Bible Stories for Young Children

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DEAD FOR FOUR DAYS

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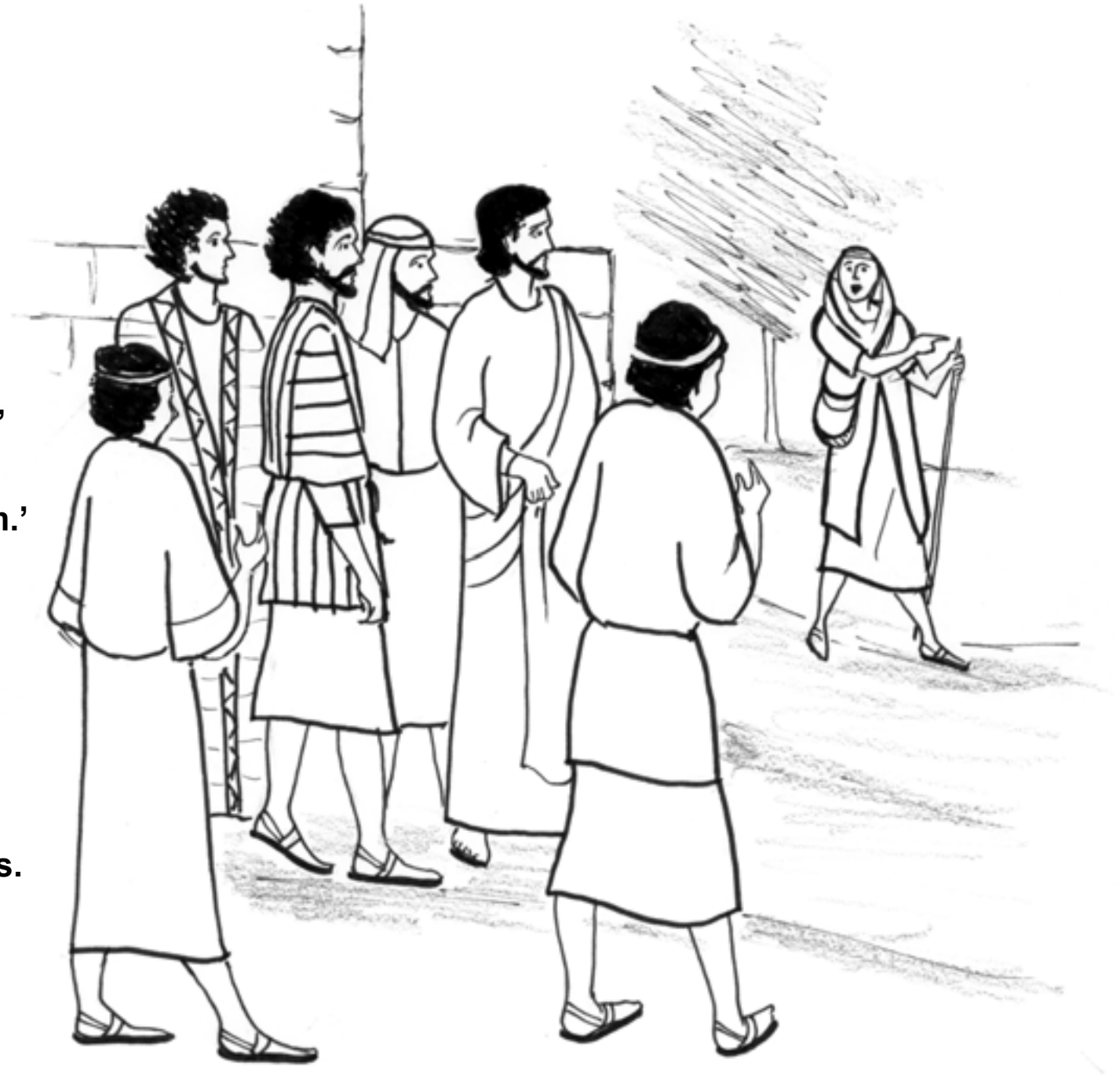*Illustrated by Kay Kammermann*

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**Mary and Martha sent a
message to Jesus saying,
'Our brother, Lazarus,
is very sick.
Please come and heal him.'**

**Jesus said,
'Lazarus is sick
and God's glory
is going to be seen.'**

**Jesus loved
Mary, Martha and Lazarus
but he waited for two days.**

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Then He said to His disciples,
'Our friend Lazarus is dead.
I'm going to wake him up.
Come with Me
and you will believe in Me
and see God's glory.'

Martha met Jesus and said,
'Lord, if You were here
when our brother was sick,
he would not have died.
I know God will do
whatever You ask Him.'

Jesus answered her,
'Your brother will live again.'

'I know he will live again
at the last day,'
said Martha.

'I am the One who gives life,'
said Jesus.
'Those who believe in Me will live,
even if he dies.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' answered Martha.
'I believe that You are
the Christ, the Son of God.'

Martha found Mary.

She whispered to her,
'Jesus has come
and is asking for you.'

Mary went to Jesus,
fell at His feet crying,
and said,
'Lord, if You were here,
my brother
would not have died.'

Jesus looked around
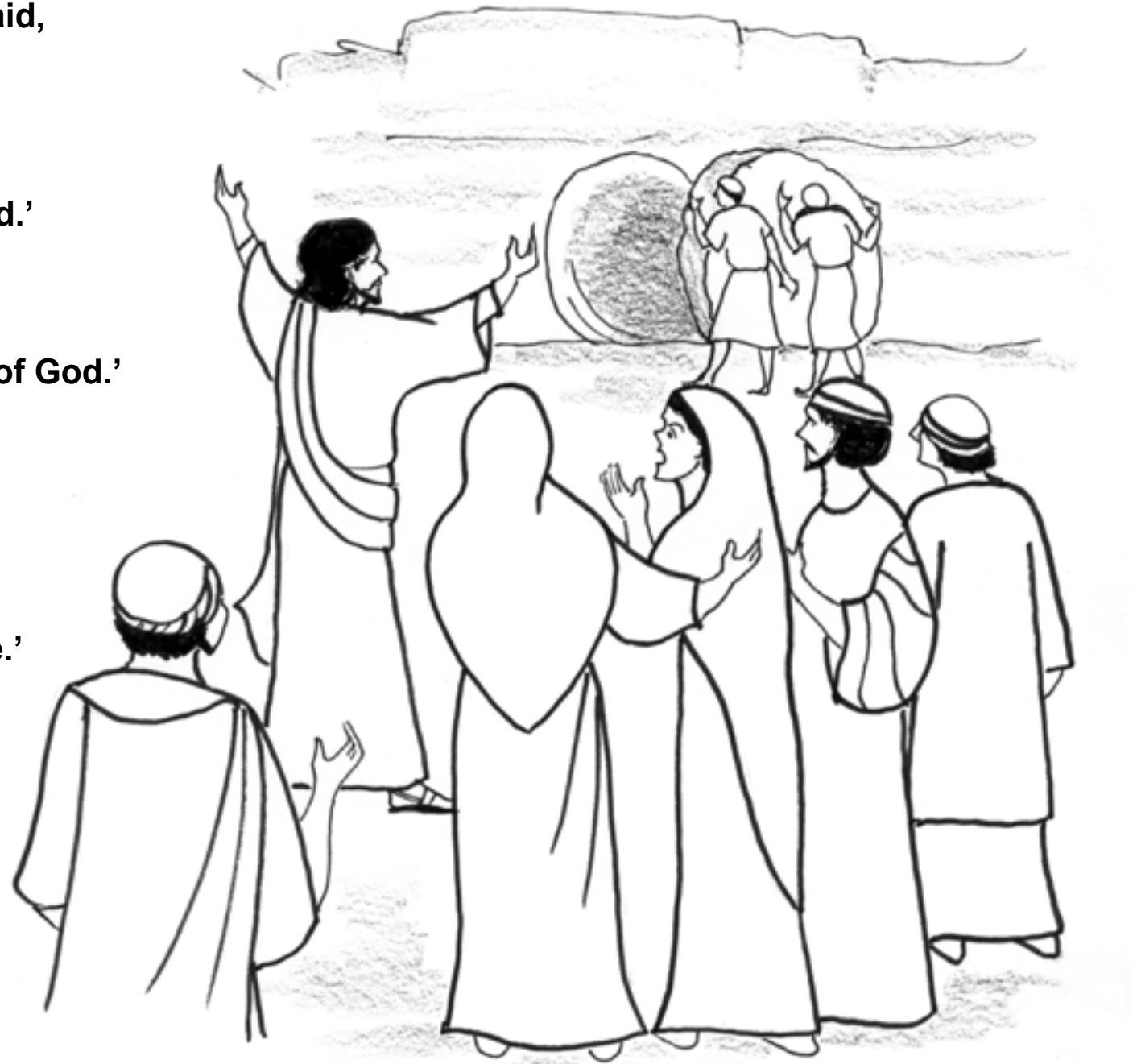and saw everyone crying.

He said,
'Take me to where
the body of Lazarus is.'

At the burial cave Jesus said,
'Roll away the stone.'

Martha said,
'Lazarus will smell.
It is four days since he died.'

'Martha,' said Jesus.
'Believe Me
and you will see the glory of God.'

Men rolled away the stone
and Jesus prayed.
'Thank you, Father,
for hearing Me.
I want these people
to believe that You sent Me.'

Then He spoke loudly,
'Lazarus, come out!'

Lazarus came out.
He was tied up in cloth.
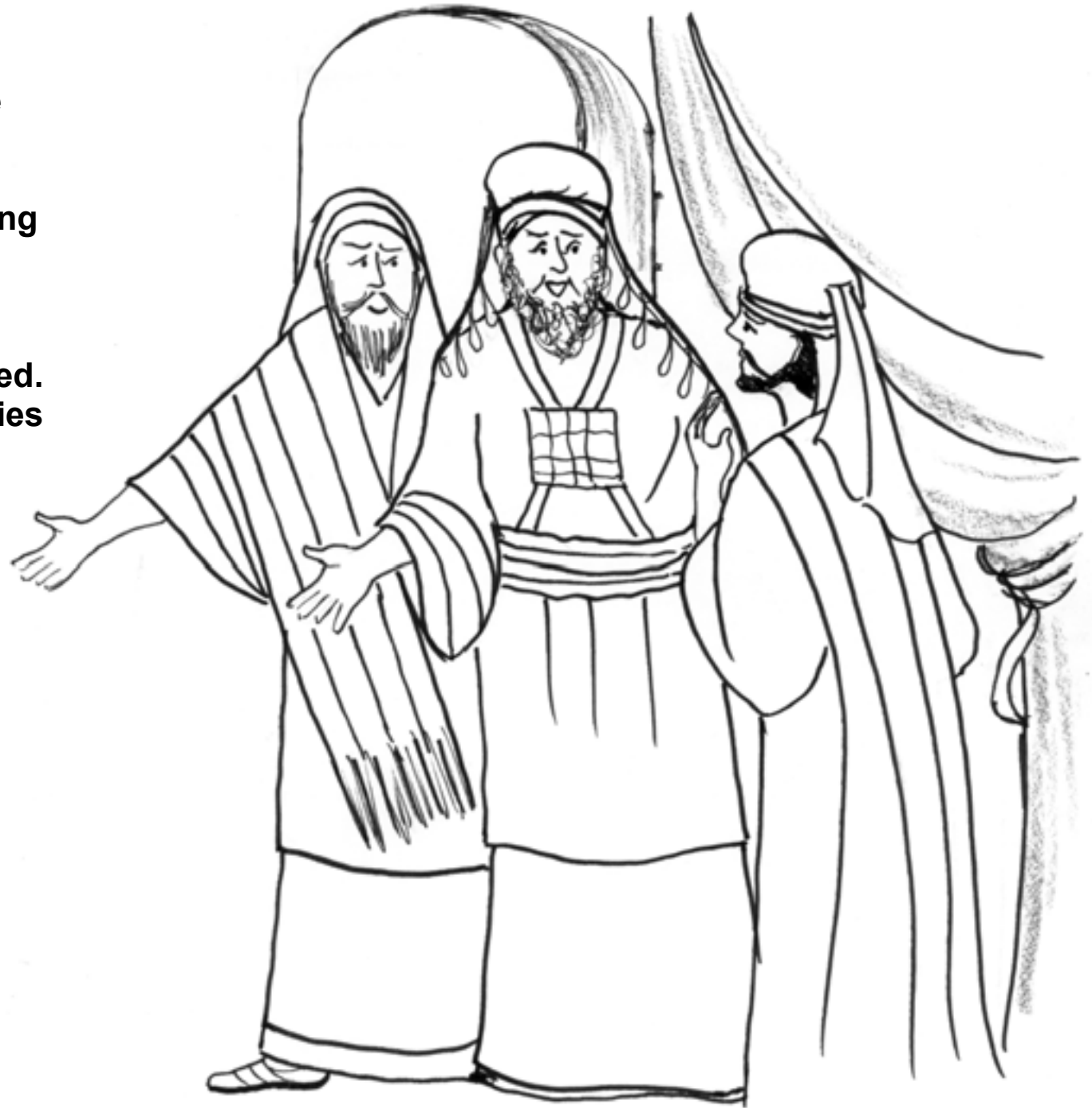
Jesus said,
'Untie him.'

When the people
saw Lazarus
walk out of the cave
many people believed
in Jesus.

The Pharisees did not like
what Jesus was doing.

They gathered for a meeting
and the High Priest said,
'If Jesus goes on
doing things like this
our nation will be destroyed.
It is better that one man dies
to save the people.'

Later, Jesus did die,
but not in the way
the High Priest thought.
He died for the sins of the whole world.
God raised Him up again,
and now,
He can save us from our sins.