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Dear Parents,

People's minds and bodies can do some pretty amazing things. Each new day brings with it news of wonderful achievements and surprising accomplishments. Our imagination allows us to do even more fantastic things. Books encourage us to think about accomplishing the impossible, and movies, with their special effects, show us wild and wonderful scenes that defy logic.

But nothing compares to the real life miracles that Jesus did.

The miracles of Jesus served to show people that He had compassion on them and that He had power over nature. His miracles were the proof people needed to see that He was sent from God and that He was God. And because of that, His miracles confirmed the Scriptures and produced faith.

This collection of Arch Books was chosen to teach today's children about six of Jesus' most familiar miracles. Each story in this collection provides you with context so you can help expand your child's understanding of that miracle and its significance to his or her own life. Our hope is that this collection serves to further your child's Bible literacy overall and strengthens his or her faith in Jesus' Gospel message of forgiveness and salvation.

These [things] are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31



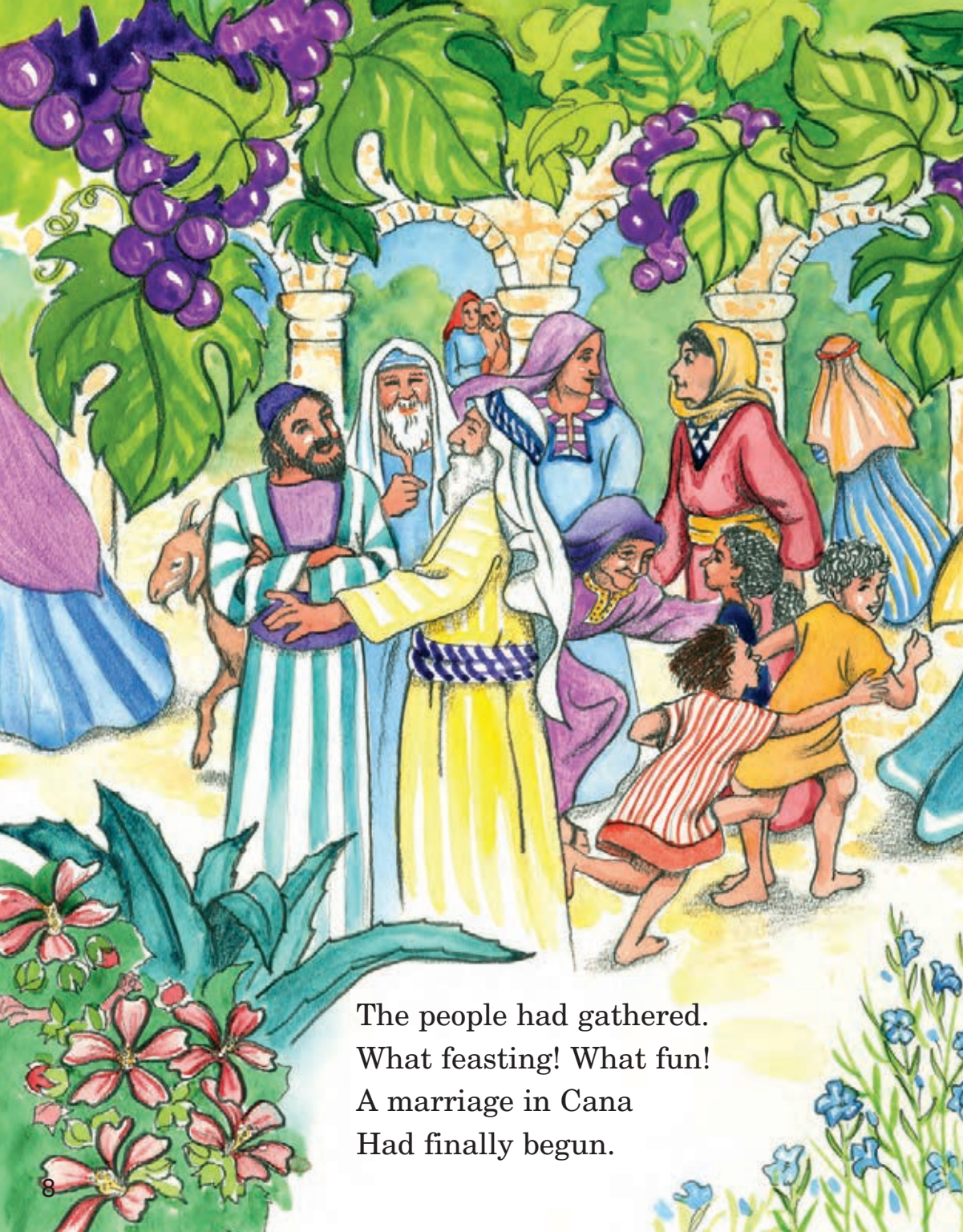
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# JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE

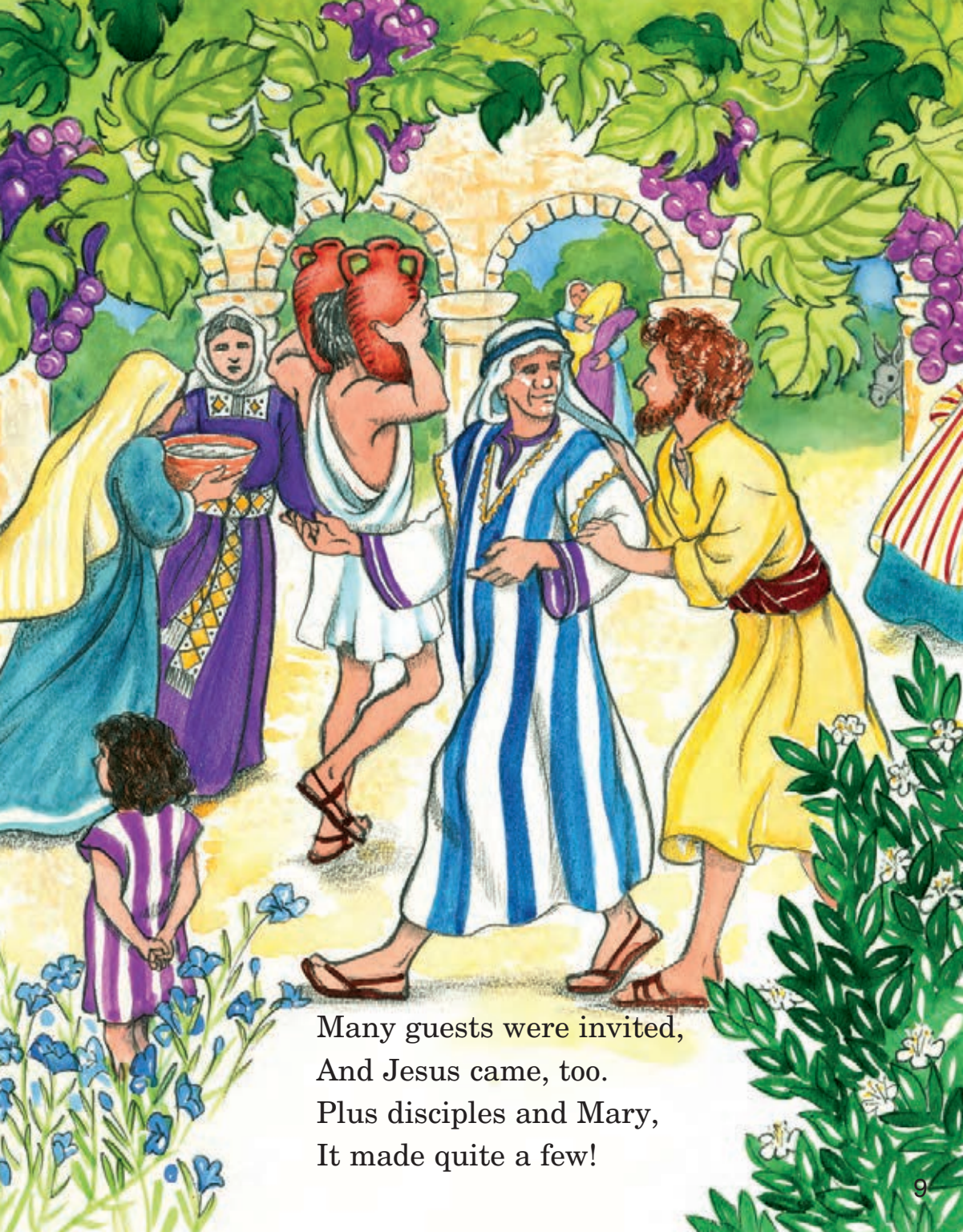
**John 2:1-11 for children**

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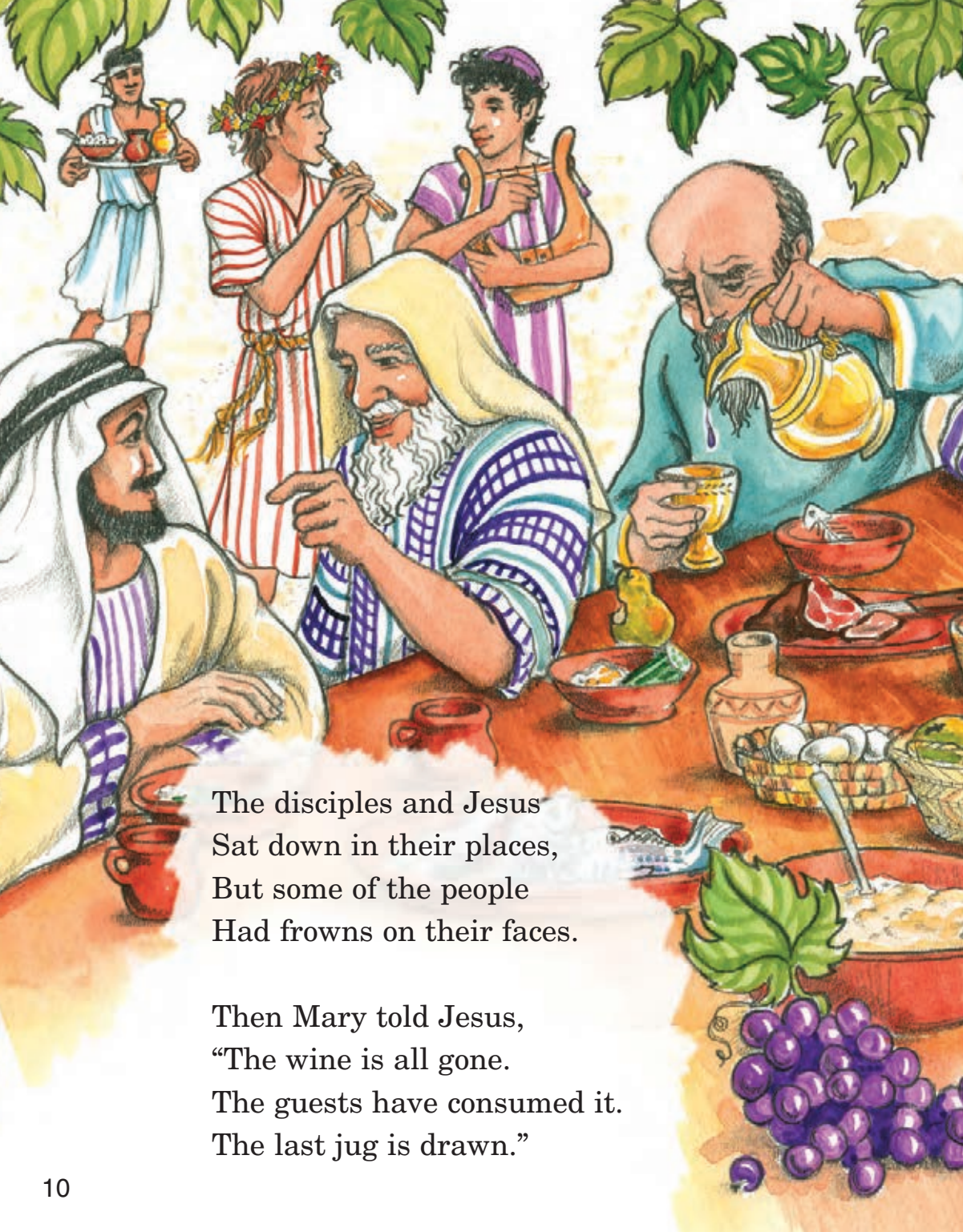




The people had gathered.  
What feasting! What fun!  
A marriage in Cana  
Had finally begun.

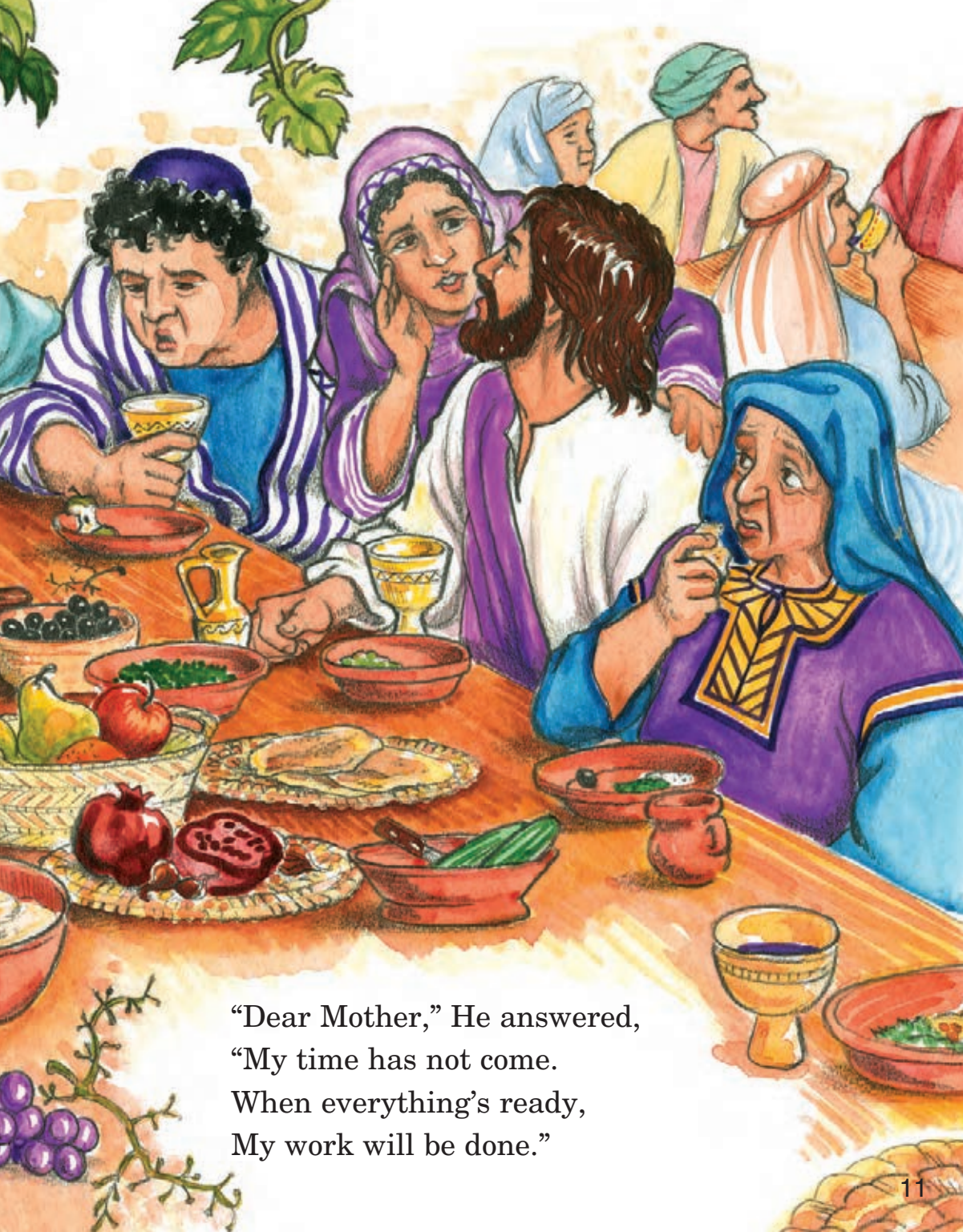


Many guests were invited,  
And Jesus came, too.  
Plus disciples and Mary,  
It made quite a few!



The disciples and Jesus  
Sat down in their places,  
But some of the people  
Had frowns on their faces.

Then Mary told Jesus,  
“The wine is all gone.  
The guests have consumed it.  
The last jug is drawn.”



“Dear Mother,” He answered,  
“My time has not come.  
When everything’s ready,  
My work will be done.”

# The Great Catch of Fish



**Luke 5:1-11 for children**

Written by Lisa Konzen  
Illustrated by Ronnie Rooney

Simon and Andrew fished the lake  
Of Gennesaret all night,  
But not one fish would their nets take,  
So they gave up the fight.



They washed their nets and stowed their gear  
As crowds along the beach  
Were gathered 'round so they could hear  
The words that Jesus preached.



The crowd pressed close to hear His word.  
What message would He give?  
His words were fresh; they'd never heard  
That in Him, they could live.



Then Jesus spotted Simon and  
He asked to come aboard.  
He told him to row out from land,  
And Simon obeyed the Lord.



# Jesus Calms the Storm



Matthew 8:23–27, Mark 4:35–41,  
and Luke 8:22–25 for children

Written by Jean Thor Cook  
Illustrated by Chris Wold Dyrud

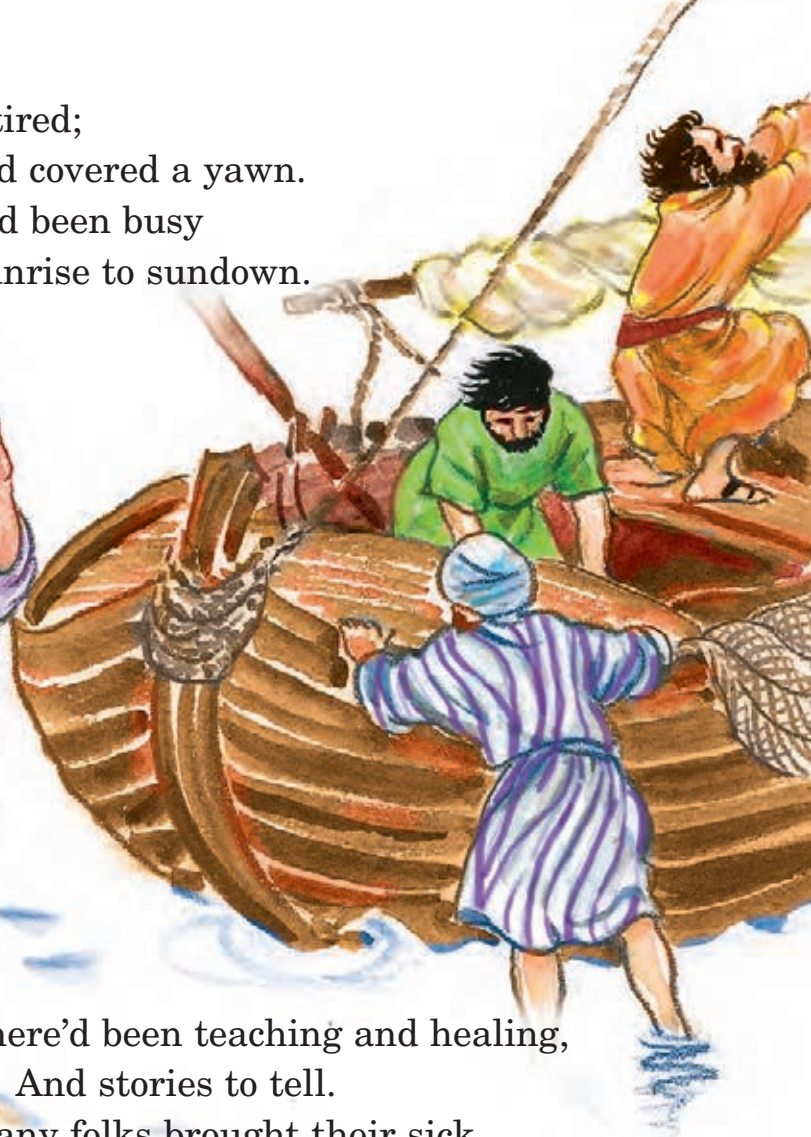


Jesus was tired;  
His hand covered a yawn.  
The day had been busy  
From sunrise to sundown.



There'd been teaching and healing,  
And stories to tell.  
Many folks brought their sick,  
And He made them well.

How could Jesus rest  
With the crowd still there?  
Why not sail 'cross the lake?  
The disciples knew where.





The boat left shore.  
The crowd waved good-bye.  
Jesus soon slept  
Beneath the starry sky.



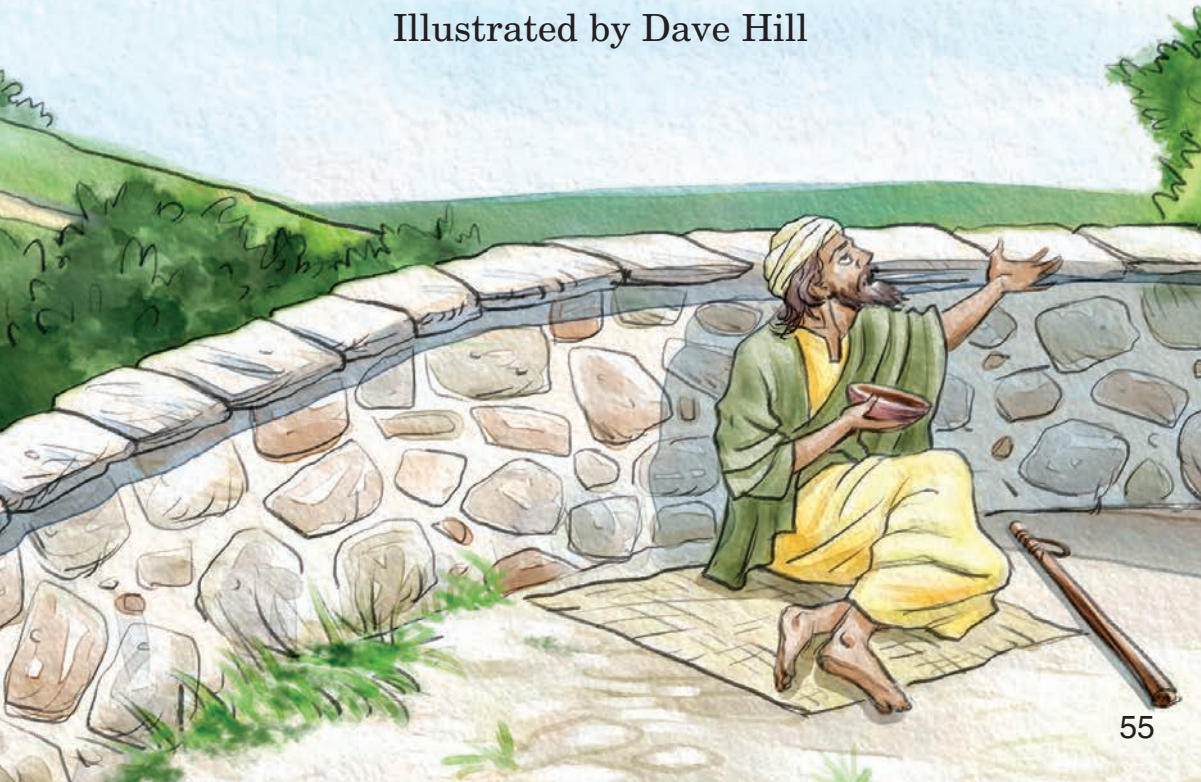
At first it was peaceful;  
The waves splished and splashed.  
But then a storm came up.  
It came up so fast!

# Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

**Matthew 20:29–34;  
Mark 10:46–52;  
Luke 18:35–43 for Children**

Written by Diane Grebing

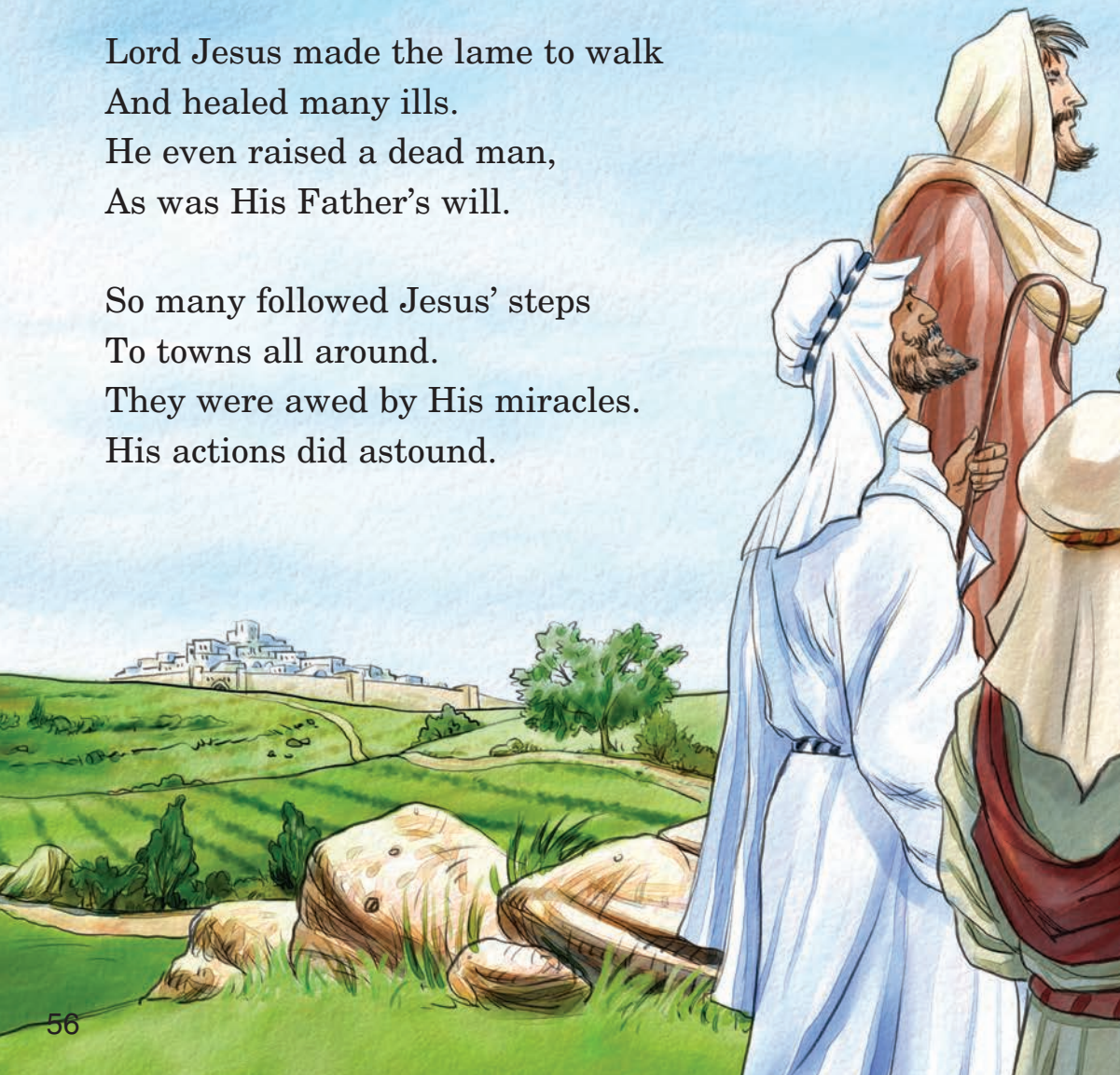
Illustrated by Dave Hill



When Jesus walked upon the earth  
Many years ago,  
He helped a lot of people.  
The Bible tells us so.

Lord Jesus made the lame to walk  
And healed many ills.  
He even raised a dead man,  
As was His Father's will.

So many followed Jesus' steps  
To towns all around.  
They were awed by His miracles.  
His actions did astound.

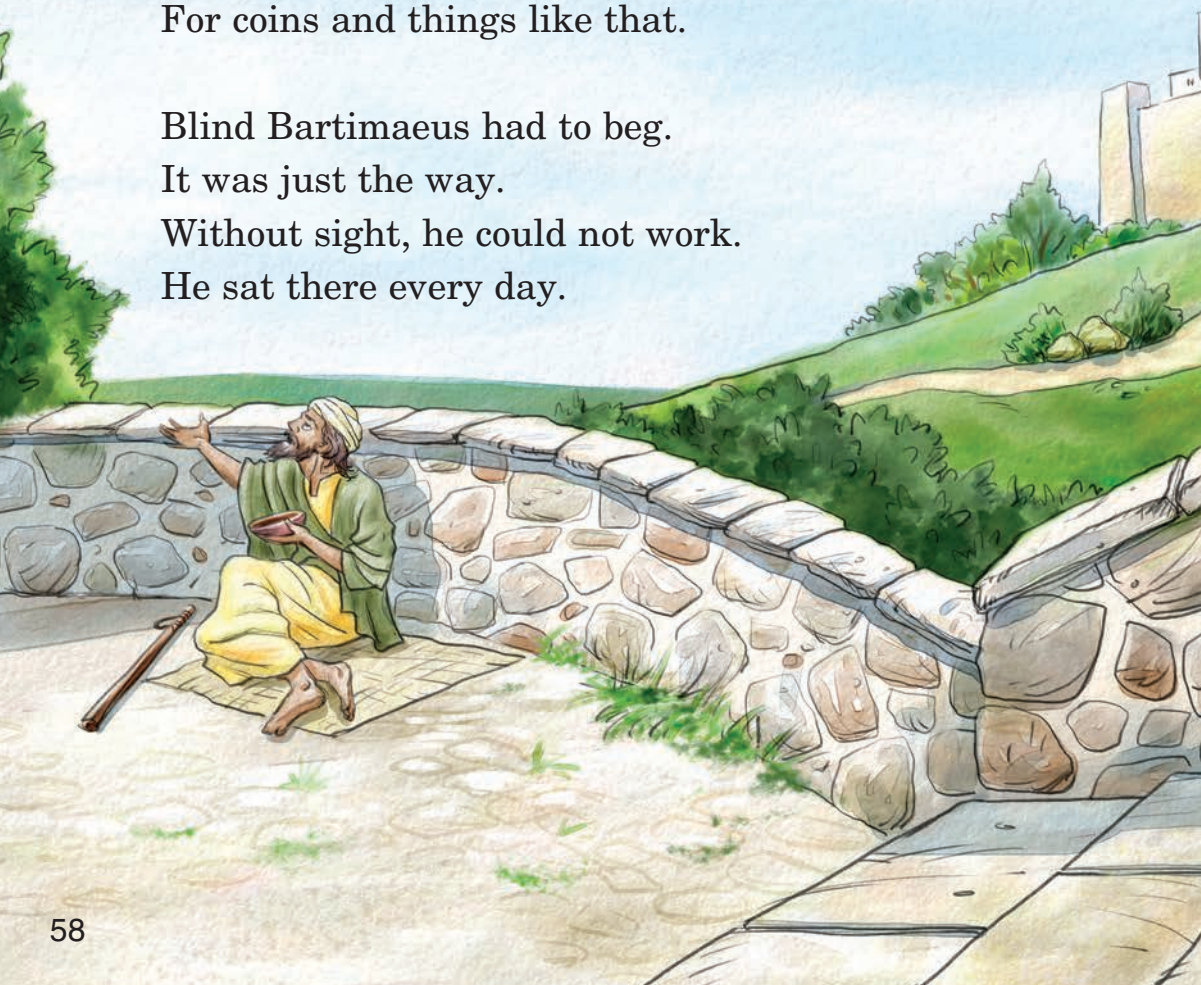




One day as Jesus walked along  
Near to Jericho,  
He came upon a blind man  
Who had no place to go.

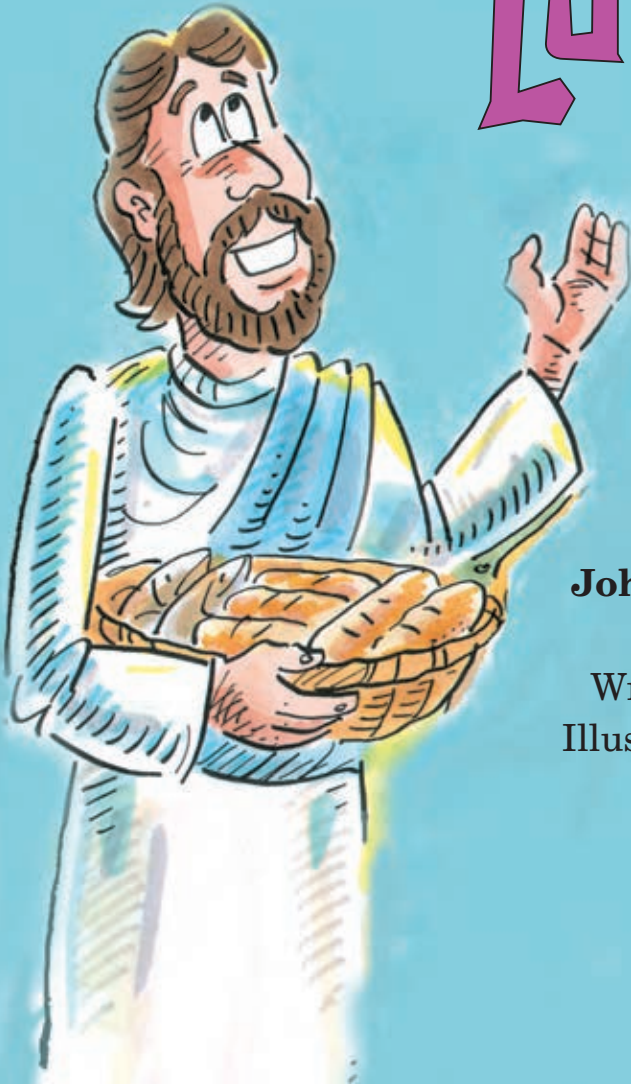
The man's name was Bartimaeus.  
By the road he sat.  
He made his living begging  
For coins and things like that.

Blind Bartimaeus had to beg.  
It was just the way.  
Without sight, he could not work.  
He sat there every day.





# What's for Lunch?

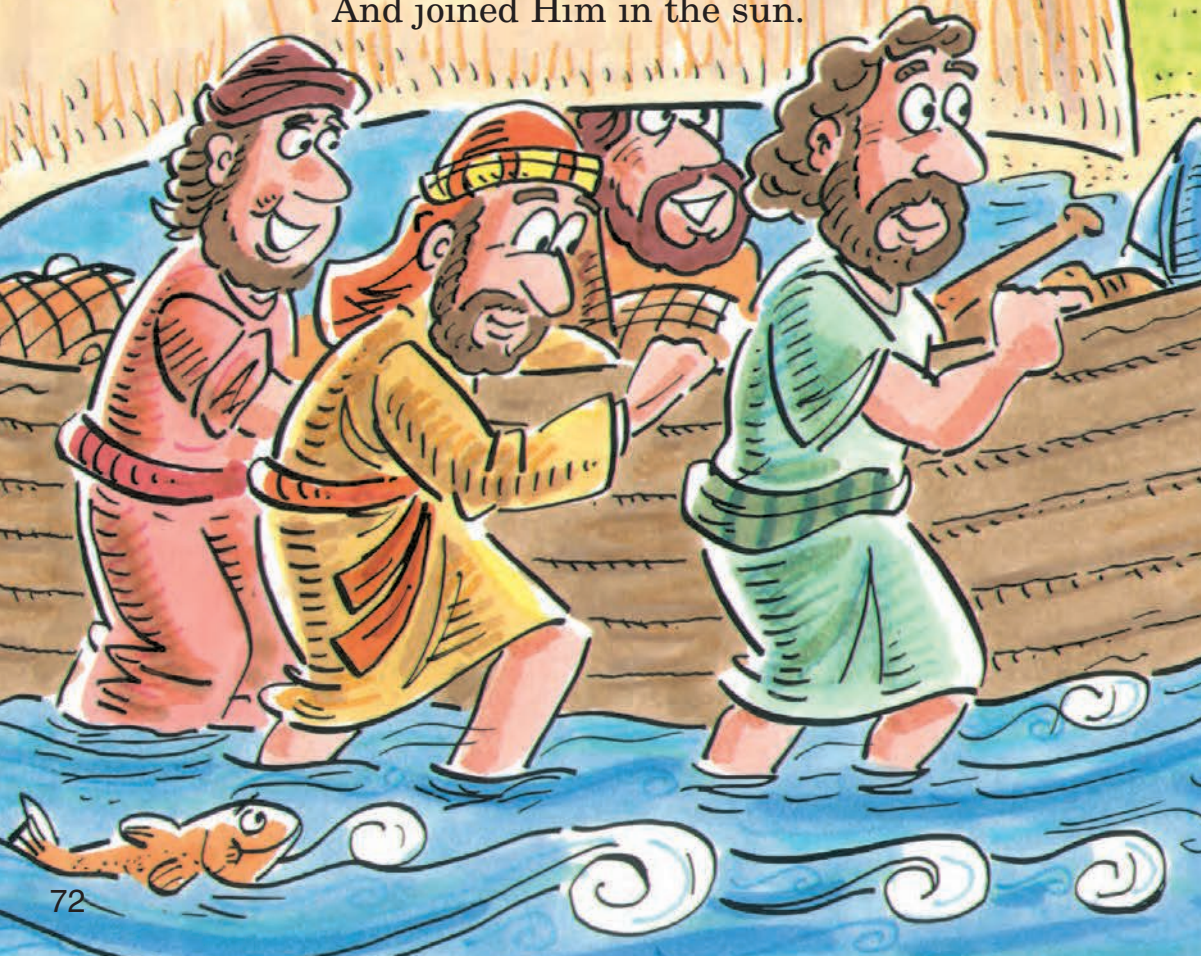


**Matthew 14:13–21;  
Mark 6:30–44;  
Luke 9:10–17;  
John 6:1–14 for Children**

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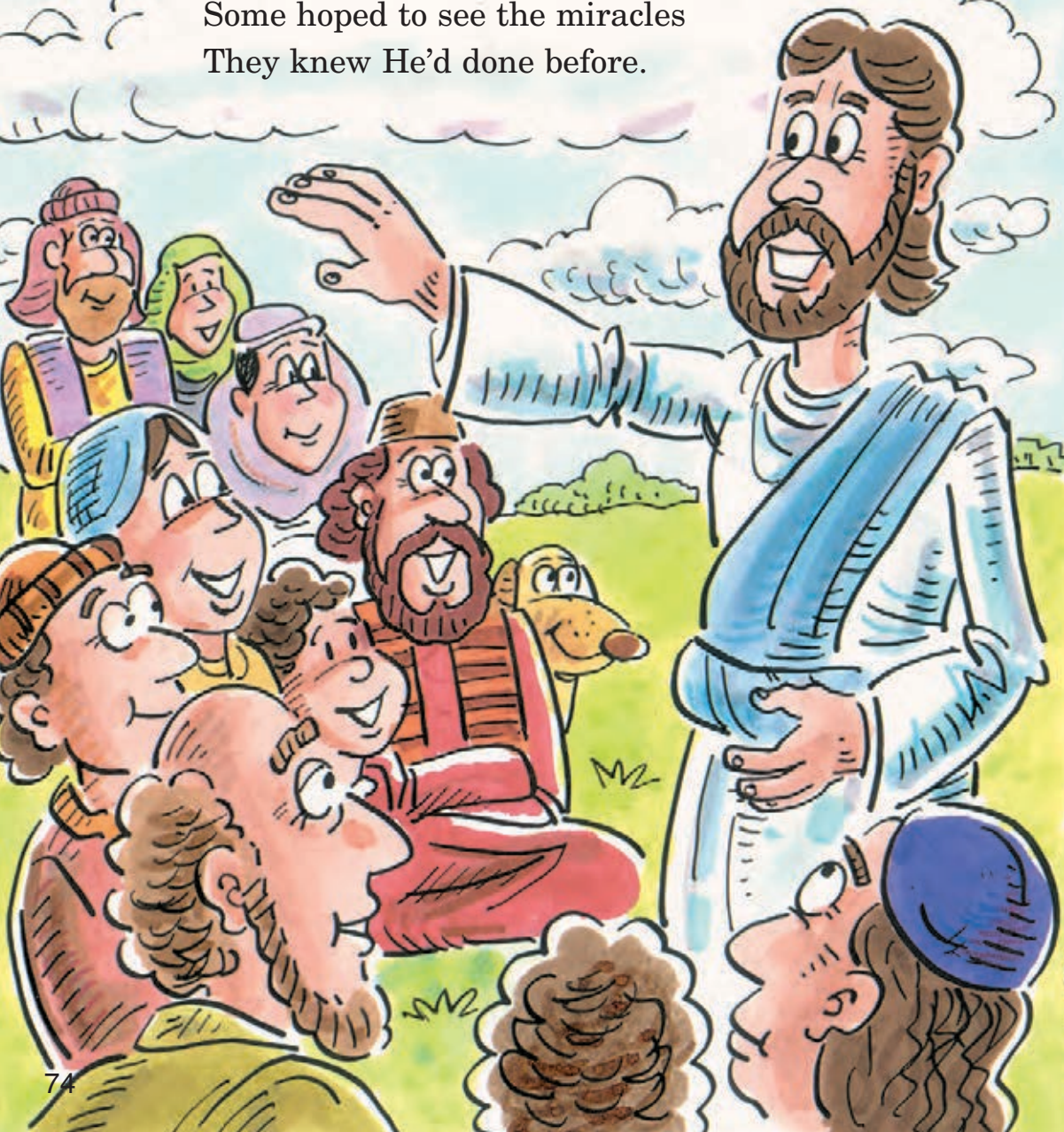
Jesus and His followers  
Had traveled far and wide.  
They came across a quiet sea  
And climbed the mountainside.

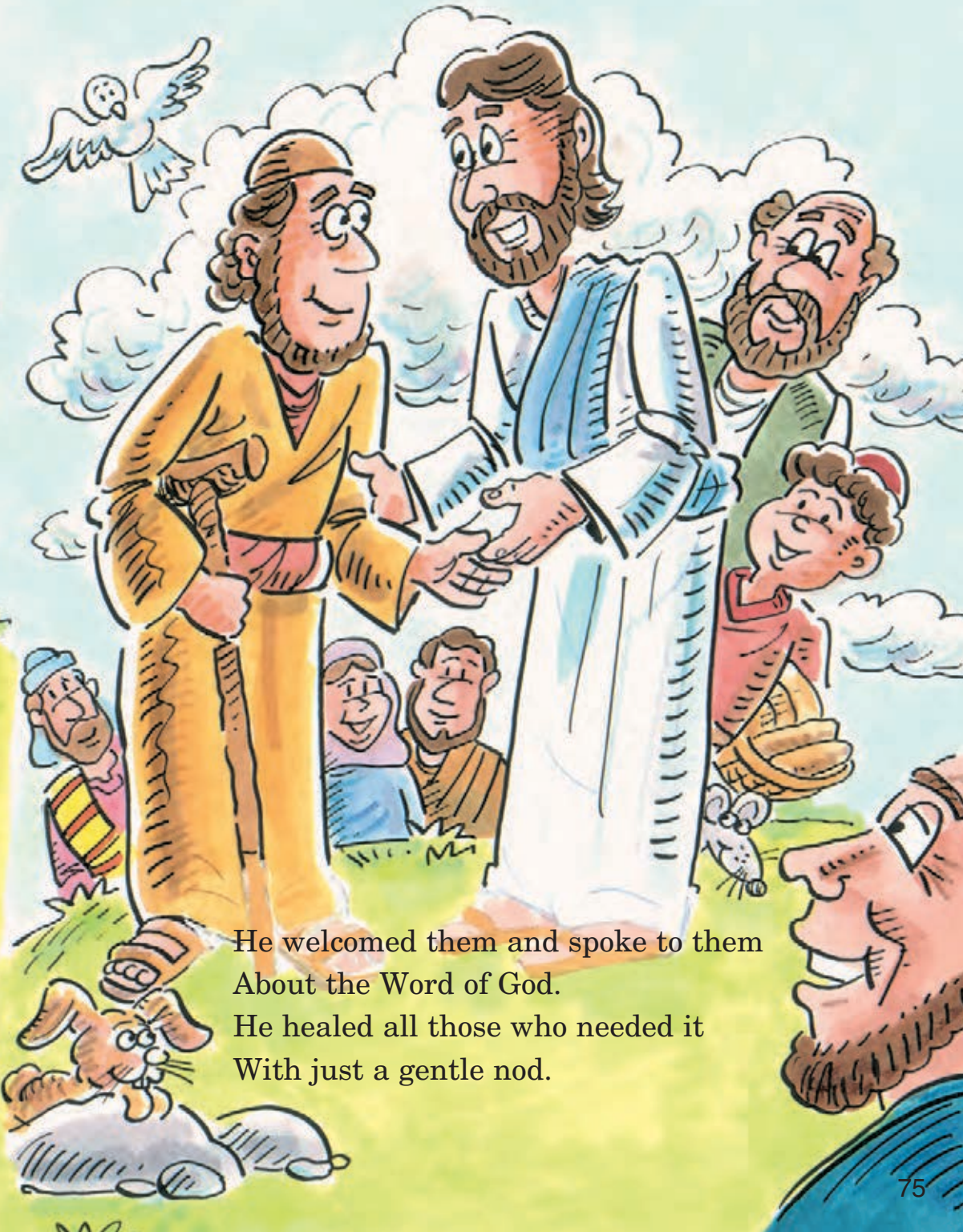
Jesus would have liked to rest  
From work that He had done,  
But crowds of people followed Him  
And joined Him in the sun.





The people loved to hear Him preach.  
They shouted, "Tell us more!"  
Some hoped to see the miracles  
They knew He'd done before.





He welcomed them and spoke to them  
About the Word of God.  
He healed all those who needed it  
With just a gentle nod.

# Jesus the Wakes Little Girl



**The story of Jairus's daughter**

**Matthew 9:18–19, 23–26; Mark 5:21–24, 35–43;  
and Luke 8:40–42, 49–56 for children**

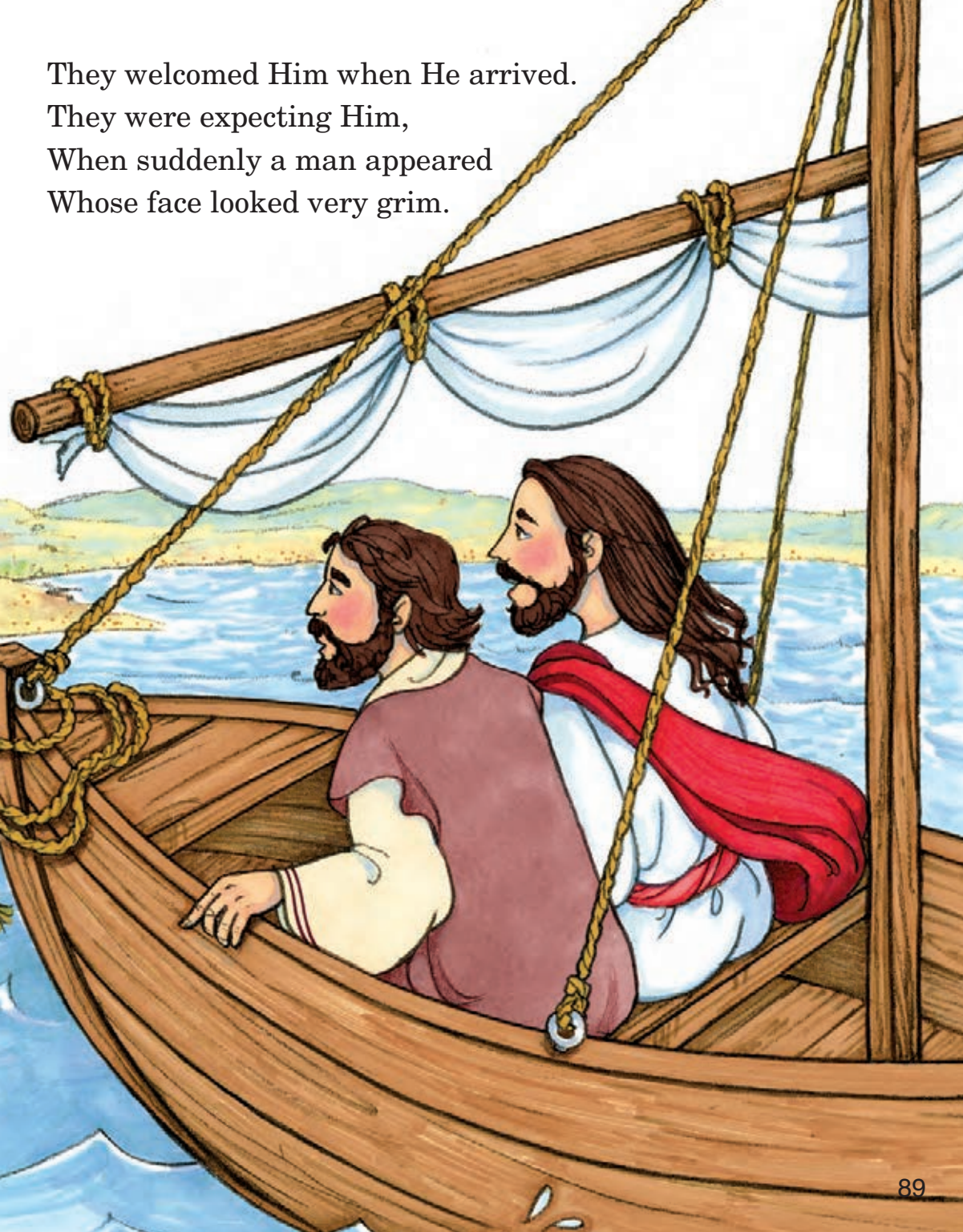
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Illustrated by Michelle Dorenkamp

One day when Jesus took a boat  
To go across the sea,  
A large crowd waited on the shore  
In nearby Galilee.

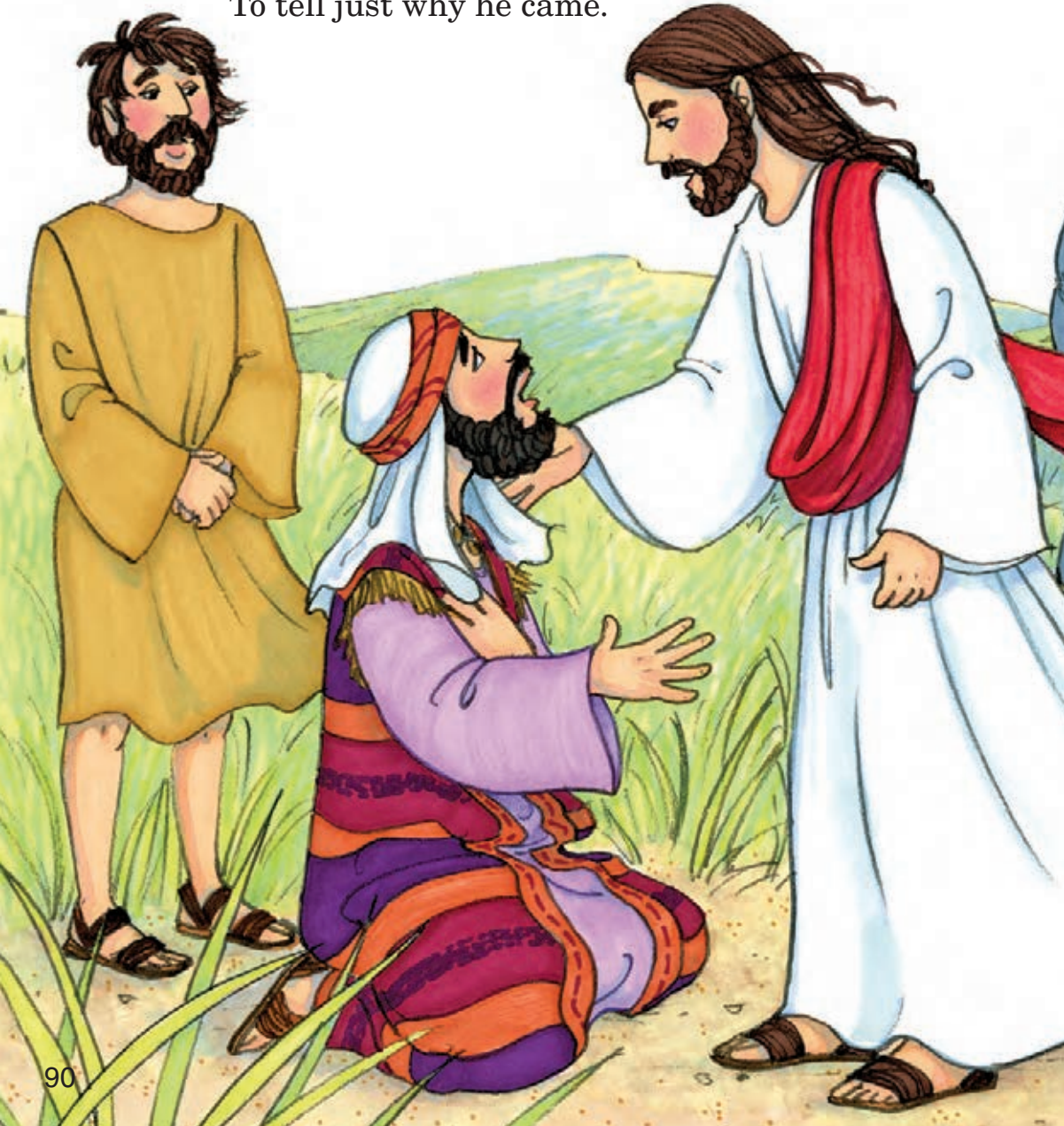


They welcomed Him when He arrived.  
They were expecting Him,  
When suddenly a man appeared  
Whose face looked very grim.





This man, who ruled the synagogue,  
Had “Jairus” as his name.  
He fell right down at Jesus’ feet  
To tell just why he came.



“My only daughter, twelve years old,  
Is near to death,” he said.  
“Please come and lay Your hands on her  
So she will live instead!”

