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***PAUL WITNESSES TO TWO GOVERNORS /
KING AGRIPPA***

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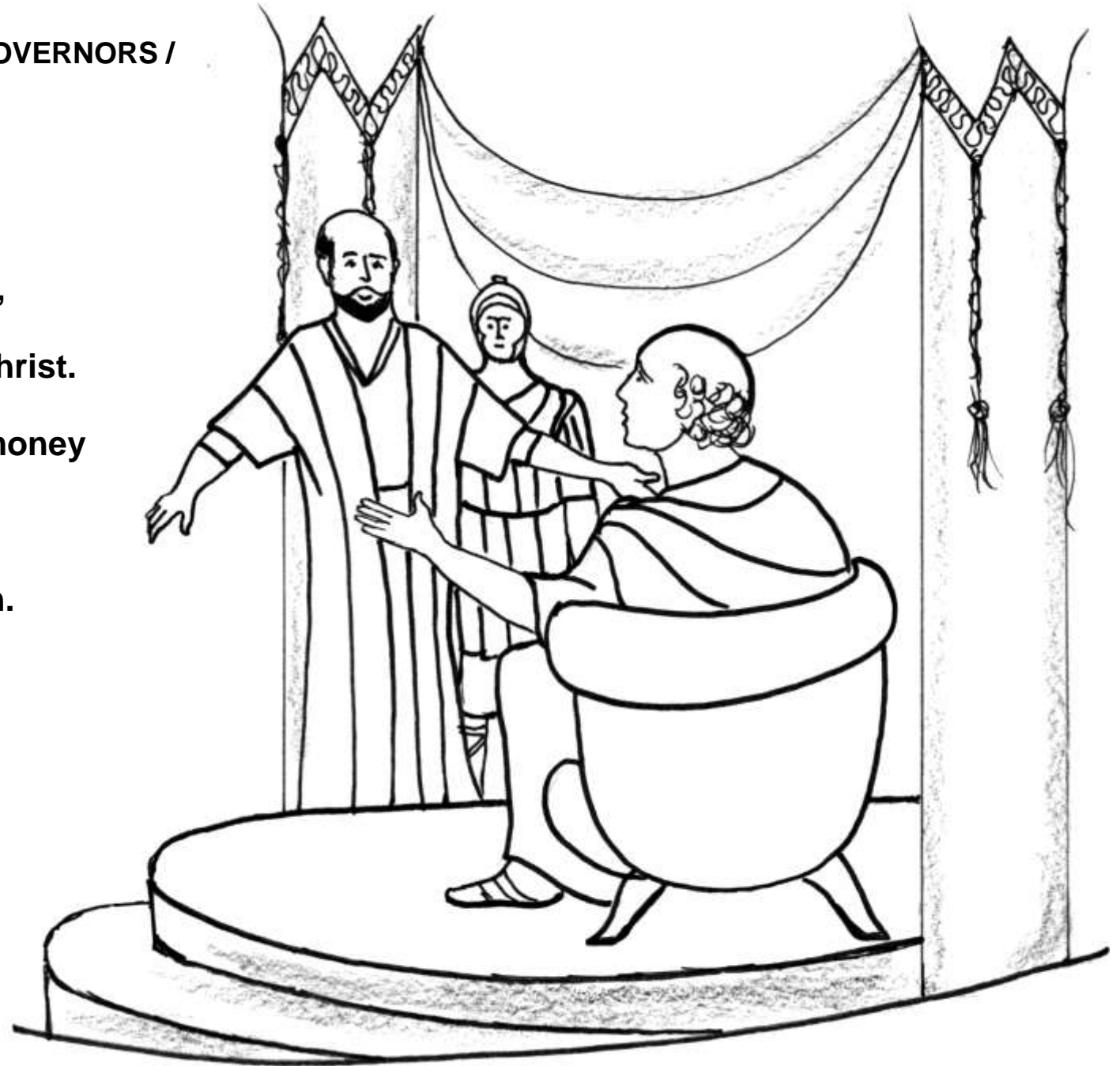
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ACTS 24:24 – 26:32
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While Paul was in prison, Felix, the Roman governor, often brought him out to hear him speak about Christ. Felix was really hoping that Paul would give him money in order to be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

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



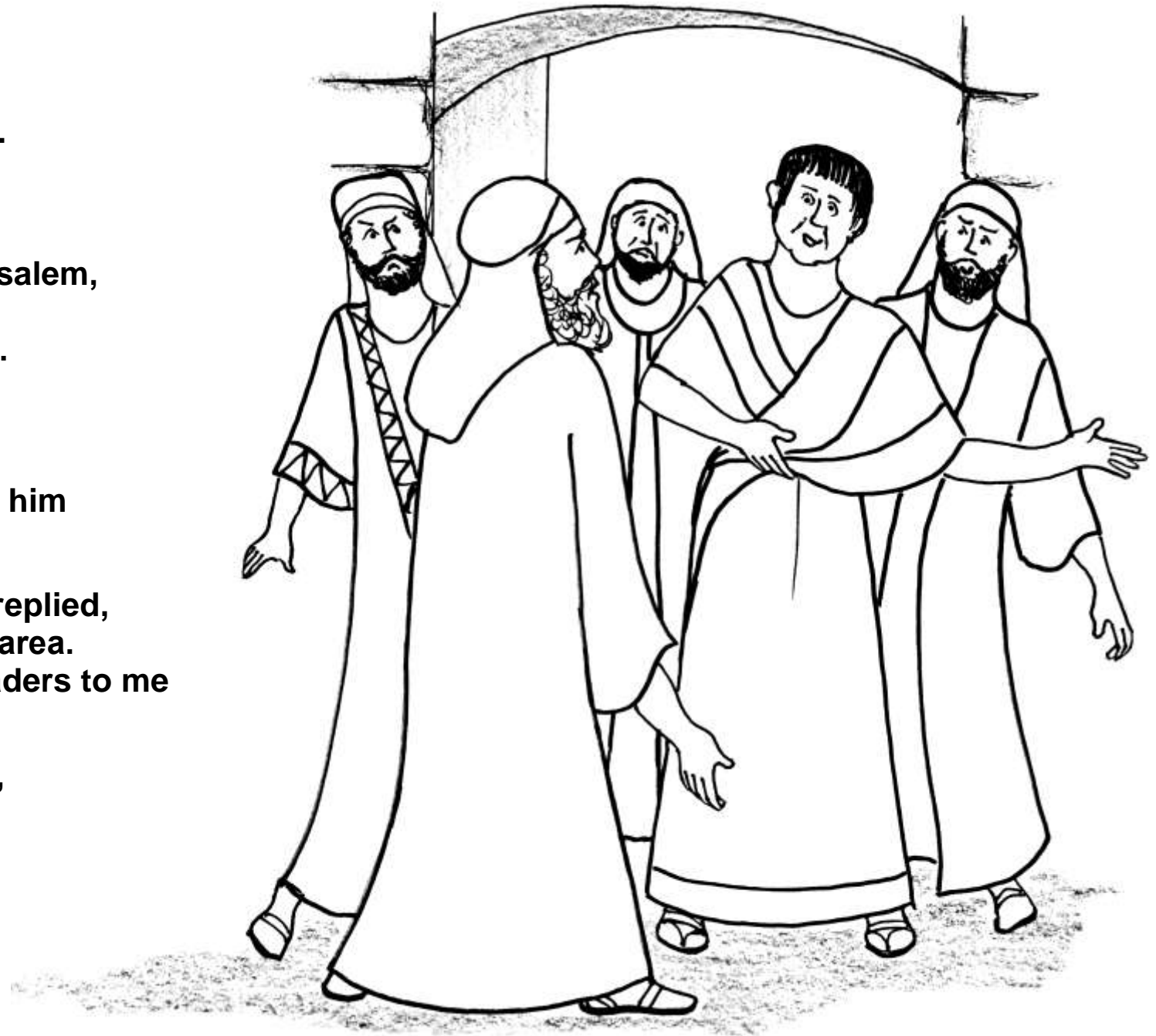
A new governor was taking over from Felix.

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.'

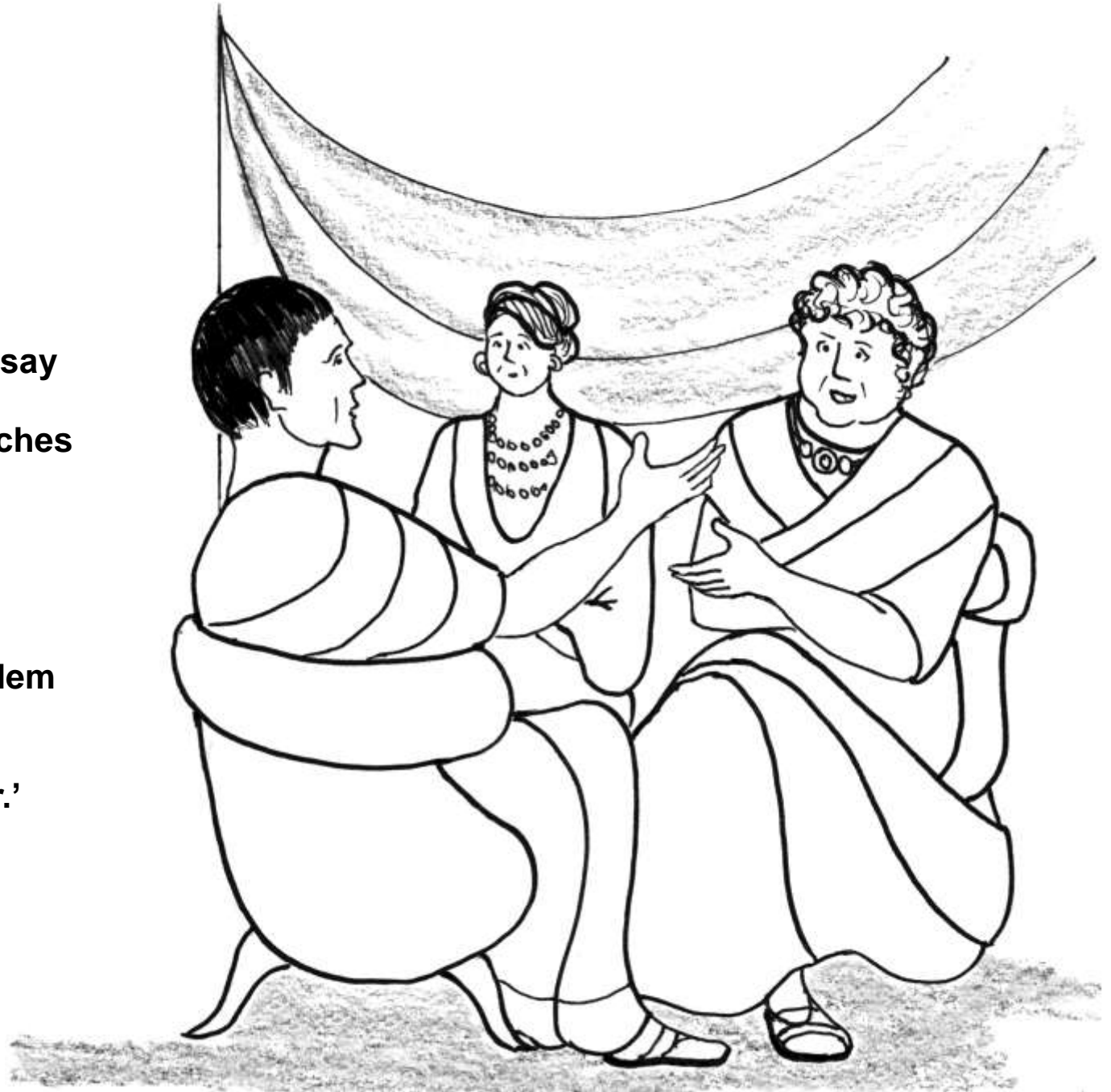


Soon after this King Agrippa and Bernice were visiting Festus. They talked about Paul being in prison.

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?’

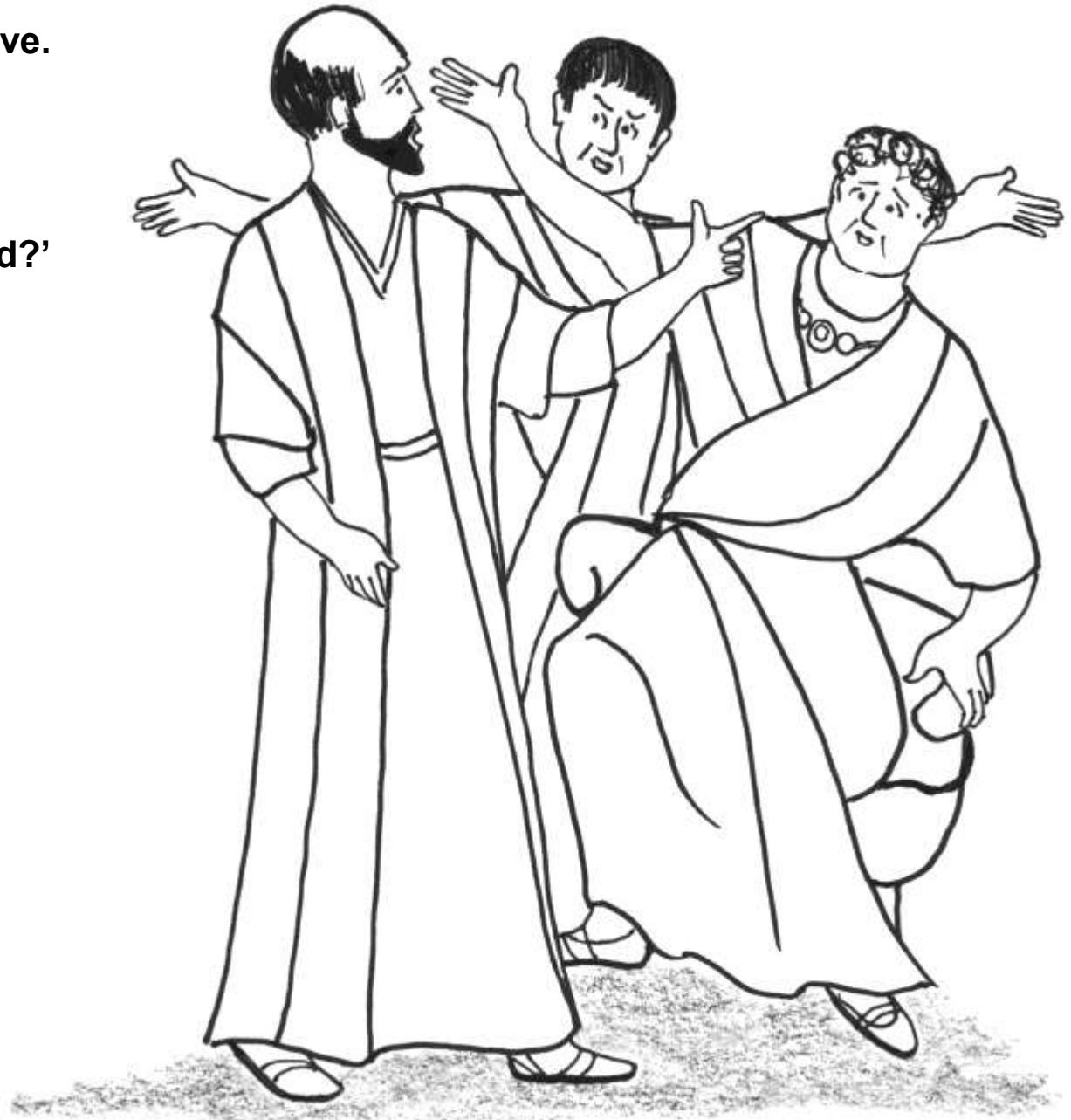
**Paul answered,
‘These things are true.’**

**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.**

