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MATTHEW 18:21-35
A LESSON ABOUT FORGIVING
(An unforgiving servant)
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**Peter was puzzled.
He heard Jesus talking
about forgiving one another.**

**So he asked,
'When my brother or sister does
something nasty to me,
how many times
do I have to forgive them?
Is it seven times?'**

**Jesus replied,
'Not just seven times
but four hundred and ninety times.'**

**That means to keep forgiving,
without counting.**



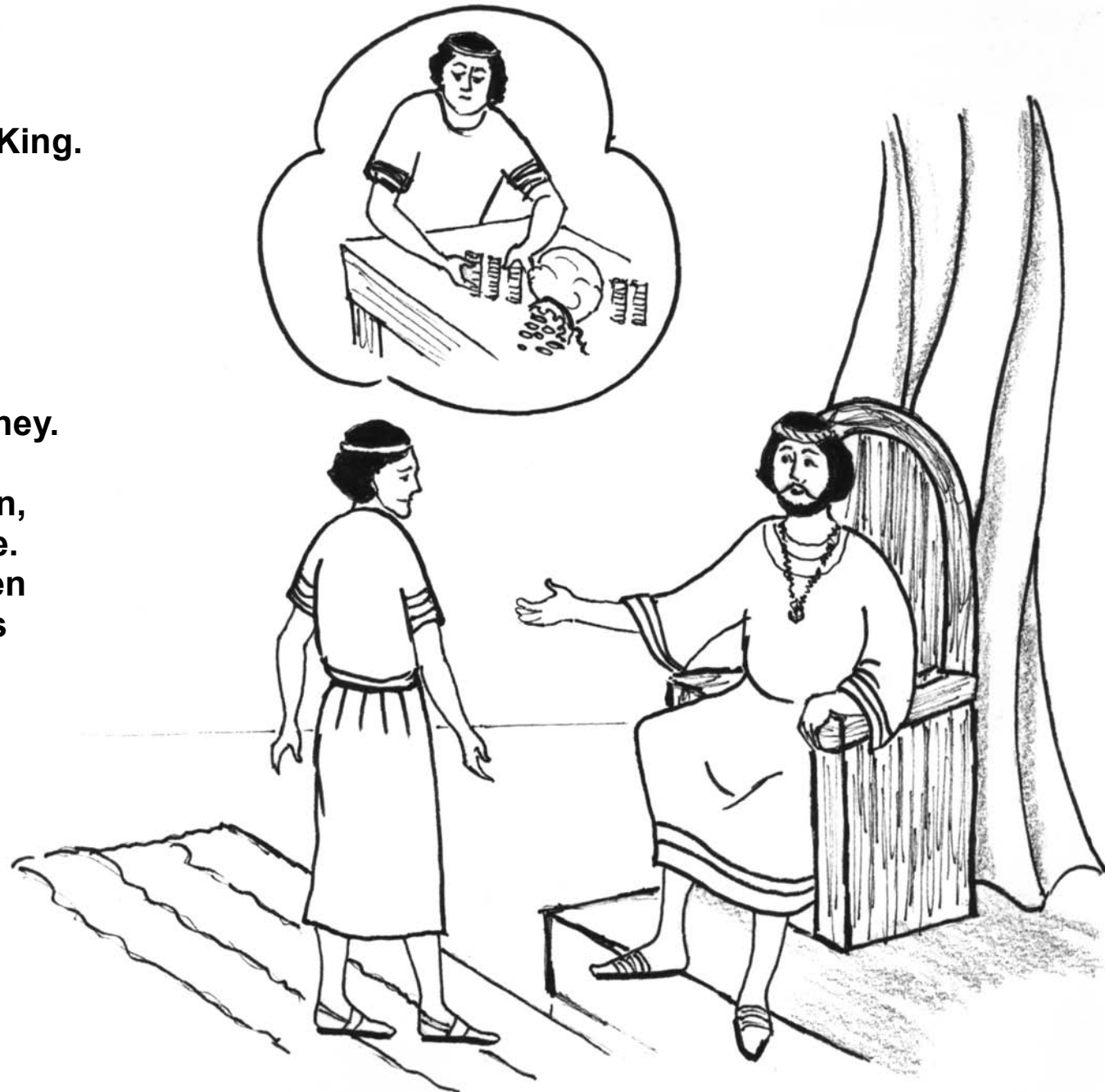
Then He told this story:

**A servant borrowed
lots of money from the King.
Then the time came
for him to pay it back.**

**The king asked,
'Where is my money?'**

The servant had no money.

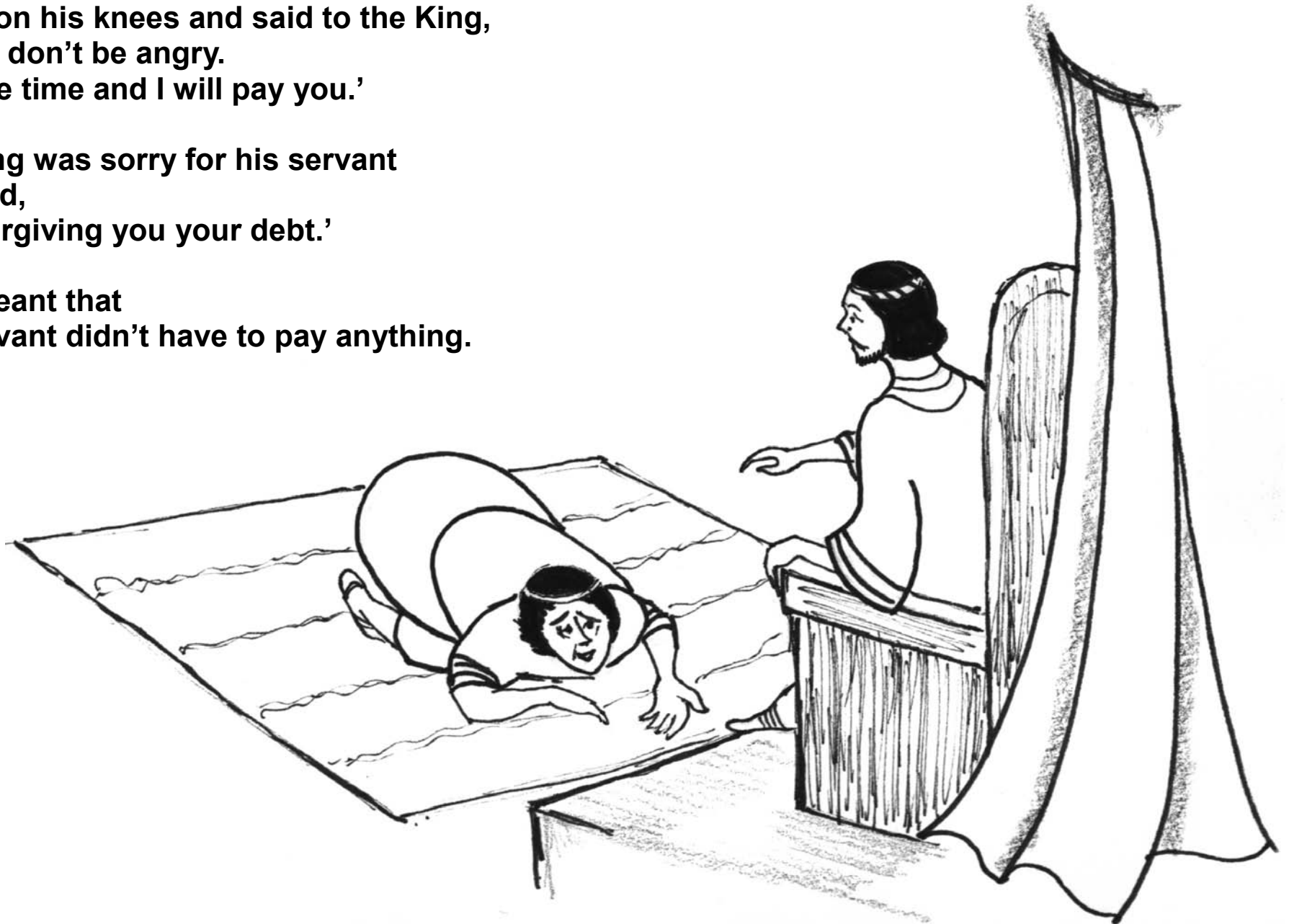
**The king said to his men,
'Sell this man as a slave.
Sell his wife and children
and everything he owns
to pay his debt.'**



**The servant was afraid.
He fell on his knees and said to the King,
'Please don't be angry.
Give me time and I will pay you.'**

**The King was sorry for his servant
and said,
'I am forgiving you your debt.'**

**That meant that
the servant didn't have to pay anything.**



**As the servant was going outside,
he met another servant,
who had borrowed
a little bit of money from him.**

**He grabbed hold of him,
and said,
'Pay me back the money you owe.'**

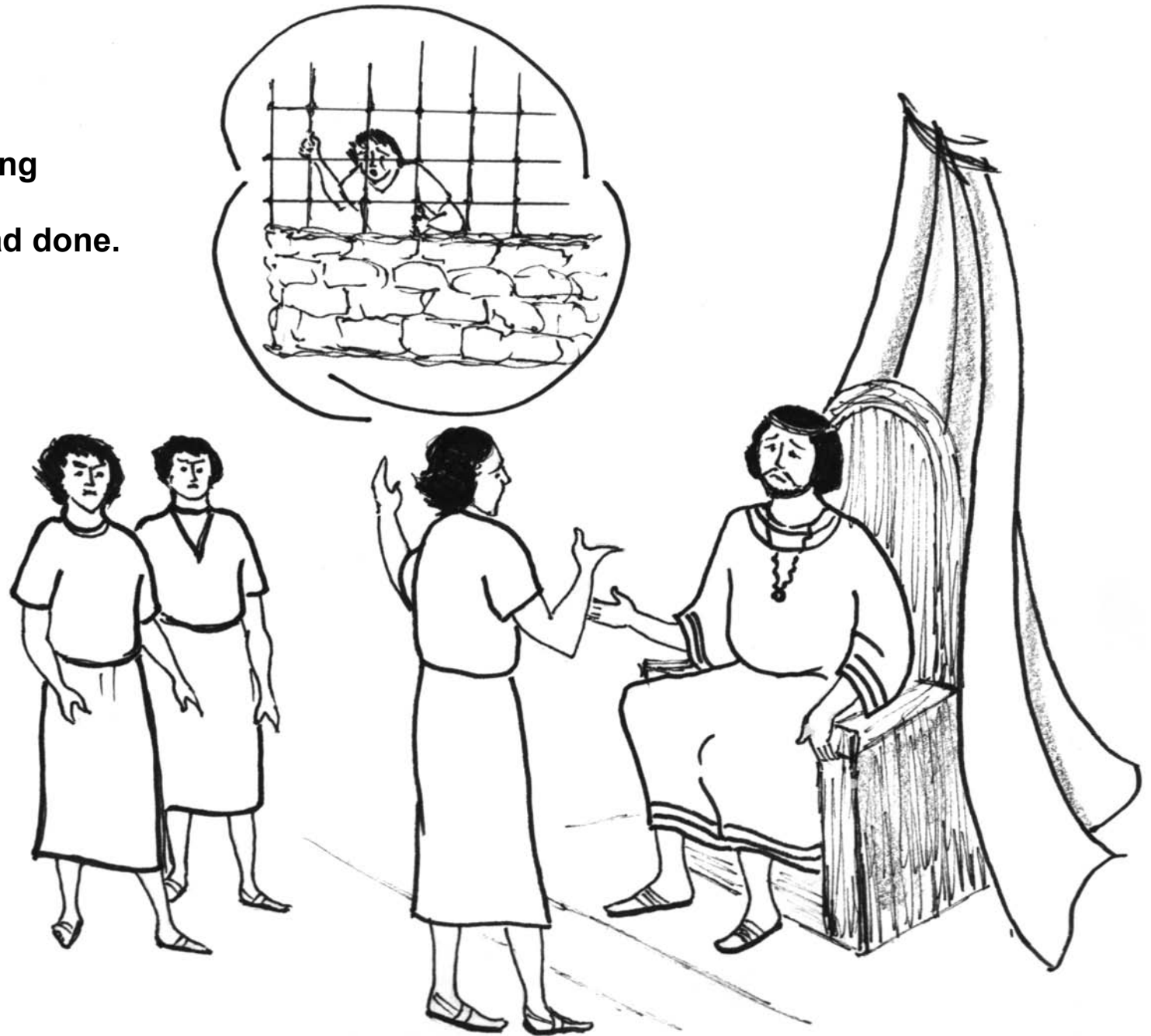
**'Please wait,'
said the other servant,
'and I will give you your money.'**

**'No,' said the first servant.
'I want my money now.'**



He put him into prison.

**Someone went to the King
and told him
what the first servant had done.**



The King was angry.

**He said to the first servant,
'I had mercy on you
and forgave you all your debt.
You should have been kind
to the other servant
like I had been kind to you.
Because you did not forgive
when you were forgiven,
you will go to prison
until your debt is paid.'**



***God knows that we cannot
pay our debt to Him,
so He sent Jesus to pay our debt
by dying on the cross.***

***When we know
that our sins are forgiven,
we forgive those
who do bad things to us.***

***Those who won't forgive others
are not forgiven by God.***



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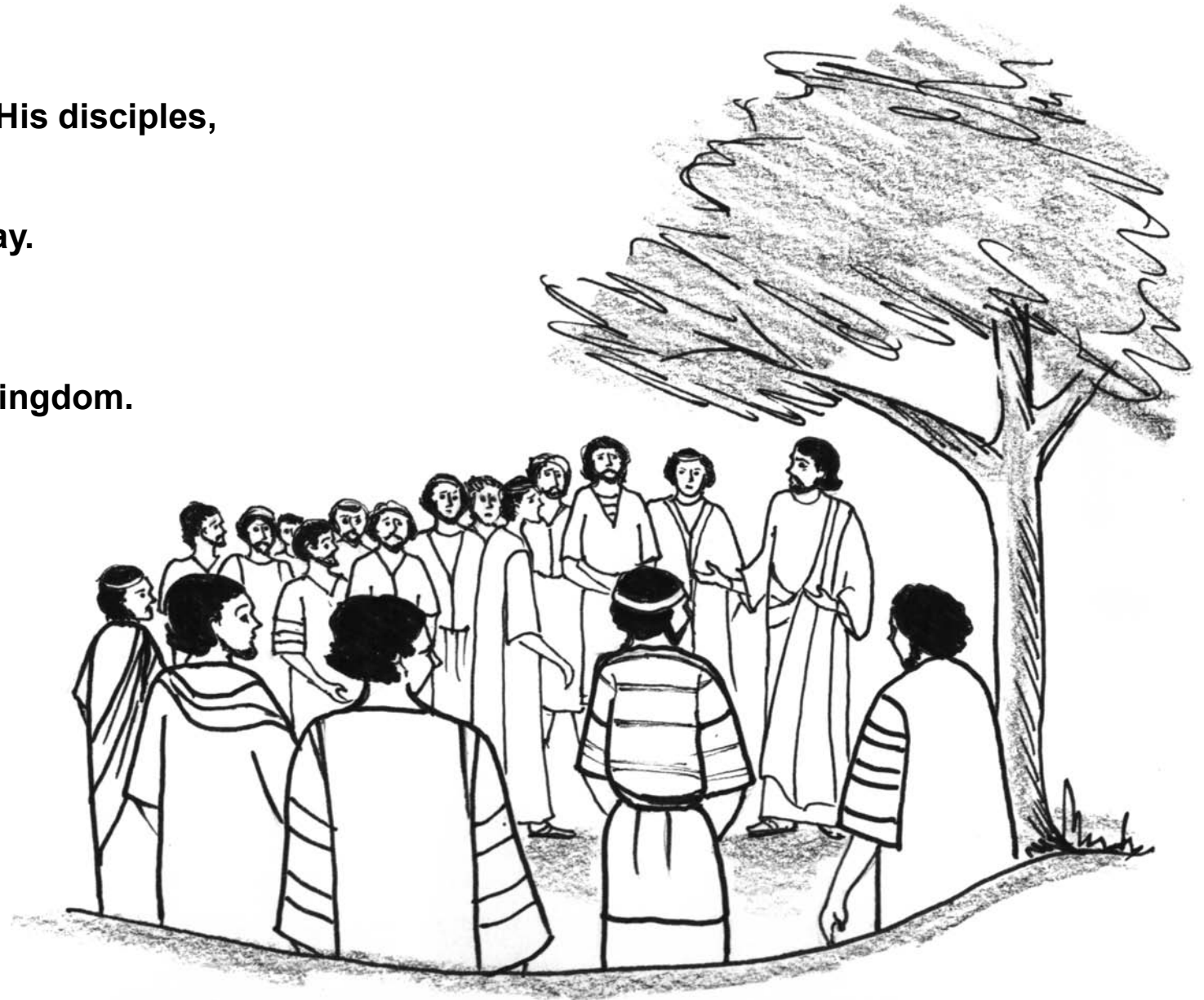
Luke 9:51, 57-62;

JESUS SENDS OUT SEVENTY DISCIPLES

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**Jesus said to seventy of His disciples,
'I am going to Jerusalem,
but first, I want you to go
to the towns along the way.**

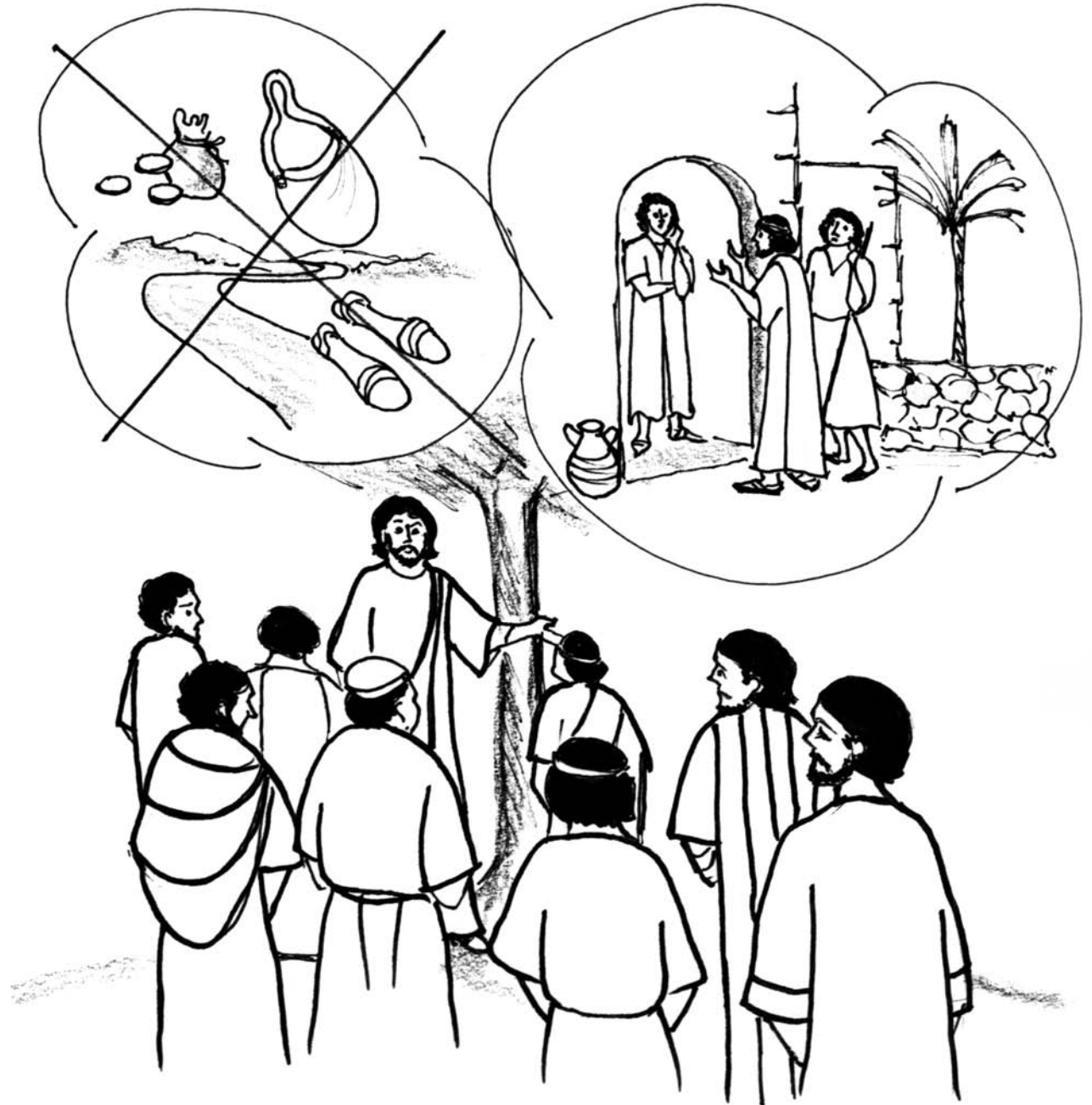
**'There are lots of people
whom God has prepared
who will hear about His kingdom.**



**'This will not be easy for you
and here is what you are to do.
Don't take extra money
or clothes with you.
Don't stop along the way.**

**'When you come to a town,
say to the people,
"Peace be with you."
If they welcome you,
stay with them.
Heal the sick people
and tell them,
"God's kingdom
is coming to you."**

**'If they listen to you
they will listen to Me.
If they don't listen to you
they will not listen to Me
or to God who sent Me.'**

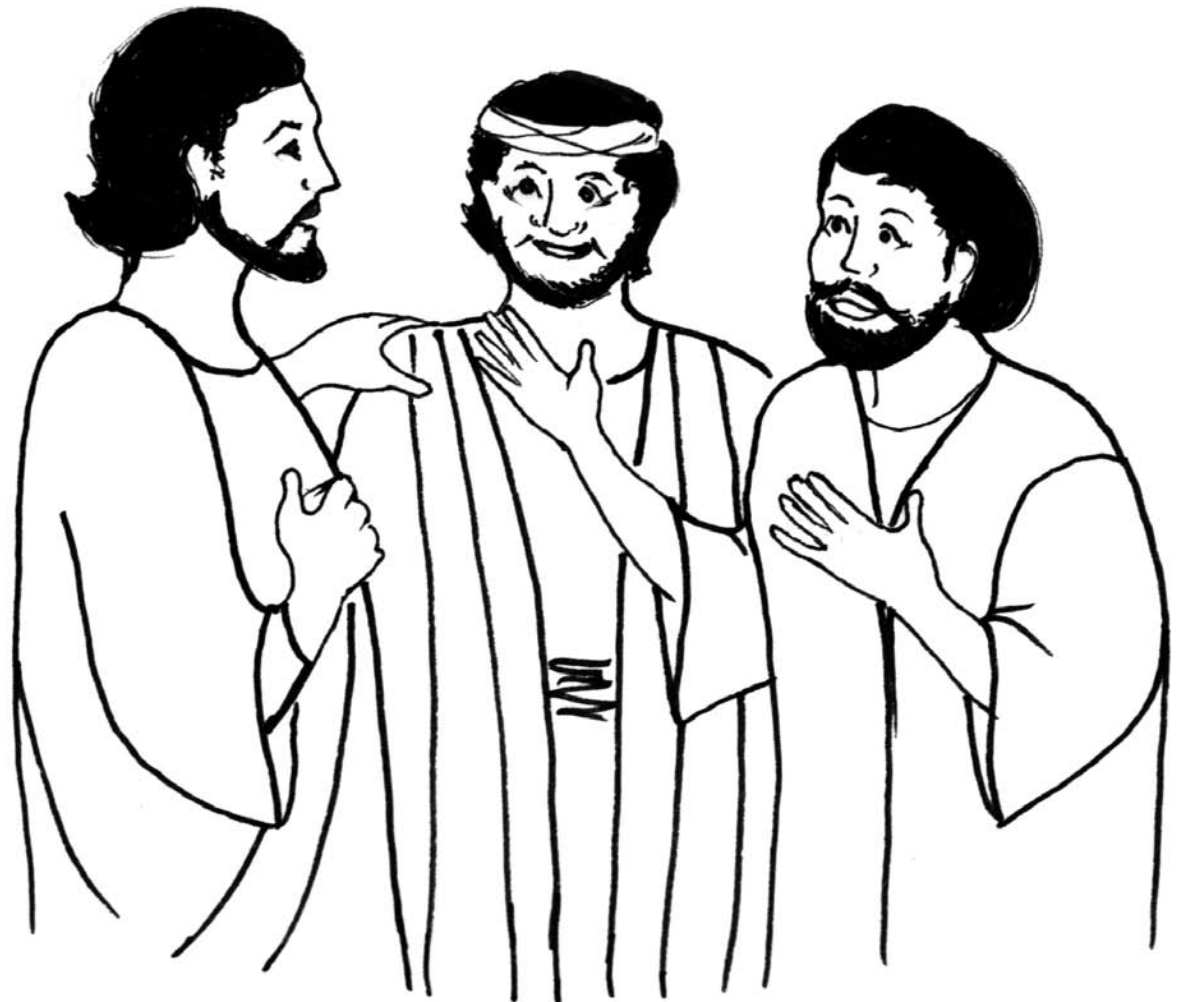


**The seventy men
went in pairs to all the towns
telling everyone about
God's kingdom.**



**When they came back to Jesus
they said,
'Lord, when we used Your name,
the wicked spirits obeyed us.'**

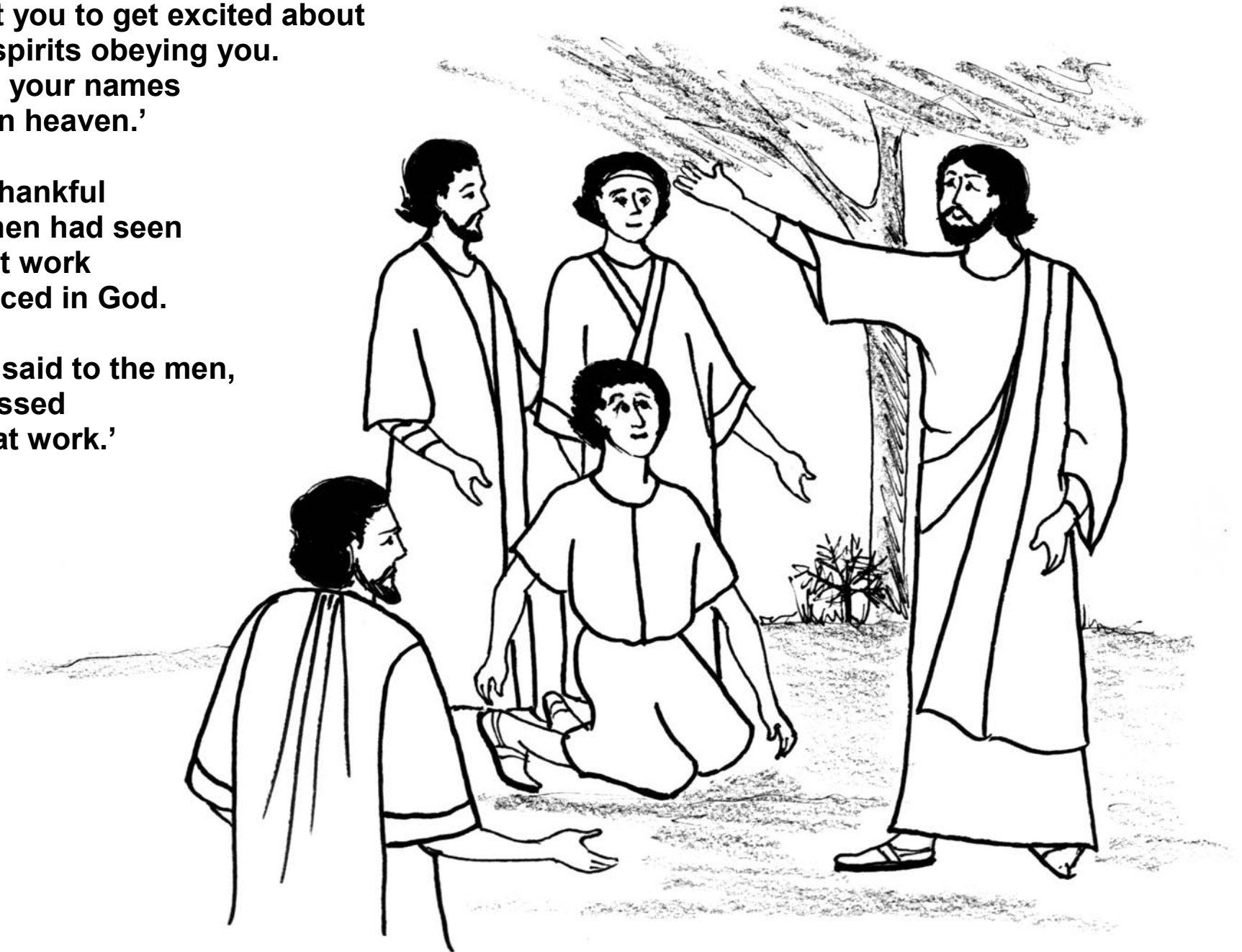
**'Yes', said Jesus,
'I saw Satan fall from the sky
like lightning.
I gave you power over the enemy.
Nothing could hurt you.'**



'I don't want you to get excited about the wicked spirits obeying you. Be glad that your names are written in heaven.'

Jesus was thankful that these men had seen His Father at work and He rejoiced in God.

Then Jesus said to the men, 'You are blessed to see God at work.'



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A teacher of the law
wanted to trick Jesus,
so he asked Him,
'Teacher, what must I do
to have eternal life?'

Jesus asked him,
'What does the law of God say?'

The scribe answered,
'The law says,
"You must love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
all your soul,
all your mind
and all your strength.
You must love your neighbour
like you love yourself."''

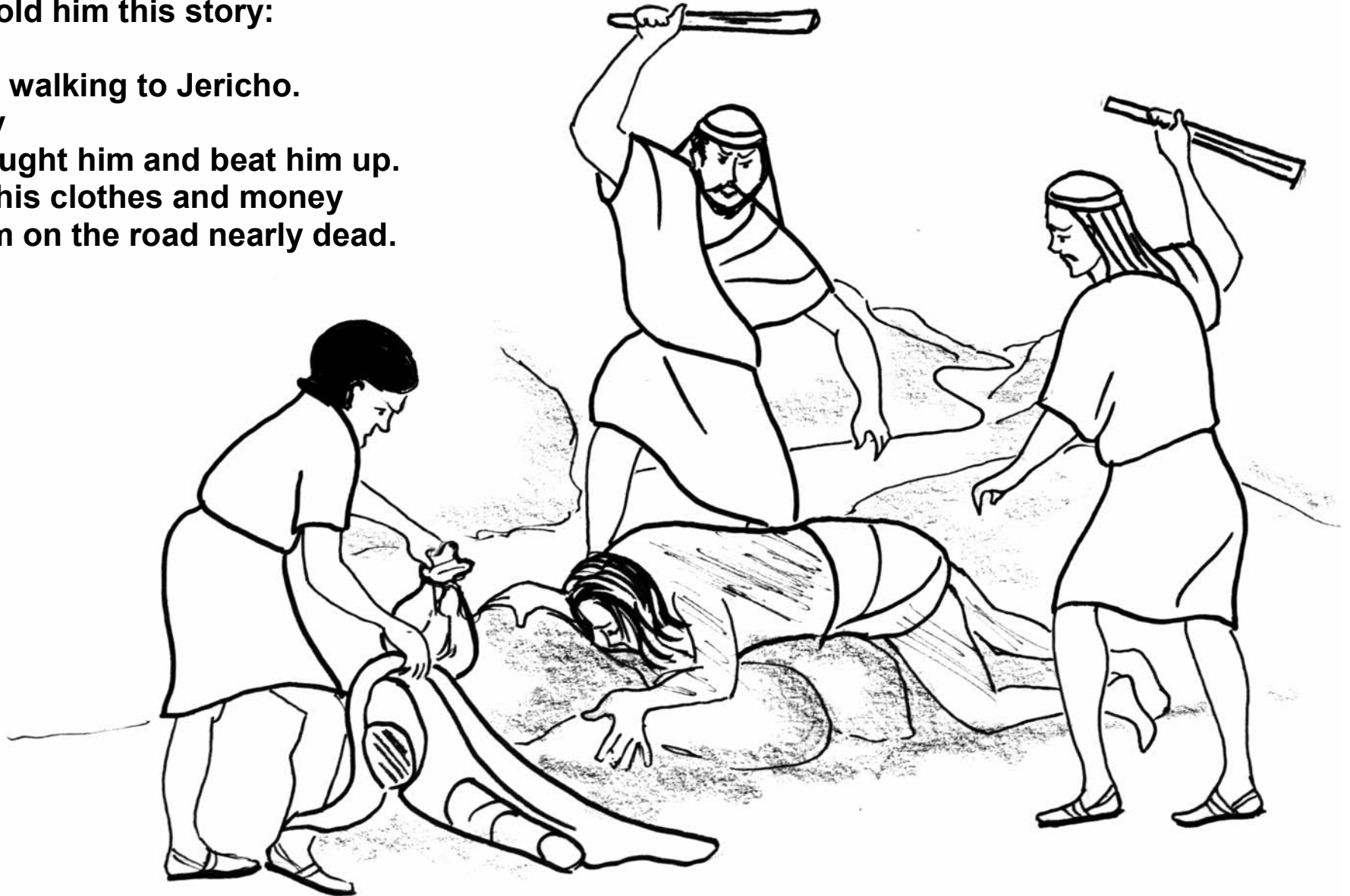
'That's right,'
Jesus said.
'Do this and you will have
eternal life.'



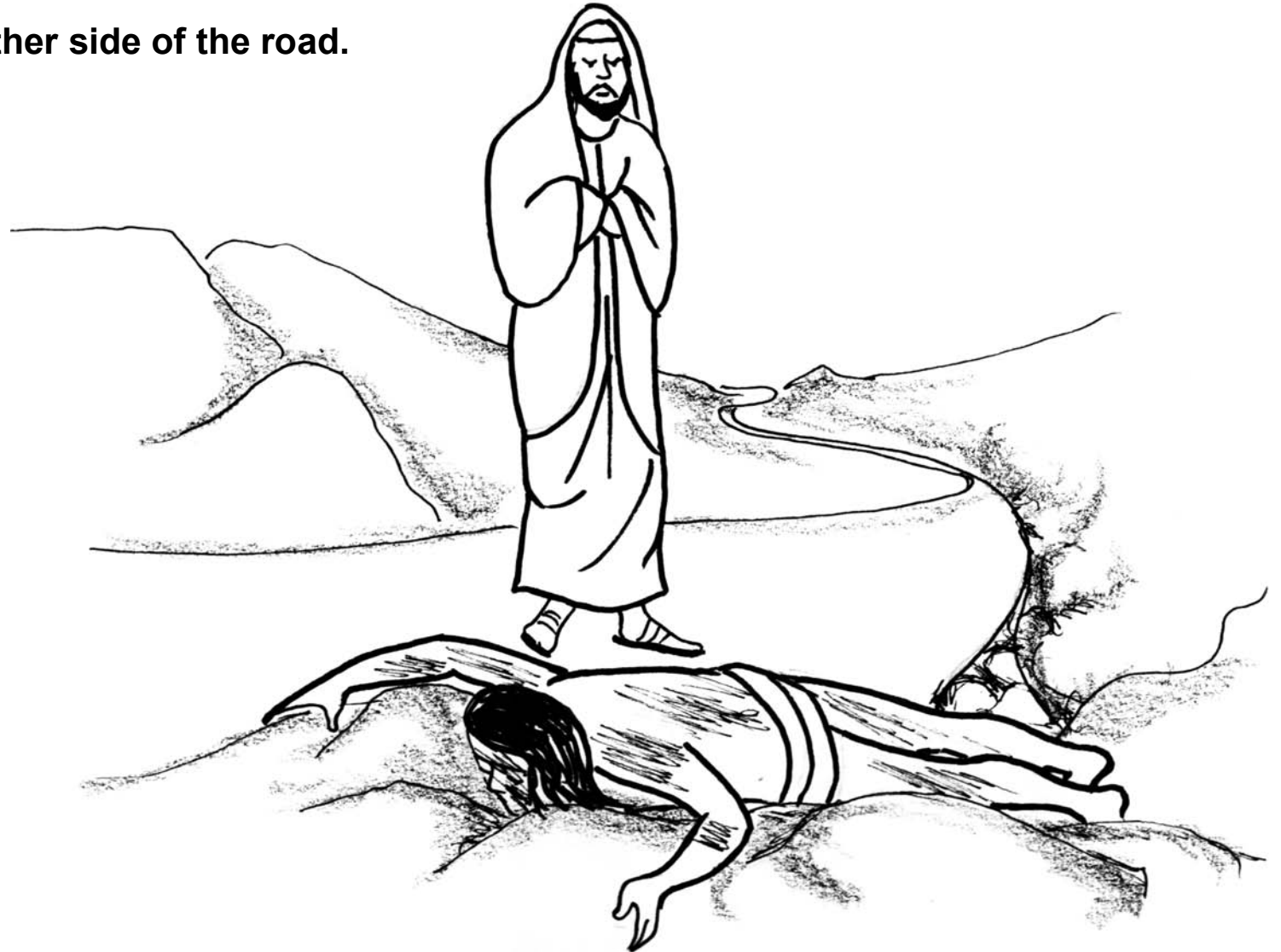
**‘But who is my neighbour?’
the scribe asked.**

So Jesus told him this story:

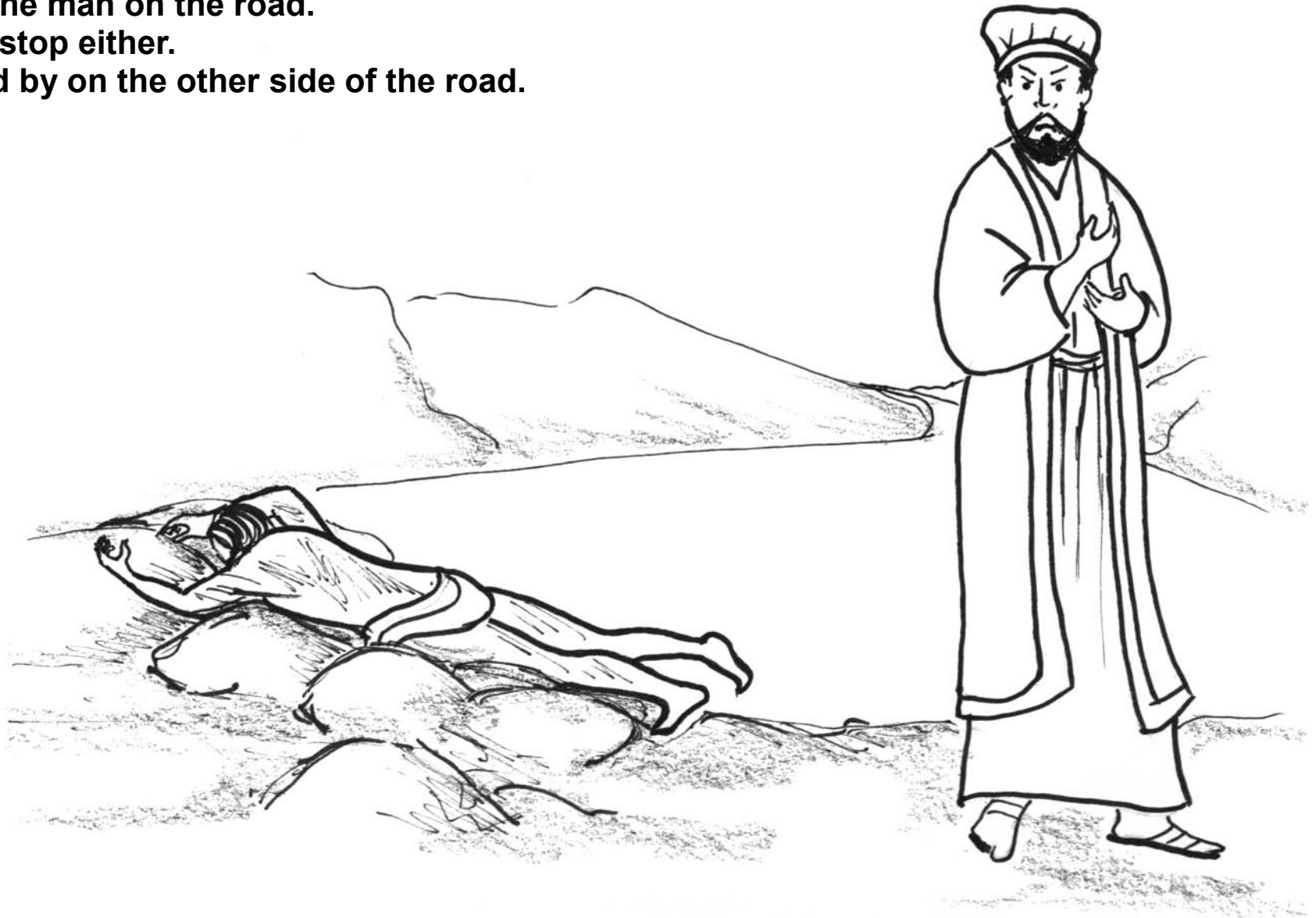
**A man was walking to Jericho.
On the way
robbers caught him and beat him up.
They took his clothes and money
and left him on the road nearly dead.**



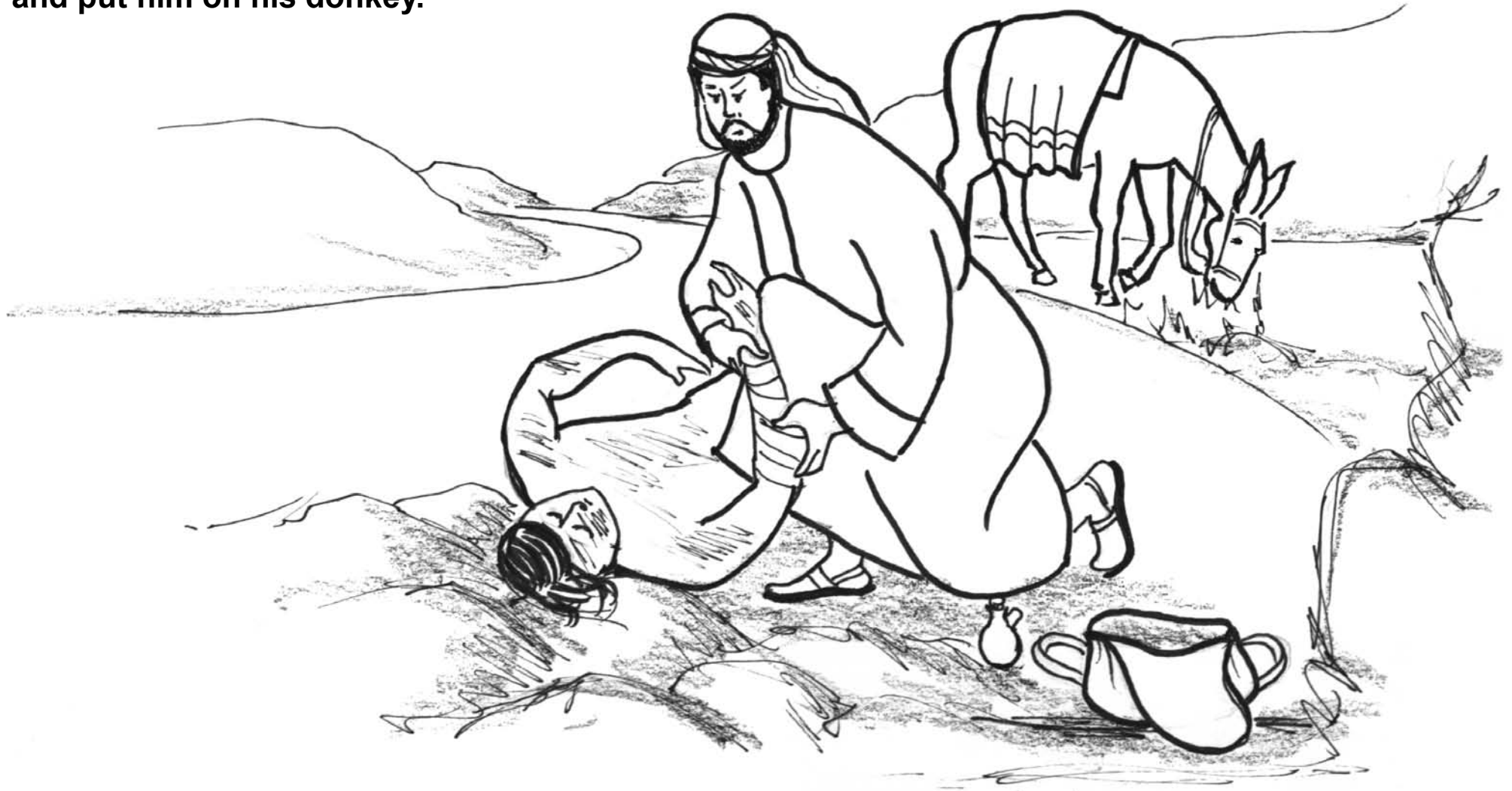
**A priest came walking by
and saw the man lying on the road.
He didn't stop.
He walked by on the other side of the road.**



**Then a Levite came by
and saw the man on the road.
He didn't stop either.
He walked by on the other side of the road.**

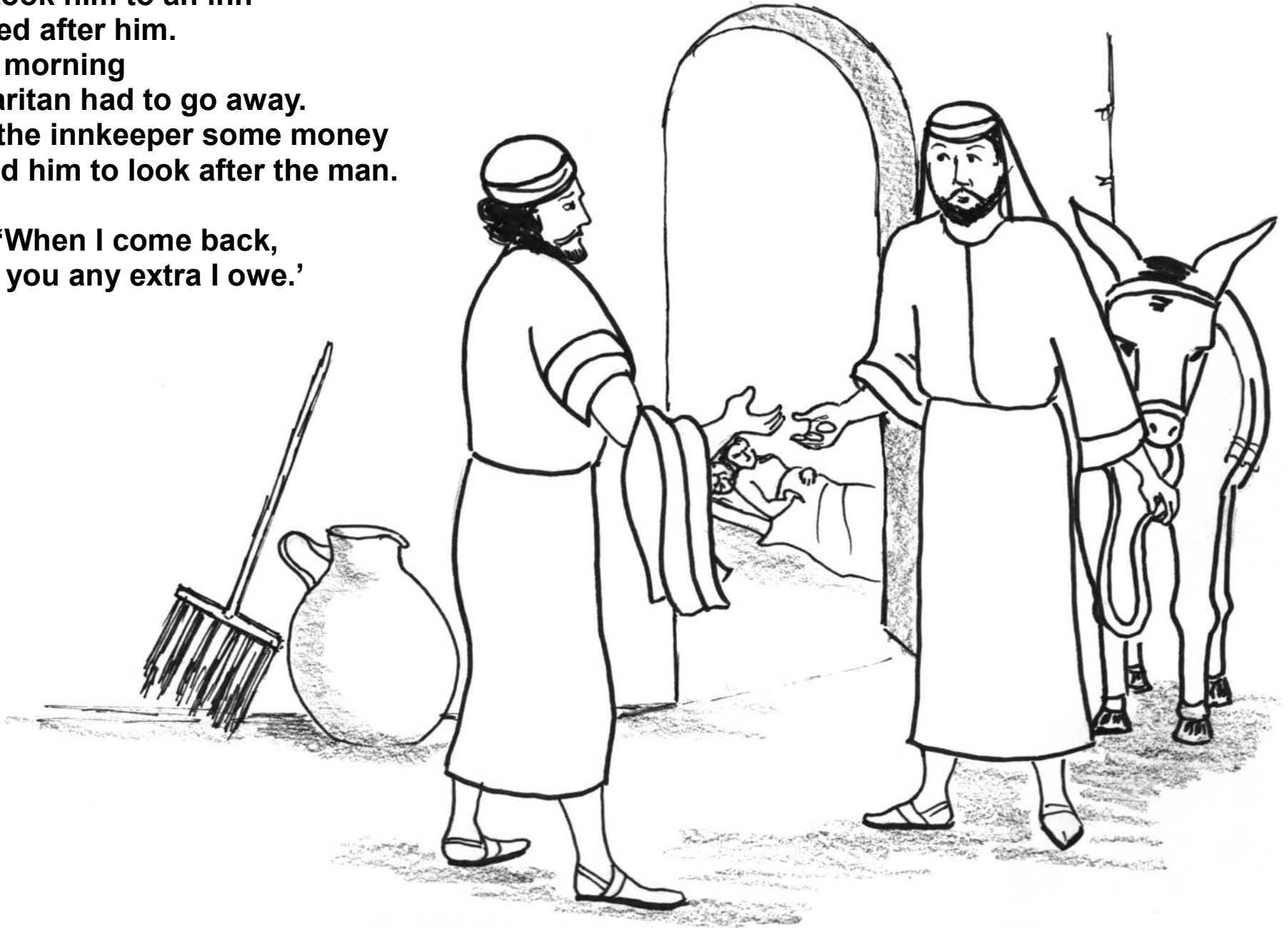


**Then a man from Samaria, came by.
The Jews hated the Samaritans,
but it was this man who stopped to help.
He cleaned and bandaged
the man's wounds
and put him on his donkey.**



He then took him to an inn
and looked after him.
The next morning
the Samaritan had to go away.
He gave the innkeeper some money
and asked him to look after the man.

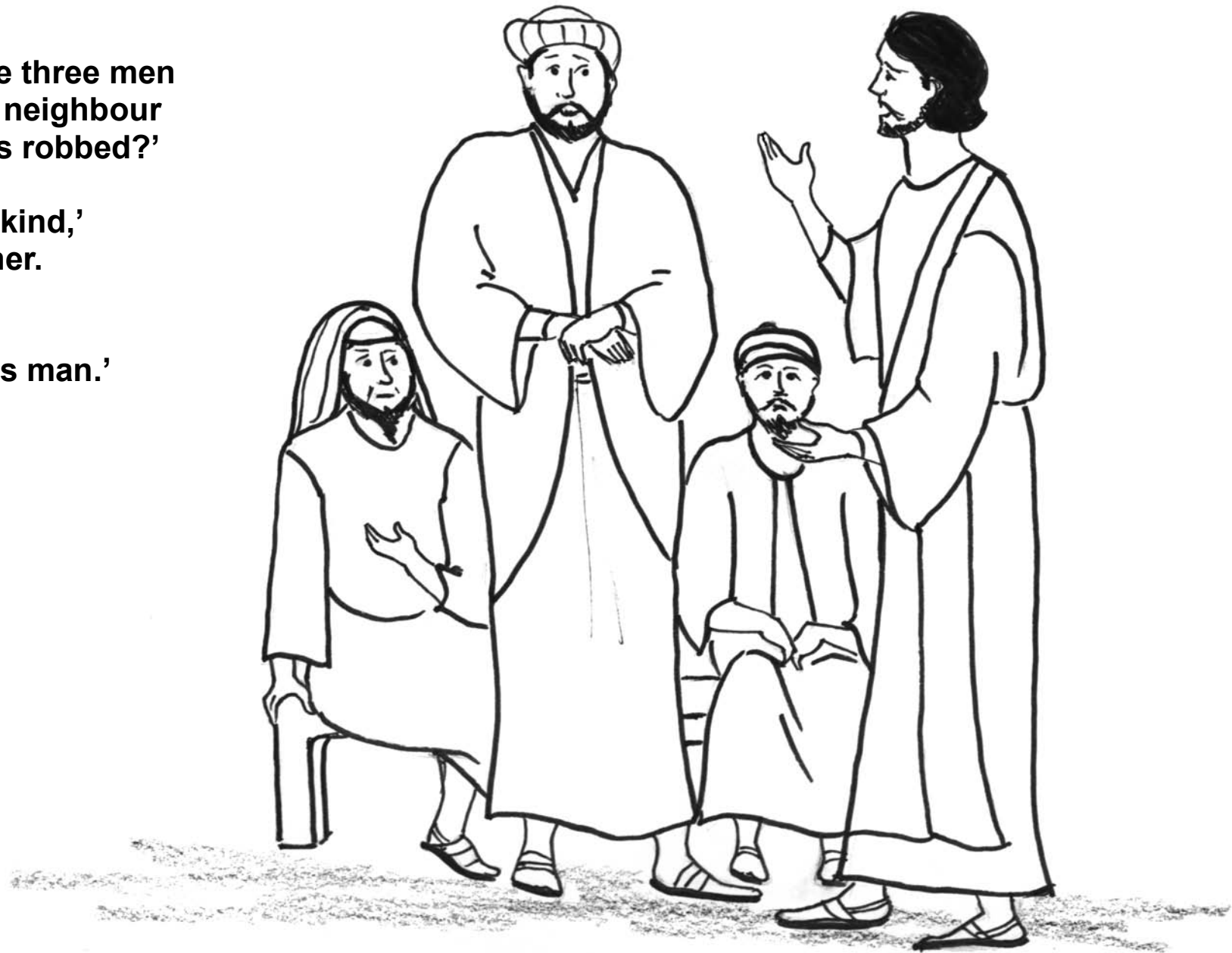
He said, 'When I come back,
I will pay you any extra I owe.'



**At the end of this story
Jesus asked the
teacher of the law,
'Which one of those three men
do you think was a neighbour
to the man who was robbed?'**

**'The man who was kind,'
answered the teacher.**

**Jesus said,
'Go and live like this man.'**



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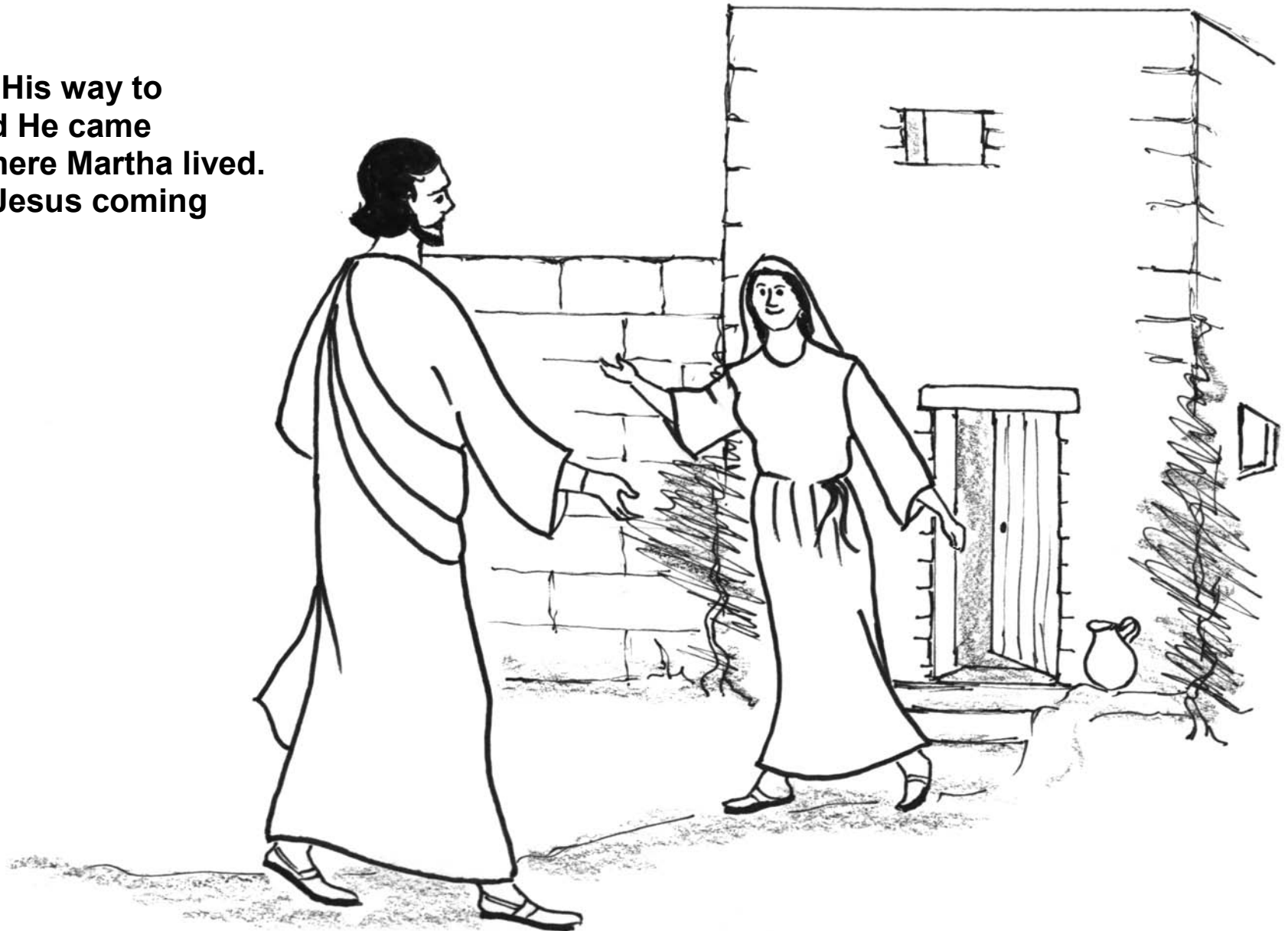
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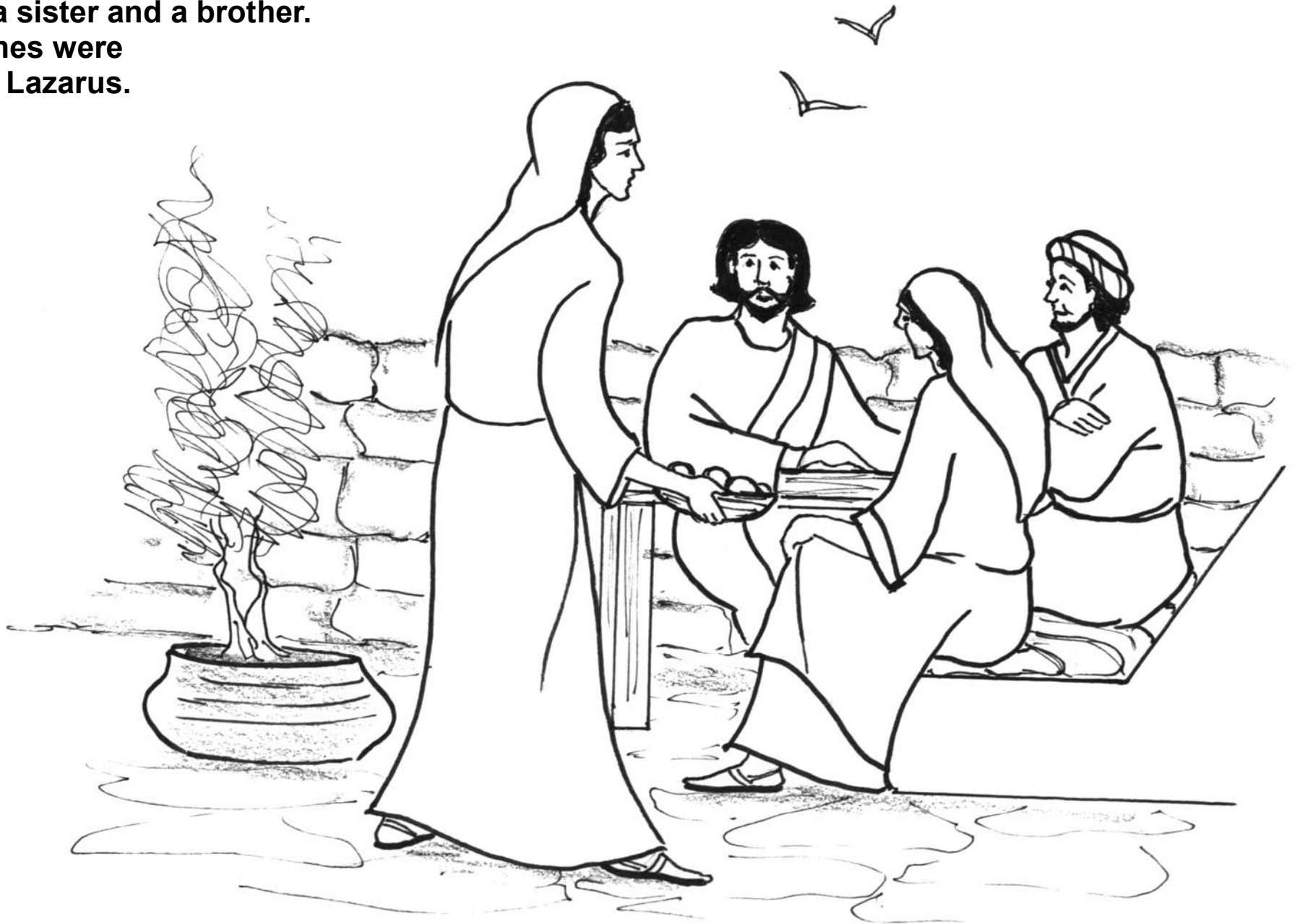
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LUKE 10:38–42
MARY AND MARTHA
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Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem and He came to the town where Martha lived. Martha loved Jesus coming to her house.



**She had a sister and a brother.
Their names were
Mary and Lazarus.**



**Mary loved listening to Jesus.
She sat at His feet
listening to everything He said.**

**Martha was busy in the kitchen.
Mary was not helping her
and this made her cross.**



**Martha came to Jesus and said,
'Lord, don't you care
that my sister
has left all the work to me?
Tell her to come and help me!'**

**'Martha, Martha,' Jesus said.
'You are getting upset and
worried about many things.
There is only one thing
that is important.
Mary has chosen it.
It will never be taken from her.'**

***Jesus was telling Martha that
there is nothing more important
than hearing God's word.
If we seek God's kingdom first
all the things we need
will be given to us.***



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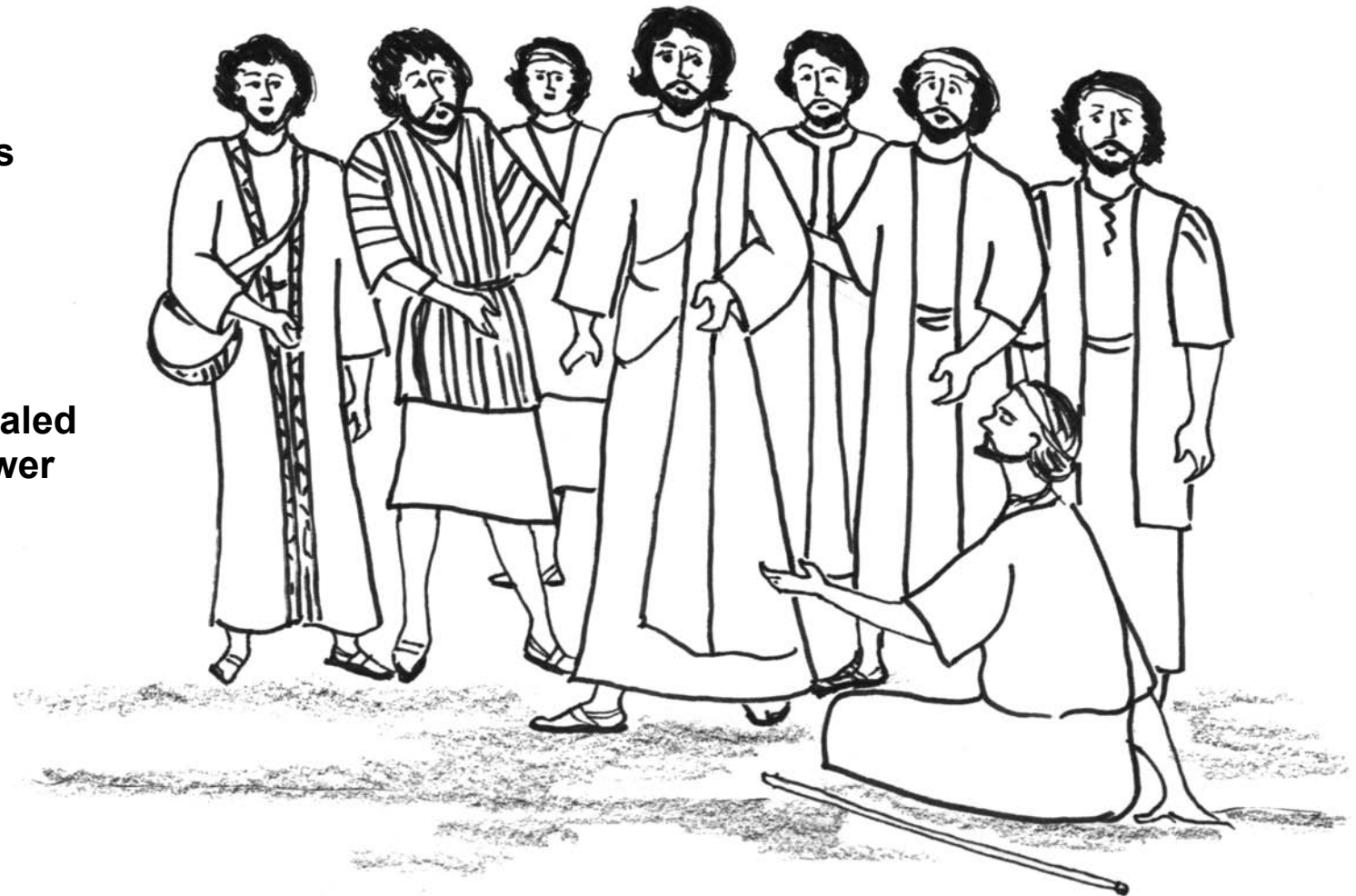
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JOHN 9:1-41
THE MAN WHO WAS BORN BLIND
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**Jesus saw a man
who had always been blind.**

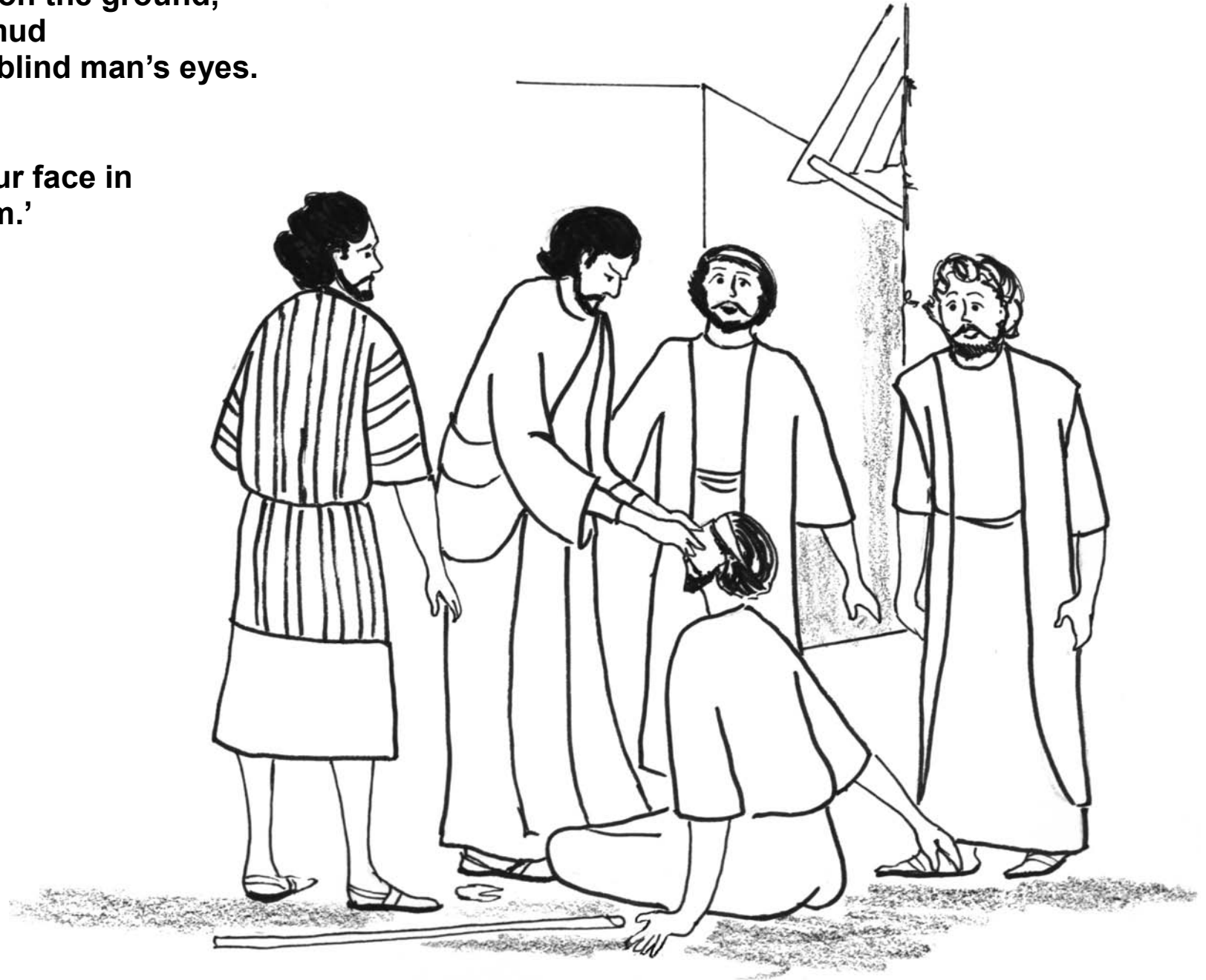
**His disciples asked Him,
'Is this man blind
because he or his parents
did something wrong?'**

**Jesus said,
'He was not born blind,
because of anyone's sin,
but so that when he is healed
people will see God's power
and kindness.'**



**Then Jesus spat on the ground,
mixed up some mud
and put it on the blind man's eyes.**

**He said,
'Go and wash your face in
the pool of Siloam.'**



**The man went to the pool
and after washing his face,
he could see.**



**Those who knew him asked,
'Is this the man
who sat by the road, begging?'**

**Some said,
'Yes, it is.'**

**Others said,
'No, he can't be that man.
He only looks like him.'**

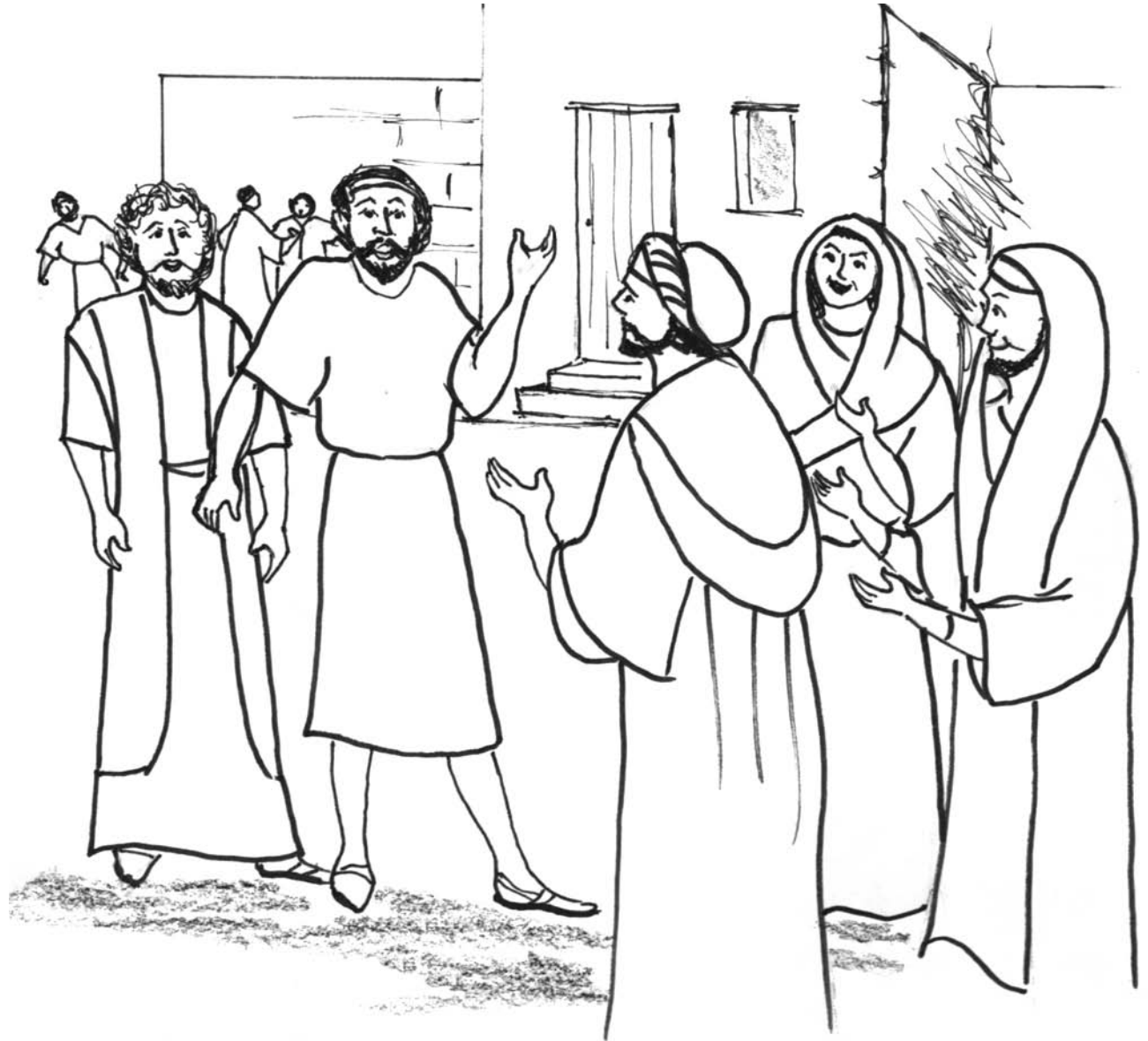
The man said, 'I am that man.'

**'How is it that you can see?'
they asked.**

**He said, 'A man called Jesus
made some mud
and put it on my eyes.
He told me to wash
in the pool of Siloam.
I washed and now I can see.'**

'Where is the man?' they asked.

'I don't know,' he answered.



**Then they took him
to the Pharisees who asked him,
'How did Jesus heal you?'**

**The man told them
but they didn't believe him.**

**They asked his parents.
'Is this your son
who was born blind?'**

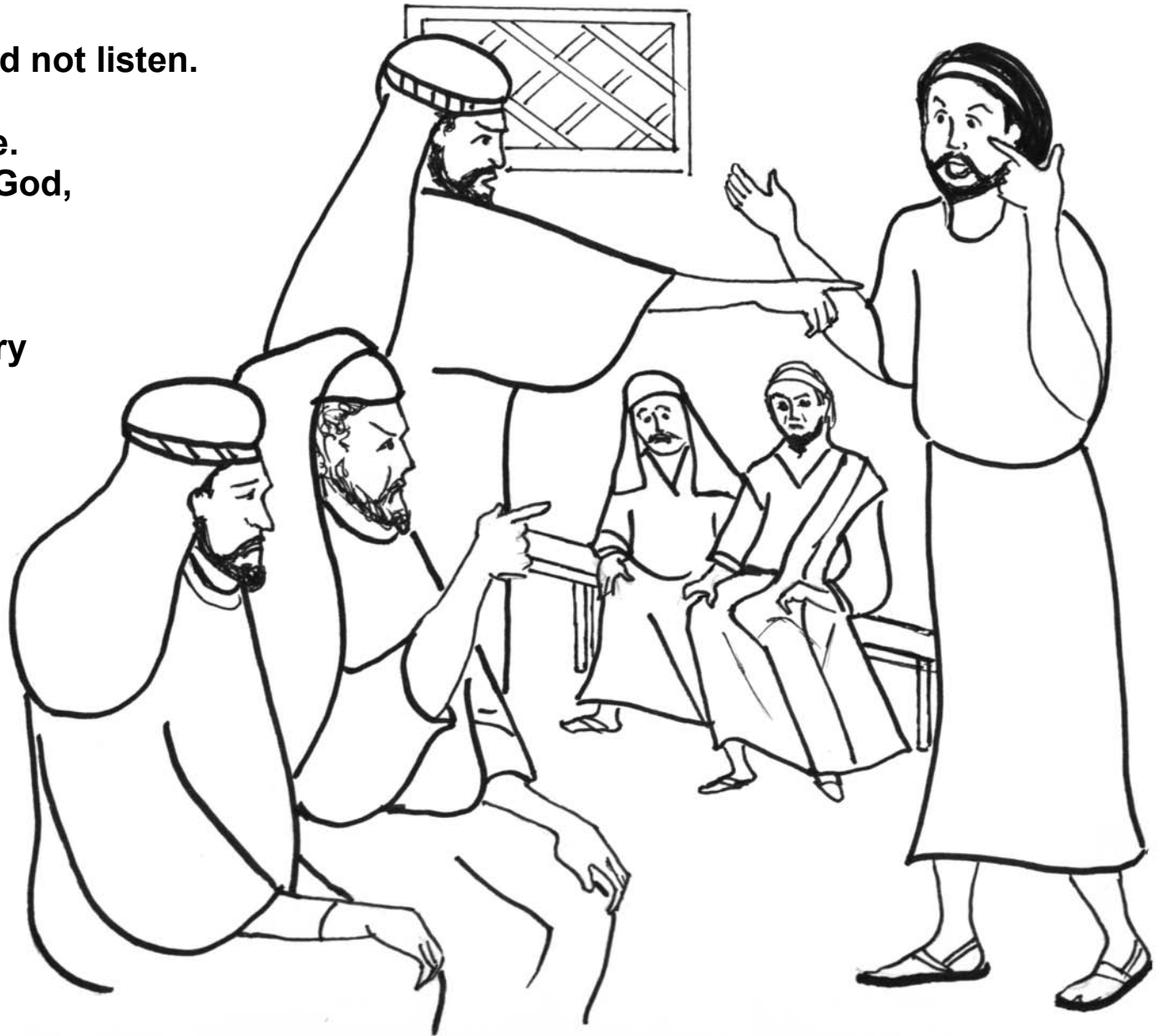
**The parents were afraid
of the Pharisees and answered,
'Yes, he is our son.
It is true that he was born blind.
We don't know
who opened his eyes.
You ask him.'**



The Pharisees asked the man again.

**The man answered,
'I have told you and you would not listen.
I know one thing.
I was blind, and now I can see.
Jesus must have come from God,
otherwise He could not have
healed me.'**

**This made the Pharisees angry
and they put the man
out of the synagogue.**



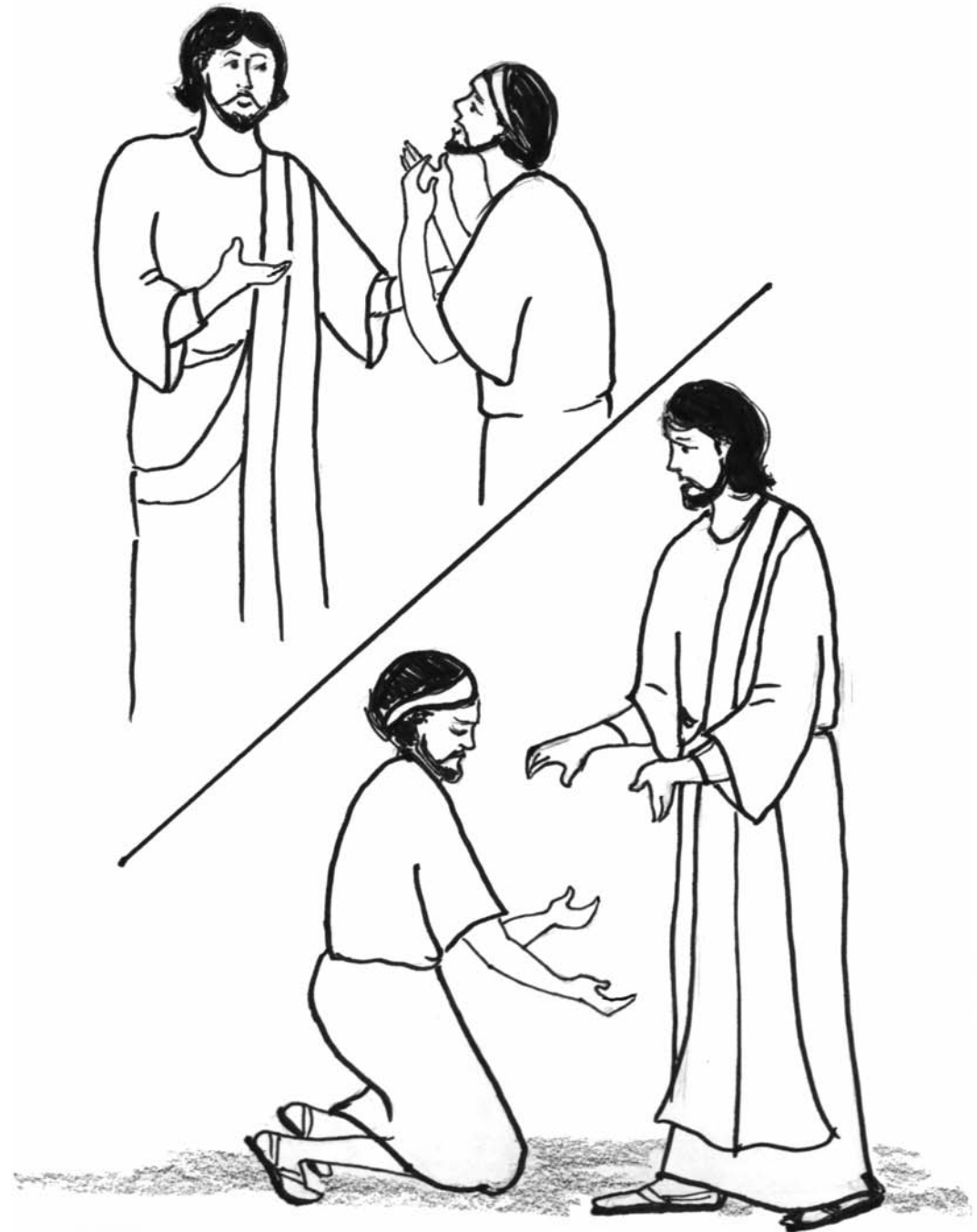
**Jesus heard what had happened.
He found the man and asked,
'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'**

**'Who is He, Master?'
the man asked.
'Tell me so that I may believe.'**

**'You see Him now,'
Jesus answered.
'He is the One talking to you.'**

'Lord, I do believe,' he said.

He bowed and worshipped Jesus.



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JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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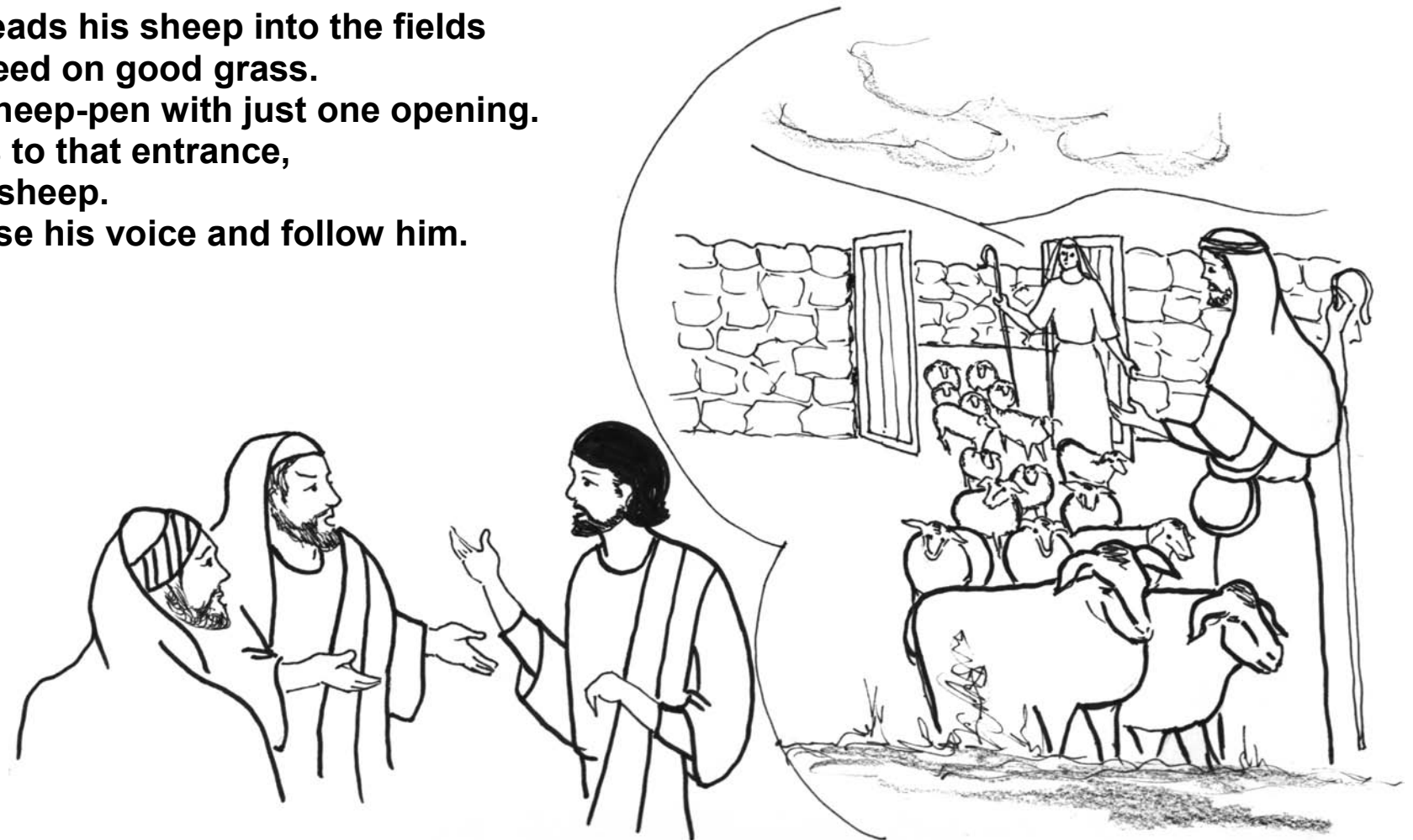
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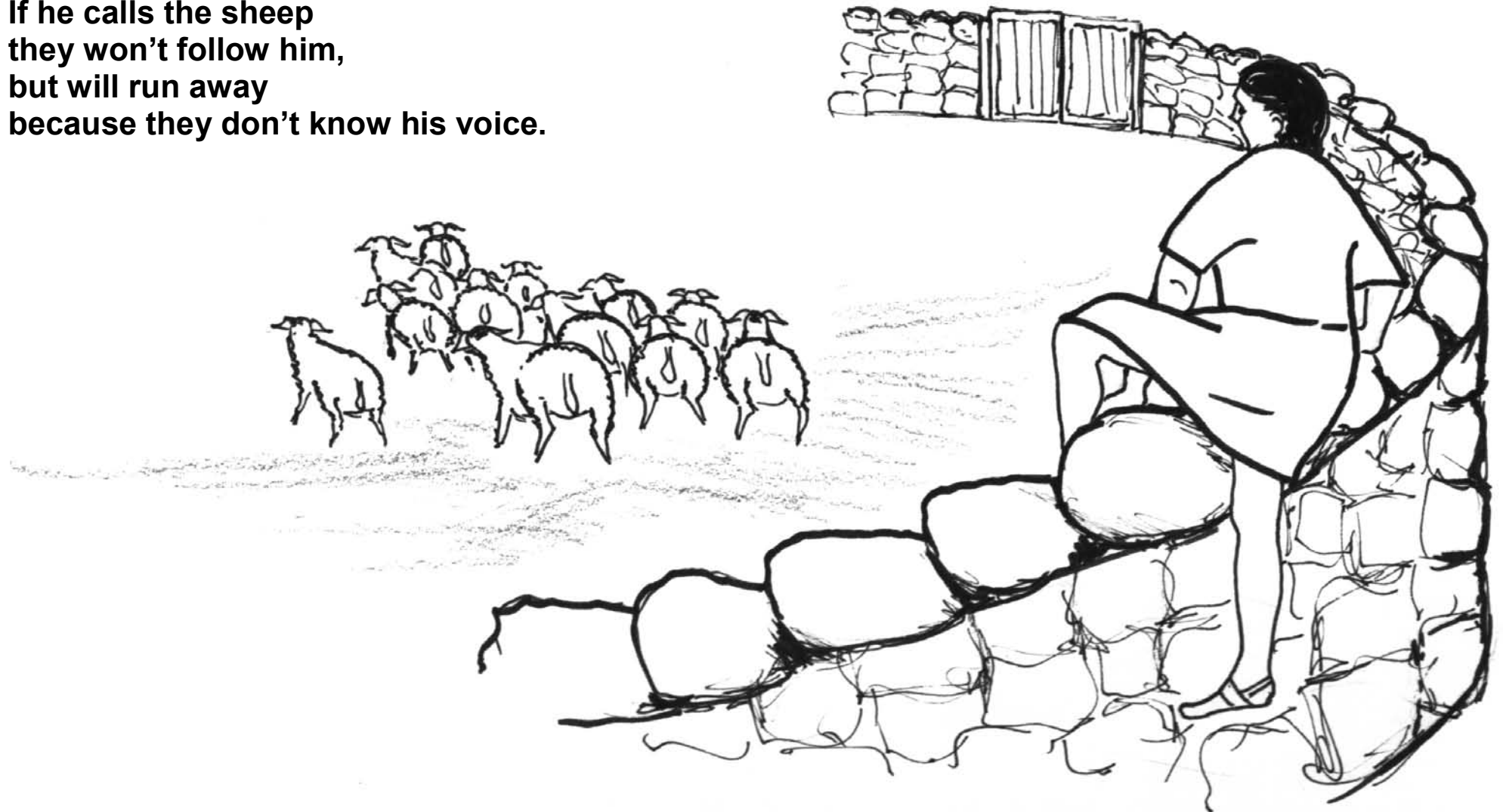
**When Jesus was talking to some Pharisees
He told them this story:**

**A shepherd leads his sheep into the fields
so they can feed on good grass.
He builds a sheep-pen with just one opening.
Then he goes to that entrance,
and calls his sheep.
They recognise his voice and follow him.**



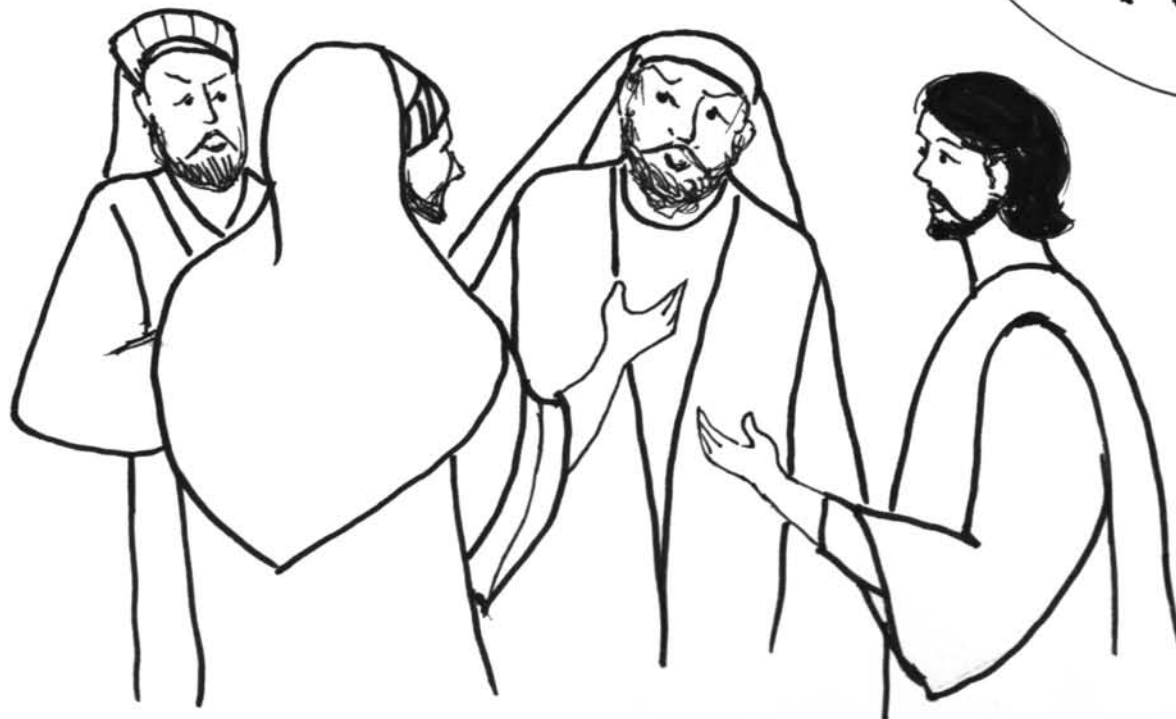
**If someone comes to the sheep pen
and doesn't go in by the gate,
but climbs the wall,
he would be a thief.**

**If he calls the sheep
they won't follow him,
but will run away
because they don't know his voice.**

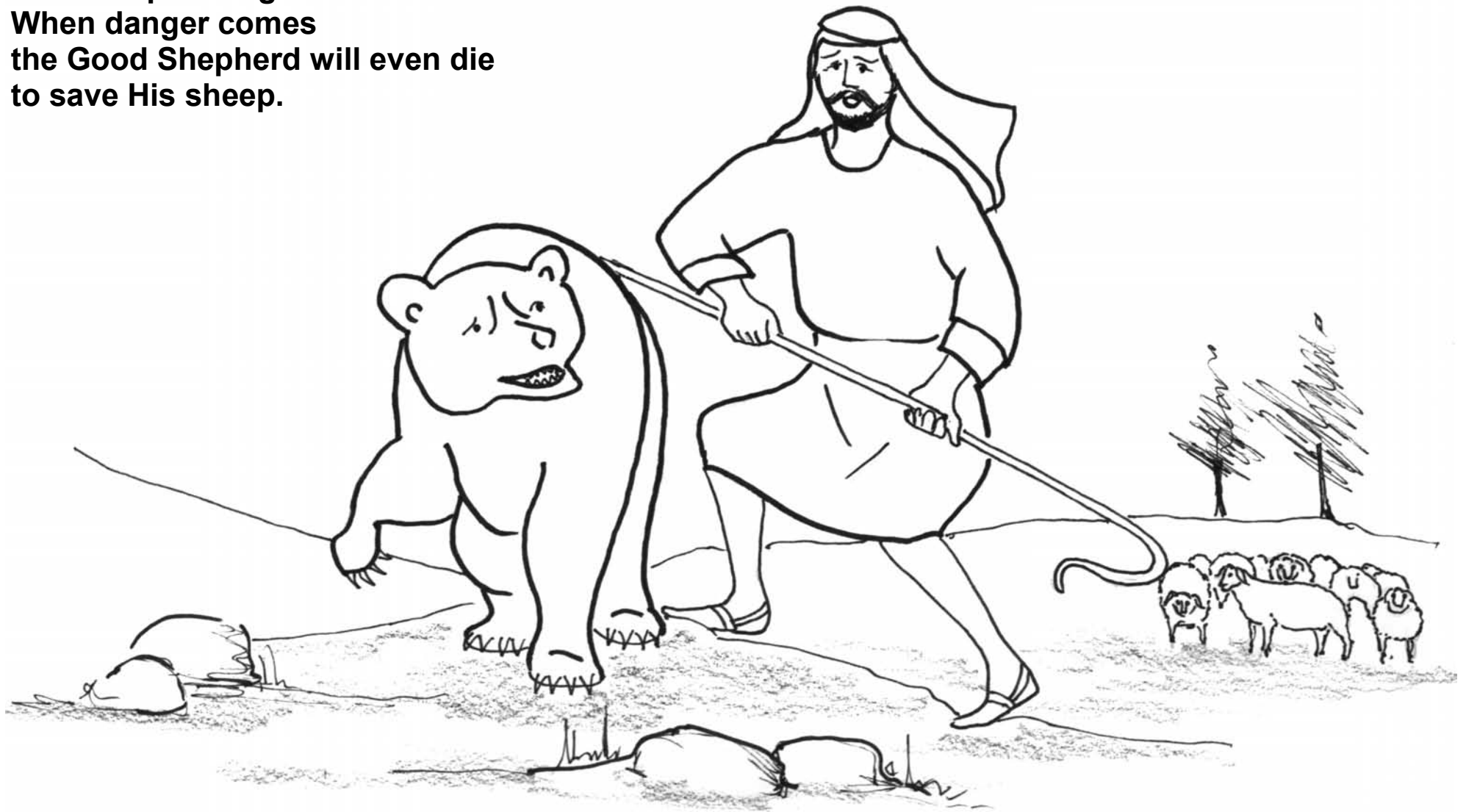


**The Pharisees wondered,
'What is Jesus trying to tell us?'**

**Jesus said,
'I am the Gate for the sheep.
Anyone who comes in through Me
will be saved.
When a thief comes,
he steals, kills and ruins things.
I have come to give My sheep, life.'**



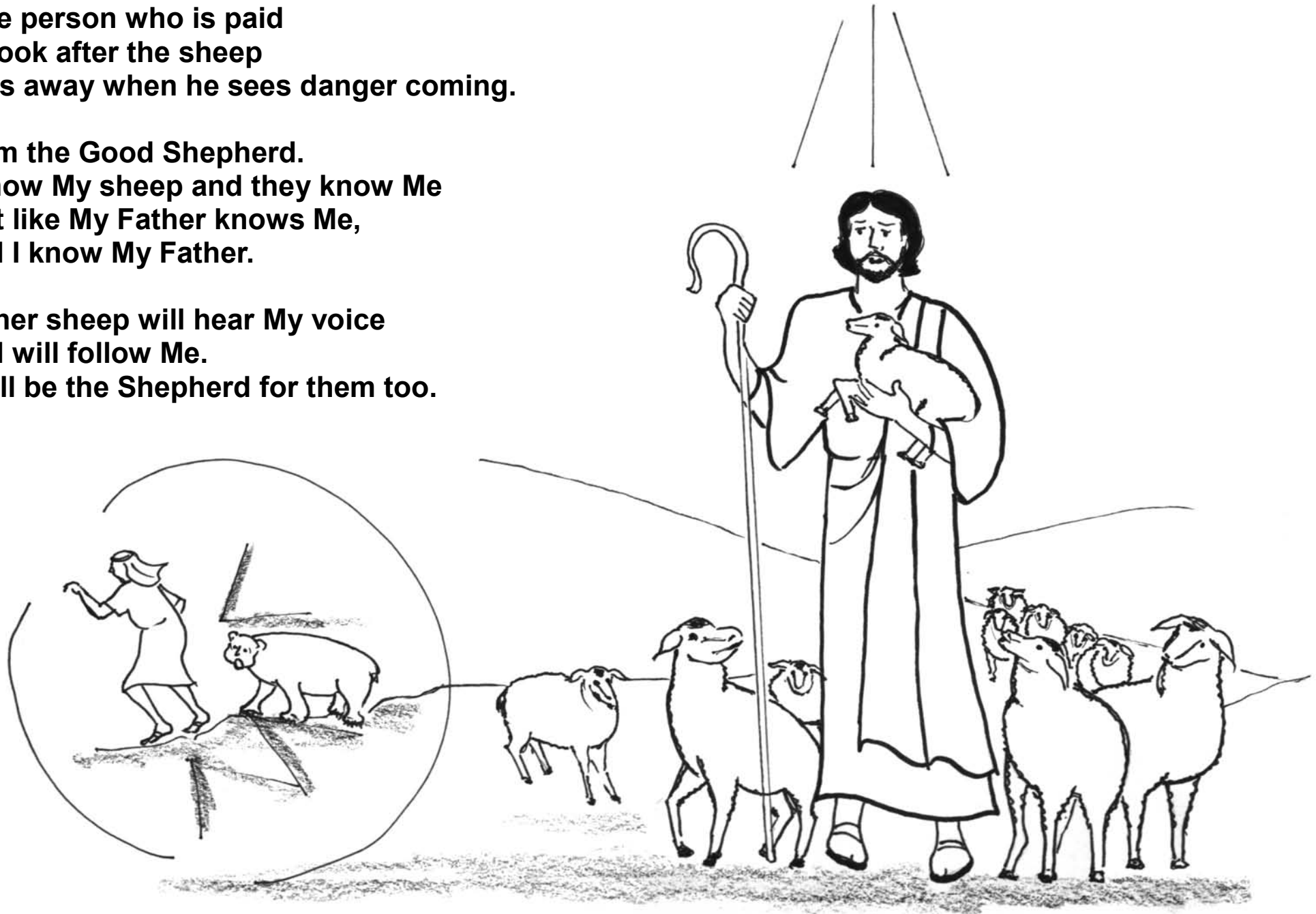
**'I am the Good Shepherd.
The sheep belong to Me.
When danger comes
the Good Shepherd will even die
to save His sheep.**



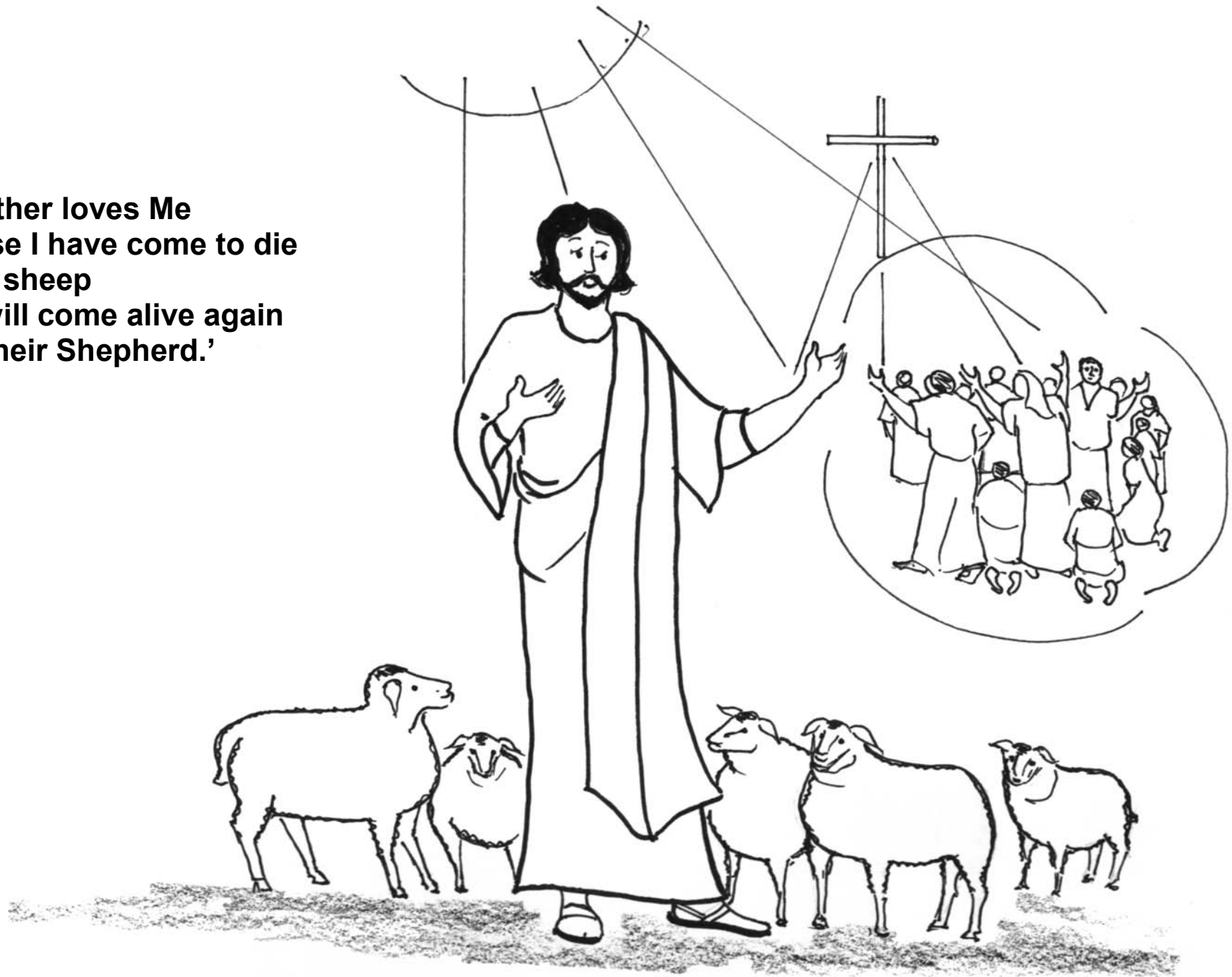
**'The person who is paid
to look after the sheep
runs away when he sees danger coming.**

**'I am the Good Shepherd.
I know My sheep and they know Me
just like My Father knows Me,
and I know My Father.**

**'Other sheep will hear My voice
and will follow Me.
I will be the Shepherd for them too.**



**'My Father loves Me
because I have come to die
for the sheep
and I will come alive again
to be their Shepherd.'**

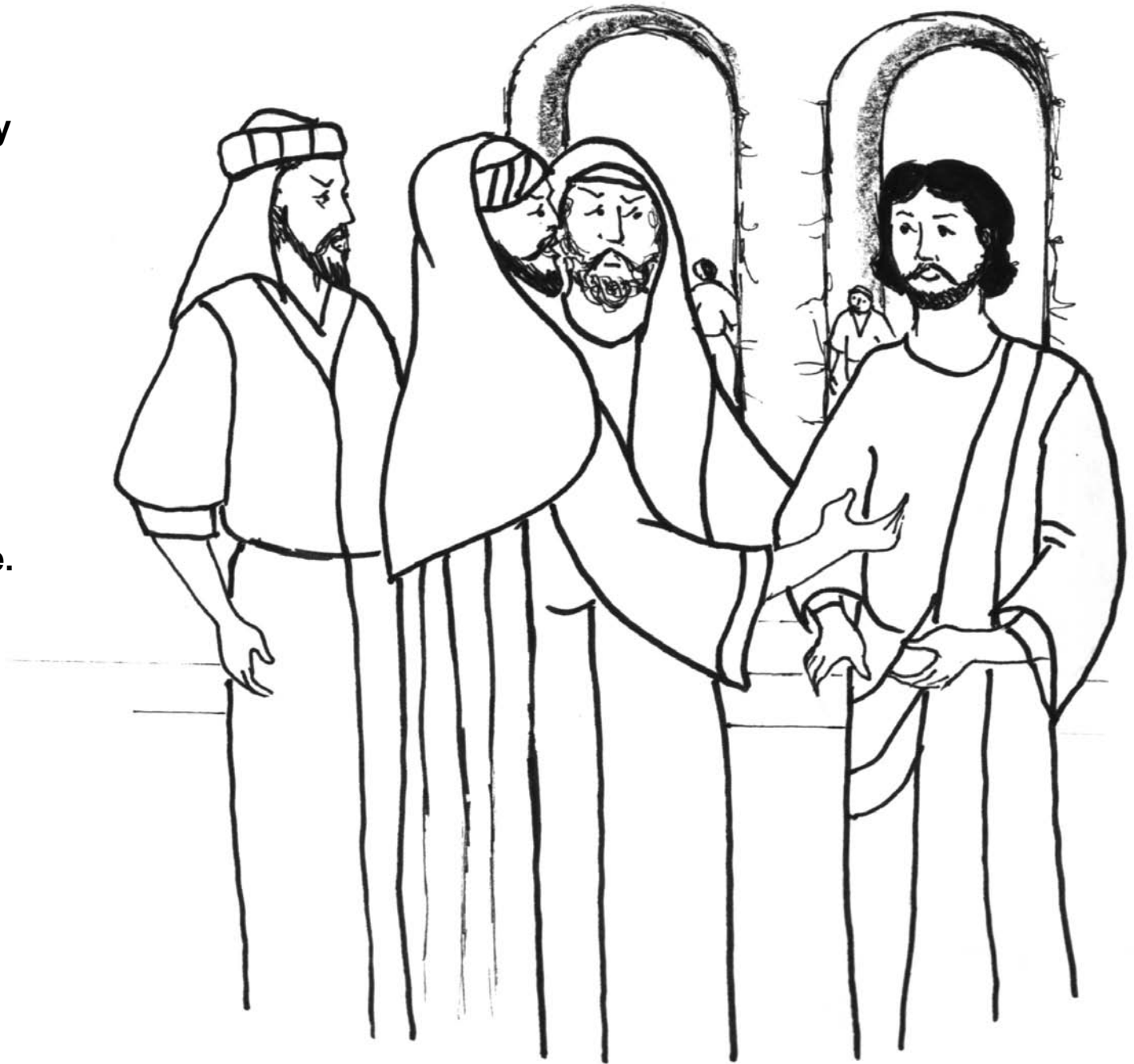


**The Pharisees went away
and thought about what
Jesus said.**

**Sometime later
they asked Jesus,
'Who are You really?
Are You the Messiah?'**

**Jesus answered,
'I told you who I am
and you don't believe Me.**

**'The miracles I do
in My Father's name
show you who I am.**



**'You don't believe Me
because you are not My sheep.
My sheep hear My voice
and follow Me and I know them.**

**'I give them life forever
and no one can take them
away from Me.
My Father has given them to Me.'**



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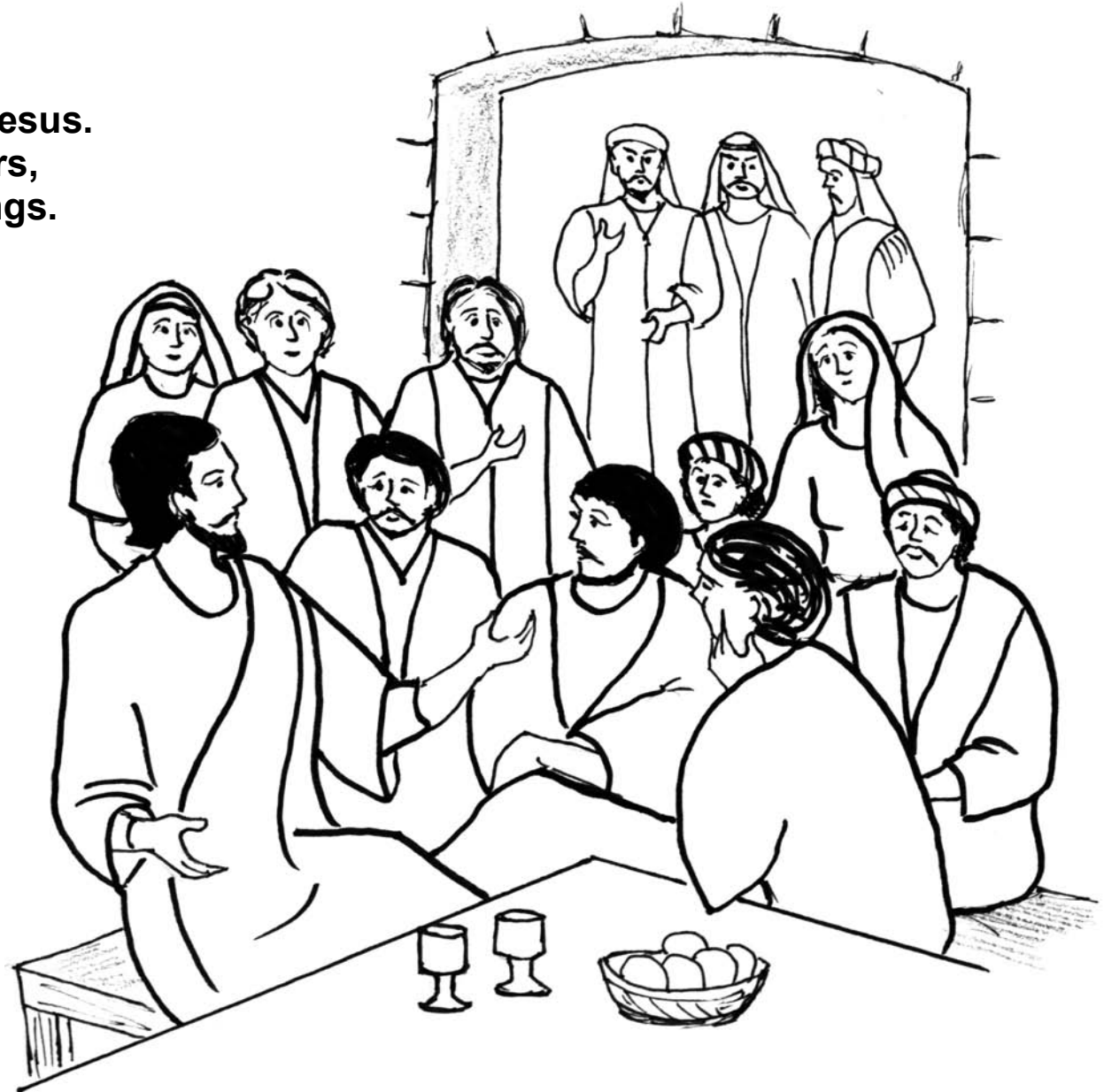
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**Many people were listening to Jesus.
Some of them were tax collectors,
and others had done wrong things.**

**The Pharisees
and teachers of the law
were watching
what Jesus was doing.**

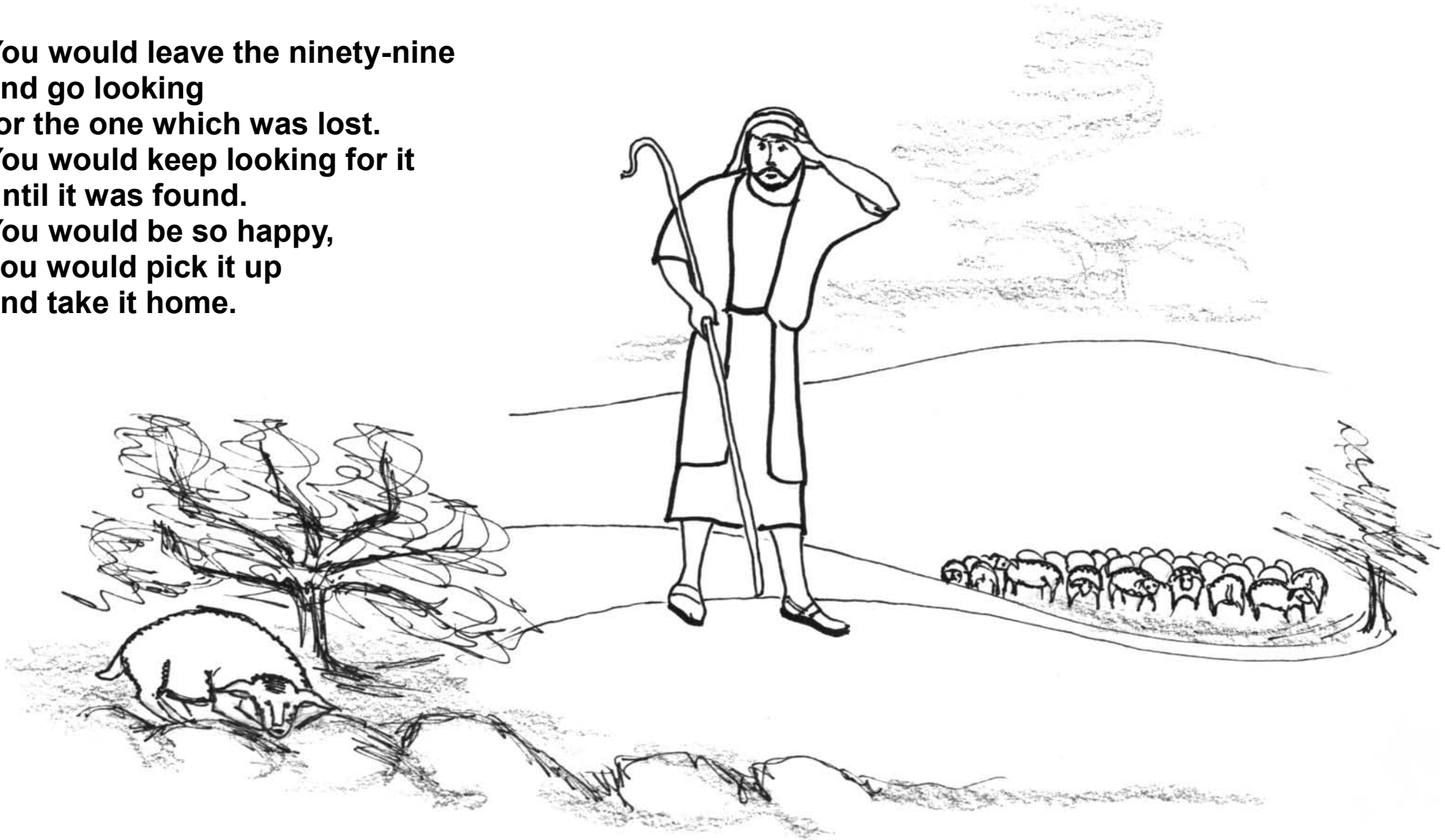
**They grumbled saying,
'He welcomes sinners
and eats with them.'**

**Jesus happened to hear
what they said
and told them this story:**



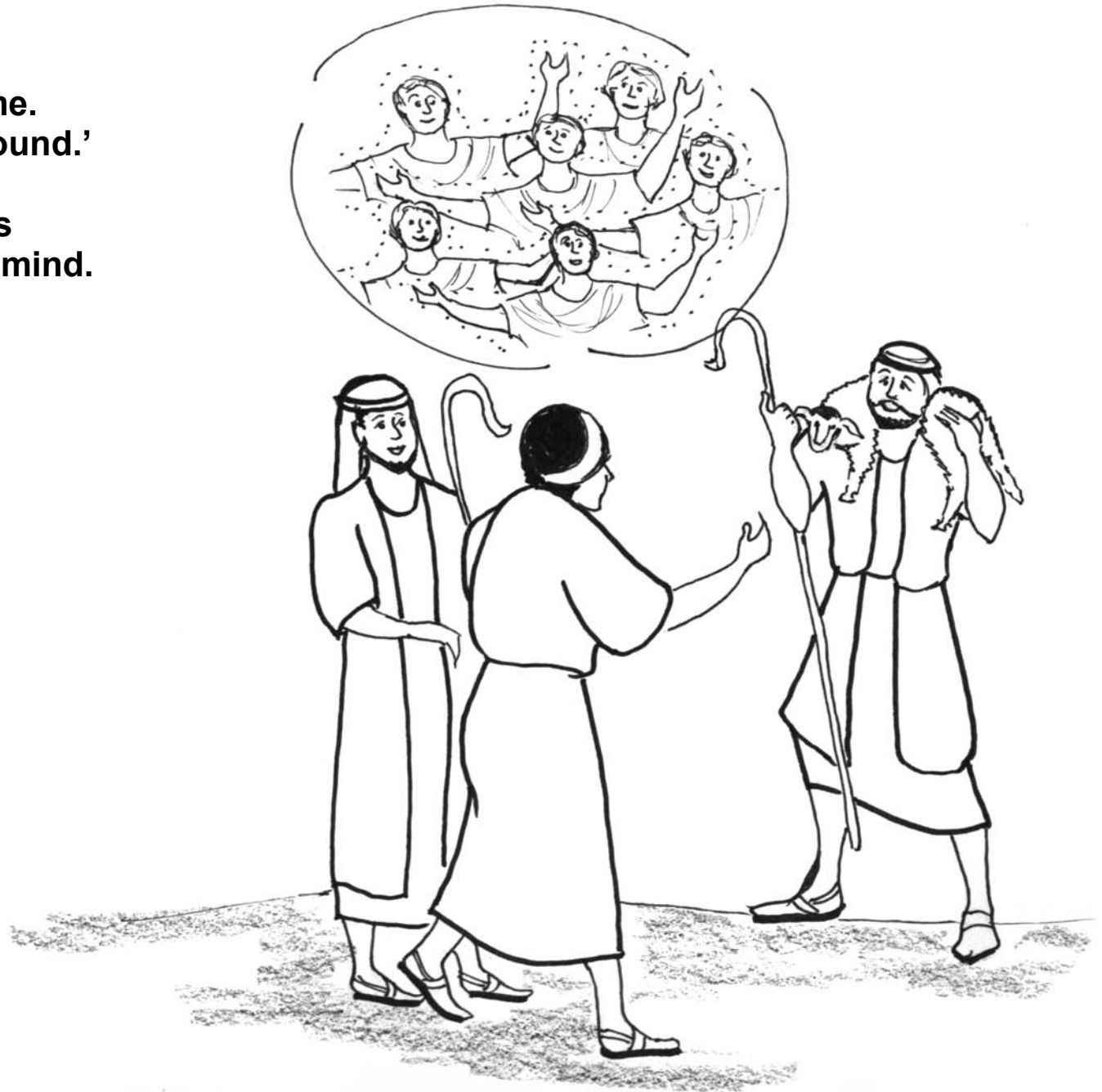
**If one of you had a hundred sheep
and one of them got lost,
what would you do?**

**You would leave the ninety-nine
and go looking
for the one which was lost.
You would keep looking for it
until it was found.
You would be so happy,
you would pick it up
and take it home.**



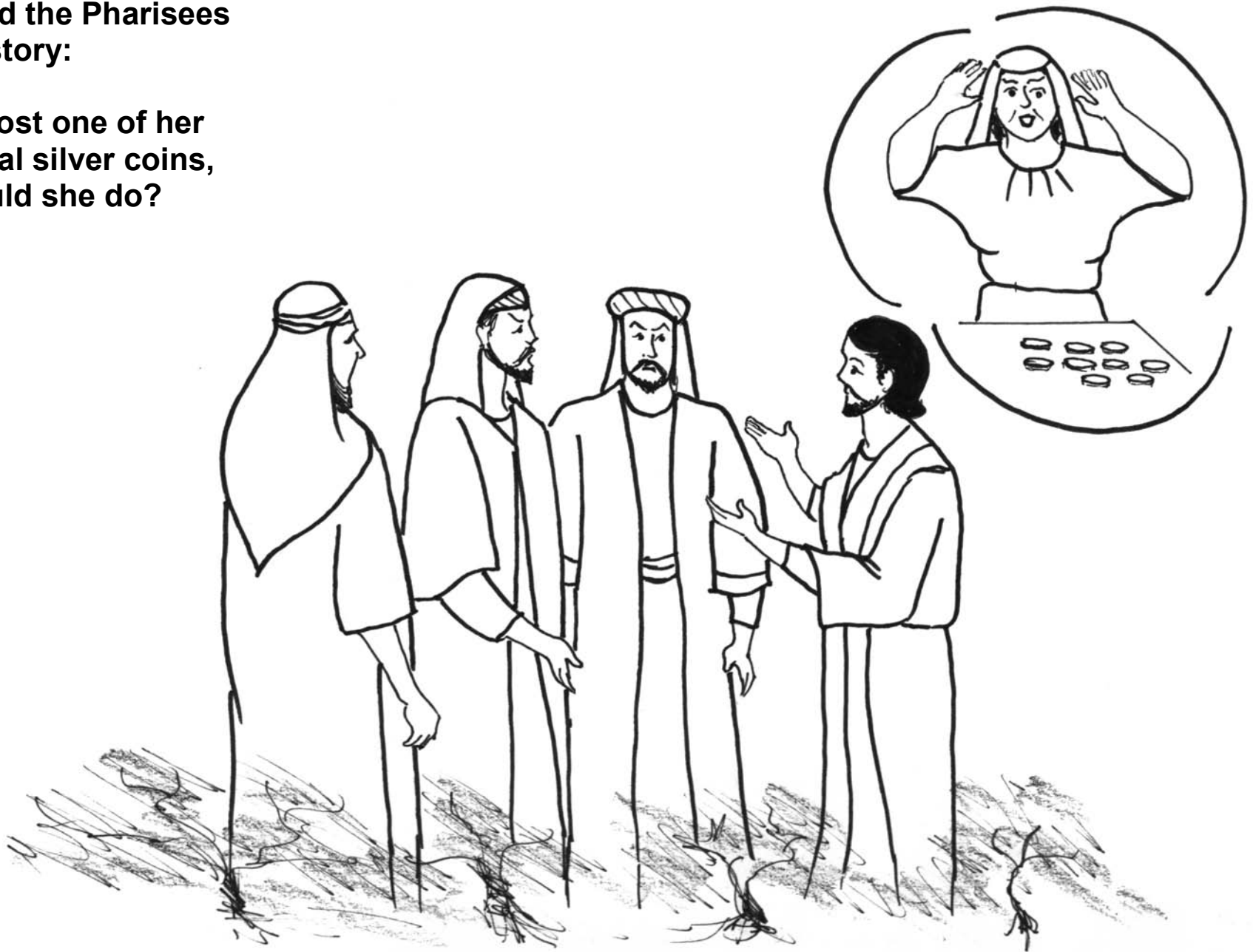
**Then you would
call your friends saying,
'Come and be happy with me.
My sheep that was lost is found.'**

**In heaven everyone rejoices
when a sinner changes his mind.
In fact there is more joy
over the one sinner
who has been saved,
than the ninety-nine
who were just being good.**



**Jesus told the Pharisees
another story:**

**If a lady lost one of her
ten special silver coins,
what would she do?**



**She would light her lamp,
and look everywhere.
She would look in the corners,
under the chairs
and behind the bed.
She would keep looking
until she found the coin that was lost.**



**Then when the lady found it
she would call out to her friends
and neighbours saying,
'I've found my coin.
Be happy with me.
I have found my coin that was lost.'**

**'It's like that in heaven,'
said Jesus.
'Up there with all God's angels,
everyone is really happy
when one sinner turns to God
and knows that he is forgiven.'**



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LUKE 15:11-32

Isaiah 53:6

THE LOST SON

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**This is another parable Jesus told
the Pharisees:**

**A father and his two sons
were working with him on the farm.**

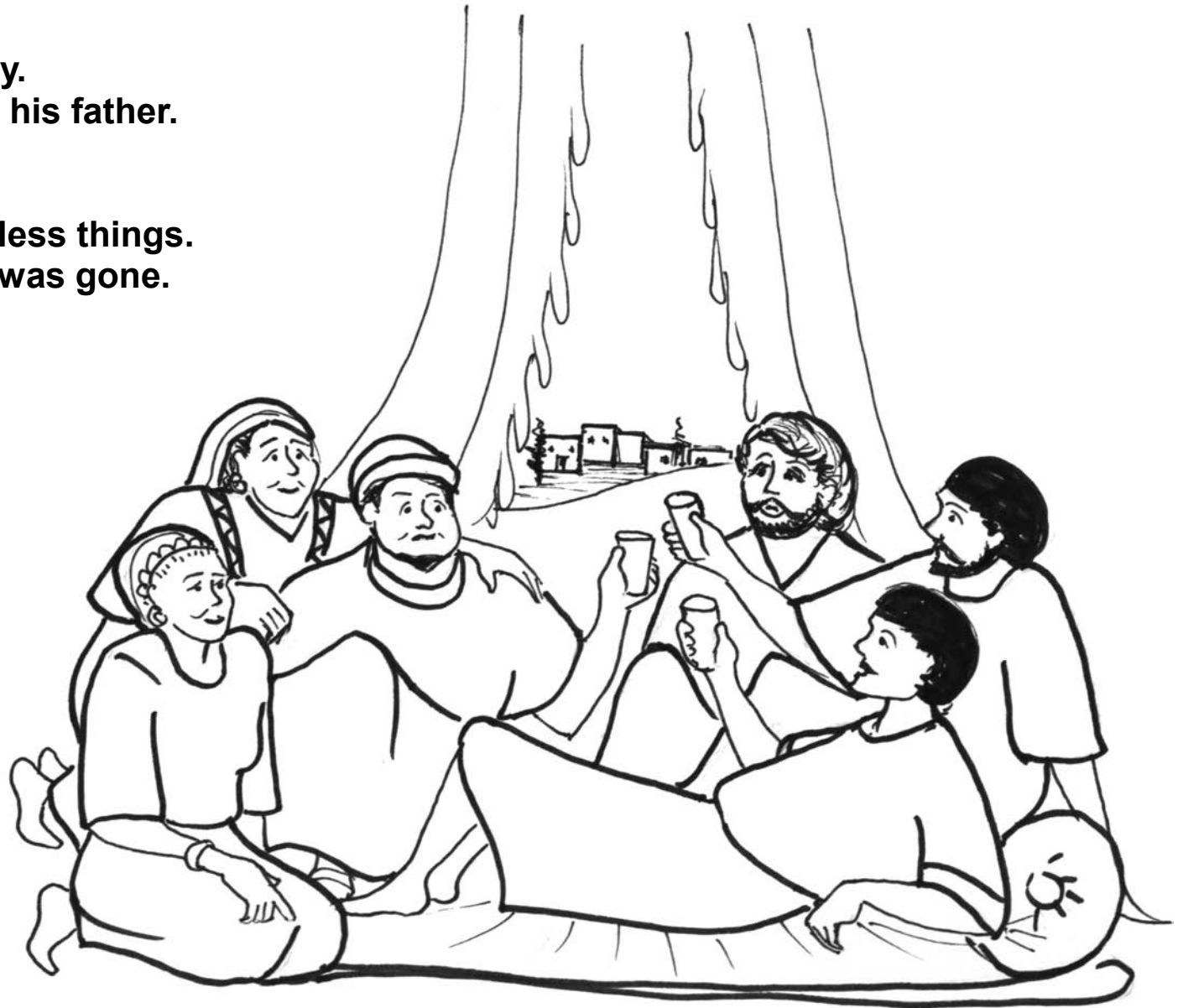
**The younger son said to his father,
'I want my share of your money now
and not later.'**

**So the father divided his money
and gave his younger son his share.**



**The son took his money
and went to another country.
He wanted to be away from his father.**

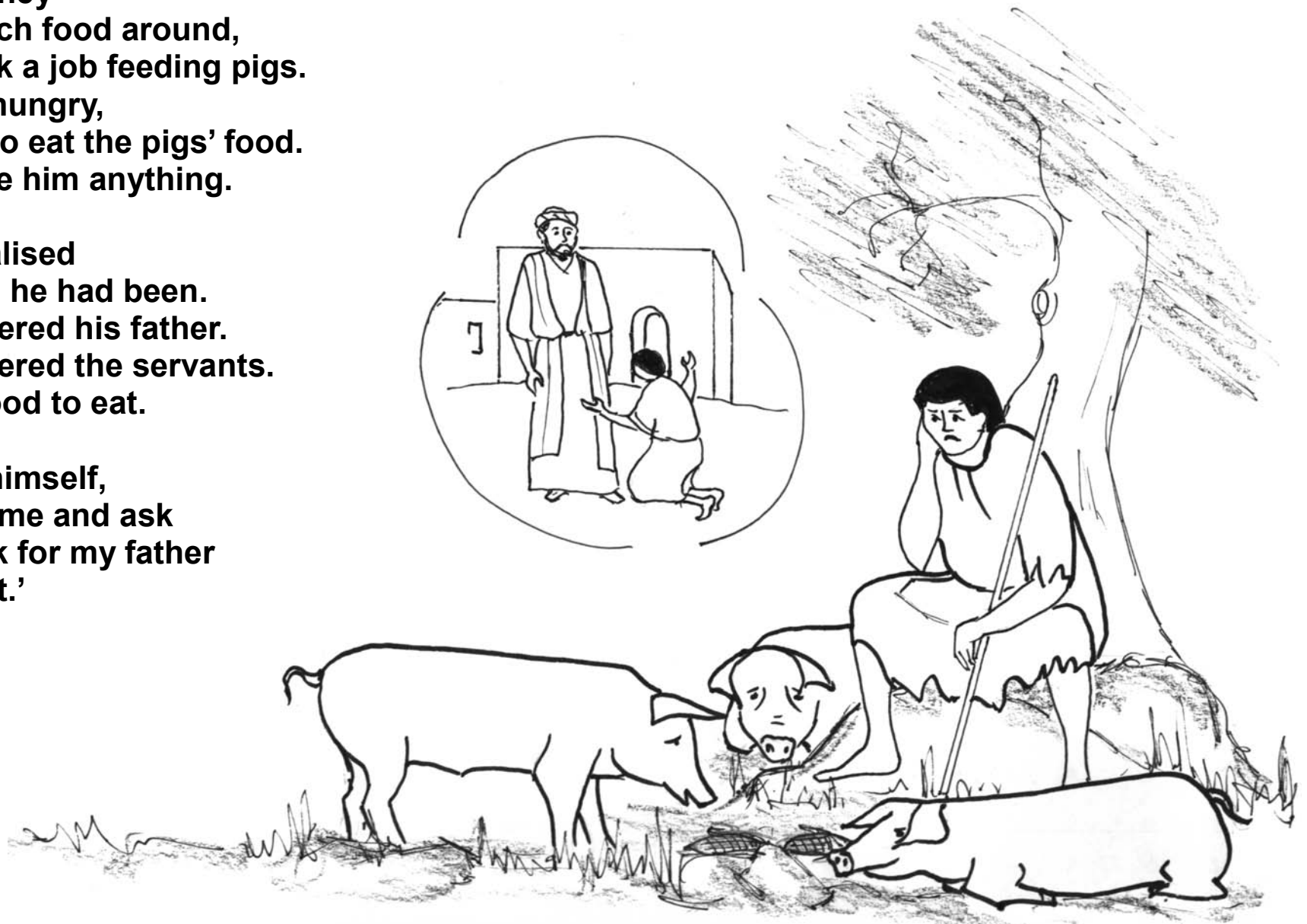
**While he was away
he spent his money on useless things.
After a while all his money was gone.**



**With no money
and not much food around,
the son took a job feeding pigs.
He was so hungry,
he wanted to eat the pigs' food.
No one gave him anything.**

**Then he realised
how foolish he had been.
He remembered his father.
He remembered the servants.
They had food to eat.**

**He said to himself,
'I will go home and ask
if I can work for my father
as a servant.'**



The son started walking home.

**The father always loved his son
and longed for him to come home.
Then, one day
he saw his son coming.
He ran to meet him.**

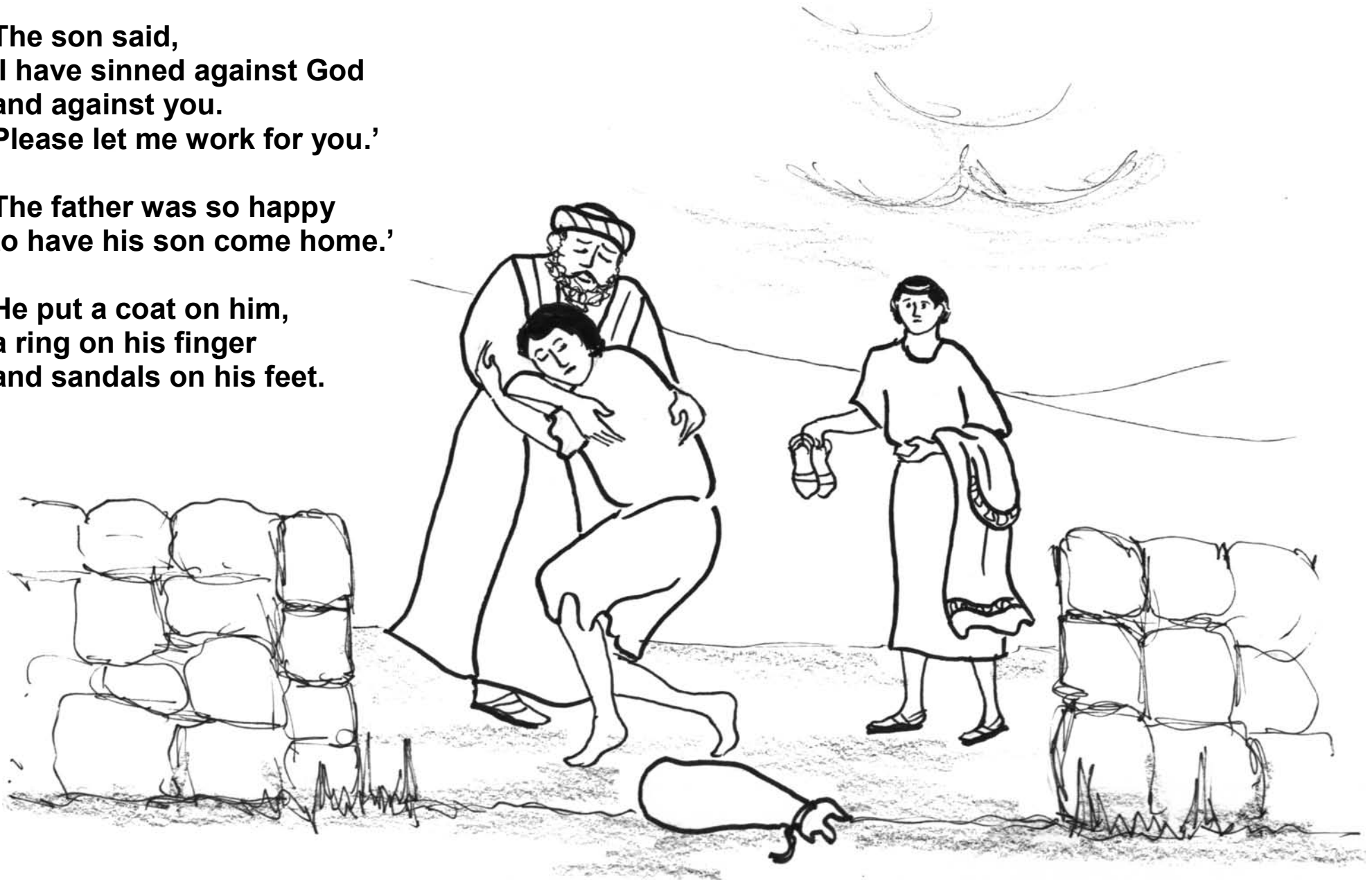


He kissed and hugged him.

**The son said,
'I have sinned against God
and against you.
Please let me work for you.'**

**The father was so happy
to have his son come home.'**

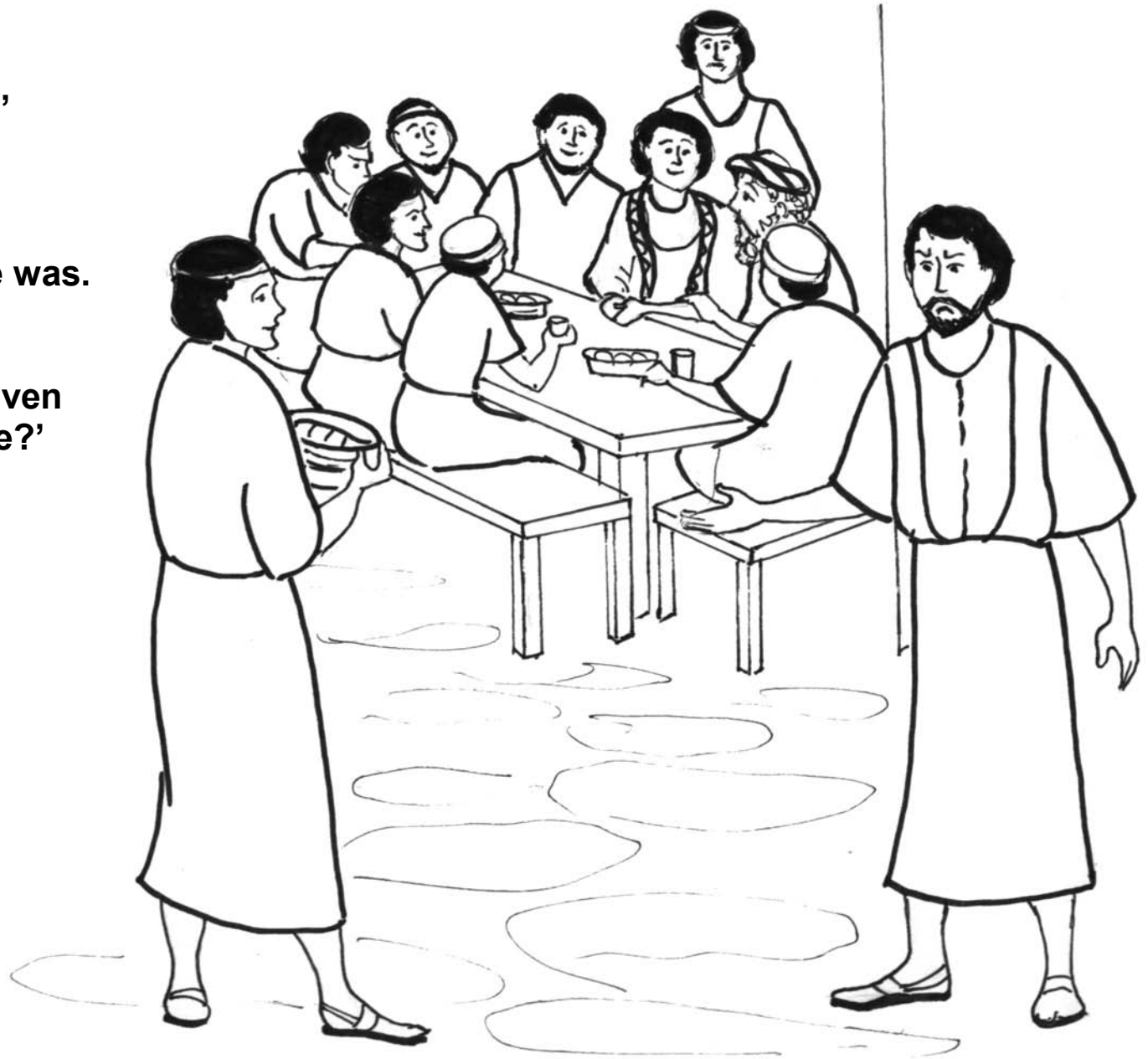
**He put a coat on him,
a ring on his finger
and sandals on his feet.**



**He said,
'My son was dead,
but now he is alive!
We will celebrate with a feast.'**

**While everyone was feasting
his older son came home
and saw how happy everyone was.**

**He was angry and thought,
'Why should my brother be given
a party after what he has done?'**



**The father went to his older son
and said,
'You know I love you.
We have to celebrate,
because your brother was lost
and has been found.'**

***Jesus told this story
to show how God, our Heavenly Father,
welcomes His lost children back
into His family.***



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LUKE 11:1–13

Matthew 6:5–15

‘LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY’

File no. 138

**The disciples asked Jesus
to teach them how to pray.**

**Jesus said,
‘When you pray, say:**

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is Your name.**



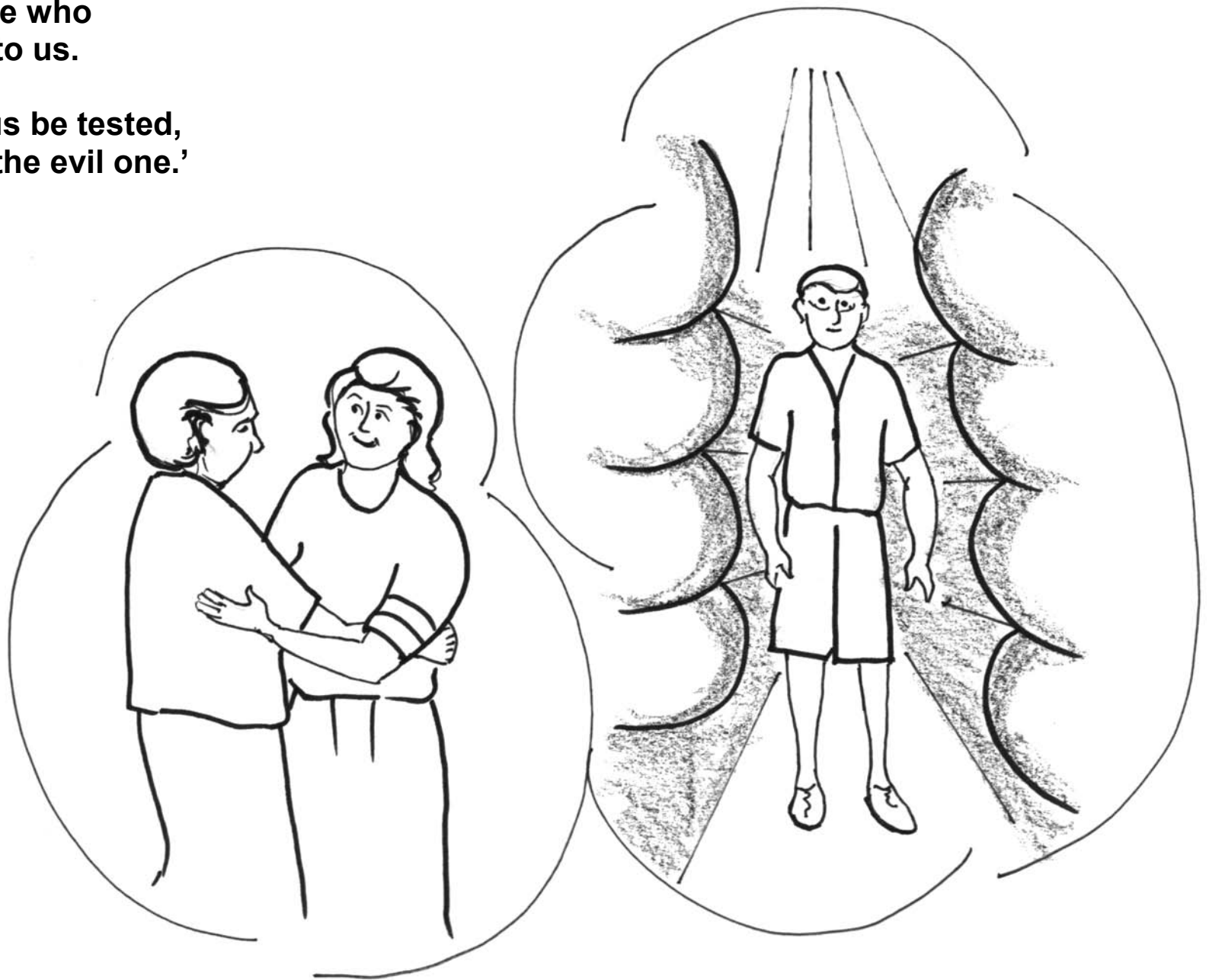
**Let Your kingdom come.
May Your will be done on earth
like it is done in heaven.**

Give us today, the food we need.



**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who
have done wrong to us.**

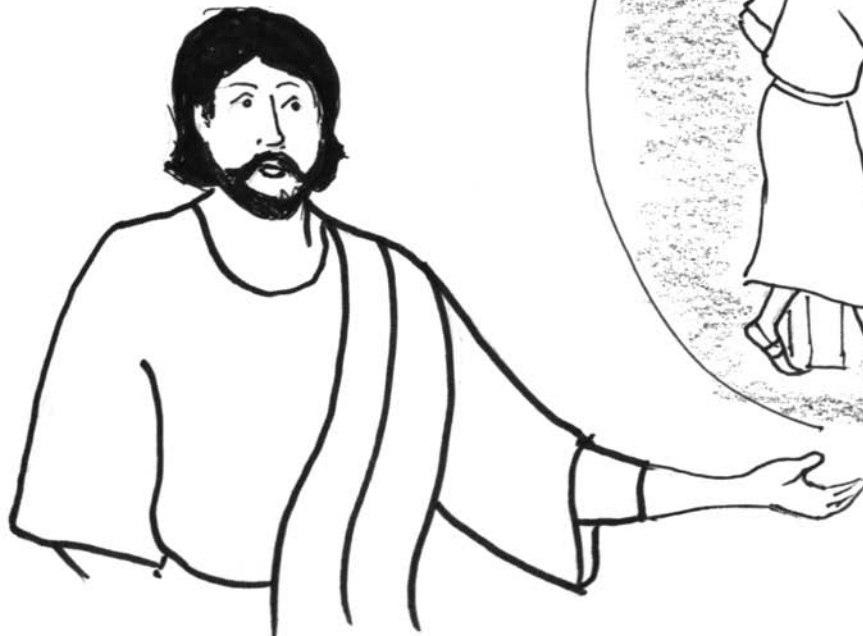
**Please do not let us be tested,
and save us from the evil one.'
Amen.**



Then Jesus told this story:

**If you knocked on your friend's door
in the middle of the night
and asked him,
'Please could you lend me
some bread.
My friend has come
and I haven't any food to give him.'**

**Your friend might answer,
'Go away.
We are all in bed.'**



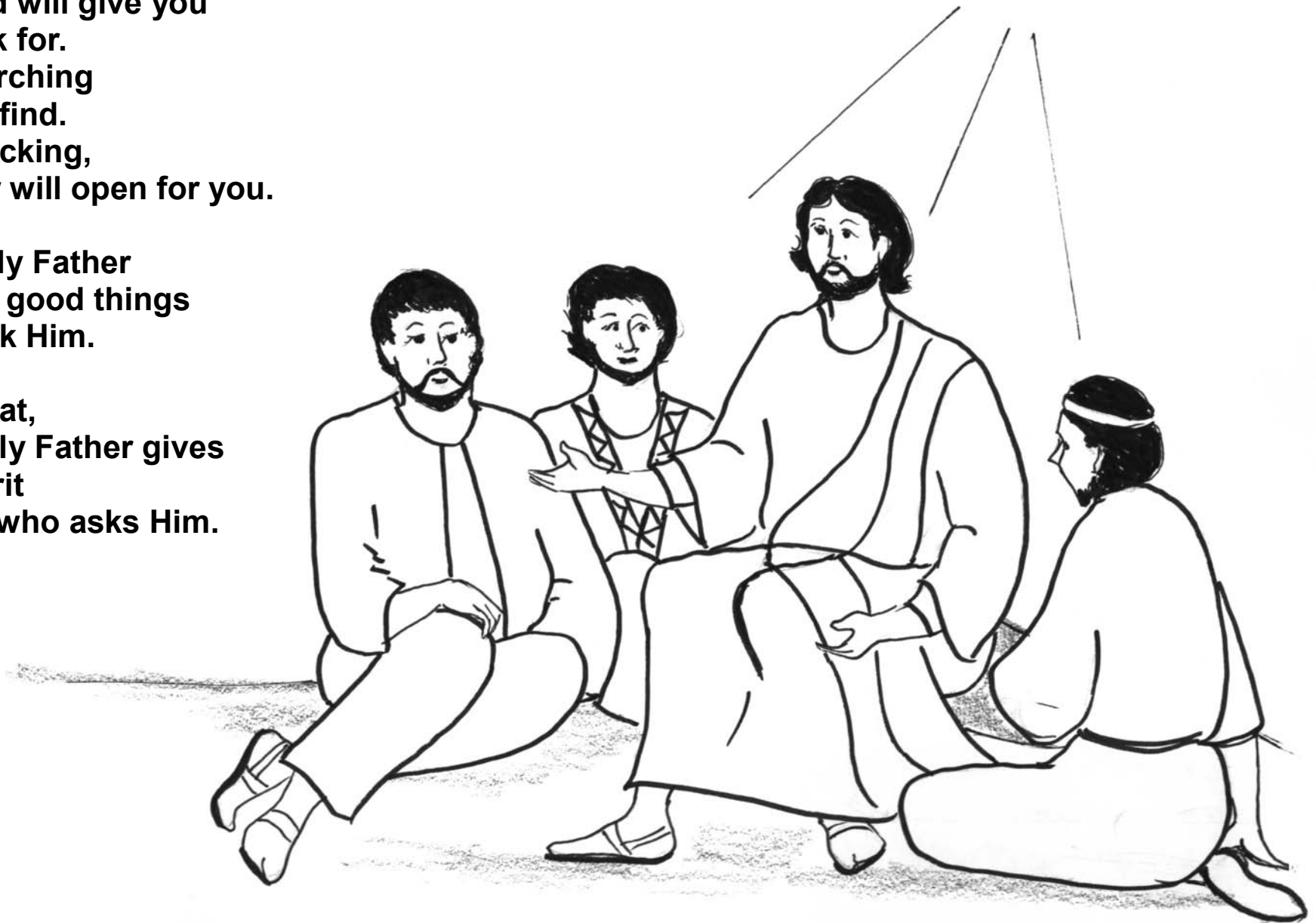
**What will you do then?
If you keep on asking,
he will get up
and give you what you want,
because you kept on asking.**



**It is like that when you pray.
Keep on asking
because God will give you
what you ask for.
Keep on searching
and you will find.
Keep on knocking,
and the door will open for you.**

**Your heavenly Father
will give you good things
when you ask Him.**

**More than that,
your Heavenly Father gives
the Holy Spirit
to everyone who asks Him.**



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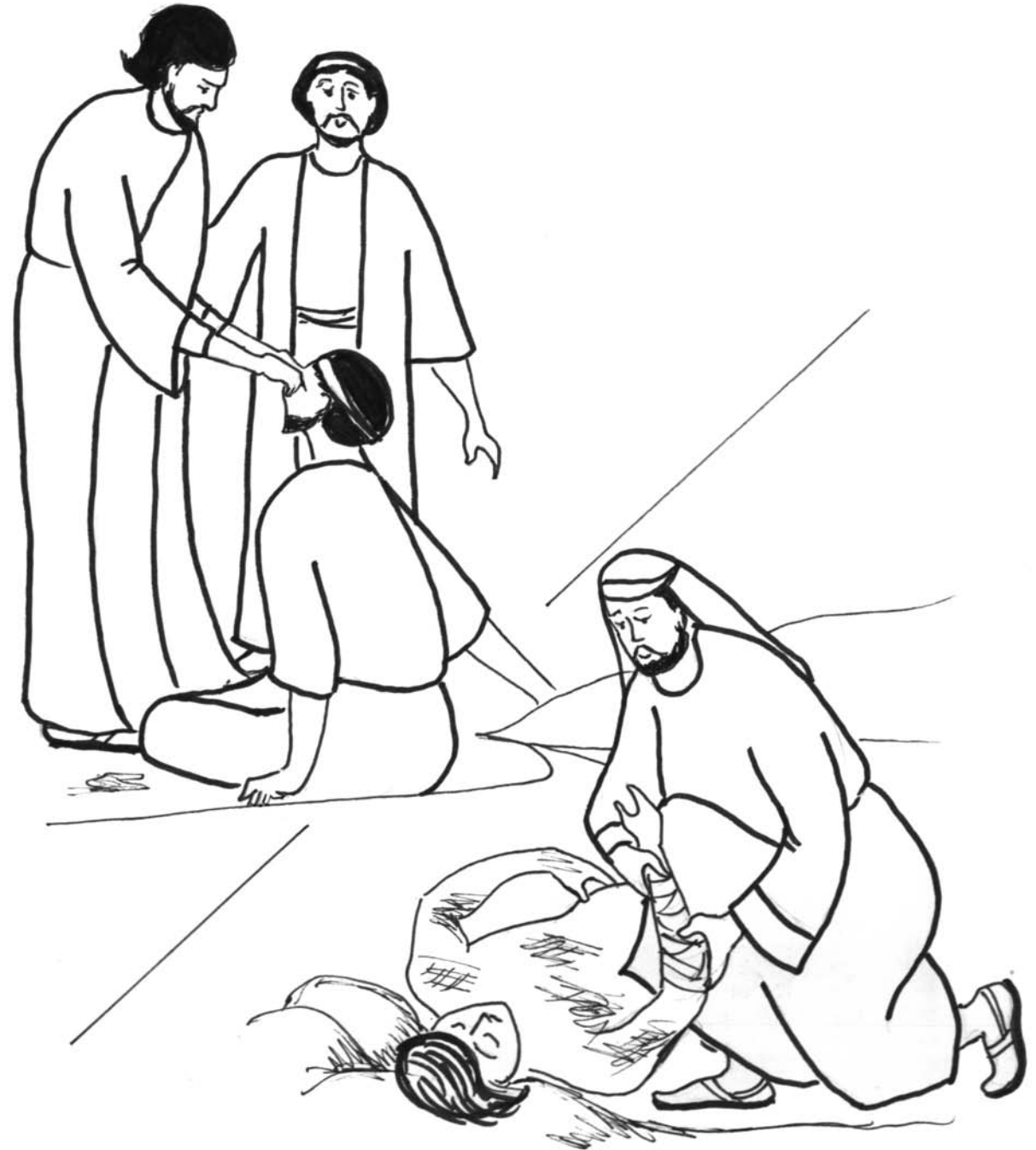
LUKE 18:9–14
THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR
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**On His way to Jerusalem
Jesus stopped
and talked to people.
Do you remember
some of the stories He told
and the people He healed?**

(You could talk about some of the previous lessons)

The man born blind *(Story 134)*

The good Samaritan *(Story 132)*



The lost sheep & coin (Story 136)

The lost Son (Story 137)



**This is another story Jesus told:
It was again about His Father
and His Father's kingdom:**

**A Pharisee and a tax collector
went to the temple to pray.**

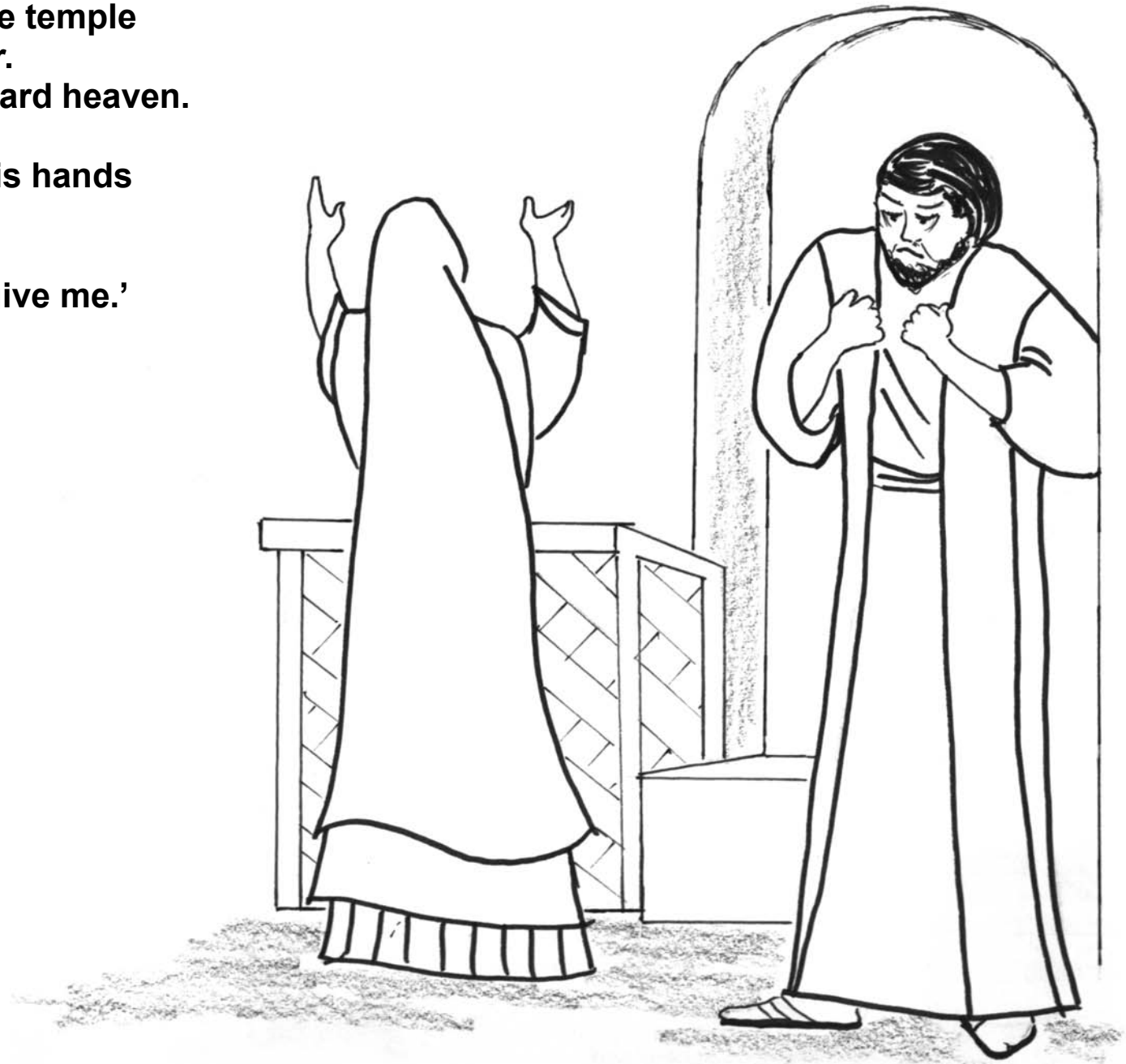
**The Pharisee stood up and prayed,
'God, I thank You
that I am not like other men.
I don't steal,
or do wrong things.
I am not bad like this tax collector.
I go without food twice a week,
and I give You
a tenth of the money I earn.'**

**He did not see
that he was a sinner and
needed to be forgiven.**



**On the other side of the temple
stood the tax collector.
He did not look up toward heaven.**

**He hit his chest with his hands
and said,
'God, I am a sinner.
Be kind to me and forgive me.'**



**Jesus looked at the people and said,
'This tax collector went home
with all his sins forgiven.
He was right with God.**

**'The other man thought he was good.
He did not realise
he needed God to forgive him.'**

**Then Jesus said,
'Those who humble themselves
and trust God their heavenly Father
will be made great.'**

