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ISRAEL WOULD NOT LISTEN

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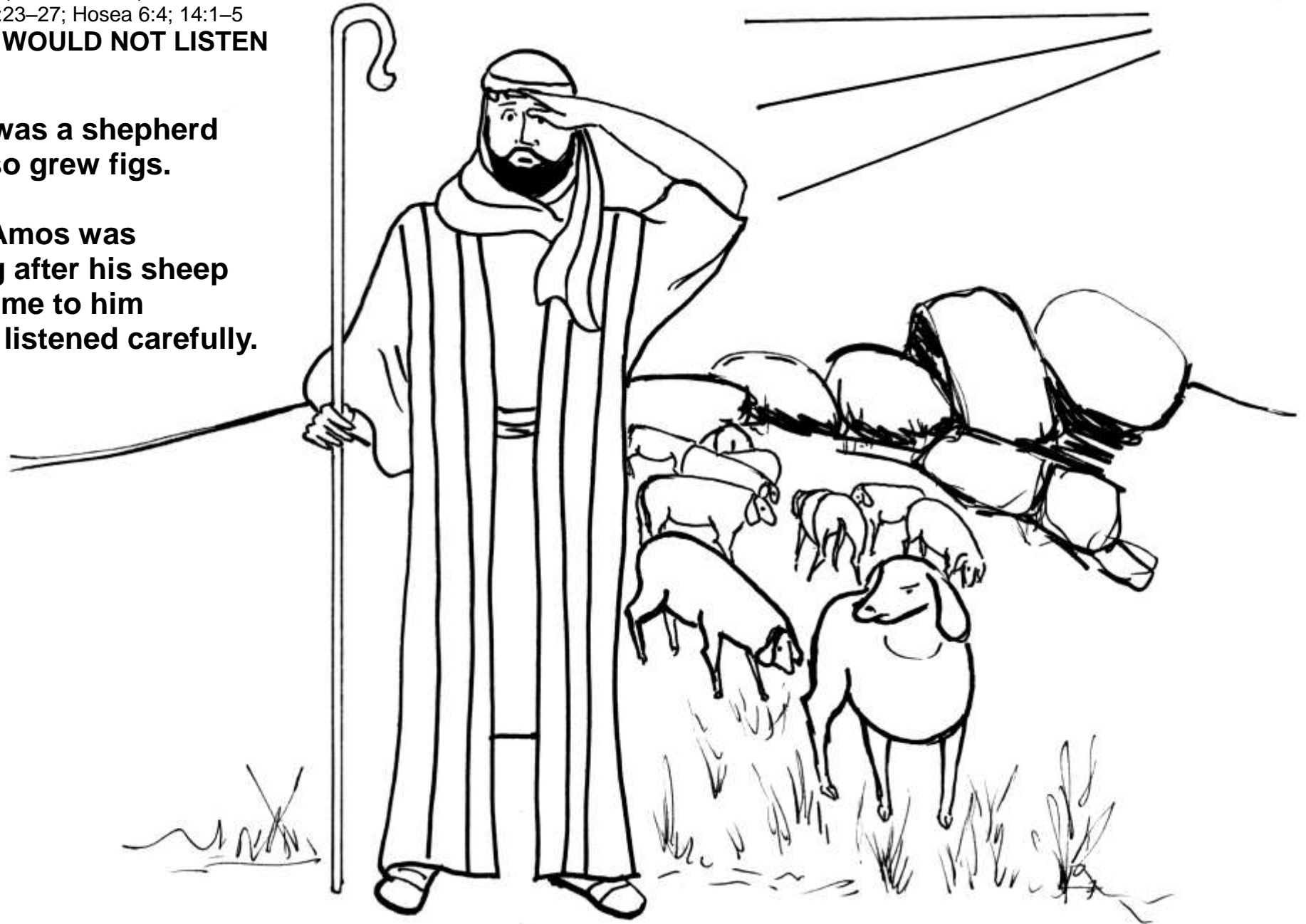
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AMOS 1:1; Chs 4 — 8; 9:11–14
2 Kings 14:23–27; Hosea 6:4; 14:1–5
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**Amos was a shepherd
and also grew figs.**

**While Amos was
looking after his sheep
God came to him
and he listened carefully.**



**God said,
'I love My people Israel,
but they have
turned away from Me.
I blessed them
so they would be a blessing
in the whole world.**

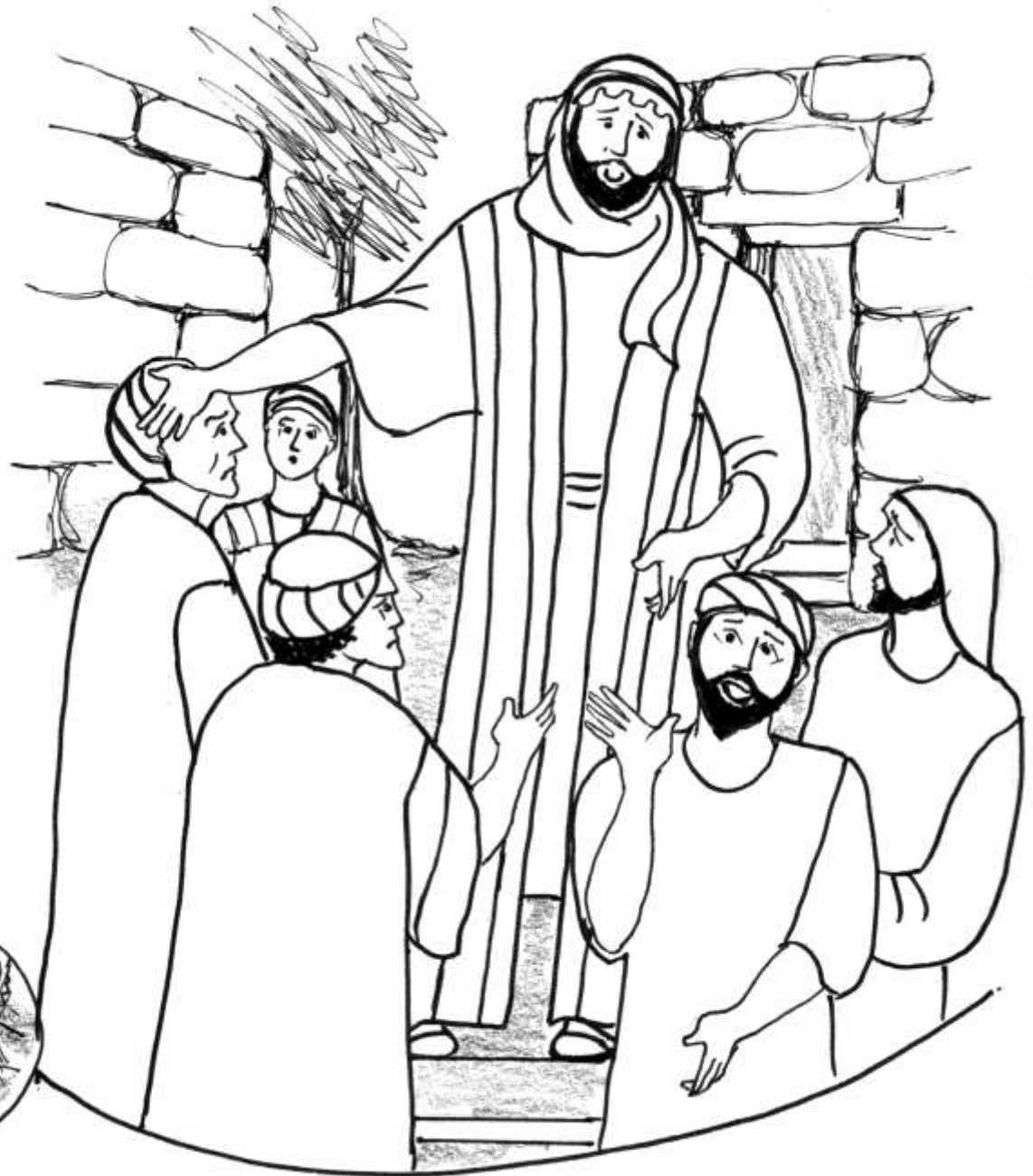
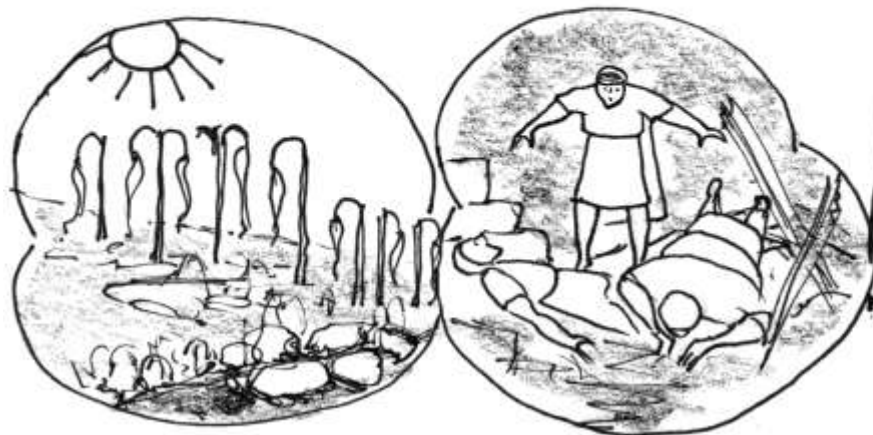
**'But what are they doing?
They are trusting gods
of wood and stone
who cannot speak to them.**

**'Go and tell My people
that I am a holy God.
I am going to punish them
for what they are doing.**



**‘Tell them:
I stopped the rain to see
if you would come back to Me.
You did not come back.
I made your crops and gardens die.
You did not come back.
Some people died,
and still you did not
come back to Me.**

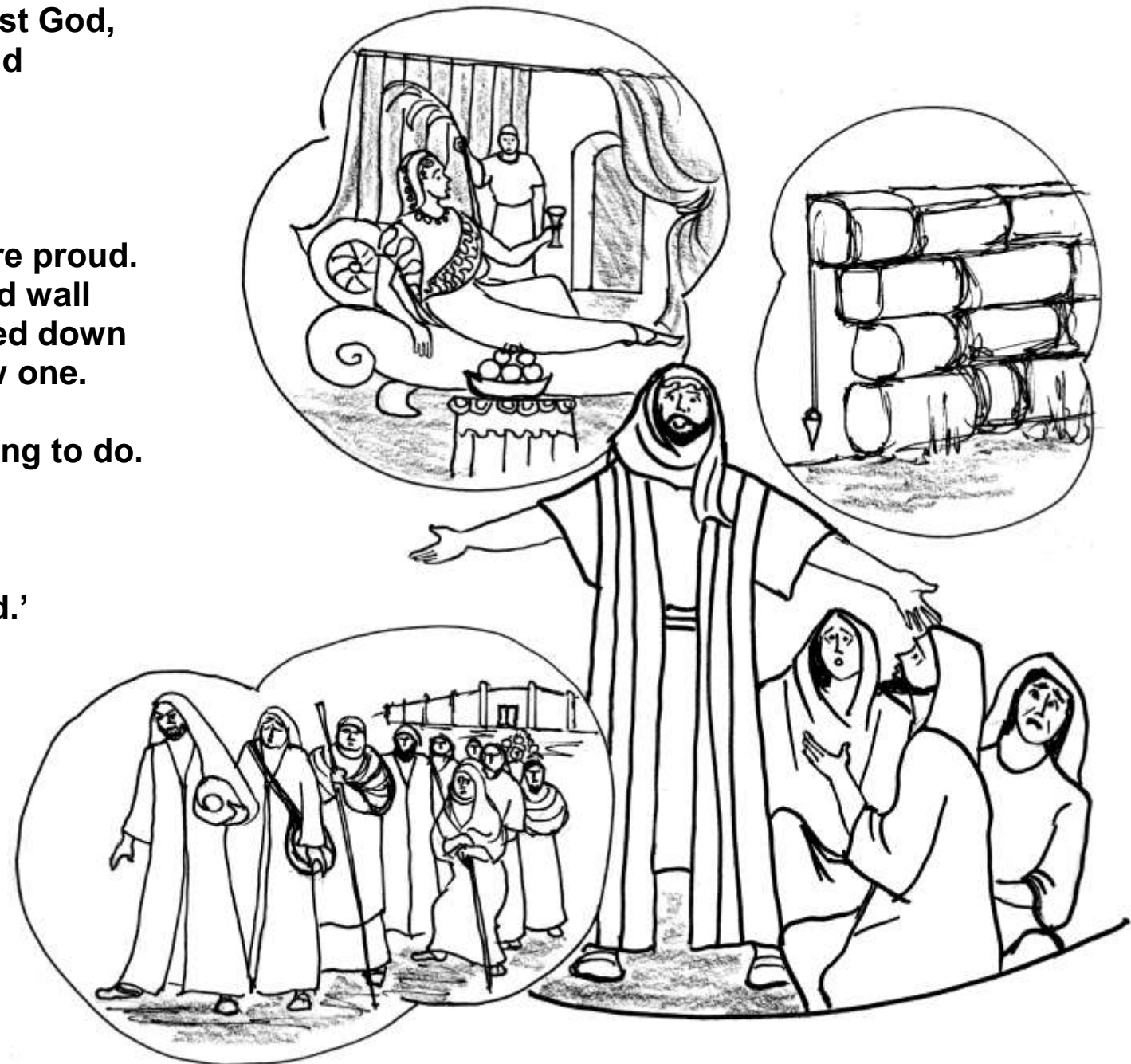
**‘Get ready to meet God
for He is coming to you.
His name is the Lord God.
Even now the Lord says,
Come to Me and live.
Do not go to your idols.**



**‘When you do not trust God,
your houses, food and
what you do
are more important
than what God says.**

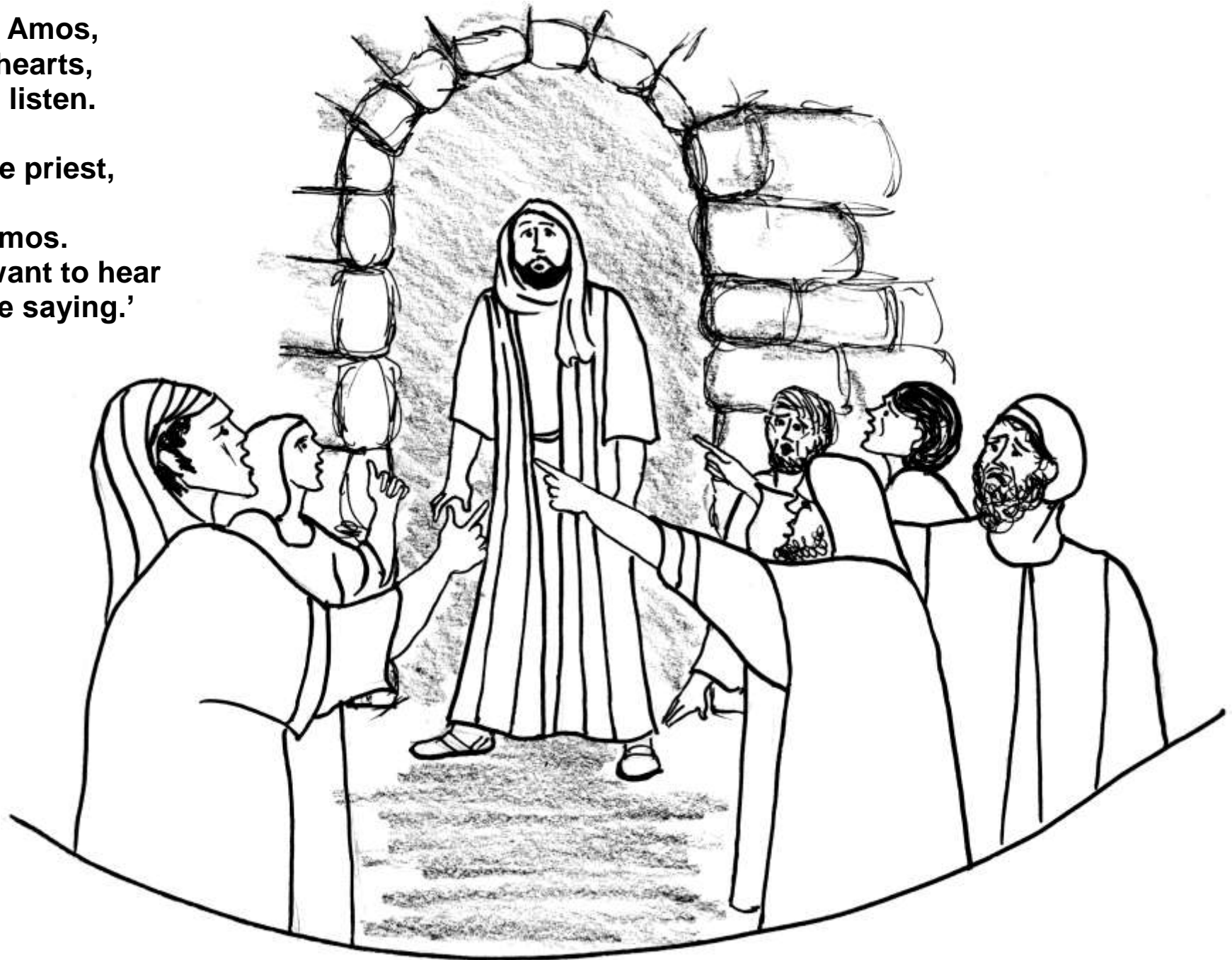
**‘God says that you are proud.
You are like a crooked wall
that needs to be pulled down
before building a new one.**

**‘This is what I am going to do.
I will send you away
to another country.
However,
I will still be your God.’**



**Israel heard Amos,
but in their hearts,
they did not listen.**

**Amaziah, the priest,
said to him,
'Go home Amos.
We do not want to hear
what you are saying.'**



**Amos kept on saying,
'Come to the Lord and live.'**

**God not only told Amos
that He was going to
punish Israel,
but that a King would come
who would lead Israel
to truly love Him.**

**Then God would bless His people.
Other nations would also
come and worship God.**

***God fulfilled this promise
when He sent Jesus
to turn us from our sins.***

