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LUKE 12:13–34

Matthew 6:25–34

THE FOOLISH RICH MAN / DON'T WORRY

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**Jesus was speaking to a crowd,
when a man called out saying,
'Master, tell my brother
to give me the money
our father has left us.'**

**Jesus said,
'Be careful.
Don't be greedy.
Owning lots of things
won't give you life.'**



Then Jesus told this story:

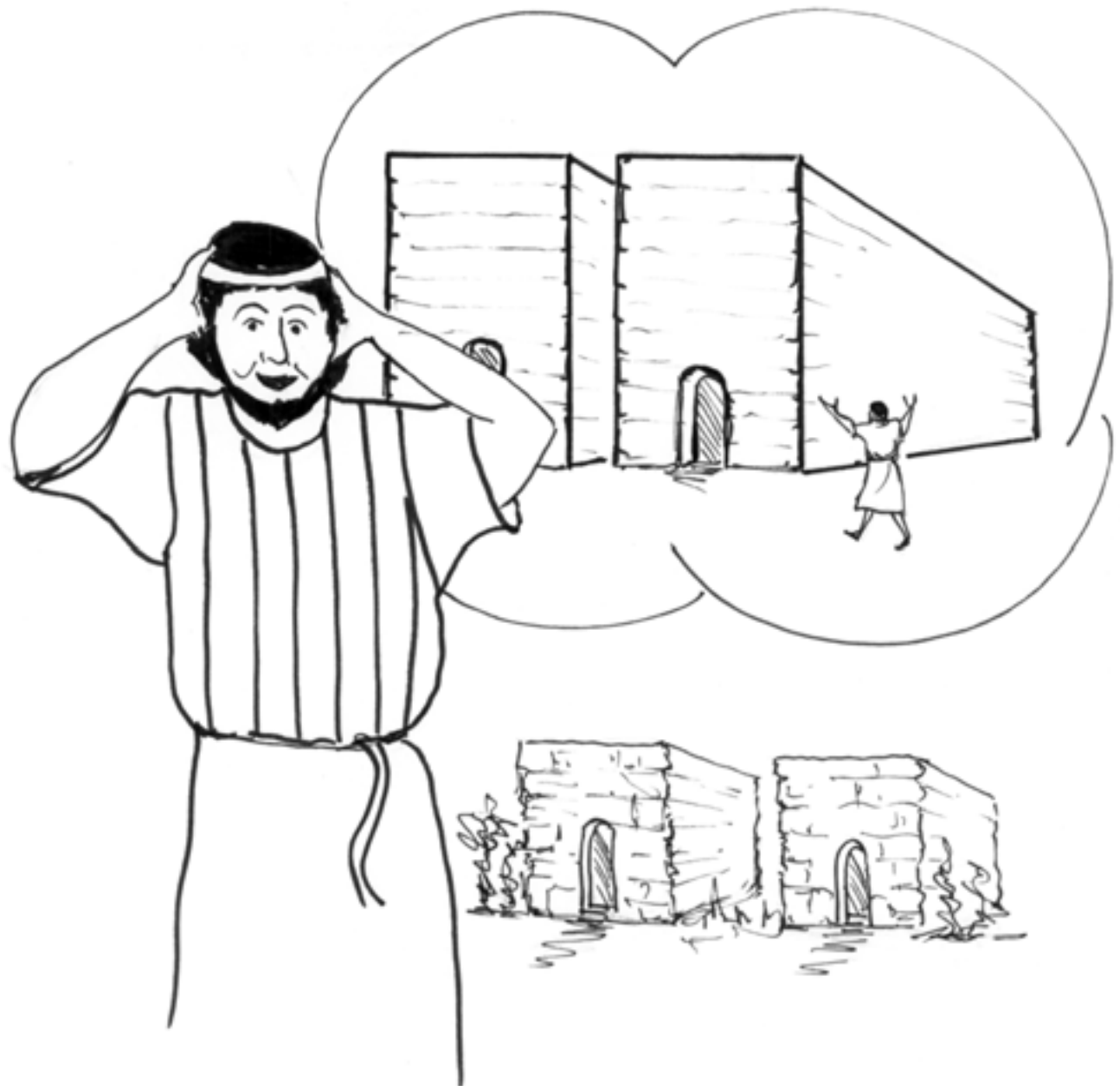
**A rich farmer
planted grain on his land.**

**It grew well
and he harvested a huge crop.**



One day he thought to himself,
'My sheds are too small
for all my grain.
What shall I do?'

'This is what I'll do,'
he said.
'I'll pull down my little sheds
and build bigger ones.
I will fill them with
the grain and my goods.
I will have enough
to last me for a long time.
I won't need to work.
I can have a good time.'



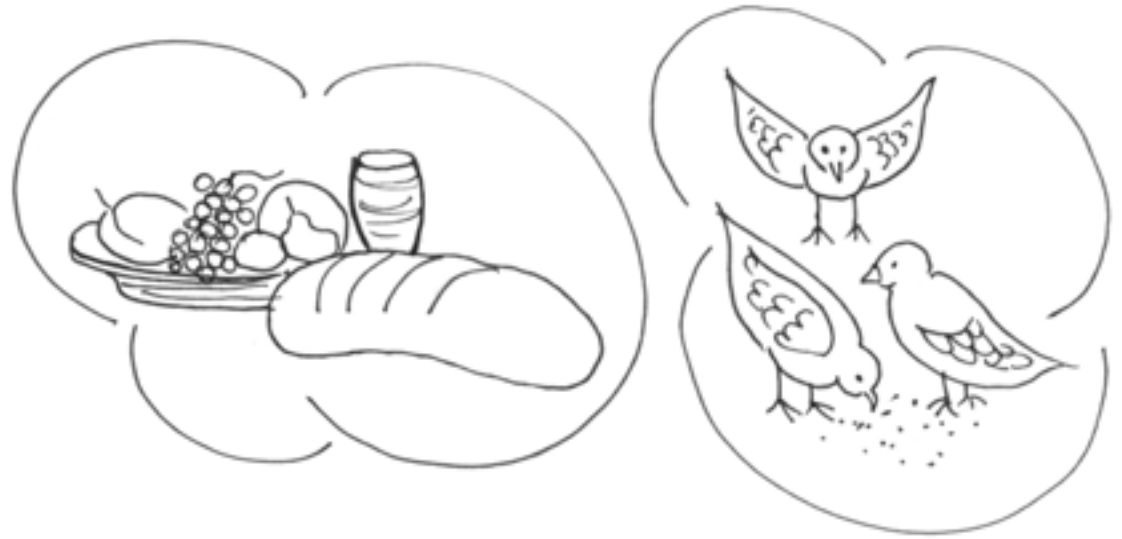
**God said to the man,
'That is foolish!
Tonight you will die.
Who will have the things
you stored in your sheds?'**

**'This is what will happen
when you live for yourself
and not for God.'**



Jesus then turned to His disciples and said, 'Don't worry about the food you eat, or the clothes you wear. Your life is far more important than these things.

'Have a look at the birds. God feeds them, and you are more important than the birds.

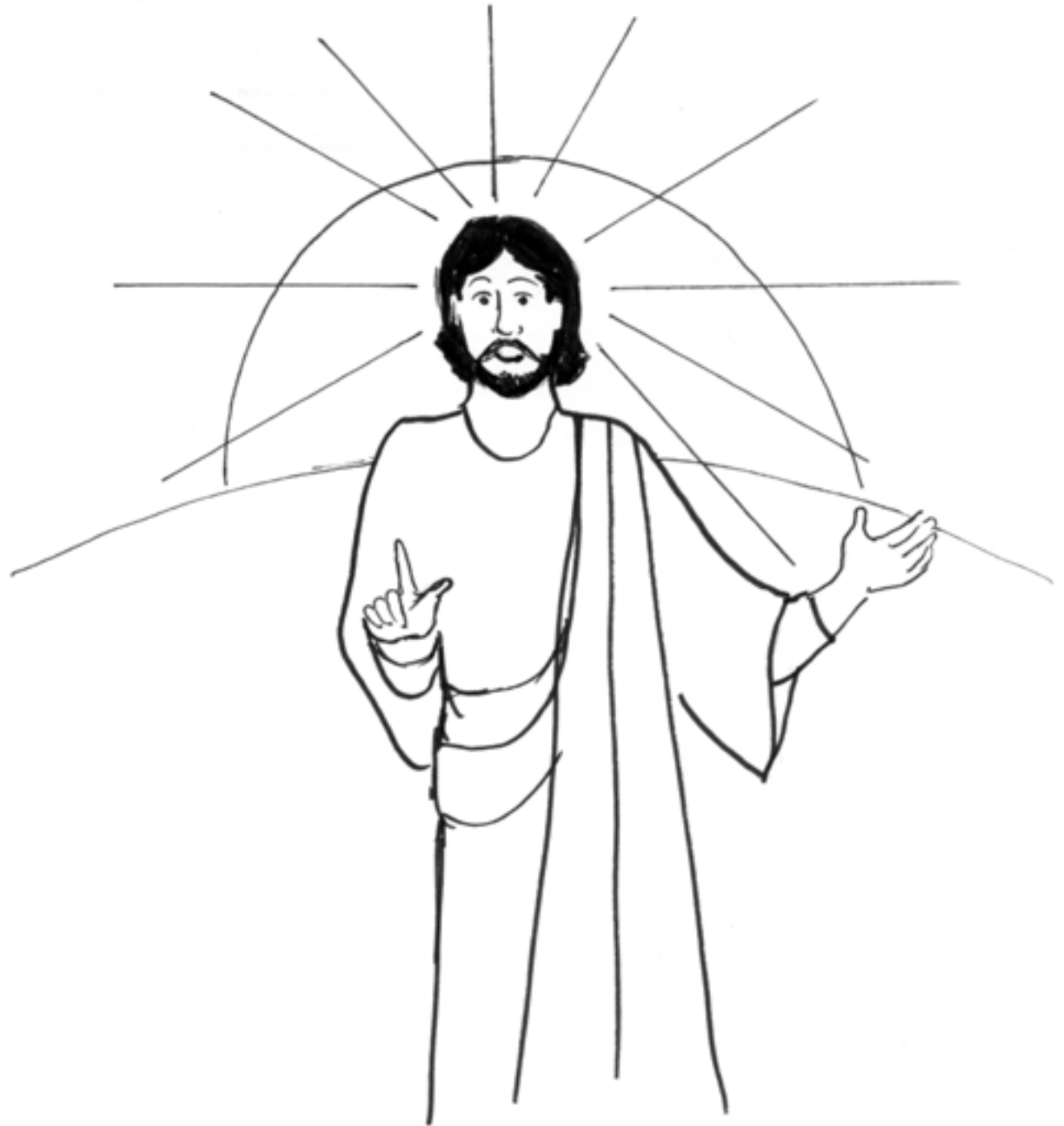


**'Have a look at the wild flowers.
They are beautiful.
If God looks after the flowers
which don't last,
how much more
will He look after you.
He knows that you
need these things.'**



**‘What your Father
really wants to give you
is His kingdom.’**

**This kind of treasure
will never run out or be stolen.**



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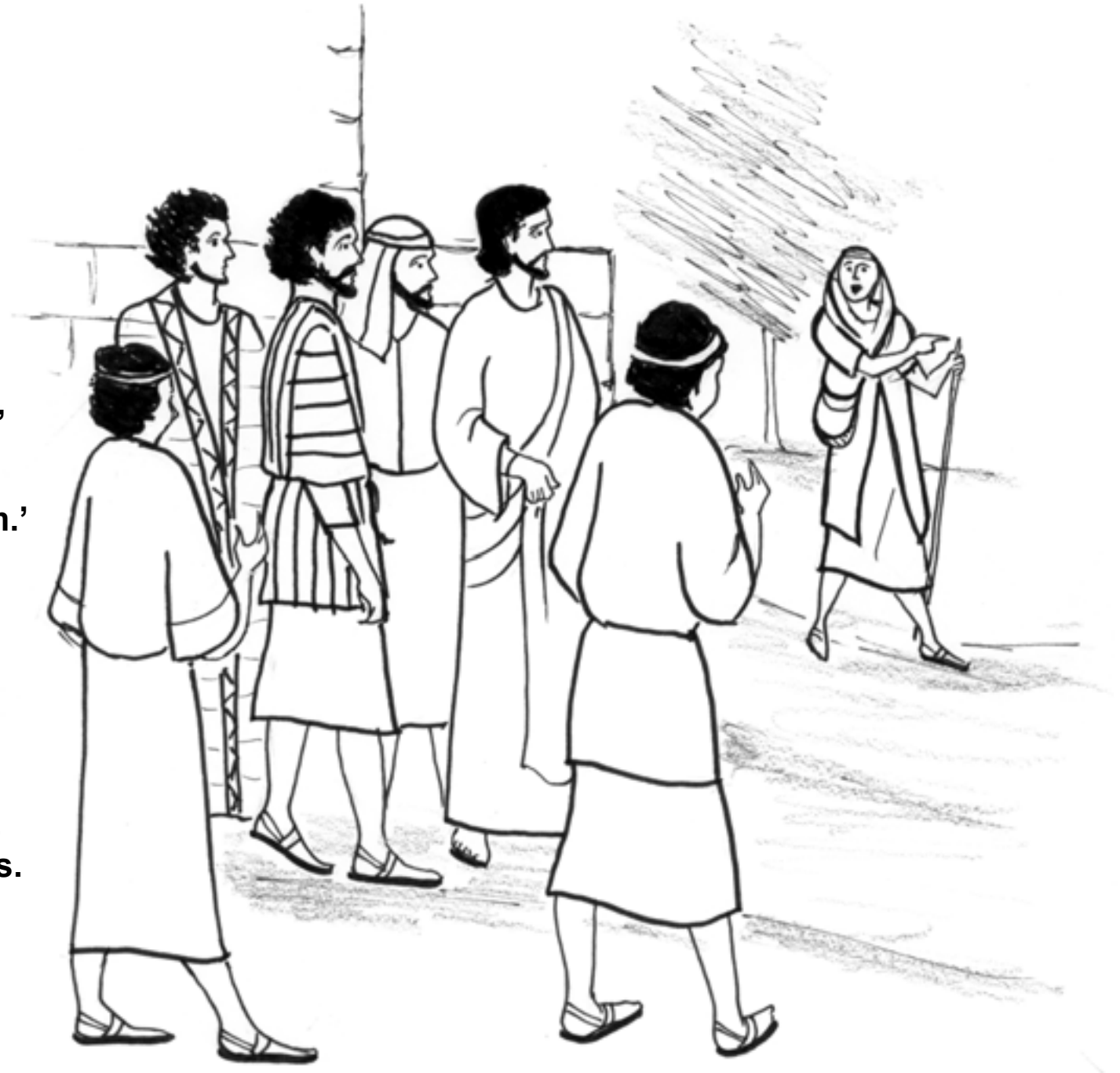
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JOHN 11:1-52
DEAD FOR FOUR DAYS
(Jesus raises Lazarus)
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Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus saying, 'Our brother, Lazarus, is very sick. Please come and heal him.'

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.



**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.'**



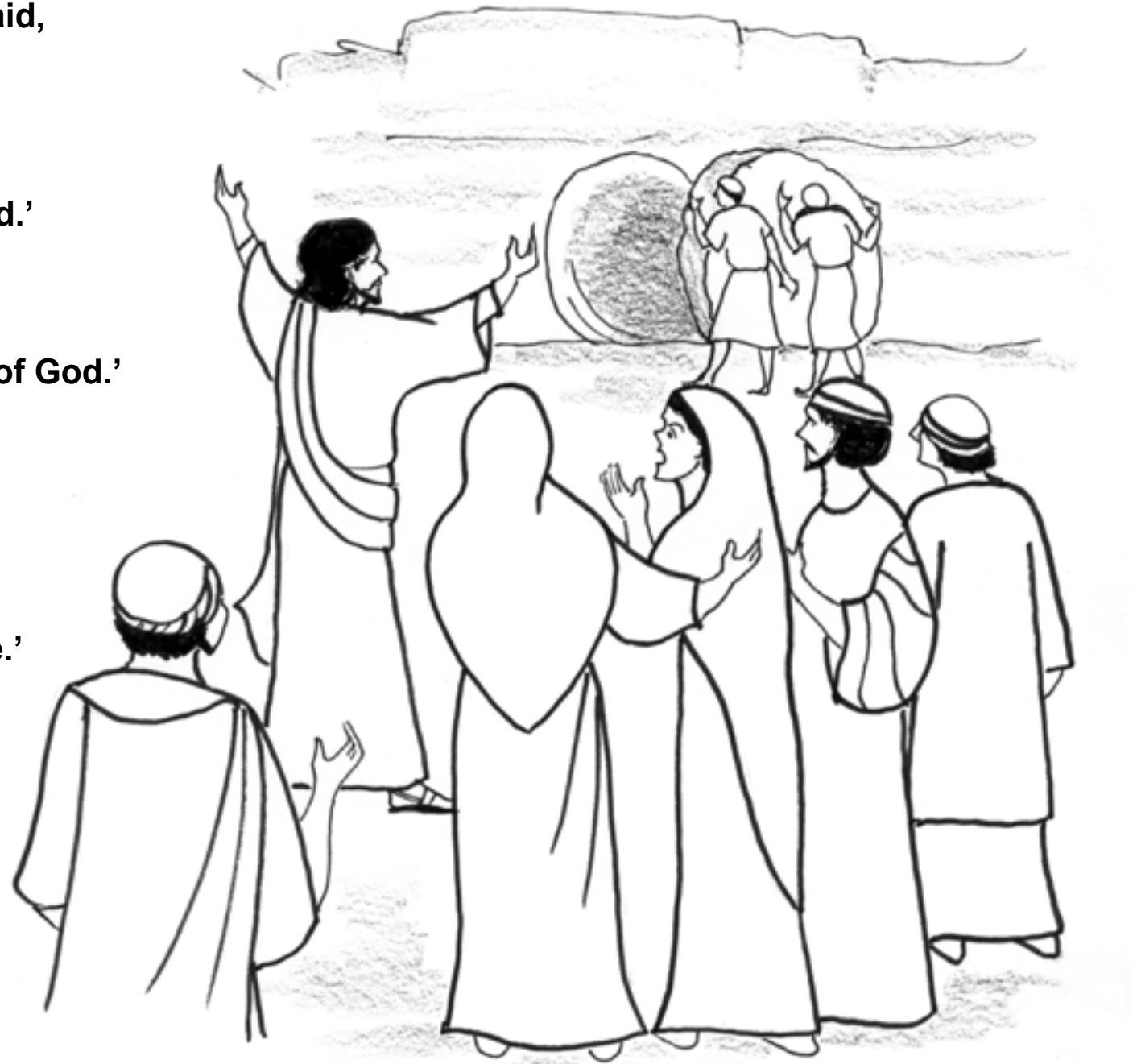
**At the burial cave Jesus said,
'Roll away the stone.'**

**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.**

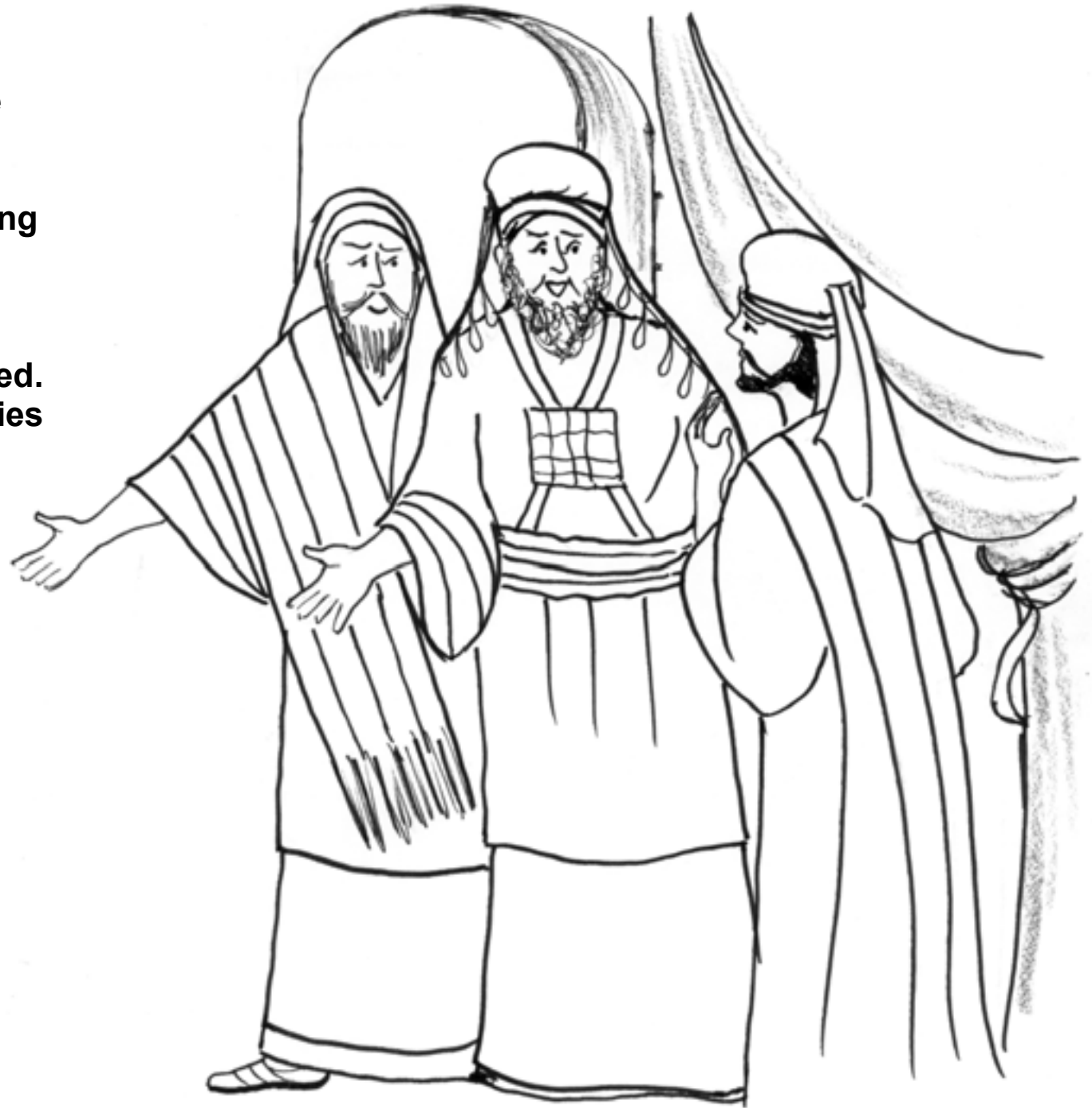
**Jesus said,
'Untie him.'**

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

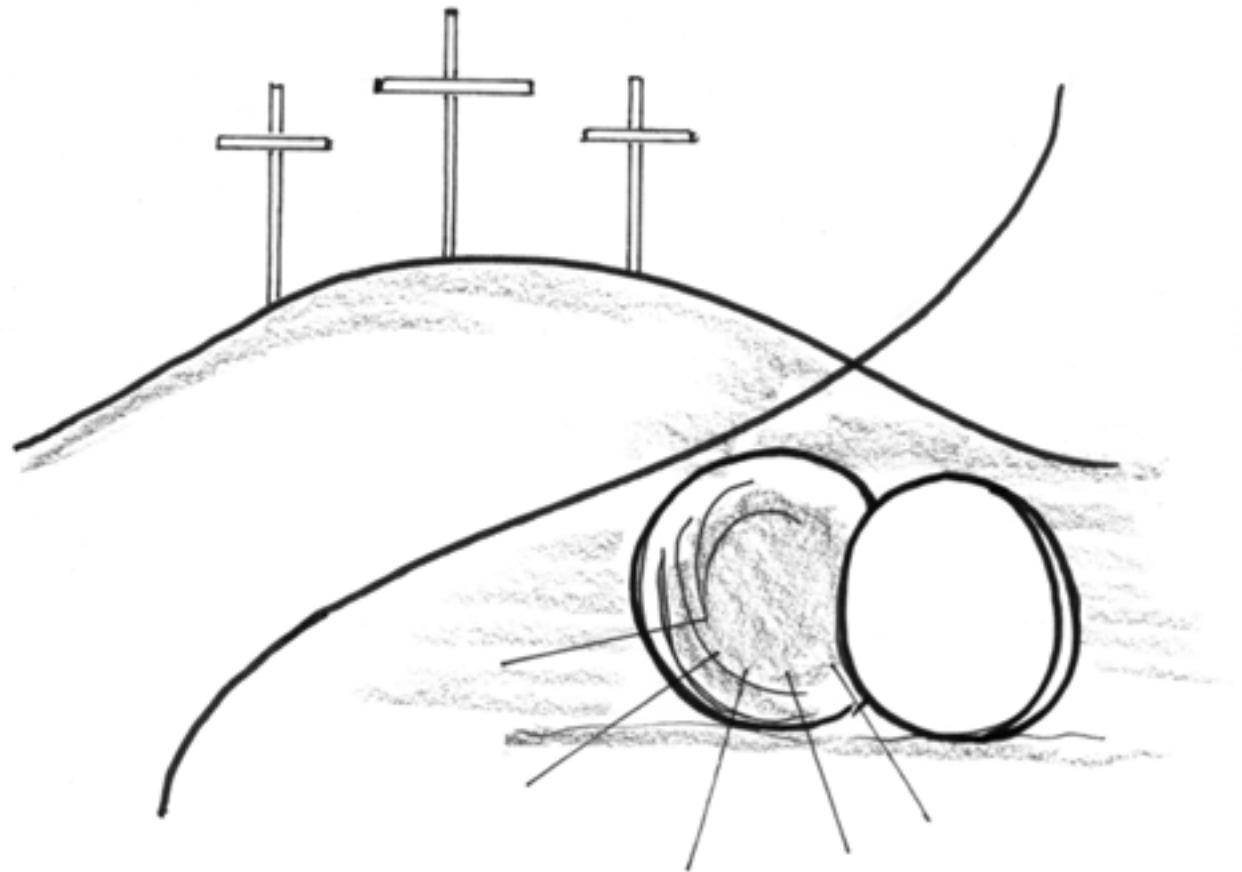


The Pharisees did not like what Jesus was doing.

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.***



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MARK 10:17-31

Matthew 19:16-30, Luke 18:18-30

THE RICH YOUNG RULER

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**There was a young ruler
who was very rich.
But there was something
he did not have.**

**He came to Jesus,
knelt at His feet and asked,
'Good Teacher,
what must I do
to get life that lasts forever?'**



**‘Why do you call Me good?’
asked Jesus.
‘God is the only One who is good
and you know His commands.
“Do not kill,
or take another man’s wife.
Do not steal,
cheat,
or tell lies about anyone.
You are to honour
your father and mother.”’**

**The young man answered,
‘Since I was a boy
I have done all these things.’**



Jesus looked at him.

**He loved him and said,
'There is one thing you haven't got.
Go and sell what you have.
Give the money to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven.
After you have done this,
come and follow Me.'**

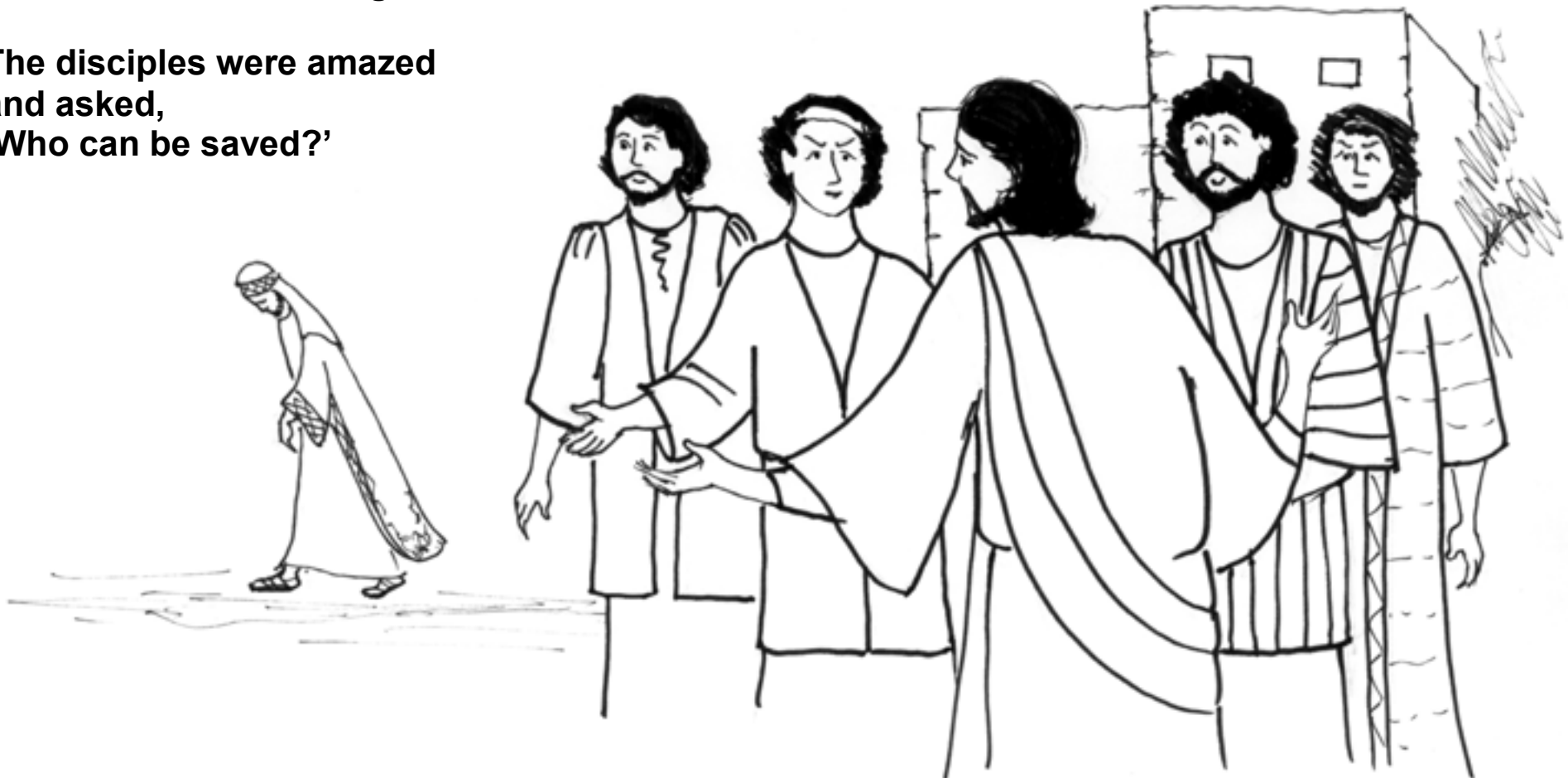
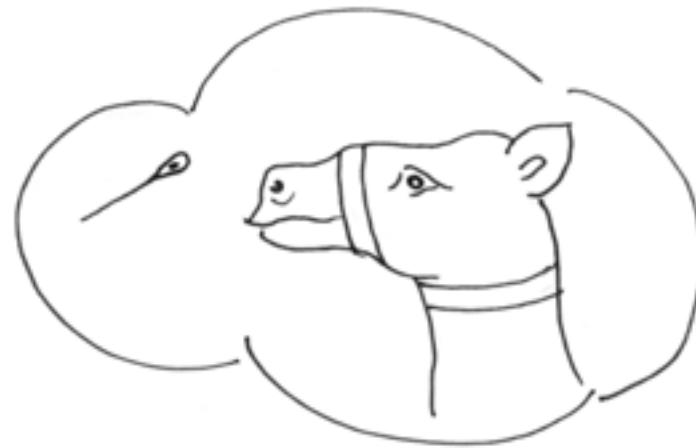
**The young man could not do
what Jesus said.
He was very rich
and did not want to
give away his money.**

He went away very sad.



**When the man had gone,
Jesus said to His disciples,
'It's hard for rich people
to come into God's kingdom.
It's easier for a camel
to go through the eye of a needle
than for a rich man
to come into God's Kingdom.'**

**The disciples were amazed
and asked,
'Who can be saved?'**



**Jesus looked at them
and said,
'No one can save themselves.
Only God can save you,
give you life forever,
and bring you into His kingdom.
With God all things are possible.**

**'Those who have left everything
to follow Me
will have all they need here.
They will suffer
for believing in Me,
but will live forever in heaven.**

**'Everything seems
upside down on earth.
Those who seem to be first
will be last.
Those who look like
they are last
will be first.'**



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MATTHEW 19:27 – 20:16

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**Jesus told this story about
His Father's kingdom:**

**The kingdom of heaven
is like a man
who owned a vineyard.**



**There was lots of work
to be done.
So, early one morning,
he went to the market place
and found some men
to work for him.
He agreed to give them
a day's pay.**



**At 9 o'clock the owner
went to the market place.
He found some more men
to work for him.
They, also, would get paid.**



**In the middle of the day
and at 3 o'clock,
he went to the market place again.
He found some men
standing there
and gave them work to do
in his vineyard.**



**At five o'clock,
nearly the end of the day,
the owner went
to the market place again.**

**Some men were
standing there doing nothing
and he asked,
'Why are you standing here
doing nothing?'**

**They answered,
'No one has given us work.'**

**'Well,' said the owner,
'Go and work
in my vineyard.'**



**At the end of the day,
the owner said to his manager,
'It's time to give everyone
their pay.
Pay those who came last, first,
then the ones
who came in the afternoon,
then the midday,
and, last of all,
the ones who came first.'**

**The manager paid
everyone a full day's pay,
just as the owner had said.**



**The men who started work first
looked at their money
and said to the owner,
'This is not fair.
We worked hard all day.
Others worked for only one hour.
You have given us
all the same pay.'**

**The owner said,
'You agreed to work
for a day's pay.
Take your wages and go home.
I wanted to give the last men
the same as I gave you.
Are you cross with me
for being kind?'**

**Those who are last now
will be the first
in God's kingdom.
Those who are first now
will be last in the future.**



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LUKE 14:1, 7-24
THE GREAT FEAST
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**A Pharisee invited Jesus
and some friends
to his house for dinner.**

**Jesus noticed that everyone
chose the best seats.**

**He wanted them to
learn how everything is
different in God's kingdom.**



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**First of all He said,
'If you go to a wedding feast,
don't choose the best seats
because you may be asked
to move to an ordinary seat.
It is better to start with
an ordinary seat,
then you can be asked
to move to something better.
This is how it will be in
God's kingdom.'**

**'Anyone who tries to
make himself great
will be humbled.
The person who is humble
will be made great.'**

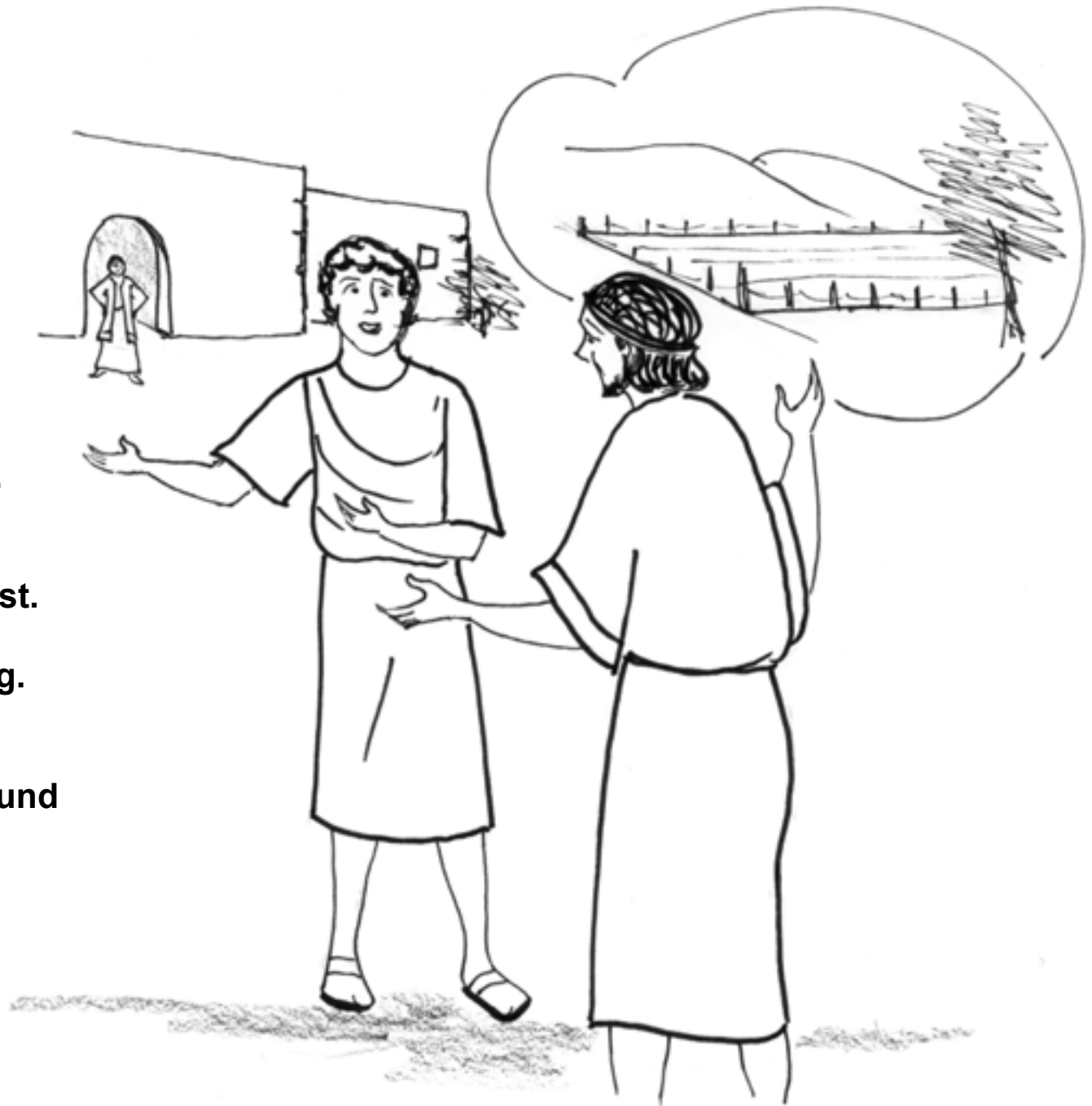
**Jesus also said,
'When you have a party,
don't just invite those
who will invite you back.
Include those
who can't invite you.
Live for what God will give you
when He takes you to heaven.'**



Then Jesus told this story:

**A man made a big feast
and he invited lots of people.
When everything was ready,
he sent his servant
to bring the guests to his feast.
All of them
had an excuse for not coming.**

**One man said,
'I have bought a piece of ground
and I must go and see it.
Please excuse me.'**



**Another man said,
'I have bought a pair of bullocks
and I'm going to try them.
Please excuse me.'**

**A third man said,
'I have just got married.
I cannot come.'**



**The servant went home
and told his master saying,
'None of your guests can come.
All of them want to be excused.'**

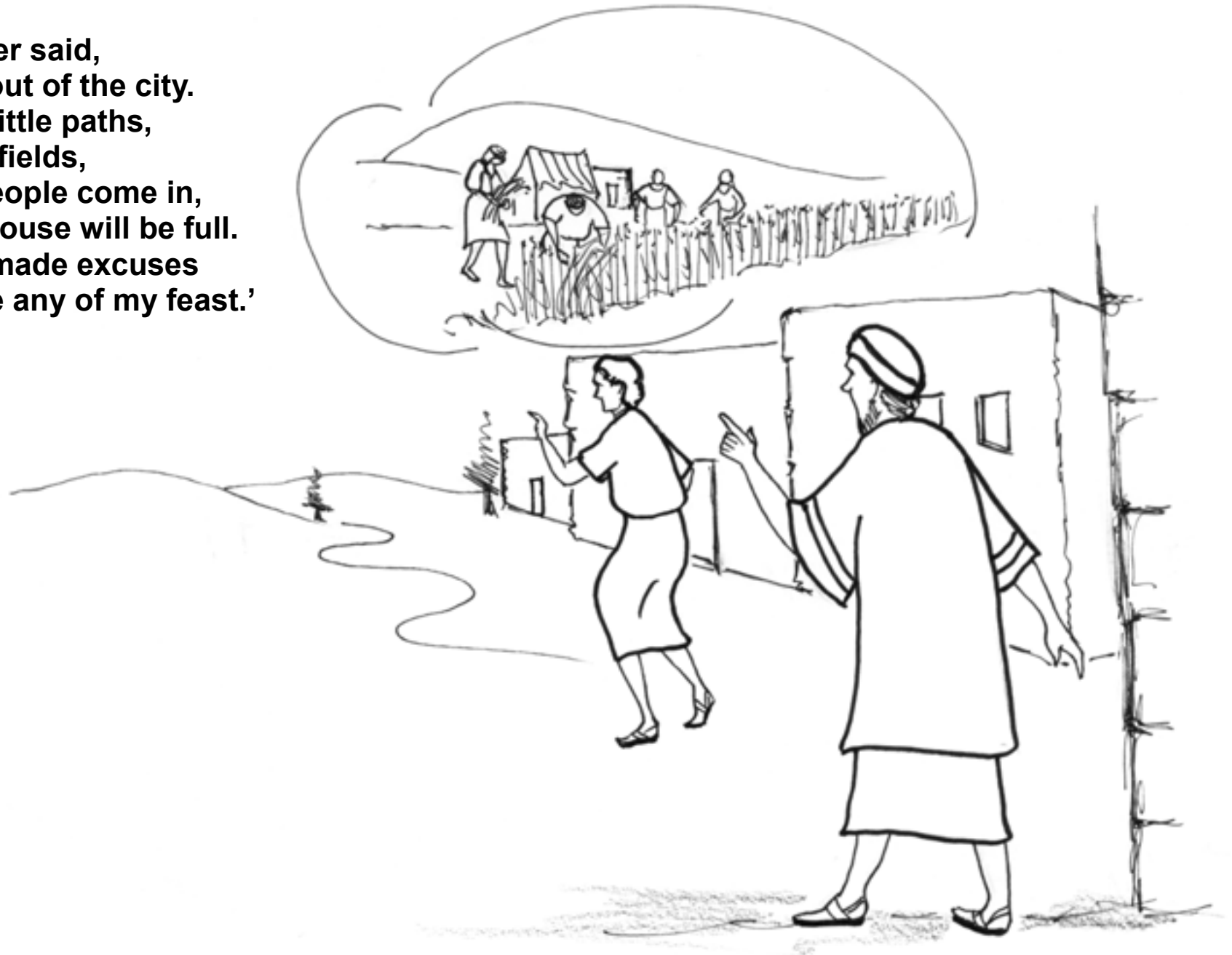
**The master was very angry.
He said to his servant,
'My feast is ready.
Go out into the streets.
Find the poor,
the lame and the blind people.
Bring them in.'**





**The servant went out
and brought lots of people
back to the feast.
However, there was still
room for more people.'**

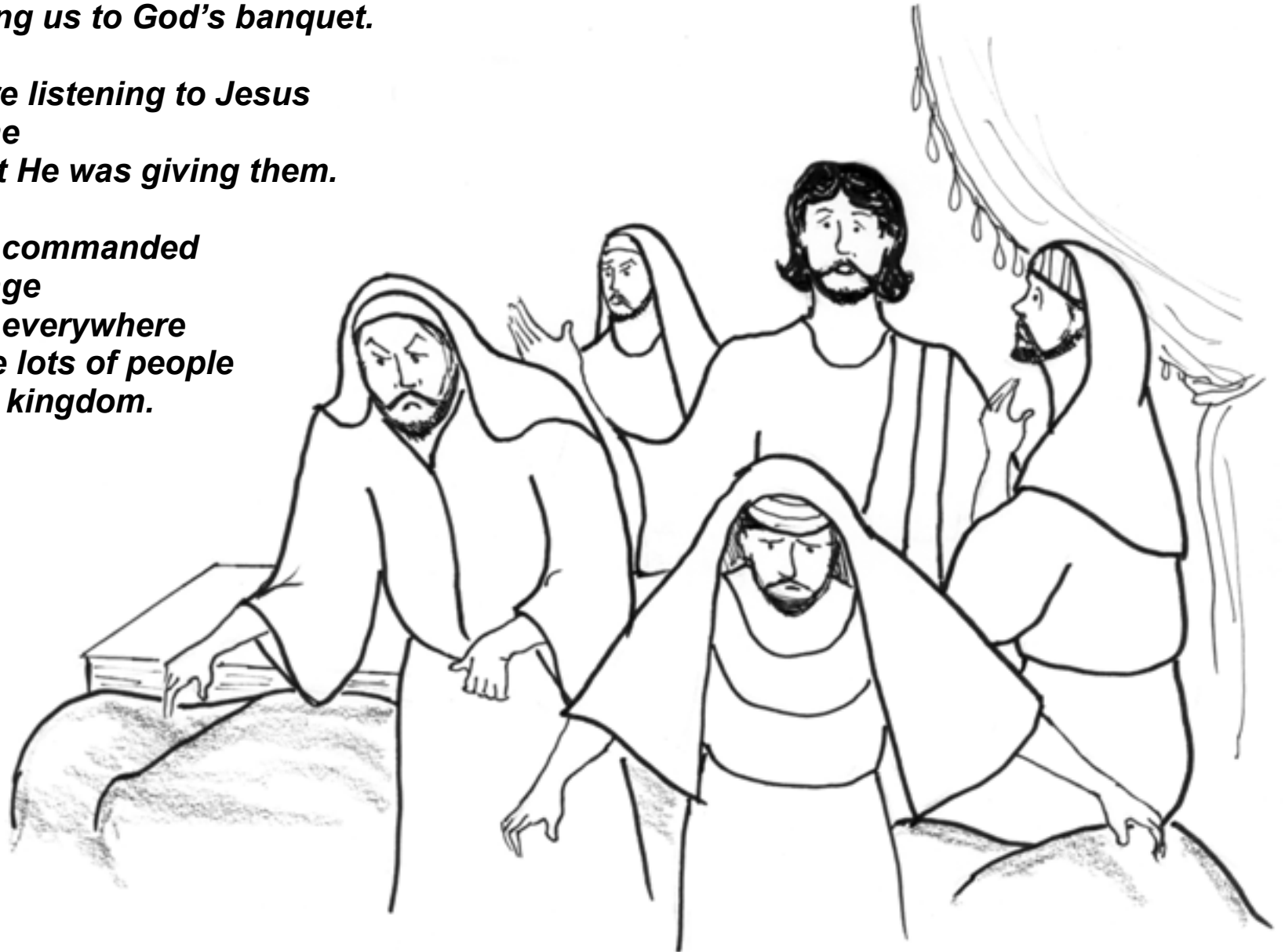
**So the master said,
'Go further out of the city.
Go into the little paths,
through the fields,
and make people come in,
so that my house will be full.
Those who made excuses
will not taste any of my feast.'**



***The invitation has gone out to everyone
to believe in Jesus Christ,
and He will bring us to God's banquet.***

***Some who were listening to Jesus
would not come
and enjoy what He was giving them.***

***But Jesus has commanded
that His message
be announced everywhere
so there will be lots of people
in His Father's kingdom.***



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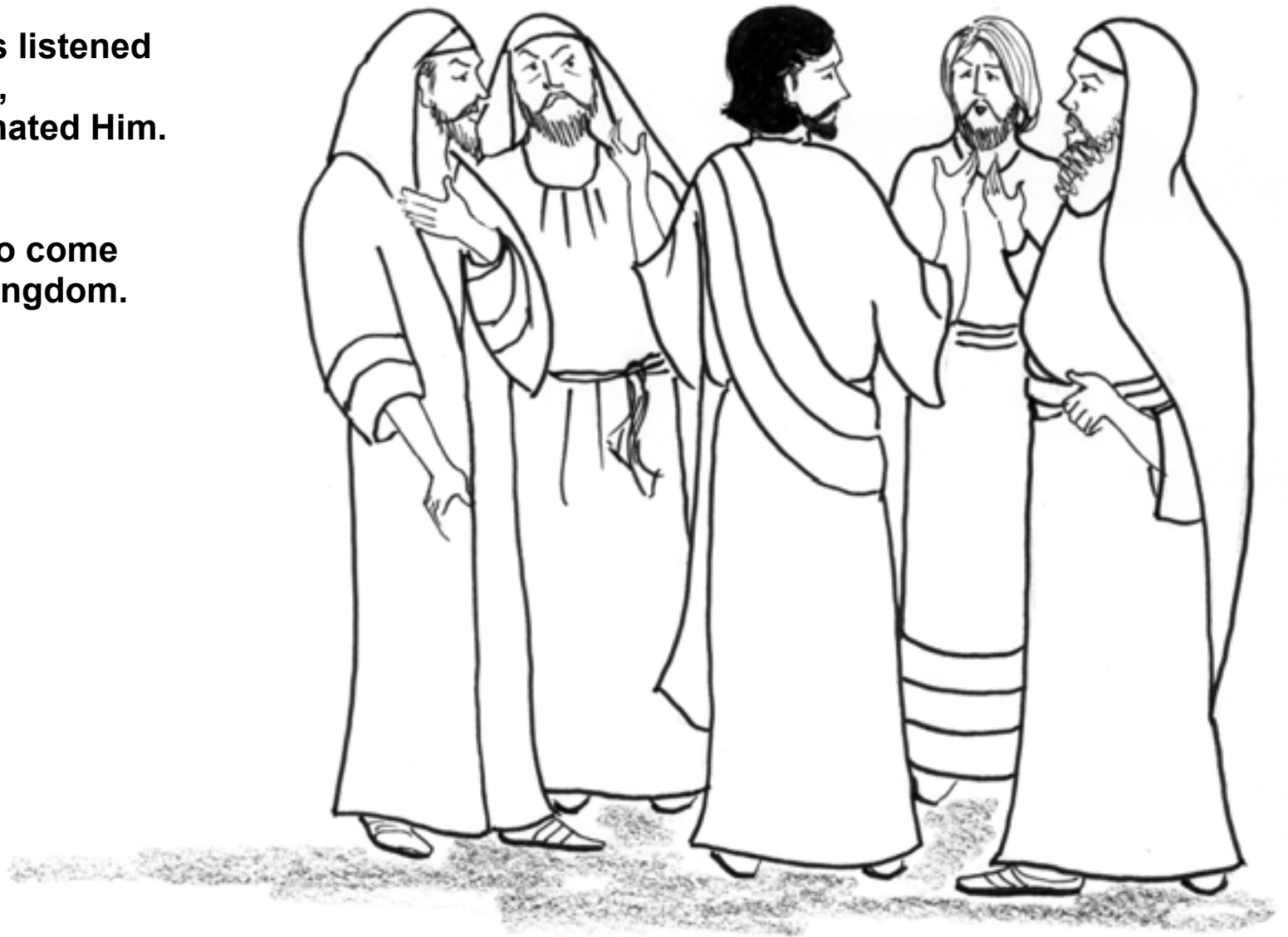
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LUKE 16:19–31
THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS
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**The Jewish leaders listened
to what Jesus said,
even though they hated Him.**

**Jesus loved them
and wanted them to come
into His Father's kingdom.**

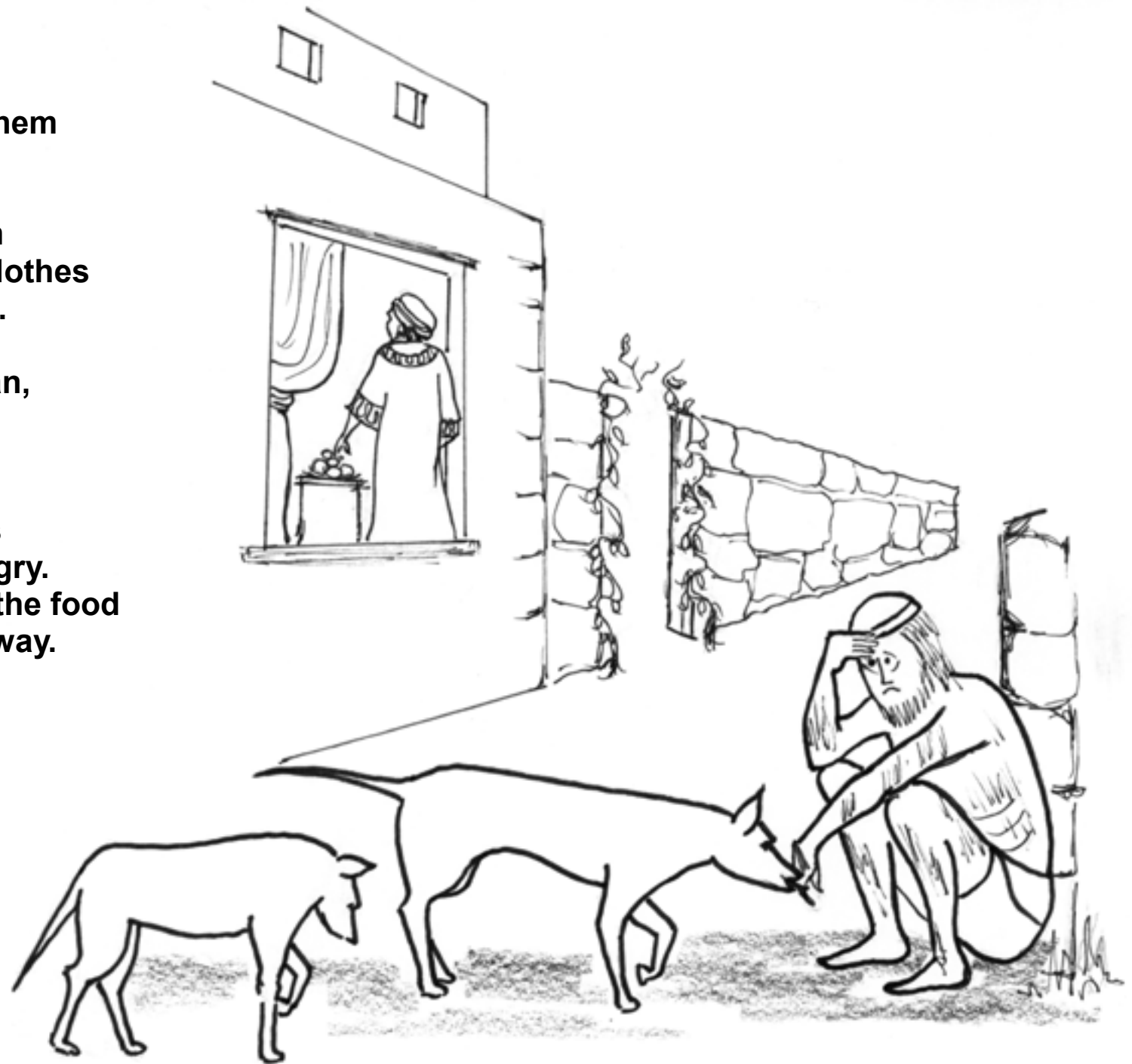


**One day Jesus told them
this story:**

**There was a rich man
who wore beautiful clothes
and had plenty to eat.
At his gate
sat a poor beggar man,
called Lazarus.**

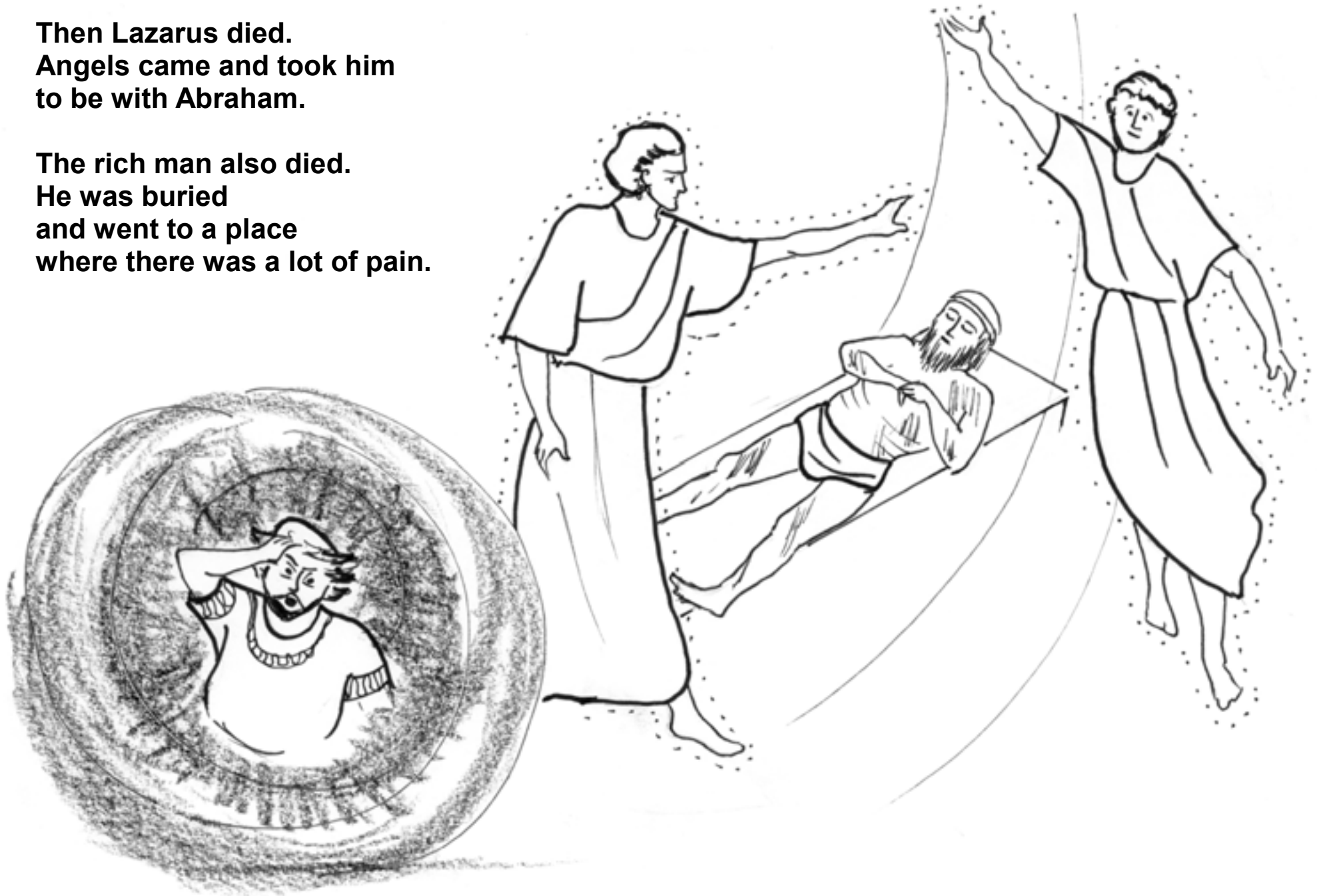
**Lazarus's body
was covered in sores
and he was very hungry.
He would have liked the food
the rich man threw away.
But the rich man
ignored him.**

**Only stray dogs
befriended Lazarus
and they would
lick his sores.**



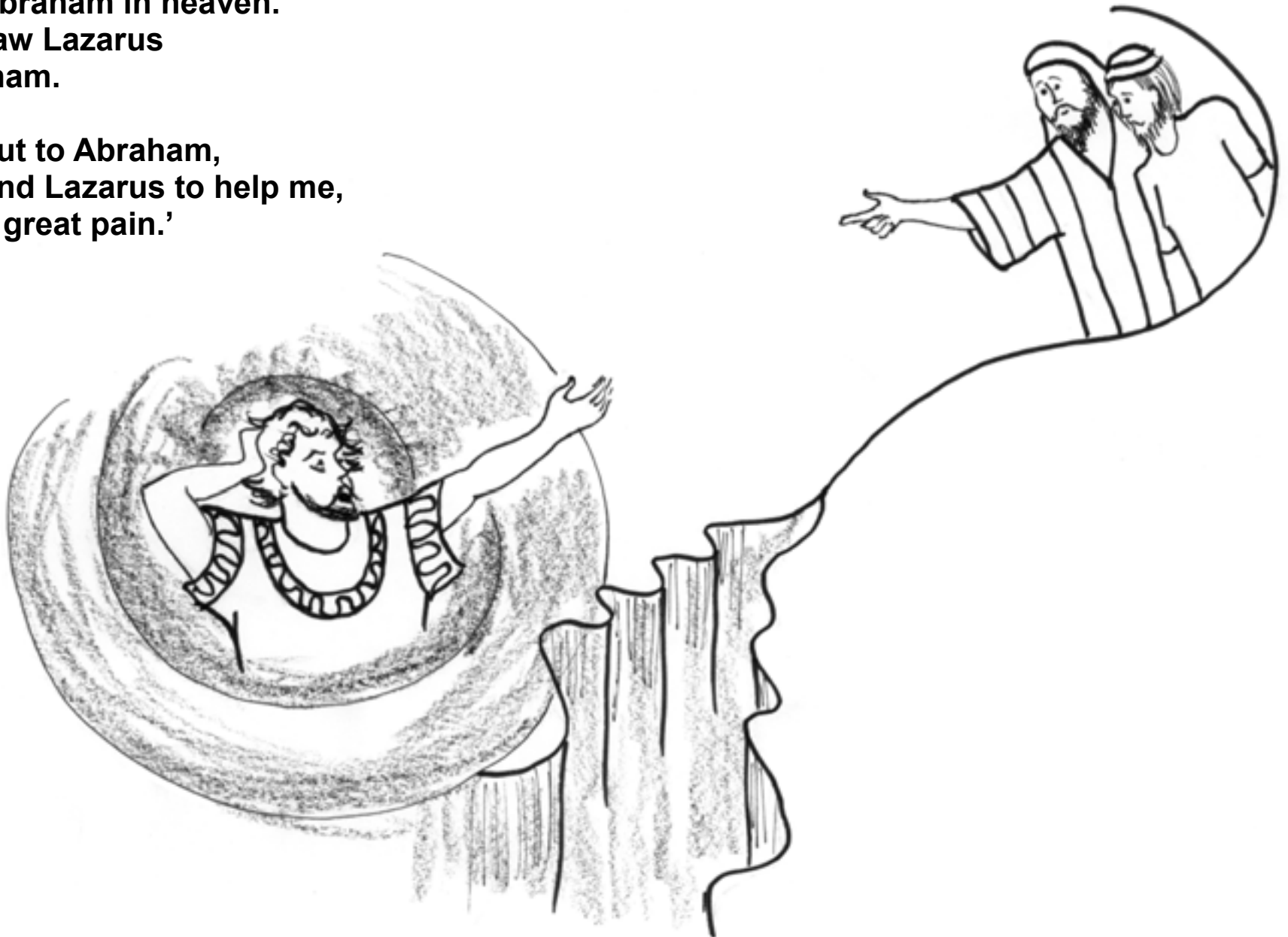
**Then Lazarus died.
Angels came and took him
to be with Abraham.**

**The rich man also died.
He was buried
and went to a place
where there was a lot of pain.**



**The rich man looked up
and saw Abraham in heaven.
Then he saw Lazarus
with Abraham.**

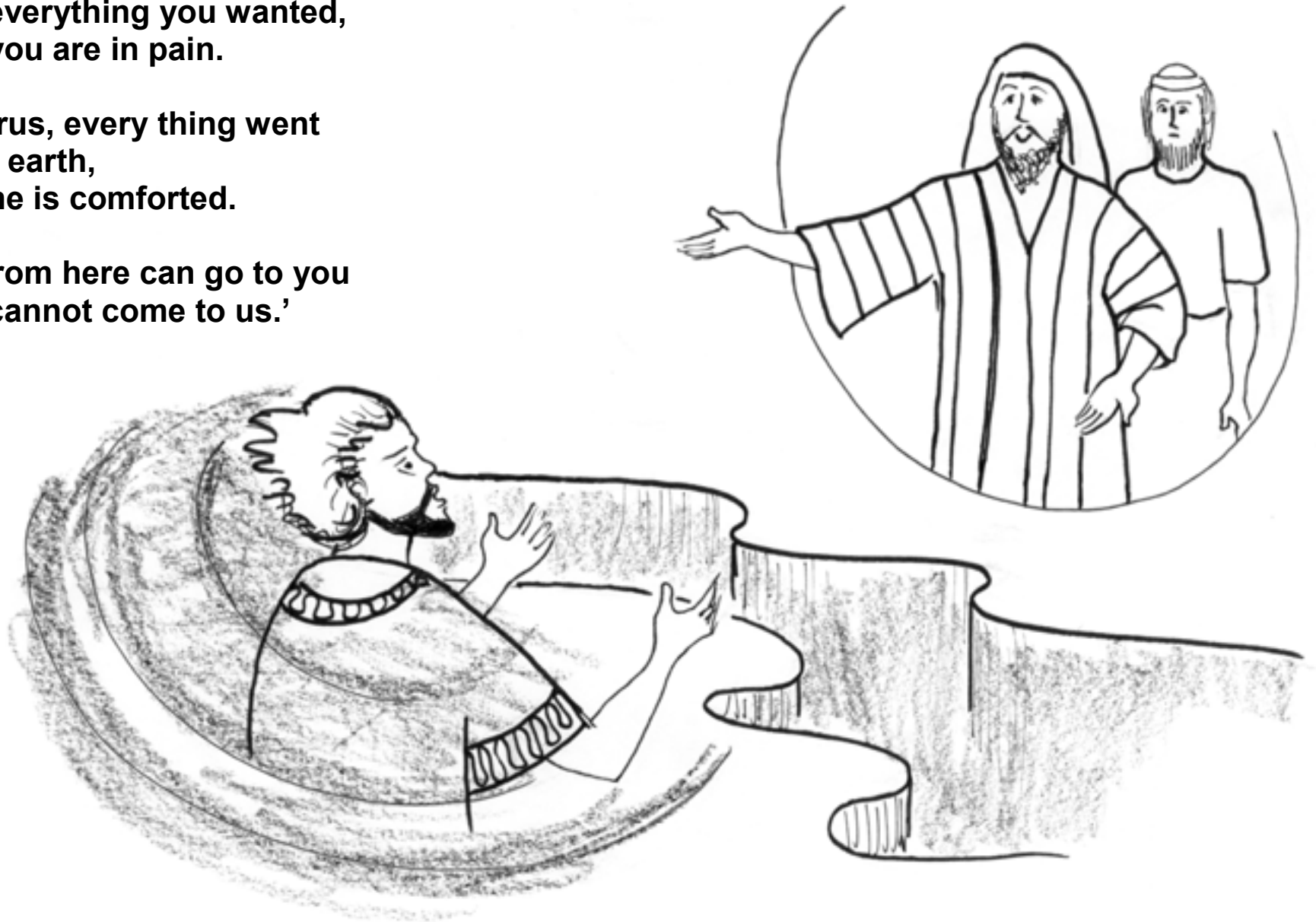
**He cried out to Abraham,
'Please send Lazarus to help me,
for I am in great pain.'**



**Abraham said,
'When you lived on earth
you had everything you wanted,
but now you are in pain.'**

**'For Lazarus, every thing went
wrong on earth,
but now he is comforted.'**

**'No one from here can go to you
and you cannot come to us.'**

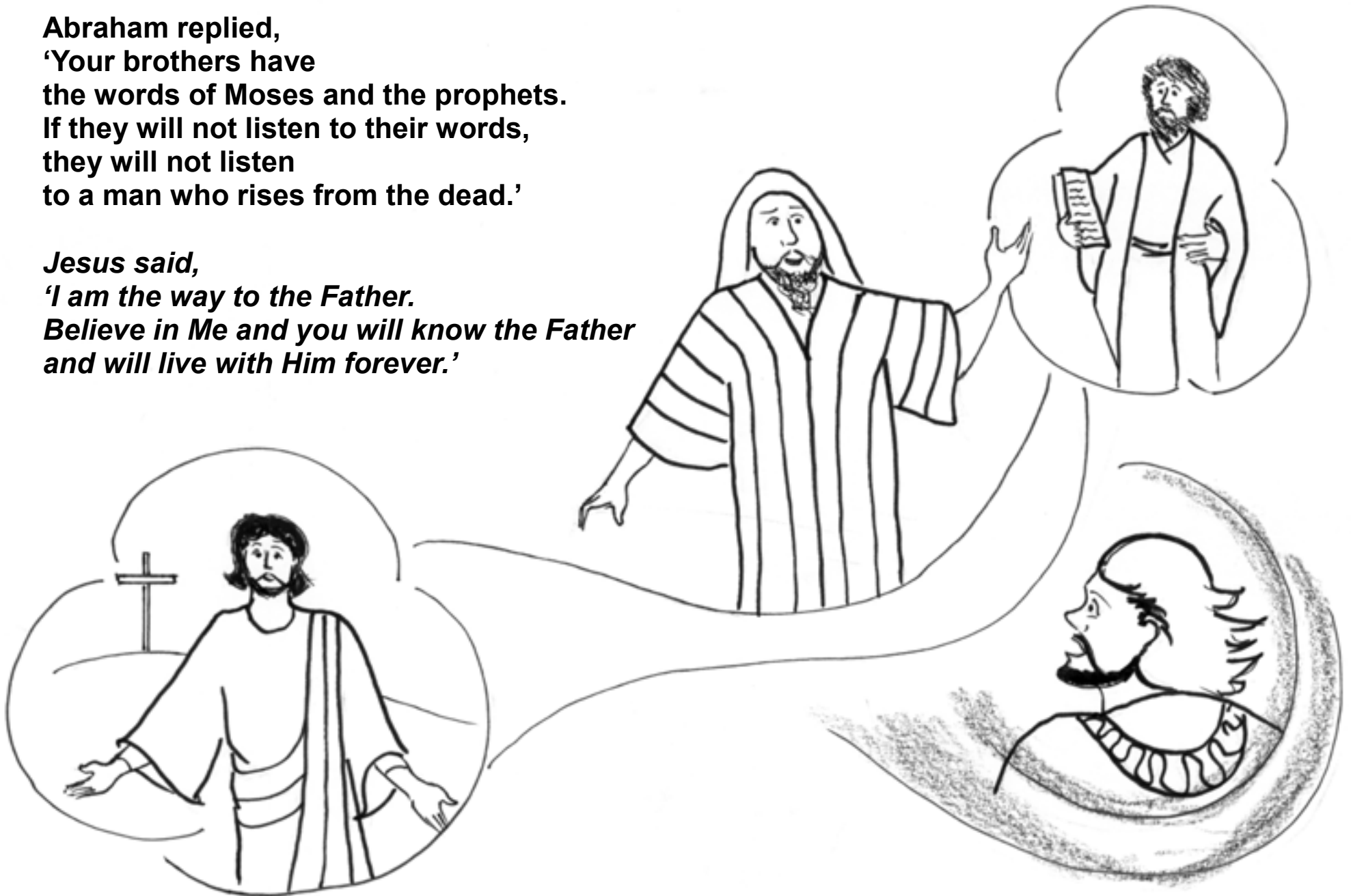


**'Well,' cried the rich man,
'I have five brothers on earth.
Please send Lazarus
to tell them what it is like here.'**



**Abraham replied,
'Your brothers have
the words of Moses and the prophets.
If they will not listen to their words,
they will not listen
to a man who rises from the dead.'**

***Jesus said,
'I am the way to the Father.
Believe in Me and you will know the Father
and will live with Him forever.'***



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LUKE 17:11-19

THE TEN LEPERS

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**A group of ten men,
who were sick with leprosy,
heard that Jesus was coming.**

**They couldn't go near anyone
because their skin
was covered with sores,
and no one was allowed
to go near them.**



**Jesus was on His way to the village
and the lepers came as close as they could.**

**As Jesus walked by, they called out,
'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'**

**Jesus heard them and said,
'Go and show yourselves
to the priests.'**



**They obeyed Him
and went to the priests.**

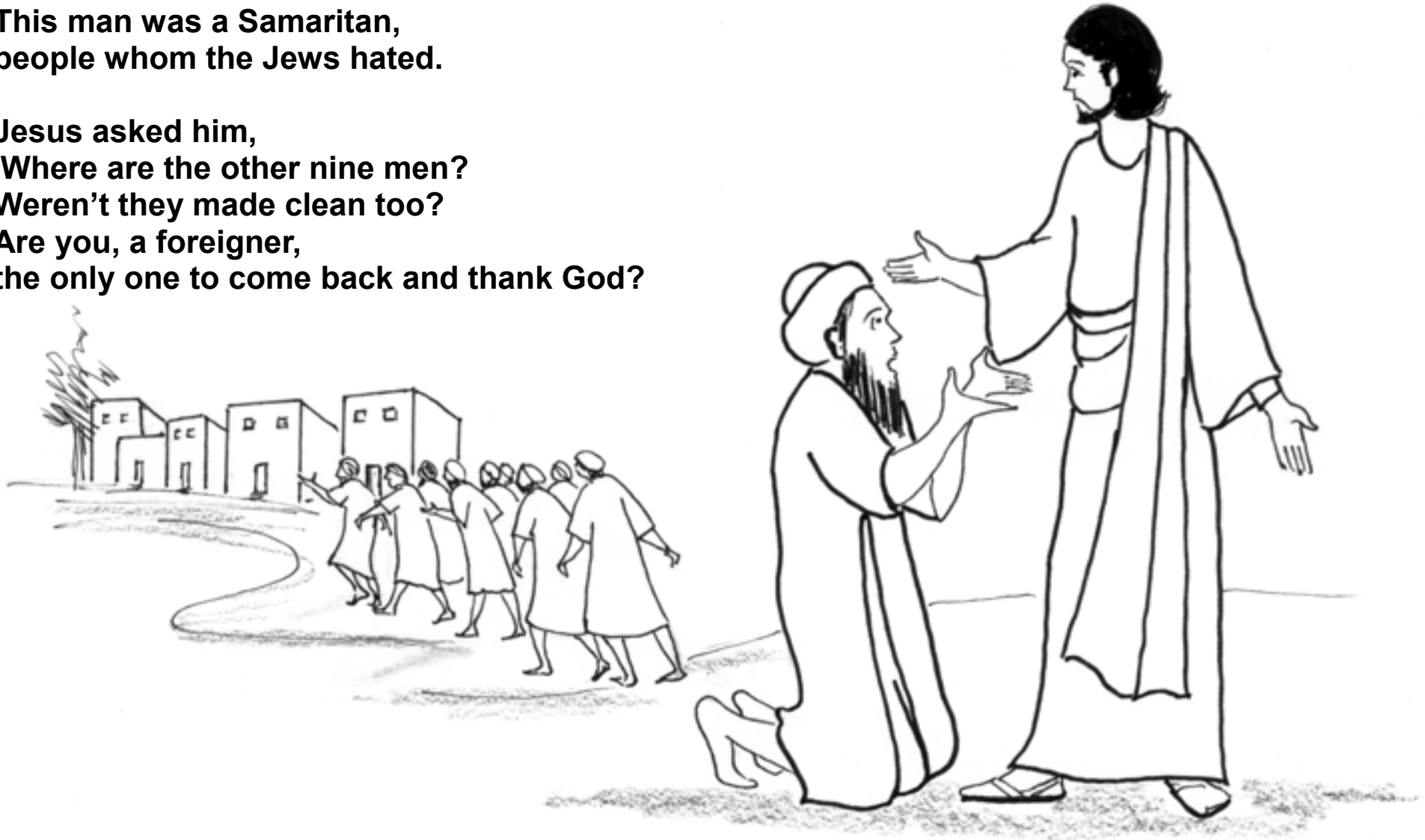
**As they were going
they were made clean.
One of them looked
and saw that his sores were gone.**



**He began praising God
and went straight back to Jesus.
He fell at his feet and thanked Him.**

**This man was a Samaritan,
people whom the Jews hated.**

**Jesus asked him,
'Where are the other nine men?
Weren't they made clean too?
Are you, a foreigner,
the only one to come back and thank God?**



**‘Stand up.
Go on your way.
Your faith has made you well.’**

***God gives good gifts all the time.
He wants us to receive His gifts
and be thankful.
This is the way we come
to know Him personally.***



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LUKE 19:1-10
ZACCHEUS WELCOMES JESUS
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**Jesus was going
through Jericho
on His way to Jerusalem.**

**A man called Zaccheus
lived there.
He collected taxes
and was very rich.**

**He got rich by
making people pay more tax
than they needed to.
He kept the extra money
for himself.**



**One day Zaccheus
saw a crowd
coming down the road.**

Jesus was there.

**Zaccheus was very short
but he wanted to see Him.
So, he ran on ahead
and climbed
a sycamore tree.**



**Jesus stopped
at the sycamore tree,
looked up and saw Zaccheus.**

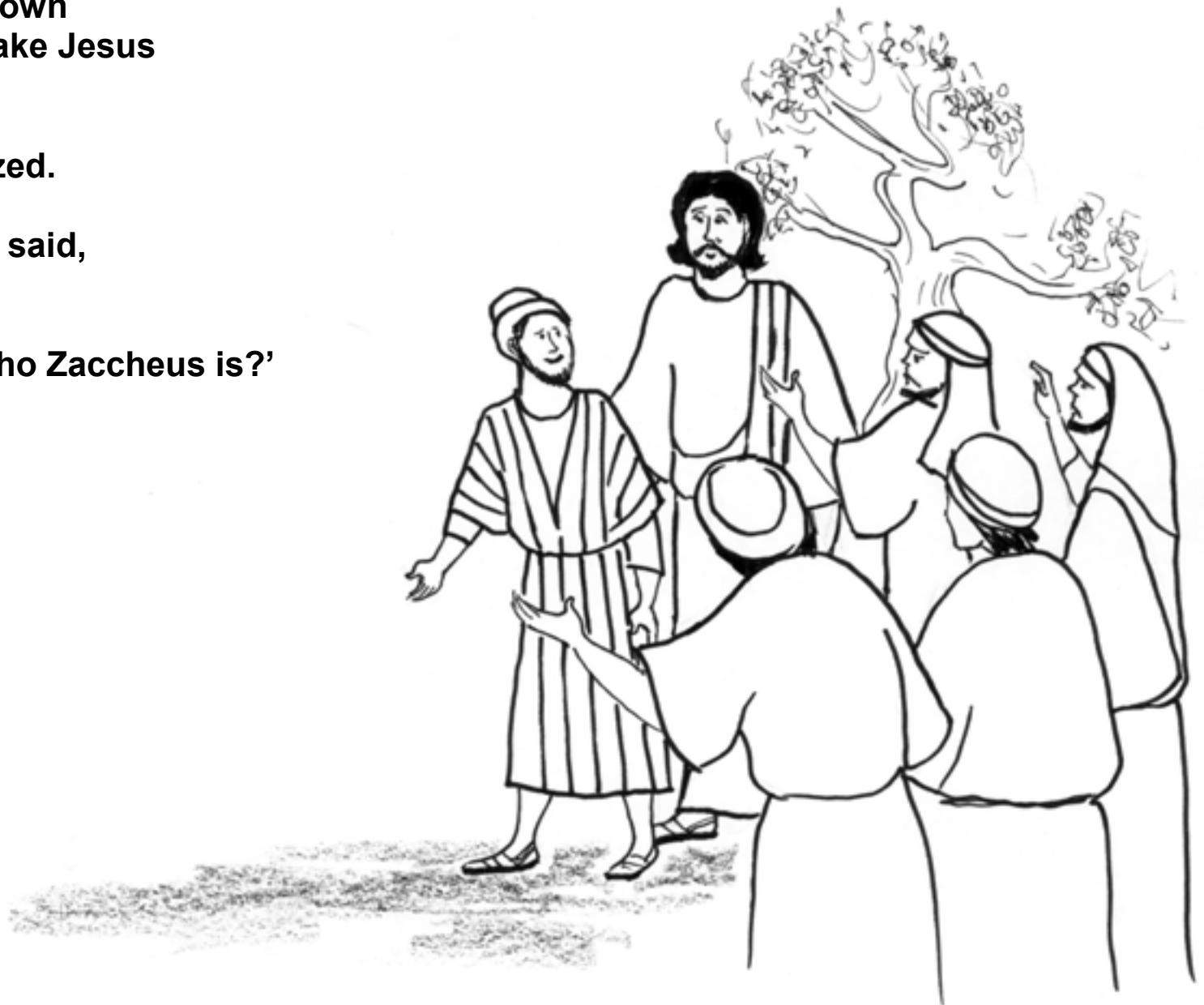
**He said,
'Zaccheus, get down.
Today I must come
to your house.'**



**Zaccheus hurried down
and was happy to take Jesus
to his home.**

Everyone was amazed.

**They grumbled and said,
'Jesus is going
home with a sinner.
Doesn't He know who Zaccheus is?'**



**Now at Zaccheus's house,
Zaccheus said to Jesus,
'I have done wrong
and will give half my money
to the poor.
Those whom I have cheated,
I will pay back four times more.'**

**Jesus said,
'Salvation has come
to this house today,
because you are
a son of Abraham.**

**'This is why I have come,
to look for those
who are lost
and to save them.'**



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MARK 10:46–52
Luke 18:35–43
BLIND BARTIMAEUS
File no. 148

Bartimaeus
lived in Jericho.

Every day he sat by the road
begging for money,
because he was blind.



**On this particular day
he heard a crowd coming and asked,
'What is happening?'**

**Someone said,
'Jesus of Nazareth is coming.'**



**Bartimaeus started calling out,
'Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!
Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!'**

**'Shhh! Be quiet,'
people said to him.**

**But he shouted all the more
saying,
'Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!'**



**Jesus stopped near him
and heard him calling.**

**He said,
'Tell the man
to come to Me.'**

**'Jesus wants to see you,'
called someone
in the crowd.**

**The man jumped up,
threw off his coat
and came to Jesus.**



**Jesus asked him,
'What do you want Me to do for you?'**

**'Teacher, I want to see again,'
answered Bartimaeus.**

**'Go,' said Jesus,
'Your faith has made you well.'**



**Bartimaeus was very thankful
and followed Jesus
all the way to Jerusalem.**



It was wonderful deeds like this that made people follow Jesus.

***When Jesus came to Jerusalem, many people sang,
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'***



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LUKE 19:11–27
(Matthew 25:14–30)
TRADING FOR THE KING
(*Parable of the pounds*)
File no. 149

Jesus told many stories
about his Father's kingdom.
Here is one of them.

An important man
had to go away
to be made king.

Before he left,
he said to his ten servants,
'Here is some money.
Work with it
while I am away.'



**After a long time
he came back to his people.
He was now their king.**

**He called in his ten servants
and asked,
What did you do
with the money I gave you?**

**The first servant said,
'I made ten times
more money for you.'**

**The king said,
'Well done, good servant.
You could be trusted
with the little bit of
money I gave you.
In my kingdom
you will be trusted
to look after ten cities.'**



**The second servant came
and said,
'With the money you gave me,
I made five times more for you.'**

**The king said,
'Well done, good servant.
You could be trusted
with the little bit of money
I gave you.
In my kingdom
you will be trusted
to look after five cities.'**



**Then another servant came
and said,
'Here is your money.
I wrapped it up and hid it.
I was afraid of you,
and thought that I
couldn't please you
because you are a hard man.'**

**The king said,
'If you knew I was like this,
why didn't you put
the money in the bank?
At least I would have got
some interest.'**



**The king said to those watching on,
'Take this man's money
and give it to the man
who made ten times his money.'**

**The servants answered,
'He already has lots of money.'**

**The king said,
'Everyone who uses
what he has been given,
will get more.
Those who do not use
what they have,
will lose the bit they have.'**



***Jesus is that man
who went away.
He has gone to heaven
and is with His Father.
He has been made King
over all people.***

***He has given us His word.
One day He will come back
to receive those
who have loved
and served Him.***

