

Bible Stories for Young Children

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PHILIP AND AN EVIL MAGICIAN

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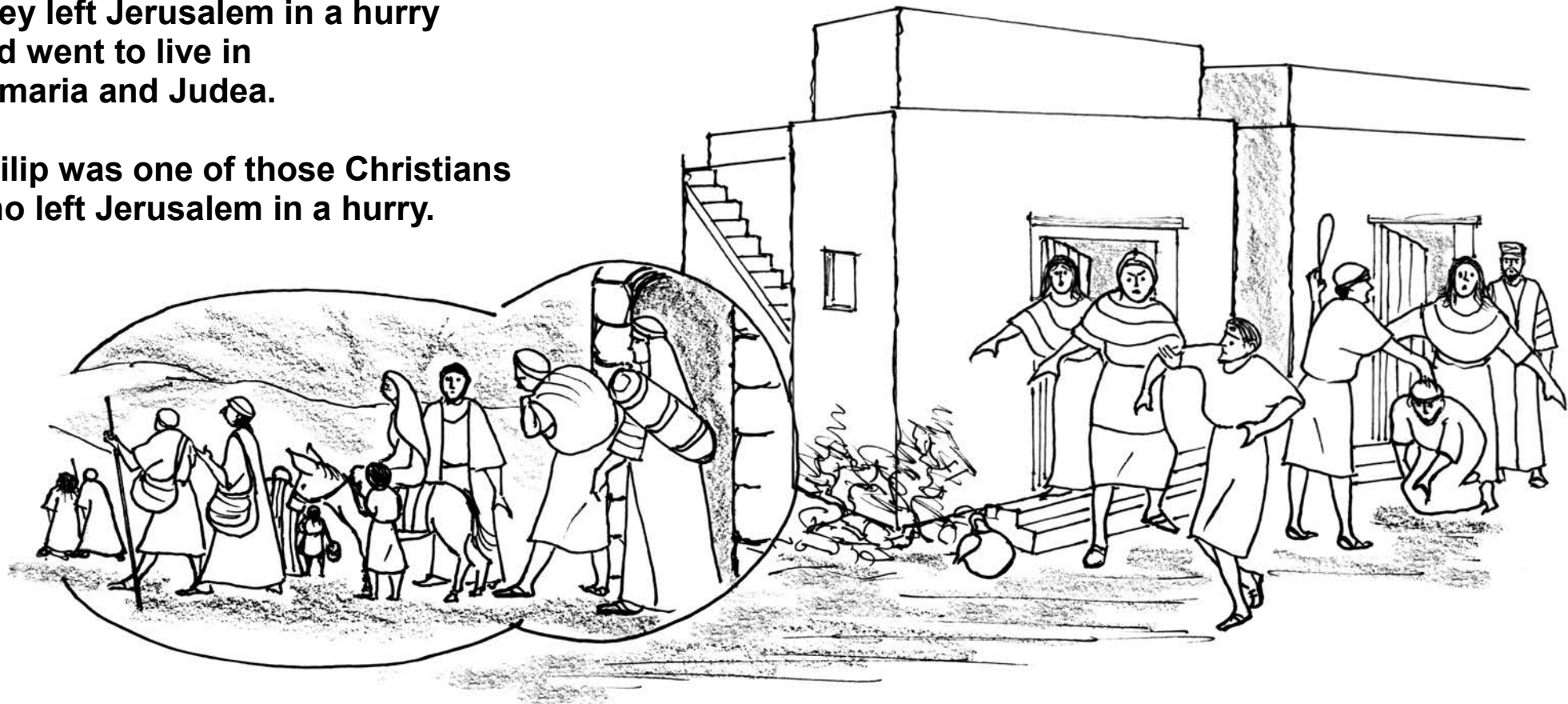
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ACTS 8:1-25
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**Saul was going into homes,
getting the Christians
and putting them into prison.**

**The Christians became afraid of Saul.
They left Jerusalem in a hurry
and went to live in
Samaria and Judea.**

**Philip was one of those Christians
who left Jerusalem in a hurry.**

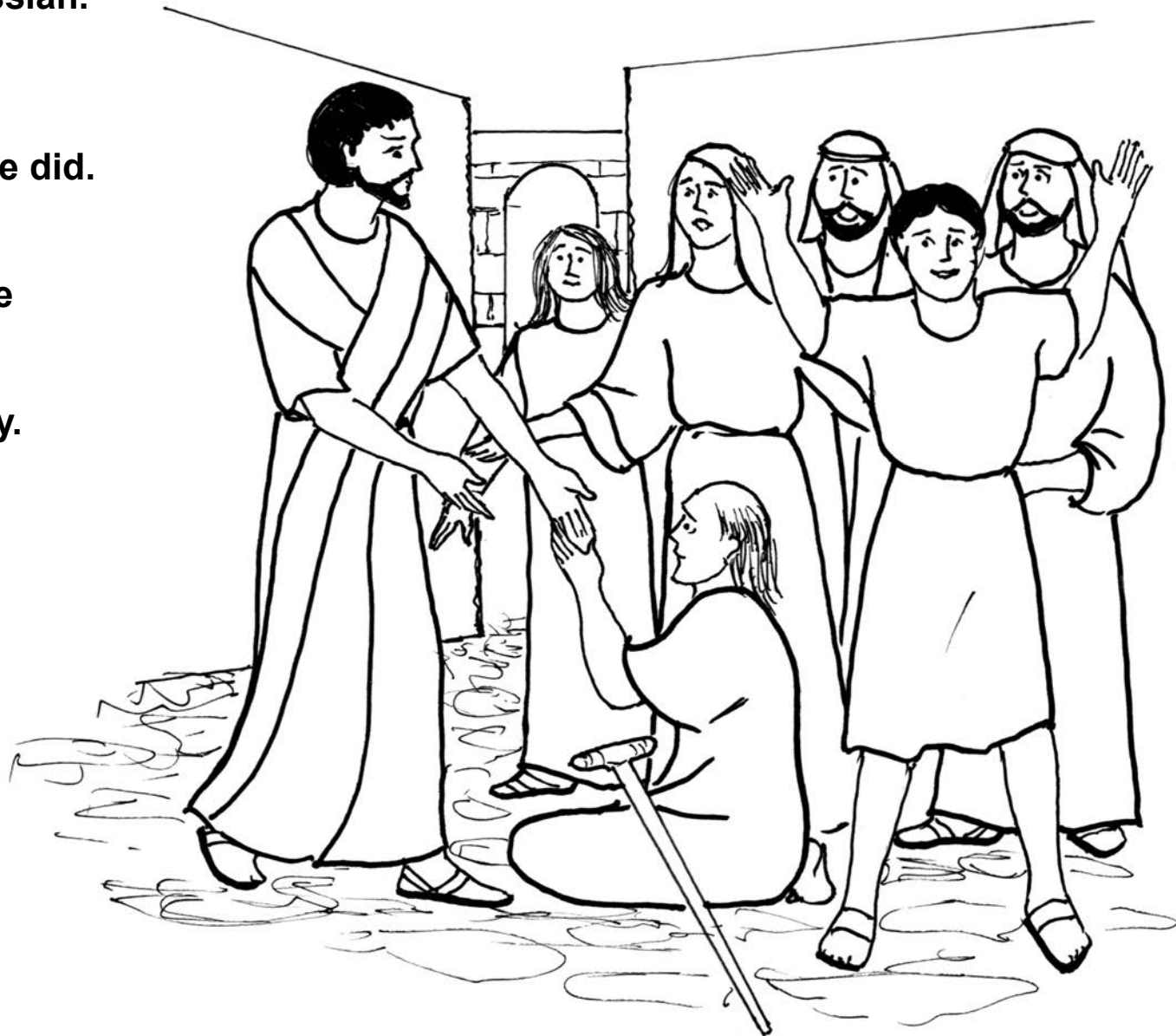


**Philip, now living in Samaria,
went on telling everyone
that Jesus was the Messiah.**

**People listened
to what he had to say
and saw the miracles he did.**

**The lame were healed
and the evil spirits were
commanded to leave.**

Everyone was full of joy.



**One of those people
who listened to Philip was Simon.
He used to do magic.
Everyone used to listen to him
and they thought he had
the power of God.**

**But now everyone was
listening to Philip
tell about the good news
of God's kingdom
and of Jesus Christ.**

**Lots of people
were believing in Jesus
and were baptised.
Simon also believed
and he was baptised.**

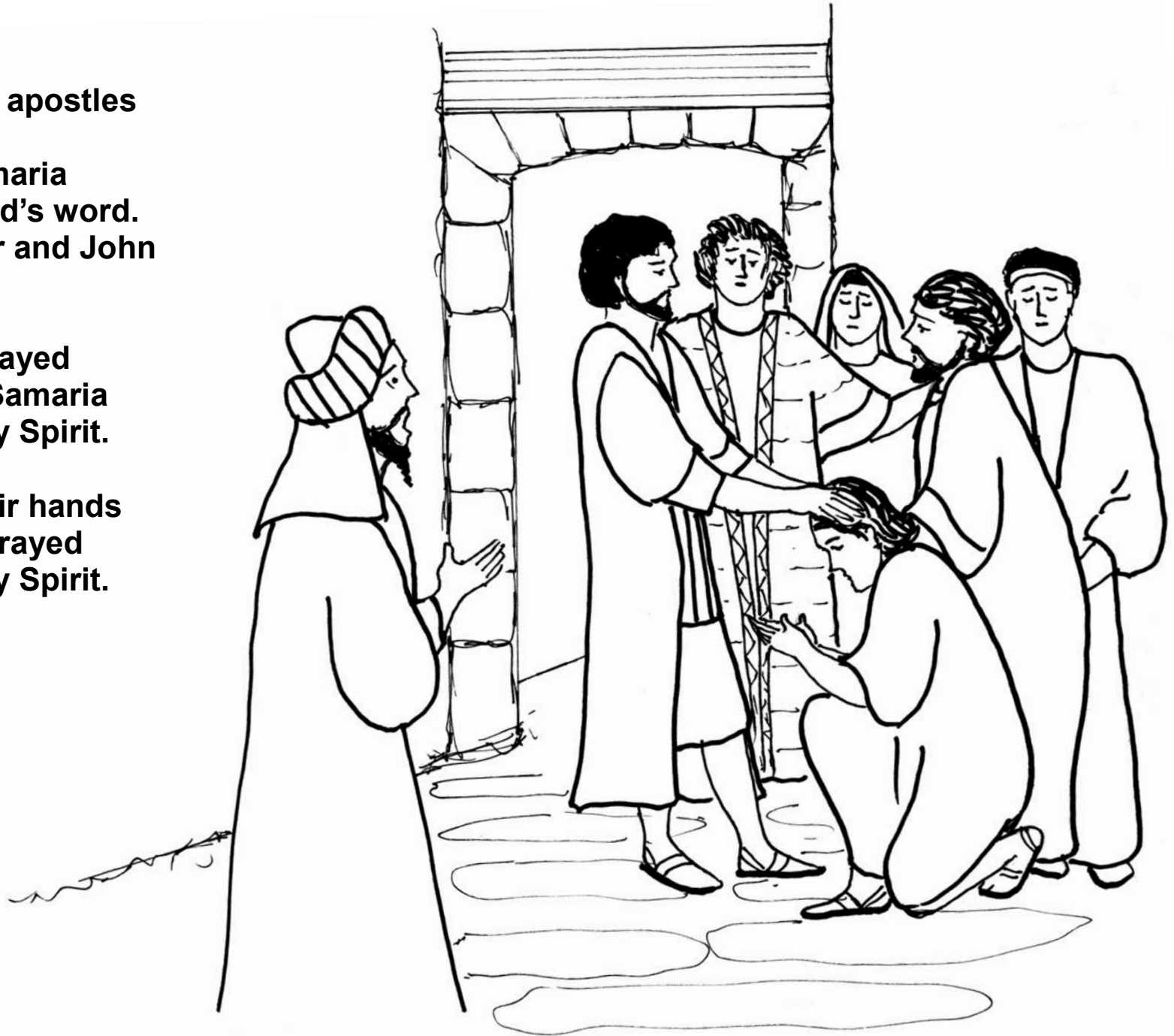
**He stayed close to Philip
and watched him
do the miracles.**



**News reached the apostles
in Jerusalem
that people in Samaria
were believing God's word.
So they sent Peter and John
to them.**

**Peter and John prayed
for the people in Samaria
to receive the Holy Spirit.**

**Then they laid their hands
on them as they prayed
to receive the Holy Spirit.**



**Simon was watching.
He was amazed.
He wanted this power.**

**He said to Peter and John,
'Here is some money.
Give me this power.
Then I can also lay my hands
on people and give them
the Holy Spirit.'**

**Peter looked at him
and said,
'Let your money die with you.
You thought you could buy
God's gift?
You cannot be a part
of this work.
Your heart is not right
before God.
Ask God to forgive you.
Pray to the Lord.'**

**Simon answered,
'Pray for me to the Lord.
Pray that what you have said
will not happen to me.'**



**After this Peter and John
left Philip and the believers
and went back to Jerusalem.**

**On their way home
they visited
other Samaritan villages
and told the people there
the good news of
Jesus Christ, the Messiah.**

