

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***ESCAPE FROM DAMASCUS***

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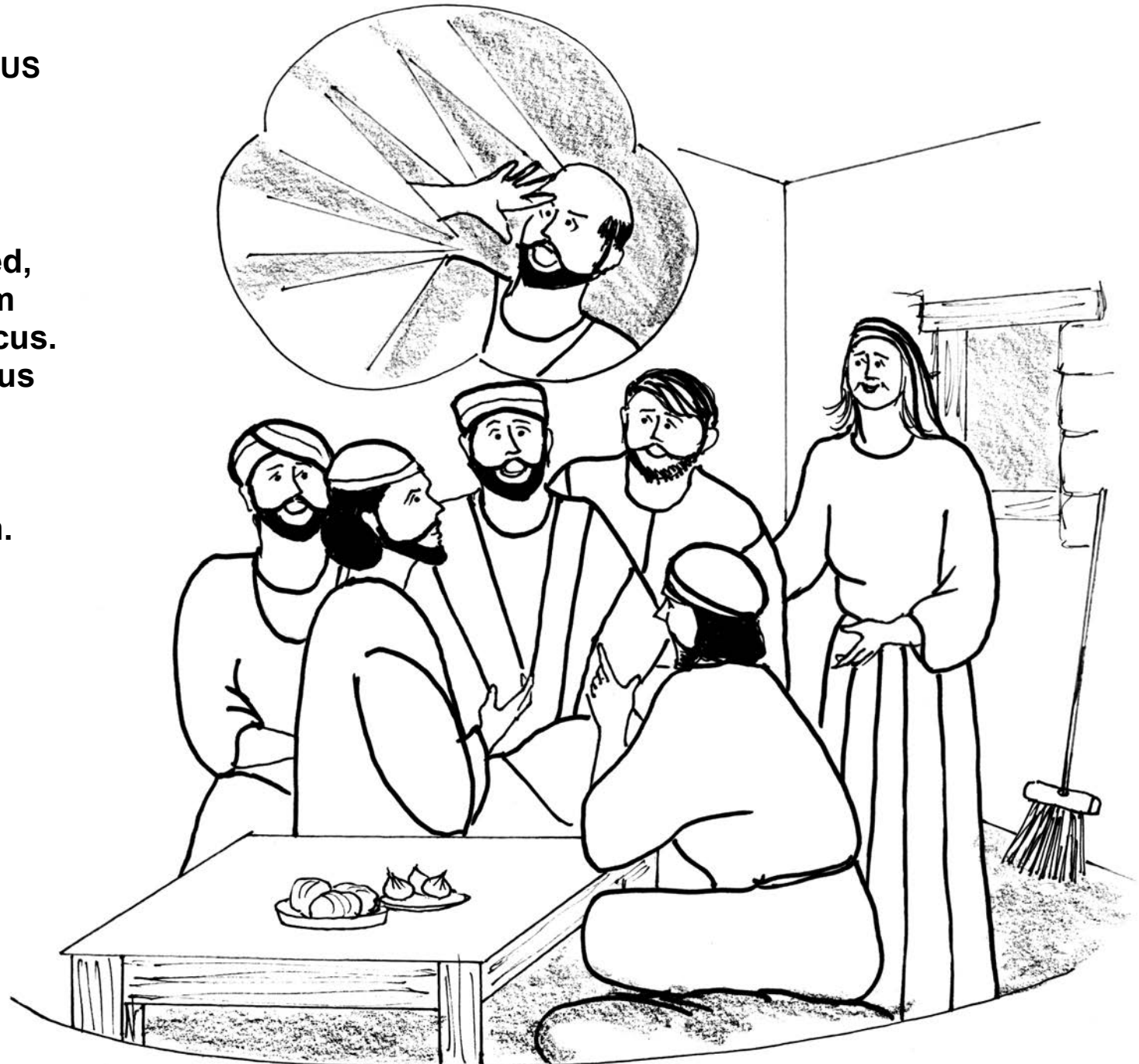
Galatians 1:15–18

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**Saul's life was changed,  
when the Lord met him  
on the road to Damascus.  
He now knew that Jesus  
was the Son of God.**

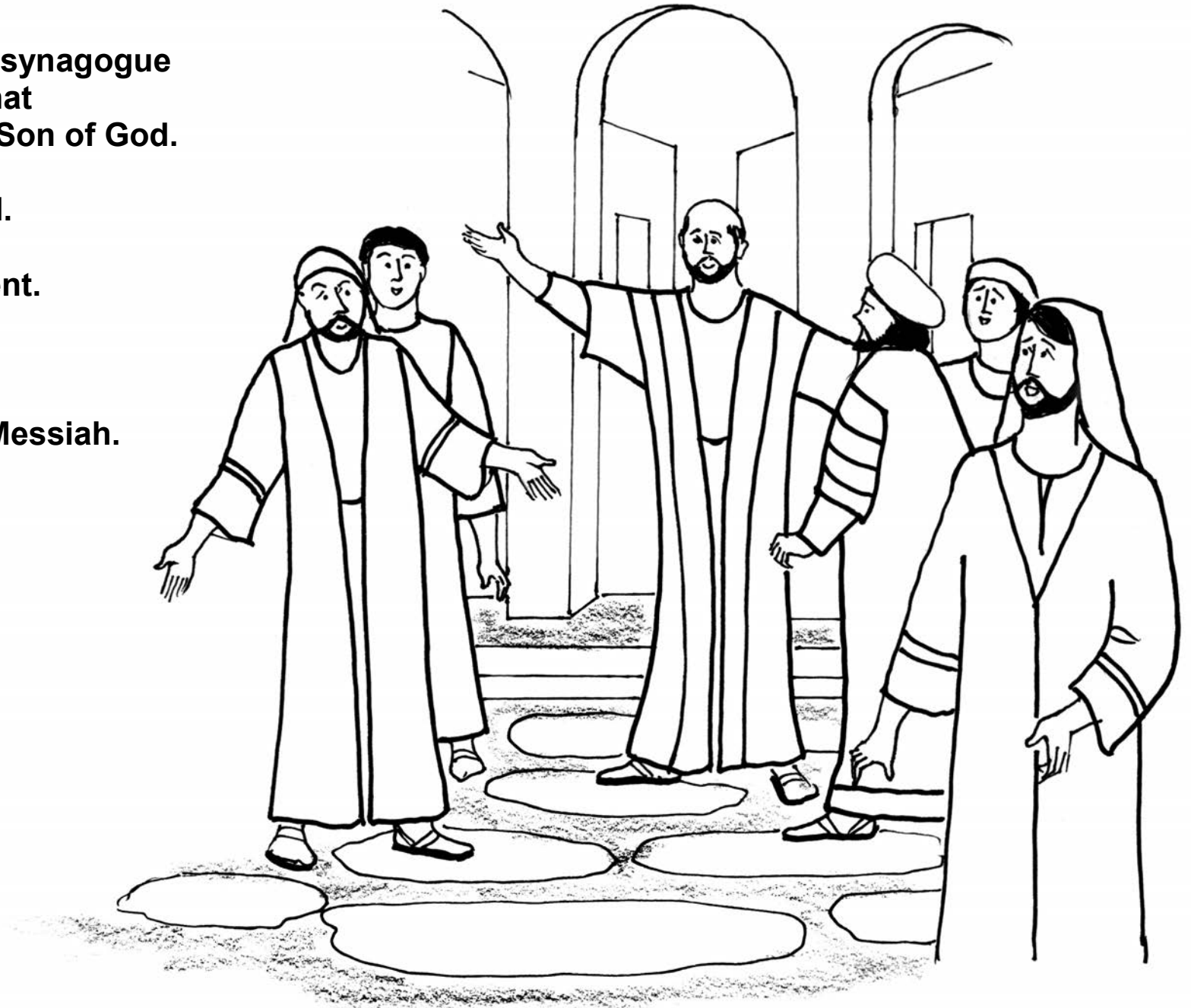
**Saul stopped putting  
the believers in prison.  
Instead he stayed  
with them  
for several days.**



**Then he went to the synagogue  
and told everyone that  
Jesus truly was the Son of God.**

**People were amazed.  
Then they realised  
that Saul was different.**

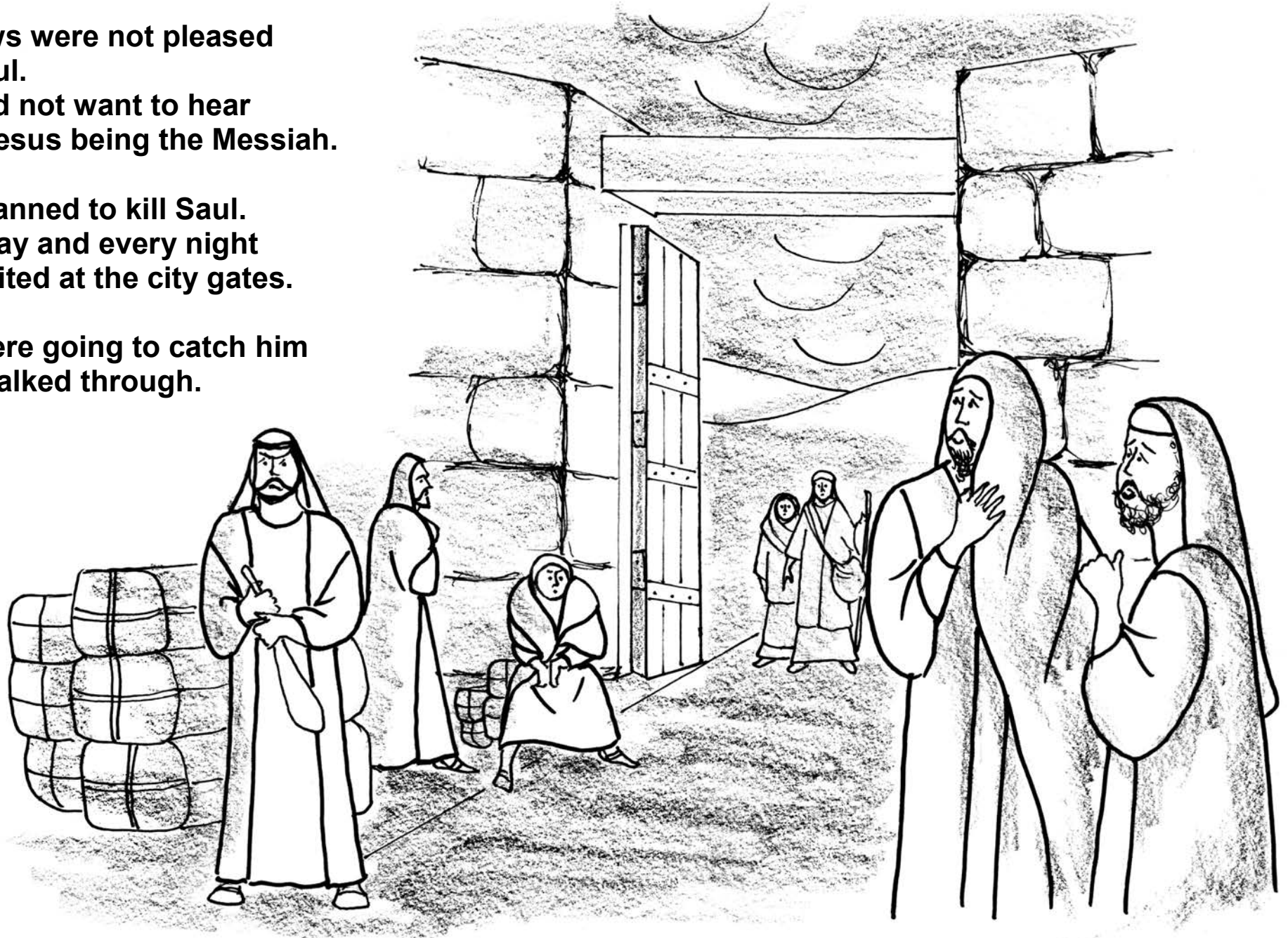
**From the scriptures  
he showed the Jews  
that Jesus was the Messiah.**



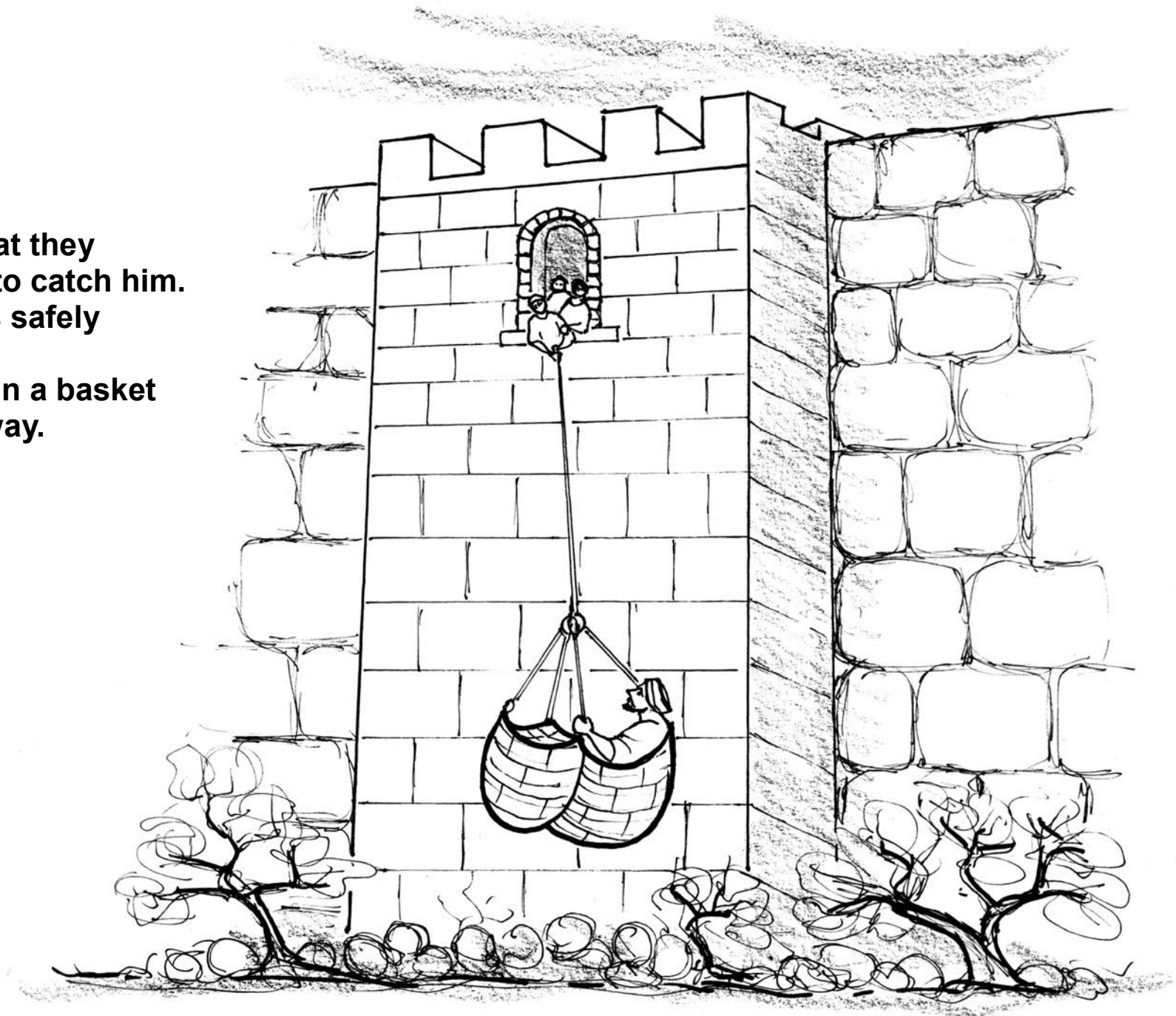
**The Jews were not pleased with Saul.  
They did not want to hear about Jesus being the Messiah.**

**They planned to kill Saul.  
Every day and every night they waited at the city gates.**

**They were going to catch him as he walked through.**



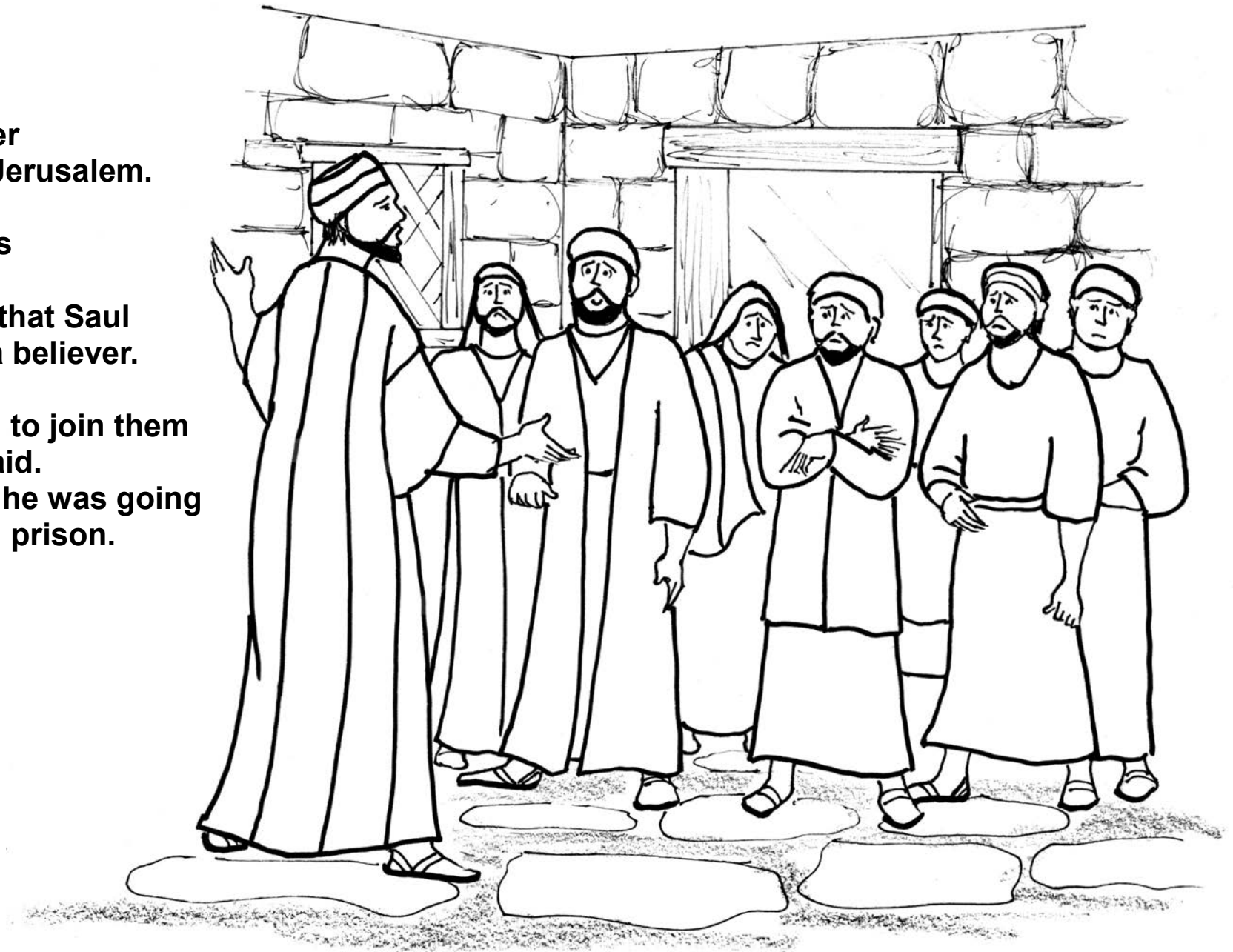
**Saul heard that they  
were waiting to catch him.  
So his friends safely  
let him down,  
over the wall in a basket  
and he got away.**



**Sometime later  
Saul went to Jerusalem.**

**The Christians  
in Jerusalem  
did not know that Saul  
had become a believer.**

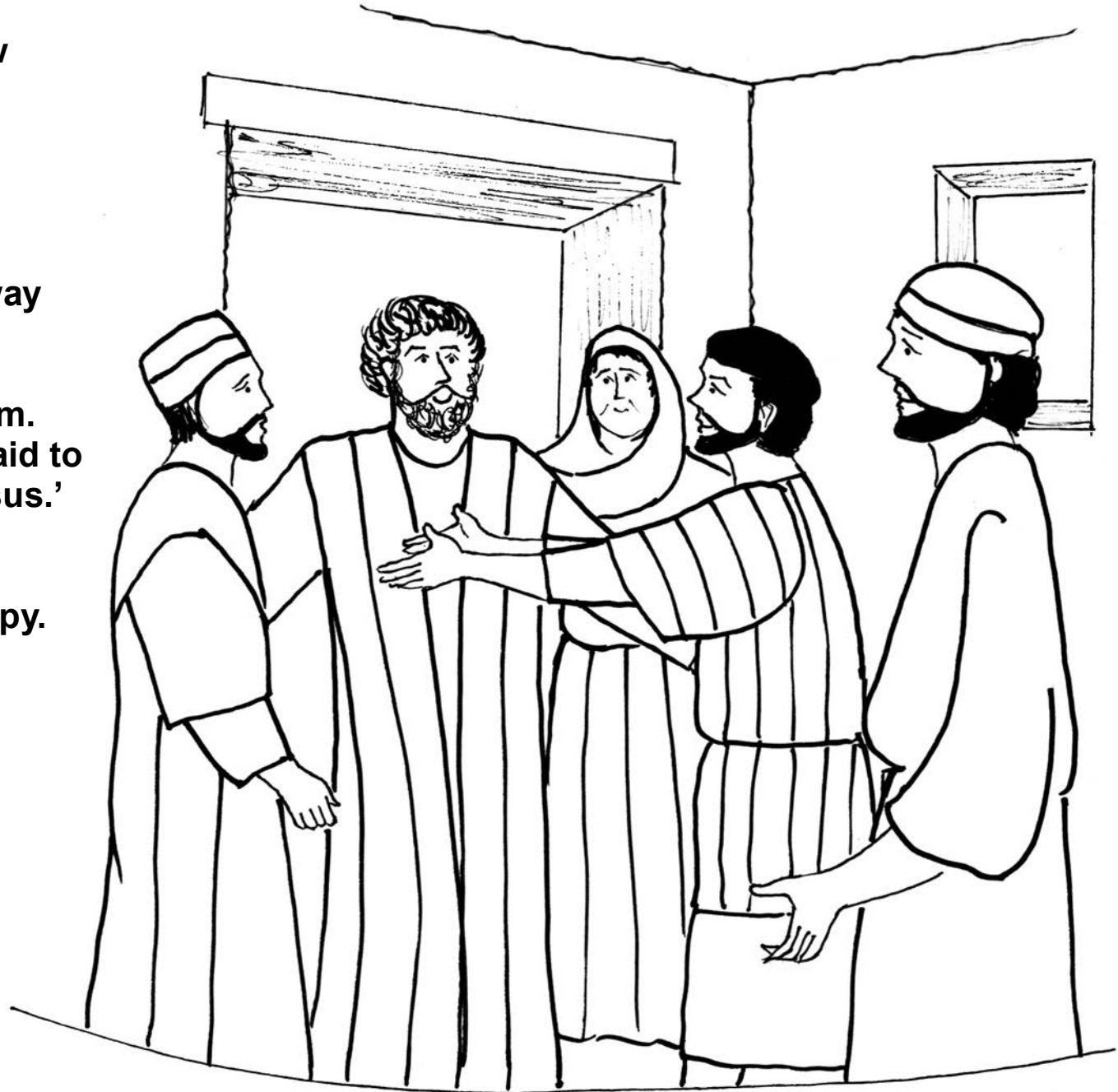
**When he tried to join them  
they were afraid.  
They thought he was going  
to put them in prison.**



**However, Barnabas knew  
that the Lord  
had changed Saul's life.**

**So he took Saul  
to the apostles and said,  
'When Saul was on his way  
to Damascus  
he saw the Lord  
and the Lord spoke to him.  
After that he was not afraid to  
speak in the name of Jesus.'**

**When the Christians  
heard this they were happy.**

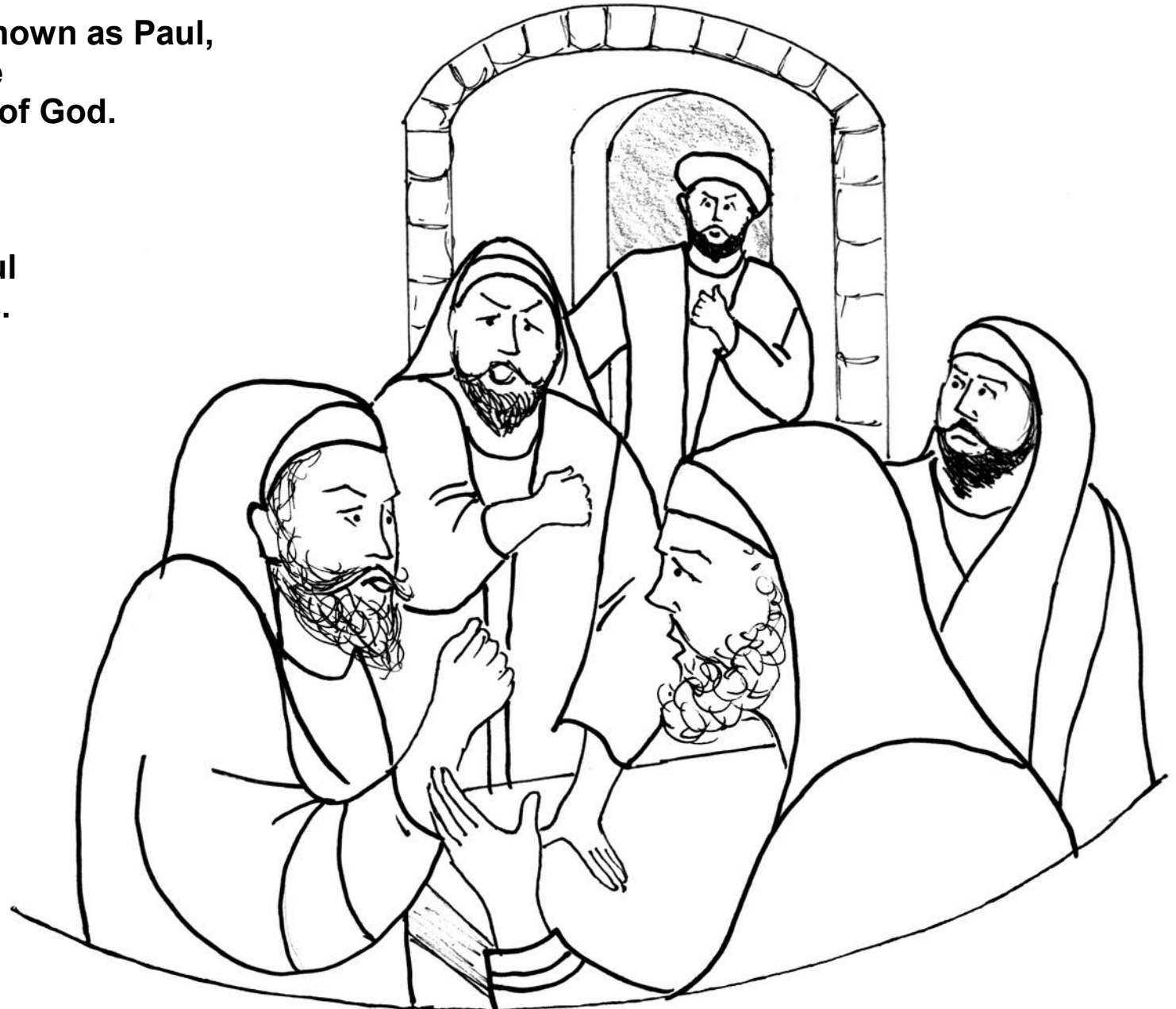




**Saul, who was later known as Paul,  
went on telling people  
about Jesus, the Son of God.**

**This made the Jews,  
in Jerusalem, angry.  
They did not want Saul  
speaking about Jesus.**

**They also planned  
to get rid of him.**





**Saul's life was in danger again.  
So his friends took him  
to Caesarea  
and put him on a boat,  
which was going to the city  
where he had grown up.**

**This was a time  
when the church  
grew in numbers,  
and with the help  
of the Holy Spirit,  
grew in strength  
and trust in the Lord.**

