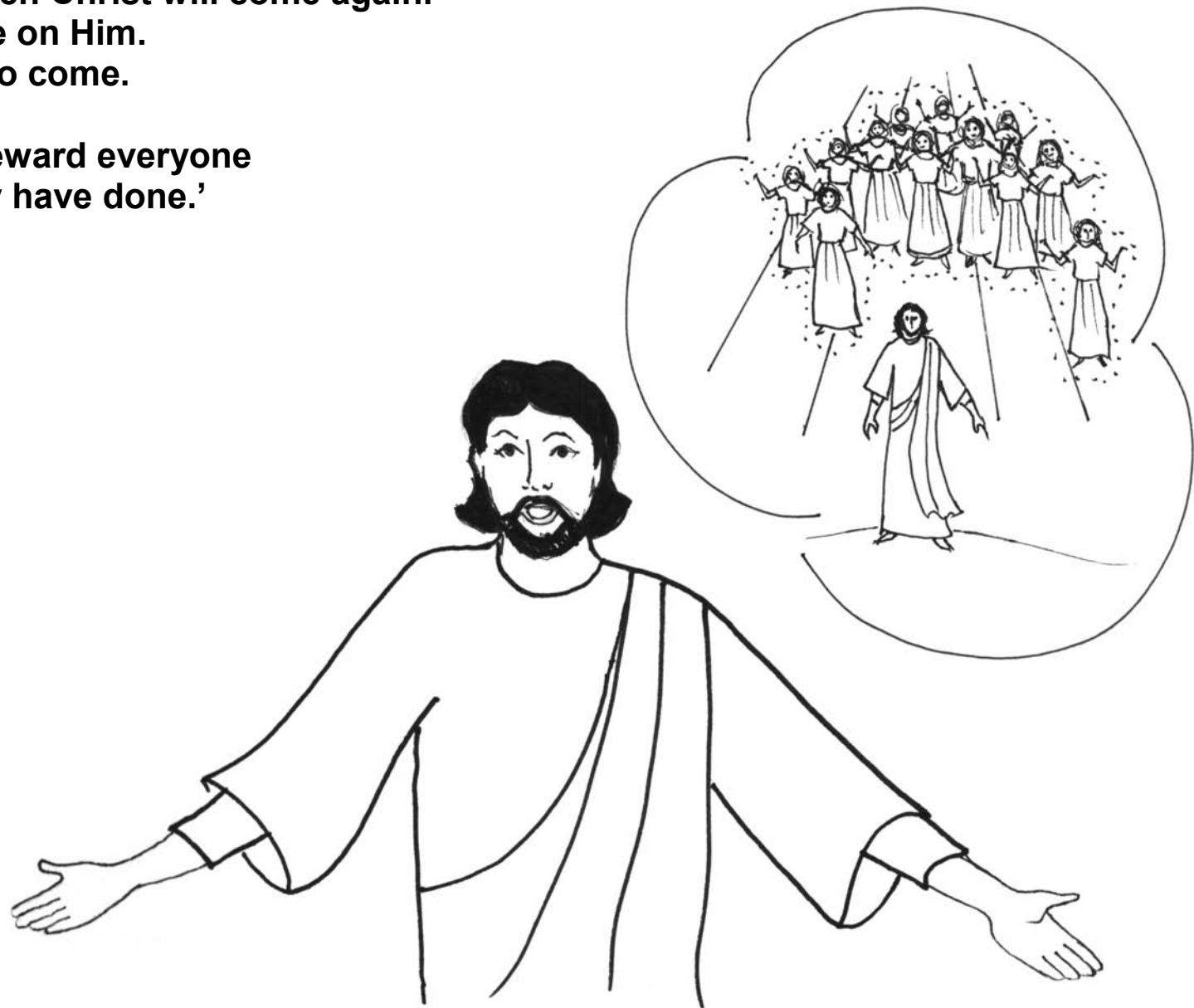
**'If you have everything you want  
and lose your soul,  
you really don't have anything at all.  
No one can buy their life.**





**'There is a day when Christ will come again.  
God's glory will be on Him.  
His angels will also come.'**

**'He will come to reward everyone  
for the things they have done.'**





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**MATTHEW 17:1–9**

Mark 9:2–9; Luke 9:28–36

## **JESUS SHINING BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN**

*(Transfiguration)*

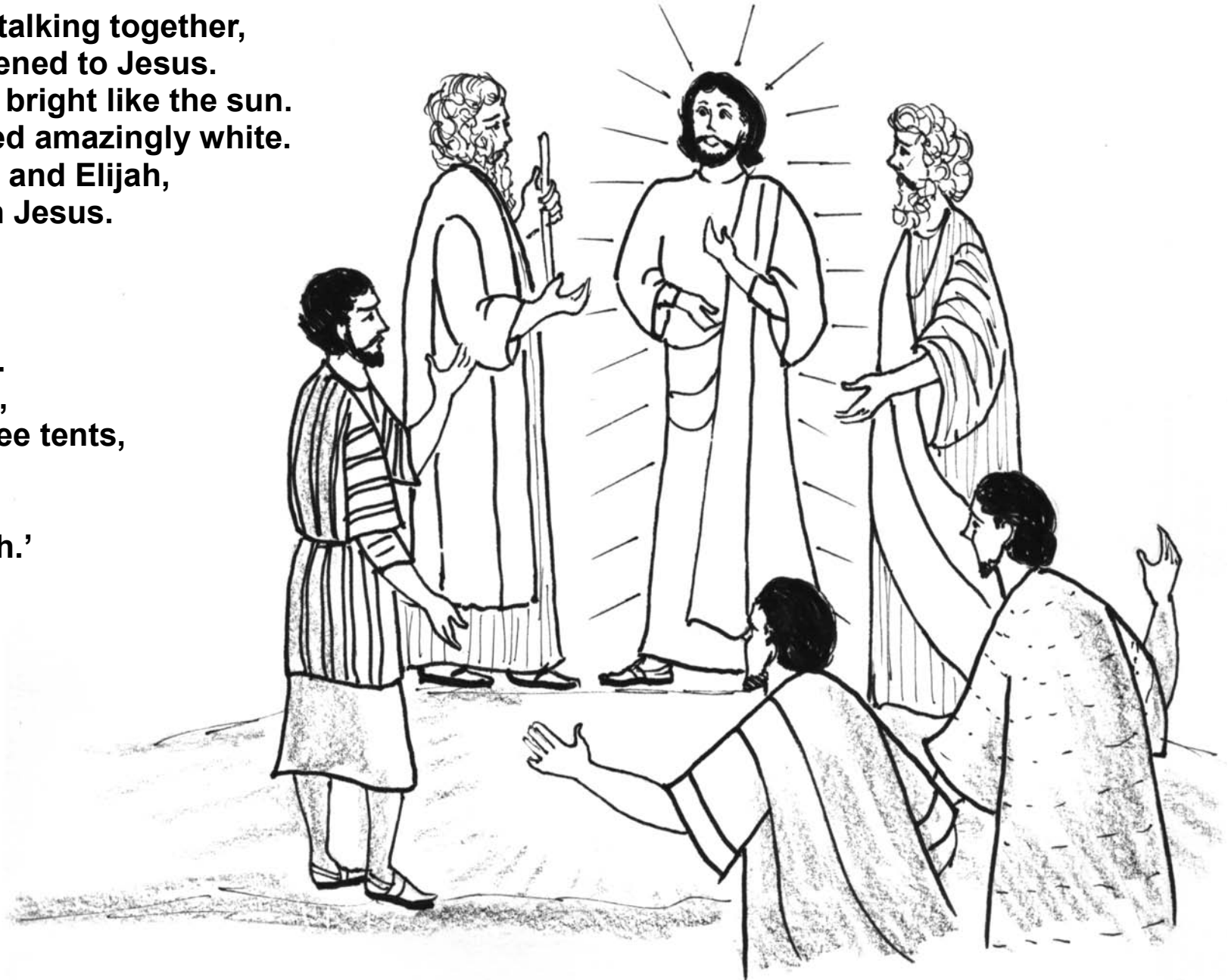
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**Jesus took  
Peter, James and John  
up a high mountain  
where they could be alone.**



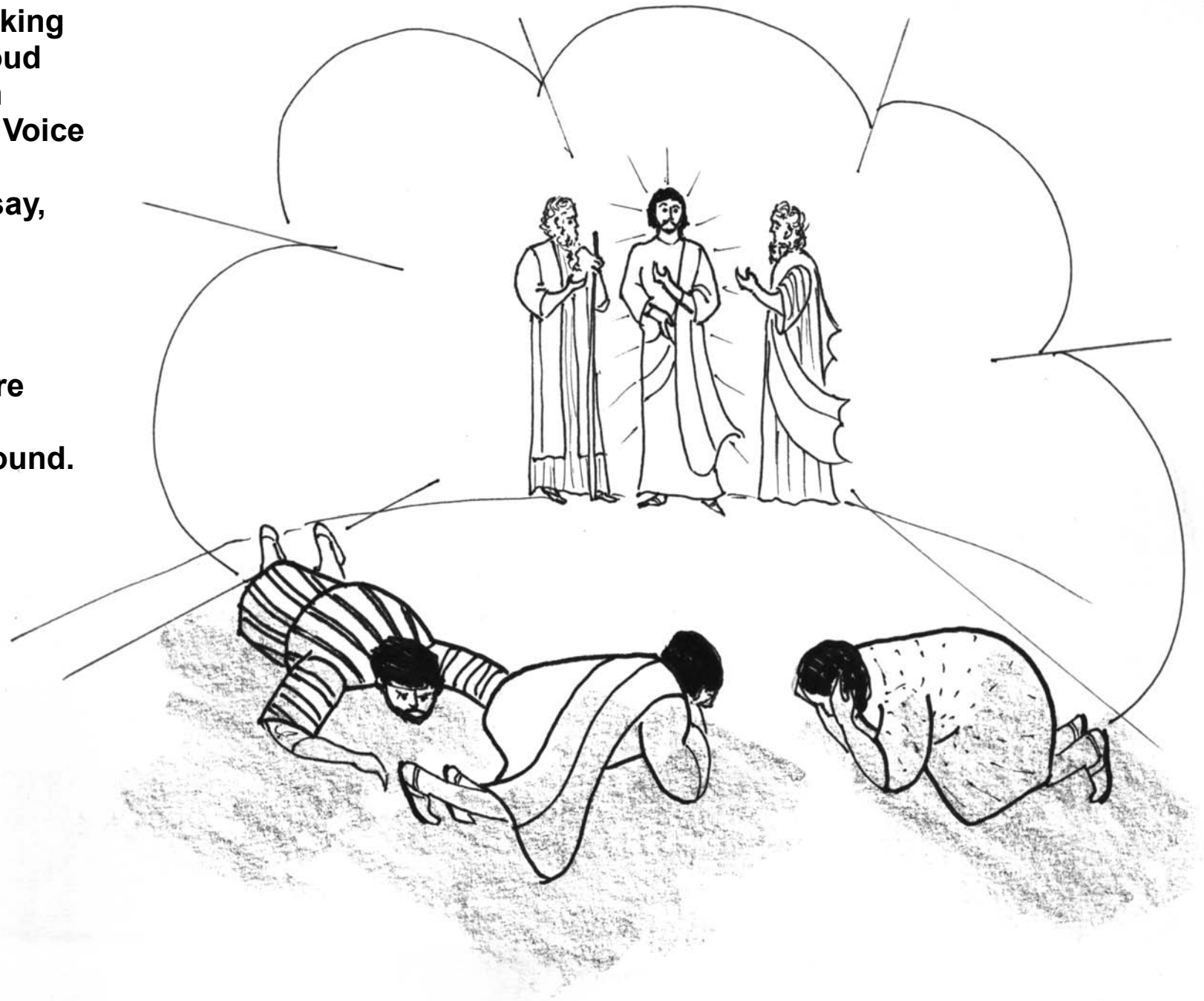
**While they were talking together,  
something happened to Jesus.  
His face became bright like the sun.  
His clothes turned amazingly white.  
Two men, Moses and Elijah,  
were talking with Jesus.**

**Peter said,  
'Lord, it is good  
for us to be here.  
If you want us to,  
we can make three tents,  
one for You,  
one for Moses  
and one for Elijah.'**



**Peter was still talking  
when a bright cloud  
surrounded them  
and they heard a Voice  
(the Voice of  
God the Father) say,  
'This is My Son.  
I love Him.  
Listen to Him.'**

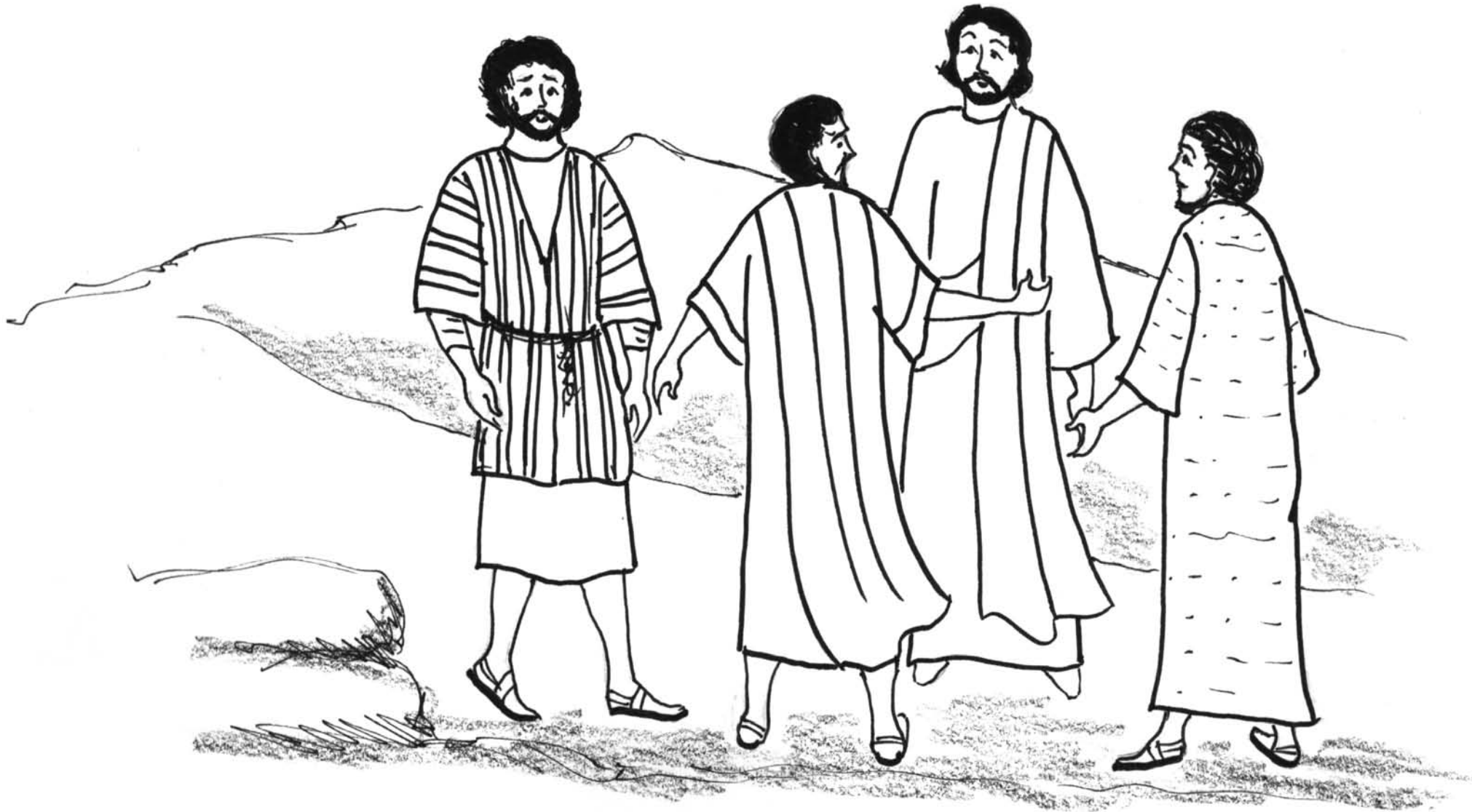
**The disciples were  
afraid  
and fell to the ground.**



**A few moments later  
Jesus touched them and  
said,  
'Don't be afraid.  
Stand up.'**



**They got up and looked around.  
Only Jesus was there.  
The bright cloud had gone.  
Moses and Elijah had gone.**

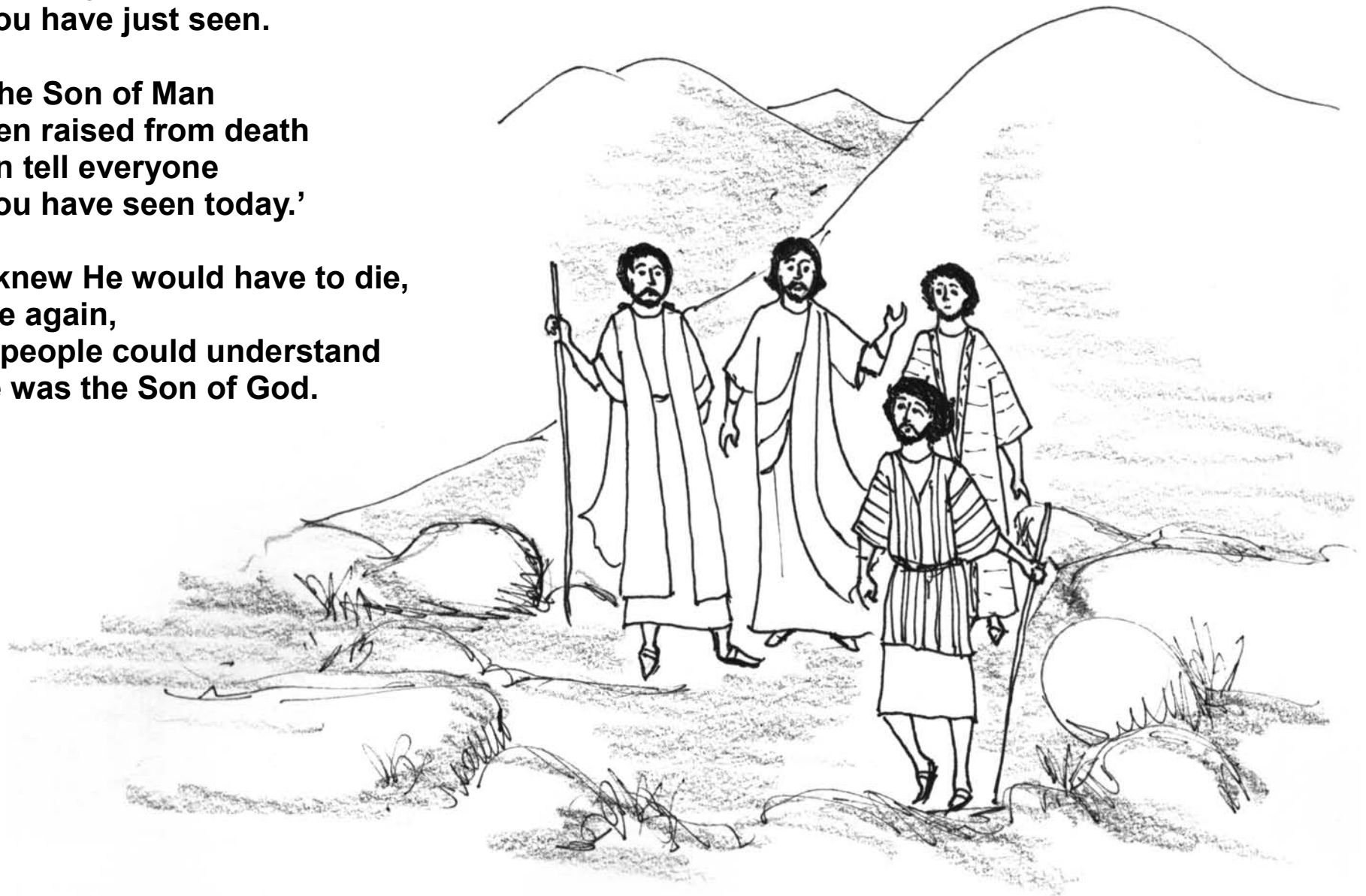




**On their way down the mountain  
Jesus said to Peter, James and John,  
'Don't tell anyone  
what you have just seen.'**

**'After the Son of Man  
has been raised from death  
you can tell everyone  
what you have seen today.'**

**Jesus knew He would have to die,  
and rise again,  
before people could understand  
that He was the Son of God.**





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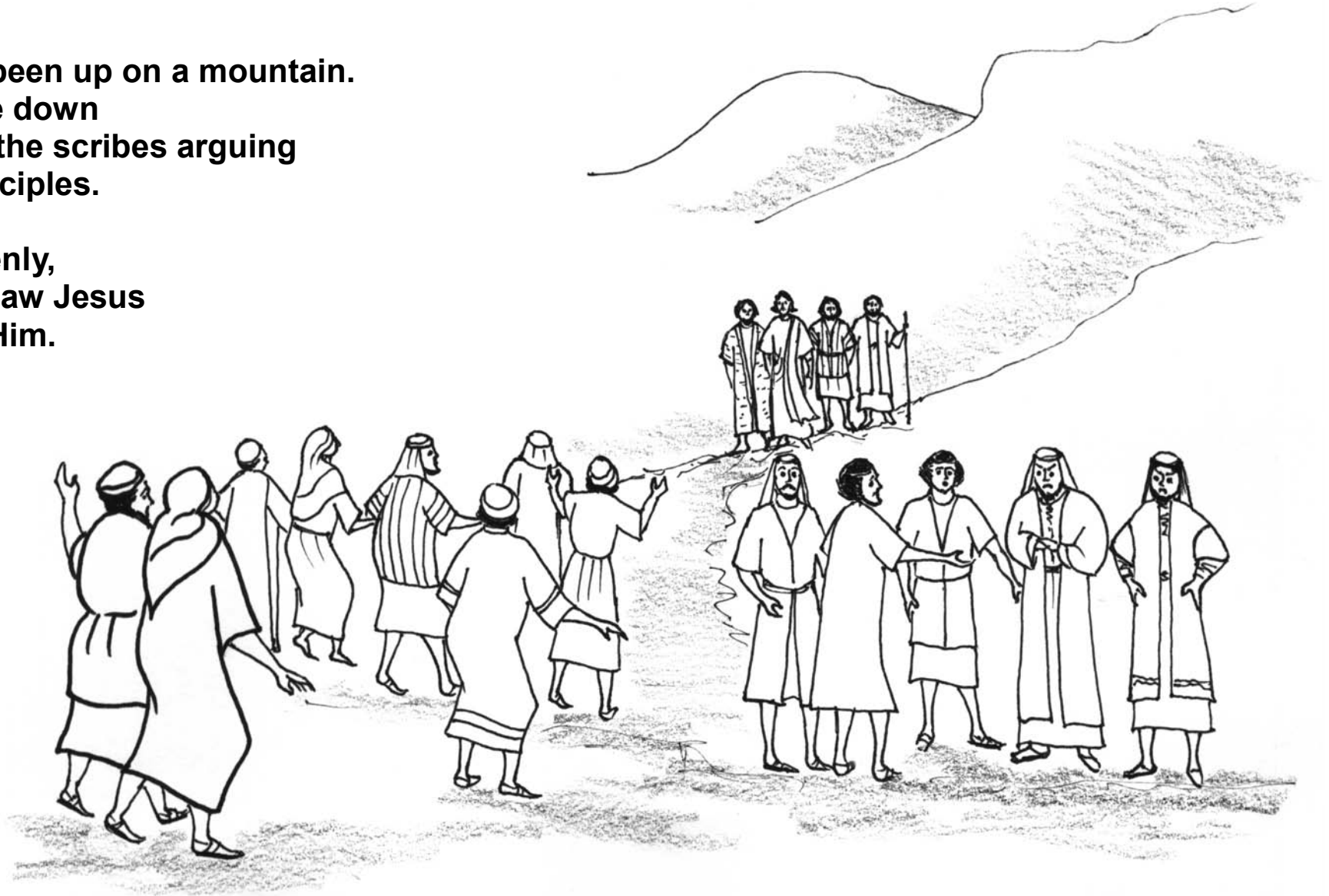
Matthew 17:14–21; Luke 9:37–43

**THE BOY WITH A WICKED SPIRIT**

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**Jesus had been up on a mountain.  
As He came down  
He noticed the scribes arguing  
with the disciples.**

**Then suddenly,  
the crowd saw Jesus  
and ran to Him.**



**Jesus asked,  
'What are you arguing about?'**

**A man shouted,  
'Teacher, I brought my son to You.  
He has a spirit  
from the devil in him.  
It stops him talking  
and throws him on the ground.  
He grinds his teeth,  
becomes stiff  
and foams at the mouth.  
I asked your disciples  
to get rid of this wicked spirit,  
but they couldn't.'**

**Jesus answered.  
'How long do I have to wait  
for you to believe?  
Bring the boy to Me.'**



**When the wicked spirit saw Jesus,  
it threw the boy on the ground.  
The boy rolled around,  
grinding his teeth.**

**Jesus asked the father,  
'How long has he been like  
this?'**

**'Since he was a child,'  
answered the father.  
'Sometimes the spirit  
throws him into the water  
and the fire to kill him.  
If you can do anything,  
please help us.'**



**'You ask Me "If I can?"'  
answered Jesus.**

**'All things are possible  
for those who believe.'**

**The father cried out,  
'Lord, I do believe.  
Help me to believe more.'**

**Jesus, looked at the boy  
and commanded,  
'Spirit, that stops this boy  
speaking and hearing,  
come out of him.  
Never go into him again!'**



The wicked spirit made the boy  
twist and shout,  
then came out.  
The boy lay very still.

The people said,  
'He's dead!'





**Jesus took the boy's hand,  
helped him up  
and gave him to his father.**

**Everyone was amazed.**



Later, the disciples asked,  
'Lord, why couldn't we  
cast out the wicked spirit?'

Jesus said,  
'This kind of spirit  
can only come out by prayer.'

*Jesus showed  
His Father's mercy and power  
in the things He did,  
even though the disciples  
and the sick boy's father  
were slow to believe in Him.*

