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ACTS 11:19–30; 13:1–12

THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH / TWO MISSIONARIES TO CYPRUS

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**Many Christians left Jerusalem
to get away from those
who wanted to hurt them.**



**Wherever they went
they spoke about the
Lord Jesus.
The Lord helped them.**

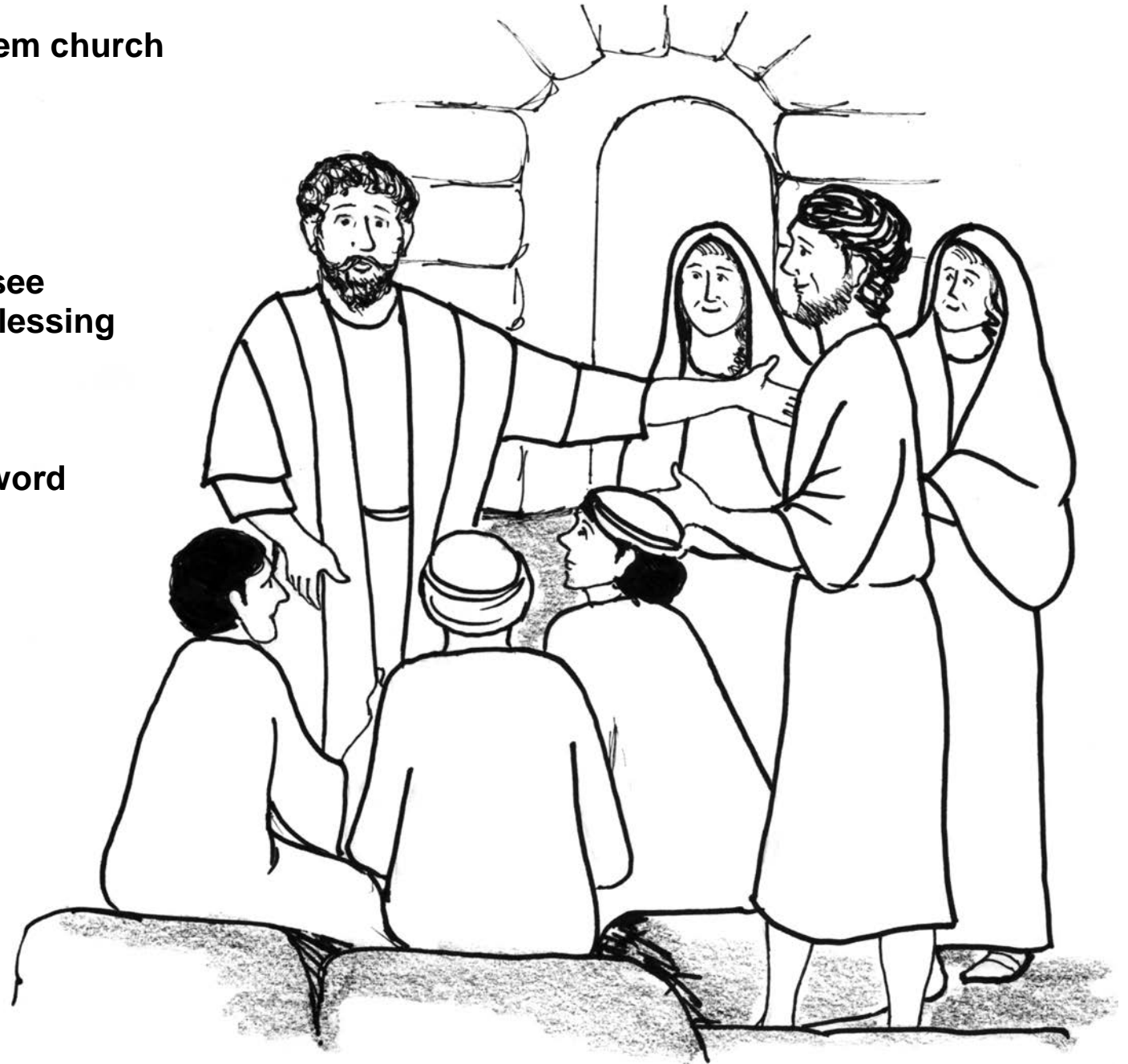
**In the city of Antioch
many Jews and Greeks
heard God's word
and believed in the Lord.**



The leaders of the Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to Antioch to find out if what was happening there was a work of God.

Barnabas was pleased to see that it was God who was blessing the people in Antioch.

He said to them, 'Go on listening to God's word and trusting Him.'



**Barnabas then went to Tarsus,
found Saul
and took him back to Antioch.
There they stayed for a whole year
teaching the people
the wonderful things of the Lord.**

**While Saul was there
his name was changed to Paul.**

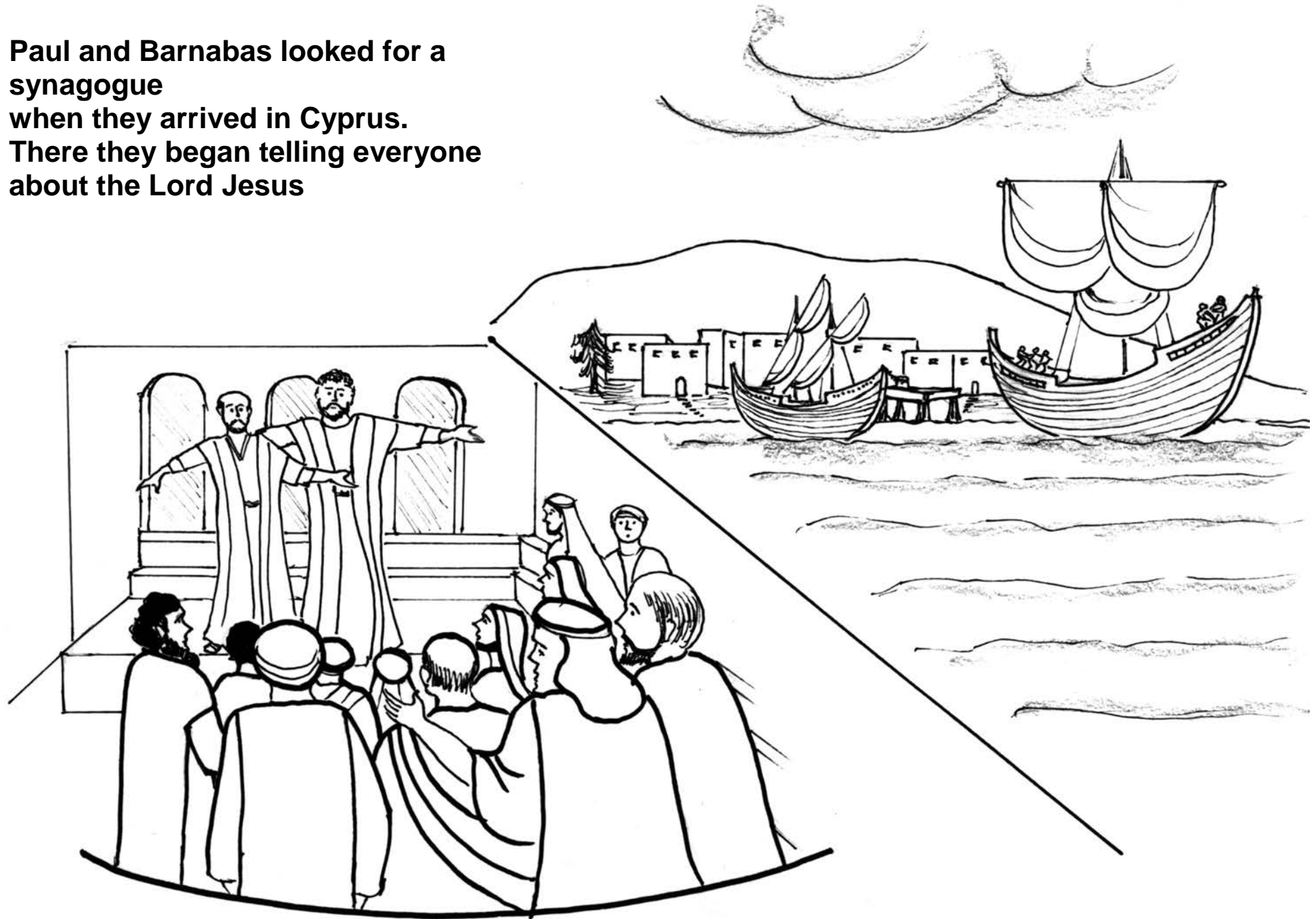


**One day as Paul and Barnabas,
with the other prophets
and teachers,
were worshipping the Lord,
the Holy Spirit said to them,
'I have chosen
Paul and Barnabas
for a special work.
Pray for them and let them go.'**

**The church did
what the Spirit said.
They prayed for them
and sent them out
to other places.**



**Paul and Barnabas looked for a
synagogue
when they arrived in Cyprus.
There they began telling everyone
about the Lord Jesus**



**The governor listened to Paul and said,
'Come and tell me more.'**

**But a man called Elymas,
a magician and a false prophet,
tried to stop them.
Elymas did not want
the governor to believe in God.**

**Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit,
said to Elymas,
'You are an enemy
of God's ways.
You try to change His truths
into lies!
The Lord is against you.
For a while,
God will make you blind.'**



**And that is what happened.
Elymas could not see.
He had to be lead about
by someone else.**

**When the governor
saw Elymas go blind,
he was amazed
at the message about Jesus
and believed in Him.**



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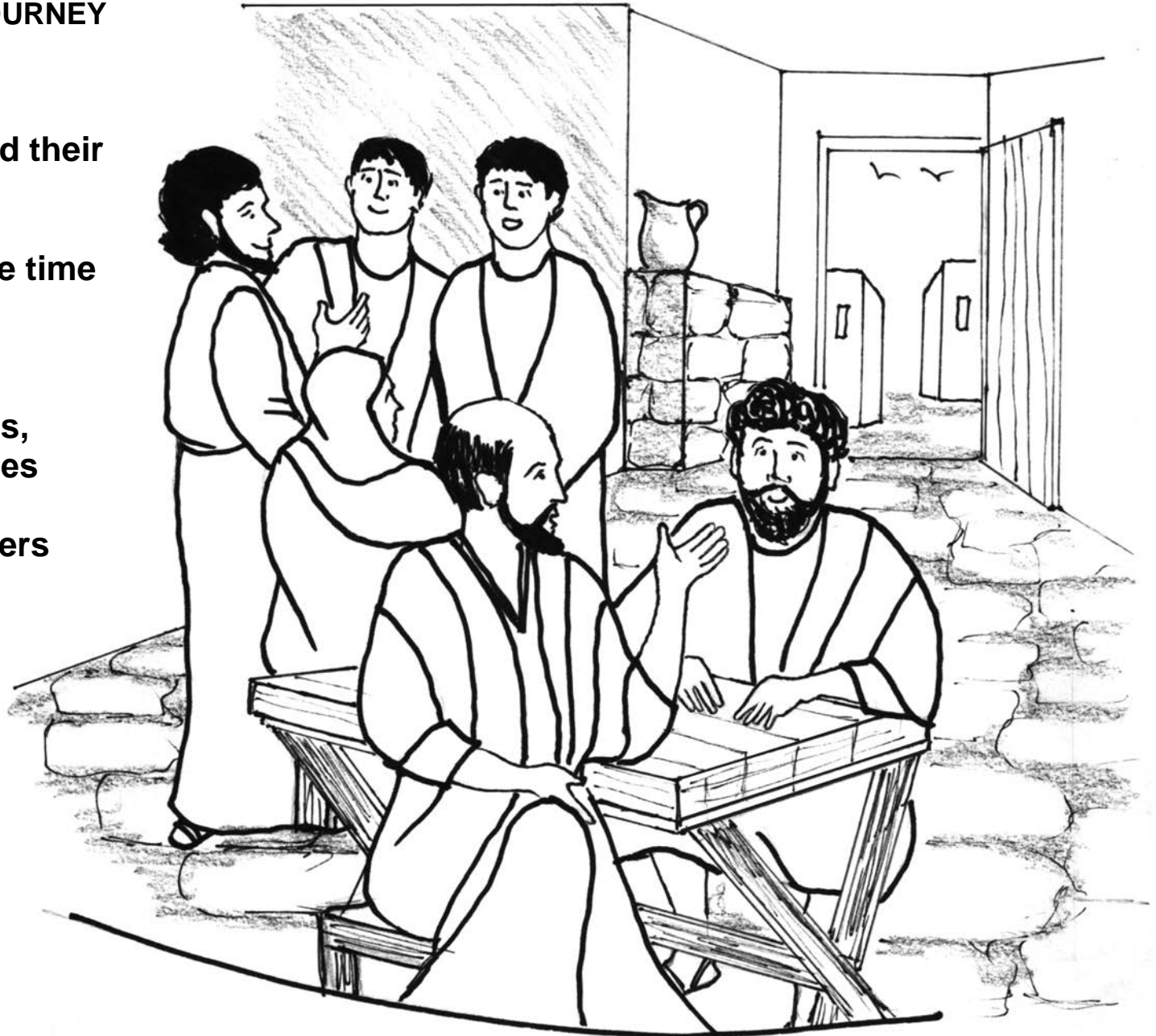
ACTS 15:36 – 16:15

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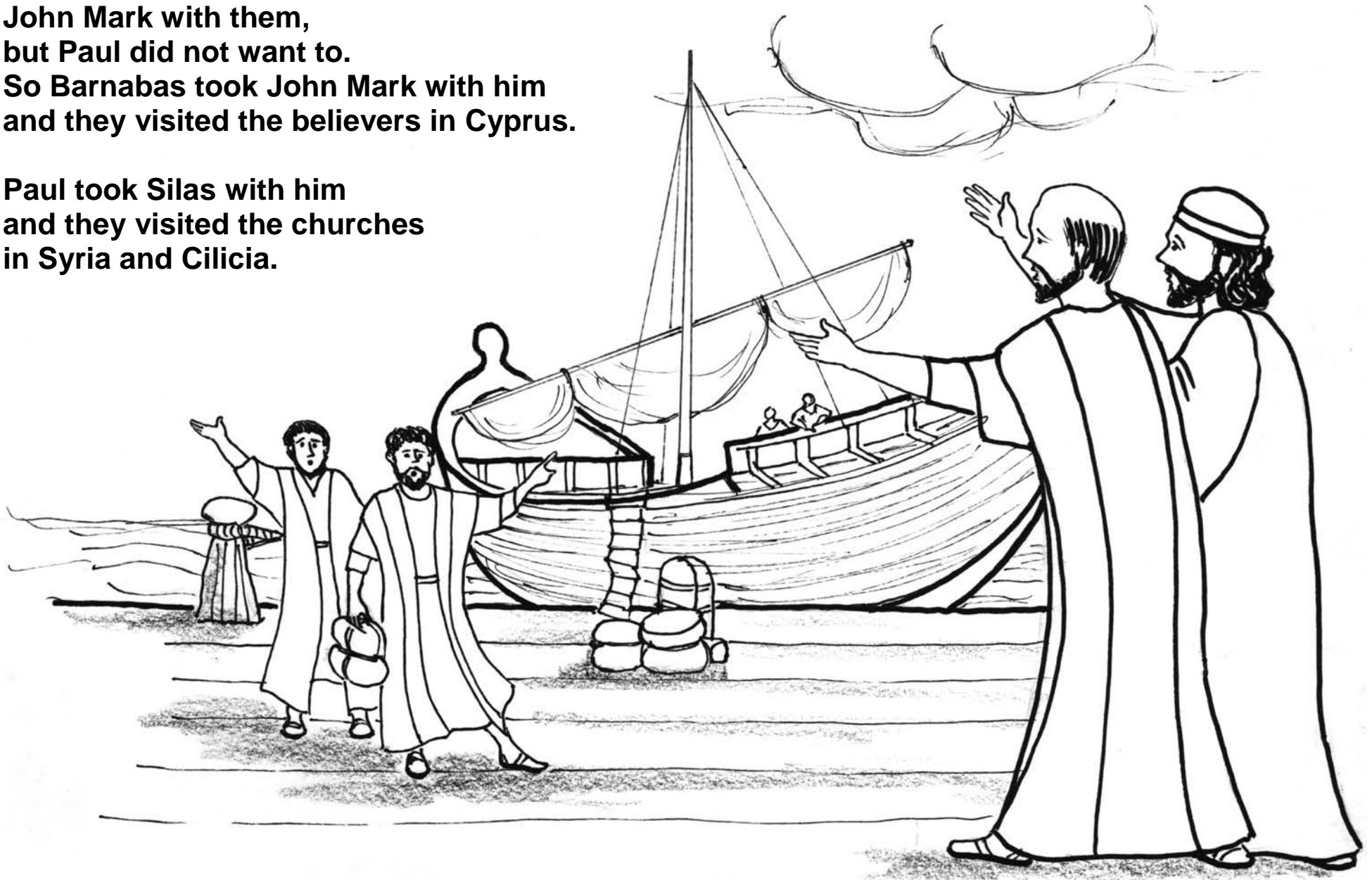
Paul and Barnabas finished their first missionary journey and went back to Antioch. They stayed there for some time teaching the message of the Lord Jesus.

Then Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us go back to the places where we have been. We will see how the believers are going.'



**Barnabas wanted to take
John Mark with them,
but Paul did not want to.
So Barnabas took John Mark with him
and they visited the believers in Cyprus.**

**Paul took Silas with him
and they visited the churches
in Syria and Cilicia.**



**When they arrived in Lystra
Paul met Timothy.
He was a man who was loved
and respected by the Christians.**

**Paul asked Timothy
to come with them
and share in telling the good news
of Jesus Christ.**

**So Paul, Silas and Timothy,
travelled together through Galatia,
speaking God's word
to many people.**

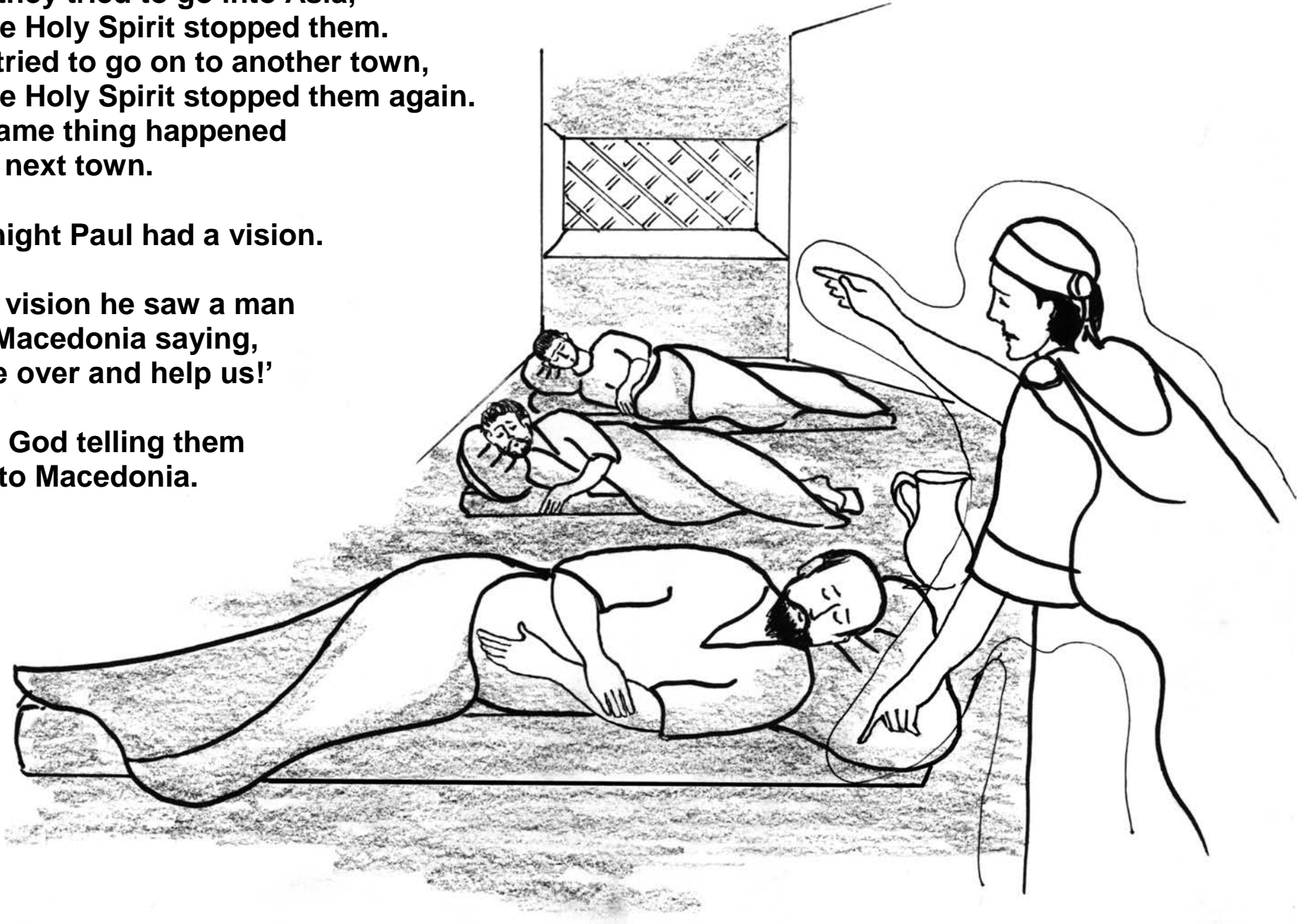


**Then they tried to go into Asia,
but the Holy Spirit stopped them.
They tried to go on to another town,
but the Holy Spirit stopped them again.
The same thing happened
at the next town.**

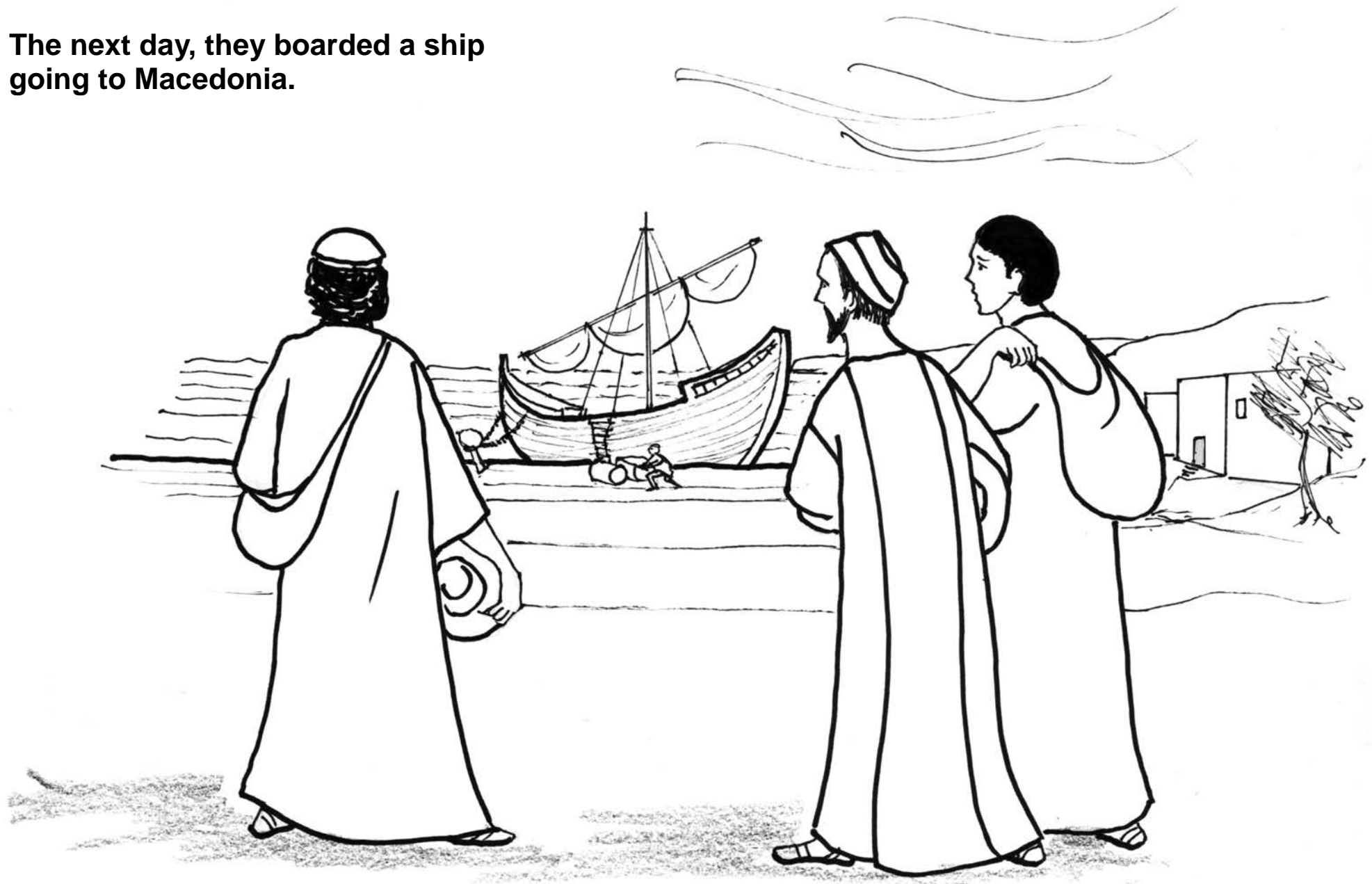
That night Paul had a vision.

**In the vision he saw a man
from Macedonia saying,
'Come over and help us!'**

**It was God telling them
to go to Macedonia.**

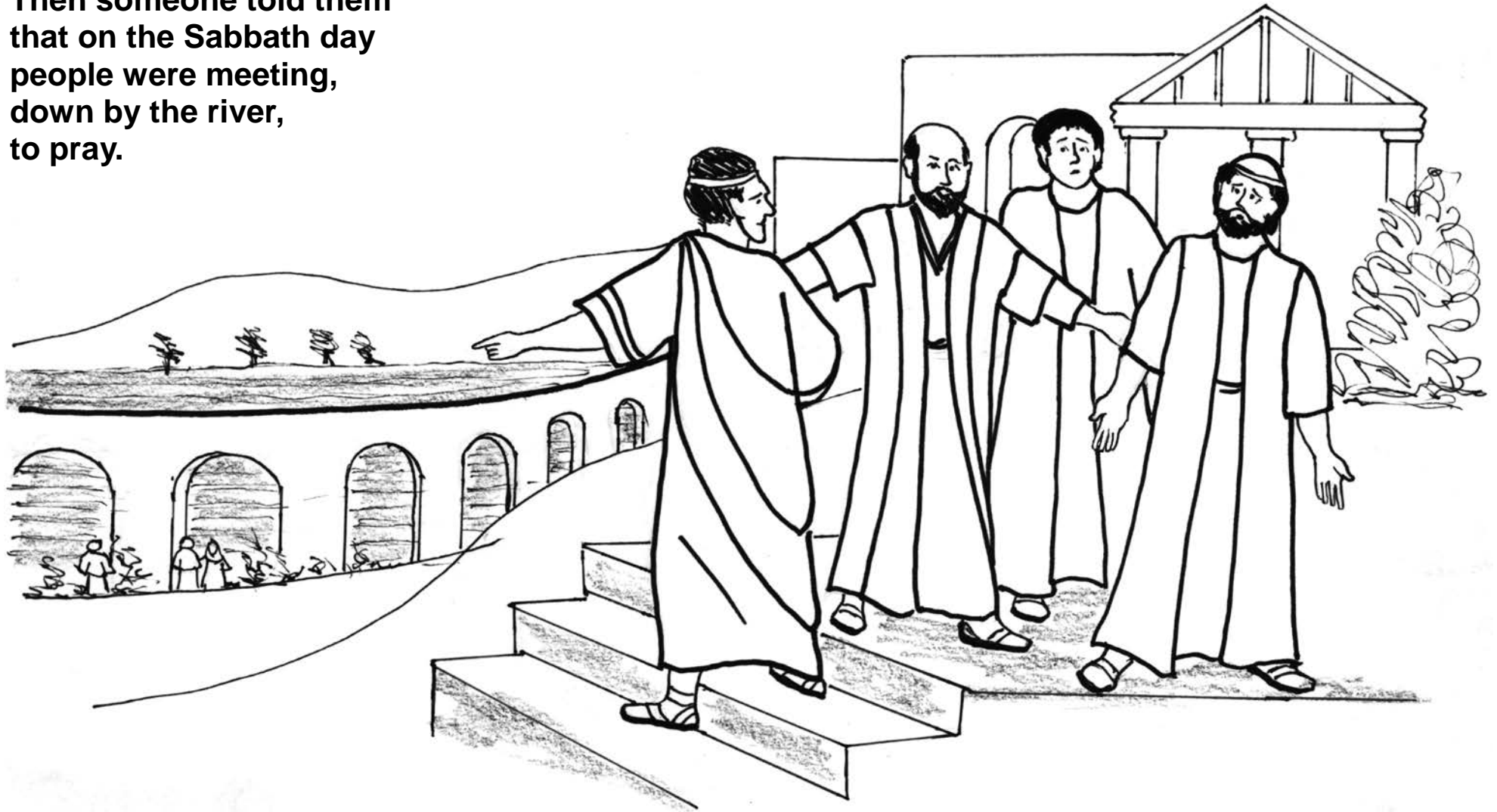


**The next day, they boarded a ship
going to Macedonia.**

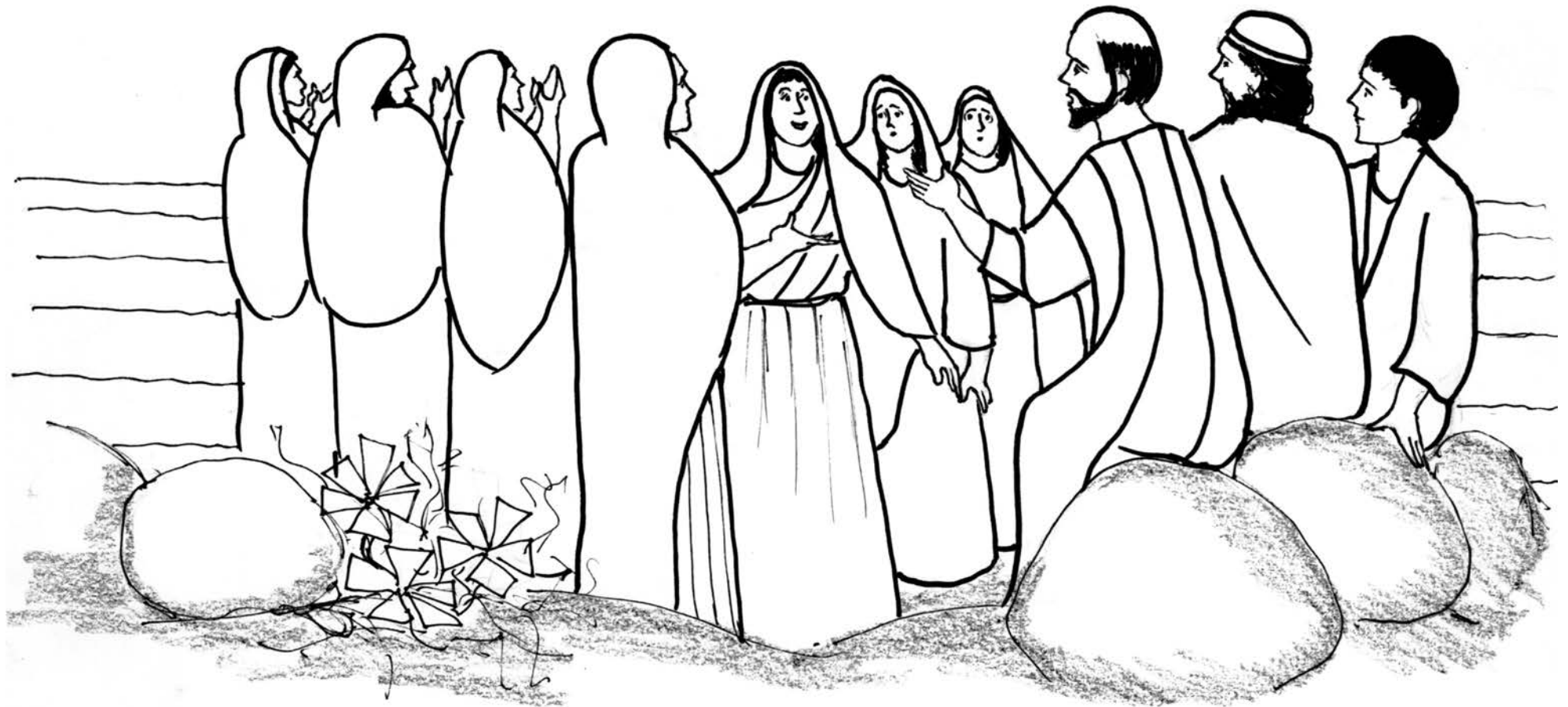


**When they arrived in Philippi, Macedonia,
Paul, Silas and Timothy
looked for a synagogue,
but they could not find one.**

**Then someone told them
that on the Sabbath day
people were meeting,
down by the river,
to pray.**



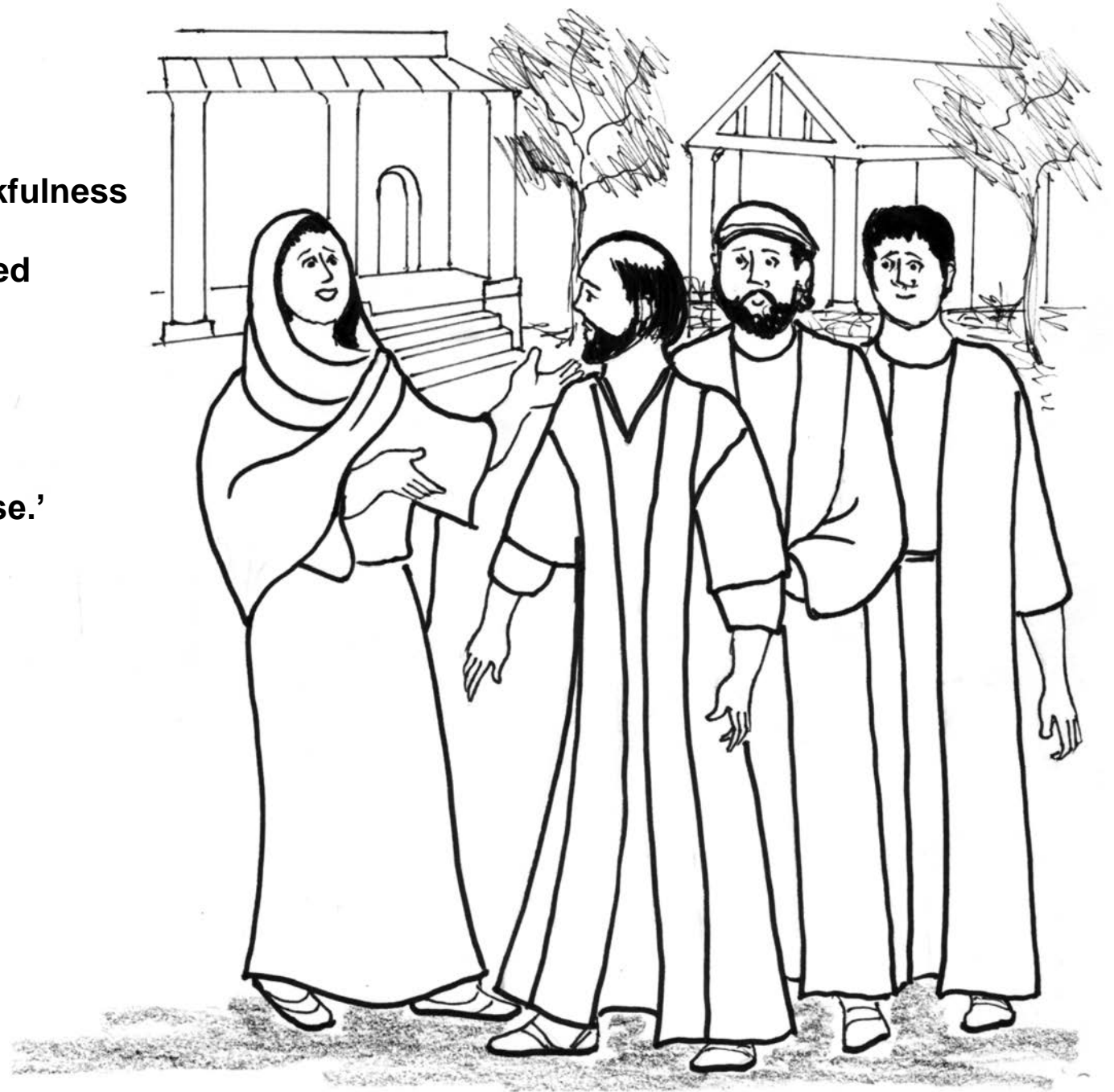
**The next Sabbath day
Paul, Silas and Timothy
went to the river
and found a group of ladies
worshipping the Lord.
Paul spoke God's word to them.**



**Lydia, one of the ladies,
loved hearing God's word
and the Lord blessed her.
Her heart was full of thankfulness
to the Lord.
She and her family believed
and were baptised.**

**Then she said to Paul,
'If you think I am
a believer in the Lord
come and stay at my house.'**

**She was wanting to hear
more about the Lord.**



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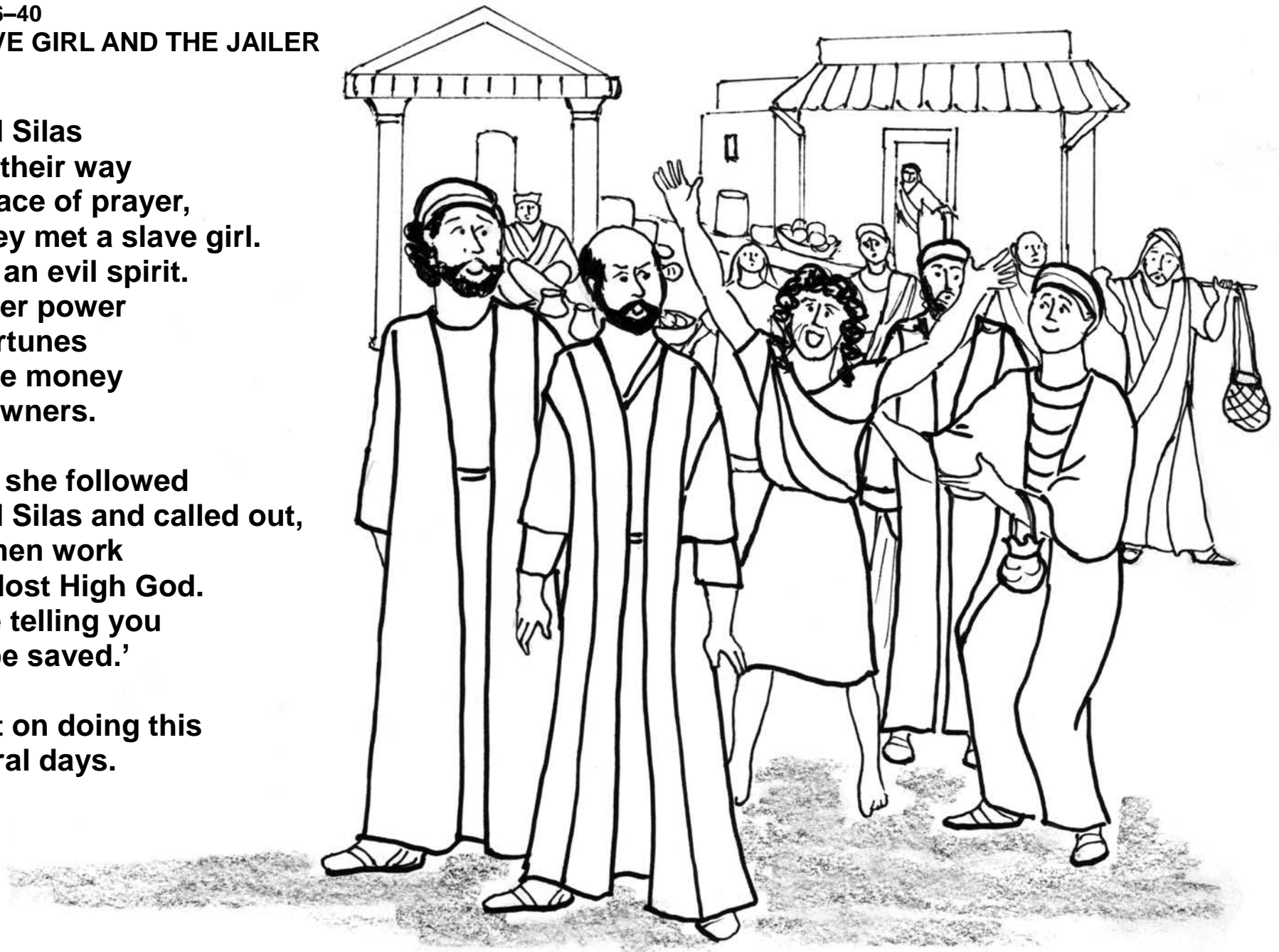
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ACTS 16:16–40
THE SLAVE GIRL AND THE JAILER
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**Paul and Silas
were on their way
to the place of prayer,
when they met a slave girl.
She had an evil spirit.
It gave her power
to tell fortunes
and make money
for her owners.**

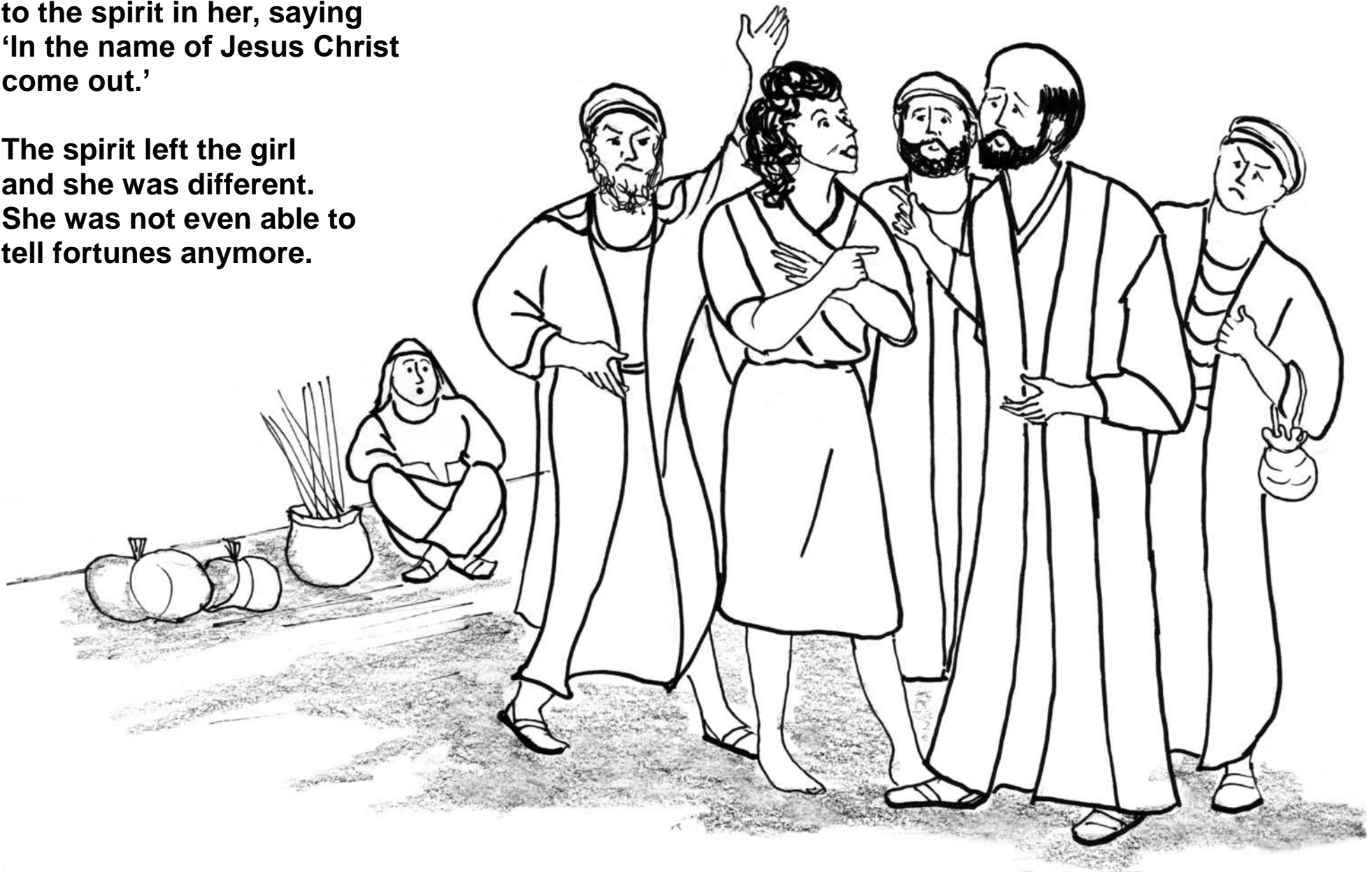
**One day she followed
Paul and Silas and called out,
‘These men work
for the Most High God.
They are telling you
how to be saved.’**

**She kept on doing this
for several days.**



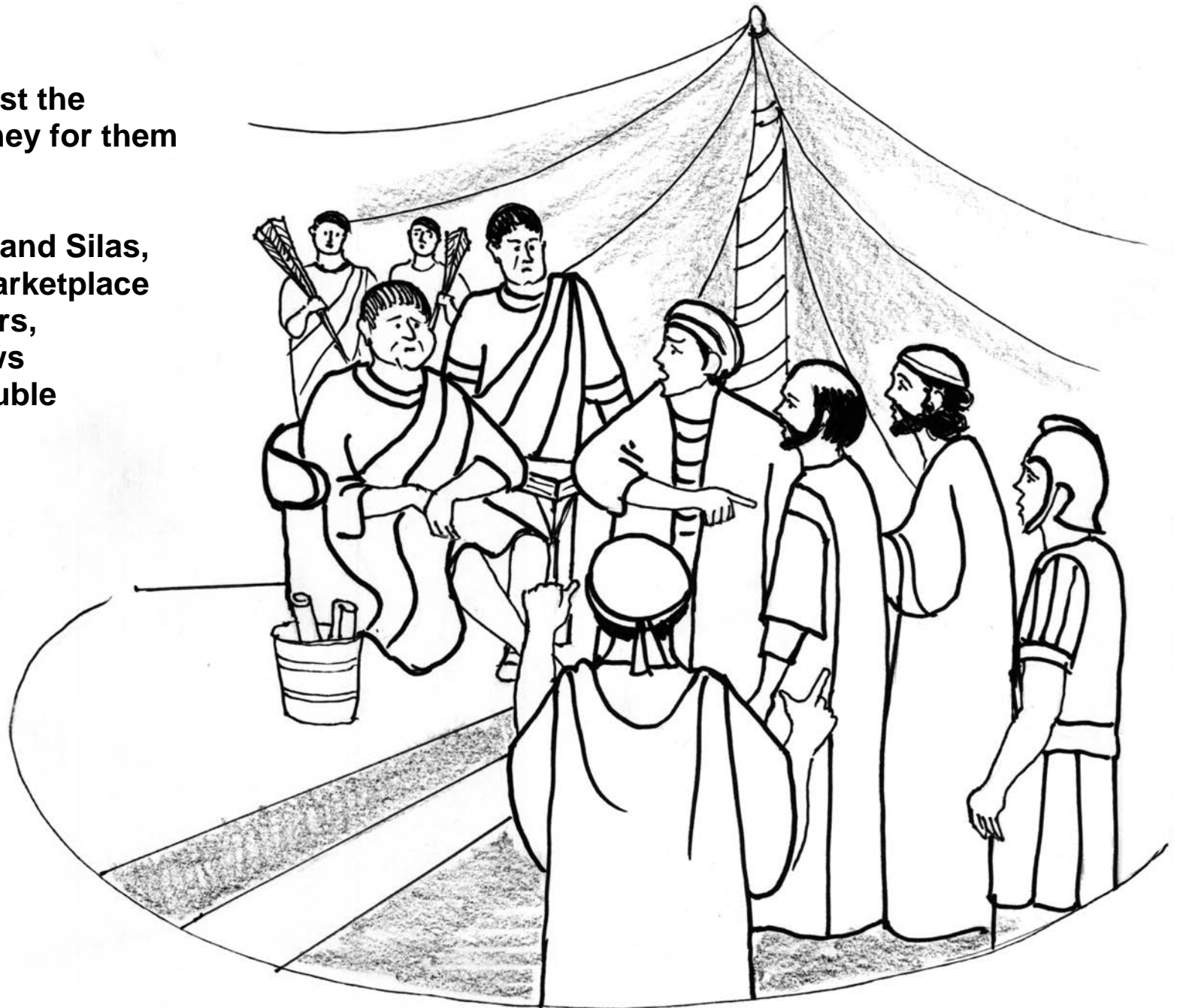
**Paul did not like her saying those things all the time.
He turned around and spoke
to the spirit in her, saying
'In the name of Jesus Christ
come out.'**

**The spirit left the girl
and she was different.
She was not even able to
tell fortunes anymore.**



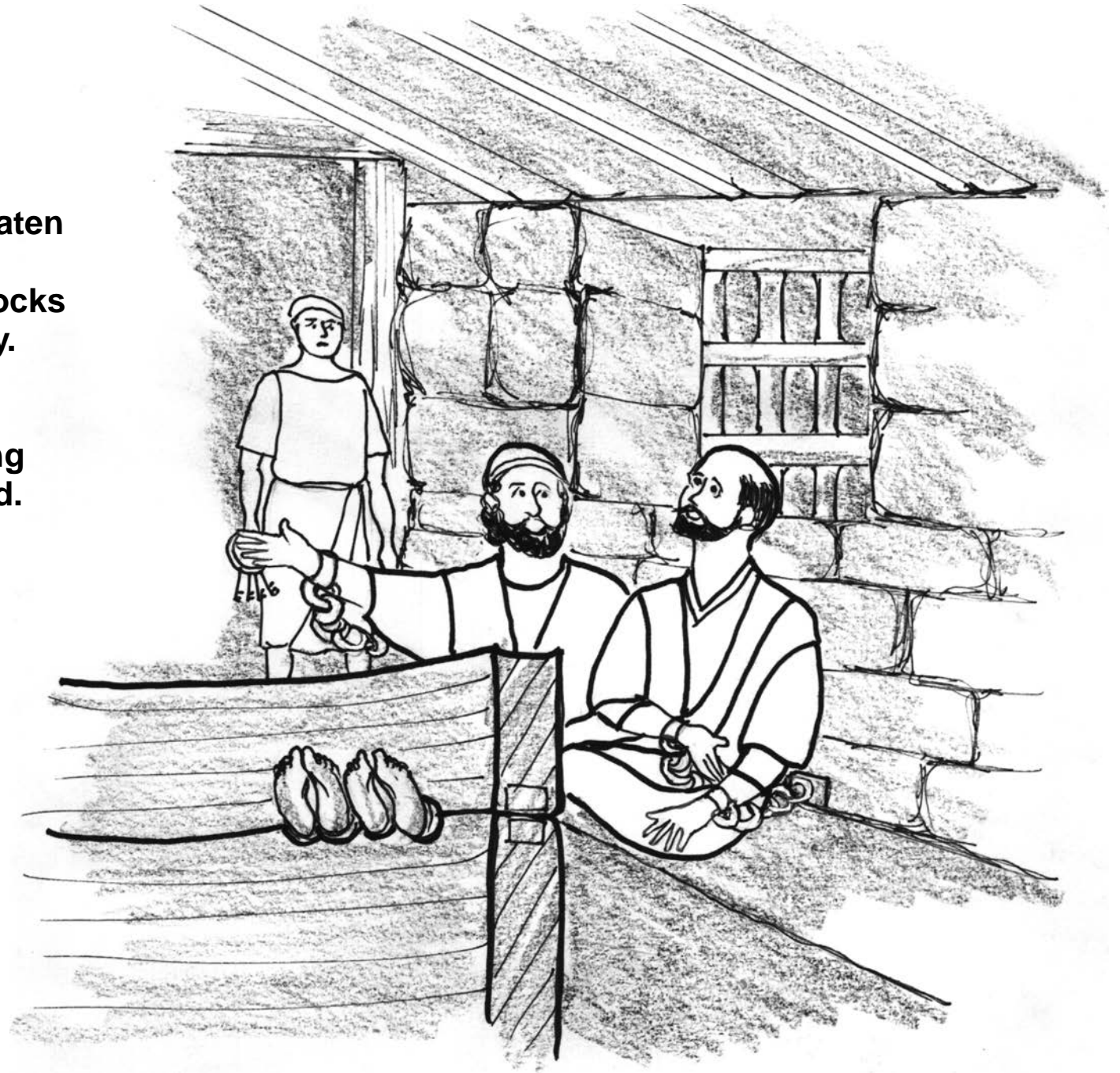
**When her owners
saw that she had lost the
power to make money for them
they were angry.**

**They grabbed Paul and Silas,
took them to the marketplace
and said to the rulers,
'These men are Jews
and are making trouble
in our city.'**



**The rulers believed them
and had Paul and Silas beaten
and put into prison.
Their feet were put into stocks
so they could not get away.**

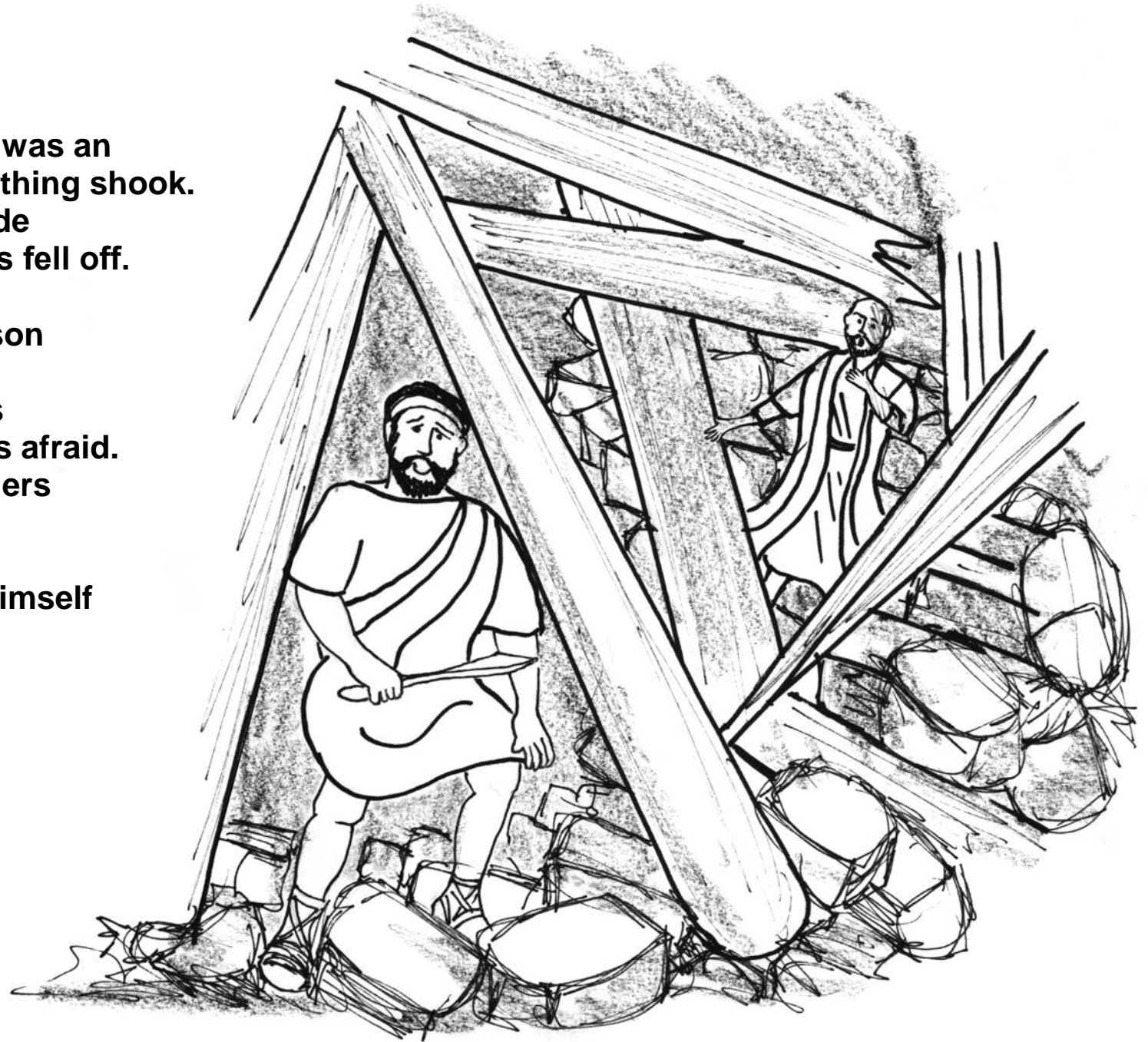
**In the middle of the night
Paul and Silas were praying
and singing praises to God.**



Then, suddenly there was an earthquake and everything shook. The doors opened wide and everyone's chains fell off.

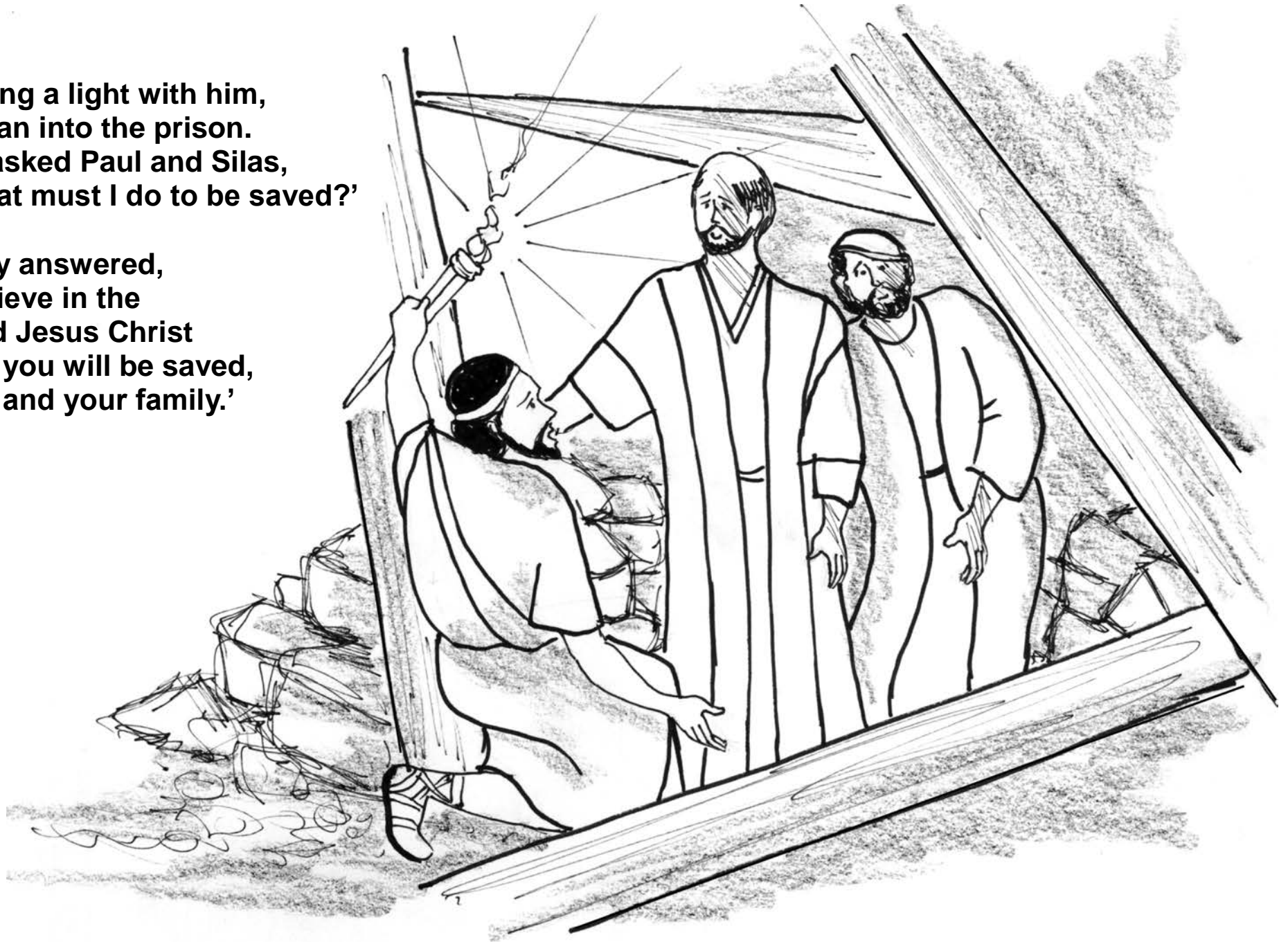
The keeper of the prison woke up. He saw that the doors were open and he was afraid. He thought his prisoners had gone.

He was about to kill himself when Paul shouted, 'Do not hurt yourself. We are all here.'

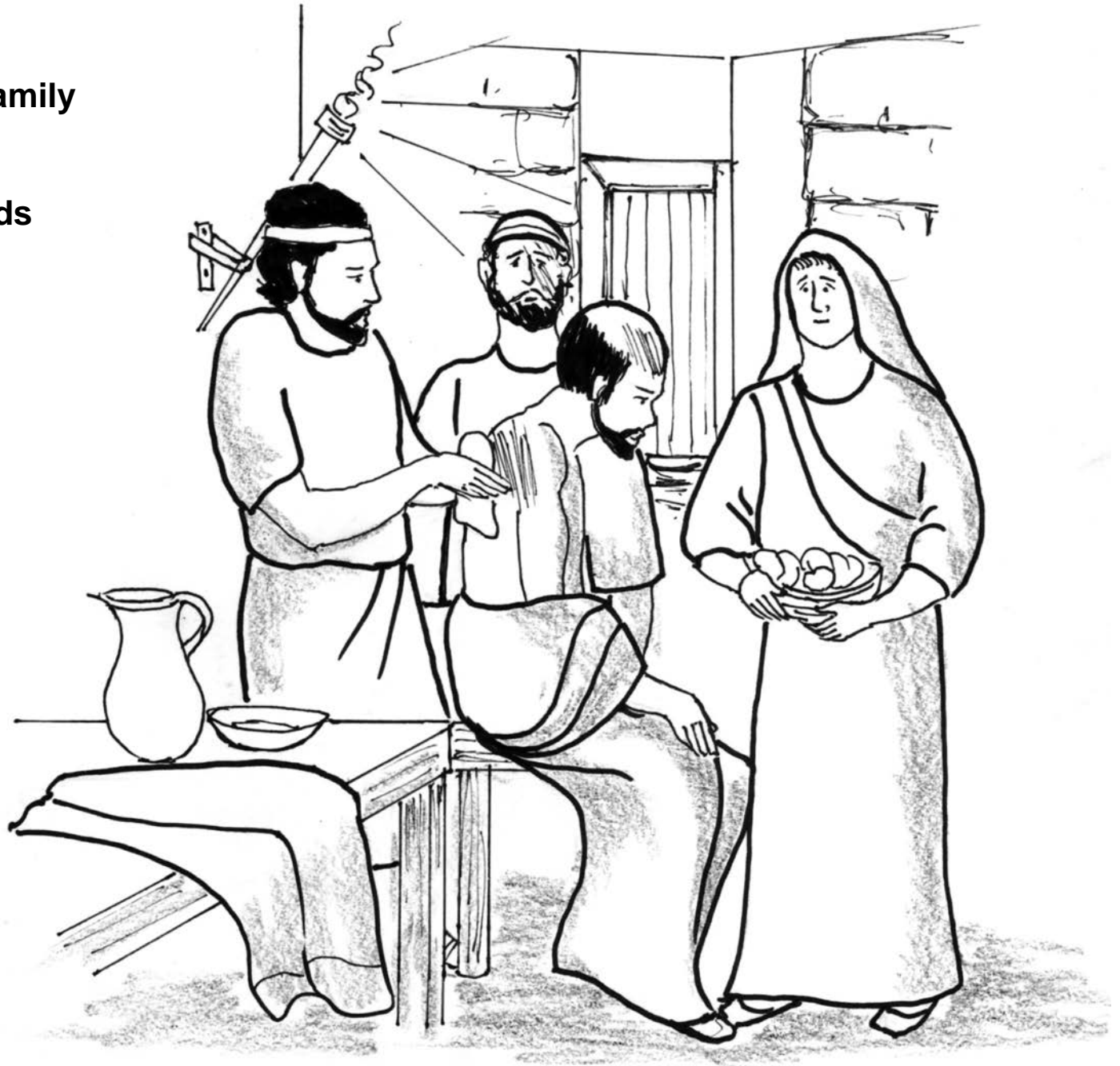


**Taking a light with him,
he ran into the prison.
He asked Paul and Silas,
'What must I do to be saved?'**

**They answered,
'Believe in the
Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved,
you and your family.'**



**The prison keeper and his family
heard the word of the Lord
and were baptised.
Then he washed their wounds
and gave them food to eat.**

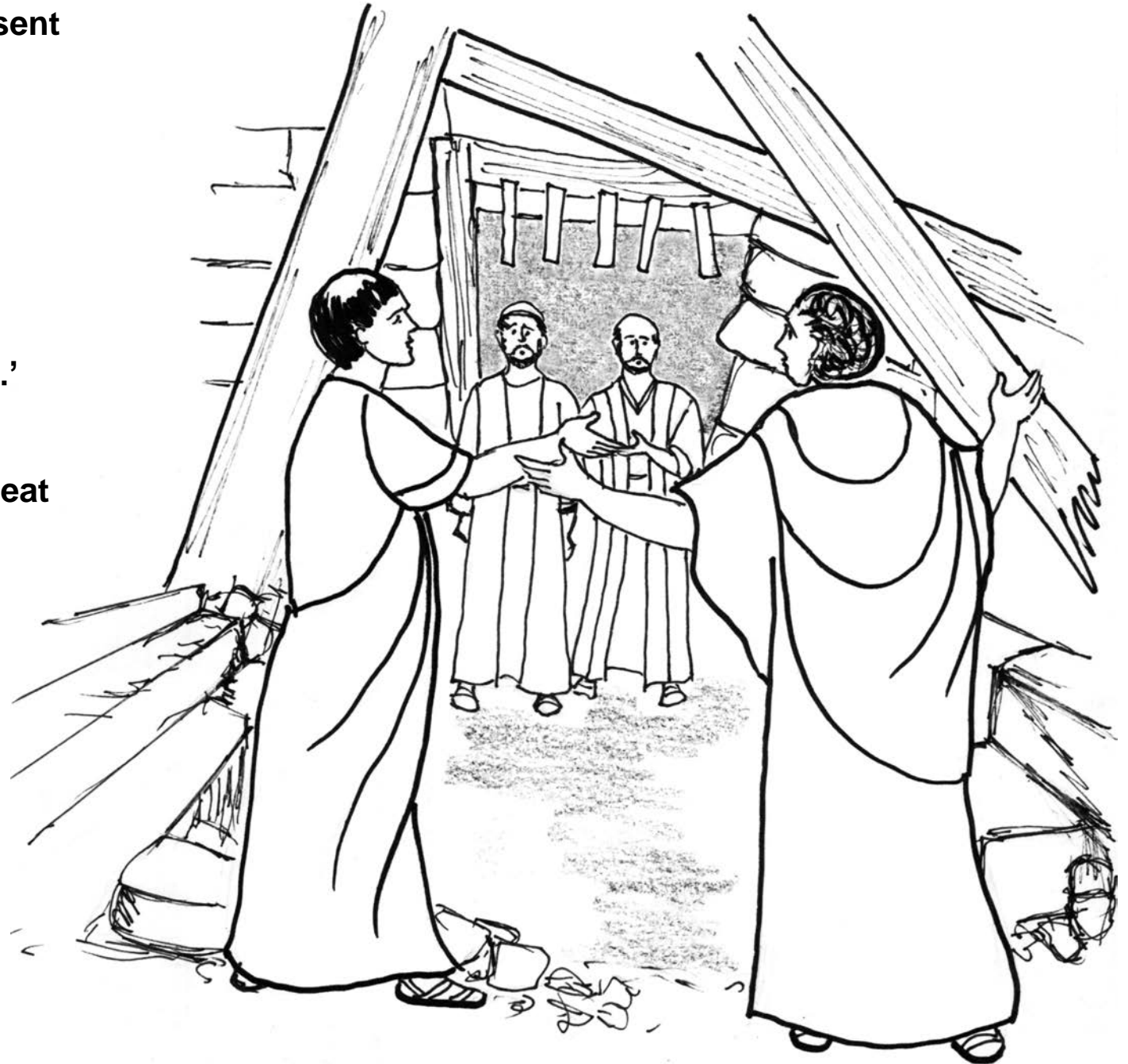


**In the morning the rulers sent
a message saying,
'Let those men go.'**

**But when Paul heard this
he said to them,
'You have beaten us
and put us in prison.
We are Roman citizens.
You come and take us out.'**

**This frightened the rulers.
It was against the law to beat
Roman citizens
or put them in prison
without a trial.**

**So they came
and apologized
for what they had done.
They took them
out of prison and said,
'Please leave our city.'**



**Paul and Silas left the prison,
went to Lydia's house
and met with the believers.
They encouraged each other
with God's word.**

**Then Paul and Silas went on
to other cities to tell God's word.**



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A CITY FULL OF IDOLS

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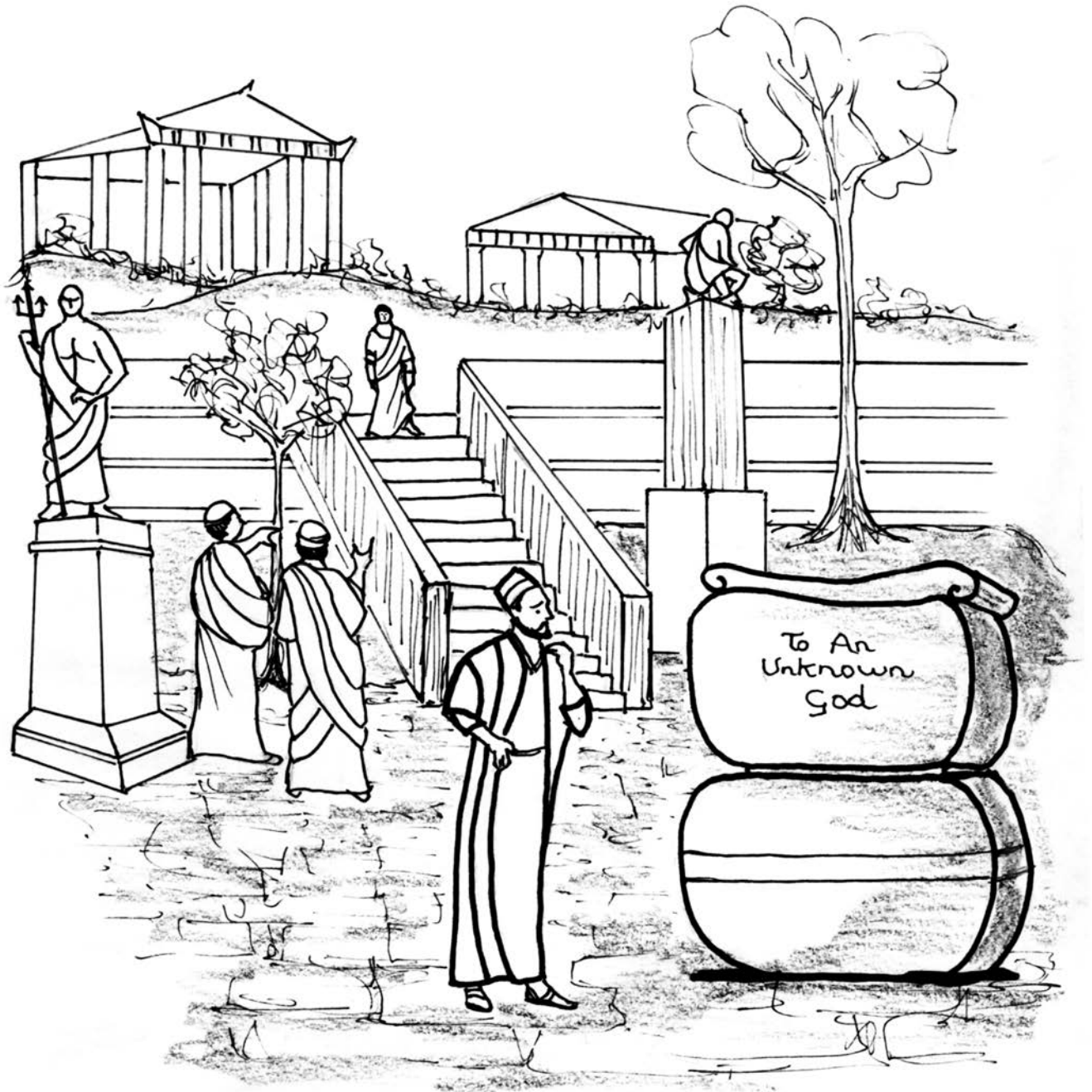
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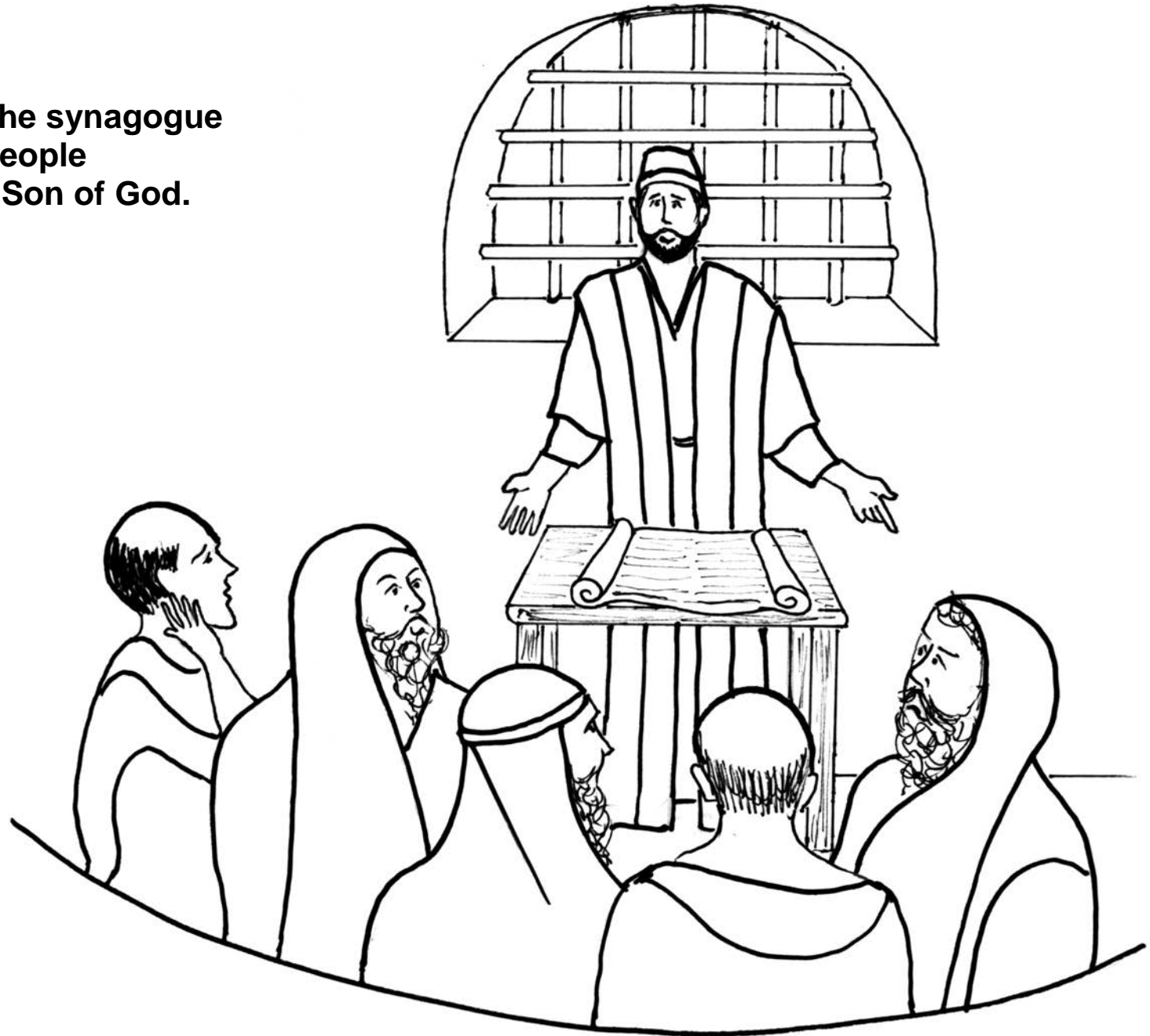
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ACTS 17:16-33
THE CITY FULL OF IDOLS
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**Paul was in Athens waiting
for Silas and Timothy
to join him.
He had a look around the city
and saw many idols.
This troubled him.**

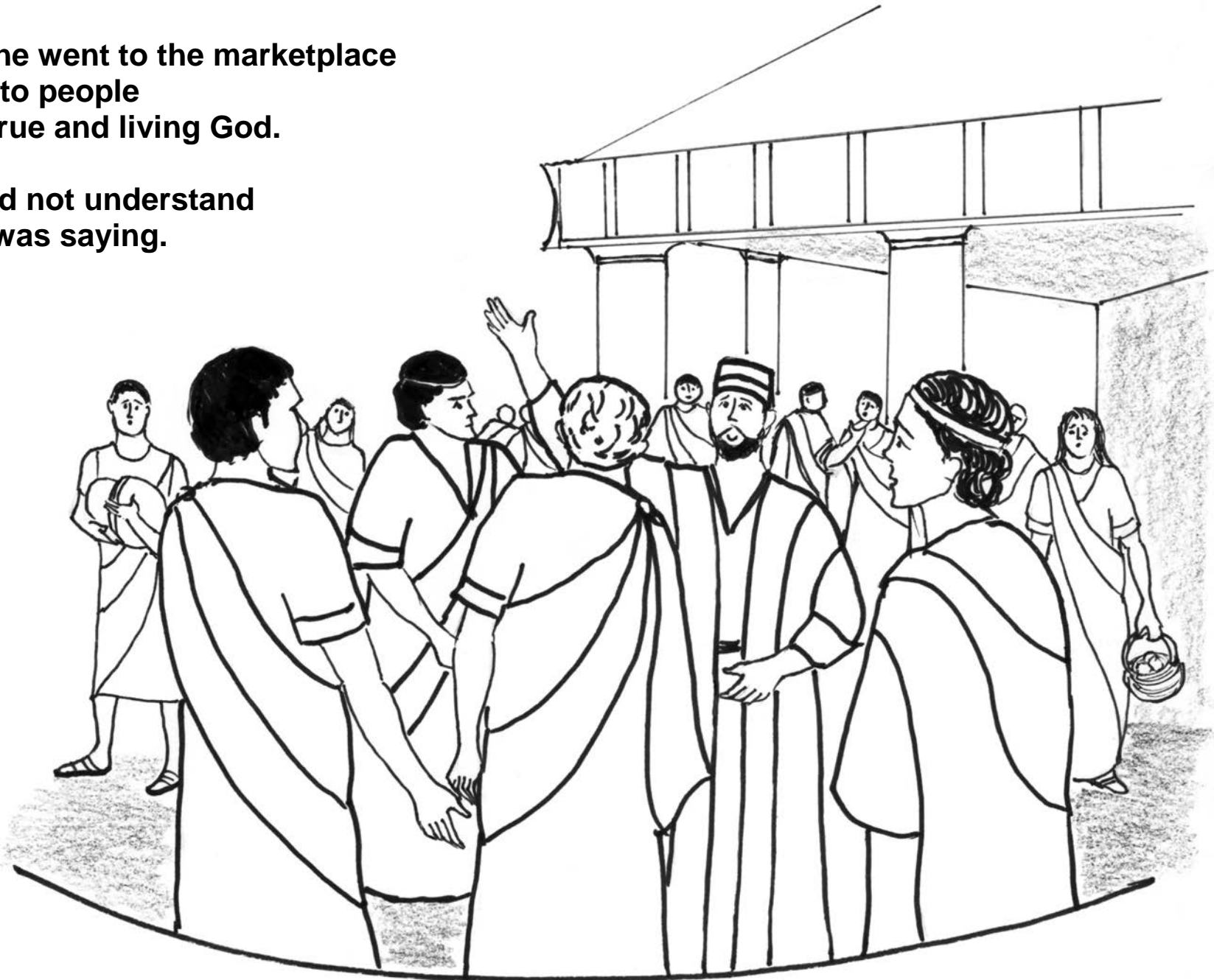


**He then went to the synagogue
and talked with people
about Jesus, the Son of God.**



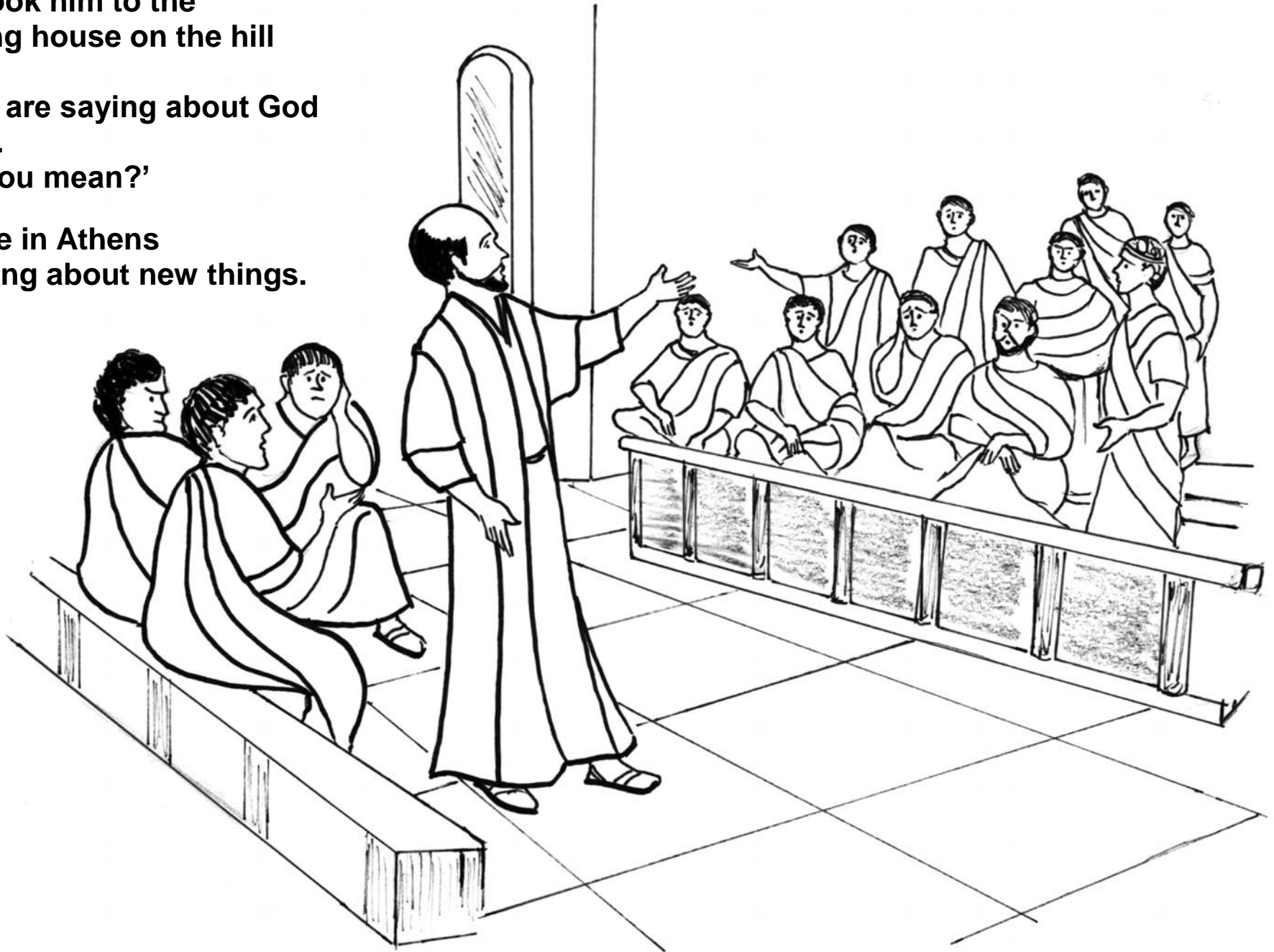
**After that, he went to the marketplace
and talked to people
about the true and living God.**

**But they did not understand
what Paul was saying.**

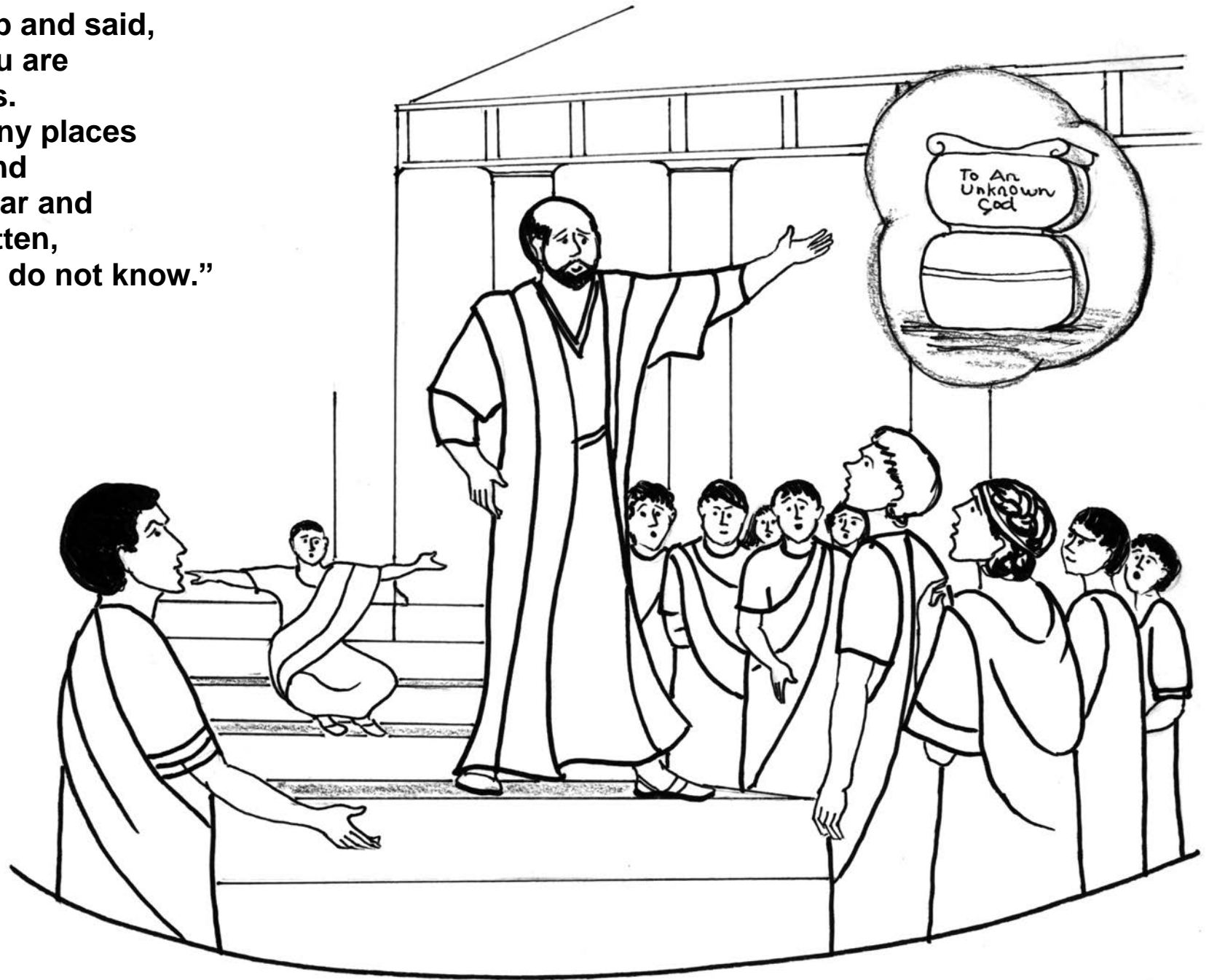


**So they took him to the
big meeting house on the hill
and said,
'What you are saying about God
is strange.
What do you mean?'**

**The people in Athens
loved talking about new things.**



**Paul stood up and said,
'I see that you are
very religious.
You have many places
of worship and
I found an altar and
on it was written,
"To a god we do not know."**



**This is the God who
made everything,
the world and all that is in it.
He is Lord over heaven
and earth.
He does not live in buildings
made by people.
He is the One
who gives life to everything.
God made all people
and gave them different places
to live in
so that they would look for Him
and find Him.
He is not very far from any of us.**

**‘He wants everyone to repent
and believe in Him.**

**‘There will be a day
when the world will be judged.
God has planned it.
The One who will judge all
things is the One whom God
raised from the dead.’**



**This surprised everyone.
Some people laughed at Paul
thinking he was silly.
They did not believe him.**

**Others listened carefully
and wanted to know more
about the Lord Jesus Christ.
They became believers.**

**These people repented
and believed what God said.
They were sorry for their sin
and trusted in God
their Saviour and Lord.**



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ACTS 21:26 – 22:29

Acts 19:21; 21:17–26

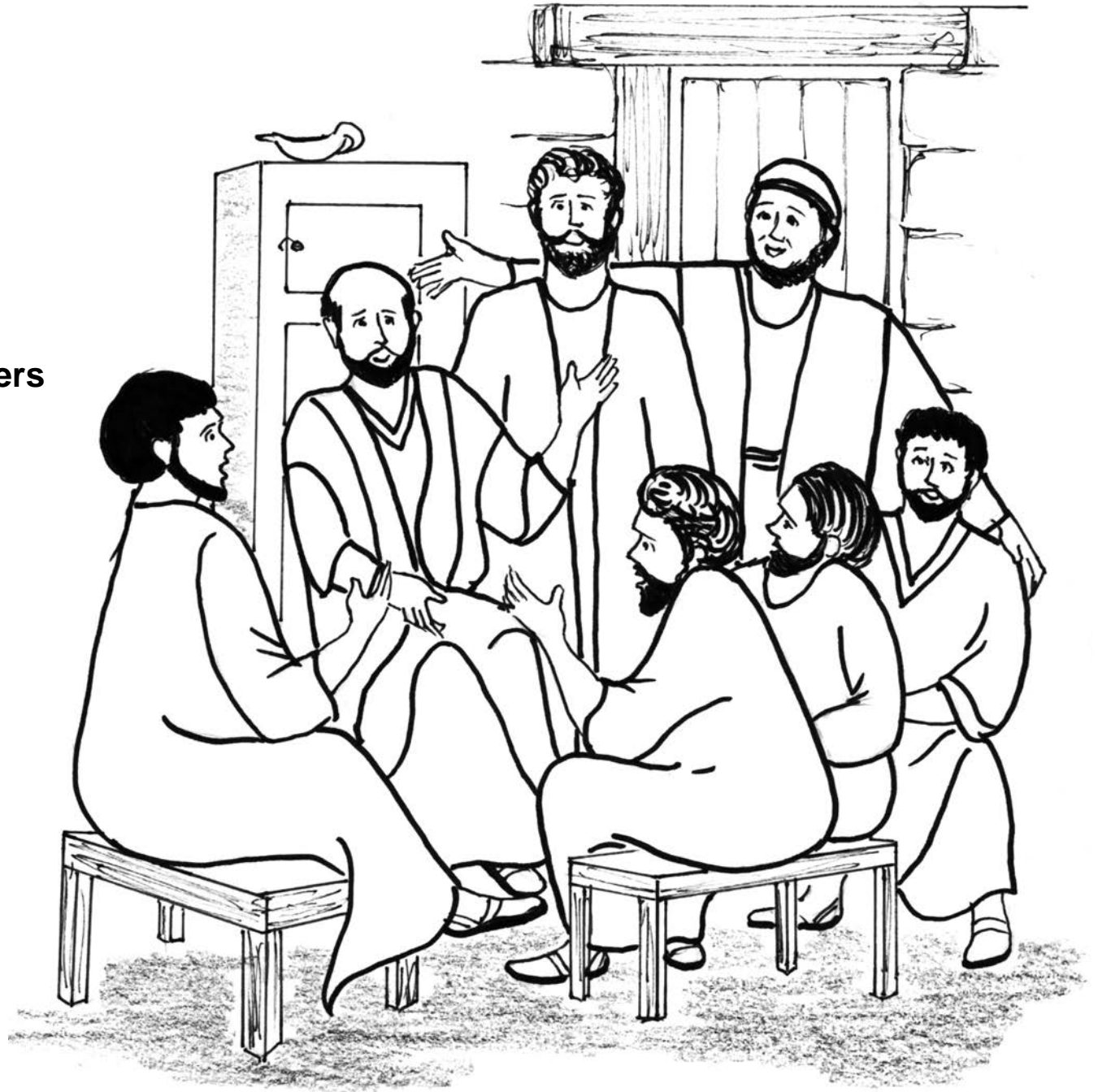
**PAUL IS ARRESTED AND
PAUL TELLS HIS STORY**

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Paul was now in Jerusalem.

**He told the elders and believers
about the non-Jewish people
who were believing
in Jesus Christ.**

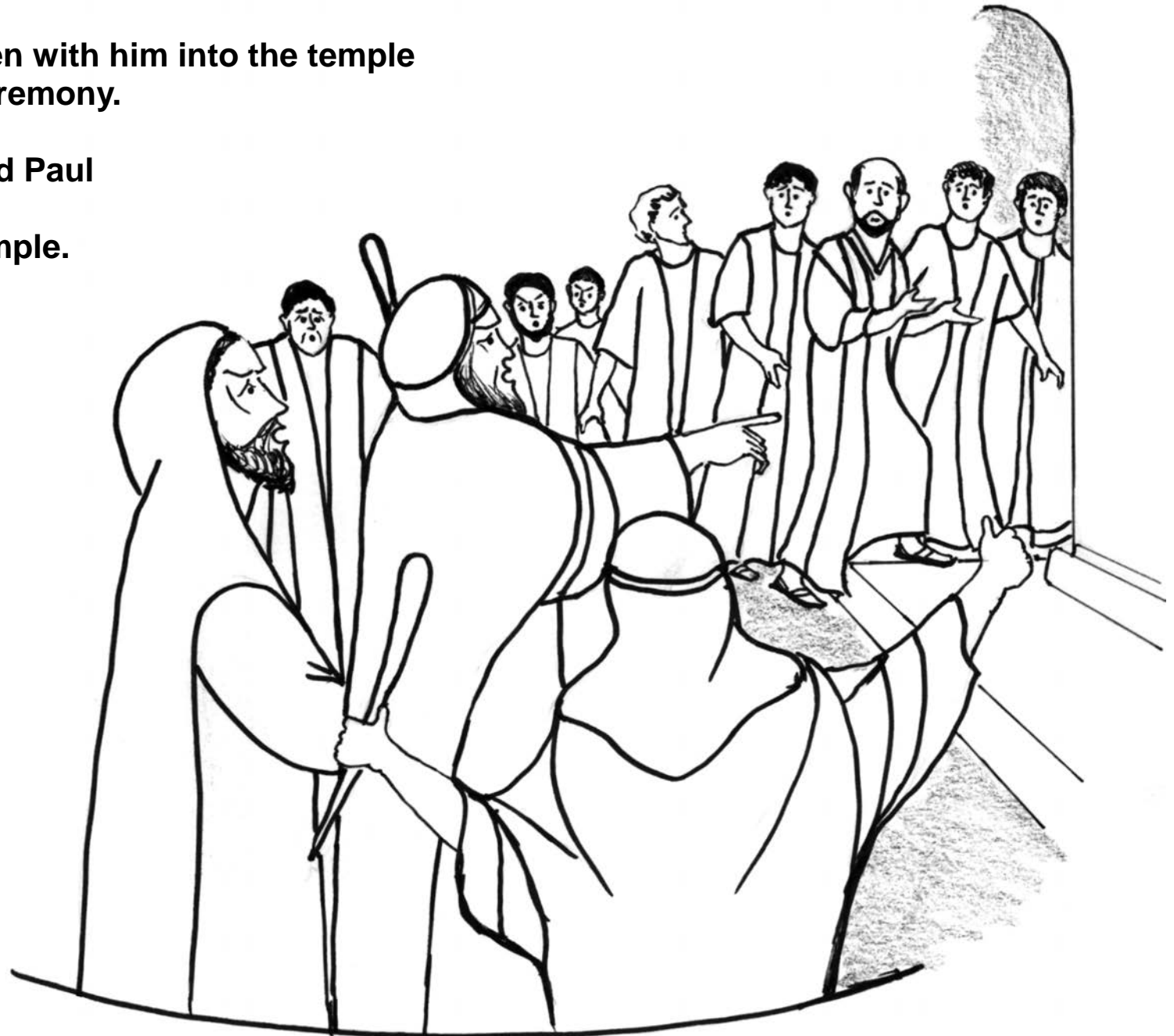
They all thanked the Lord.



**Then Paul took four men with him into the temple
for a special Jewish ceremony.**

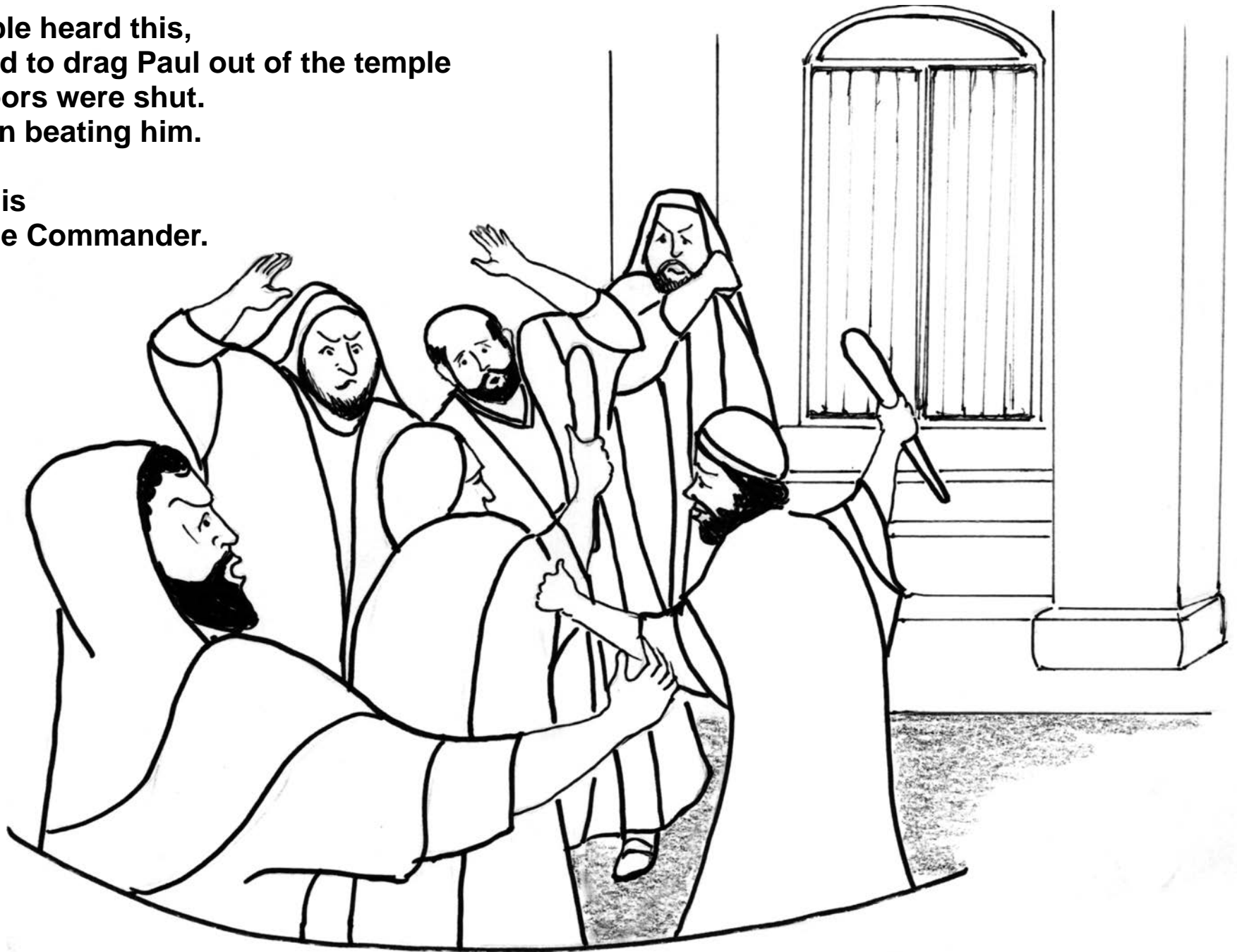
**Some people who hated Paul
and his teaching,
saw him go into the temple.**

**They grabbed him
and shouted,
'This man is
teaching against
Moses and the temple.'**



**Many people heard this,
then helped to drag Paul out of the temple
and the doors were shut.
They began beating him.**

**News of this
reached the Commander.**

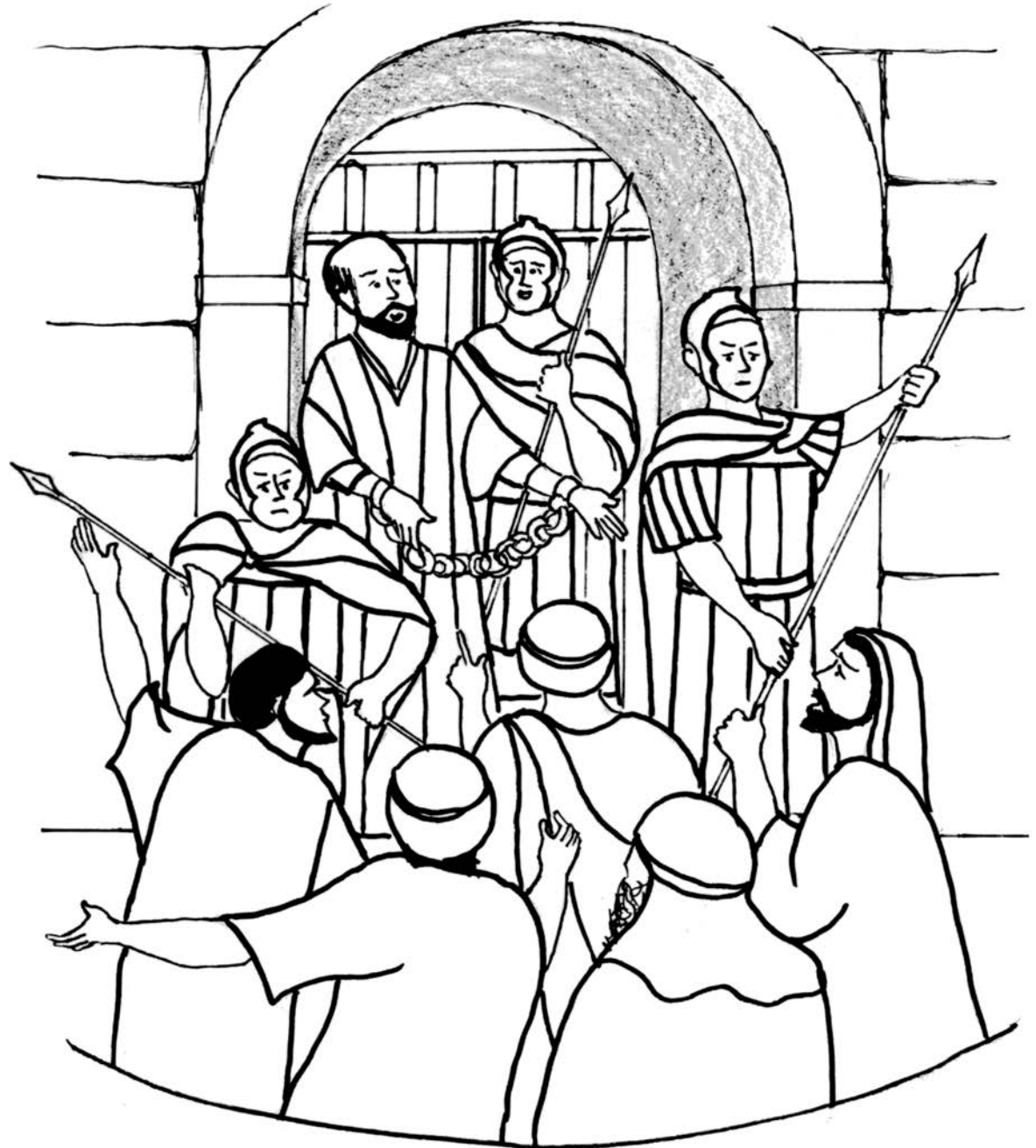


**When the commander
and the soldiers appeared
the people stopped beating Paul.**

**The commander arrested him
and put chains on him.**

**As Paul was being taken away
he asked,
'Can I speak to the people?'**

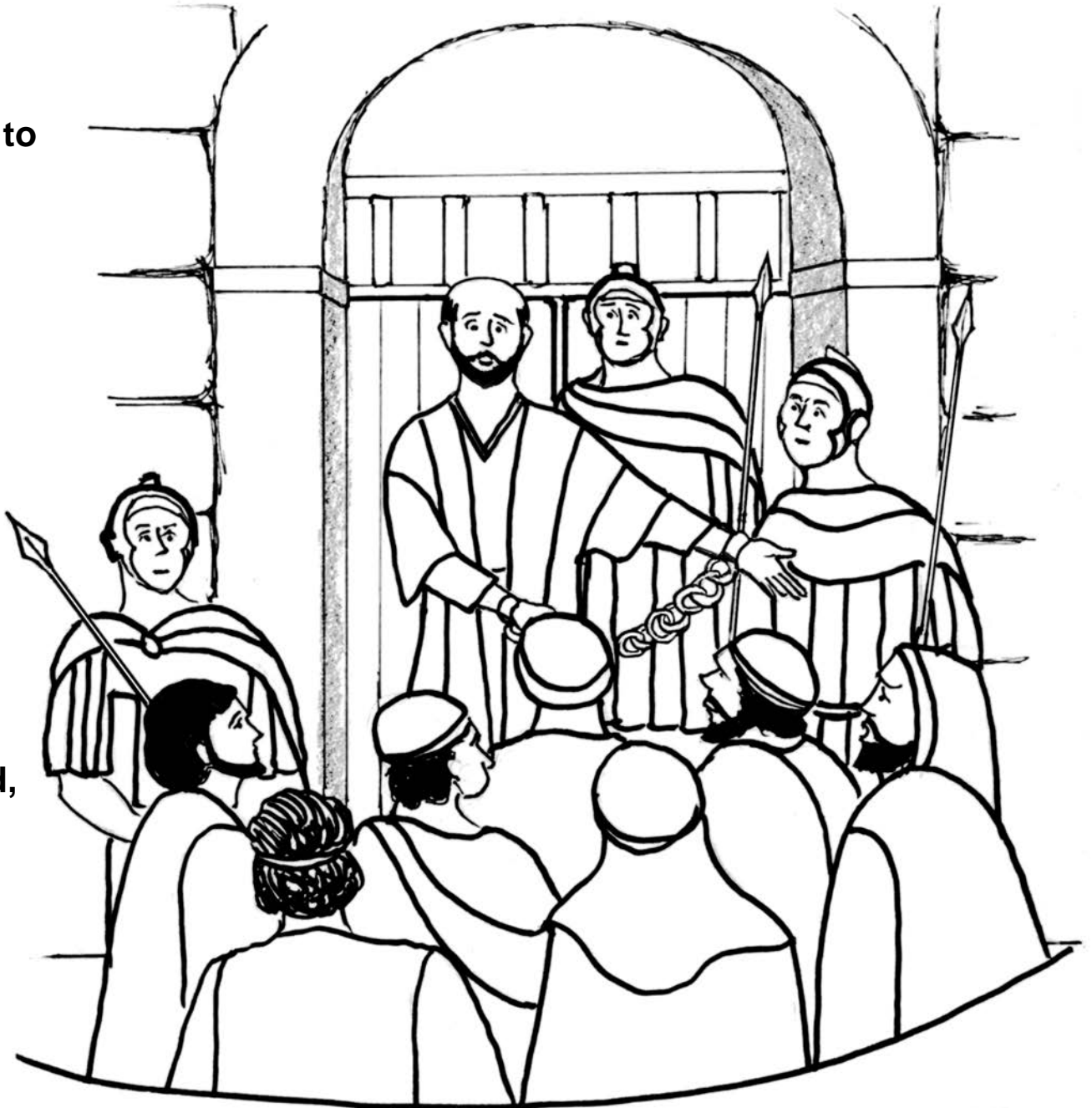
'Yes,' answered the Commander.



**When everyone was quiet
Paul said,
'I am a Jew from Tarsus.
Some time ago, I was going out to
hurt the Christians.
Then on my way to Damascus
God stopped me with a
bright light from heaven
and made me blind.
He told me that I was fighting
against Him.**

**'He sent Ananias
to make me see again.
He told me that God had
chosen me to tell
non-Jewish people about Him.**

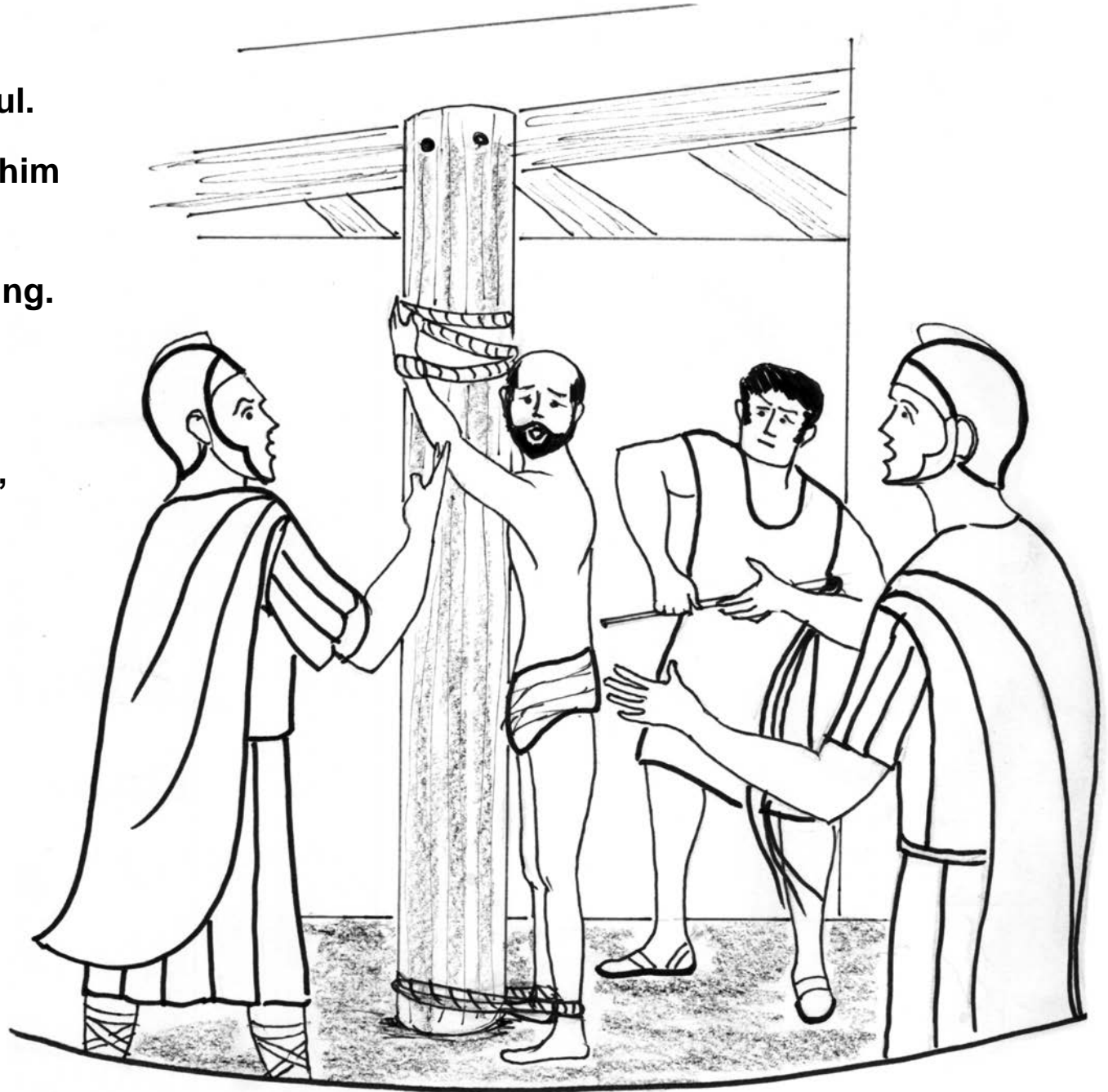
**'Then, when I was in Jerusalem,
God spoke to me again and said,
"Hurry, leave Jerusalem now.
They will not listen to you.
I will send you far away
to the non-Jewish people.
You will tell them about Me."**



**When the crowd heard this
they became so angry
they were ready to attack Paul.**

**So the soldiers quickly took him
into the barracks,
tied him up
and got him ready for a beating.**

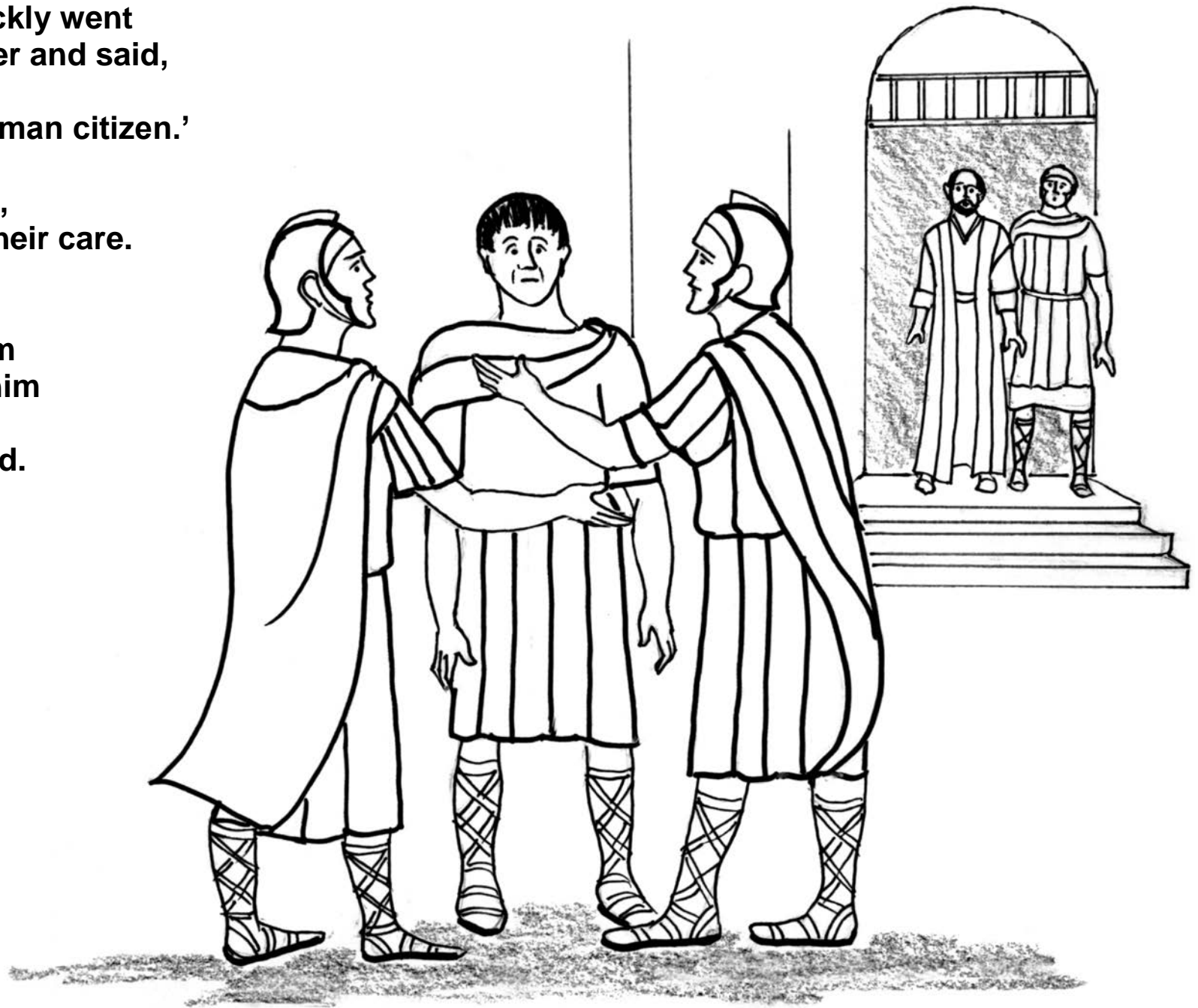
**Paul asked the soldiers,
'Are you allowed to do this
to a Roman citizen
before hearing him in court?'**



The soldiers quickly went
to the commander and said,
'Be careful.
This man is a Roman citizen.'

They untied Paul,
but kept him in their care.

Paul knew that
God was with him
and would give him
the opportunity
to speak His word.



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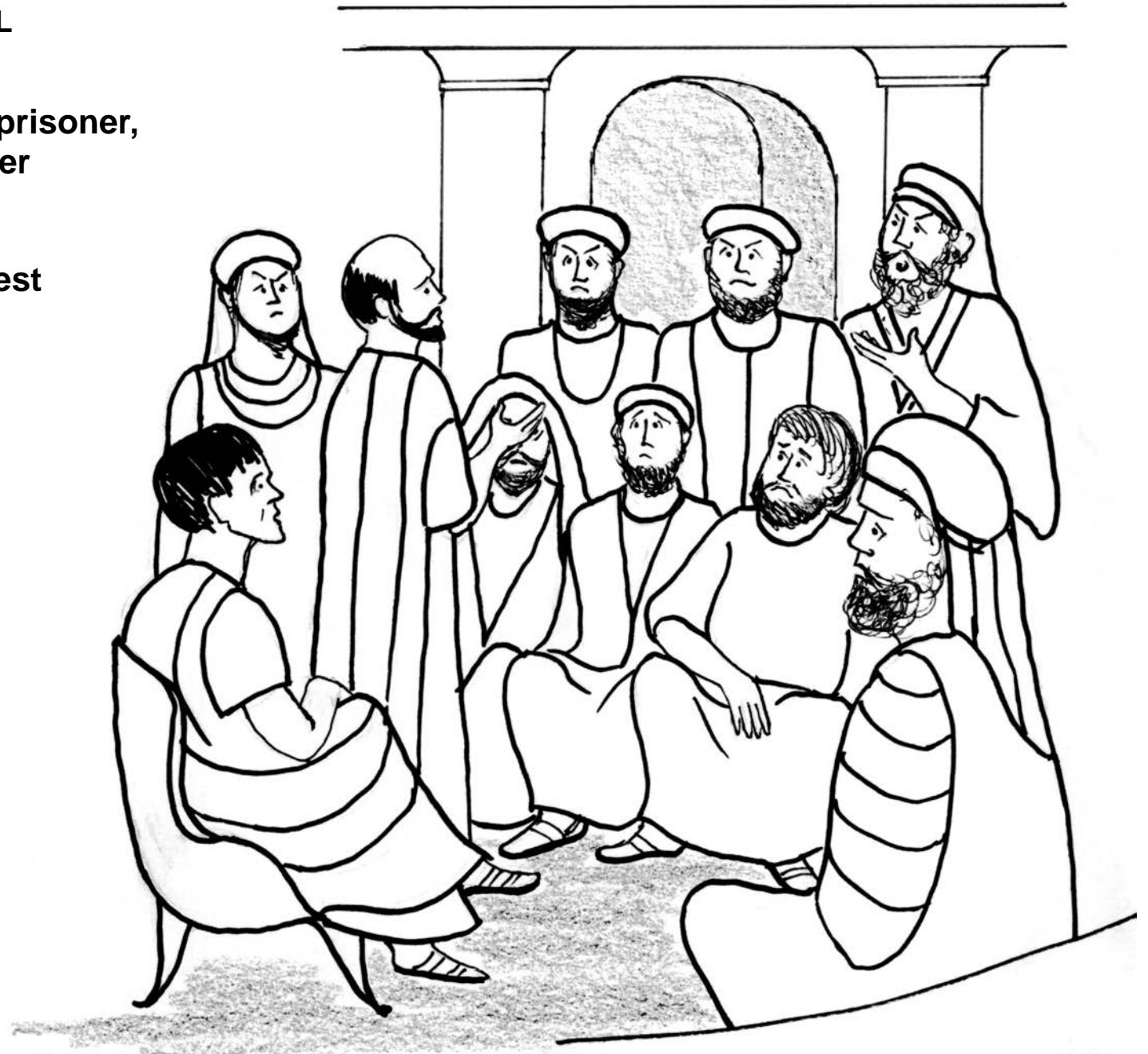
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ACTS 22:30 – 23:35
HOW GOD PROTECTED PAUL
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**Paul was being kept as a prisoner,
but the Roman Commander
did not know
what he had done wrong.
So he asked the Chief Priest
and the leaders to come
and tell him.**

**While they were meeting
they asked for Paul
to come in
and to stand before them.**

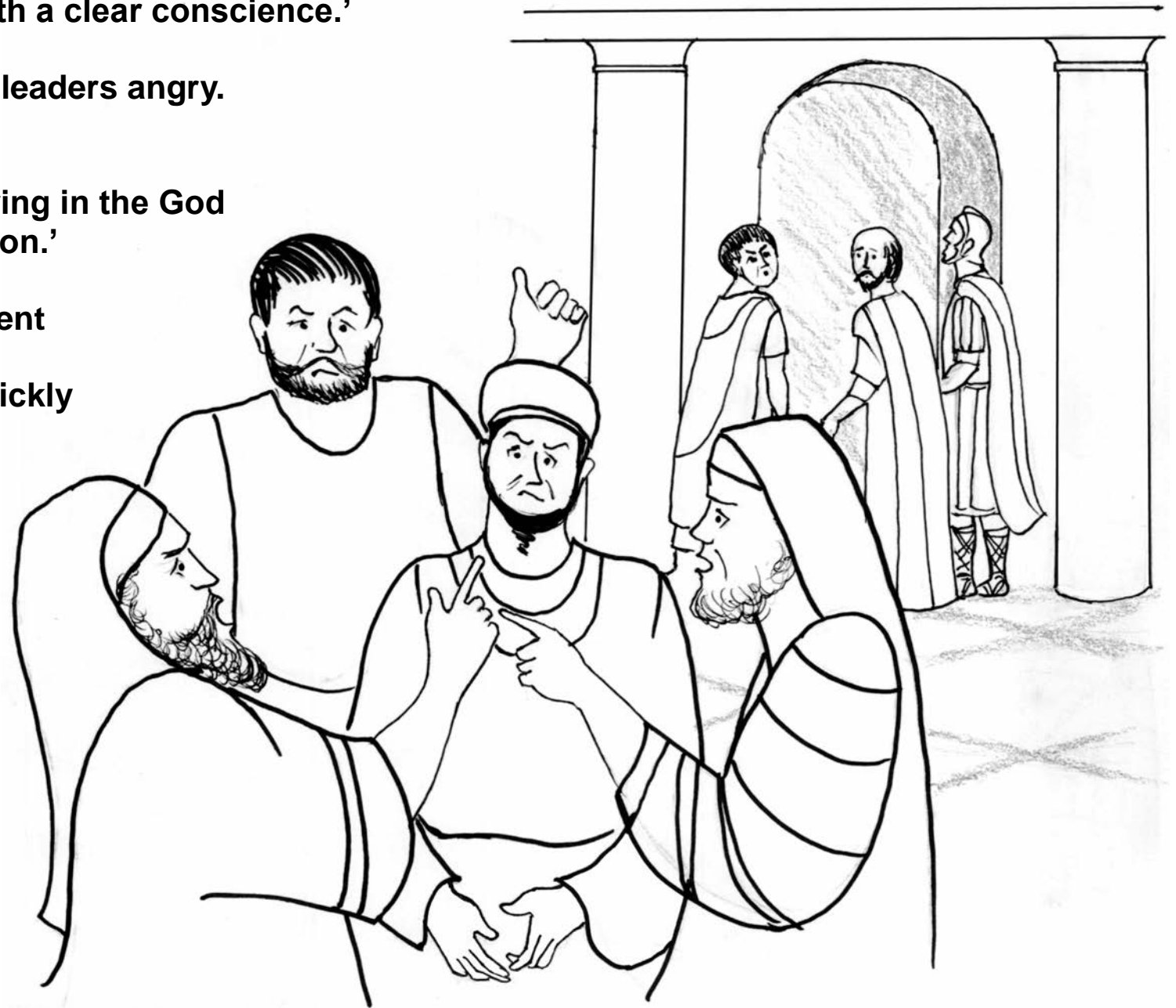


**Paul looked around and said to everyone,
'I stand before God with a clear conscience.'**

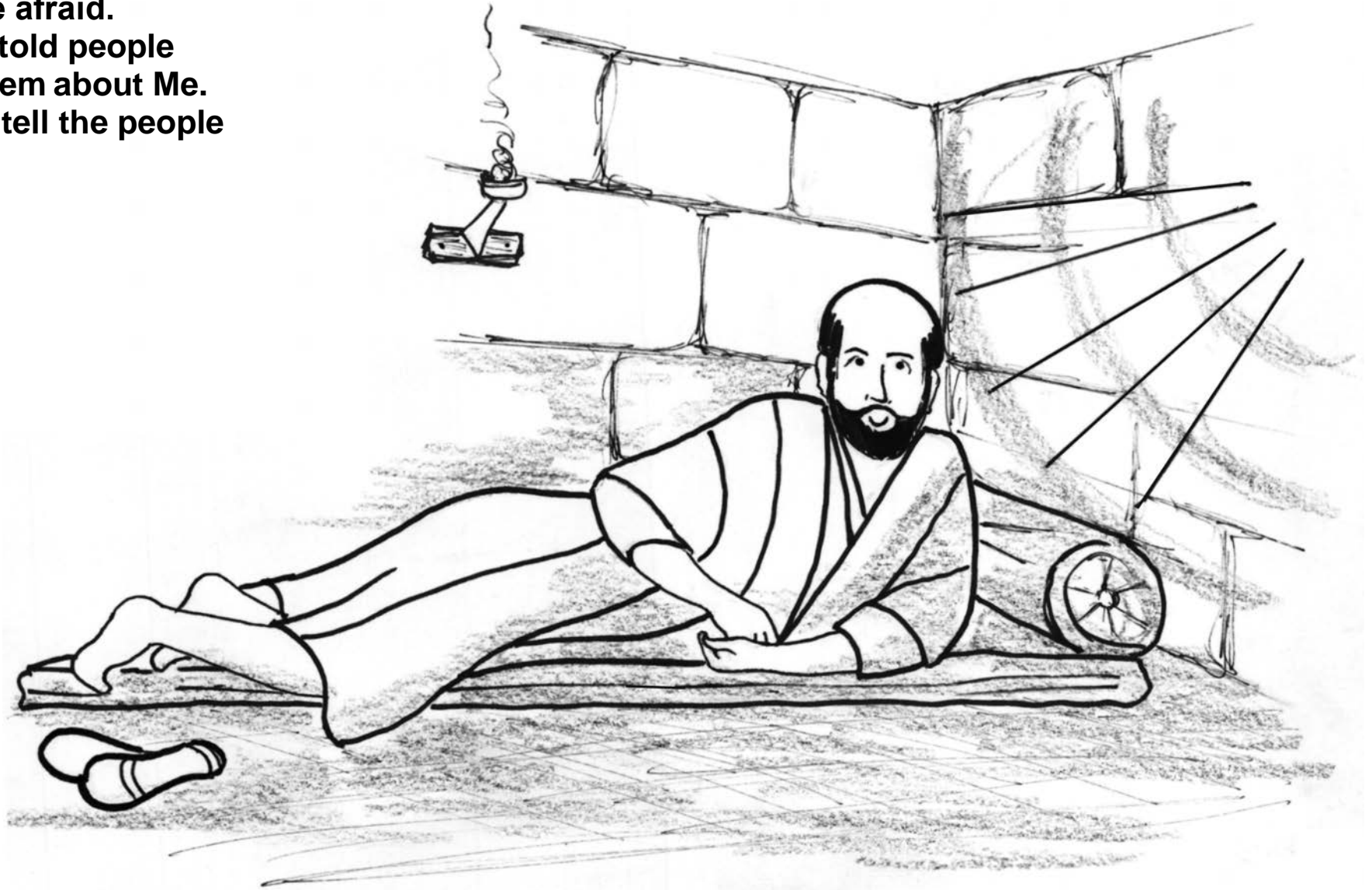
This made the Jewish leaders angry.

**Then Paul said,
'I am on trial for believing in the God
of hope and resurrection.'**

**This started an argument
amongst the leaders,
so the Commander quickly
took Paul away
to a safe place.**



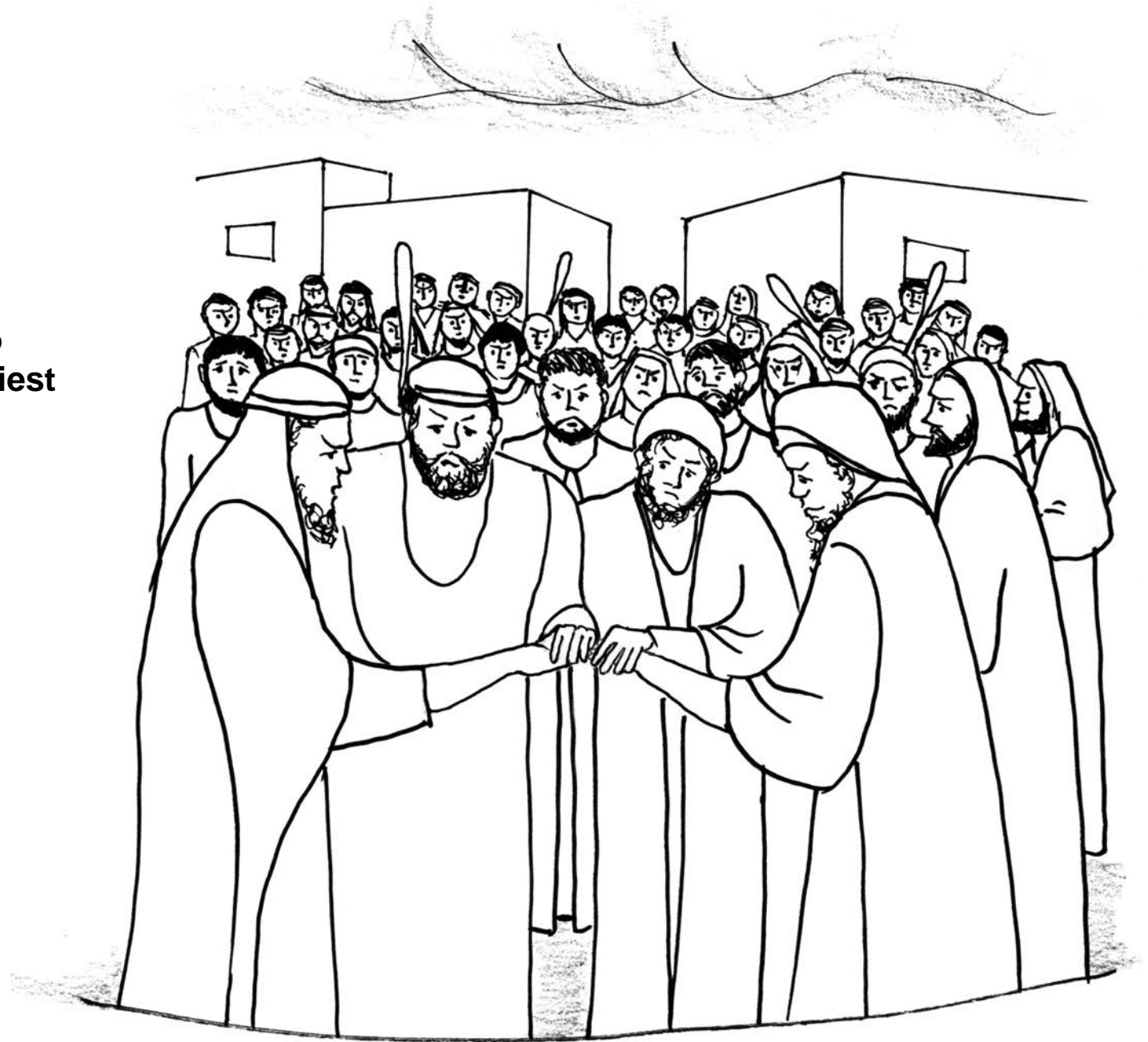
**That night the Lord
came to Paul and said,
'Do not be afraid.
You have told people
in Jerusalem about Me.
You must tell the people
in Rome.'**



**The Jews had no idea of
God's plan for Paul.
All they wanted to do
was to get rid of him.**

**In fact, forty of them
made a plan
to ask the Commander to
send Paul to the Chief Priest
for questioning.**

**But those forty Jews
were going to hide,
so that when Paul
was on his way
to the Chief Priest
they would kill him.**

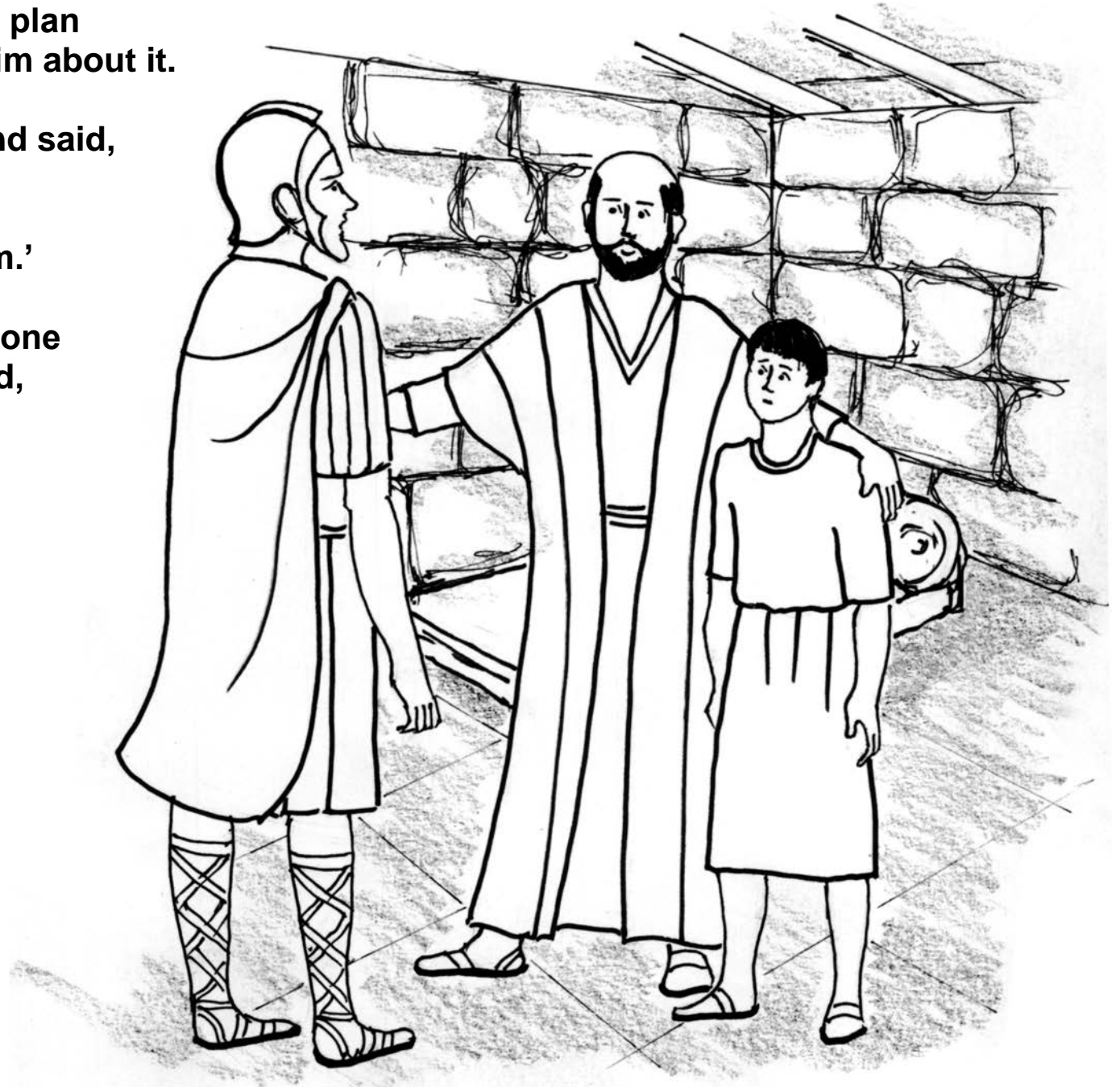


Paul's nephew heard of this plan and went to Paul and told him about it.

**Paul called for the officer and said,
'Take this young man
to the Commander.
He has something to tell him.'**

**When Paul's nephew was alone
with the Commander he said,
'Tomorrow the Jews are
going to ask you to bring
Paul to the Chief Priest
for a meeting.
Do not believe them.
Forty men are hiding
and have made a promise
not to eat until
they have killed Paul.'**

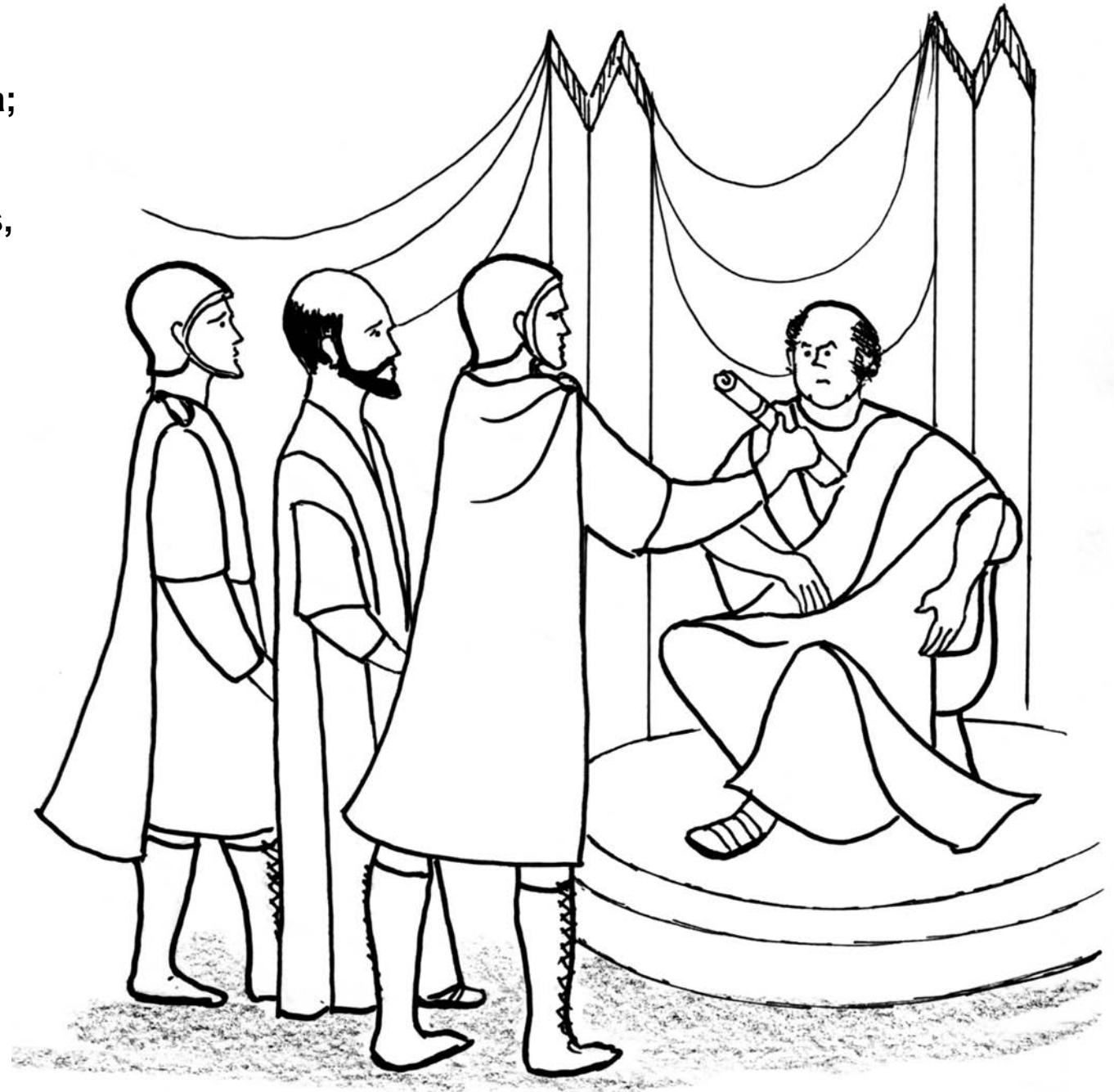
**The commander
said to Paul's nephew,
'Do not tell anyone.'**



He then called in his officers
and said,
'I need men to go to Caesarea;
two hundred soldiers,
seventy horsemen,
two hundred men with spears,
and also some horses
for Paul to ride.
Be ready to go
at nine o'clock tonight.'

That night, the soldiers
rode to Antipatris with Paul.
The next day they
returned to Jerusalem
and the horsemen took Paul
on to Caesarea.

They handed him over
to Governor Felix
with a letter
from the Commander,
telling him why Paul
was sent to him.



**Governor Felix put Paul in prison
and waited for the
Jewish leaders to come.**

**Paul was not worried.
He believed what
God had told him.
He would go to Rome
and tell people the
good news of Jesus Christ.**

**He believed that there were
many people in Rome
who would also believe God's word
and become part of His family.**



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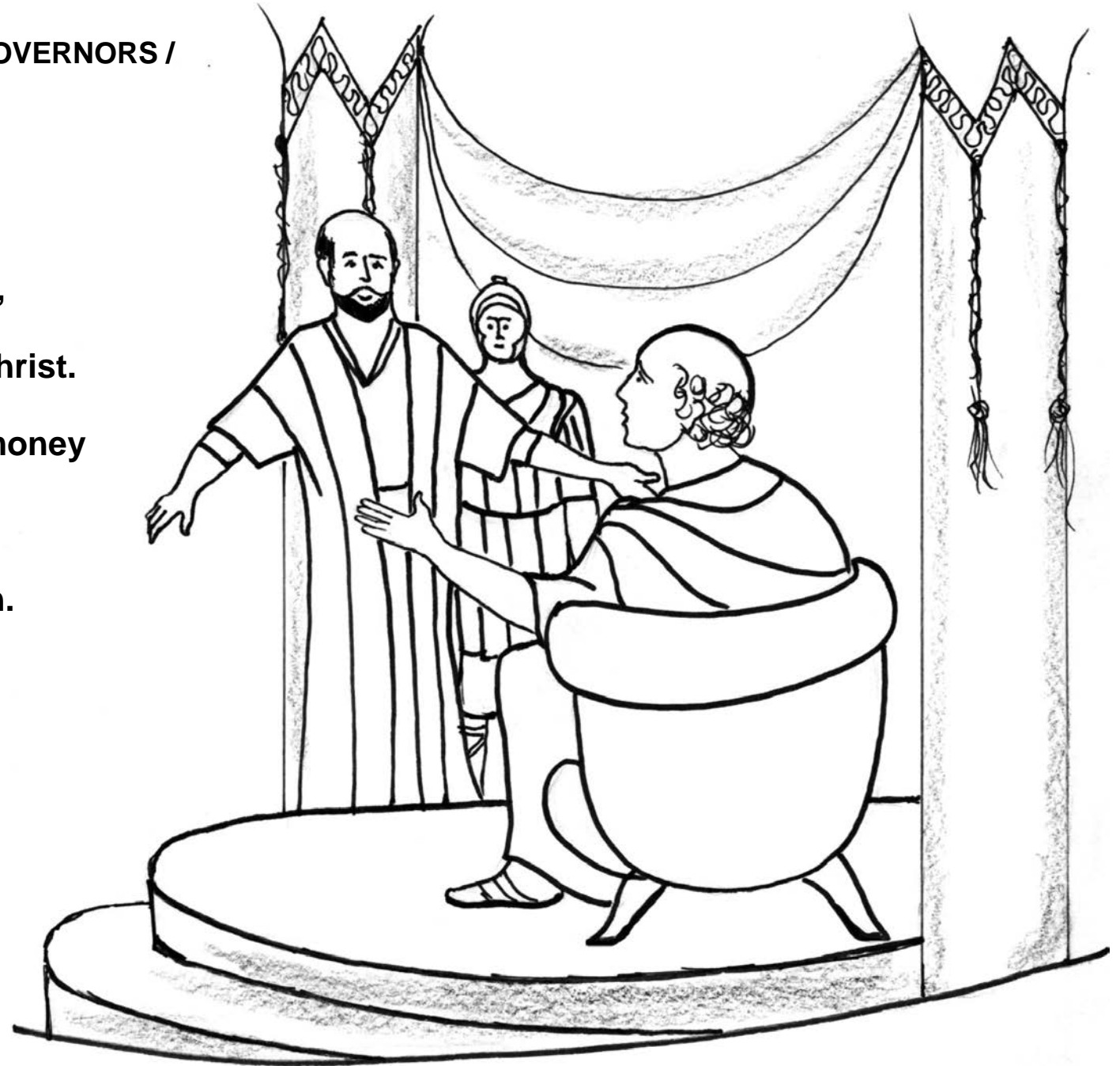
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ACTS 24:24 – 26:32
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**While Paul was in prison,
Felix, the Roman governor,
often brought him out
to hear him speak about Christ.
Felix was really hoping
that Paul would give him money
in order to be freed.**

**Two years had gone by
and Paul was still in prison.**



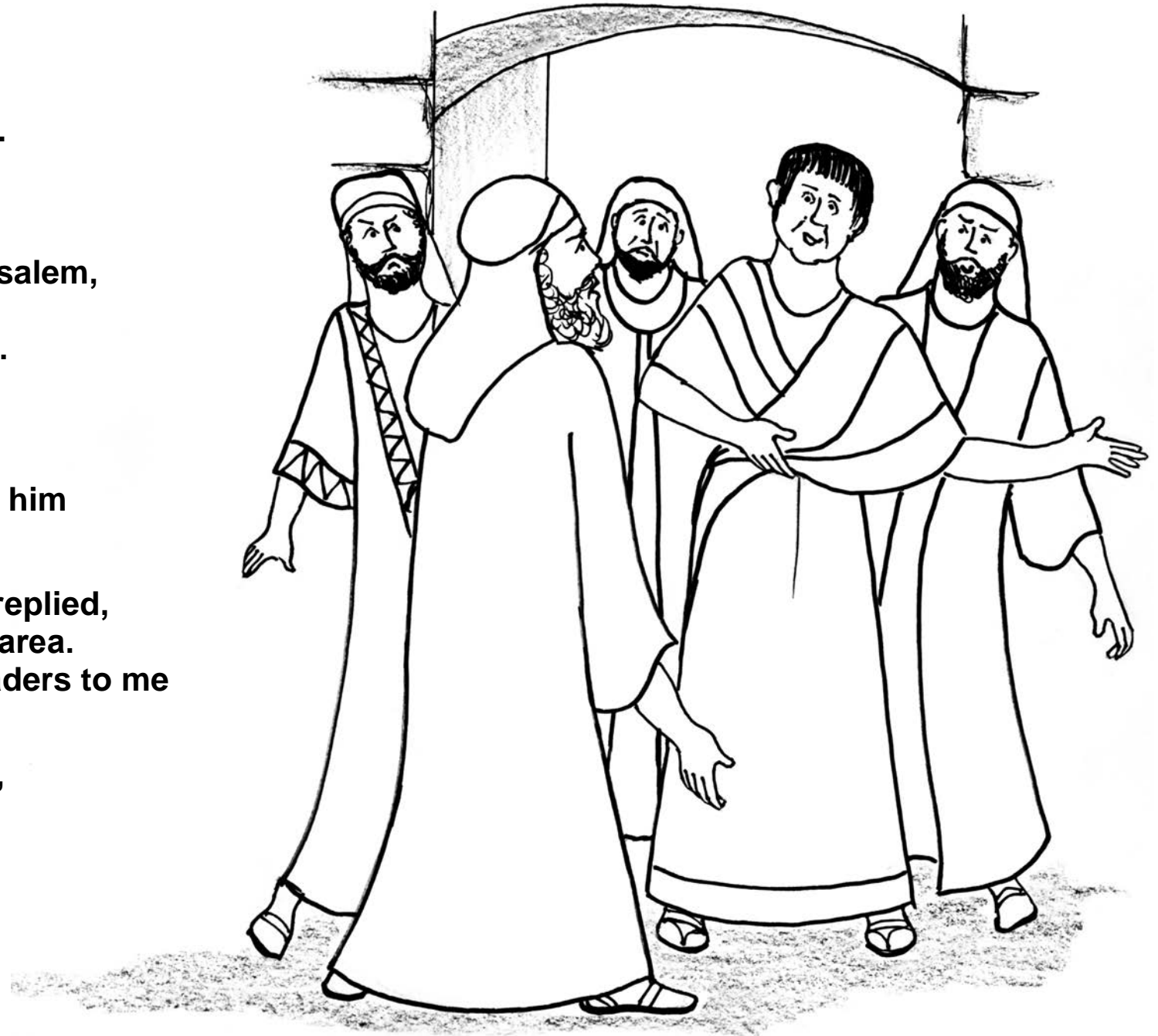
A new governor was taking over from Felix.

His name was Festus.

When he went to Jerusalem, the Jews said to him, 'Paul is in your prison. Please bring him here for us to judge him.'

They had a plan to kill him on the way.

But Governor Festus replied, 'Paul will stay in Caesarea. You can send your leaders to me and together we will find out what Paul has done wrong.'



A few days later Paul was in court before Festus and the leaders.

**Paul said to them,
'I have done nothing against
the law of the Jews,
the Temple,
or against the emperor.'**

**But Festus wanted to
please the Jews.
He asked Paul,
'Do you want to go
up to Jerusalem and be
judged by these people?'**

**Paul answered.
'You know that I have done
nothing wrong to the Jews.
I ask to be tried by the emperor.'**

**Festus said,
'If that is what you want,
you will go to the emperor.'**

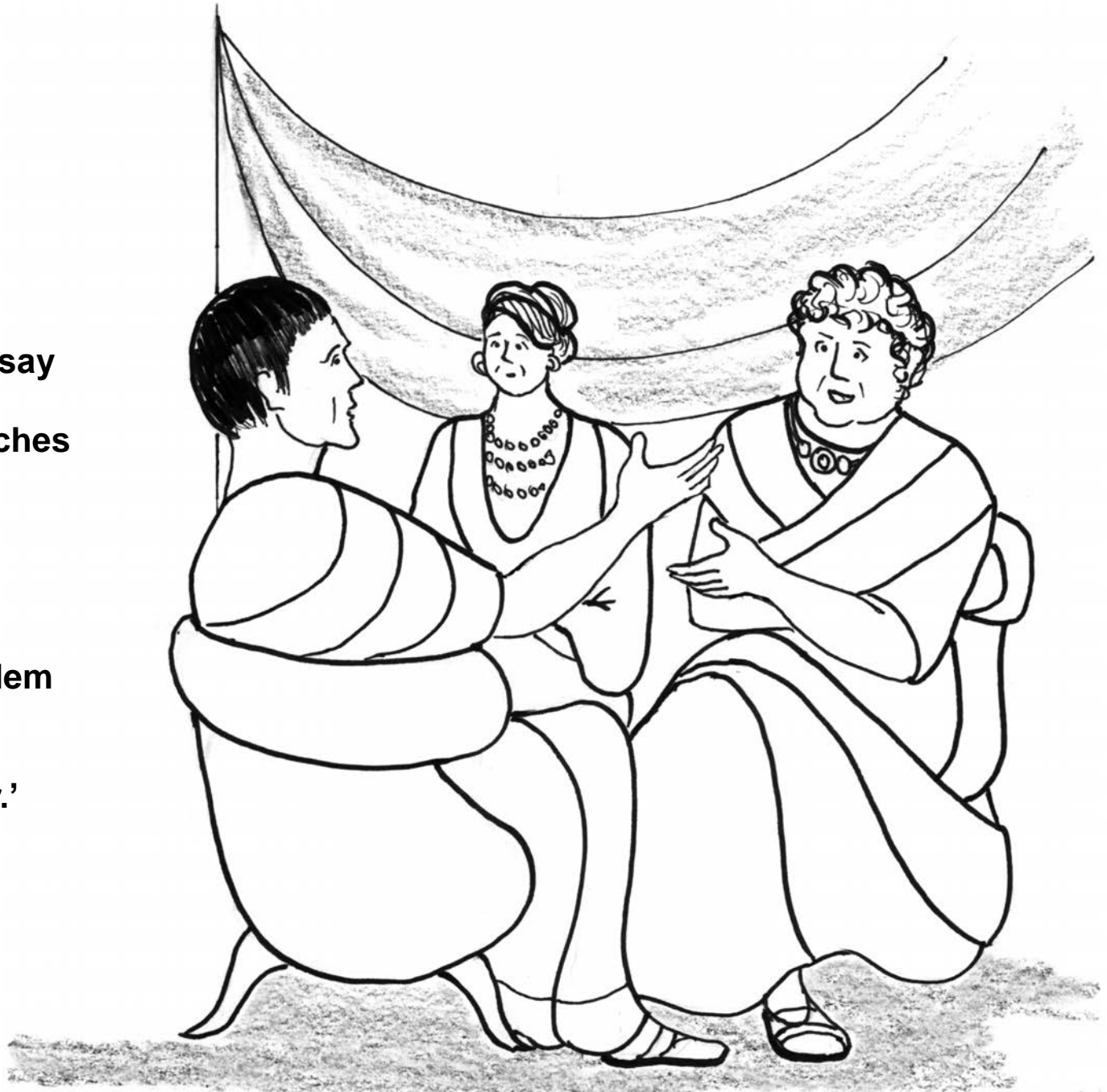


Soon after this
King Agrippa and Bernice
were visiting Festus.
They talked about Paul
being in prison.

Festus said to the king,
'The Jewish leaders did not say
what Paul had done wrong.
They only said that Paul teaches
about a man called Jesus,
who died and is now alive.

'I did not know what to do.
So I asked Paul
if he wanted to go to Jerusalem
to be judged by the Jews.
This is when Paul asked
to be judged by the emperor.'

King Agrippa said,
'I would like to hear
what Paul has to say.'



**The next day
King Agrippa and Bernice
came into the court with Festus
and other important men
of the city.**

**Agrippa said to Paul,
'Tell me your story.'**

**Paul said,
'King Agrippa,
you know all about the Jews.
They do not believe that God
raised Jesus from the dead
and that He was the Messiah.**

**'God has helped me to tell
the message of our prophets,
that Christ would die
and be the first one
to rise from death.**



**'The Jews do not like what I believe.
So when I was in the temple
they grabbed me
and tried to kill me.'**

Festus asked, 'Are you going mad?'

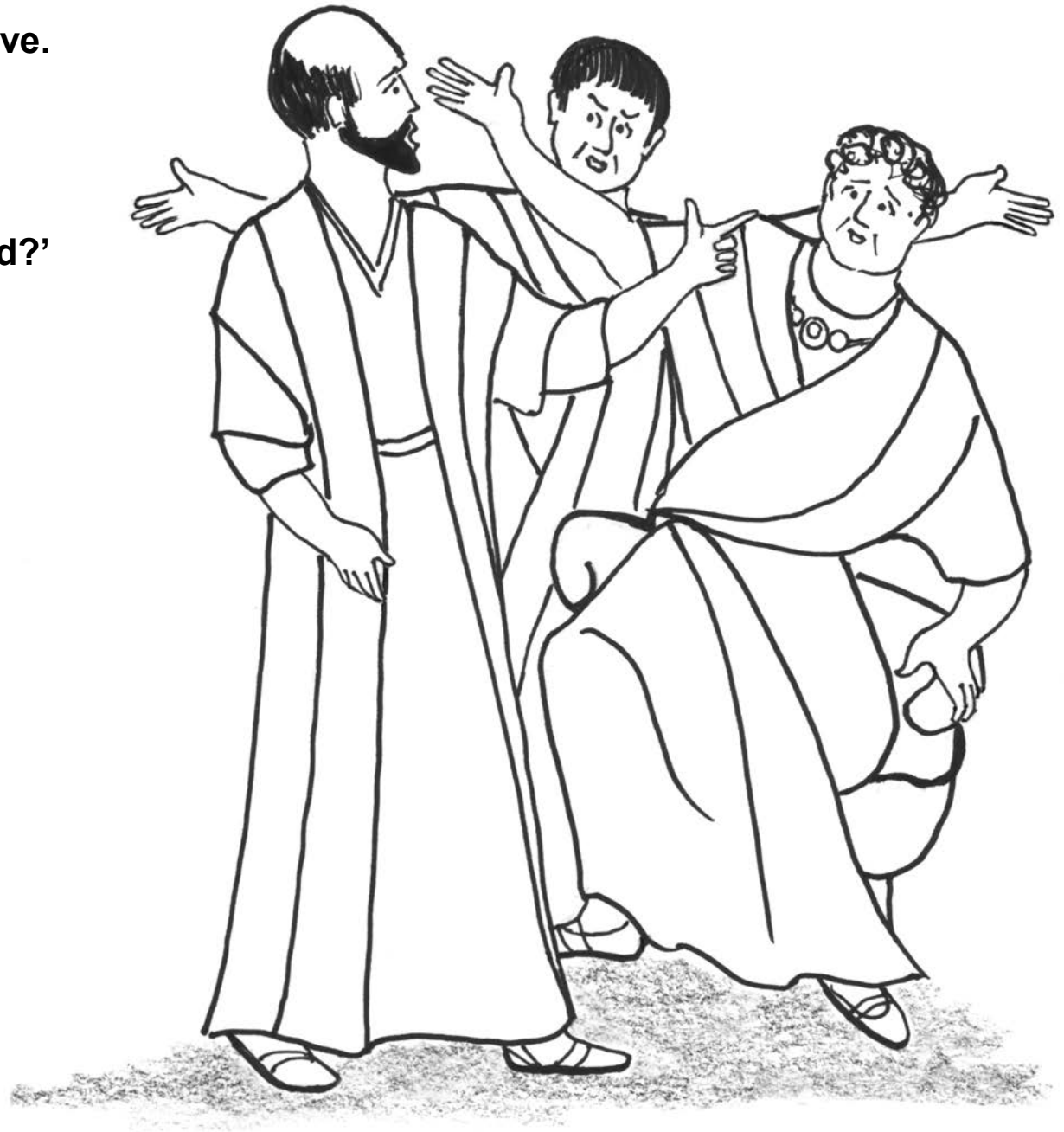
**Paul answered,
'These things are true.'**

**Then he turned to the king
and asked him,
'Do you believe
what the prophets said?'**

**King Agrippa answered,
'Are you trying to persuade me
to be a Christian?'**

**Paul replied, 'Oh that you
and all who listen to God's word
would believe.'**

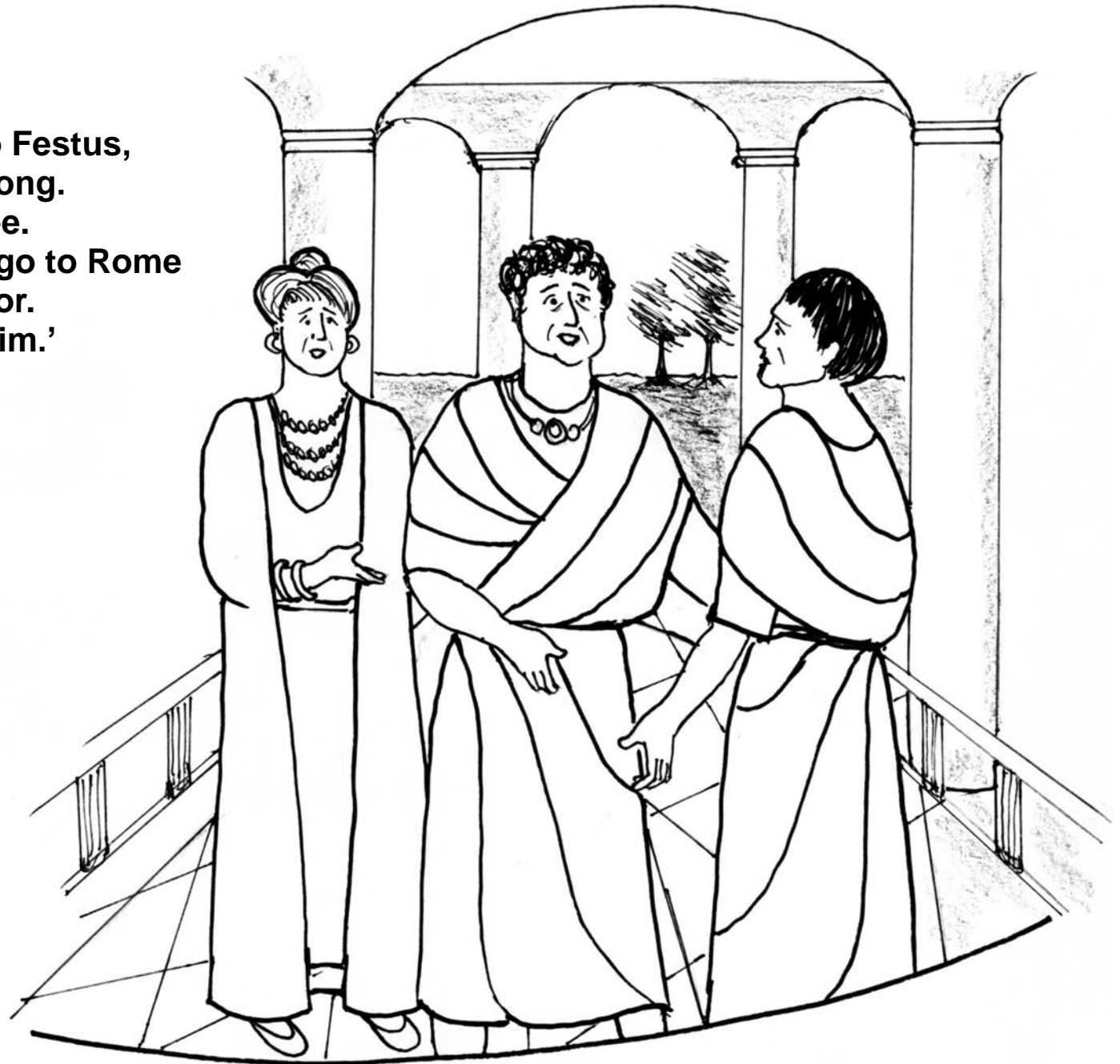
**The king got up from his chair
and left the room.**



**Later, King Agrippa said to Festus,
'Paul has done nothing wrong.
He could have been set free.
However, he has asked to go to Rome
to be judged by the emperor.
So to Rome we will send him.'**

**God had already told Paul
that he would go to Rome
to tell people about Him.**

**So from here, he will be
on his way to Rome.**



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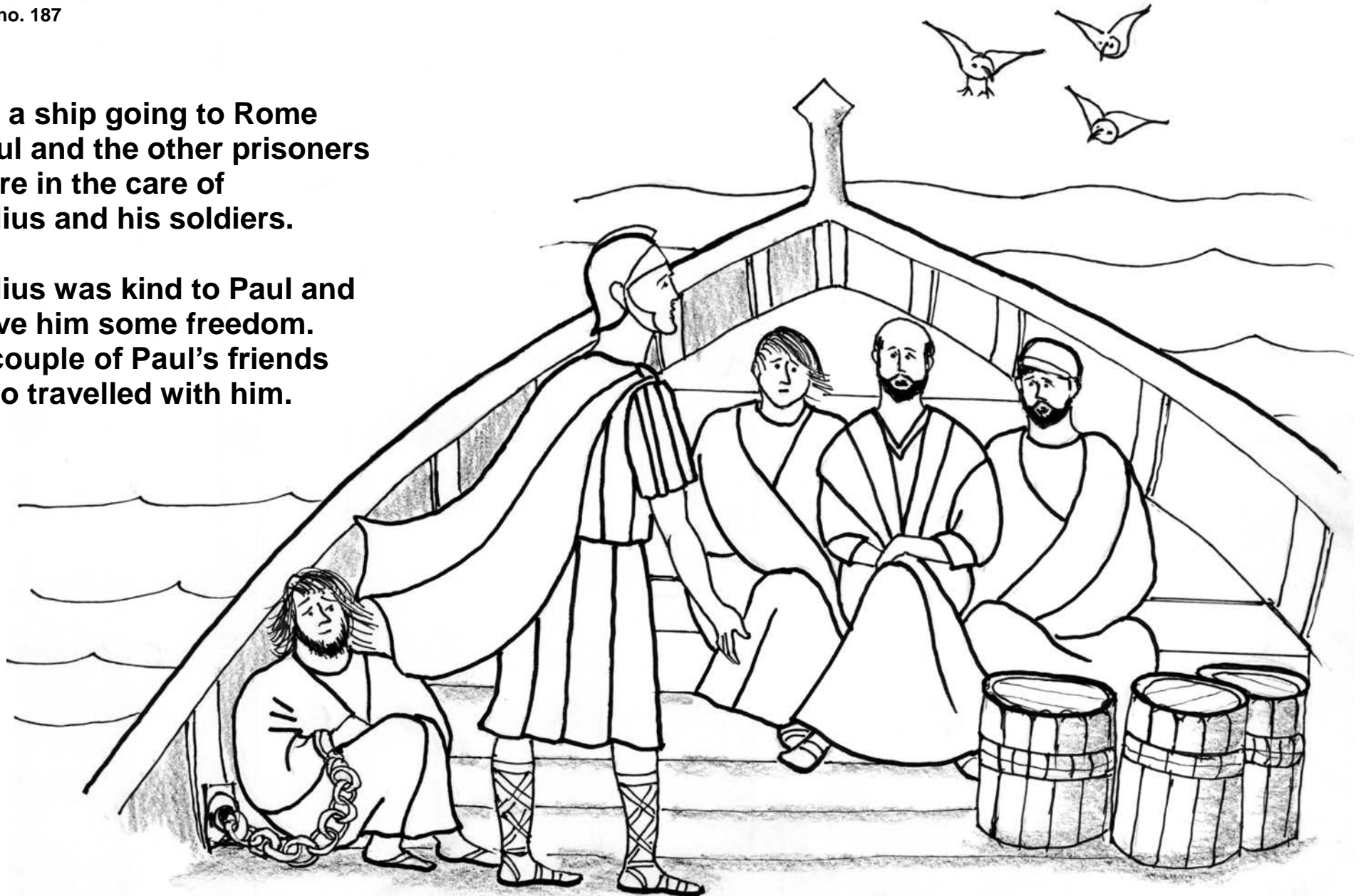
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**On a ship going to Rome
Paul and the other prisoners
were in the care of
Julius and his soldiers.**

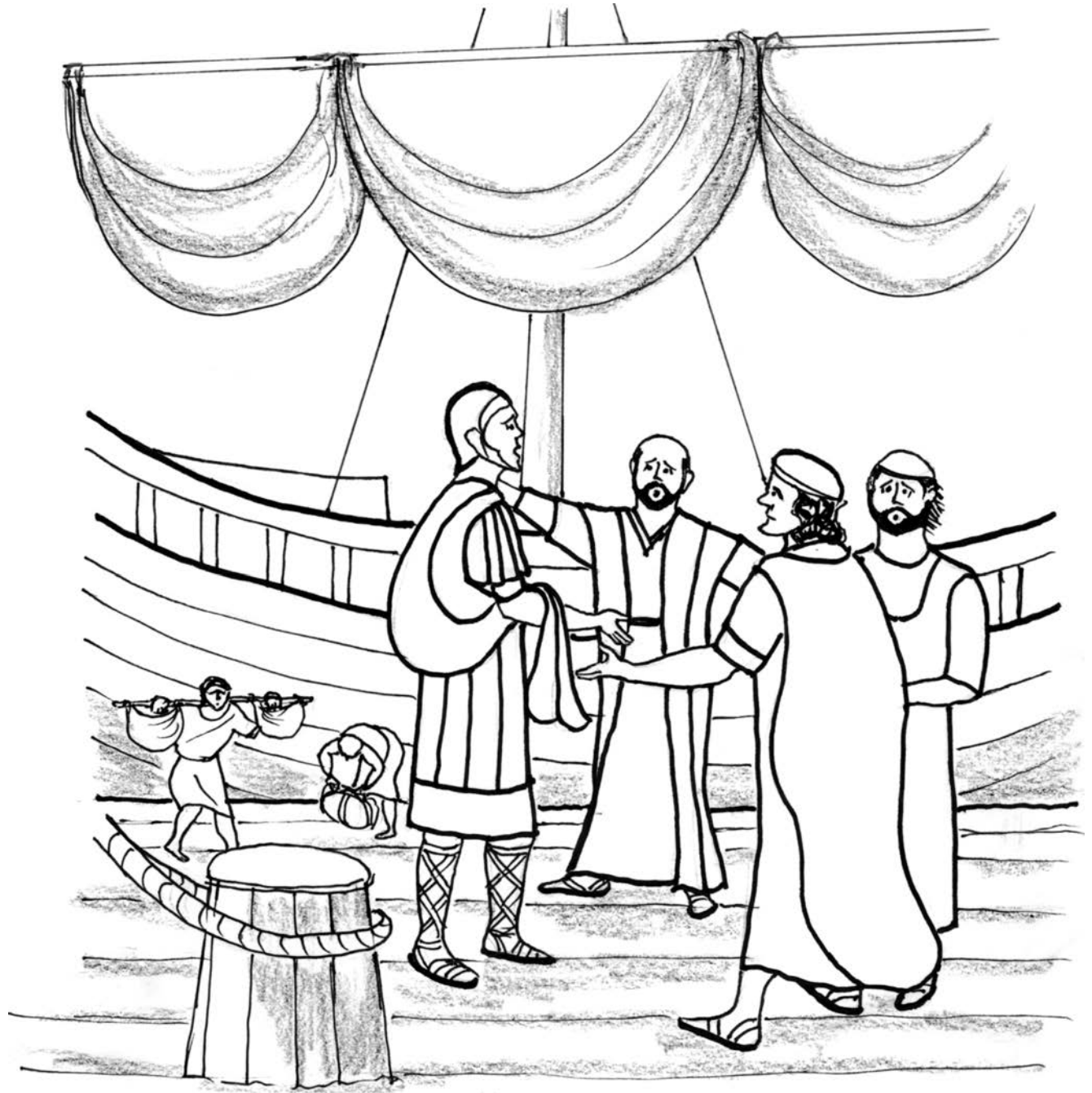
**Julius was kind to Paul and
gave him some freedom.
A couple of Paul's friends
also travelled with him.**



**After they left Myra
a strong wind blew
against the ship.
It was hard going,
but they managed to get to
Safe Harbour.
It was winter time.**

**Paul said,
'I see that there is
danger ahead.
If we sail on, the ship
and everything on it
will be lost,
even our lives may be lost.'**

**The captain of the ship
did not want to stay in
Safe Harbour during winter.
He wanted to go on
to Phoenix.**

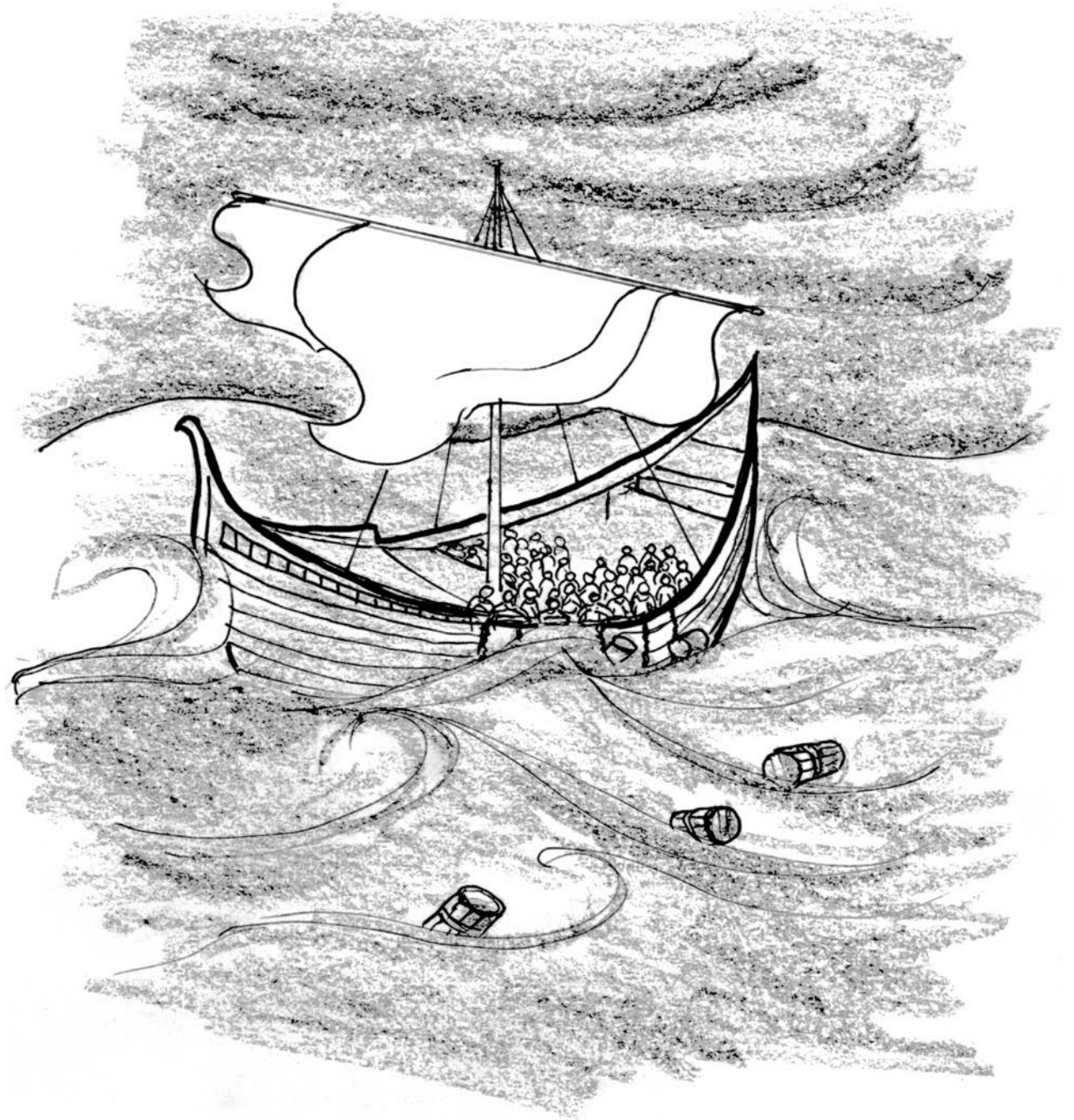


**Everyone else wanted
to keep going.
So they set sail.**

**Then suddenly
a strong wind blew
the ship along.
The sailors tried to
control the ship,
but they could not.**

**The cargo was
thrown overboard.
Ropes were tied around
the ship for support.
The storm only got worse.**

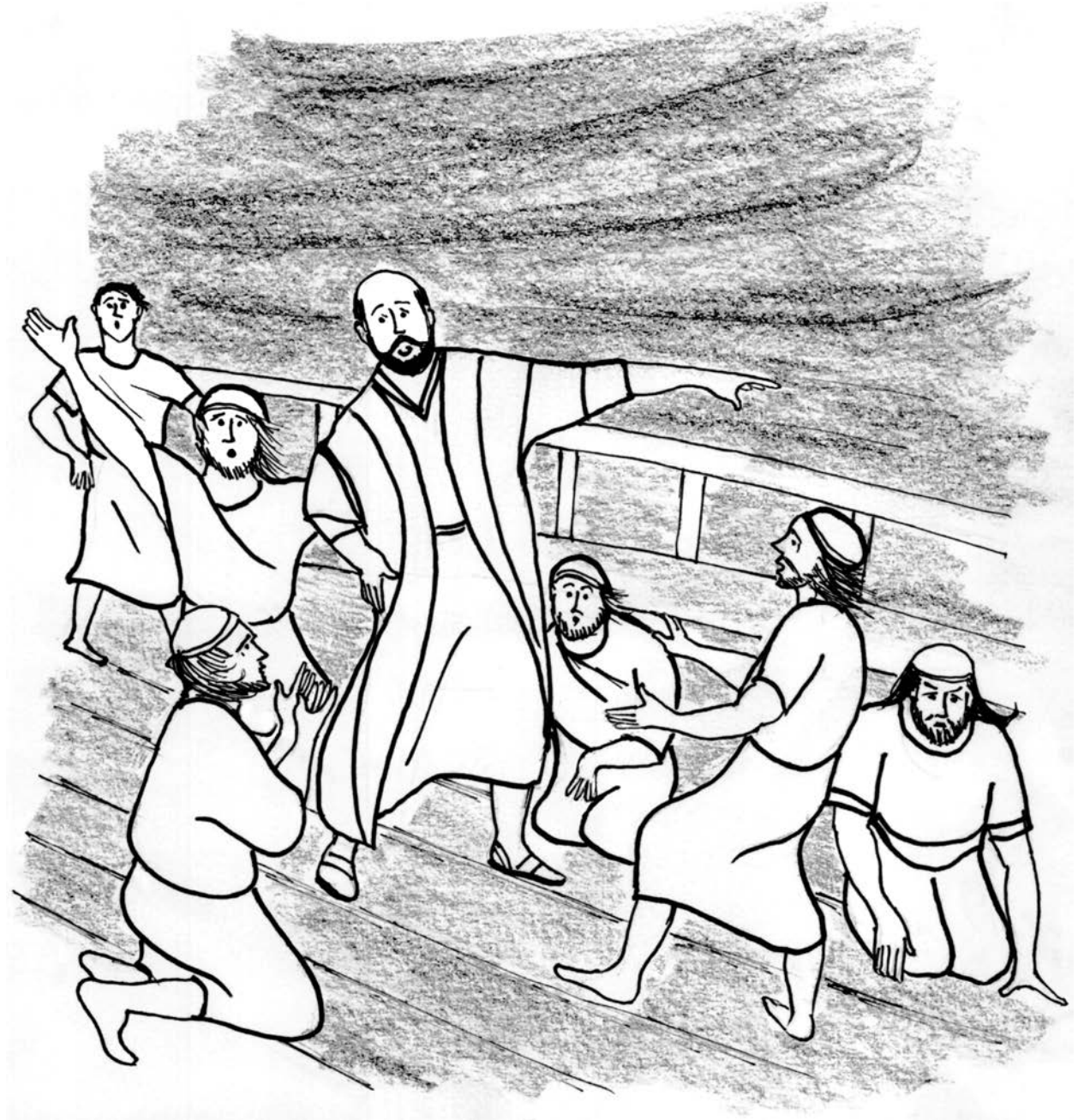
**It was dark.
Neither the sun nor the stars
could be seen.
Everyone was frightened
and thought they would die.
No one wanted to eat.**



**Paul stood up and said,
'Back in Crete I said
that it was not safe to sail.
If you had listened to me
we would not be here.
But, take courage.
No one will die.
Only the ship will be lost.**

**'Last night an
angel of God came to me.
God is the One I worship
and belong to.
He told me not to be afraid,
for I am to stand before
the emperor.
God will save everyone
who is on this ship with me.**

**'Do not be afraid.
I have faith in God
that He will do what He said.
The boat is going to
break up near an island.'**

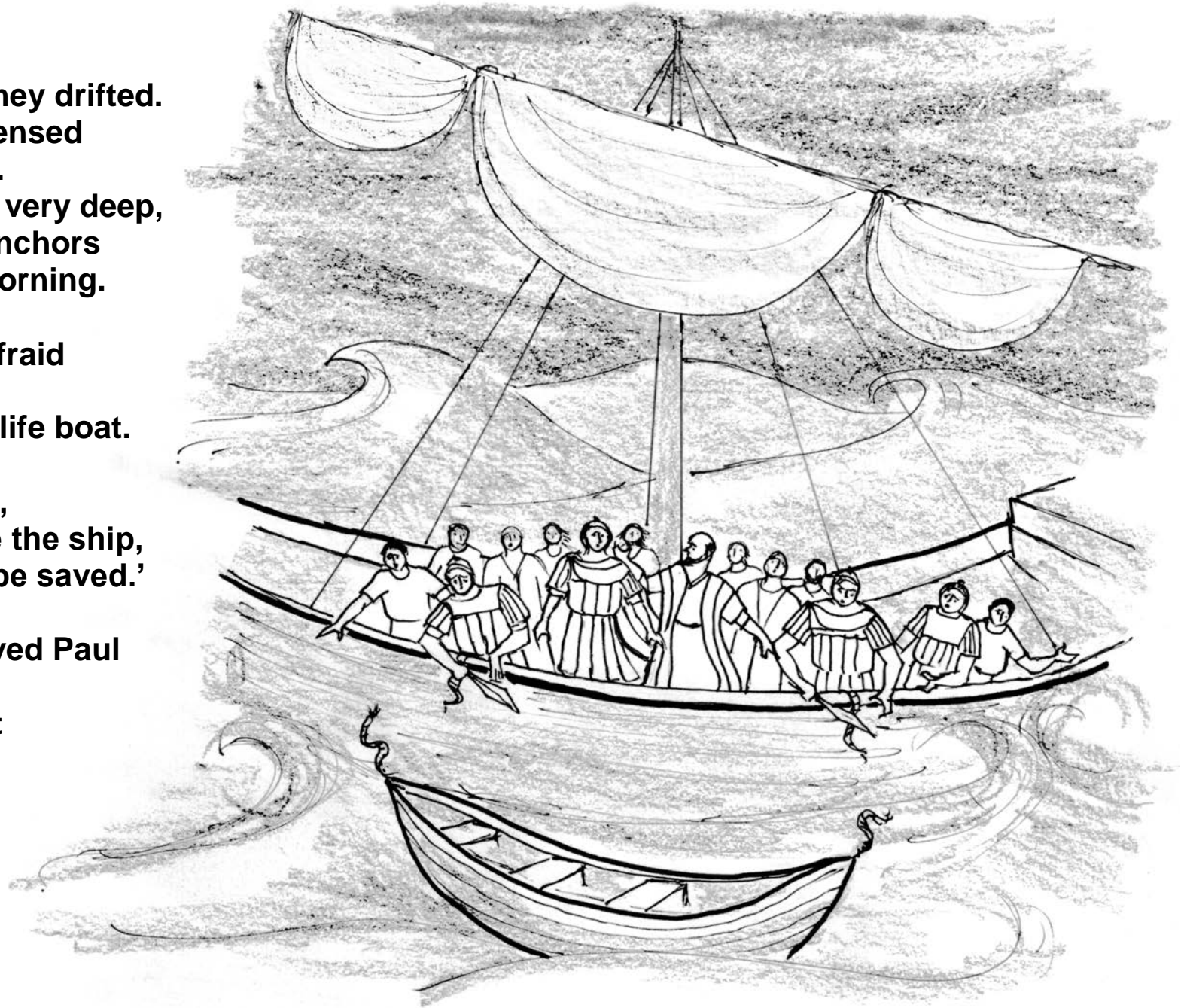


**For several days they drifted.
Then the sailors sensed
that land was near.
The water was not very deep,
so they dropped anchors
and waited until morning.**

**The sailors were afraid
and were about to
sneak away in the life boat.**

**Paul said to Julius,
'If these men leave the ship,
your lives cannot be saved.'**

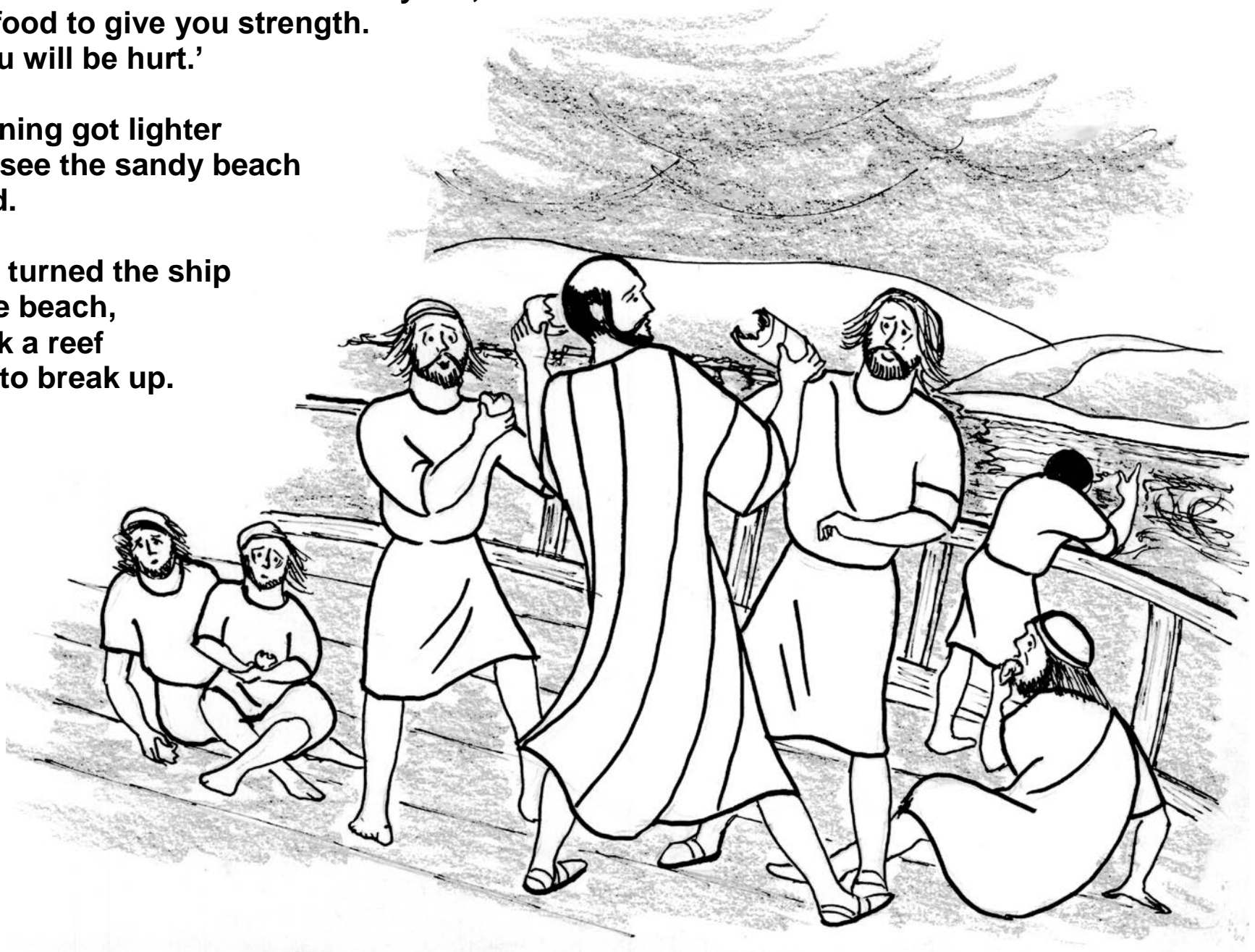
**The soldiers believed Paul
and cut the ropes
letting the life boat
drift away.**



**It was still dark when Paul said to everyone,
'Eat some food to give you strength.
None of you will be hurt.'**

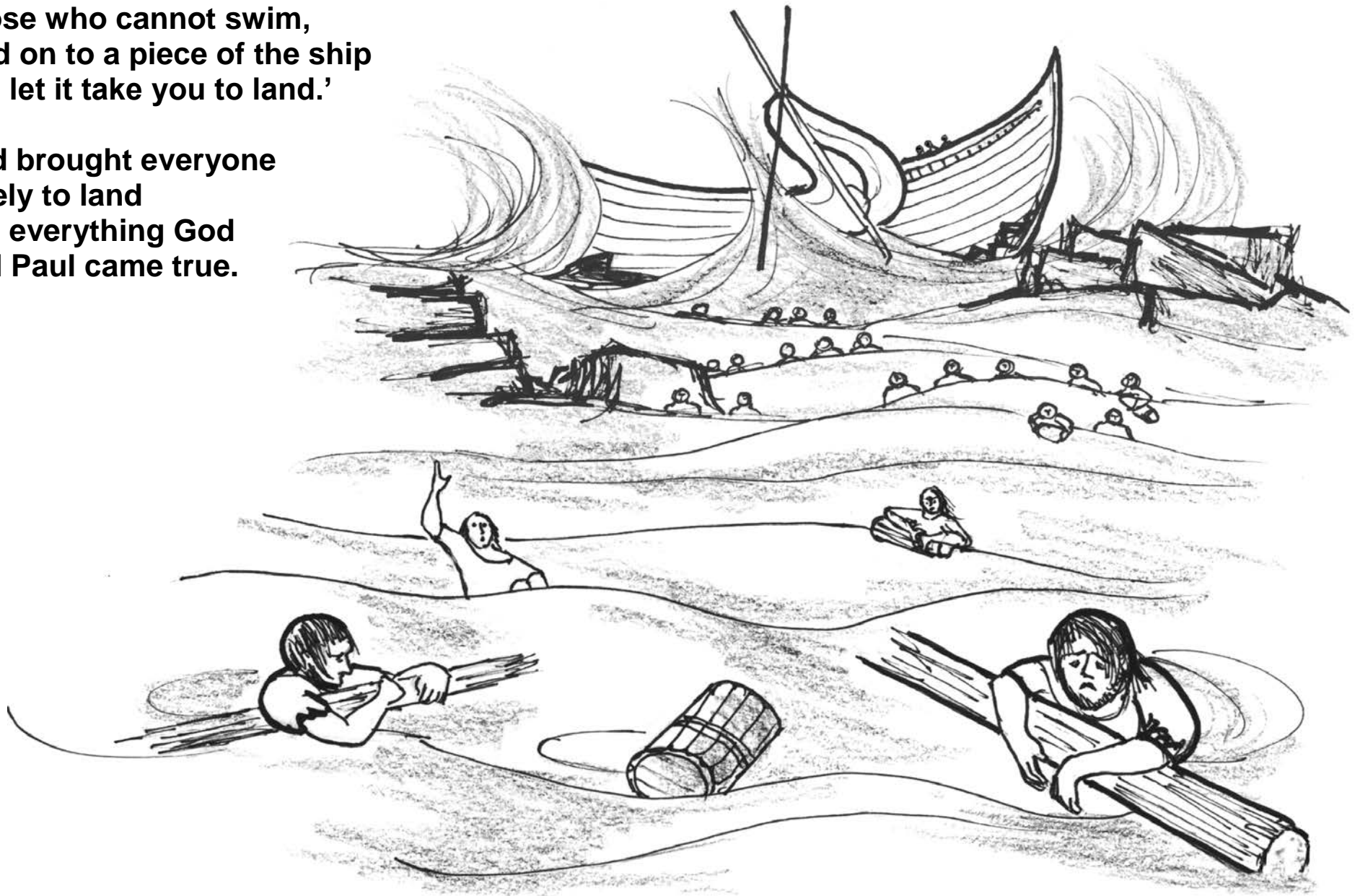
**As the morning got lighter
they could see the sandy beach
of an island.**

**The sailors turned the ship
towards the beach,
but it struck a reef
and began to break up.**



**Julius said to everyone,
'Those who can swim, swim to shore.
Those who cannot swim,
hold on to a piece of the ship
and let it take you to land.'**

**God brought everyone
safely to land
and everything God
told Paul came true.**



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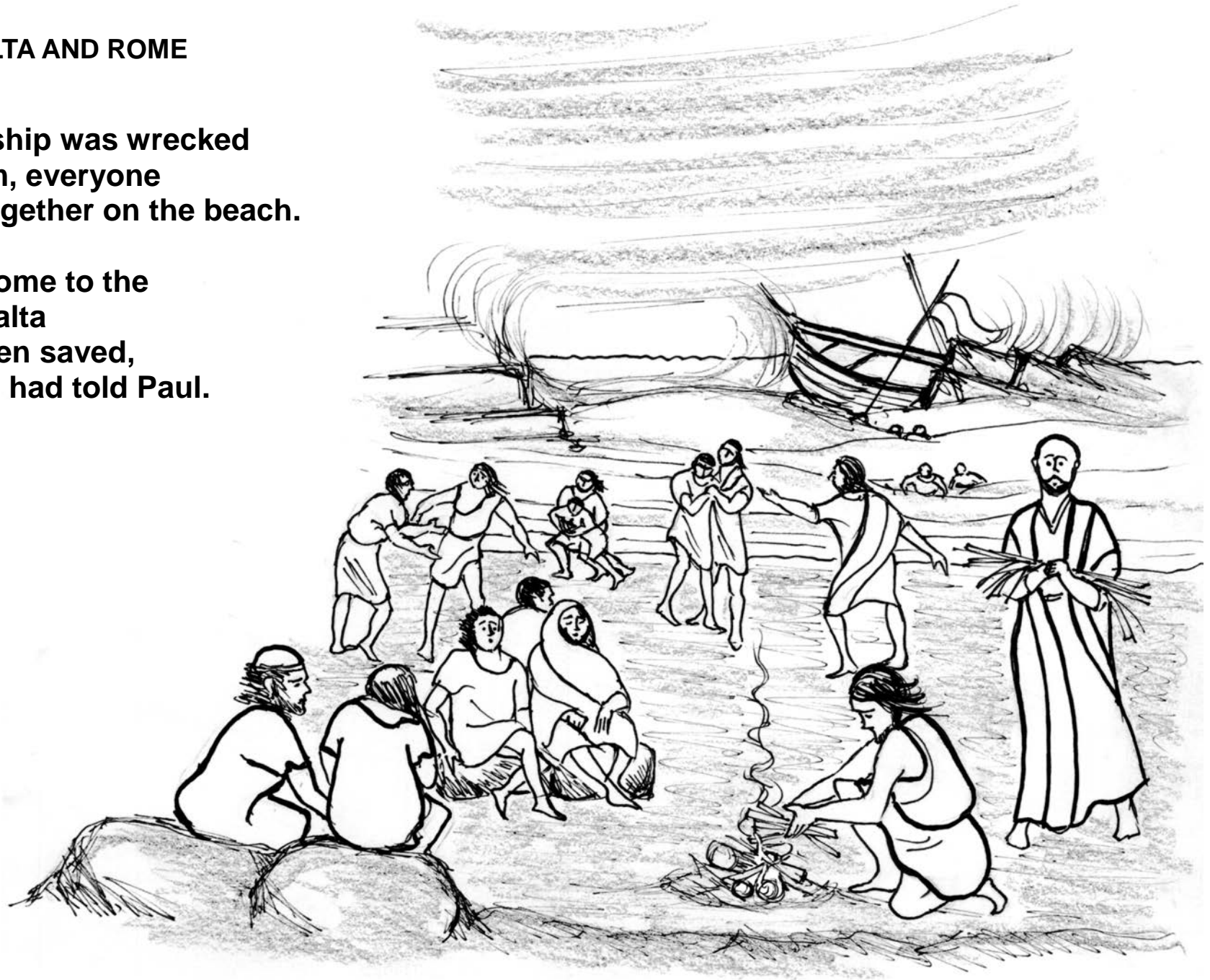
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ACTS 28:1–29
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**After their ship was wrecked
in the storm, everyone
gathered together on the beach.**

**They had come to the
island of Malta
and had been saved,
just as God had told Paul.**



**The people of Malta were very kind.
They made a big fire
to get everyone dry and warm.
Paul helped by gathering sticks.
As he was putting them
on the fire
a poisonous snake wriggled out
and bit him on the hand.**

**The islanders saw it
and thought,
'Paul must have done
something wrong.
Maybe he was a murderer.'**

**But Paul shook the snake off
into the fire and was not hurt.**

**God saved Paul
from the snakebite.**

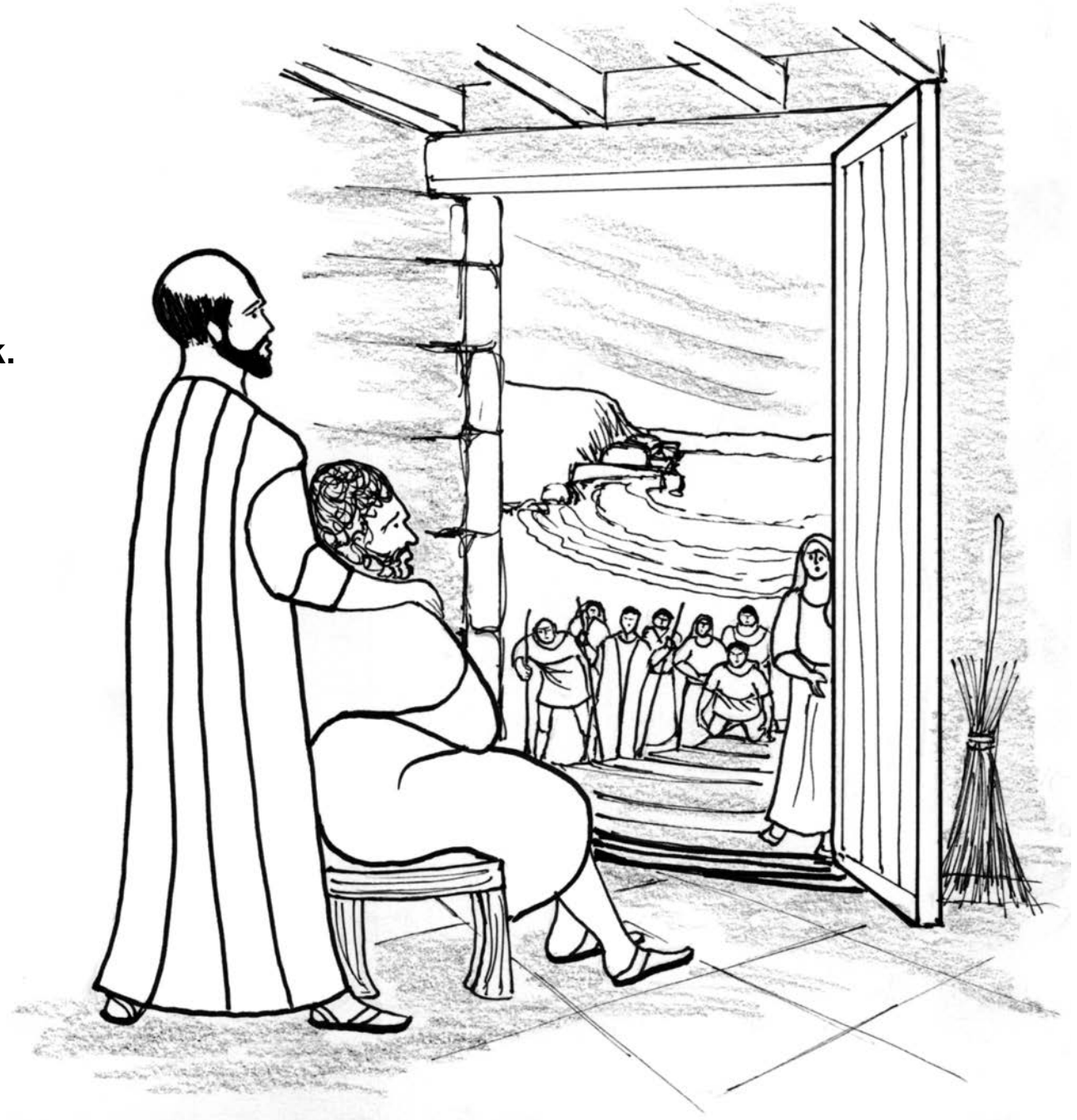
**The islanders did not know God
and when Paul did not die,
they changed their mind
and thought he must be a god.**



**Then Publius,
the headman of the island,
took Paul and his friends
to his home.
He looked after them
for a few days.**

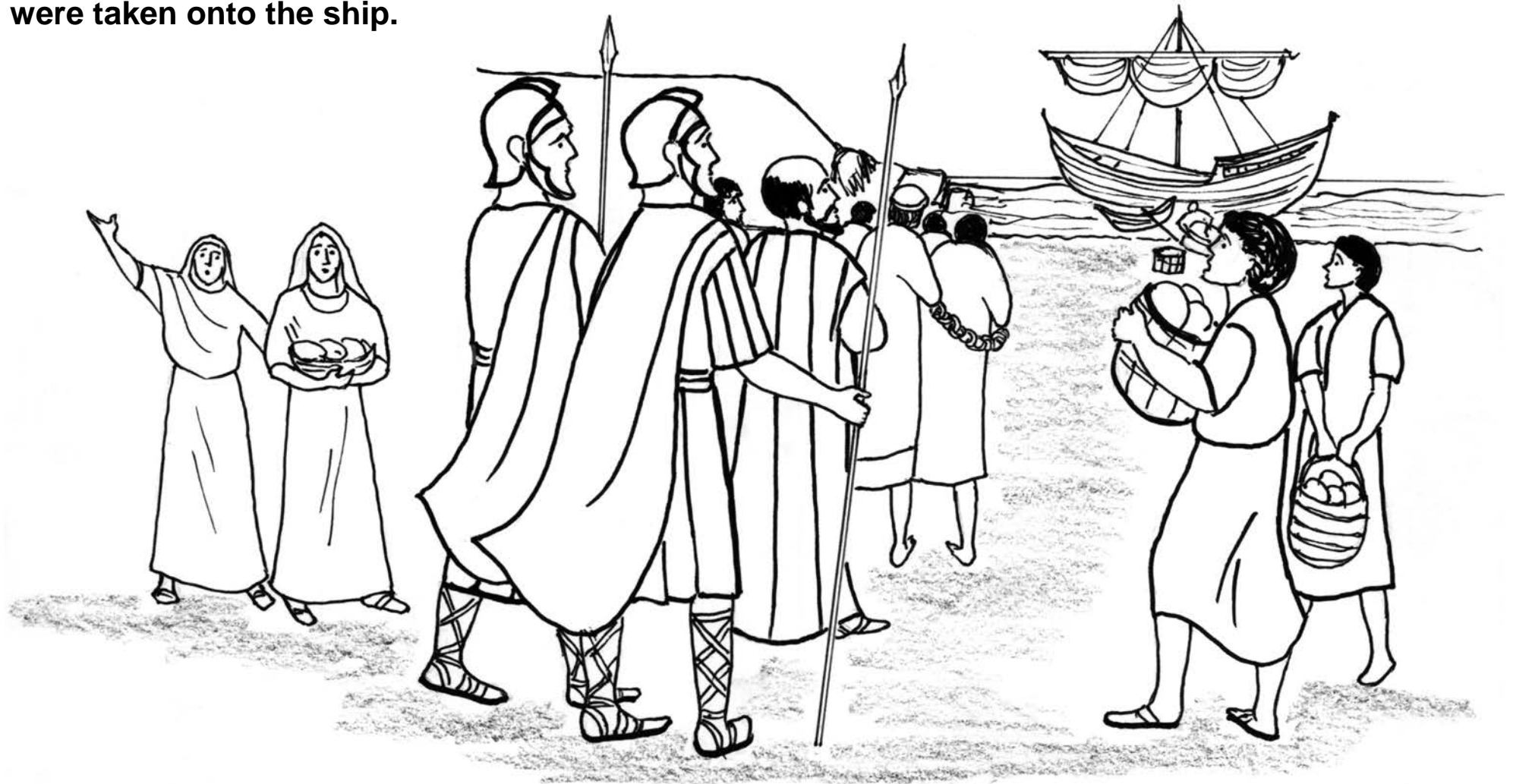
**Paul heard that
Publius's father was very sick.
He prayed for him
and God healed him.**

**When the islanders
heard about this
all the sick people
came to Paul to be healed.**



**Three months went by and winter was over.
A ship was in port ready to go to Rome.**

**The islanders gave them food for
their journey and
Paul and the other prisoners
were taken onto the ship.**



**Paul arrived in Rome.
He was still a prisoner
but was allowed to live
in a house
with a soldier to guard him.**

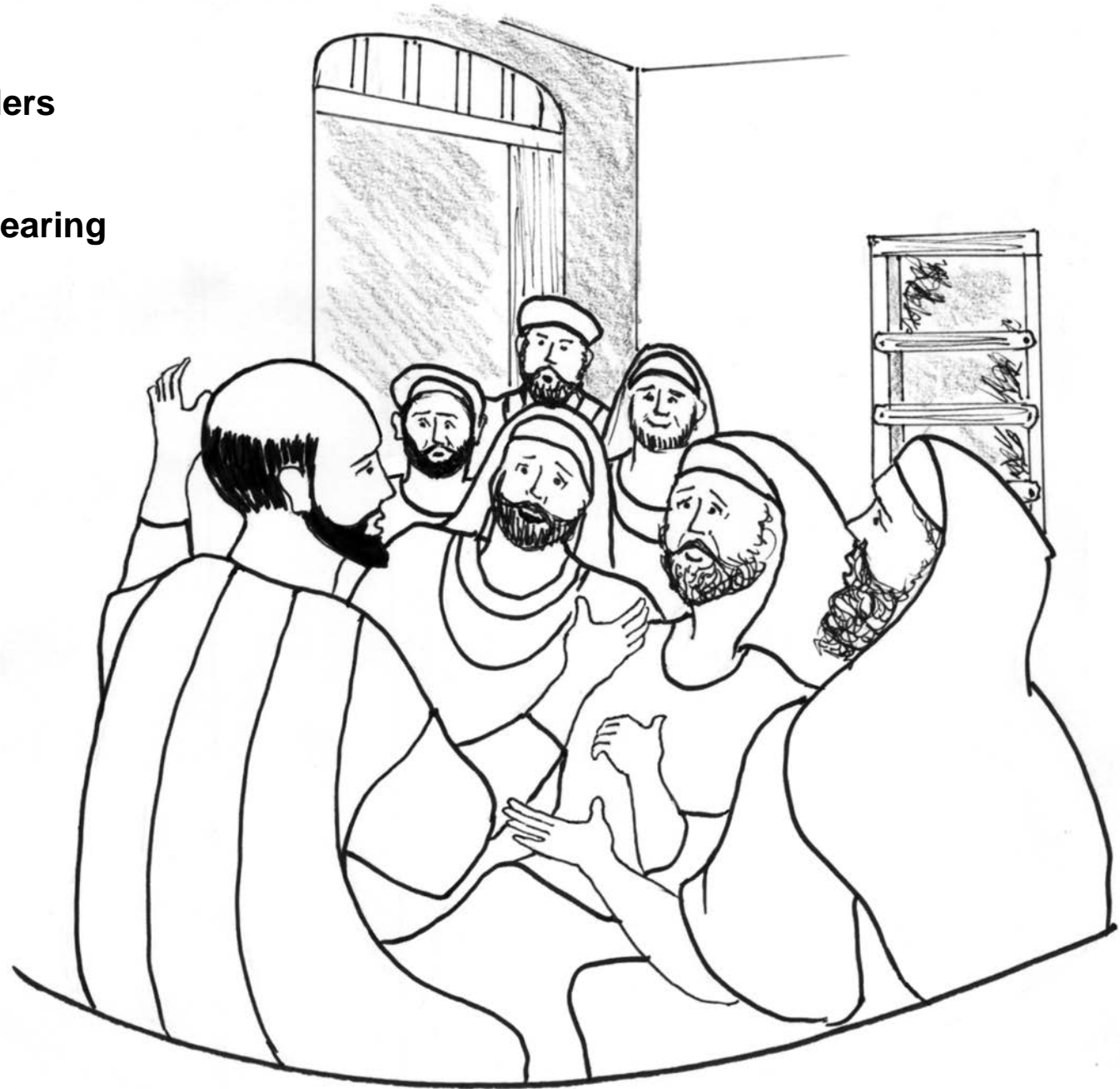
**Many believers heard that
Paul was in Rome
and came to see him.**

Paul thanked God for them.



**He asked the Jewish leaders
to come and see him.
Lots of them came.
They were interested in hearing
what Paul was teaching.**

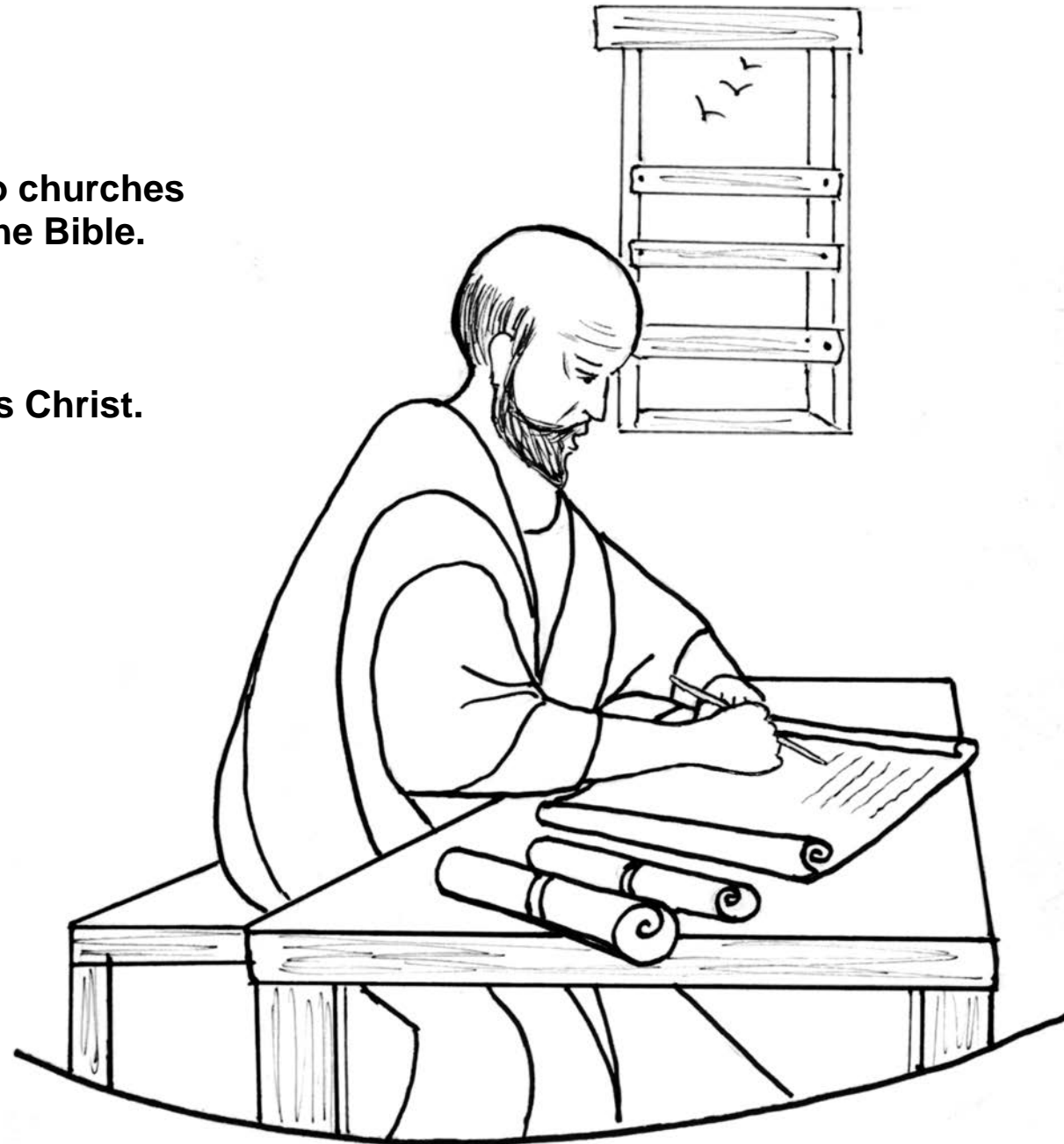
**He taught them from
the scriptures
about God's kingdom,
and about Jesus,
the Messiah.
They listened carefully.
Some of them
believed in Jesus,
but others did not.**



**Paul stayed in Rome
for a long time.**

**He wrote lots of letters to churches
and these letters are in the Bible.**

**He told many people
about God's kingdom
and about the Lord Jesus Christ.**



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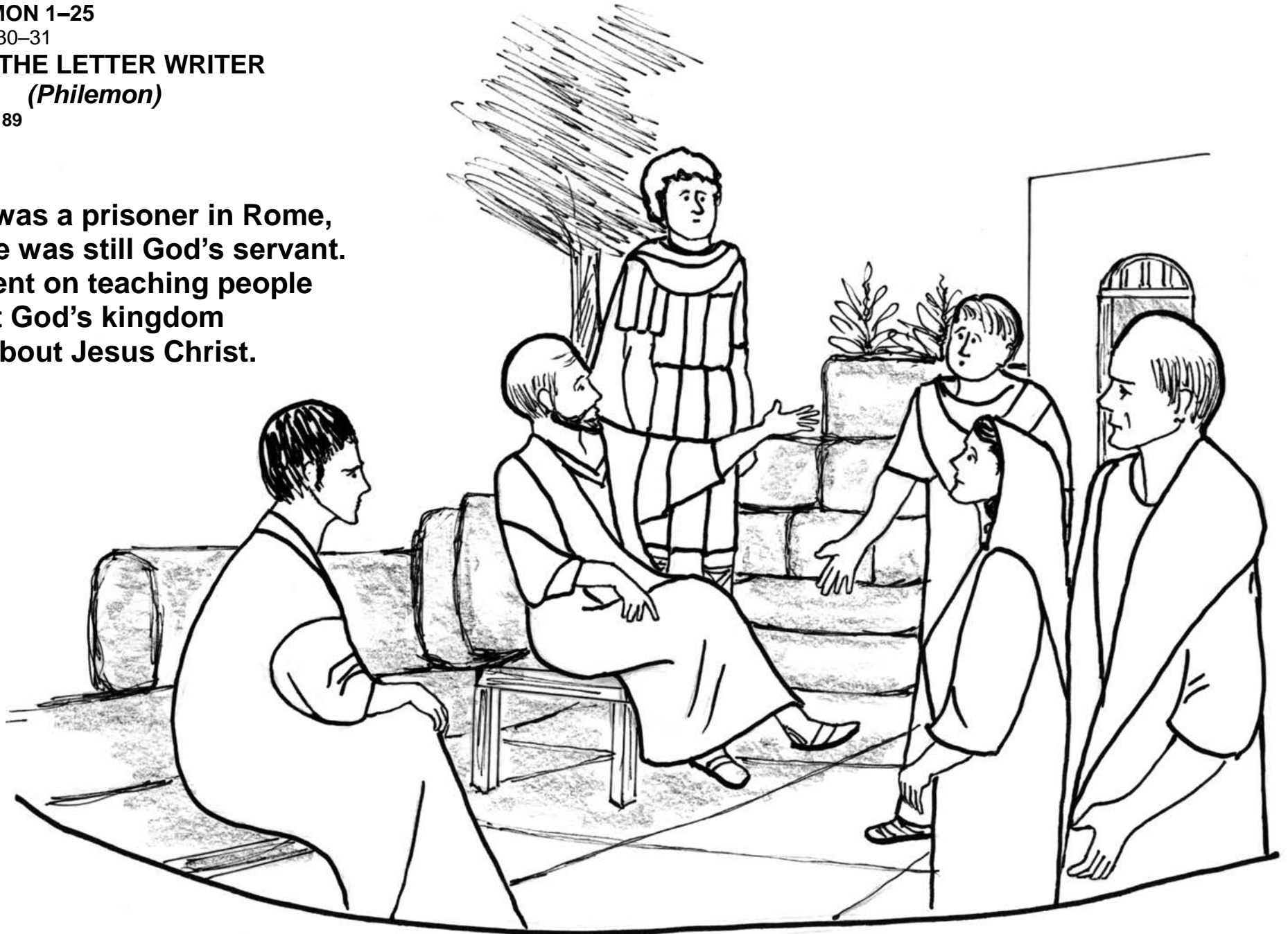
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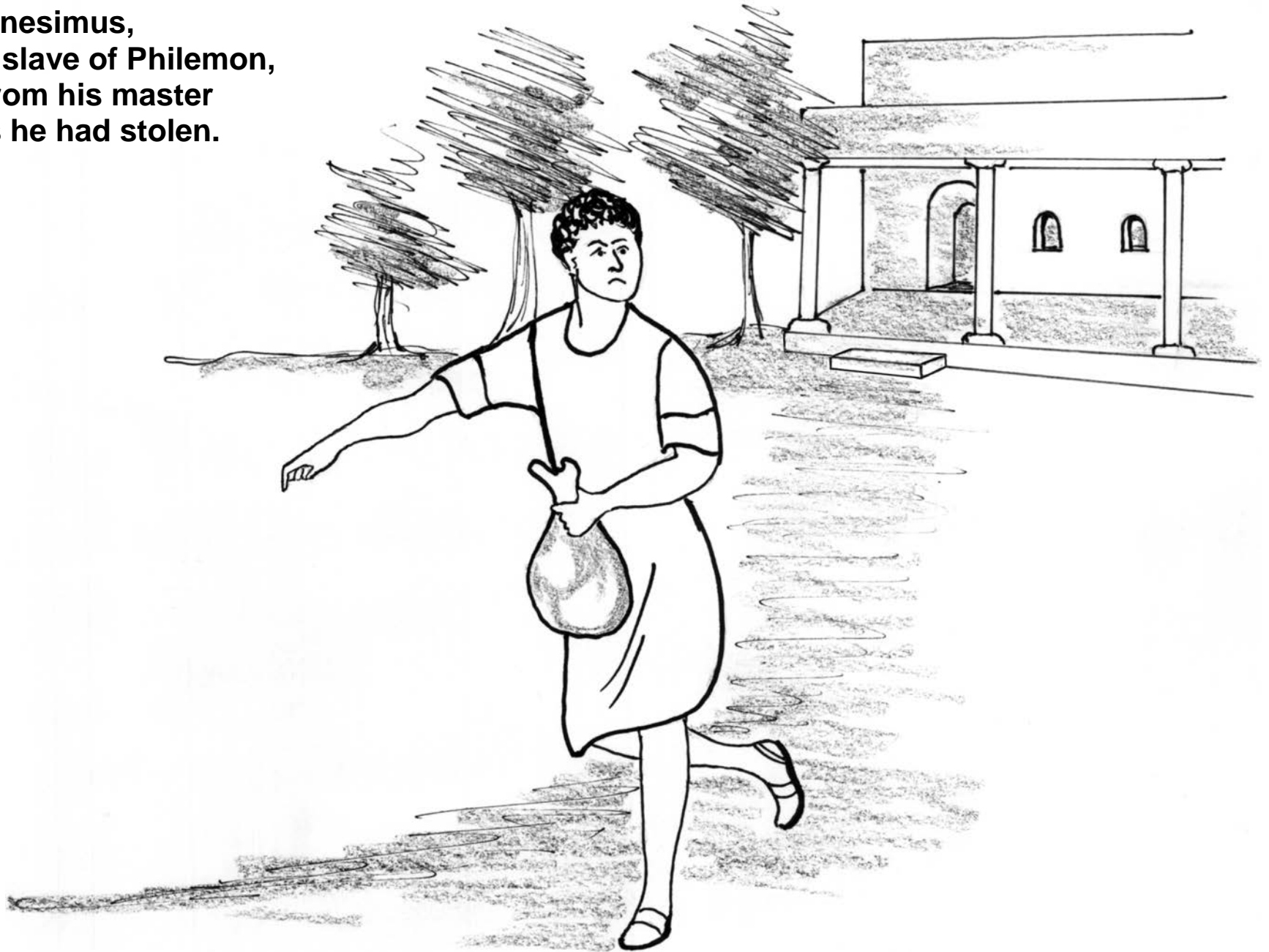
PAUL THE LETTER WRITER
(Philemon)

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**Paul was a prisoner in Rome,
but he was still God's servant.
He went on teaching people
about God's kingdom
and about Jesus Christ.**



**One day, Onesimus,
who was a slave of Philemon,
ran away from his master
with things he had stolen.**



**He went to Rome
where he could hide.
However, while there,
he happened to meet Paul.**

**Paul listened
to this run away slave.
He taught him about Jesus,
who died for his sin
and was raised
to give him new life.
Onesimus believed
and his life was changed.
He knew God had
forgiven him.**



**Paul sent Onesimus
back to his master,
with this letter:**

**‘Dear Philemon,
and all the church people
who meet in your house.**

**‘I thank God for you.
I hear of your love and faith
in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**‘I am an old man
and a prisoner for Christ.**

**‘I am asking you to
do something for Onesimus.
He has become
a son to me in prison.**

**‘I am sending him back to you.
I wanted him to stay
and help me,
but I would not do that
before asking you.**



'I trust that you will welcome Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ. He will be better to you now because he is the Lord's.

'When he ran away you lost a slave, so, if he owes you anything. I will repay you.

'I am sure that you will do what I have asked you to do. I am thankful to you in Christ.

'My friends who are with me send their love to you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.'

Paul.



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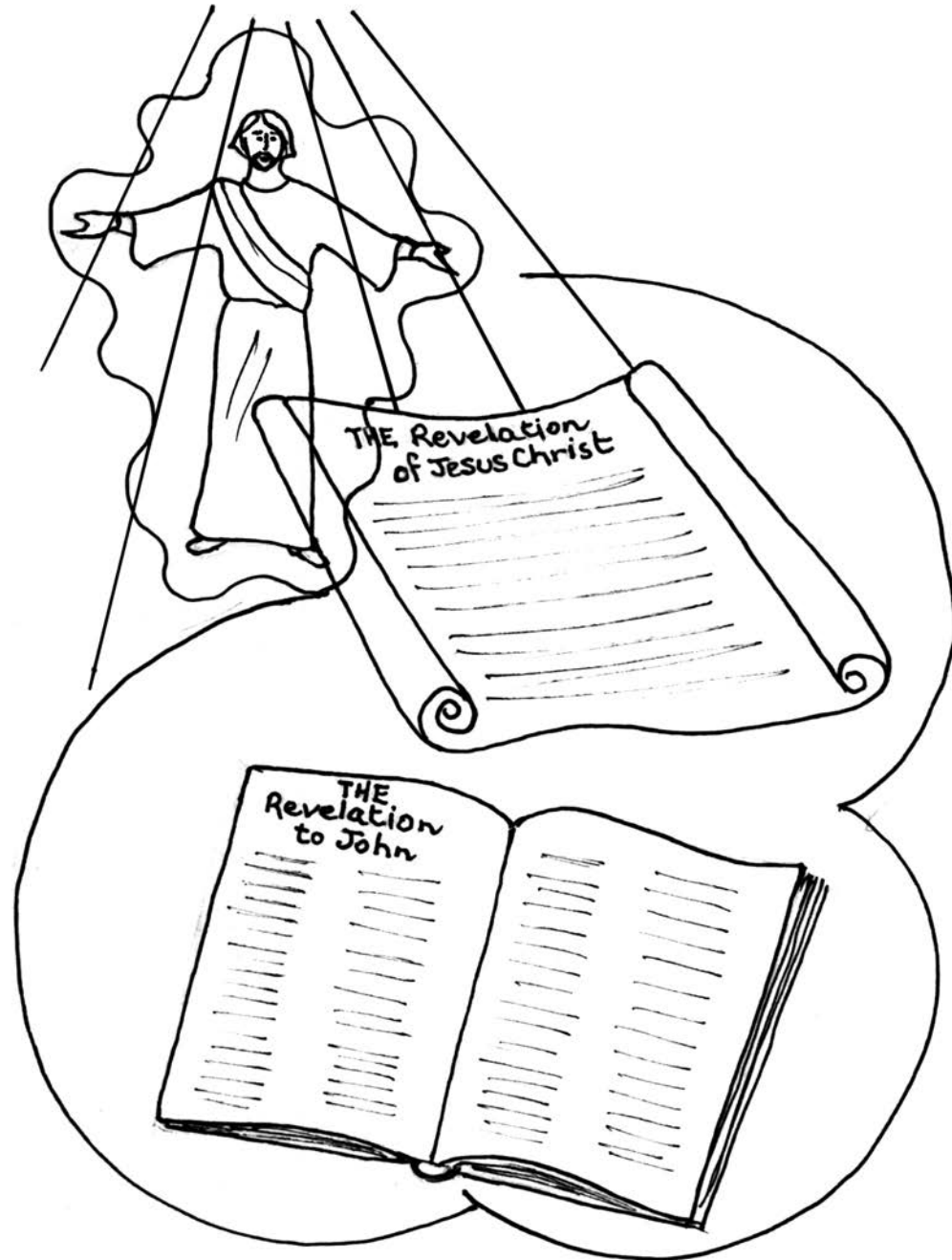
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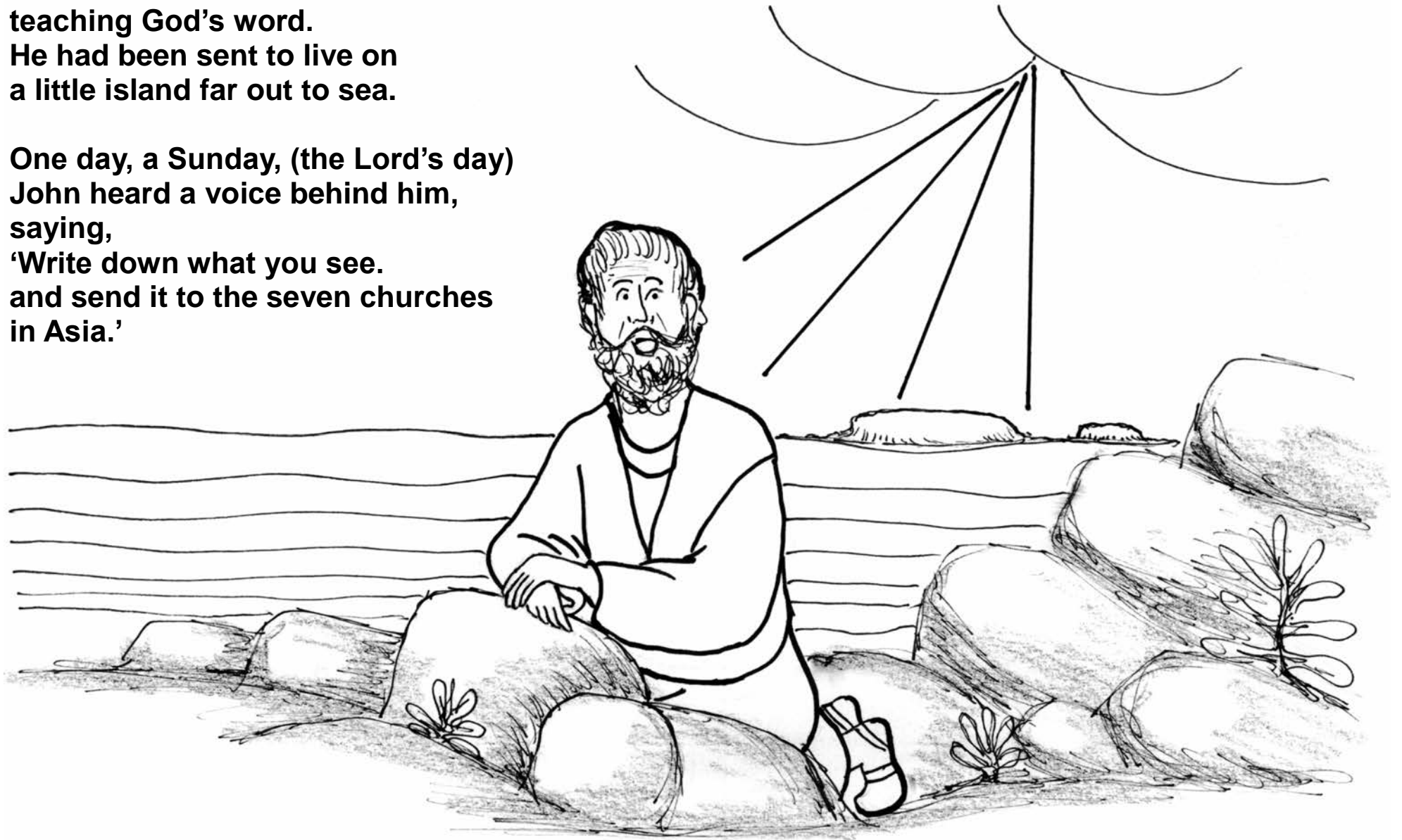
REVELATION 1:1 – 2:29
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The last book of the bible
is called 'Revelation'.
In this book,
Jesus tells us
the things that God His Father
showed Him,
the things that were
soon to happen in the world.



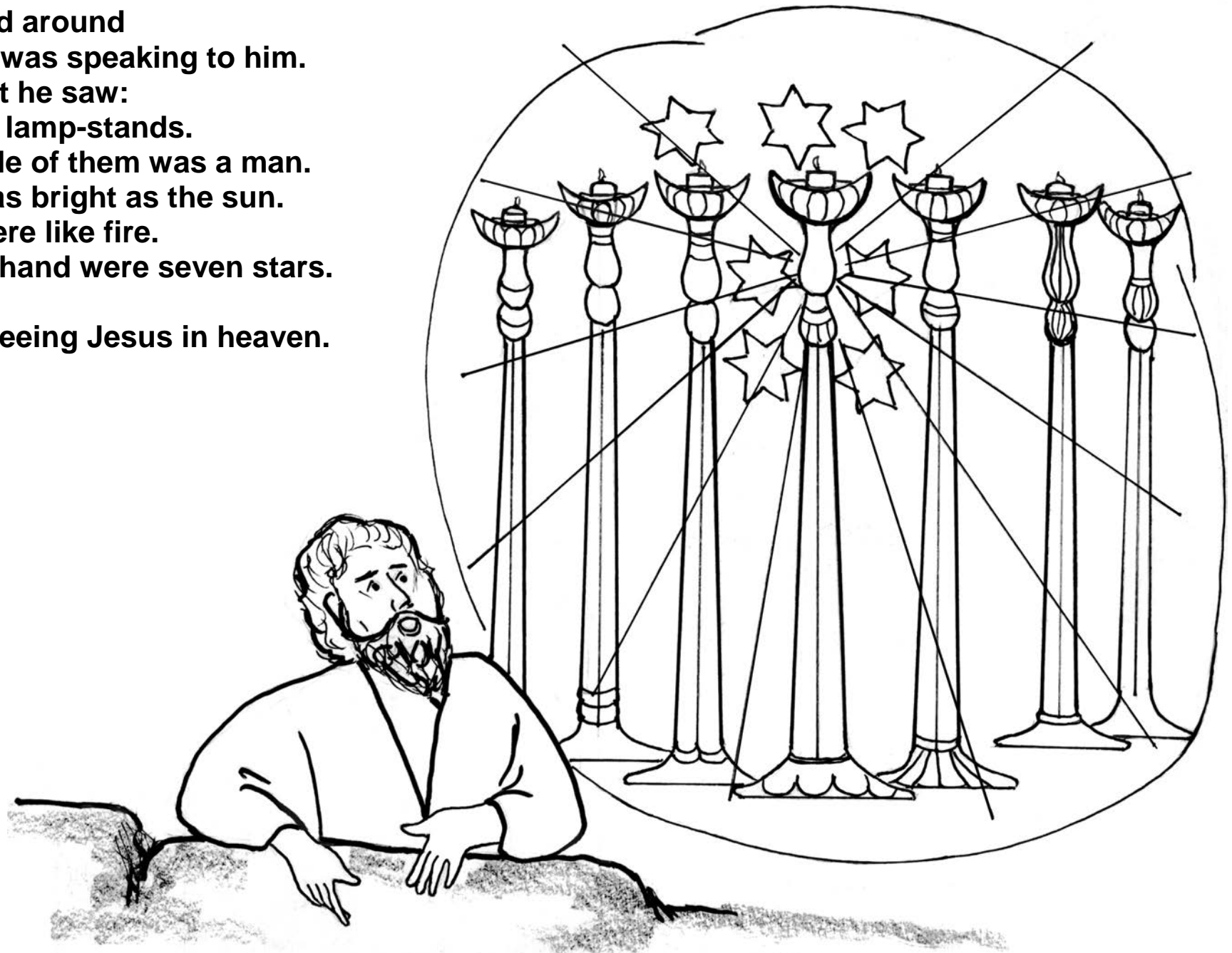
**Christians everywhere
were in big trouble.
John was in trouble for
teaching God's word.
He had been sent to live on
a little island far out to sea.**

**One day, a Sunday, (the Lord's day)
John heard a voice behind him,
saying,
'Write down what you see.
and send it to the seven churches
in Asia.'**



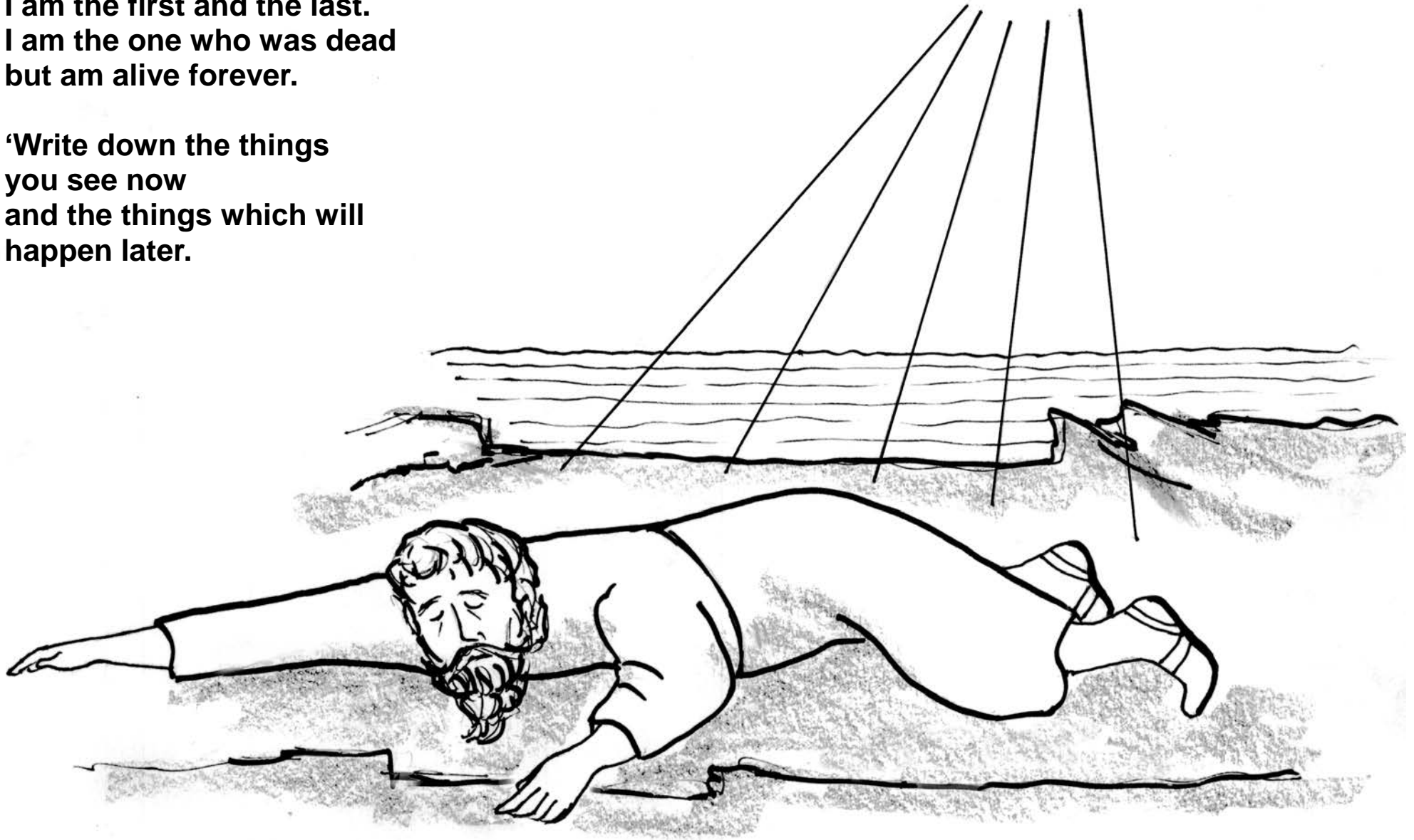
**John looked around
to see who was speaking to him.
This is what he saw:
Seven gold lamp-stands.
In the middle of them was a man.
He looked as bright as the sun.
His eyes were like fire.
In his right hand were seven stars.**

John was seeing Jesus in heaven.



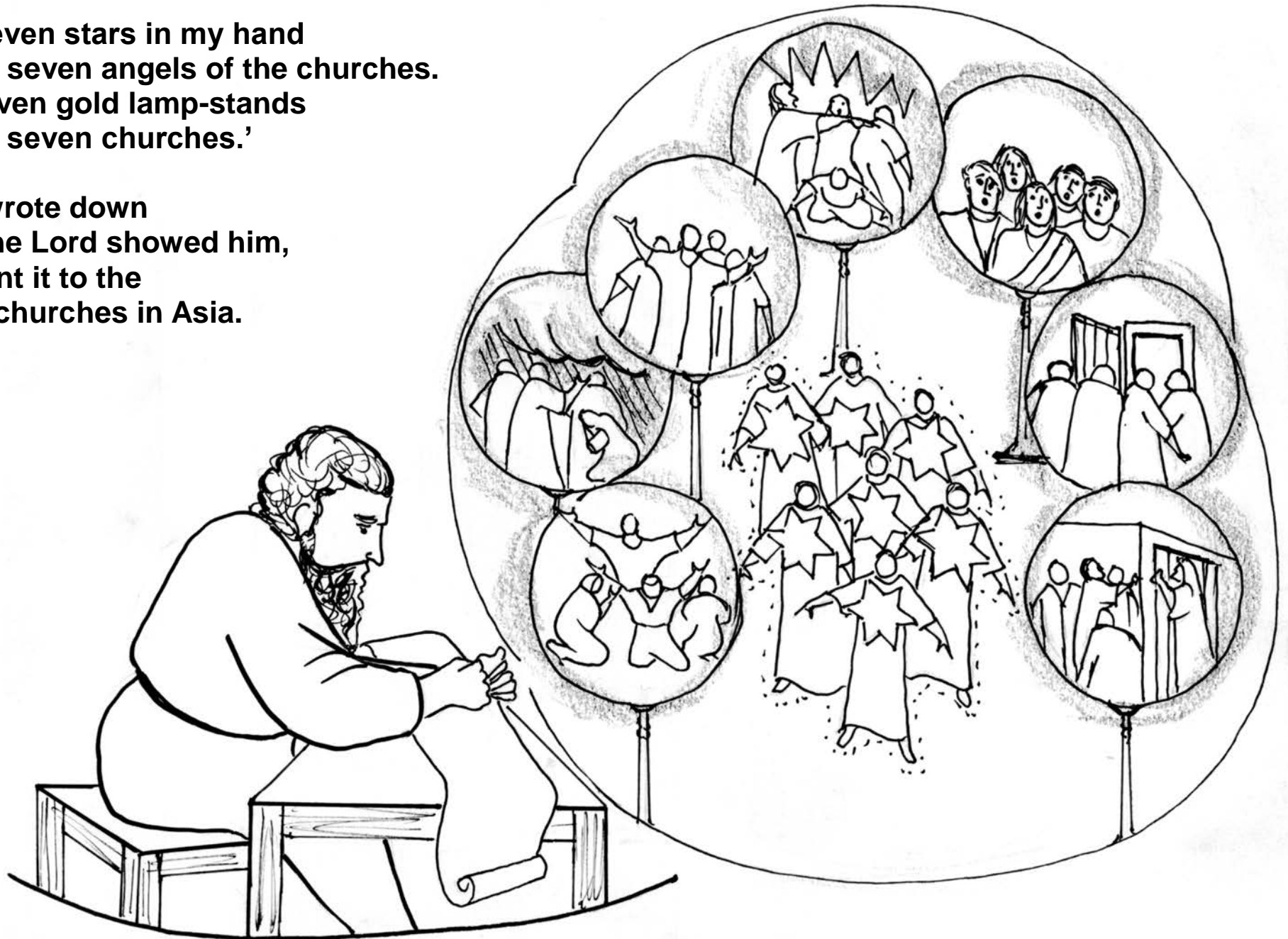
John fell down as though he were dead,
but Jesus touched him and said,
'Do not be afraid.
I am the first and the last.
I am the one who was dead
but am alive forever.

'Write down the things
you see now
and the things which will
happen later.



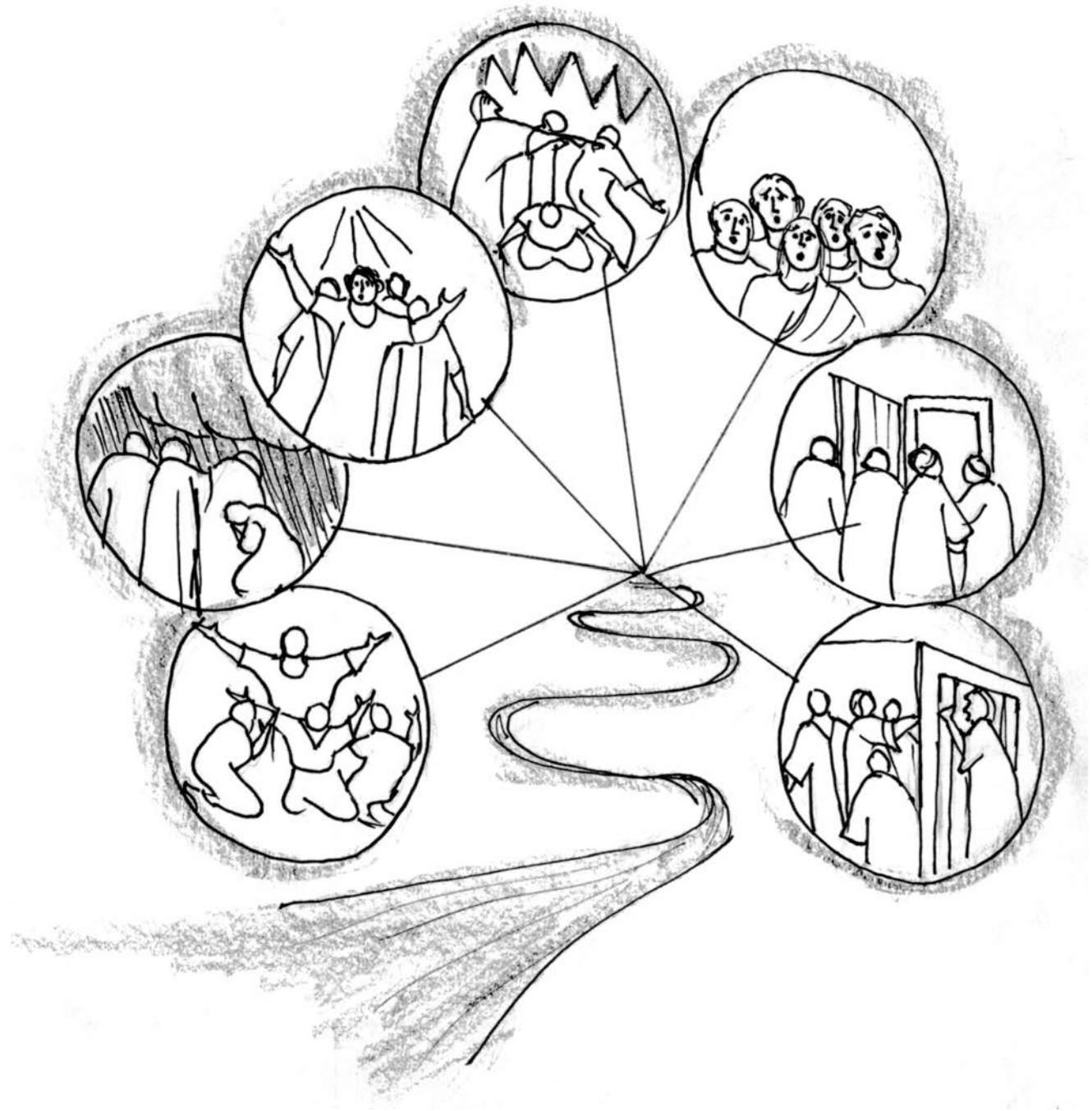
**'The seven stars in my hand
are the seven angels of the churches.
The seven gold lamp-stands
are the seven churches.'**

**John wrote down
what the Lord showed him,
and sent it to the
seven churches in Asia.**



**The Lord walks
among the churches.
He tells us to listen to
what the Spirit of the Lord
is saying.**

**The Lord will bless
those who hear and do
this message from God.**



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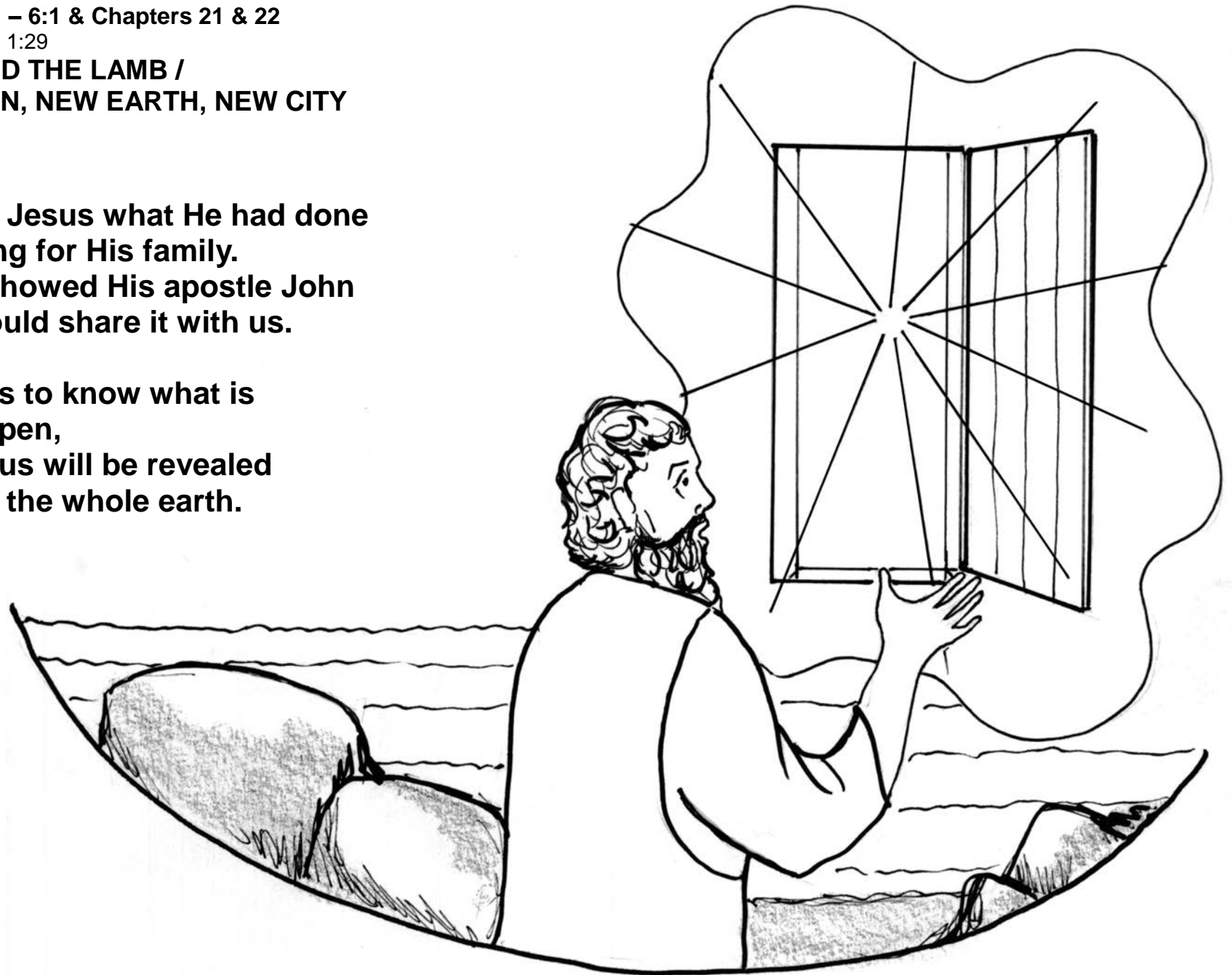
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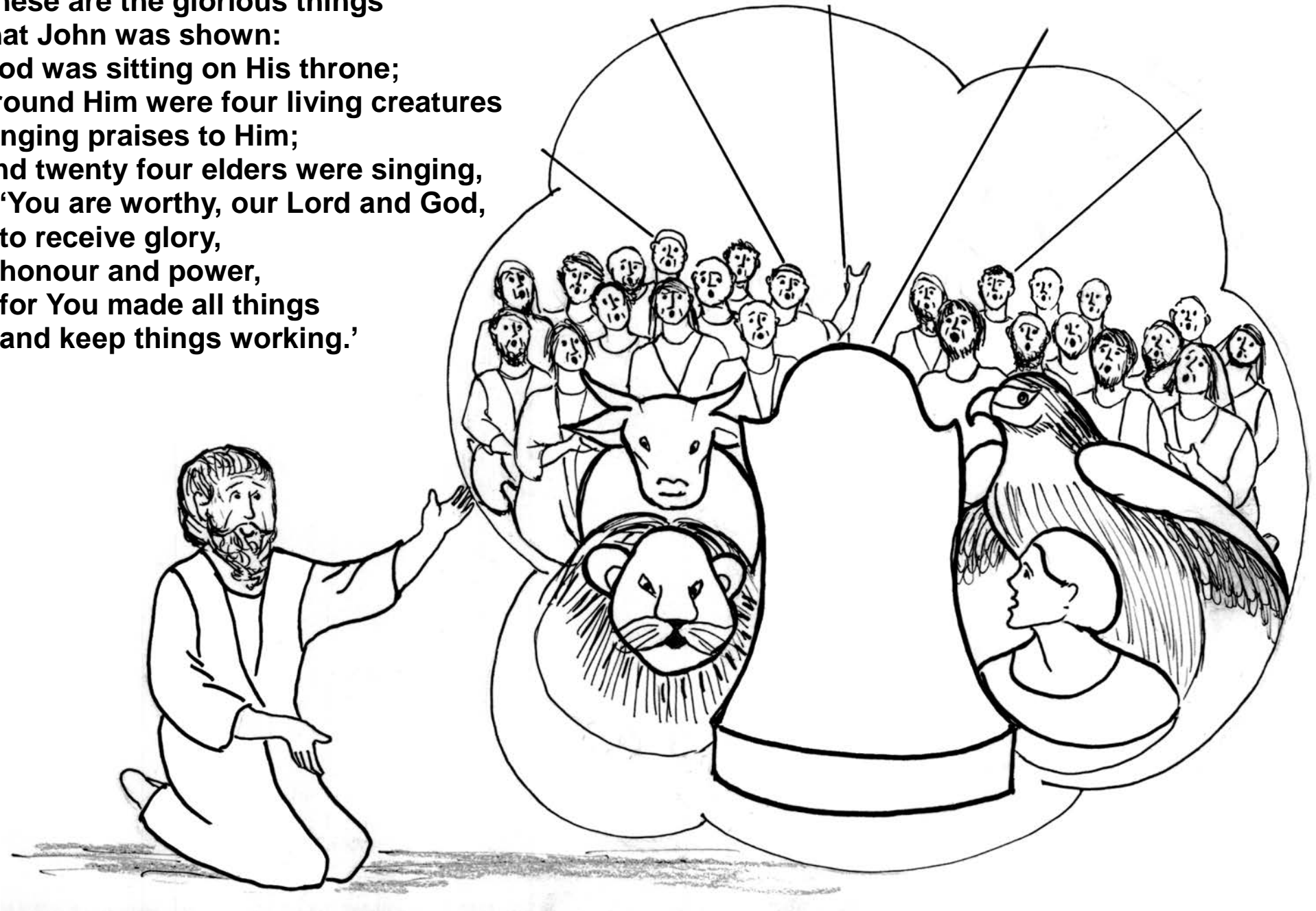
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**God showed Jesus what He had done
and was doing for His family.
Jesus then showed His apostle John
so that he could share it with us.**

**God wants us to know what is
going to happen,
and how Jesus will be revealed
as King over the whole earth.**



**These are the glorious things
that John was shown:
God was sitting on His throne;
around Him were four living creatures
singing praises to Him;
and twenty four elders were singing,
'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory,
honour and power,
for You made all things
and keep things working.'**



**Then John saw in God's right hand
a scroll.**

**He heard an angel call out,
'Who is worthy to open the scroll?'**

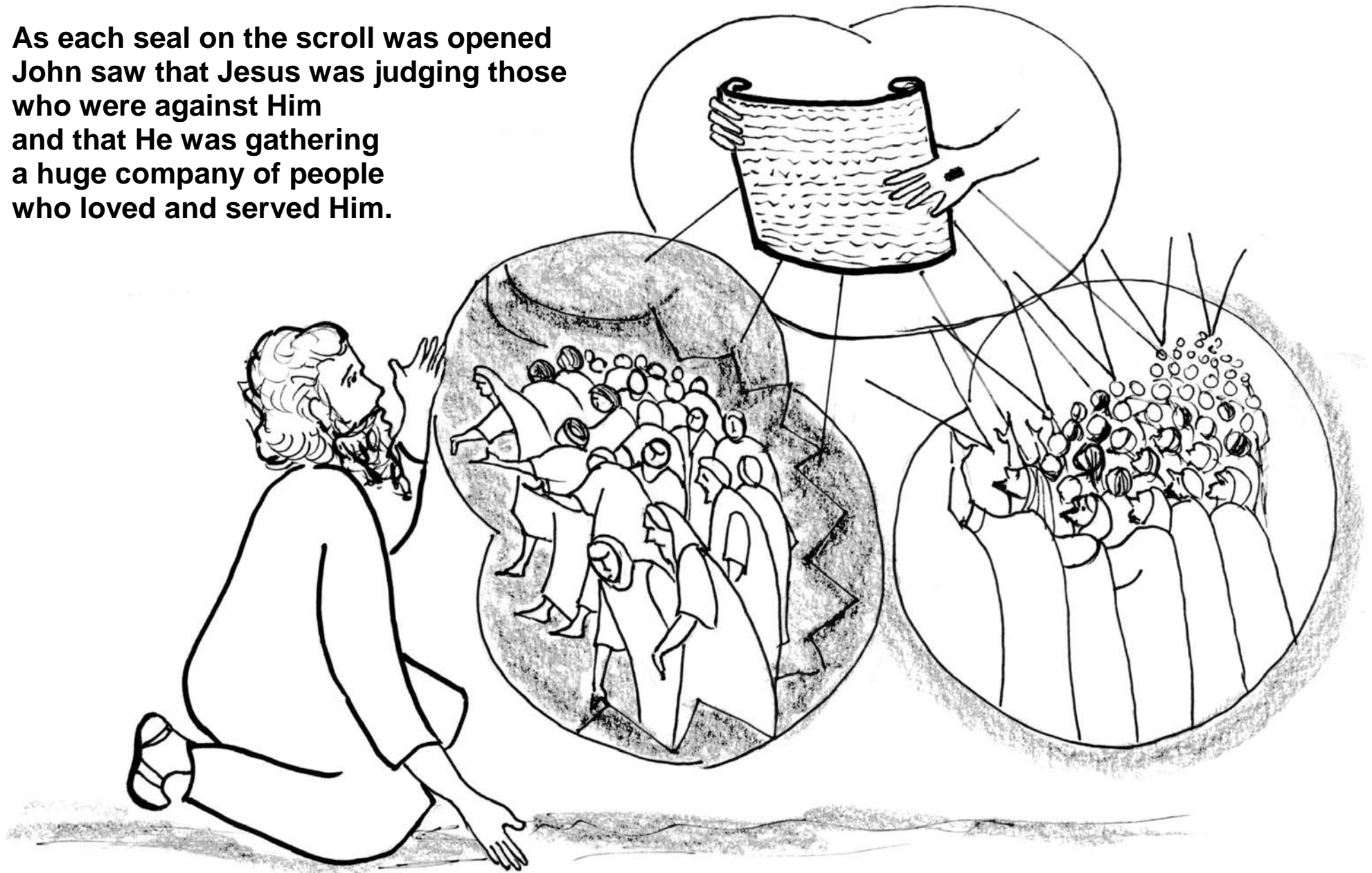
**One of the elders said,
'Jesus, the Lamb of God,
who died to take away our sins.
He is worthy
to break the seals of the scroll.'**

**John watched
as Jesus, the Lamb of God,
took the scroll from God's hand
and began to open it.**

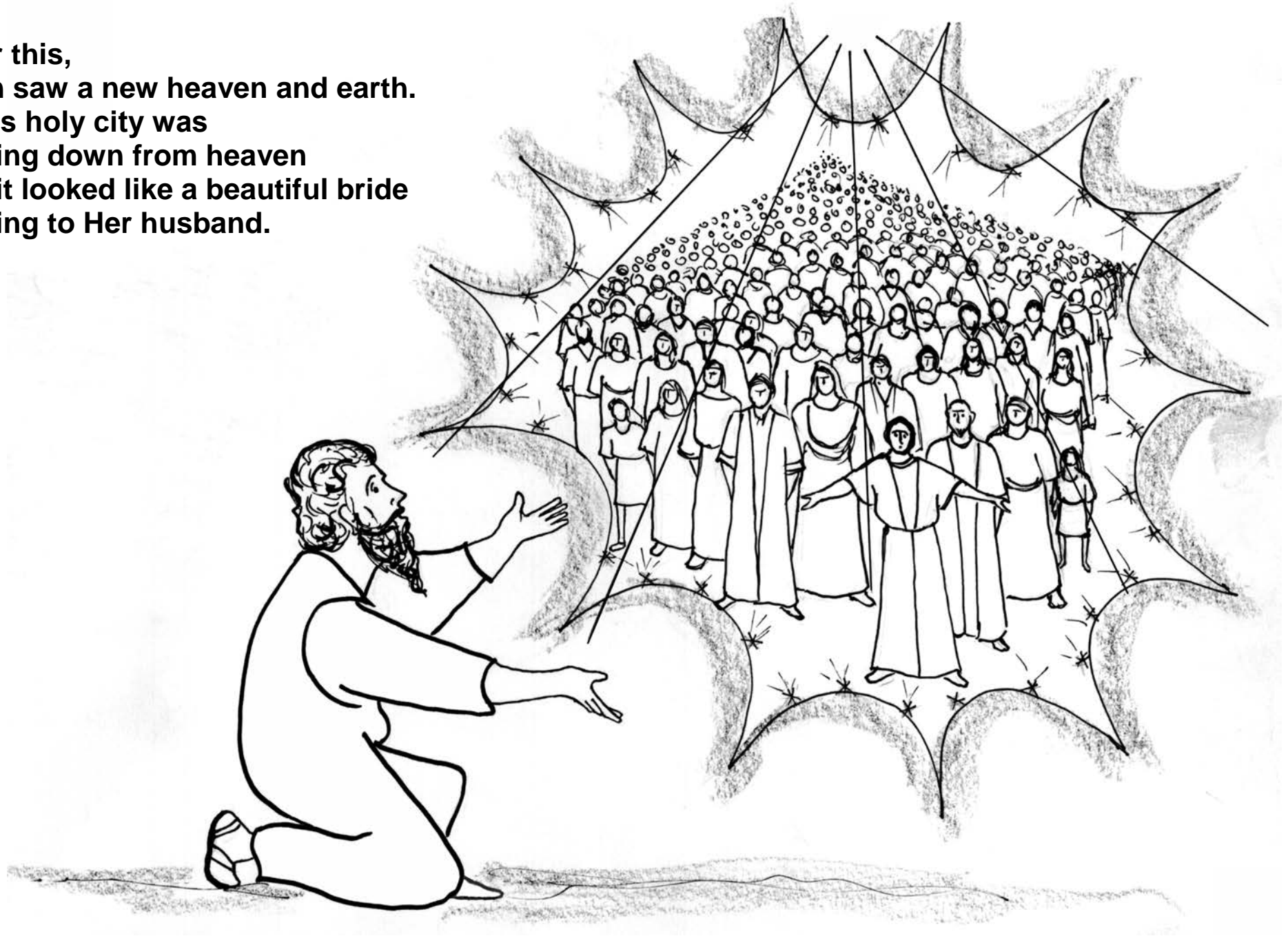
**Everyone in heaven and on earth
praised God and the Lamb saying,
'All praise, honour, glory and power
be theirs forever.'**



**As each seal on the scroll was opened
John saw that Jesus was judging those
who were against Him
and that He was gathering
a huge company of people
who loved and served Him.**



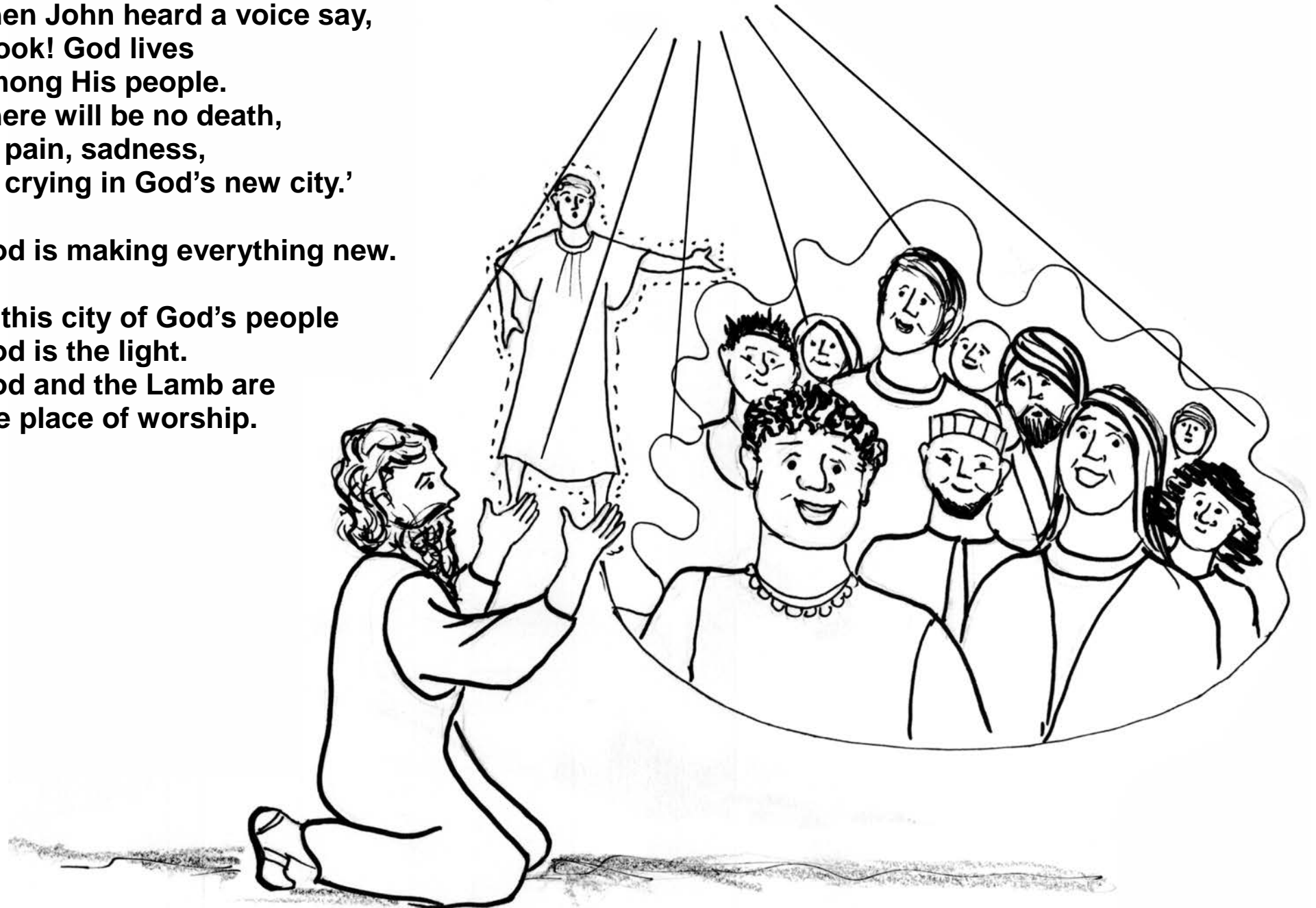
**After this,
John saw a new heaven and earth.
God's holy city was
coming down from heaven
and it looked like a beautiful bride
coming to Her husband.**



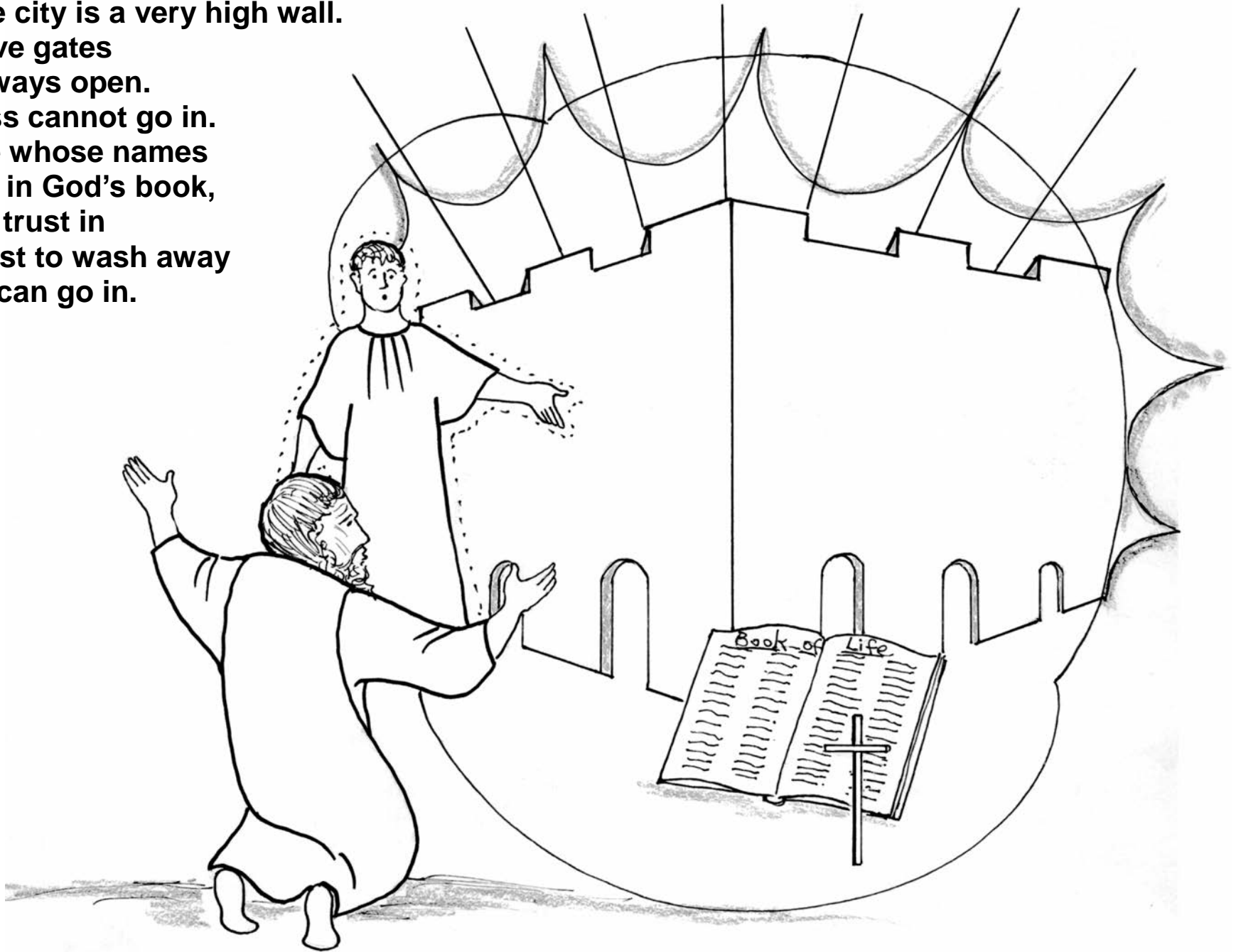
Then John heard a voice say,
'Look! God lives
among His people.
There will be no death,
or pain, sadness,
or crying in God's new city.'

God is making everything new.

In this city of God's people
God is the light.
God and the Lamb are
the place of worship.

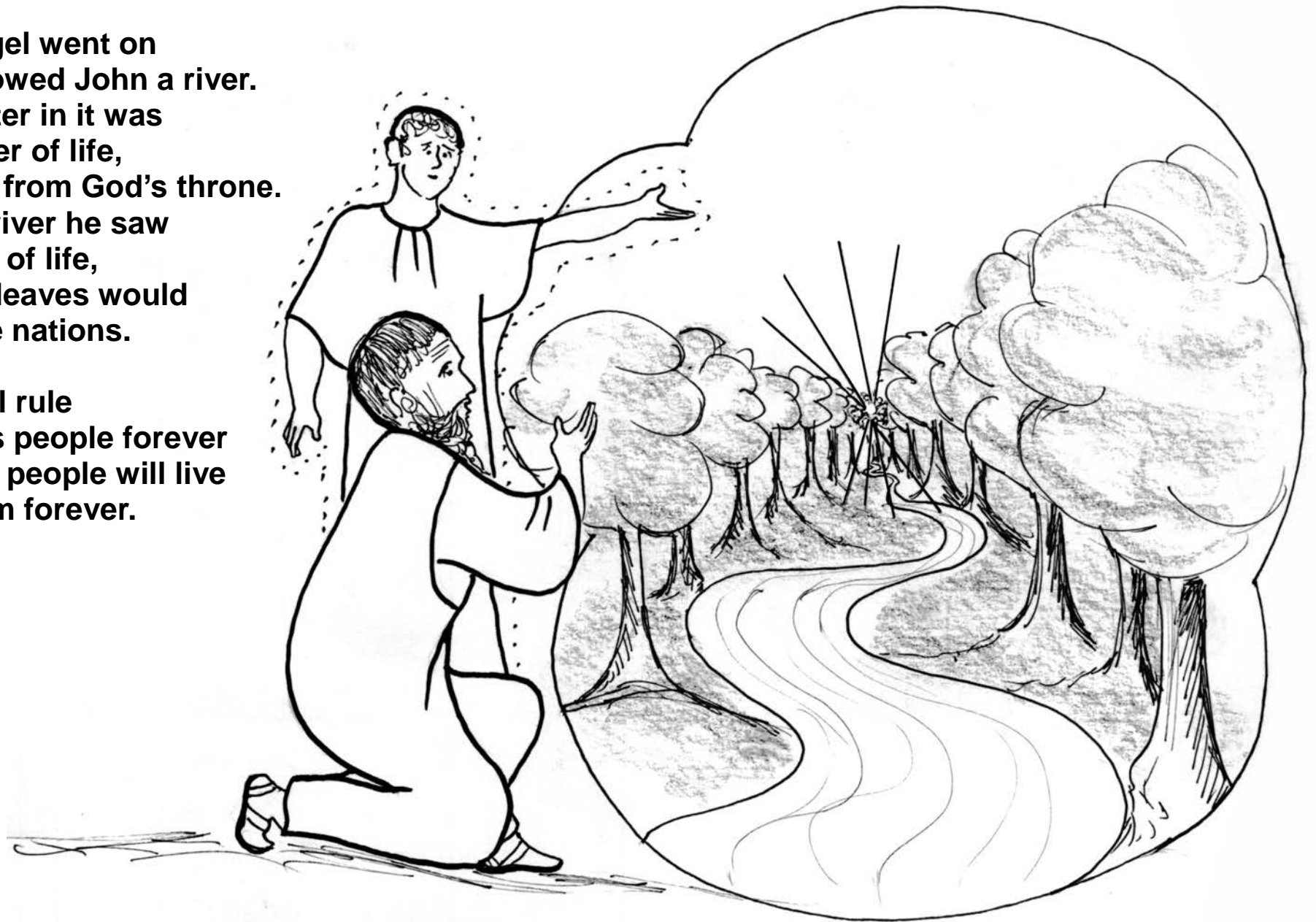


**Around the city is a very high wall.
It has twelve gates
that are always open.
Wickedness cannot go in.
Only those whose names
are written in God's book,
those who trust in
Jesus Christ to wash away
their sins, can go in.**



**The angel went on
and showed John a river.
The water in it was
the water of life,
flowing from God's throne.
By the river he saw
the tree of life,
and its leaves would
heal the nations.**

**God will rule
with His people forever
and His people will live
with Him forever.**



**After this, John worshipped
God and the Lamb.**

**Then he heard Jesus say,
'I am coming soon
to reward everyone
for what they have done on earth.
Those who obey God's word
may come into God's city.
They will be allowed to eat the
fruit from the tree of life.'**

**Again Jesus said,
'I am coming soon.'**

**John answered,
'Yes, Lord Jesus, come!'**

