

Bible Stories for Young Children

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PETER AND CORNELIUS

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ACTS 10:1–48

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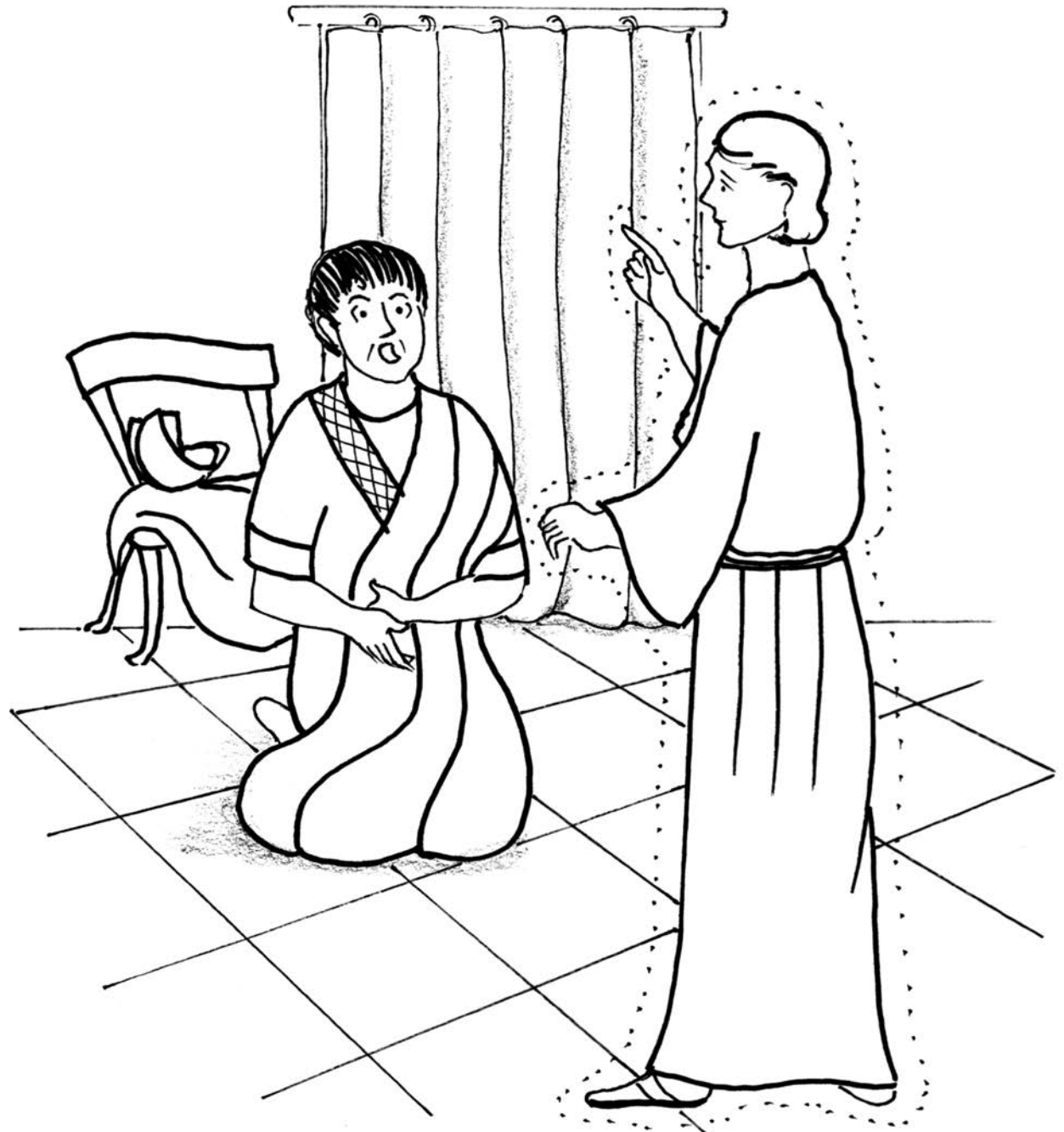
**Cornelius, a Roman officer,
loved God and prayed to Him.
He also gave money to the poor.
He was not of the Jewish people.
He was a Gentile.**

**One afternoon
while Cornelius was praying,
he saw a vision
and heard an angel say,
'Cornelius.'**

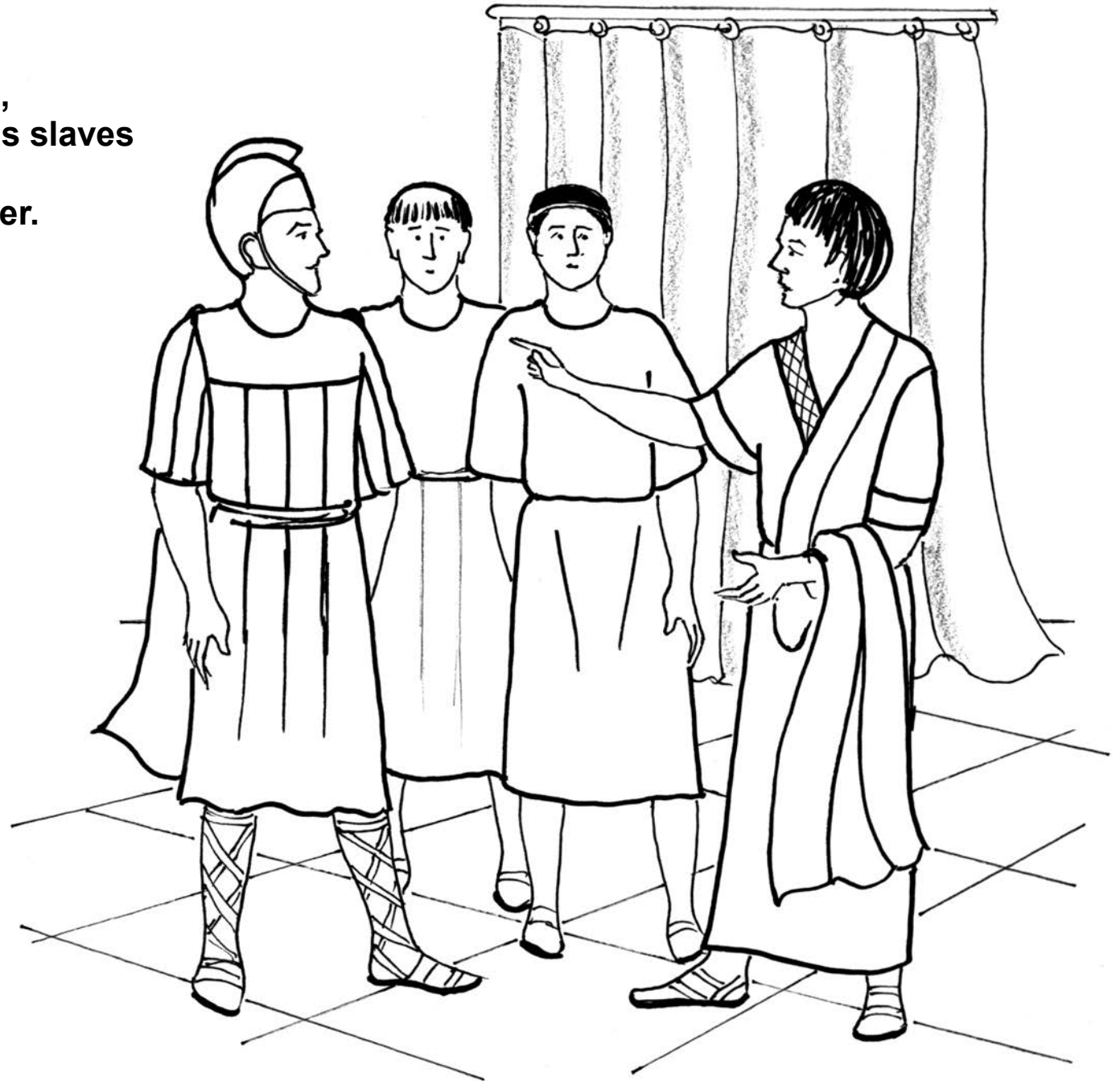
**Cornelius was afraid and said,
'What do you want, Lord?'**

**The angel said,
'God has heard your prayers
and seen that you
care for the poor.'**

**'Send some men to Joppa
to ask Peter to come to you.
He is staying with
Simon the tanner,
who lives by the sea.'**



**When the angel had gone,
Cornelius asked two of his slaves
and one of his soldiers
to go to Joppa to find Peter.**



**At the same time,
Peter went up onto the roof of the house
to pray, and there he saw a vision.**

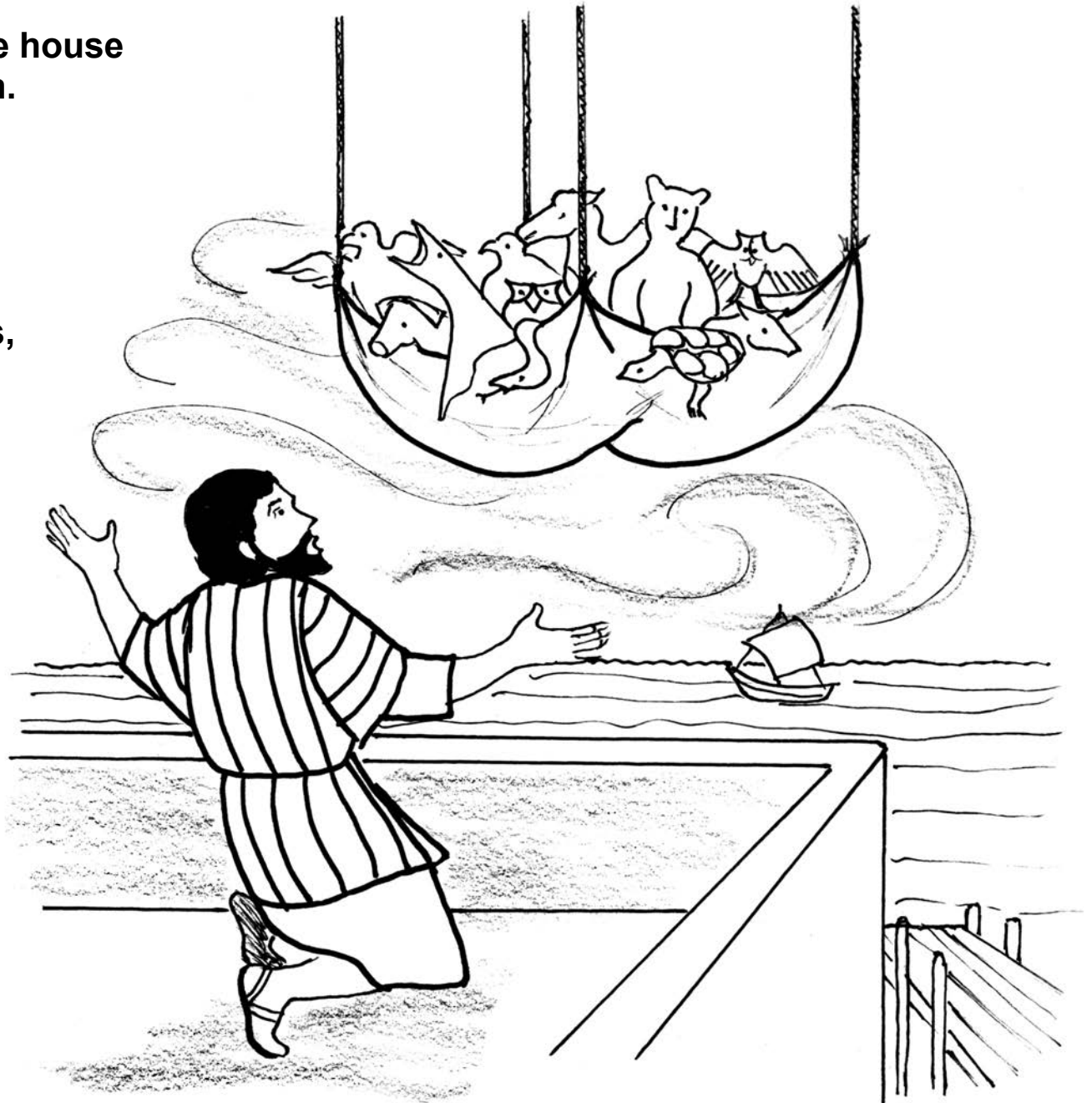
**In the vision he saw
a big sheet
coming down from heaven.
It was held at the corners
and in it were animals of all kinds,
reptiles and birds.**

**Peter heard a voice say,
'Get up, kill and eat.'**

**Peter said,
'No Lord!
I have never eaten food that is
unholy and unclean like this.'**

**Then Peter heard the voice
a second time saying,
'What God has made clean,
is clean!'**

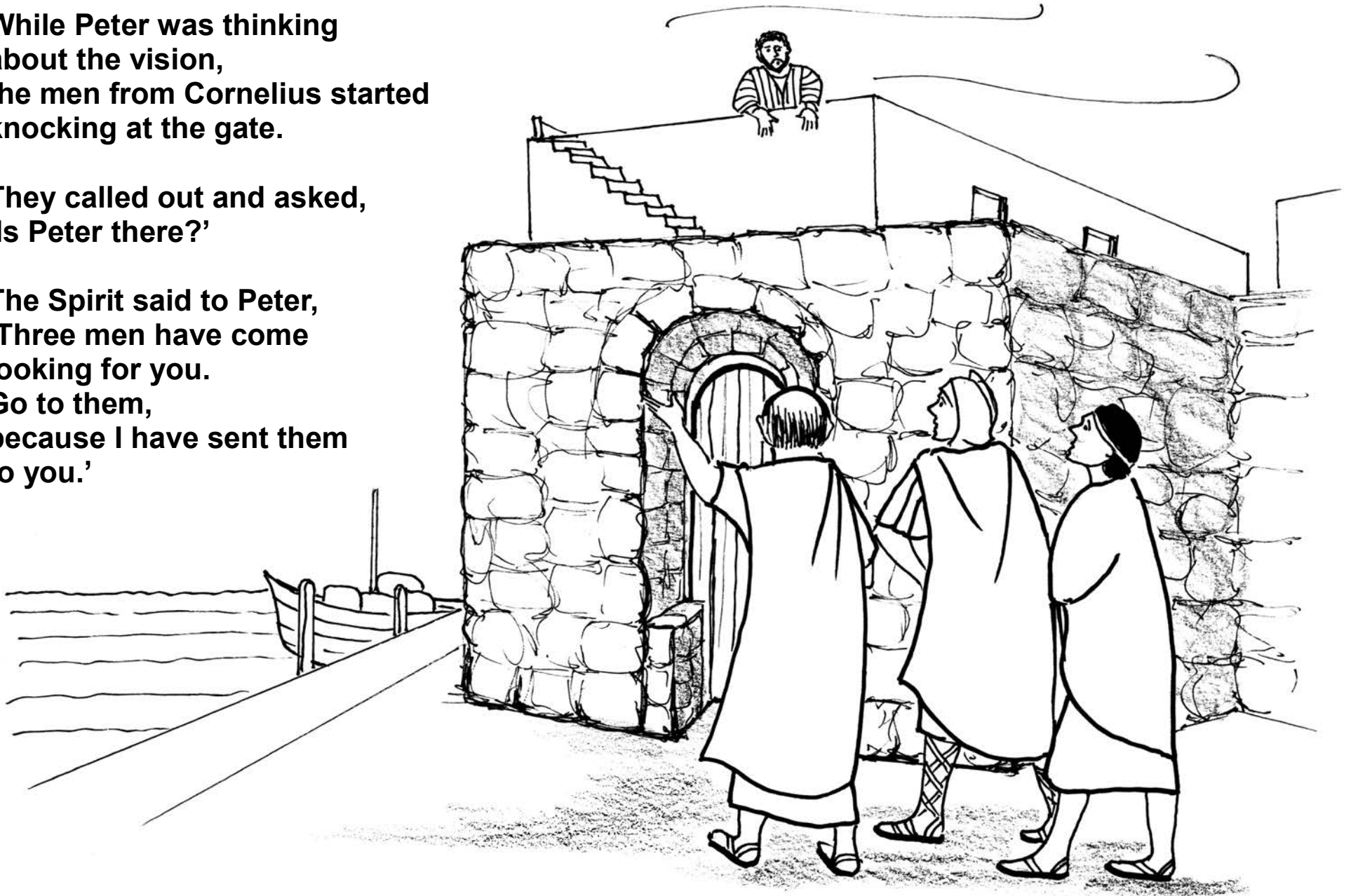
**Three times this happened.
Then the sheet
was taken back to heaven.**



**While Peter was thinking
about the vision,
the men from Cornelius started
knocking at the gate.**

**They called out and asked,
'Is Peter there?'**

**The Spirit said to Peter,
'Three men have come
looking for you.
Go to them,
because I have sent them
to you.'**



**Peter went to the men and said,
'I am the man
you are looking for.
What do you want?'**

**The men answered,
'Cornelius, a Roman officer,
sent us to find you.
He was told by an angel
to ask you to come
to his house.'**

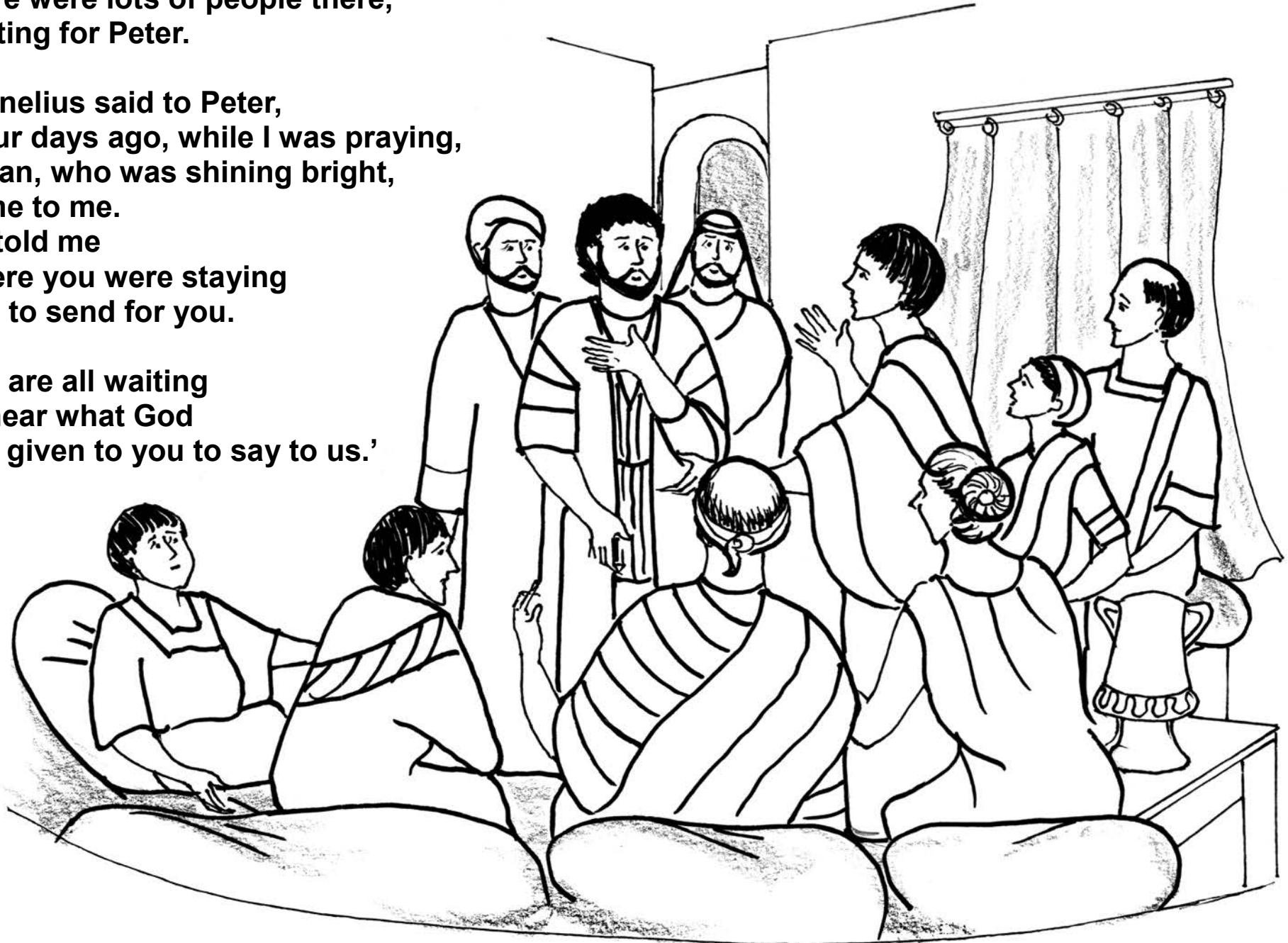
**The next day
Peter and his friends
went with the three men
to Cornelius's house.**



**When they arrived at Cornelius's house,
there were lots of people there,
waiting for Peter.**

**Cornelius said to Peter,
'Four days ago, while I was praying,
a man, who was shining bright,
came to me.
He told me
where you were staying
and to send for you.'**

**'We are all waiting
to hear what God
has given to you to say to us.'**



**Peter said, 'I now know
that anyone who worships God
and does what is right
is accepted by God,
whether they are Jew or Gentile.**

**'You know about Jesus.
You also know
that He healed people.
He was killed on a cross
and three days later
God raised Him to life.
God let His disciples see Him.
He told us to tell everyone
that whoever believes in Jesus
will be forgiven.'**

**While Peter was still speaking
the Holy Spirit came down on
all those who were listening.**



**They praised God
for His gift of salvation.**

**Peter's friends were amazed,
because God had
given His Spirit
to these Gentiles
in the same way
He had given the Spirit
to them.**

**Peter said,
'We must baptise
these people
who have received
God's Spirit.'**

**Peter stayed with them
for a few more days
and taught them
about God's kingdom.**

