

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***NEHEMIAH IN THE KING'S PALACE /
NEHEMIAH COMES TO JERUSALEM***

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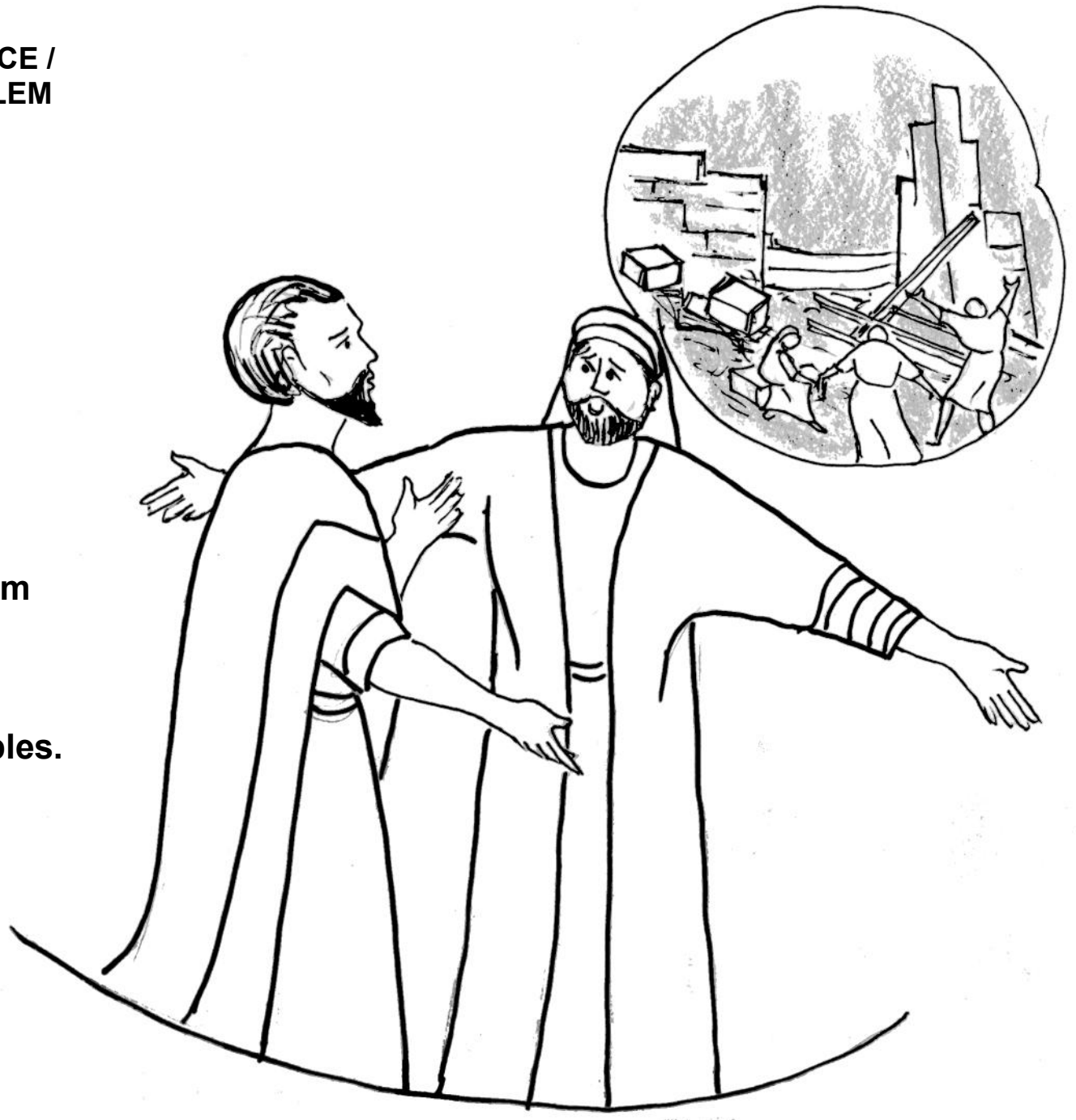
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**Nehemiah was a servant
to the king of Babylon.**

**His brother visited him
when he returned
from Jerusalem.**

**Nehemiah asked him,
'How is everyone in Jerusalem
and what is the city like?'**

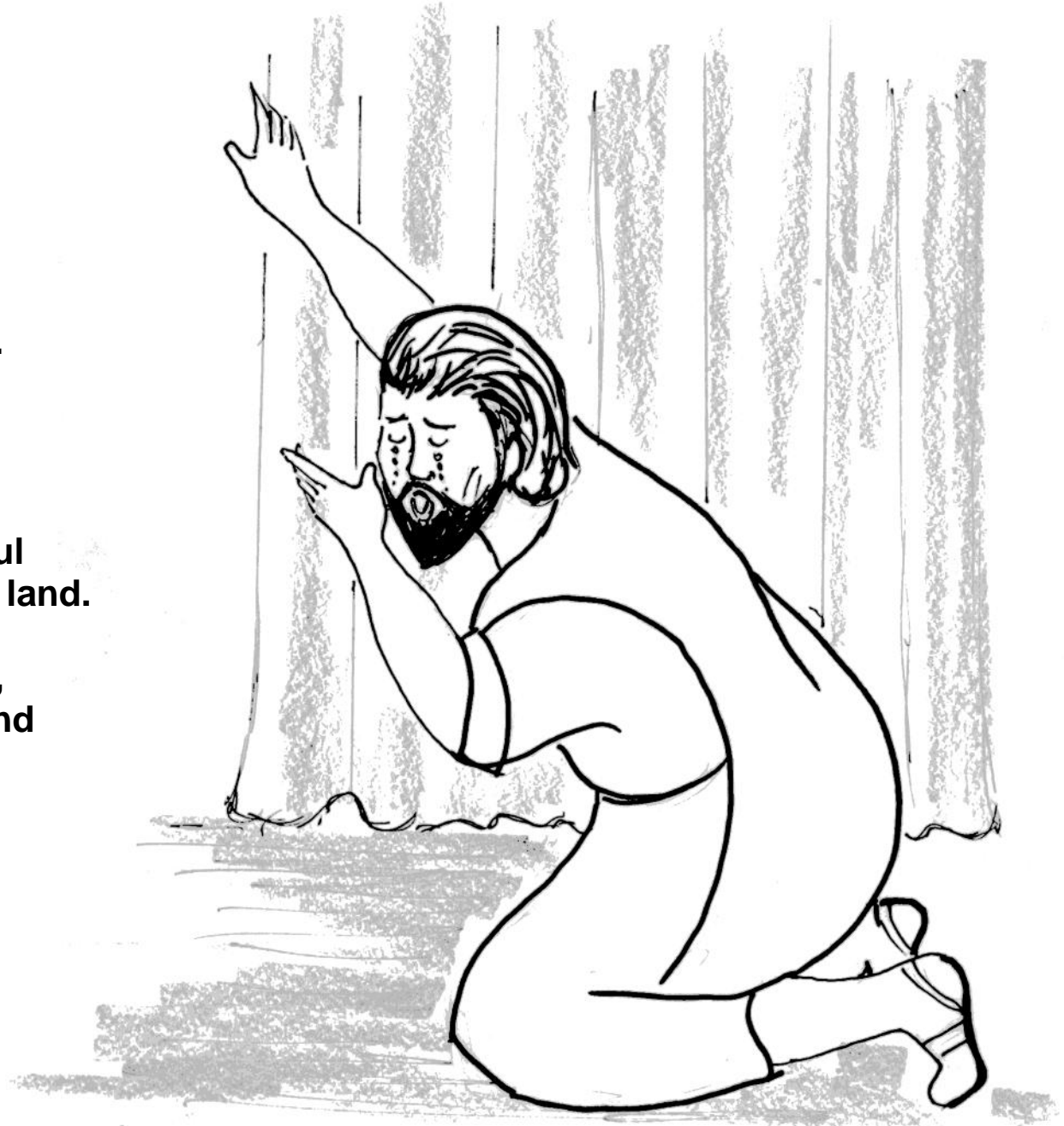
**His brother answered,
'The people have many troubles.
The walls of Jerusalem
are broken
and the gates are burned.'**



**Nehemiah was very sad
when he heard this.**

**He cried
and prayed to God in heaven,
'Please hear my prayer.
I am praying for all Israel.
We have all sinned against you.
We have not obeyed
the commands
which you gave to Moses.'**

**'You said that if we are unfaithful
you will send us away from our land.
But, if we come back to you
and obey your commandments,
you will bring us back to our land
to worship you.
Please listen to my prayer.
Give me success today
and let the king be kind to me.'**



When it was time for Nehemiah to take the wine into the king he was very sad.

The king was surprised and asked, 'Why are you sad?'

Nehemiah answered, 'My city, Jerusalem, is in ruins.'

'What do you want?' asked the king.

Nehemiah prayed to God then asked the king, 'If I have pleased you send me to Jerusalem to rebuild the city.'

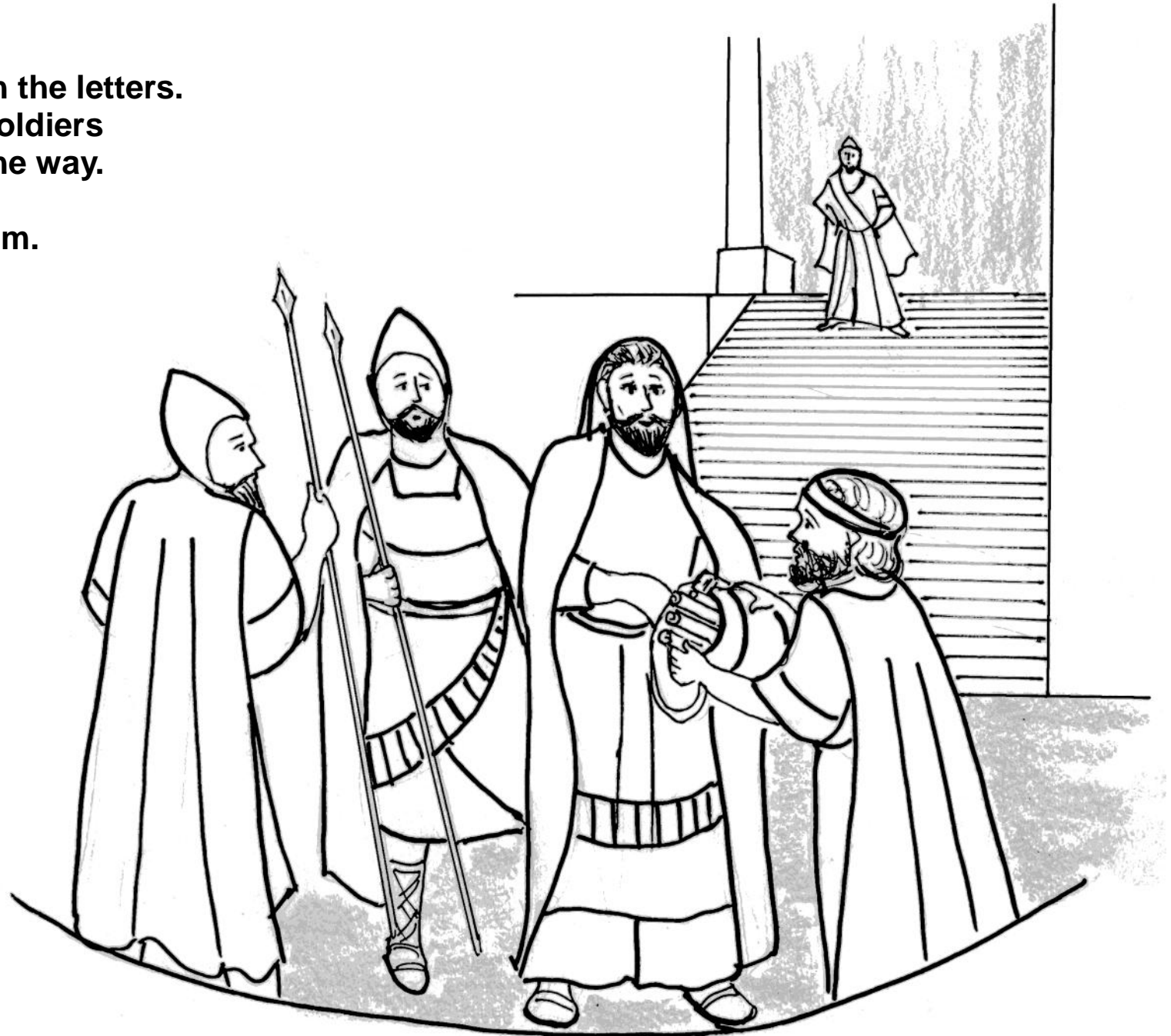
'How long would you be away?' asked the king.

Nehemiah told him, then asked, 'Would you give me letters to say that I can travel through your land and permission to use wood from your forests?'

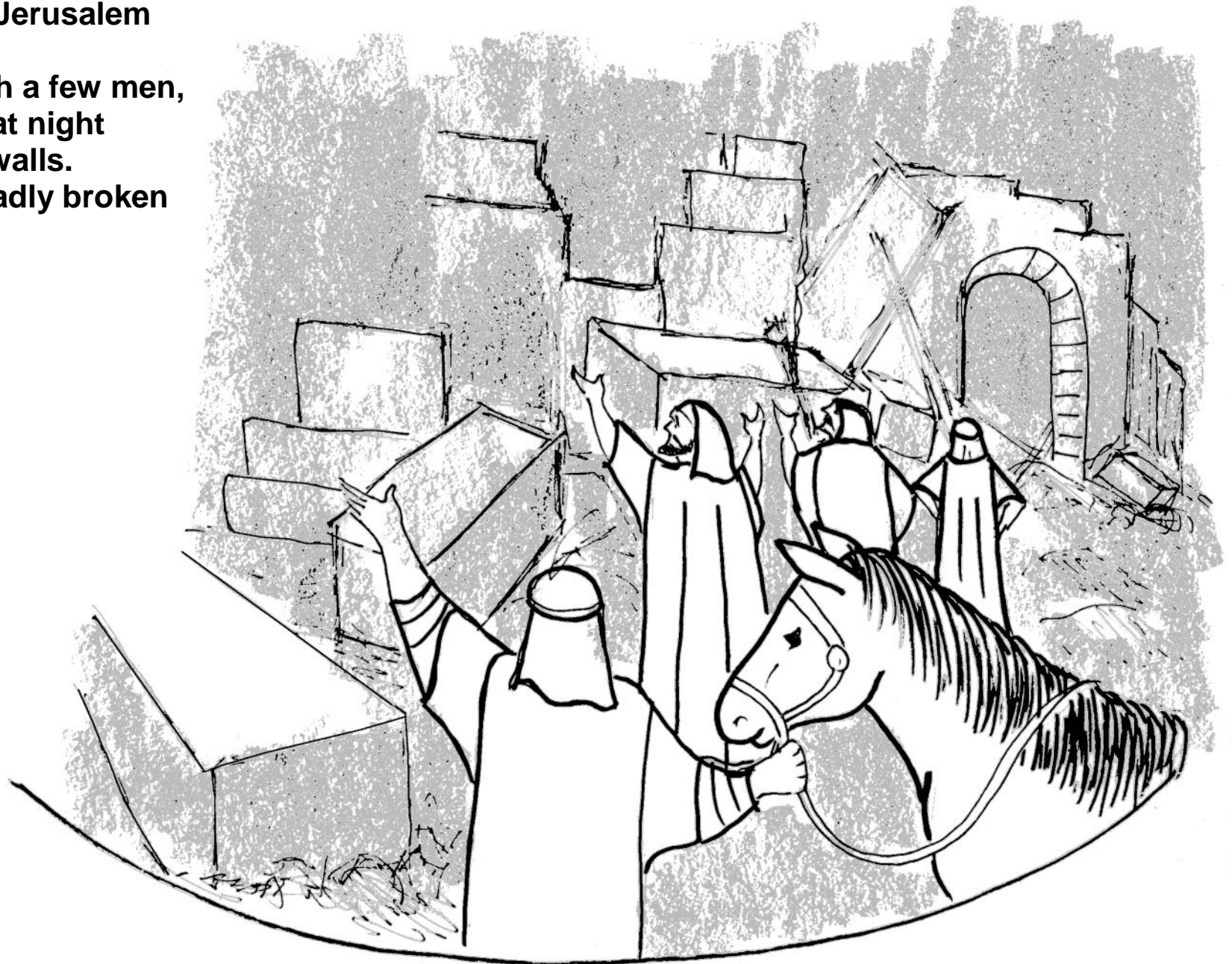


The king was kind
and gave Nehemiah the letters.
He also gave him soldiers
to protect him on the way.

God was helping him.



**After being in Jerusalem
for a few days
Nehemiah, with a few men,
went secretly at night
to look at the walls.
He saw how badly broken
they were.**



The next day he talked to the priests and leaders saying, 'Jerusalem is in a mess. Let us rebuild the walls and our shame will be gone. God has been kind to me and the king has given me wood.'

When the people heard this they were glad and said, 'Let us get started.'

Soon everyone was busy building the walls.

