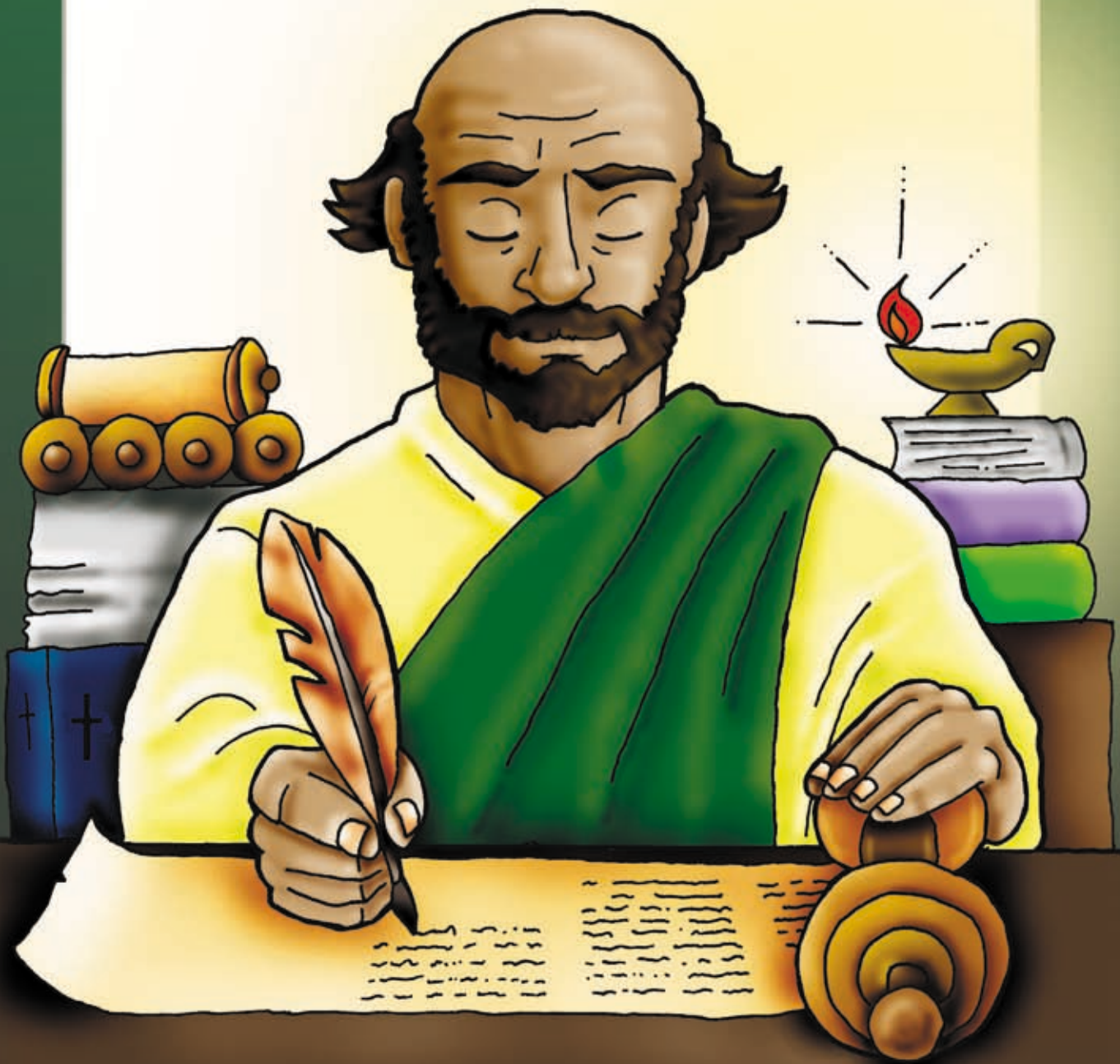


God's Chosen Vessel

A Study in the Life of the Apostle Paul

Lesson 1: Paul the Student



Taken from Acts 7, 8:1-3, 9:1-31

Paul was God's Chosen Vessel.

This means God had a special plan for Paul's life to use him for His purpose and His glory!

Paul wanted to follow God's plan for his life so he became a serious student of God's Word. Paul set his heart on knowing God by knowing His Word.

Memory Verse- 2 Tim 2:15

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

(The Bible is the mind of Jesus Christ. Find the hidden Bible on each page and let it remind you to hide God's Word in your heart!)

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Stephen was a devout follower of Jesus Christ. Because of his faith in Jesus Christ the Jews stoned Stephen to death while Paul happily stood by.

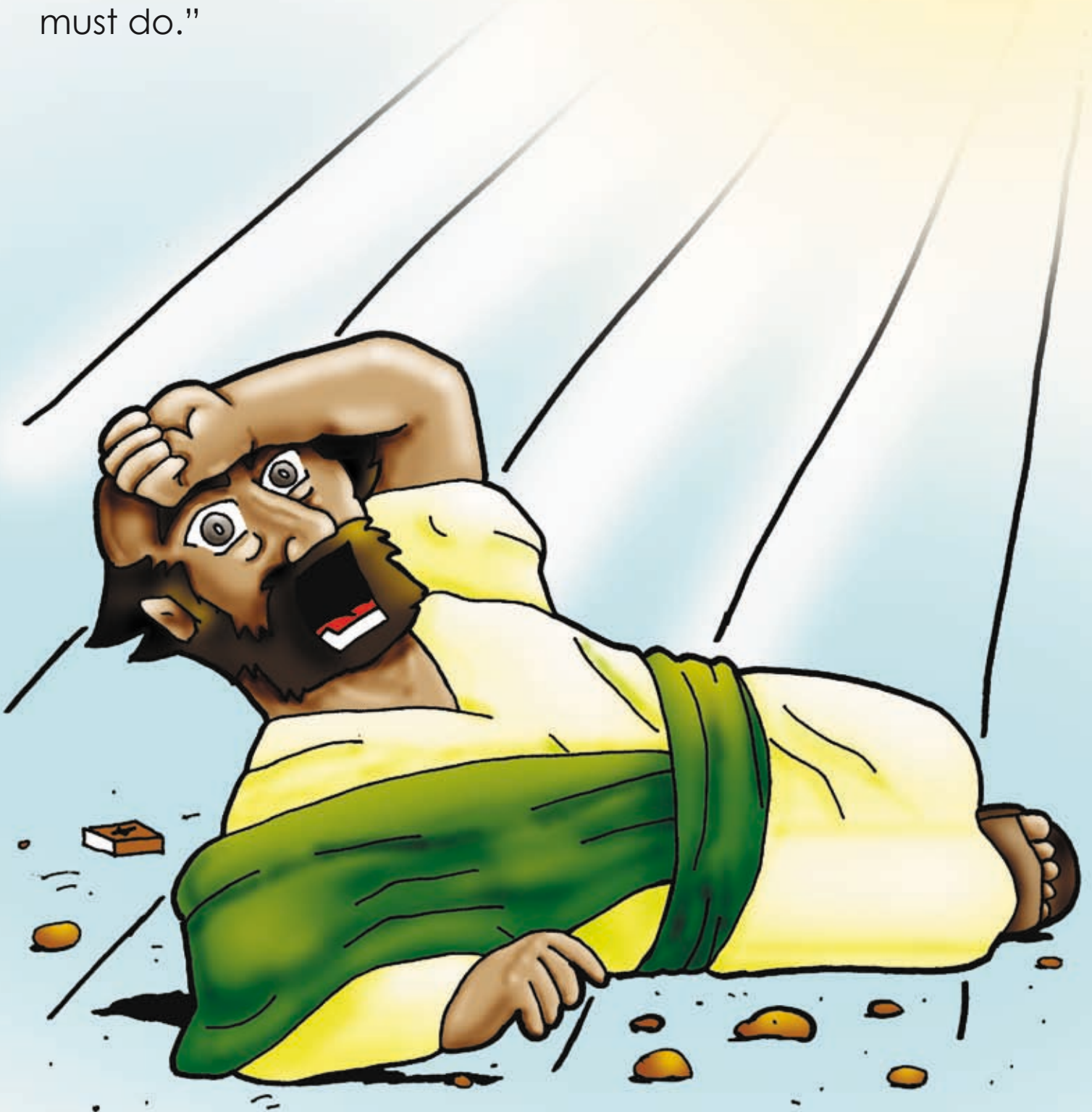
Paul liked persecuting Christians so he decided to travel to Damascus to round them up and put them in jail.



When Paul (Saul) was almost to Damascus a bright light from Heaven flashed around him. Paul fell to the ground and then heard a strange thing, a Voice from Heaven saying "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Paul said, "Who are you, Lord"?

The Voice answered, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, but rise, and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."



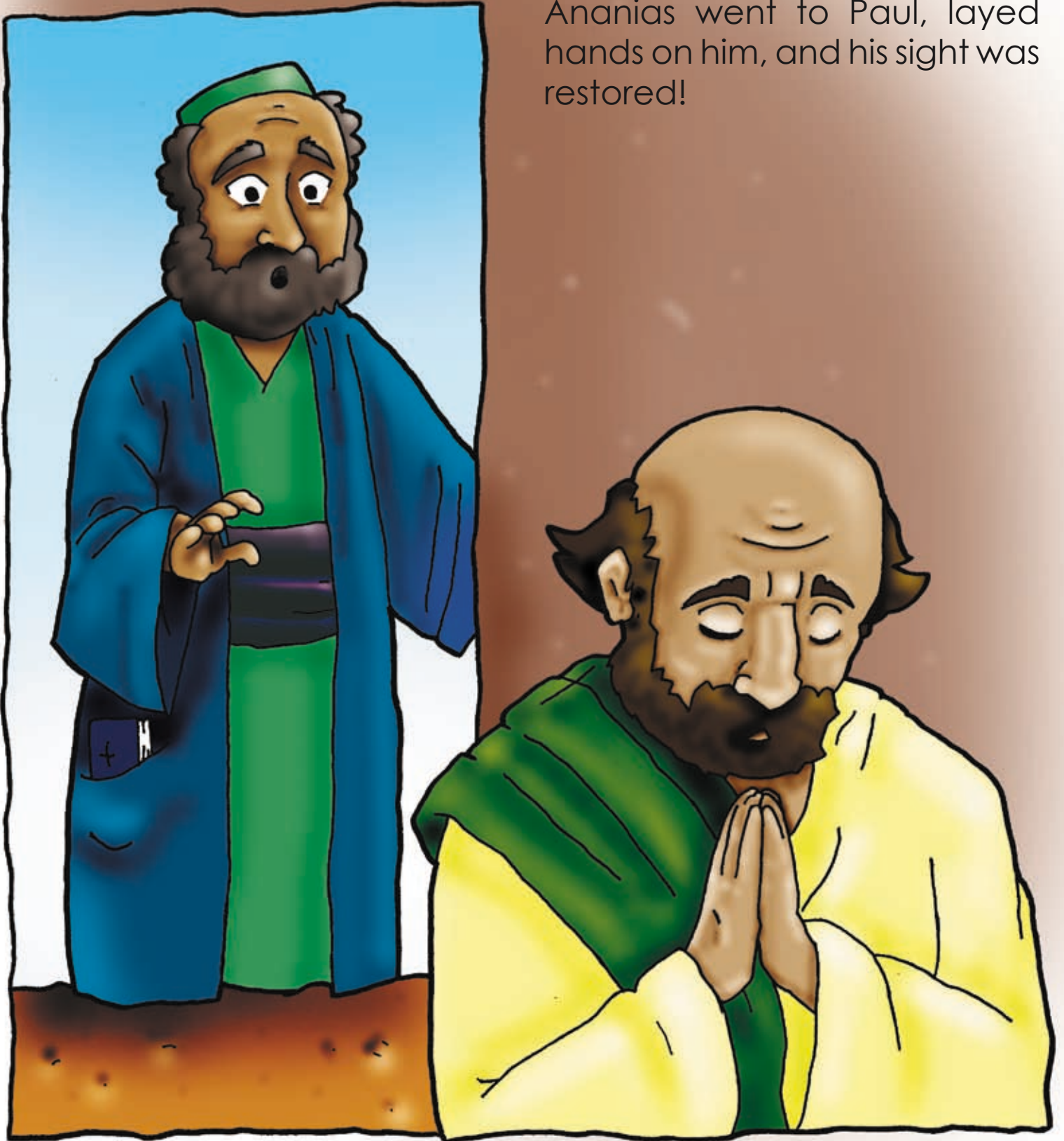


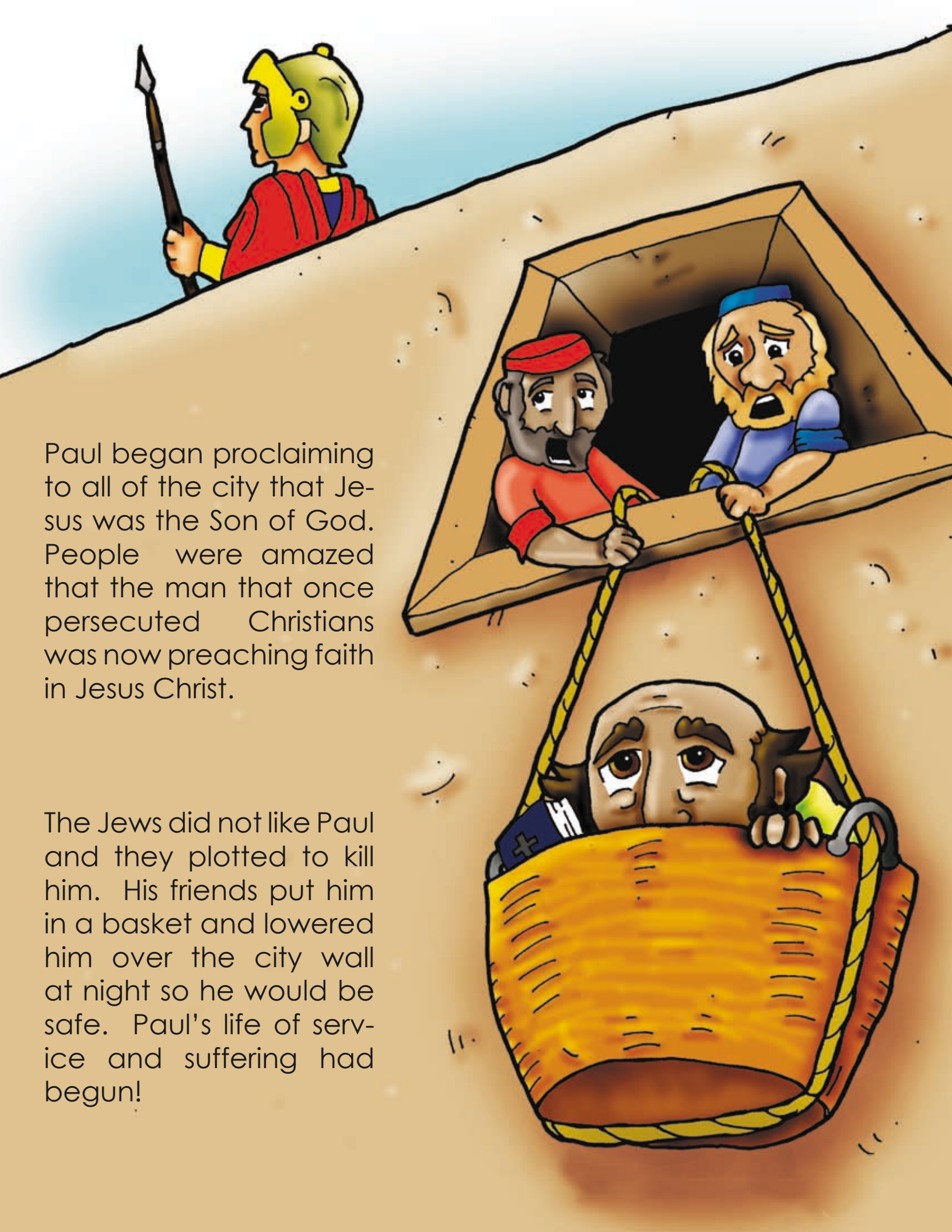
Paul got up. His eyes could see nothing, but his heart suddenly understood something very wonderful- Jesus Christ! Paul now believed that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and the Savior of the world. Paul became a Christian!

Paul's companions led him into Damascus.

In Damascus Paul fasted and prayed for three days. God told a man named Ananias to go to Paul. God said, "He (Paul) is a chosen vessel of mine...for I will show him how much he must suffer for my sake."

Ananias went to Paul, layed hands on him, and his sight was restored!





Paul began proclaiming to all of the city that Jesus was the Son of God. People were amazed that the man that once persecuted Christians was now preaching faith in Jesus Christ.

The Jews did not like Paul and they plotted to kill him. His friends put him in a basket and lowered him over the city wall at night so he would be safe. Paul's life of service and suffering had begun!

Paul continually studied God's Word, growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Because he was a good student of God's Word, he became a great teacher of God's Word and wrote most of the books of the New Testament.



See what amazing things God did with Paul's life?!





Just like Paul, God wants each of us to understand with our heart that Jesus Christ is the One true and living God of the Bible.

Paul had the light from Heaven to show Him the way to Jesus. God has given us four lights in the world today that point the way for us to the One true light, Jesus Christ.

The Bible is the truth that teaches us Jesus is Lord.



Creation requires a Creator, that Creator is Jesus.

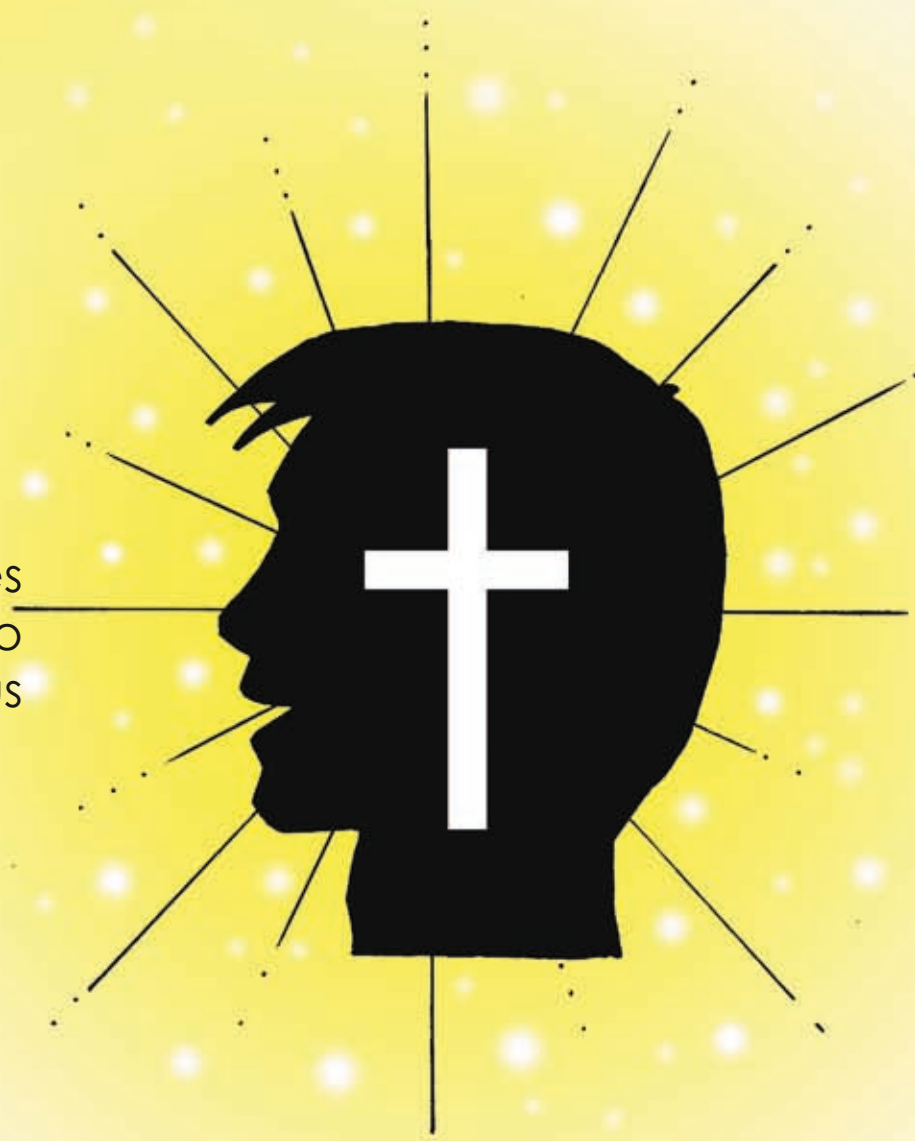


The life of Jesus testifies that He is the Son of God.

He was holy, able to perform miracles and rose from the dead.

Only God can do that!

Our own conscience testifies that there must be one who created us, that one is Jesus Himself.



You are God's chosen vessel.
This means God has a very special plan for your
life, to use you for His purpose and His glory!

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footsteps of Paul and set your heart on knowing
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And see what amazing things God does with
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