

Bible Stories for the Kindergarten Program PART 1

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How God made the world Genesis 1

Love Week 1

Who made the world?
God did.

At one time there was no world.
There was no sun and no moon.

Then God said, "Let there be light."
And there was. This was day one.

Then God said, "Let there be a sky.
Let there be water and land.

This was day two.

Then God said, "Let there be plants."

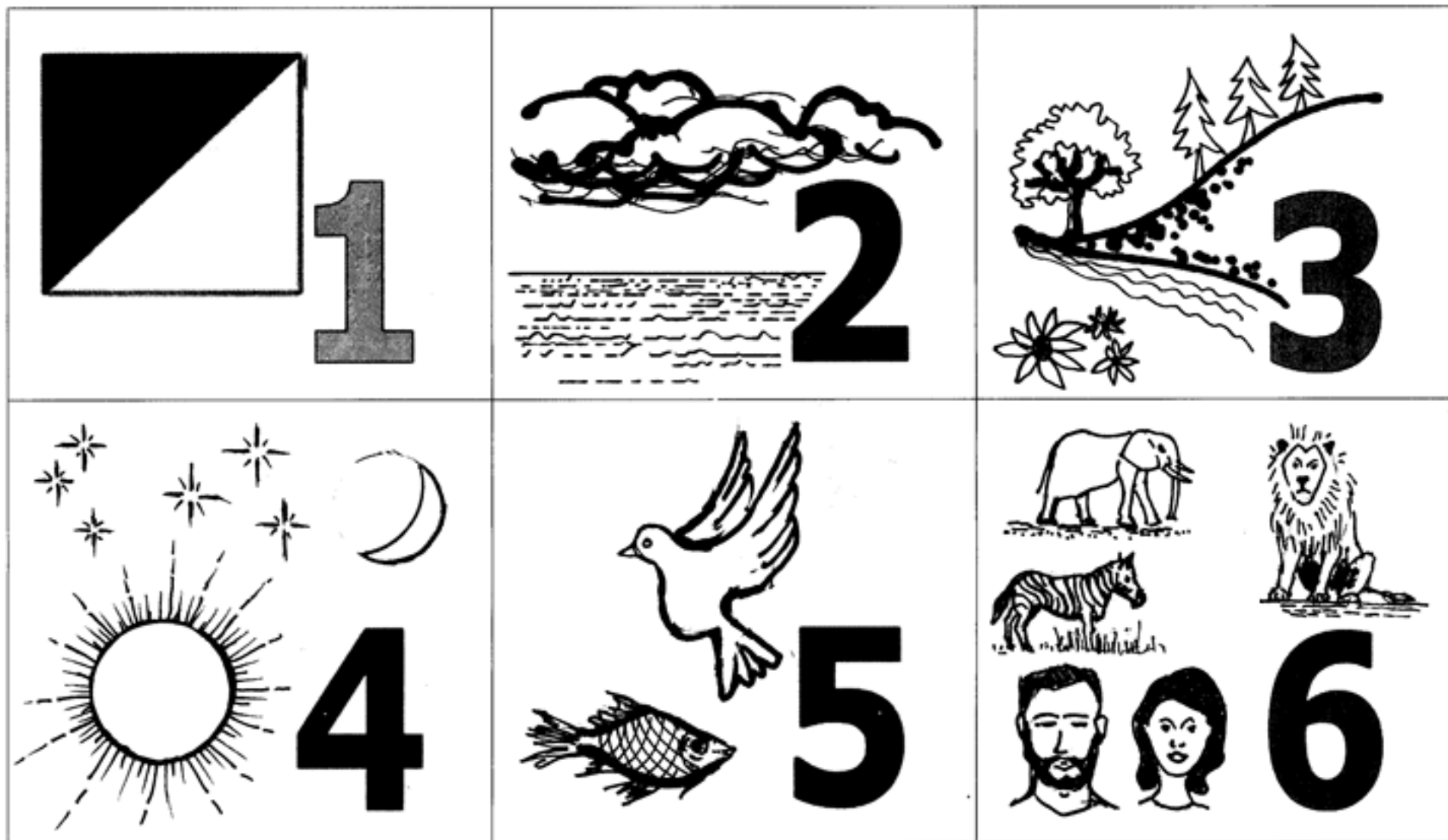
This was day three.

Then God said, "Let there be a sun, a moon and
stars." This was day four.

Then God said, "Let there be fish in the water and
birds in the sky." This was day five.

Then God said, "Let there be animals on the land.
Let there be people too." This was day six.

Then God said, "Everything I have made is very
good. I will rest." This was day seven.



Love Week 1

God knows me

Love Week 2

God knows you because made you. He knows your name. He knows your face. The Bible says that God knows how many hairs are on your head. Some people have curly hair; some people have straight hair.

How many hairs do you think you have on your head?

God loves you, just like a Mummy or Daddy loves their little child. He cares for you.

God cares for the animals too, because He made them too, but He cares for people more.

People are special to God, because people can talk to God in prayer. Animals cannot talk to God like we can.

Anyone can talk to God. You can talk to Him to say thank you for the things He gives to us. You can talk to Him when you feel sad. You can talk to Him when you feel afraid. You can talk to Him when you need something. God listens to us when we talk to Him.

Can we see God?

No, God is invisible. We cannot see him but He is all around us, close to us, watching over us. God is good, and only good. There is no bad thing in God. God can help us do good things.

Some people do not want to believe in God. Some people do not want to talk to God. God still loves these people because he made them. But these people will not be happy because they do not ask God to help them.

God tells us what He is like in His book called the Bible. God wants everyone to believe in Him, and to learn about Him from His book.

A rhyme to learn:

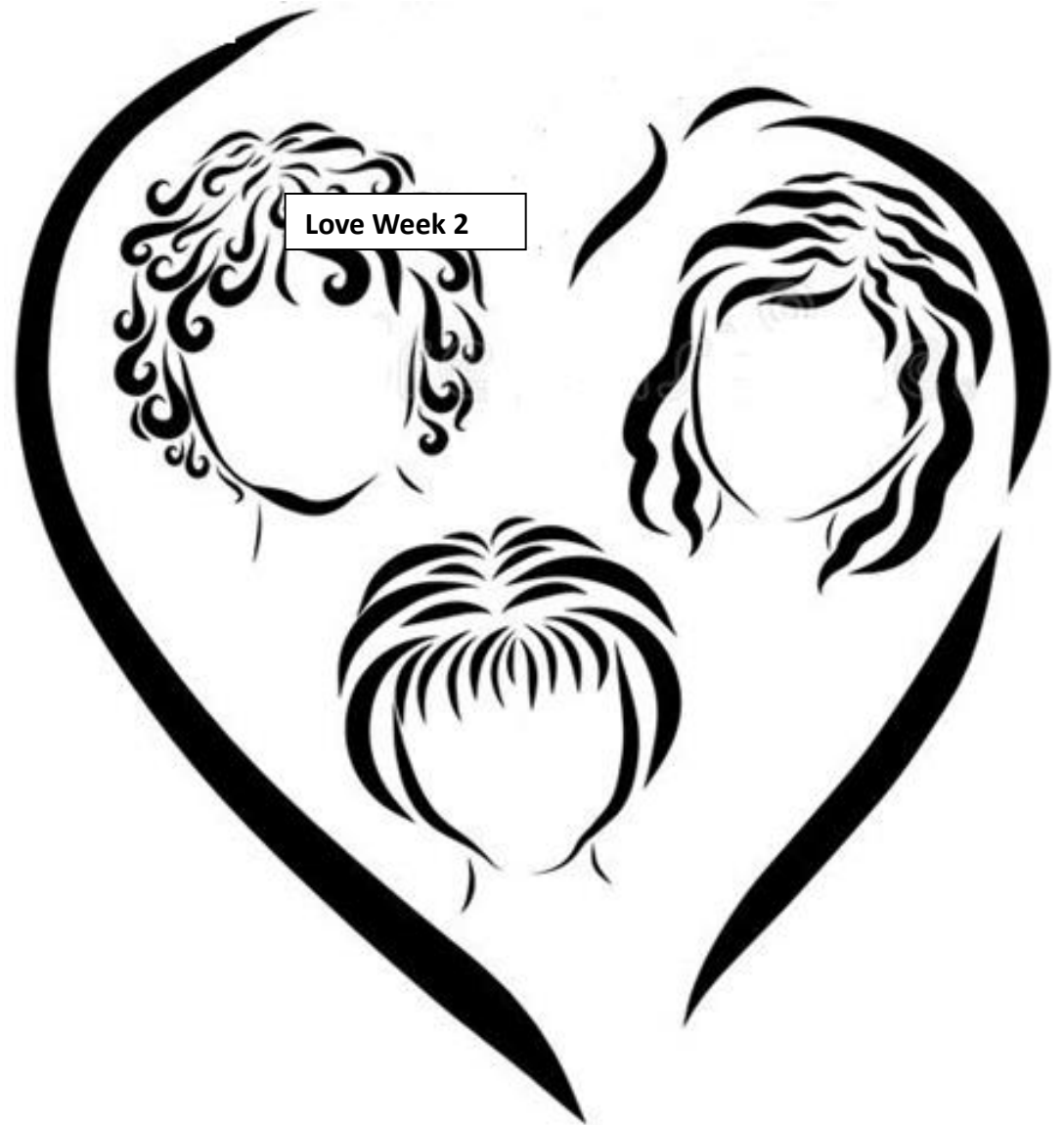
God is my Father and He loves me so.

He keeps me safe wherever I go.

I'm so glad that I'm in His care,

He is with me everywhere.

*God has counted
all the hairs
on your head.*



God made me special Genesis 1; Psalm 139

Love Week 3

You are special. That's because God made you special.

There is no one else the same as you.

There is no one else with the same hair as you.

There is no one else with the same eyes as you.

There is no one else with the same finger print as you.

God knows everything about us. He knew us even before we were born.

He knew you when you were growing inside your Mummy, where only God could see you.

God made me to be His special friend.

God loves you very much. He loves you just the way you are. That's because He made you.



Love Week 3

LONG AGO, EVEN
BEFORE HE MADE
THE WORLD



GOD CHOSE
TO BE YOU
HIS VERY OWN

EPHESIANS 1:4

Jesus knew their names John 1:43-50

Love Week 4

Jesus is God's Son. God sent Him to live on the earth for a while. Then Jesus went back to Heaven to be with God.

When Jesus lived on earth, He had twelve friends who helped Him do God's work. The twelve friends were called the 'disciples'.

When Jesus called the disciples to be His followers, He called them by name. The first ones He called were the four fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James and John.

One day, Jesus met Philip walking down a street where He lived. He knew that Philip would become one of His friends.

"Follow me," Jesus said to Philip. Philip had a friend called Nathanael. He told Nathanael about Jesus. "Come with me," Philip said to Nathanael. "I have found Jesus, who has been sent by God."

Nathanael went with Philip to see Jesus. When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, He knew that Nathanael too would become one of His friends. He had never heard of Nathanael before, yet Jesus knew all about him. He even knew his name.

"How did you know me? How did you know my name?" asked Nathanael.

Jesus answered, "I saw you, Nathanael, even before Philip asked you to come and meet me. I saw you when you were sitting under the fig tree." Nathanael was surprised and said, "Jesus, you really are the Son of God!"



Love Week 4

Jesus is a friend of children Mark 10:13-18

Love Week 5

The children were happy. Jesus had come to their town. They wanted to see Jesus.

"Hurry, Mum," said the children. "We want to see Jesus. Please take us to see Him."

The Mums took their children to see Jesus. There was a big crowd.

The children wanted to go to the front of the crowd.

"Get back! Get back!" said the friends of Jesus.

"There are grown-ups here who want to be at the front!"

"No!" said Jesus. "I want the children here. Bring them to me."

The Mums brought the children to Jesus.

Jesus sat the children on His knee.

"I love children," He said. "Children are very special.

If grown-ups want to be my friends, then they must be like these children."

Jesus is no longer here on earth as a man. He is now with God. He is part of God. Children understand that Jesus is God's Son. Many grown-ups do not believe this. That's why Jesus said to become like a little child.

Children can love Jesus with a special love. Jesus wants you to love Him. He loves you with a special love too.



Love Week 5

God gives us everything we need

Gen 1, Phil 4:19, Ps 147:4

Provider Week 1

Do you know how much God loves us? He loves us more than anyone. He wants to give us good things.

He made air and water so that we could live. Only the earth has air to breathe and water to drink.

He made the sun to keep us warm and to give us light. He made plants for our food. Did you know that plants need light to stay alive? If we had no light, we would have no food and we could not live.

God put the sun in the sky, just in the right place. It is not too close to us. It is not too far away. It is just right. It is not too hot for us. It is not too cold for us.

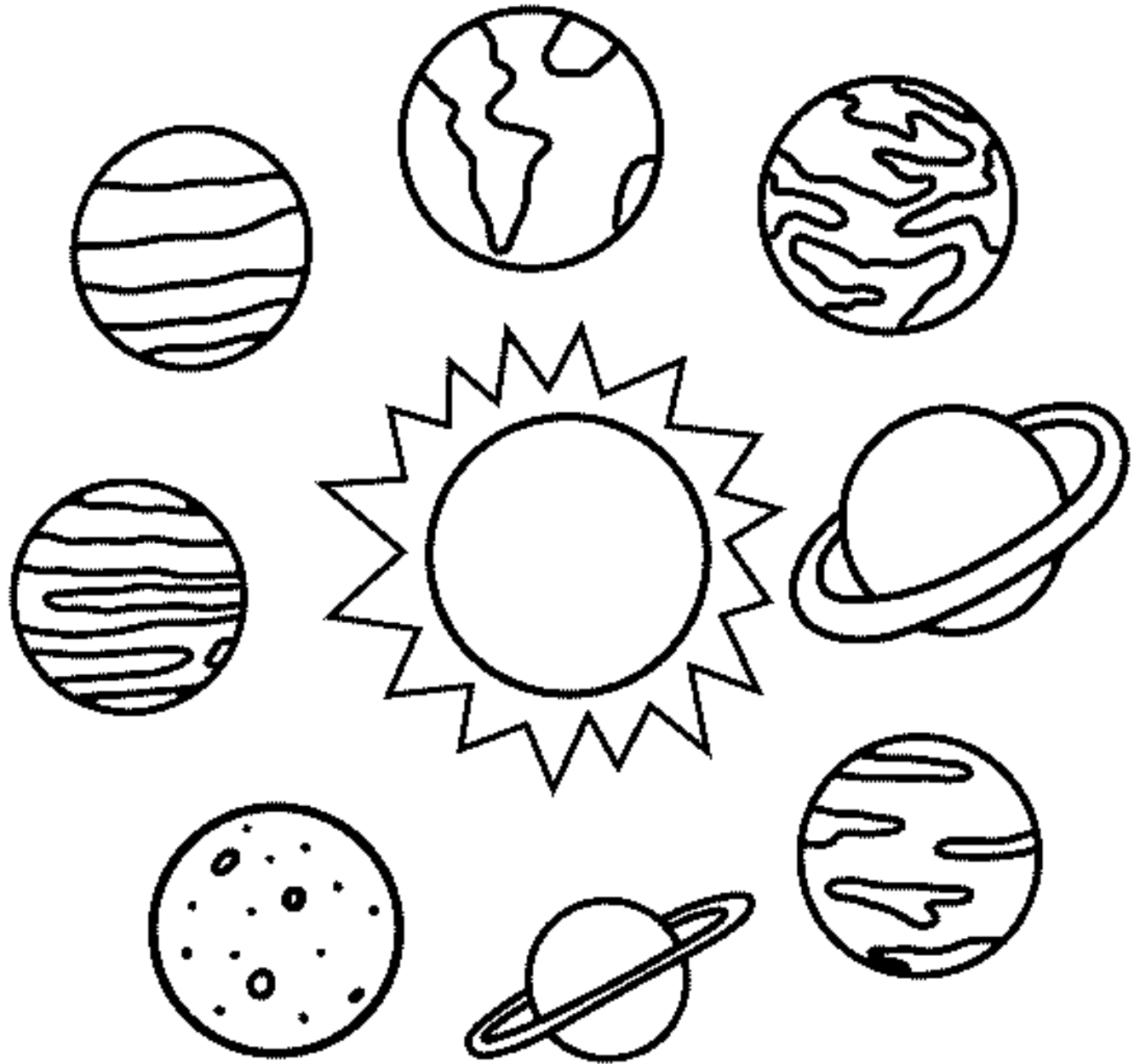
The sun is a star. God made all the stars. He knows exactly how many stars there are and He has names for them all. How many stars do you think there might be?

God knows everything!

God made animals too. He made them so that we would be happy. He made animals to help us. God thought of everything! Which animal do you like best? Can you think of some animals that help us?

God knows the
names of all the
stars.

Psalm 147:4



A big mistake Genesis 3

Provider Week 2

Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. They were very happy. God told Adam and Eve that they must obey Him. He told them that they could eat any food from the garden, but they must never eat the fruit from one tree.

There was an angel who was a wicked angel. His name was Satan. When he became wicked, he became like a snake. Satan said to Adam and Eve, "Go on. Eat the fruit. It will not hurt you."

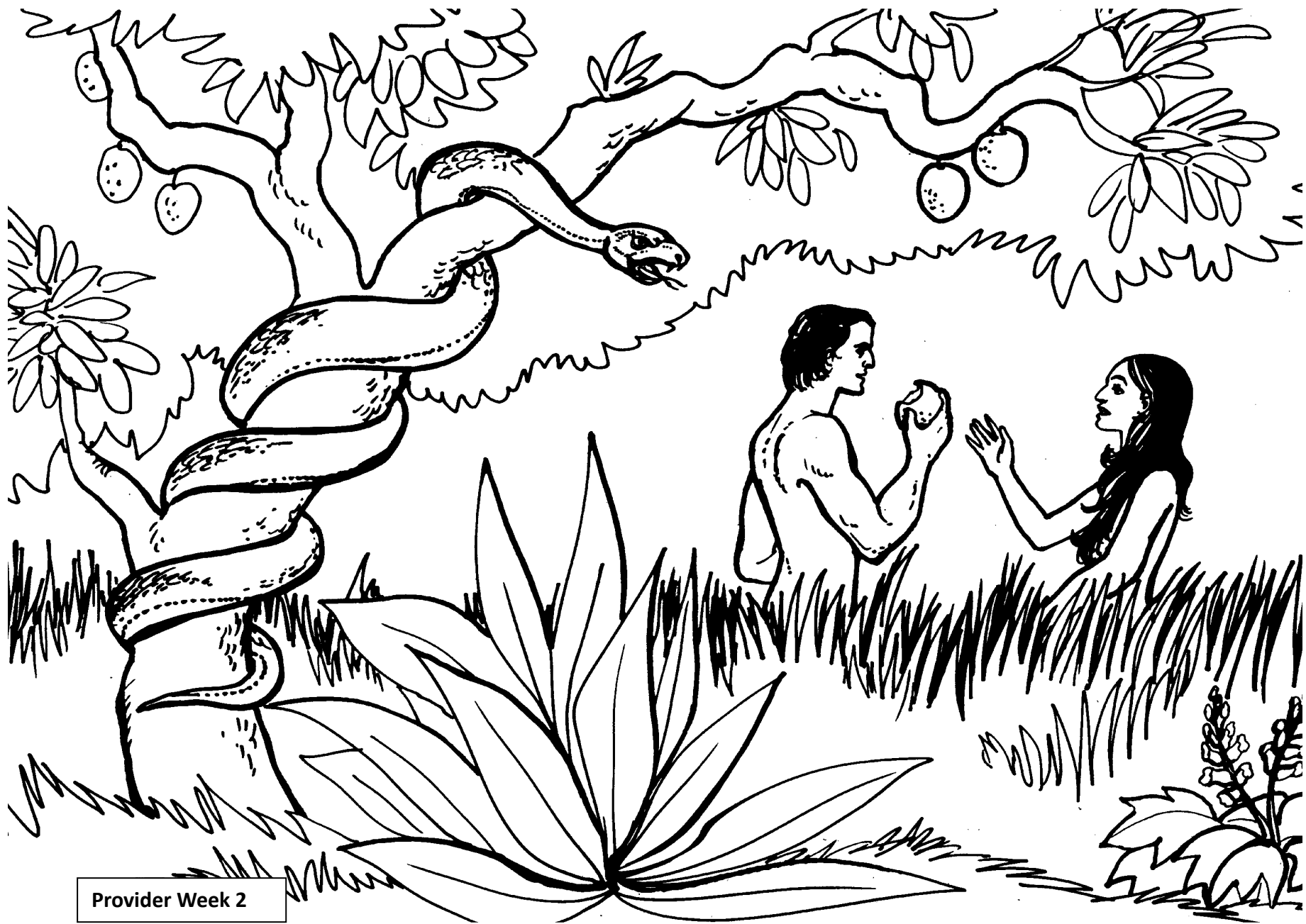
So Eve ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam. At once they knew that they had done something very wrong.

They were sad. God said, "Now that you have done wrong, you cannot be in my beautiful garden."

You must go from here. You will not be so happy. This is because you did not obey me.

God sent a good angel to the garden. The angel had a sword. No one could go into the garden from now on. This was a very sad day. The world was now a place of sadness and sin. Adam and Eve were not happy. The animals were not happy.

God was very sad because people could no longer be with Him. God made a plan. He planned to send His Son Jesus, to die on the cross and to forgive us for our sin. If we ask Jesus to forgive us for our sin, and if we ask Him to be our friend, then we can be with God, just like Adam and Eve were once with God in the Garden of Eden.



Provider Week 2

A boy gives his lunch to Jesus John 6:1-14

Provider Week 3

"Here is your lunch," said Mum. "Five little bread rolls and two little fish."

"Thank you," said the boy. "I am going to see Jesus."

The boy ran to see Jesus. There were many people. The boy sat down with his friends. They listened to Jesus. Then it was lunch time.

Many people did not have lunch.

"Can anyone give me their lunch?" asked Jesus.

"I can," said the boy. The boy gave his lunch to Jesus.

Jesus took the lunch and made more and more lunch...lots and lots of bread ... lots and lots of fish. He made lots of lunch out of one little lunch!

The friends of Jesus gave lunch to all the people. There were many, many people. They all got to eat some lunch. The boy was happy. Jesus was His friend.



Provider Week 3

The man who said thank you Luke 17:11-19

Provider Week 3

The ten men in this story have leprosy. This is a sickness that gives you sores on your skin. Many people did not want to be around people with leprosy.

When the men saw Jesus, they knew that Jesus could make them better, because they had seen him make other people better. When Jesus makes people better, he heals them. This means that He has power that only God has.

Jesus was not like other people. When He saw the lepers, He knew how sad they felt and wanted to help them. He didn't stay away from them like other people. He came to them and healed them. He made them better using the mighty power of God.

Jesus did this because he loved them. Yes, He even loved people with sores all over their body.

The ten men were very happy that they were healed, and they went on their way. They would tell people that they were better.

There was one man who came back to say thank you to Jesus. The other nine men forgot to say thank you. They just kept going without saying thank you.

Jesus asked the one who came back, "Weren't all ten men healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't any of them want to come back to say thank you to God?"

Jesus was not happy that the nine other men forgot to come back and praise God. In our lives we should be like the one who thanked God. What things can we thank God for?



Provider Week 3

God provides oil and flour for Elijah 1 Kings 17

Provider Week 4

The Bible tells us about a man who trusted God to provide the things they needed. Elijah saw God do amazing things to provide for him. The amazing things that God does are called 'miracles.

Elijah was a man who lived in Bible times. He was a servant of God. There had been no rain for a long time. The brook dried up.

God said, "Elijah, I want you to go to the town."

Elijah did what God said and went to the town. There he saw a woman. She was picking up sticks. Her husband had died, so she had no husband to earn money for her.

Elijah said to her, "Please get me some water in a jar. And could you please give me a piece of bread to eat?"

The woman looked unhappy "I'm sorry," she said sadly, "I have no bread. I have a little flour in a bowl and a little oil in a jar. That is all I have. I think my son and I will die. We have no more food."

"Do not be afraid," said Elijah. "Make a little bread for me. Then make bread for yourself and your son.

God spoke and said to me, "The bowl of flour will not be finished. The jar of oil will not be empty, until the day when God sends rain."

That is what happened. The bowl of flour was never empty; the jar always had enough oil to make bread for each day. God kept His promise to care for Elijah, the woman and her son, until at last the rain fell and the grass was green again.



Provider Week 4

God provides oil for Elisha

Provider Week 5

Elisha was a friend of Elijah. Elisha also loved and served God.

One day, Elisha was passing through a town, when he met a woman with two sons. Her husband had died and she did not have any money.

But she had to pay money to someone, and that person had told her that if she didn't pay, they would take her sons away to work. She loved her son and didn't want them to be taken away.

"Please help me," she asked Elisha. "I have nothing except for a little oil in a jar."

Elisha felt sorry for the woman. He wanted to help her. Elisha told the woman to tell her sons to go and find all the empty jars that they could. He told them to even borrow jars from their neighbours and friends.

The boys went out and did just as their mother said. They asked all the neighbours and all of their friends to give them their empty jars.

Elisha told the woman and her sons to go inside her house and shut the door.

"Use the oil that you have and fill the first jar. Then fill the next jar. Keep filling all the jars until there are no more jars left."

The woman did not know how this could happen but she did as Elisha said. She knew that Elisha was God's helper. She and her sons went inside the house and shut the door. First, she filled one jar and then set it aside. Then she filled another and set it aside. Over and over, she filled the jars with oil and the first jar never emptied out.

Finally, when she asked one of her sons to bring her another jar, he told her that there were no more jars left. All of the jars were full of oil.

The woman rushed outside to tell Elisha. Elisha told her to go and sell the oil. People would pay a lot of money for olive oil. It would be enough to pay all the money that she owed. Now her sons would not be taken away from her! She was so glad that Elisha helped her.



Provider Week 5

Elisha prays for God to provide a baby boy

Provider Week 5

Elisha would often go to a place called Shunem, to visit a family. A kind man and his wife gave Elisha a room to stay in when he visited Shunem.

One day when Elisha was in Shunem, he asked the lady if she needed anything.

“I don’t need anything,” she said, “I have all I need.”

But I have no children. I would really like to have a little boy.”

“Thank you for being so kind to me,” said Elisha. “I have asked God to give you a little boy. This time next year, you will be holding a son in your arms.”

A year later the woman had a baby boy.

One day, some years later, when the boy was quite big, he went out in the field to where his father was working. As he was watching his father, he suddenly cried out, “Oh! My head! My head hurts.”

The boy was carried home. His mother lay him on the bed in Elisha’s room. But the little boy died.

“Quick!” she said to her husband. Get me a donkey. I must go to Elisha, the man of God.”

As fast as she could she rode to the place where Elisha lived. Elisha saw her coming and knew something was wrong.

“Oh, Elisha,” she cried, “my son has died. Why has God taken him from me?”

Elisha went back with the mother. He went up alone to the room and he prayed to God to give the boy his life again. Then he lay down on the boy until he felt the boy’s body begin to get warm.

Suddenly the boy sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes. God had given back the boy’s life to him.

The woman said thank you to Elisha, and to God for all that he had done.



Provider Week 5

Jesus is our King John 12:12-19

Saviour Week 1

The friends of Jesus were at a house. Jesus told them to go into the town and look for a donkey. Jesus told them exactly where the donkey would be. It would be a young donkey that had never had anyone ride on its back. Jesus wanted to ride this donkey.

The friends thought that this was not a good idea. When someone rides on a donkey for the first time, it would buck and kick, and the rider would fall off! But the friends did as Jesus said, and brought the donkey to Him.

Jesus got on the donkey. The donkey did not buck or kick. It was very calm. It knew that Jesus was special.

Jesus rode the donkey into the town of Jerusalem.

"Come and see Jesus," said the people in Jerusalem. "He is riding a donkey. He is the one who has done great miracles!"

The people waved branches. They shouted, "Hosanna! Jesus is king!"

Some people put their coats on the road, just like a carpet for a king to walk on.

The people wanted Jesus to be the king of their land.

They did not know that Jesus would die and come alive again. They did not know that Jesus would be the King of the whole world, and king of people's lives.



Saviour Week 1

How Jesus came to live on the earth (Easter)

Saviour Week 1

Father God made a wonderful place called heaven for people and angels and Himself. But all the people in the whole world made wrong choices except Jesus. So Father God was sorry that no people could come to heaven because there can be no wrong choices in heaven. BUT Jesus said, "Let me go down to earth and I will make it so people can come to heaven. I will take the punishment for all those wrong choices!"

This is how it happened: Long, long ago God the Father asked Jesus His Son to help Him make a beautiful world. And Jesus said, "Yes I will." So, they made our beautiful world and people to live in it.

But the people God made did not always obey Him, so God the Father asked Jesus, "Will You go to the world we made and be born there as a baby?" And Jesus said, "Yes I will."

Father God asked Him, "Will You grow up there and become a man?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

God asked, "Will You show the people how to love me and obey me?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

God asked, "Will You touch the people and heal them and feed them?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

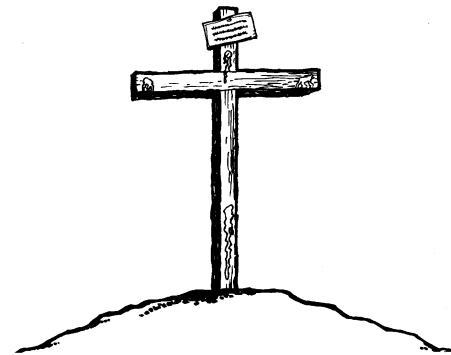
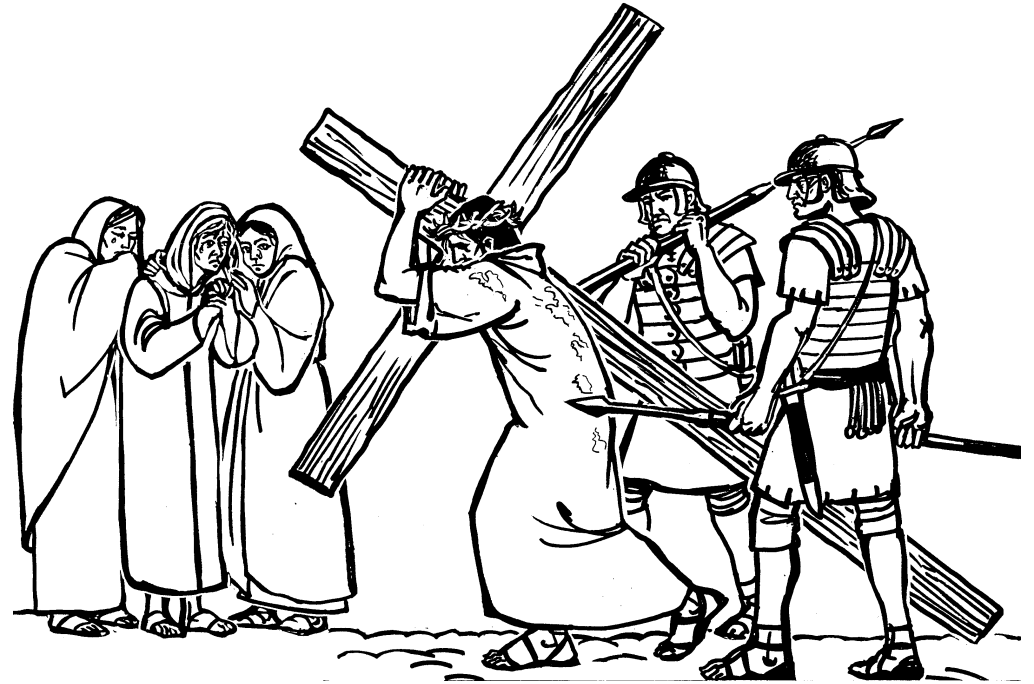
God asked, "Will You live on earth without ever making one wrong choice, without hurting people and hating people?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

God asked, "Will you forgive all the people who don't like You and don't think You are my Son?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

Then God asked a very serious question, "My Son, will You be willing to go to the cross and die for the wrong choices of all the people in the world? This will hurt very much." Jesus said, "Yes, I will." And this is what Jesus did for us. God's son Jesus died, but God made Him alive again so that He lives forever with us.



Saviour Week 1



The Last Supper John 13

Saviour Week 1

Jesus went to Jerusalem, for the very last time, to eat the special Passover feast with his friends. The Passover feast is held every year to remind people when God saved the people of Israel from the wicked Pharaoh in Egypt, a long time ago.

Jesus said to his friends, "I want to eat the Passover feast with you before I go away. Go and get it ready for us. Look for a man carrying a water jar and follow him. He will show you where to go."

His friends found the man and followed him. The man went into a house.

This was the house Jesus would come to. Jesus' friends knocked at the door and waited.

"Do you have a room for Jesus?" they asked. "Yes, I have a room upstairs. Everything you will need is ready."

"I knew Jesus would come," said the man. He took them upstairs to a big room. They got dinner ready

with baskets of flat bread and wine, made from grape juice.

Soon Jesus came with his other friends. They went upstairs to have dinner together.

Jesus took the flat bread and broke it. They shared it. They shared the grape juice, too.

Jesus said, "Whenever you do this, remember me." In church we call this "Communion."

Jesus had twelve special friends. They were all together with Jesus at the feast, but one of them, Judas, was going to do something bad.

Jesus taught Judas and his friends, "Love God with all your heart and love others as much as you love yourself."

Judas loved Jesus, but he loved money more. The temple leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus, so Judas said he would show them where to find Jesus, if they paid him some money.

Judas left the feast and went out into the night to find the temple leaders, and carry out the plan.



Saviour Week 1

Praying in the garden John 17

Saviour Week 1

Jesus was sad because he knew that soon he would die on the cross.

God had planned it long ago, and Jesus knew it would happen. He came to earth to take the punishment for all the wrong things people had ever done, or would ever do, and now it was time.

Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with Him to the olive orchard in the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray.

His friends sat down in the garden while Jesus went a little way off to pray by himself, asking his Heavenly Father to help him to get through what was about to happen.

When Jesus went back his friends were all fast asleep. "Wake up," he said. "Couldn't you watch and pray with me for just one hour?"

Then the soldiers with torches and swords came looking for Jesus. Judas had agreed to show them who Jesus was if they paid him 30 silver coins.

"The person I greet with a kiss on the cheek is Jesus," Judas told the soldiers.

Peter, James and John were shocked when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus. Peter was so angry that he took his sword and cut off a soldier's ear.

"Put away your sword," said Jesus. "People who use swords will get killed by them."
He reached out and healed the soldier's ear.

They arrested Jesus and took Him away.



Saviour Week 1

Jesus dies on the cross John 18 & 19

Saviour Week 2

The Governor, who was the ruler of the country, asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "Yes, it is just as you say." The Governor asked the people, "Should I let Jesus go?"

The crowd said, "No. Let the thief Barabbas go instead."

The Governor didn't know what to do. He knew that Jesus was not a bad man. His wife said, "I had a bad dream about Jesus last night. You must let Jesus go."

So, the Governor said he would have nothing to do with making the choice – whether to let Jesus go or let him die. He would leave it up to the other leaders.

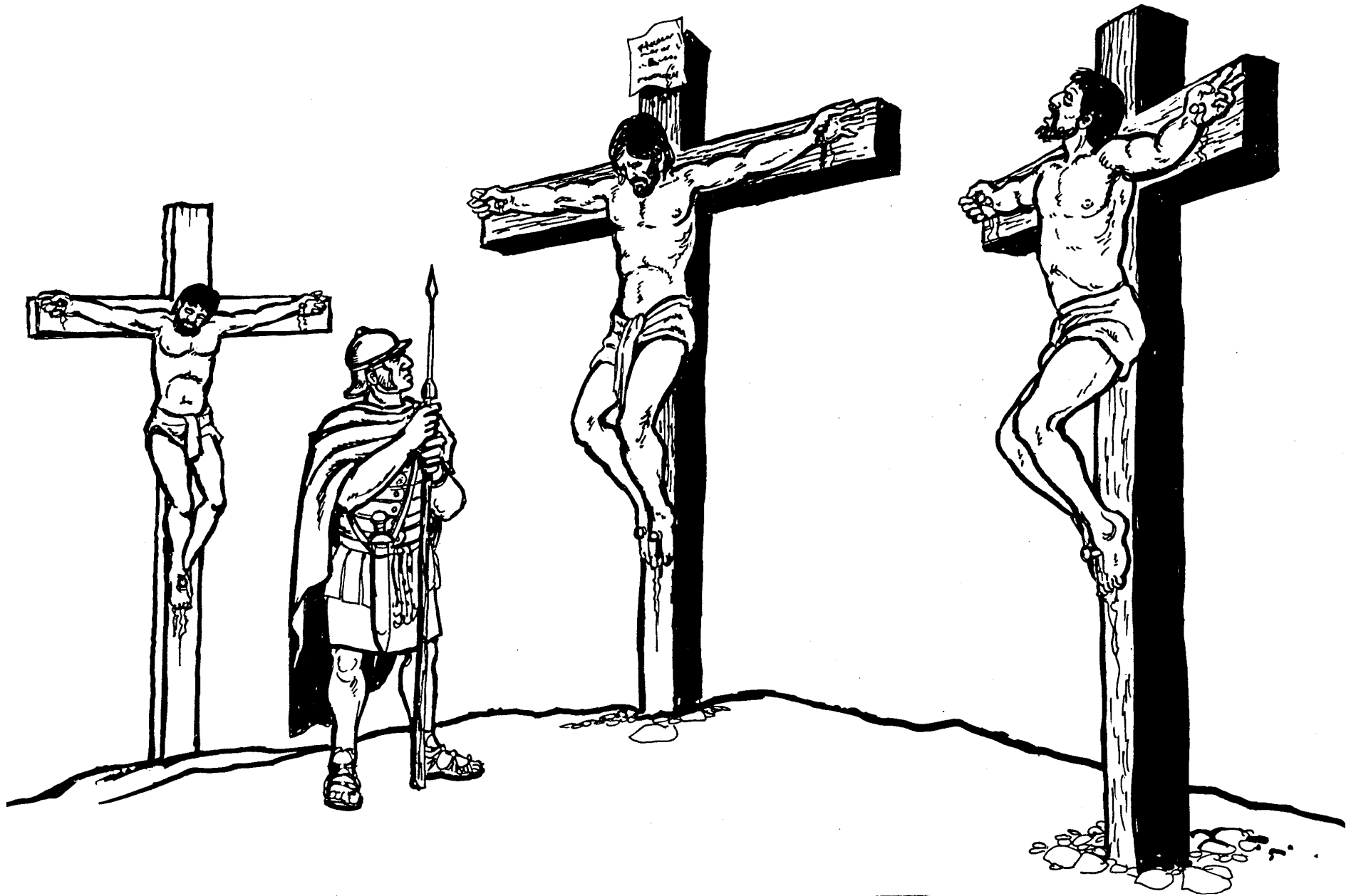
The soldiers led Jesus into their hall. They put a scarlet robe on him and made him a crown from a ring of thorns.

"Here is the King of the Jews," they joked.

They led him away to die on the cross. Jesus had to carry the cross up the hill. It was very heavy. When he could carry it no longer a man called Simon, carried it for him.

Jesus' hands and feet were nailed to the cross, and He died.

It was a sad day for Jesus' friends. But they did not know that God had a wonderful surprise for them, and they would not be sad for long.



Jesus is alive! Matthew 27 & 28

Saviour Week 2

After Jesus died, a rich man named Joseph, took Jesus' body. He gently wrapped it in cloths and then took the body to a special cave-tomb.

One of Jesus' friends named Mary watched as a heavy stone was placed over the door to seal it shut.

The leaders sent guards to watch the body to make sure no one took Jesus body.

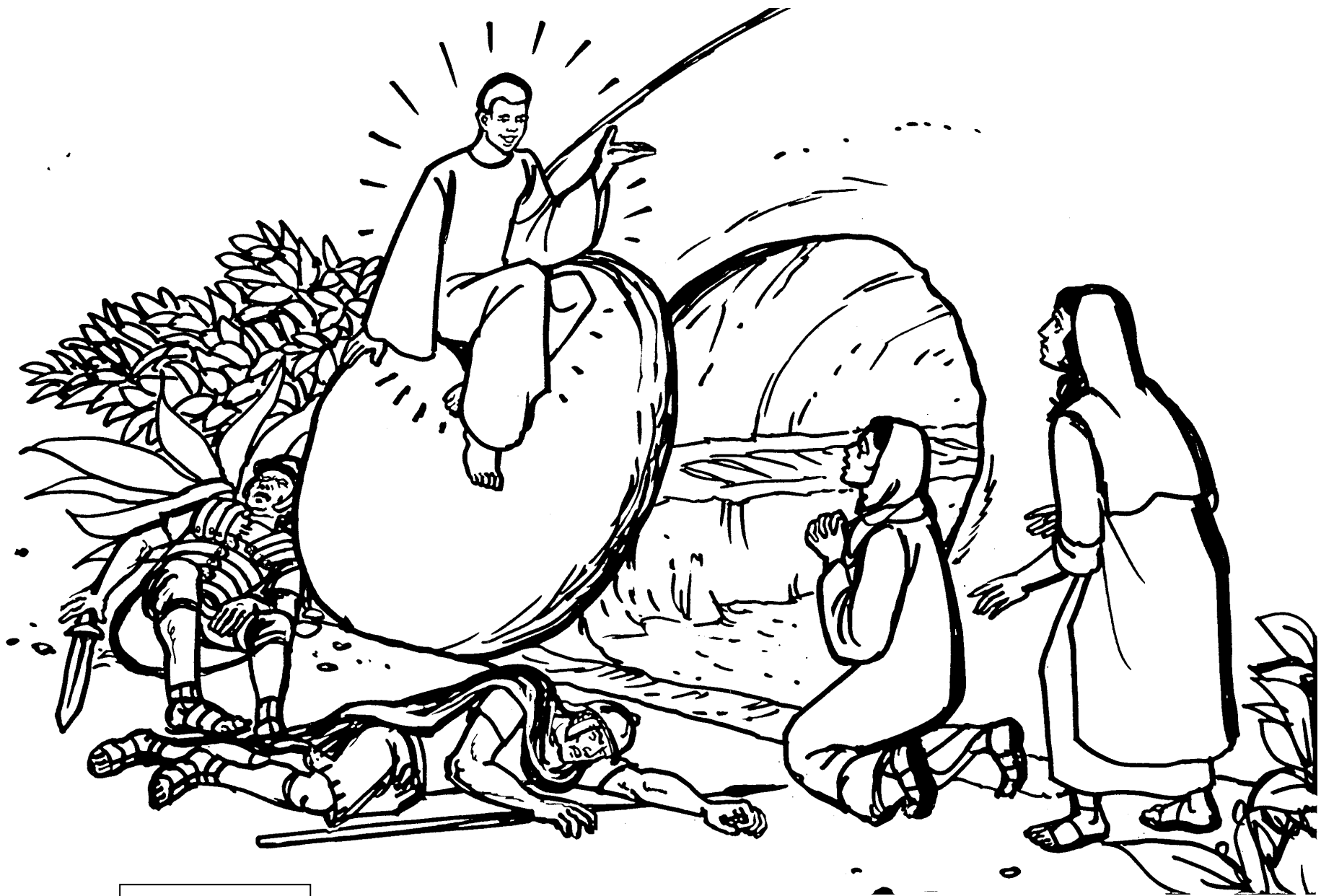
But early Sunday morning there was a big earthquake. An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.

The guards saw the angel and were so afraid that they fell down on the ground.

Mary came to the cave-tomb early that morning. She saw that the stone was not in front of it. She saw an angel there.

"Jesus is not here," said the angel. "He is alive! Go and tell his friends that they will get to see him again!"

Mary ran back to the friends to tell them the wonderful news.



Saviour Week 2

Jesus appears to His friends Matt 28 & 29; John 21

Saviour Week

Mary told Peter and John that Jesus was alive! They ran quickly to the cave-tomb to see for themselves. They found the stone rolled away from the door and the grave clothes were empty.

Not long after, two men were walking along the road talking together. They were disappointed that Jesus had died. They thought He was the promised One that the Bible had told about. If He was, then why should He die?

Then Jesus, who was alive again, came and walked along the road with them. He explained things about Himself that were told in the Bible in earlier times. At first, they didn't know it was Jesus, but as they listened to Jesus, they knew that this was Him! It had been told long ago that He would die and come alive again, and here He was, walking right beside them!

One evening some of Jesus' friends were in a room with the door closed. Suddenly Jesus appeared. They were glad, and believed, when they saw Jesus alive! One of the friends, named Thomas, was not with them. When the other friends told Thomas that

Jesus was alive, Thomas did not believe it. But on another evening, when they were all together, Jesus came again. This time Thomas was there. Jesus showed Thomas the scars on His hands where He was nailed to the cross. Thomas now believed. He knelt at the feet of Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God."

A short time later, some of Jesus' disciples were fishing at night. They sailed out in their boat and threw their nets into the water. They waited and waited, but they did not catch anything.

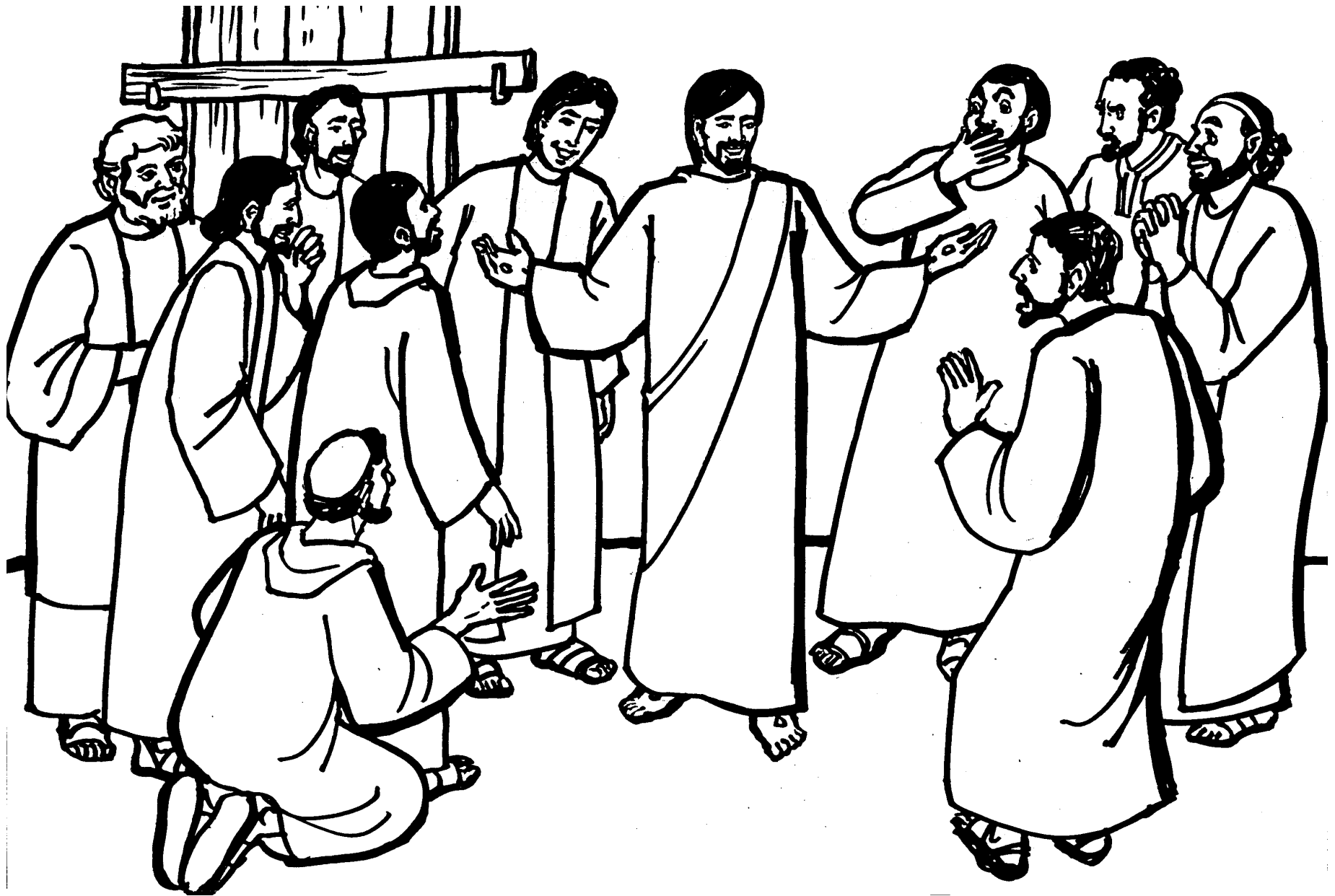
Early in the morning they saw someone standing on the shore. The man called, "Have you caught any fish?"

"No," they called back.

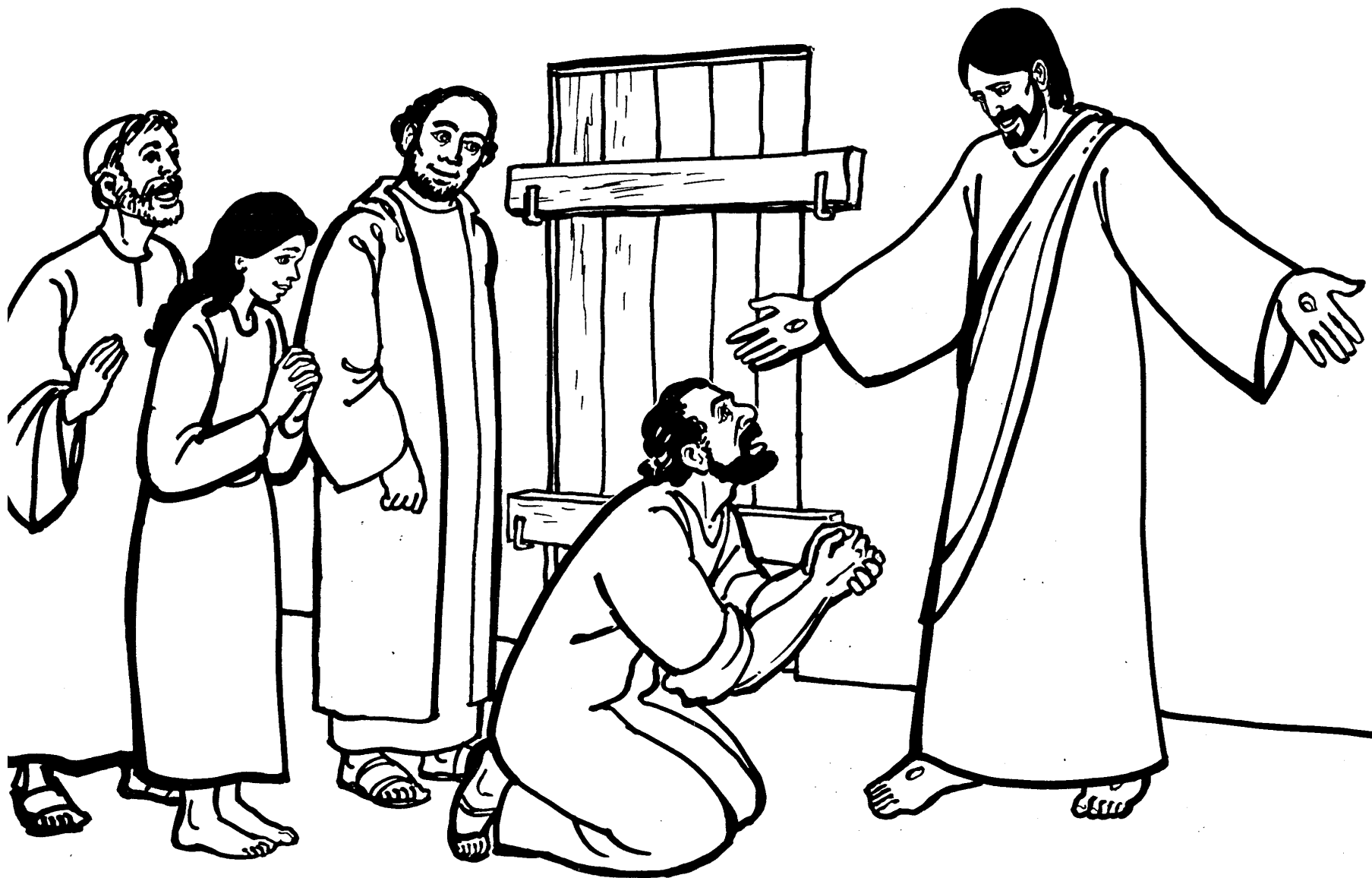
"Throw your net on the other side of the boat," said the man.

So they did, and their nets were soon full of fish. John looked at Peter and said, "It's Jesus!"

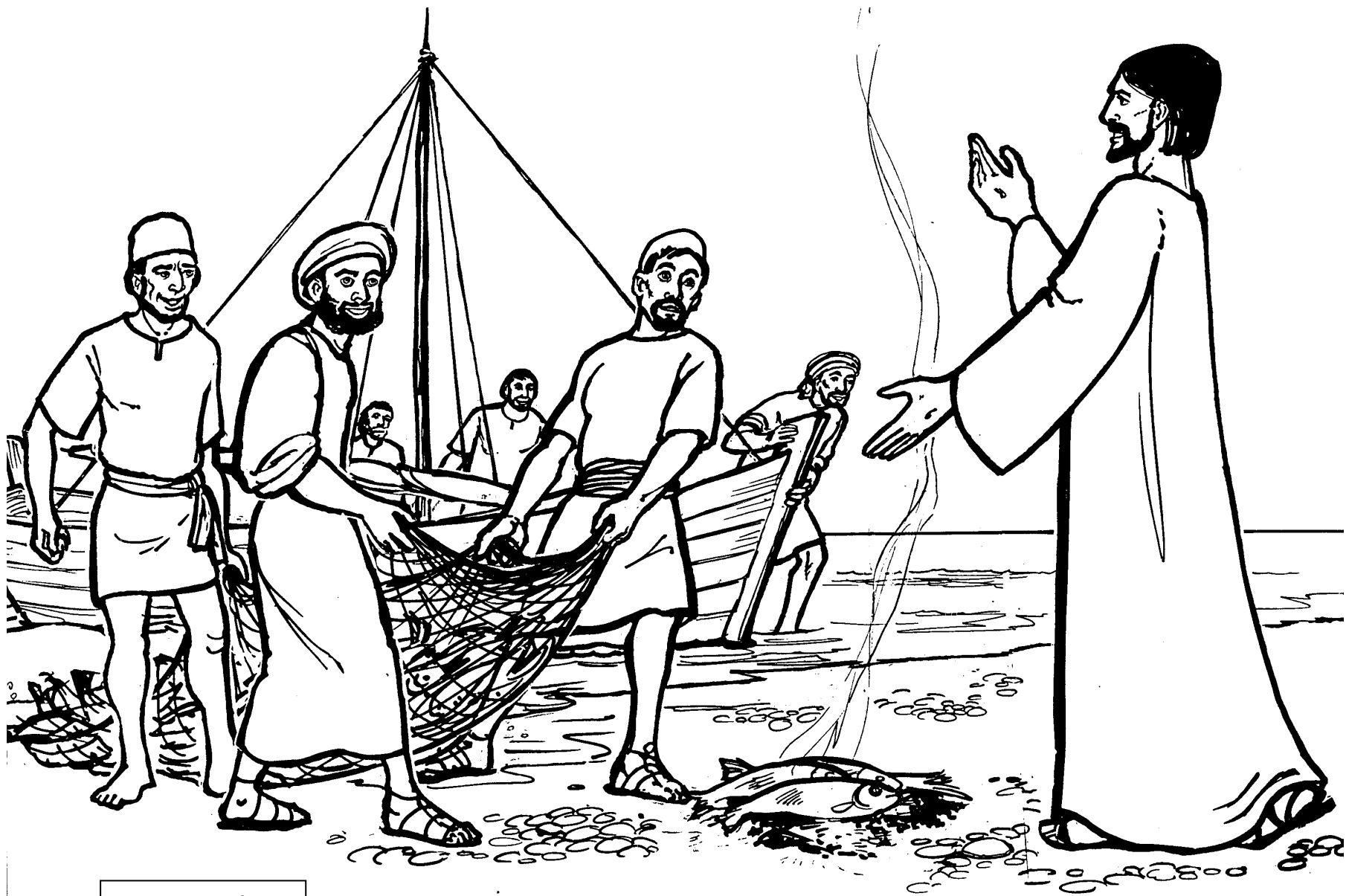
Jesus made a little fire on the beach and cooked fish for breakfast. "Come and have something to eat," said Jesus, and He ate breakfast with them. They were so happy. Jesus was alive!



Saviour Week 2



Saviour Week 2



Saviour Week 2

Jesus went back to Heaven Matthew 28; Acts 1

Saviour Week 3

Forty days after the Sunday morning when Jesus came alive, it was time for him to go back to his Father in heaven. He and his disciples climbed up the Mount of Olives.

And while his friends were standing there, on top of the hill, Jesus went straight up into heaven, in a cloud.

The disciples were so surprised. They stood looking up into the sky.

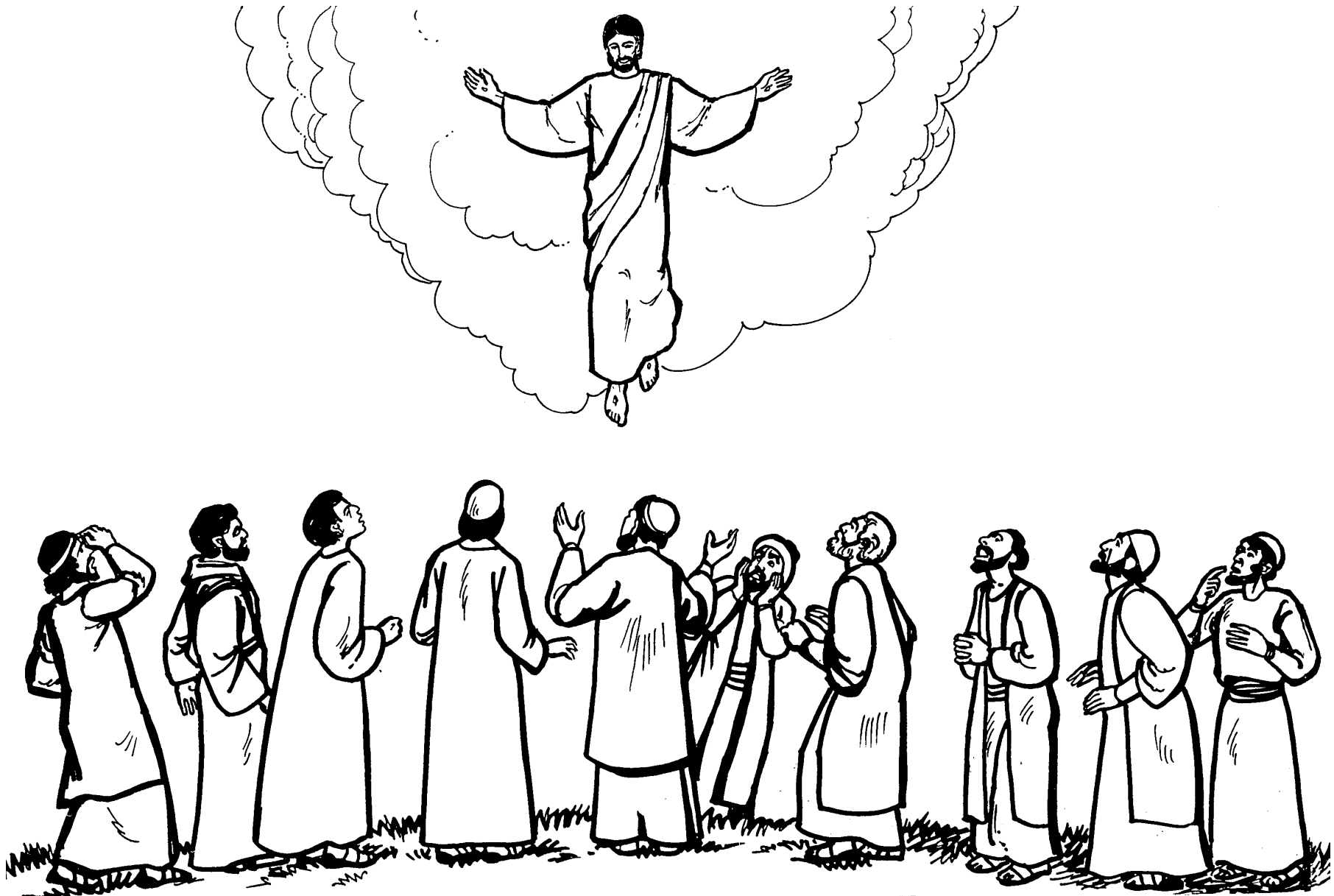
They had seen Jesus go up into heaven with their very own eyes!

Then two angels appeared and said, “One day Jesus will come back again exactly the same way you have just seen him go up to heaven.”

Jesus had told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for Holy Spirit to come and give them power. Then they were to tell other people, everywhere, all they had seen him do.

So the disciples went straight back to Jerusalem, to wait for the Holy Spirit to come.

Then they began to tell people everywhere the good news about Jesus.



Saviour Week 3

Saul becomes Paul Acts 9

Pure-Holy Week 1

After Jesus went back to Heaven, the disciples told many people about Jesus. But it was dangerous! The same leaders that put Jesus on the cross, hated anyone who spoke about Jesus. They tried to catch them and put them in jail. One of these leaders was Saul.

Saul didn't understand that Jesus was God's son.

One day he decided to take a trip to the big city of Damascus, thinking that he might be able to catch some of Jesus' followers.

As he was going along the road to Damascus, all of a sudden, a very bright light shone down from heaven.

Saul got such a fright that he fell to the ground.

Then he heard a voice from heaven saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you working so hard to stop my plans."

"Who are you?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus," said the voice.

"Go into the city and you will find out what to do."

When the light had gone, Saul couldn't see anything. He was blind!

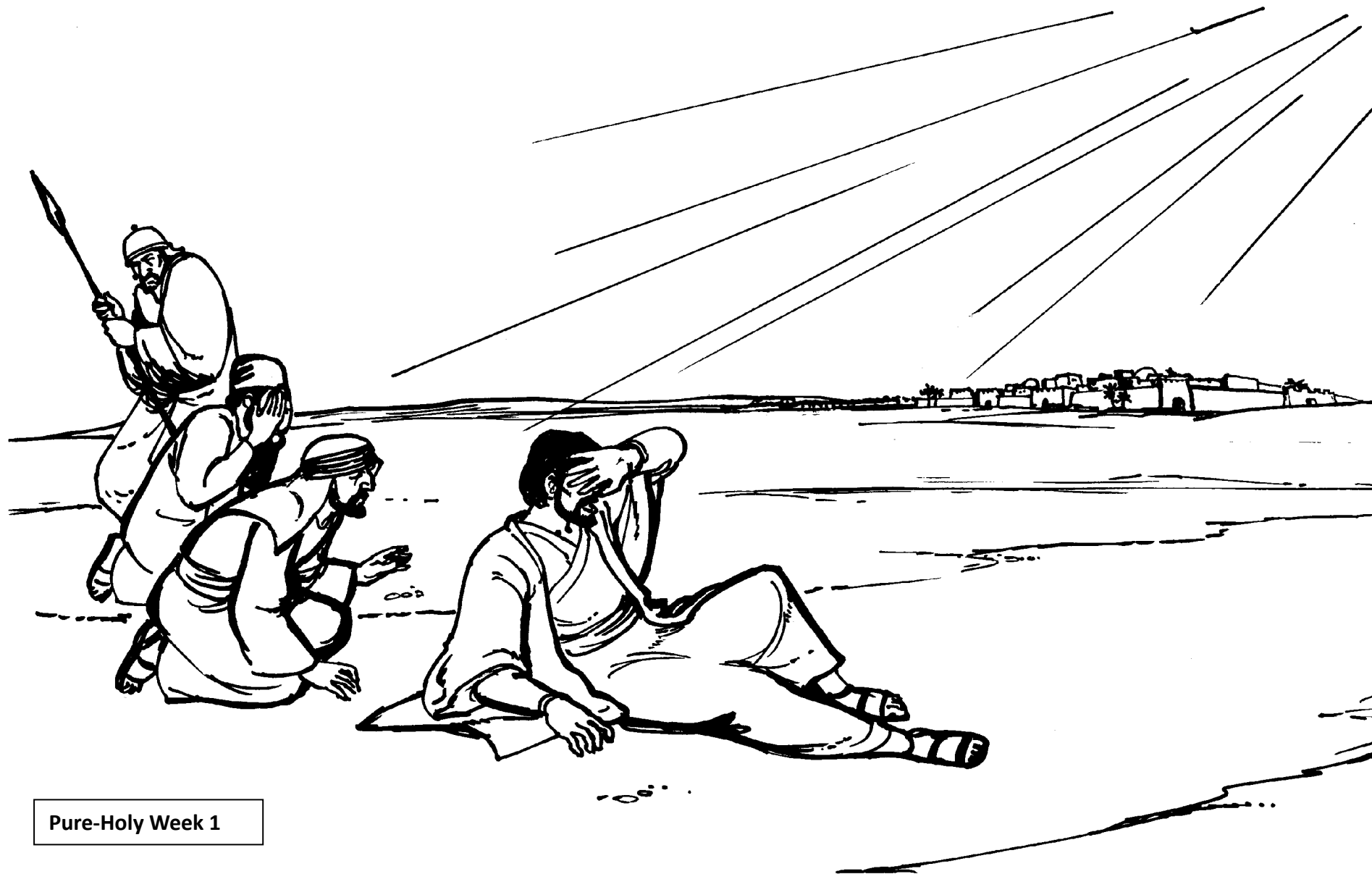
His friends who were with him didn't know what had happened. They took him by the hand and led him to the city of Damascus.

In that city lived a good man named Ananias. Jesus came to him in a dream and said, "I want you to go and find a man called Saul. I want you to help him."

Ananias found Saul. He touched Saul and said, "Jesus sent me so you could see again. Jesus wants you to be one of His friends."

Right away Saul could see again. Saul was a changed man. Love for Jesus filled his heart. He wanted everyone to know about Jesus.

And later, God changed his name to Paul, and for the rest of his life he told others about Jesus.



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Paul and Silas in jail Acts 16:16-40

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Paul had a good friend named Silas. Paul and Silas went from town to town telling everyone the good news about Jesus Christ the son of God.

It was the rule that no one could talk about Jesus, or they would be put into jail. They soon got arrested.

Paul and Silas did not worry. They knew that God was with them everywhere. Even in jail! At night they sang songs and prayed.

The other prisoners and guards listened to their songs and prayers.

One night there was an earthquake. The chains on the prisoners fell off and all the jail doors opened.

If the prisoners escaped the guards would be in trouble. But Paul and Silas did not run away.

The guard was so pleased that they were still there.

“God is with us and we want you to know about Jesus, God’s Son,” they told the guard.

“Tell me about him,” the guard said.

Paul explained how God sent his son to earth. He healed and helped people, then died on a cross. Now he is alive again, just as God had promised. Just believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son. You too will become God’s friend.”

“I do believe that Jesus is God’s Son,” said the guard.

The Guard told all his family about Jesus. They all listened to Paul and Silas and they all believed in Jesus too. Like Paul and Silas they were now God’s children.



Noah Genesis 6-9

Pure Holy Week 2

God made a beautiful world, and made the first people, Adam and Eve. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the world was not as beautiful, and people started to do wicked things. They started to forget about God.

Everyone in the world forgot about God except Noah and his family. God wanted to make a new start.

God said to Noah, "It is going to rain. Build a big boat with rooms for a mother and father of every animal."

Noah did what God told him to do. It was a VERY big boat. His family helped him too. Then they painted it all over with a special water-proof mixture. The boat was called "Noah's Ark."

When Noah had finished, a father and mother of each animal went into Noah's Ark. Noah did not have to find them. They just came, because God sent them.

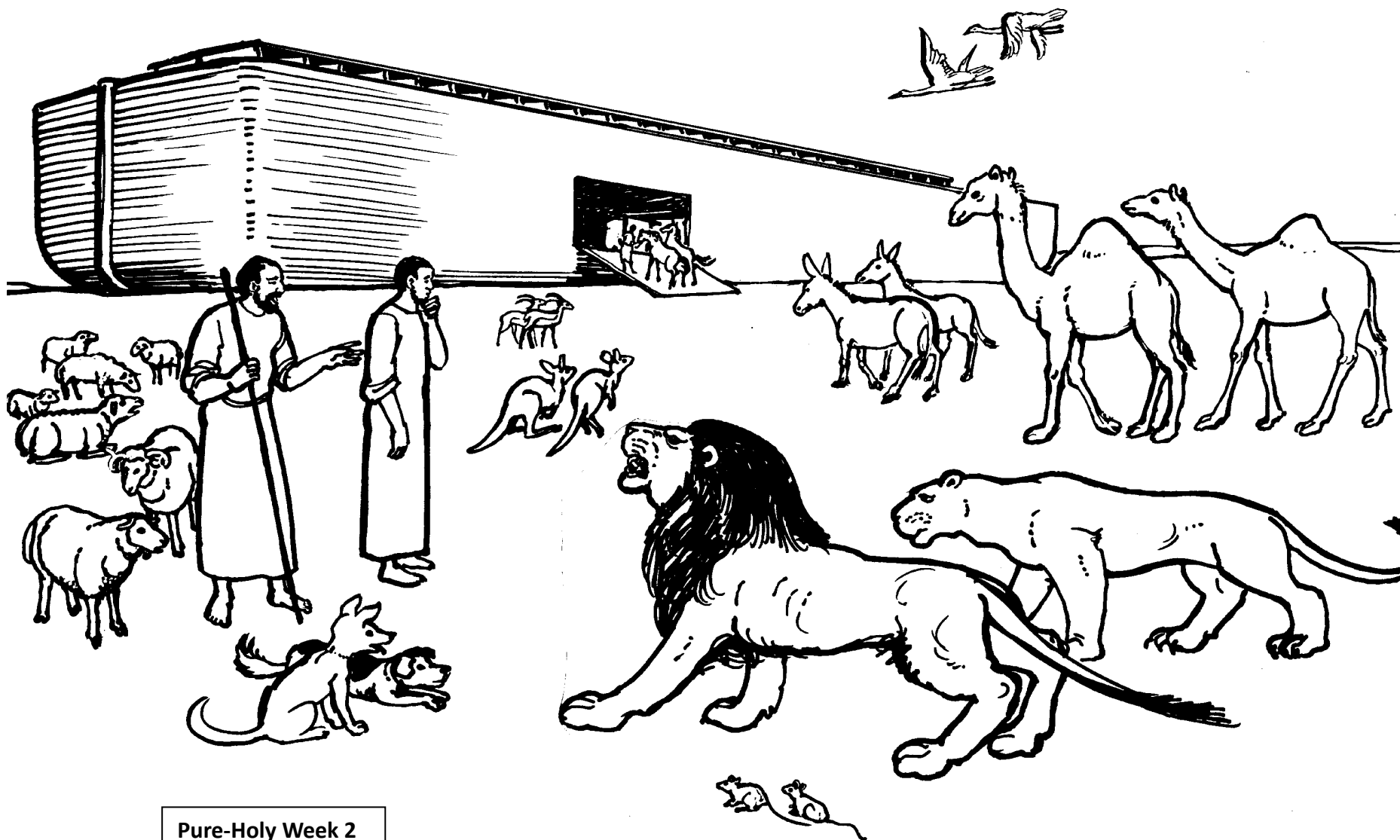
God shut the door and it began to rain. The water got deeper and deeper. But Noah, his family and the animals were safe and dry inside the Ark.

After 40 days and nights the rain stopped. Noah opened the window of the ark. He saw water everywhere. He sent a bird to see if there was any dry land. But the bird came back. It could not find a place to rest. Then after a while he sent the bird out again. This time it brought back an olive leaf. The water was going down. Then he sent a bird out for the third time. This time it did not come back. It was time to leave the ark. Everyone could go outside again!

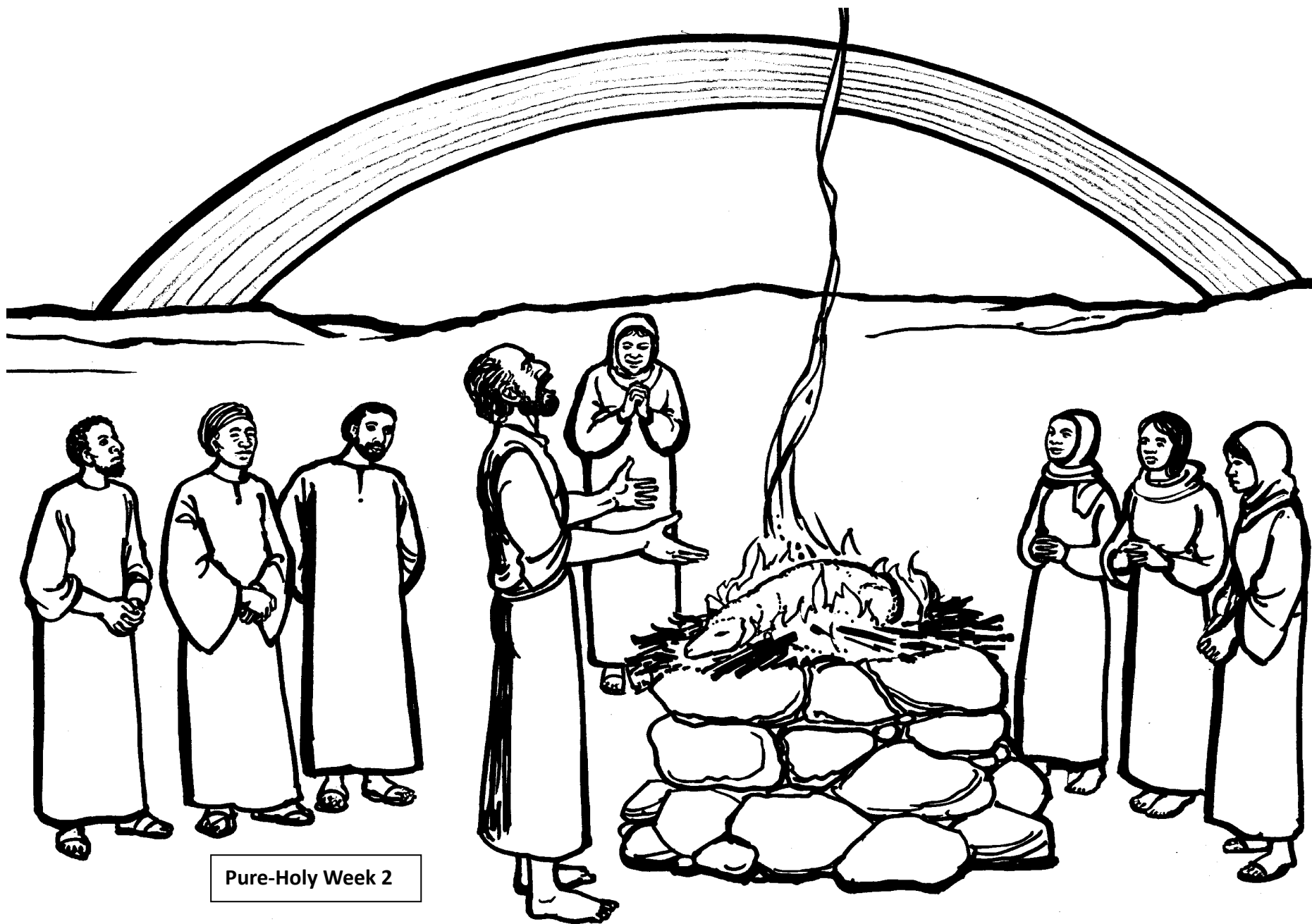
Noah and his family thanked God for keeping them safe and dry. God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky. They had never seen a rainbow before! It was a sign of God's promise that He would never again cover the whole earth with water.



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Zacchaeus Luke 19: 1-9

Pure-Holy Week 3

Zacchaeus had lots of money, but he was not a nice man. His job was to collect money for the government, but he took too much.

When he took money from people, he took some money for himself as well. That was stealing. He was not kind and nobody liked Zacchaeus.

One day Jesus was coming to town and everyone went to see him.

Zacchaeus was too small to see over the crowd and no one would let him through. He quickly ran ahead and climbed up a tree.

He waited for Jesus to go past. Now he could see Jesus.

Jesus stopped under the tree. He looked up.

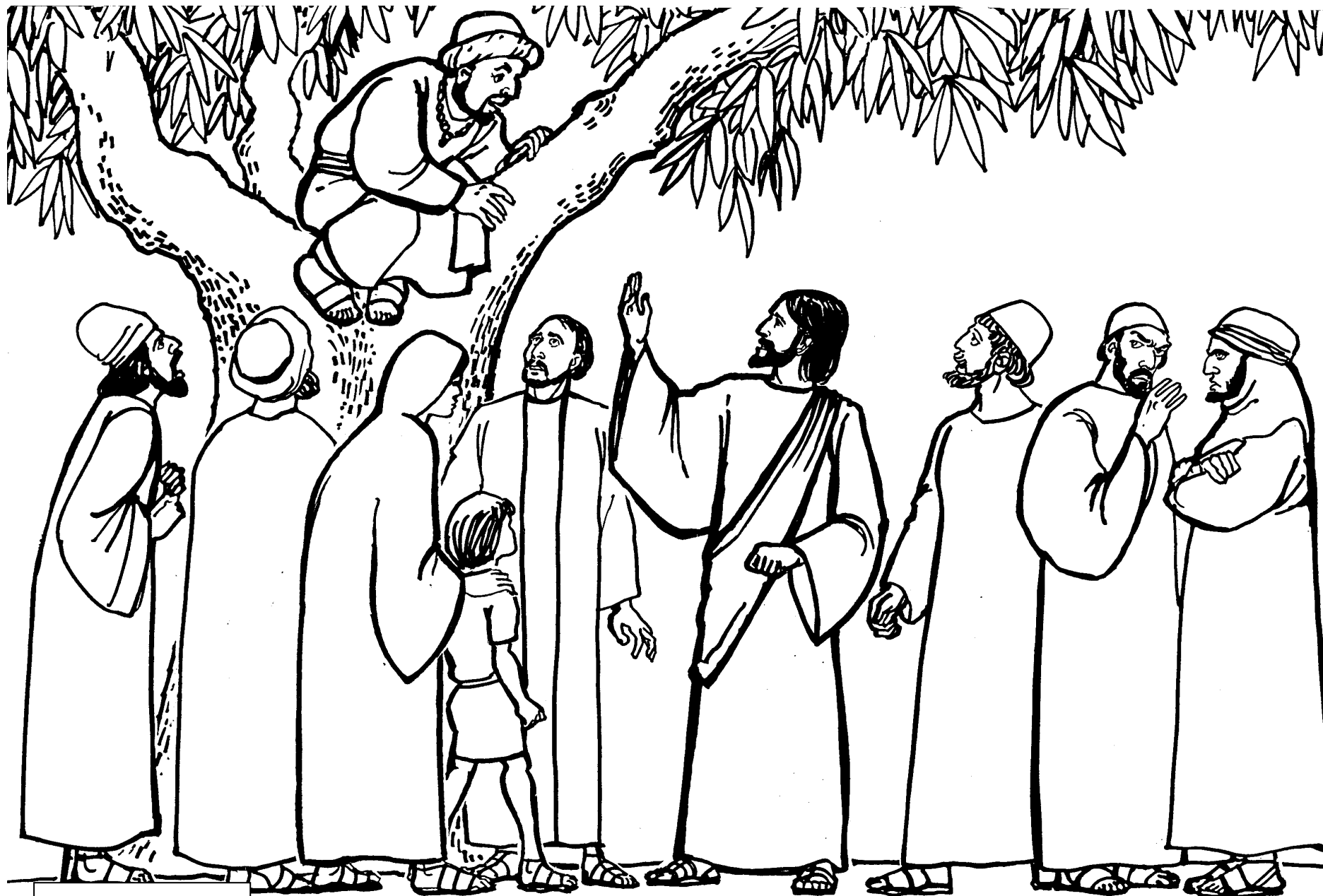
“Zacchaeus come down,” said Jesus, “I am coming to your house today.”

People said, “Doesn’t Jesus know that Zacchaeus is a bad man?”

When Jesus met Zacchaeus at his house He said, “From now on I want you to do what is good and right, Zacchaeus.”

Zacchaeus was sorry that he had taken people’s money. He paid it all back.

“I love Jesus now,” said Zacchaeus. “Now I will do what is good and right.”



Pure-Holy Week 3

The father who forgave his son

Luke 15:11-32

Pure-Holy Week 3

There was a man who had two sons. The sons were grown up. One son said, "I want to leave home, Dad. Please give me some money so that I can go to the city to live."

"O.K.," said the father. "I will give you some money." So the son went to the city.

He had a good time in the city. He had lots of fun, but he did not always do good things. He spent all his money. He had no money left.

"I will go and get a job," said the son. "I will go and look after some pigs."

So the son went to get a job with pigs. He did not like working with pigs. It was very smelly and dirty.

"I would really like to go home," said the son to himself. "But will Dad want me home again? I have spent all his money. He may be very cross with me."

The son went home. Was the father angry with the son? Did he tell him to go away? No! The father was very happy to see his son. He wanted his son home again. He gave him a big hug. He gave him a party!

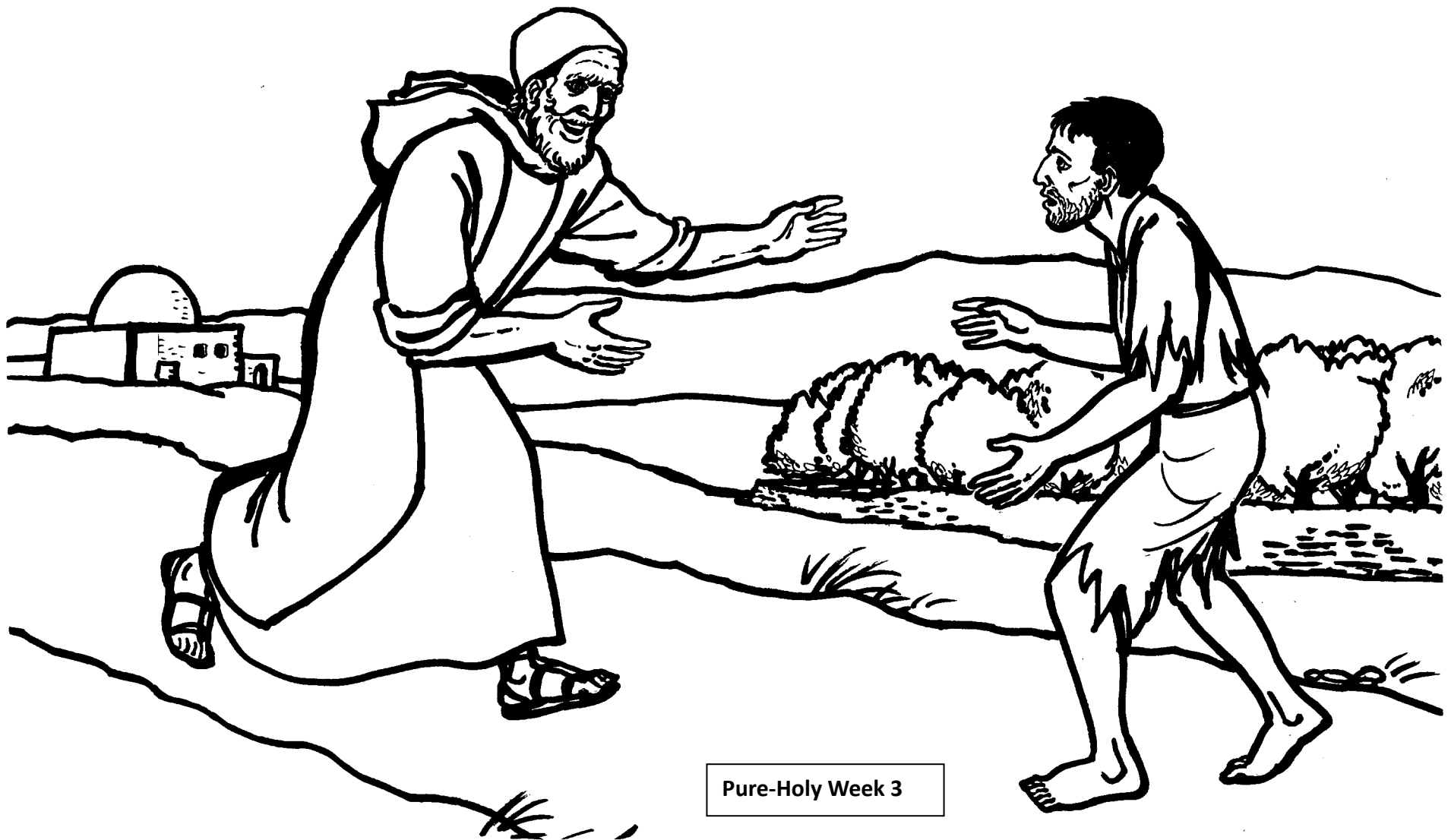
God wants us to forgive people who do wrong things to us, just like the father forgave his son. God wants us to forgive others just as he forgives us.



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Joseph and his coat of many colours

Genesis 37

Pure-Holy Week 4

Joseph had ten big brothers and one little brother. He loved God and he loved his family.

His father loved Joseph very much. He gave him a special present. It was a new coat with lots of colours.

Joseph showed his new coat to his brothers. Joseph's brothers were annoyed. They wanted a colourful new coat too!

One day Joseph had a dream. He dreamt that the eleven brothers were bowing down to him, just like bundles of wheat. He told the brothers about it. Now they were really angry. They told Joseph to go away. Joseph's brothers were not kind to him.

The big brothers went to look after the sheep. One day his dad told Joseph to find them. Joseph put his

new coat on straight away. He always obeyed his father.

It was a long way to go. When he saw his brothers, he called out and waved. But his brothers were still angry.

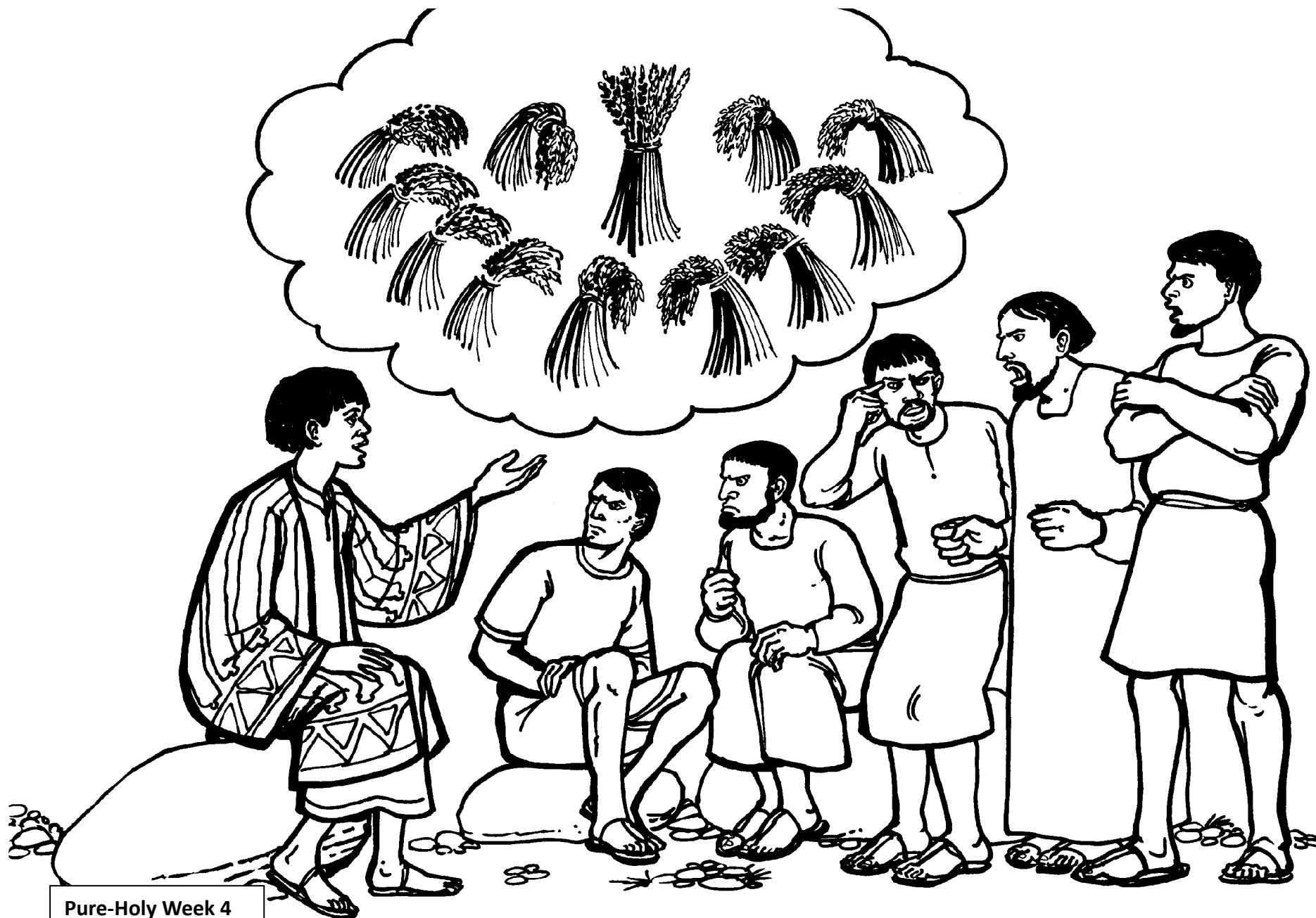
They were not kind and took his coat away. Then they put him down inside a big hole.

Joseph was sad, but he remembered that God was always with him. The brothers saw men coming on camels. They wanted a boy to help King Pharaoh. The brothers got Joseph out and sold him.

The men took Joseph away to Egypt. Joseph prayed and asked God to help him. He knew that God is always with us and wants us to do what is good and right. And so Joseph was good in Egypt.

But one day someone told a lie about Joseph. They said he did something bad, but in fact, he did not do anything bad.

Joseph was put in jail for something he didn't do.



Pure-Holy Week 4

Joseph in jail Genesis 39-41

Pure-Holy Week 4

Joseph was in jail a long time but God had not forgotten him. God had a special plan for him.

There was a man in the jail who had a dream. The man didn't know what the dream meant. He told Joseph about it. Joseph said, "God can tell the meaning of dreams. I will ask Him." So Joseph prayed, and God showed him what the dream meant.

One night, Pharaoh had a dream. He saw seven fat cows and seven thin cows. The thin cows ate up the fat, well fed cows, but the thin cows still looked hungry.

The next night he dreamed about seven fat stalks of corn and seven thin stalks of corn. The thin corn ate the fat corn, but still looked hungry.

Pharaoh got all his wise men and magicians, with their magic powers, to find out what the dreams meant.

But none of their magic worked. Then Pharaoh's best servant told him about a prisoner called Joseph, who could understand the meaning of dreams.

"Send for him at once," commanded Pharaoh.

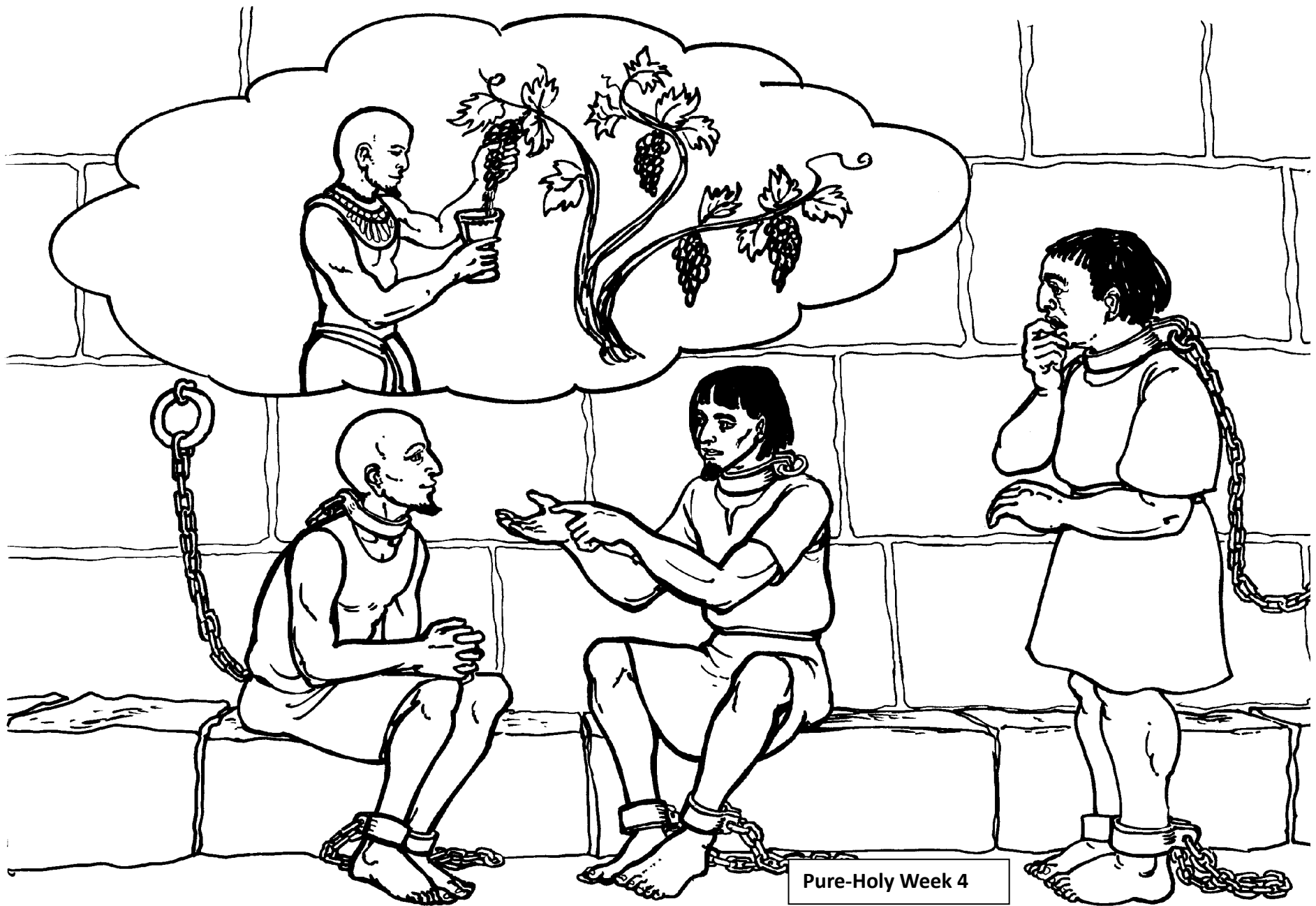
Pharaoh told Joseph about the dream.

Joseph prayed to God about the dream. "God you are always with me. Please show me what Pharaoh's dream means," prayed Joseph.

God told Joseph what the dream meant. God said, "There will be a great harvest for seven years, when plenty of food will grow. Then there will be seven years of famine, when no food will grow. Tell Pharaoh that he needs to put a good man in charge of storing extra food, before the famine comes." Joseph told Pharaoh what God had said.

"There is no one better than you," said Pharaoh. "You will be in charge of storing the food, so that no one ever goes hungry."

Joseph became the most important man in Egypt.



Joseph is kind to his brothers Genesis 42-46

Pure Holy Week 4

Joseph's brothers had been unkind to him. Years before, they had sold him to King Pharaoh in Egypt.

Now Joseph was King Pharaoh's best helper. He knew God was with him in Egypt.

Joseph helped King Pharaoh understand the meaning of his dream. Joseph told him to get lots and lots of corn because soon people in other countries wouldn't have enough to feed their families."

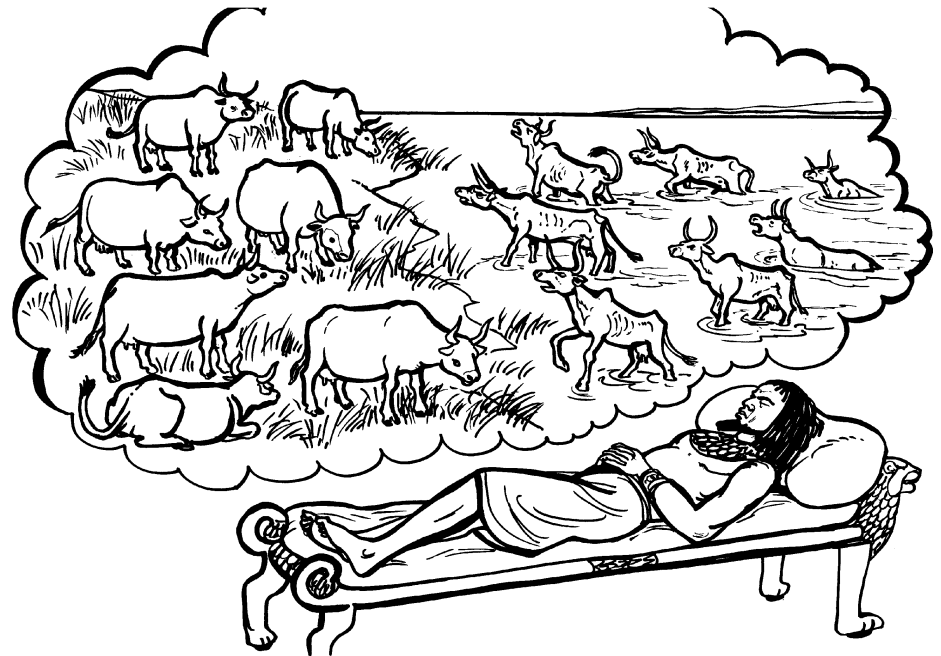
Joseph's family lived a long way off, but even in their part of the land there was no food. Joseph's brothers had no corn left to eat. They were hungry, so their dad sent them to buy corn from King Pharaoh.

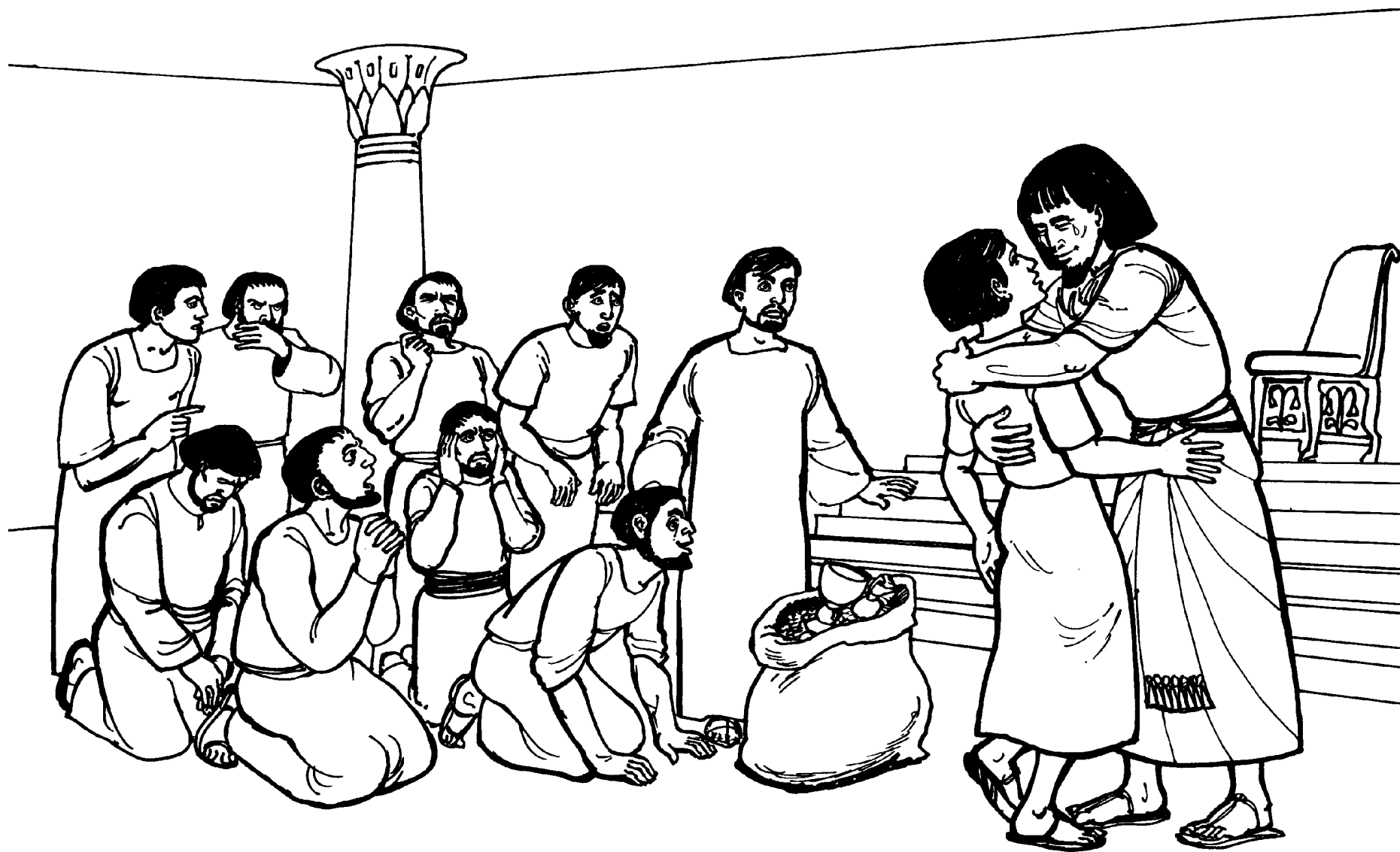
Joseph was put in charge of giving out the food. The brothers did not know this.

Would Joseph be kind to his brothers? Yes! Joseph gave corn to his brothers and gave some to them to take home to his dad.

He forgave his brothers for being unkind. Joseph loved God and he looked after his family.

God wants us to be kind to everyone, even if people are not kind to us first.





Pure-Holy Week 4

God made the world in 6 days Genesis 1

Creator Week 1

The first words in the Bible tell us that in the beginning God made the heavens and earth. At first the earth was covered with water and it was dark.

On Day 1 God made day and night.

God said it was good.

On Day 2 God made sky and sea.

God said it was good.

On Day 3 God made land, plants and trees.

God said it was good.

On Day 4 God made sun, moon and stars.

God said it was good.

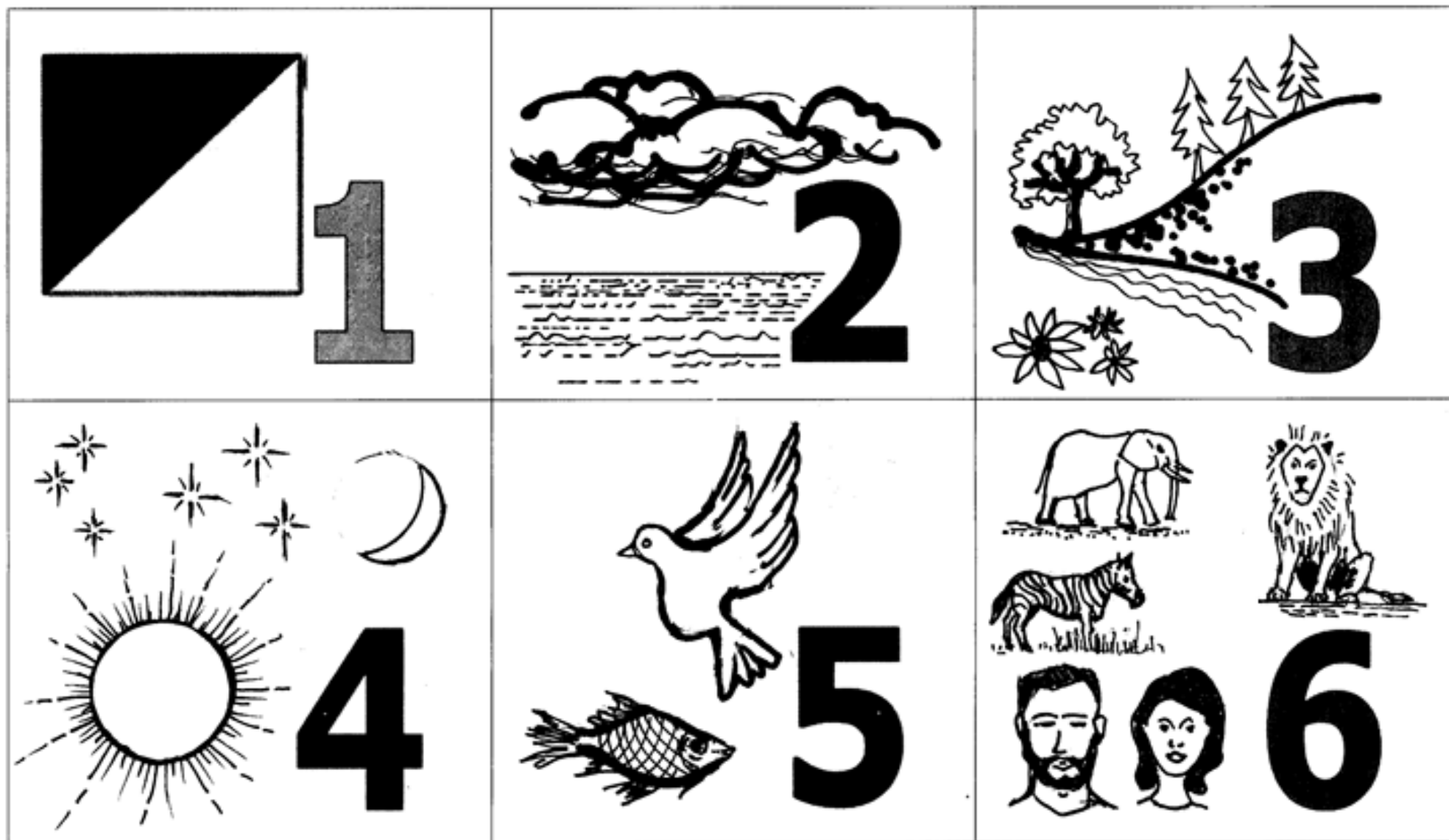
On Day 5 God made fish and birds.

God said it was good.

On Day 6 God made land animals and people.

God said it was good.

On Day 7 God rested and everything God had made was good.



Creator Week 1

No longer perfect Genesis 1-3

Creator Week 2

God made the world, and the sun and the stars, all in six days. And then on the seventh day He had a rest.

Do you remember what He made on each day?

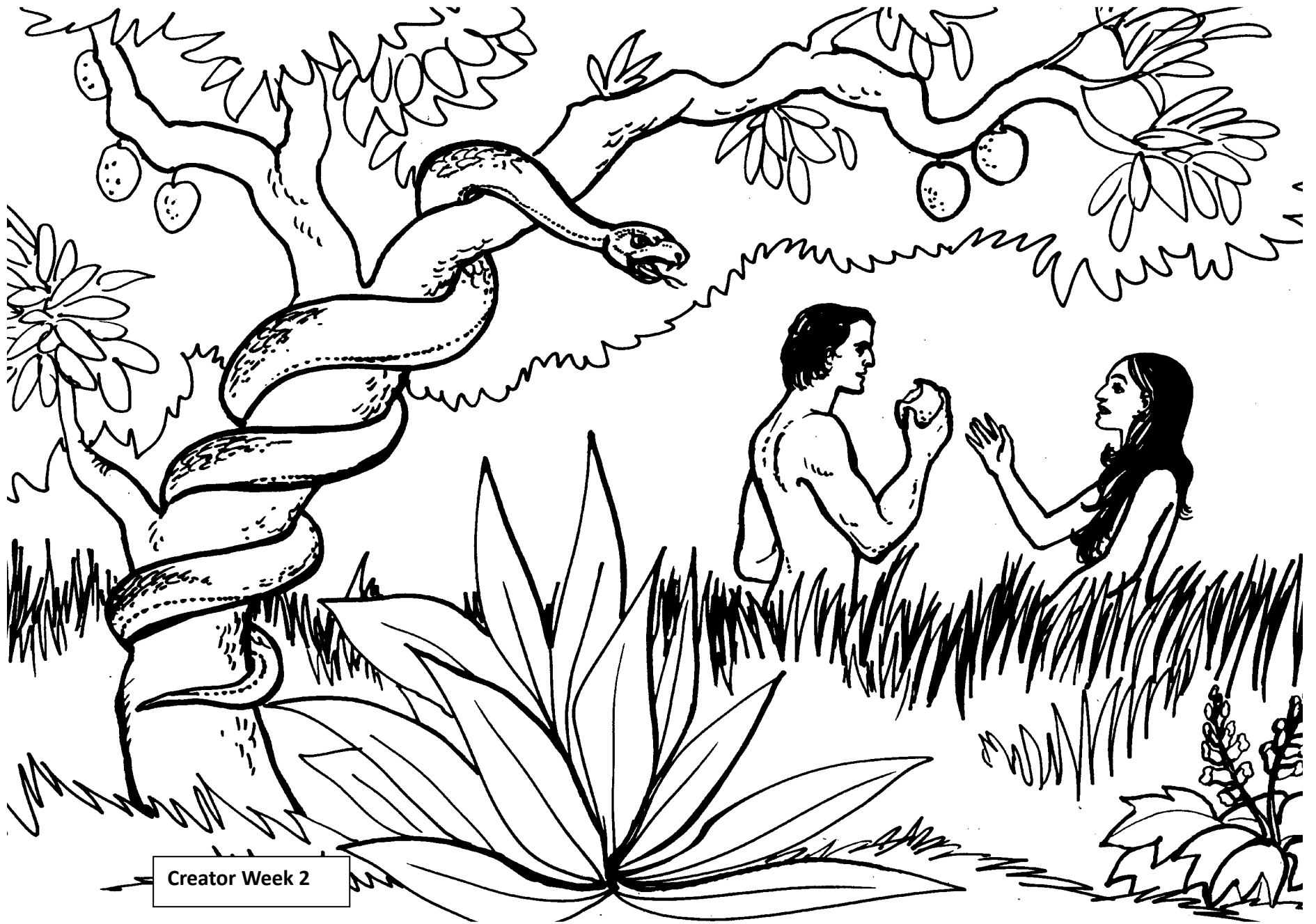
On day 6 He made the land animals, and also His most special creation, people. When God made Adam and Eve, He wanted them to be His special friends. God made them to be friends with God. He made them so that they could love God and talk to God. This is something the animals cannot do.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed, they lost the special friendship they once had with God. However, many years later, Jesus came to earth as a human. Because of His death on the cross, people could ask to be forgiven for all the wrong things they do, and they could be friends with God once again.

God could have created Adam and Eve like robots. He could have made them to think and act exactly as HE wanted them to. However, God did not do this. He gave them a mind to think with. He gave them the ability to make choices. They could choose between right and wrong.

Adam and Eve knew the right thing to do. They knew that God had told them that it was wrong to eat a certain kind of fruit, but they chose to disobey.

It was then that sickness, sadness and death came into the world. These things were never part of God's plan. When God created the world, He said that it was GOOD. That means that it was perfect. These things came into the world because people did not obey God. People can try to be good, but they can never be as perfect as God asks them to be. However, when we ask Jesus to forgive us, we can be friends with God. One day there will be no more sickness and death, because Satan will be destroyed forever, and people who know Jesus will live with Him forever.



Creator Week 2

Jesus calms the storm Luke 8:22-25

Creator Week 3

One lovely evening Jesus and some of his friends got into a boat to row across the lake.

Jesus had been busy all day, teaching people about God and he was very tired. He lay down and went to sleep.

The wind began to blow and the waves got bigger and bigger. The little boat bobbed up and down. Jesus' friends got scared.

"Jesus, wake up. Help us! The waves are too big, and we are not safe," they said.

Jesus stood up in the boat. "Wind and waves be still," he said. And straight away the wind and waves stopped!

Jesus' friends were surprised. "Jesus can even tell the storm to stop. Only God can do that!" they said.

They knew that they were safe with Jesus. The Bible says, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you."



Creator Week 3

Jesus walks on water Matthew 14:22 - 33

Creator Week 3

Jesus sent his helpers and Peter across to the other side of the lake, in a boat. He was tired. He wanted to be by himself to rest and pray. He had been talking to lots of people, all day.

Soon, the wind began to blow and the waves got bigger and bigger! Peter and his friends were getting scared.

"If only Jesus was here," they said.

Then they saw someone coming towards them, walking on top of the water! No one could walk on water like that! They were scared.

Jesus called out, "Don't be scared, it is only me."

Peter couldn't believe his eyes and said, "If it really is you, Jesus, then tell me to come to you on the water."

He got out of the boat and began to walk, on the water, to Jesus.

While he kept looking at Jesus, he was safe. But when Peter looked at the stormy sea he was scared and began to sink down in the water.

"Help me, Jesus," he cried!

Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. Even though the wind blew and the waves crashed around him, while he kept looking at Jesus, Peter was safe.

They got back into the boat and the storm stopped. Remember, that when you keep looking at Jesus you will be safe. Jesus will help you when you are scared, too.



Creator Week 3

Lazarus is brought back to life John 11:1 - 45

Creator Week 4

Jesus was in Jerusalem when someone came to tell him that his friend Lazarus, from the town of Bethany, was sick.

Two days later Jesus and his friends started off to Bethany, to see him, but Jesus knew that Lazarus had died.

Martha ran to meet Jesus. "If you had been here," she said, "my brother would not have died. But I know, it's not too late. You can do anything."

"Lazarus will live," Jesus said to her. "Go and get your sister, Mary."

Jesus often stayed with Martha and Mary and their brother, Lazarus.

Jesus was sad. Lazarus was his friend.
They went to the cave where Lazarus was buried.
"Take the stone away," said Jesus.
"But he has been dead four days," they told him.

"If you believe, then you will see what God can do," he replied.
"Lazarus! come out!" called Jesus.
Lazarus came out, still wrapped in bandages.

Martha and Mary unwrapped him. They were so happy that Lazarus was alive!

Many, who saw this miracle with their own eyes, believed that Jesus was God's Son.



Creator Week 4

Jesus brings a little girl back to life

John 11:1 - 45

Creator Week 4

A little girl, the daughter of a man called Jairus, was very sick. Jairus hurried to find Jesus.
“Please come quickly. My little girl is very sick. I know you can make her better,” he said to Jesus

They were walking to Jairus’ house, when someone came to tell them
it was too late. The little girl had died.

It is no use Jesus going now. But Jesus kept walking.
A crowd followed to see what He would do.

When Jesus got to Jairus’ house everyone was crying. The little girl was only 12 years old. They were all sad.

Jesus went into the room where the little girl lay dead. He took her by the hand and said,
“Little girl, I say to you, get up.”

The girl sat up straight away. She was alive!
Jesus said, “Give her something to eat.”

It was a miracle!
Jairus had seen Jesus make his dead daughter come alive again!
Only Jesus could do such a miracle!



Creator Week 4

The Lord is my shepherd Psalm 23

Creator Week 5

Do you know what a shepherd does? A shepherd looks after sheep.

In the land of Israel, in Bible times, shepherds didn't stay in one place. They took their sheep here and there, looking for the best grass, shade from the sun, and cool water for them to drink. The shepherd also kept the sheep from danger. If wild animals come, the shepherd would use his special shepherd's crook, or staff, to chase the animals away. If a sheep got caught in a prickly bush, or went into a cave, the shepherd would get him out. A shepherd loves his sheep.

There is a song written in the Bible, called "The Lord is my shepherd". That means that God looks after us just like a shepherd. He provides us with food and water. He also keeps us from danger, just as the shepherd keeps his sheep from danger. Jesus loves us too, just as the shepherd loves his sheep. *(The children could repeat this after you, line by line.)*

The Lord is my shepherd.

He gives me everything I need.

He leads me to where the grass is green.

He leads me to cool water.

He helps me when I am sad.

He helps me to do what is right.

Even when I am in danger, I will not be afraid

Because He is with me.

Just as the shepherd uses his staff to protect the sheep,

The Lord protects me and makes me feel brave.

He gives me joy.

I am glad that His goodness will be with me all of my life.

And I will be with Him forever



Creator Week 5