

Bible Stories for Young Children

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AN ANGEL OPENS PRISON DOORS

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ACTS 5:12-42

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**The apostles went about
telling everyone
of God's wonderful kingdom.**

**The Holy Spirit
had given them
the power to do this
and also to heal.**

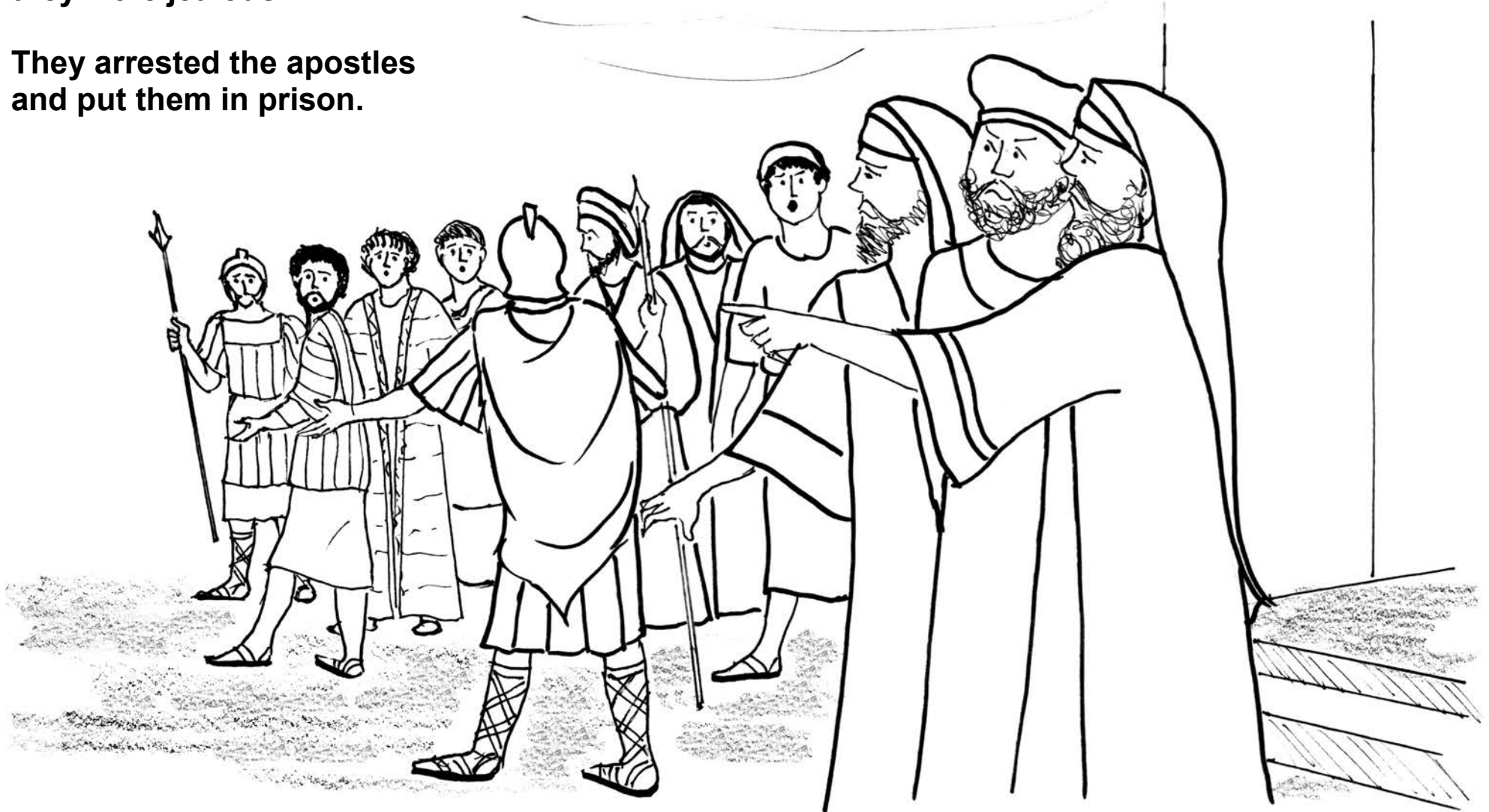
**People from other towns
heard that the sick were being
healed and they also came.**

**The church was living
in God's presence.**



**When the High Priest and his friends
saw that many people were believing
in the Lord Jesus Christ
they were jealous.**

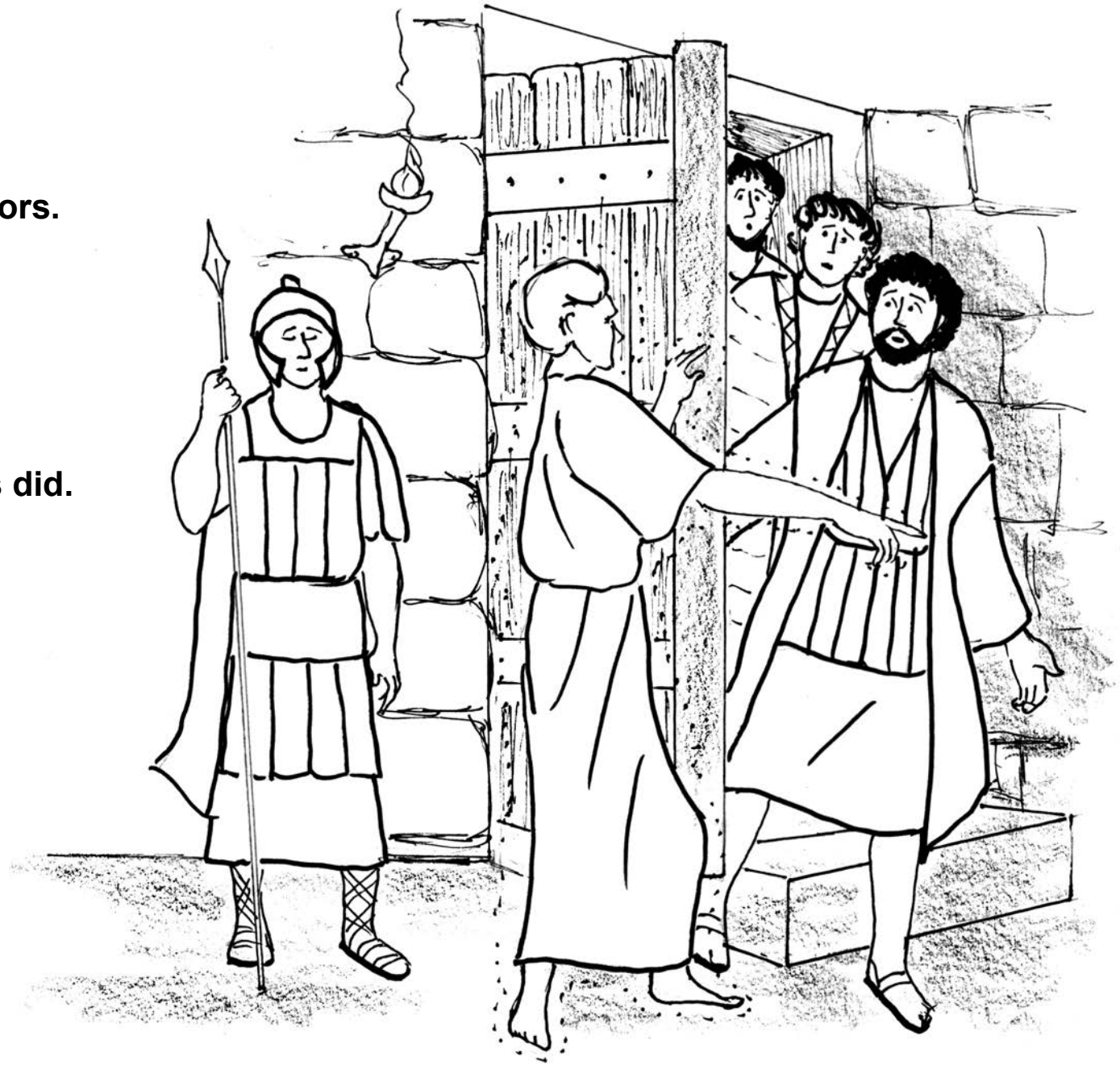
**They arrested the apostles
and put them in prison.**



**That night,
God sent an angel to
the apostles in prison.**

**He opened the prison doors.
He took the apostles out
and said to them,
'Go back to the temple
and tell the people
about this new life.'**

That is what the apostles did.



**In the morning,
the High Priest
called for a meeting
and wanted the prisoners
to be brought in.**

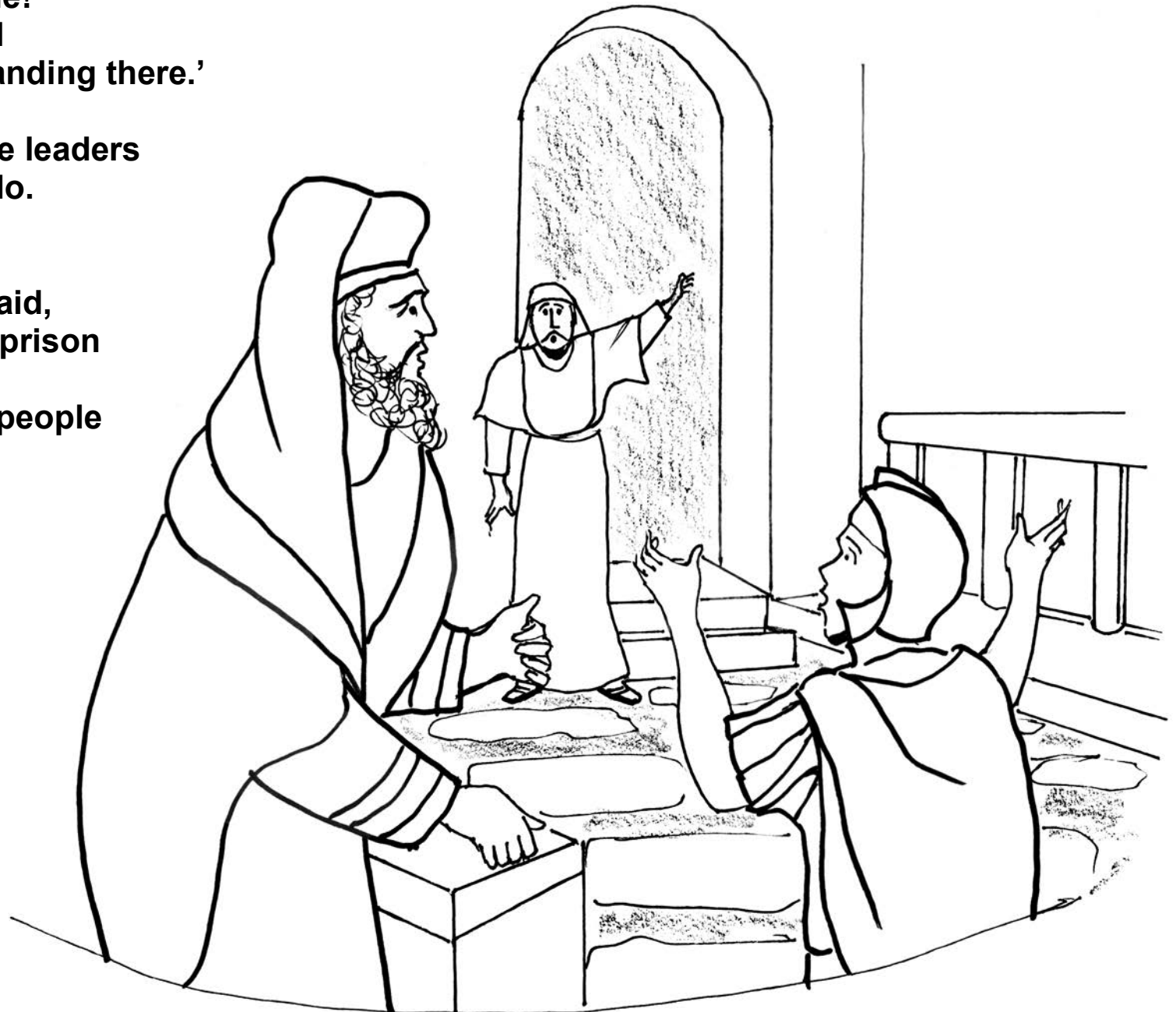
**However,
when the temple police
got to the prison,
they found that the
apostles had gone.**



**They hurried back to the High Priest and said,
'The prisoners are gone!
The doors were locked
and the guards still standing there.'**

**The High Priest and the leaders
did not know what to do.**

**Then someone
came rushing in and said,
'The men you put into prison
are in the temple.
They are teaching the people
about Jesus!'**

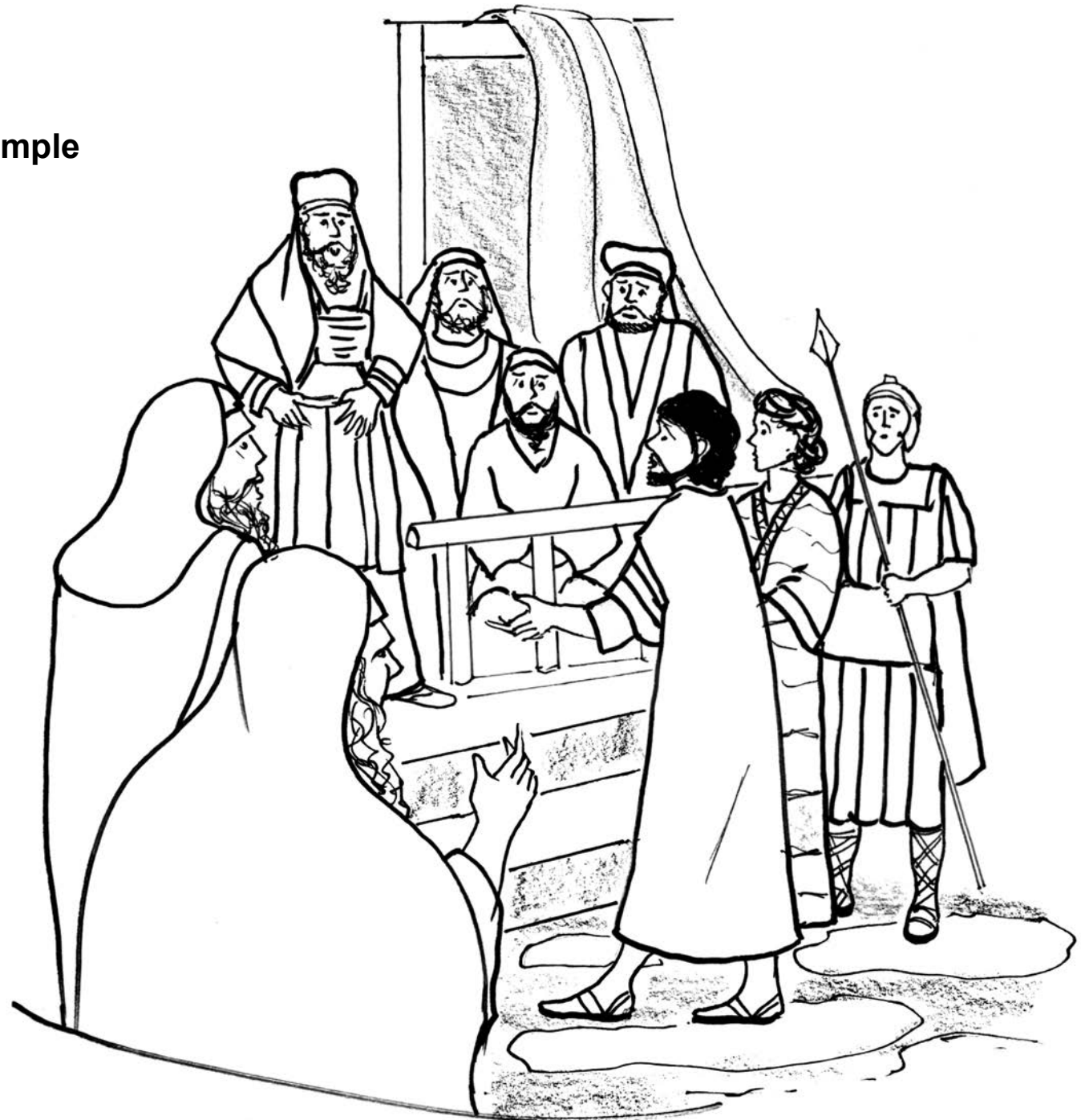


The Captain and his men brought the apostles from the temple and made them stand before the Jewish leaders.

**The High Priest said to them,
'We told you not to teach about Jesus.
You are turning the people against us.'**

**Peter answered,
'We must obey God.
God raised Jesus from death!
This is the One,
that you killed on the cross.
He is now sitting with God
in Heaven so that all
can have their sins forgiven.'**

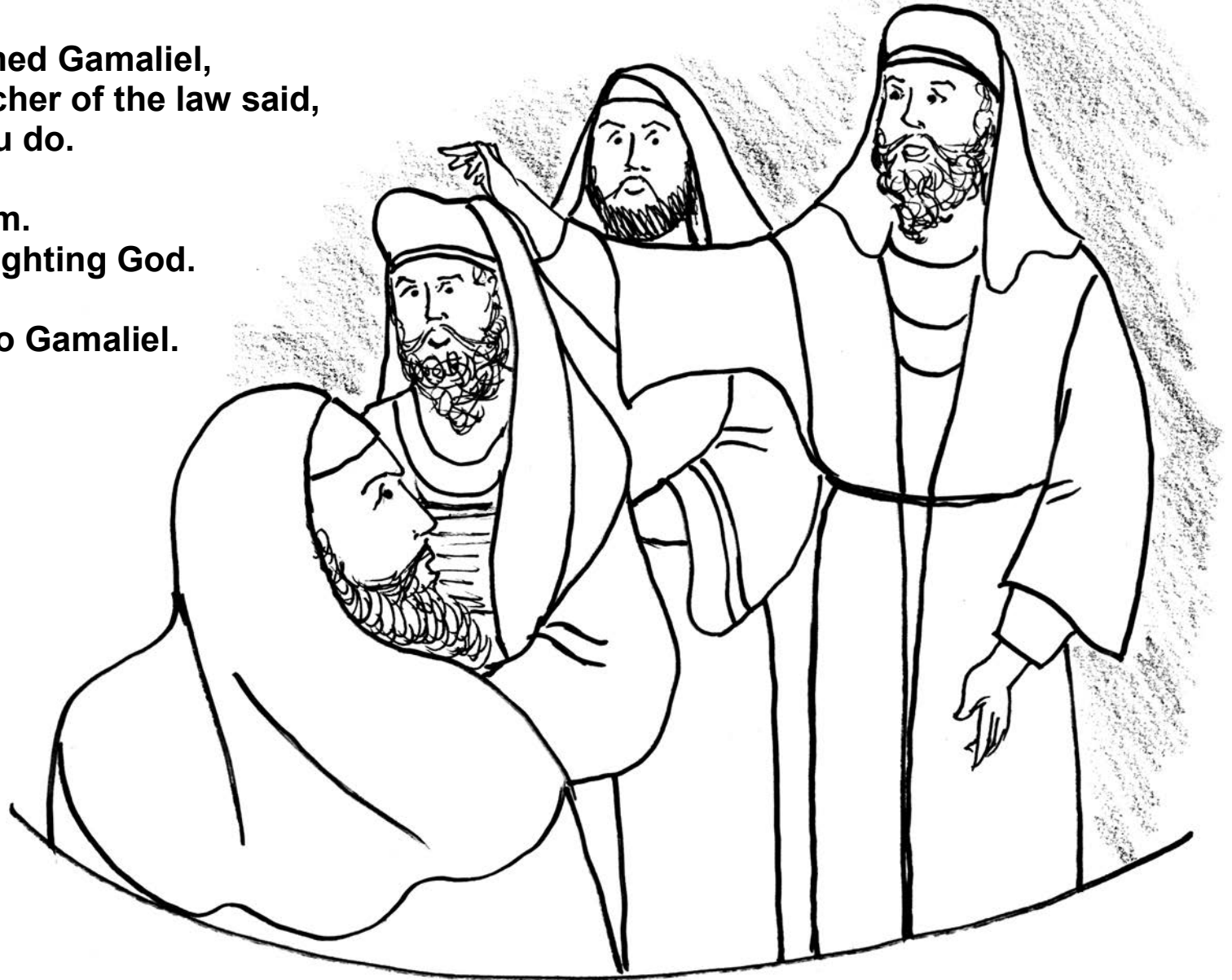
**'The Holy Spirit has shown us
that these things are true.
Also, to all who obey Jesus,
God has given His Spirit.'**



**When the Jewish leaders heard this
they were so angry
that they wanted to kill the apostles.**

**But a Pharisee, named Gamaliel,
who also was a teacher of the law said,
'Be careful what you do.
If this is from God
we cannot stop them.
We might even be fighting God.'**

Everyone listened to Gamaliel.



**They beat the apostles
and let them go saying,
'Do not speak in the
name of Jesus again.'**

**The apostles were full of joy
because they knew
they belonged to the Lord.
And they were not afraid
to tell everyone that
Jesus is the Christ.**



