



Helping Others

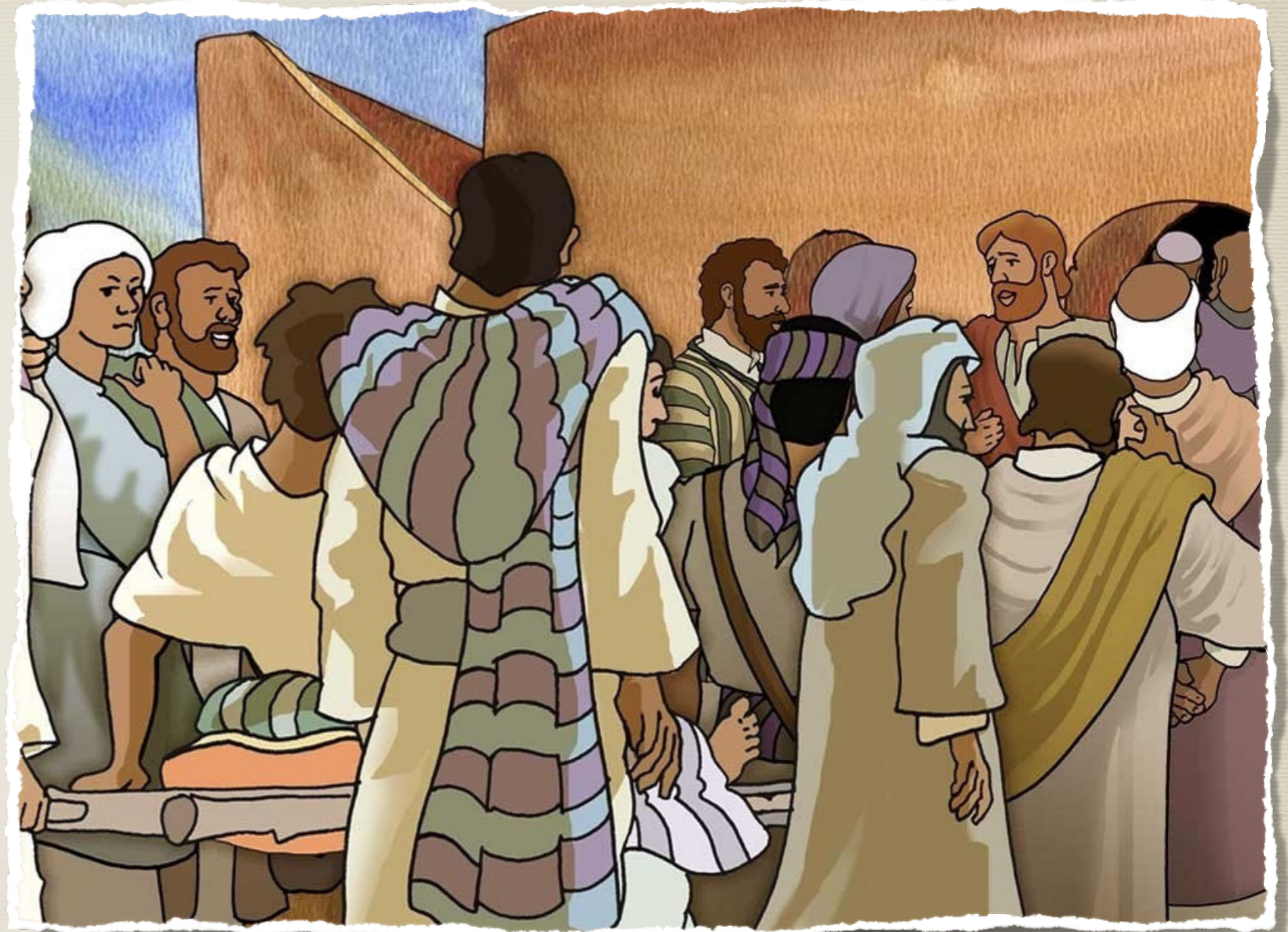
The Paralytic Man and His Four Friends

- * There were these four friends who loved their best friend who was paralyzed, which means he couldn't walk.
- * They cared about him so much that they wanted to take him to Jesus because they had faith that He could make their friend walk again.
- * Because of their faith and friendship, they decided to take action.
- * *Ask 4 kids to act as the 4 friends and to hold the corners of a bed sheet and ask a smaller kid to act as the paralyzed friend and instruct him to lie down on the sheet. Have them pretend to find a way to fit in the house.*

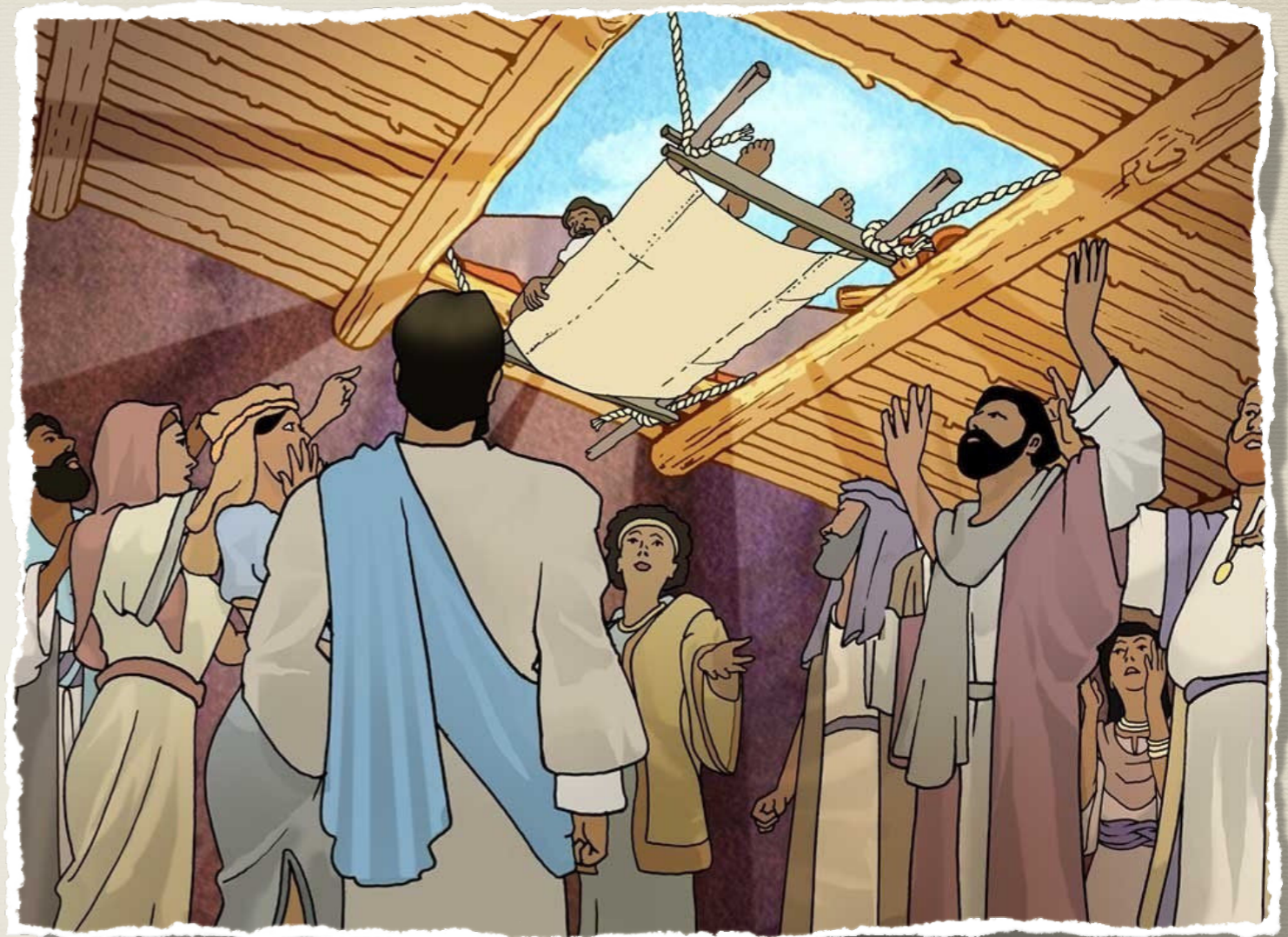


* So many people came to see Jesus one day that the room in the house was packed.

* *Let's all pretend we are in that house and scoot close to each other so that there is no room for anyone else to fit in our house.*



- * When they saw that it would be impossible to get their friend in through the door, they did not give up!
- * They climbed to the roof of the house and cut a giant hole in it that was big enough to lower their friend through and straight down to Jesus.
- * *Have the 4 friends place the paralyzed friend in the front of the class*



- * When Jesus saw their faith, He told the paralytic man, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”
- * This is something that only God can do which proves that Jesus is the Son of God.
- * When the scribes and teachers of the law heard this, they were shocked and thought how dare Jesus claim to do something only God can do?
- * *Ask the children to make shocked facial expressions while looking at each other.*



* Jesus knew they doubted Him and it took the miracle of Jesus actually healing the paralyzed man for them to understand.

* Jesus turned to the paralytic man and said “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

* *Ask the paralyzed friend to get up, pick up the sheet, and walk to the back of the room and ask the other children to react with amazement.*



- * The four friends were on a mission to help their friend get to Jesus.
- * They faced many challenges on this mission:
 - * There was no room to get their friend inside the house, but they didn't give up by just waiting outside, hoping Jesus would see them.
 - * They also didn't worry about the religious leaders in the room and their judgment.
 - * Finally, they had to carry their friend to the roof, cut through the tile, and lower him down, which was probably very difficult and exhausting.
 - * Nothing was going to stop these 4 men from helping their friend!

