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Peter's Boldness!

Acts 4:13-45

Background:

Peter and John meet a crippled man on the temple steps in Jerusalem.

They heal the man by the power of Jesus.

Now they're in big trouble!

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled.



Acts 4:13

They recognised that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:14

Seeing the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

Acts 4:15-16

But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred amongst themselves, saying, "What shall we do to these men? Because indeed a notable miracle has been done through them, as can be plainly seen by all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we can't deny it."


Acts 4:17

"But so that this spreads no further amongst the people, let's threaten them, that from now on they don't speak to anyone in this name."



Acts 4:18

They called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.



But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, judge for yourselves,


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Acts 4:19-20

...for we can't help telling the things which we saw and heard."

Acts 4:21

When they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people; for everyone glorified God for that which was done.



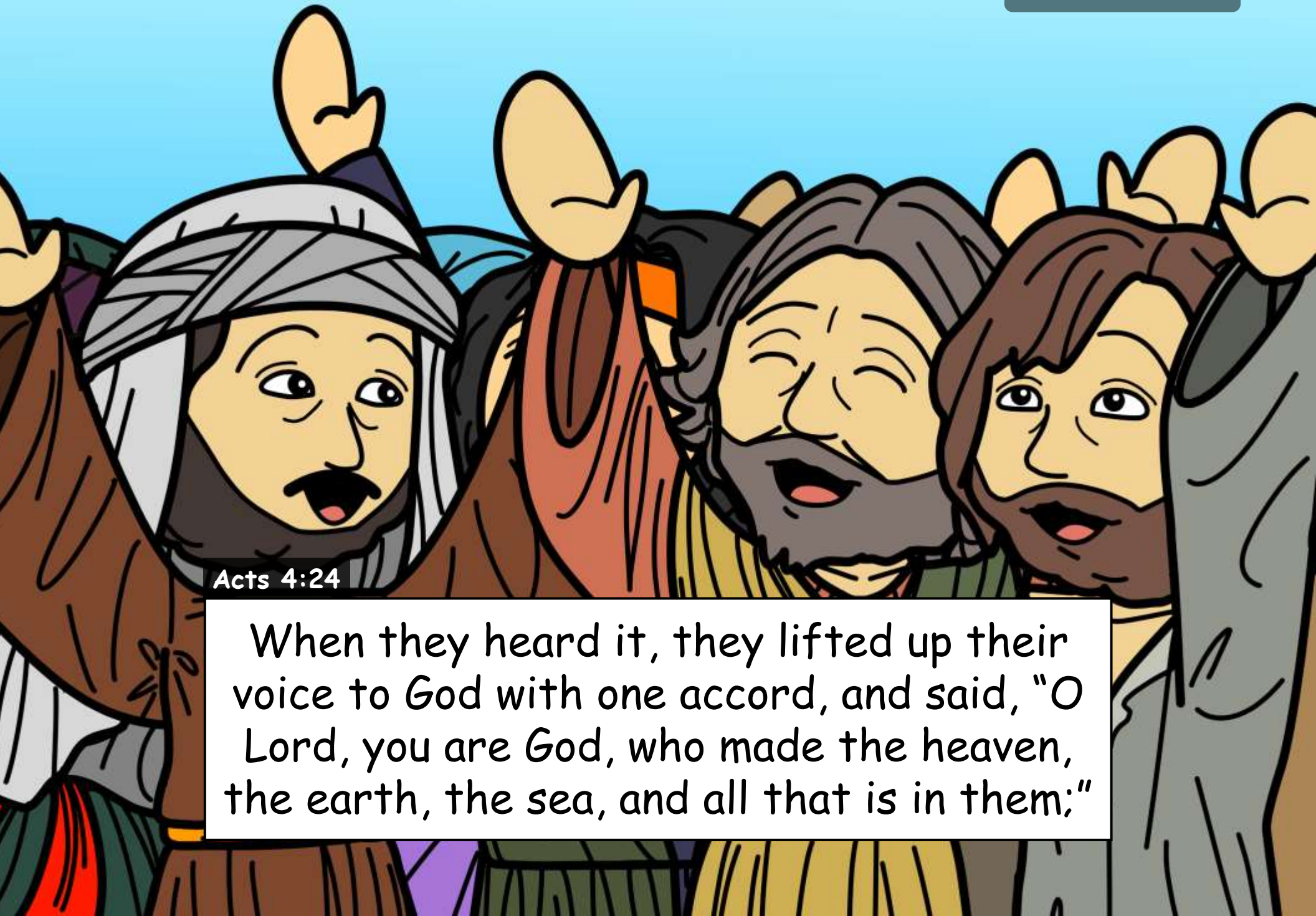
For the man on whom this miracle of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Acts 4:22

Acts 4:23

Being let go, they came to their own company and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.





Acts 4:24

When they heard it, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, "O Lord, you are God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them;"



"Who by the mouth of your servant, David, said:

Acts 4:25-26

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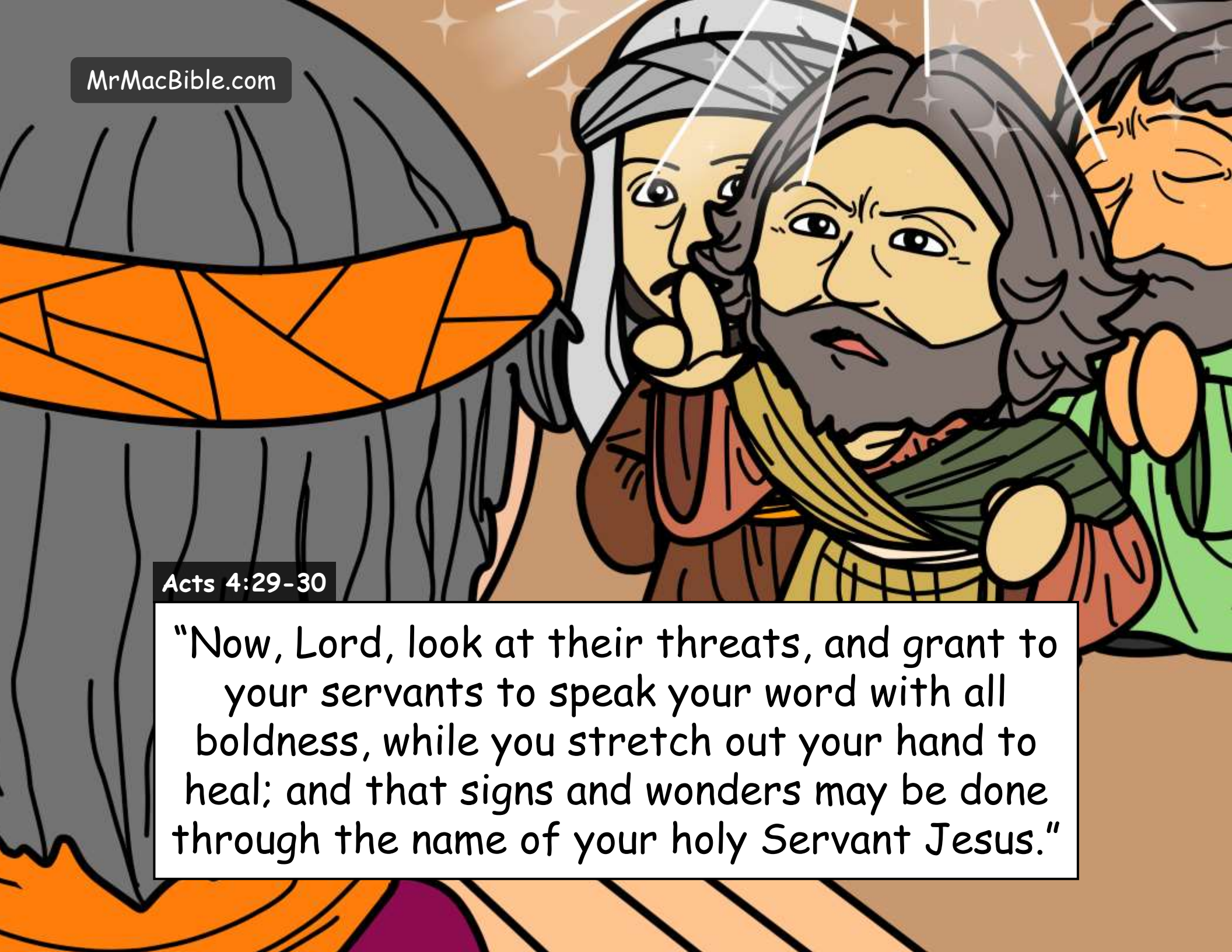
'Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers take council together, against the Lord, and against his Christ.' "

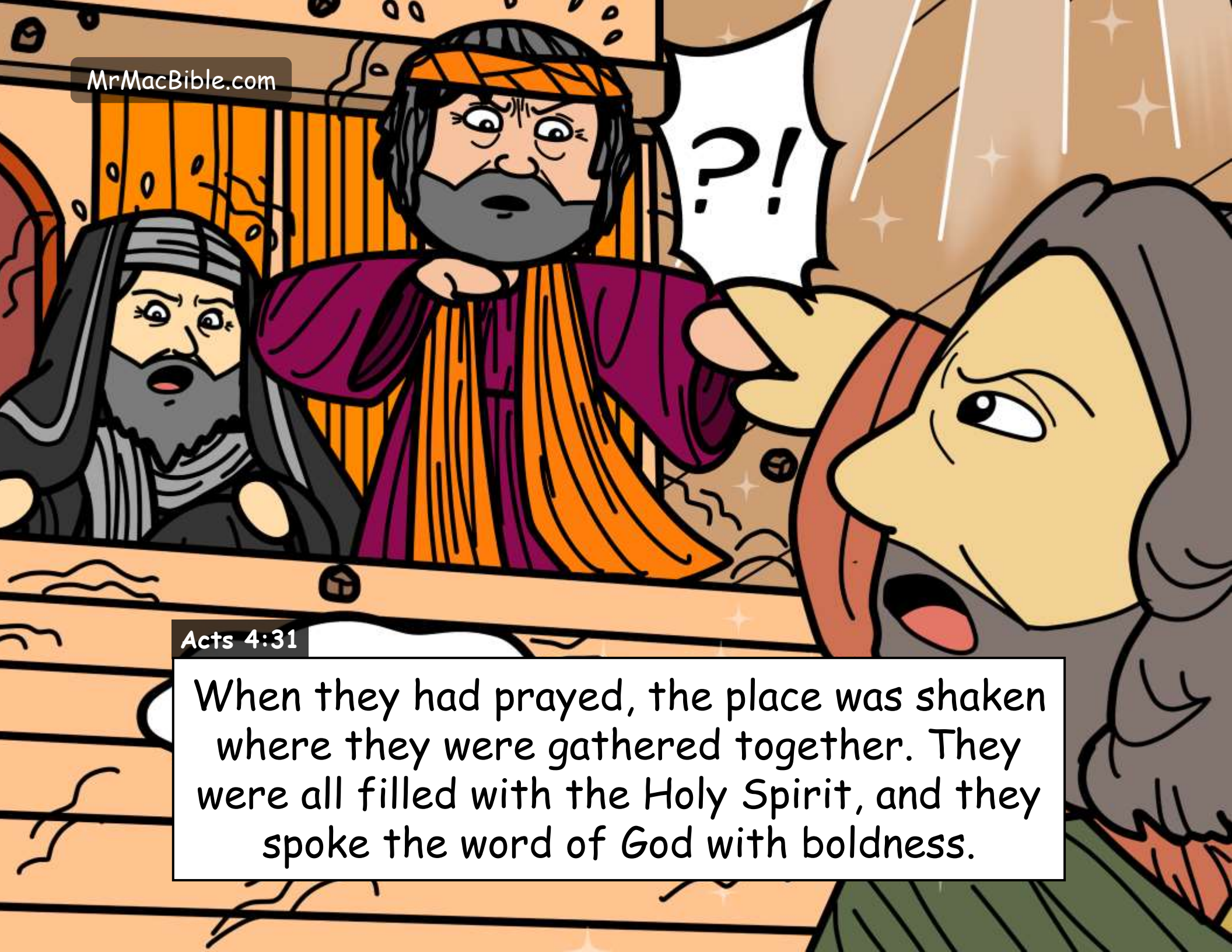
Acts 4:27-28

"For truly, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant, Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your council foreordained to happen."

Acts 4:29-30

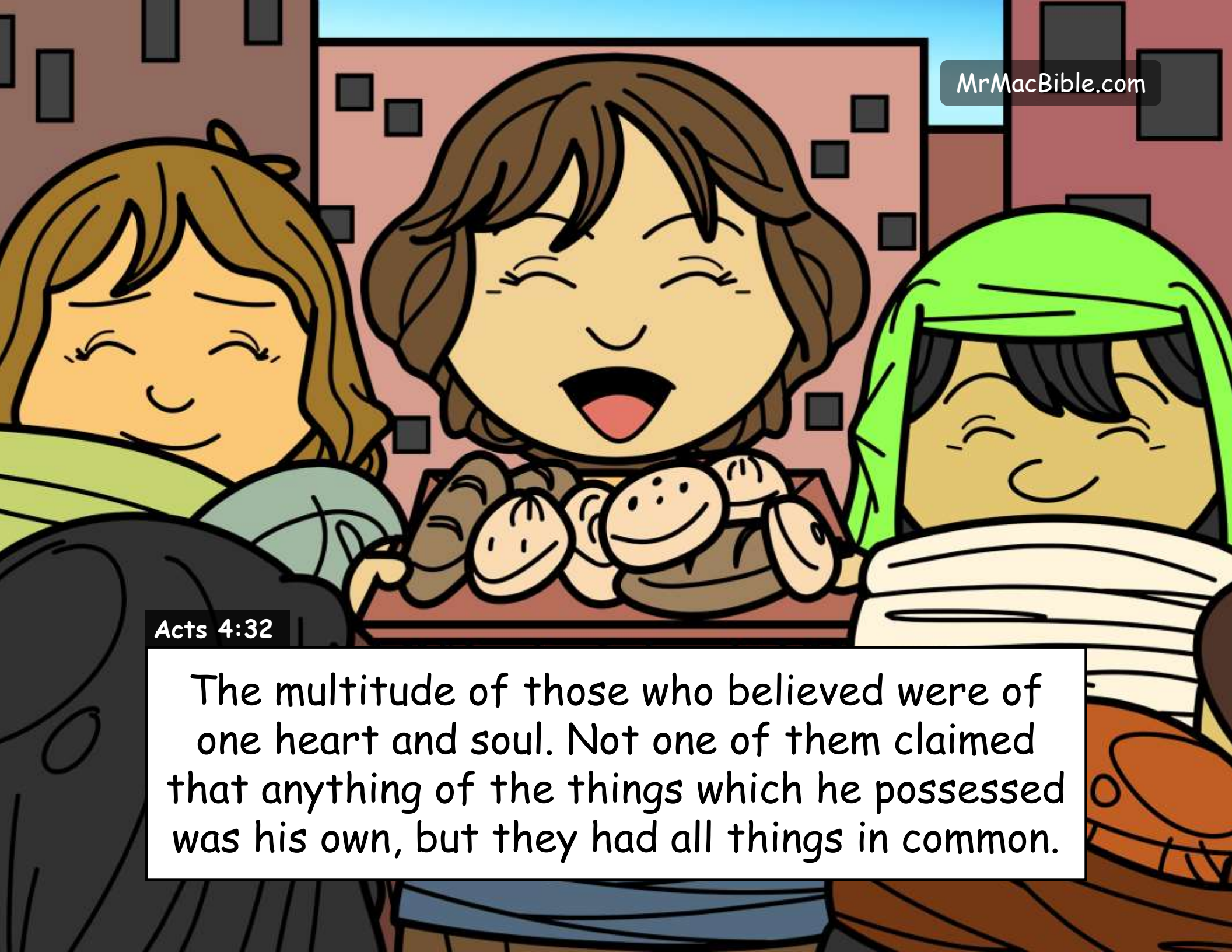
"Now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy Servant Jesus."





Acts 4:31

When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were gathered together. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.



Acts 4:32

The multitude of those who believed were of one heart and soul. Not one of them claimed that anything of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

With great power, the apostles gave their testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Great grace was on them all.

Acts 4:33



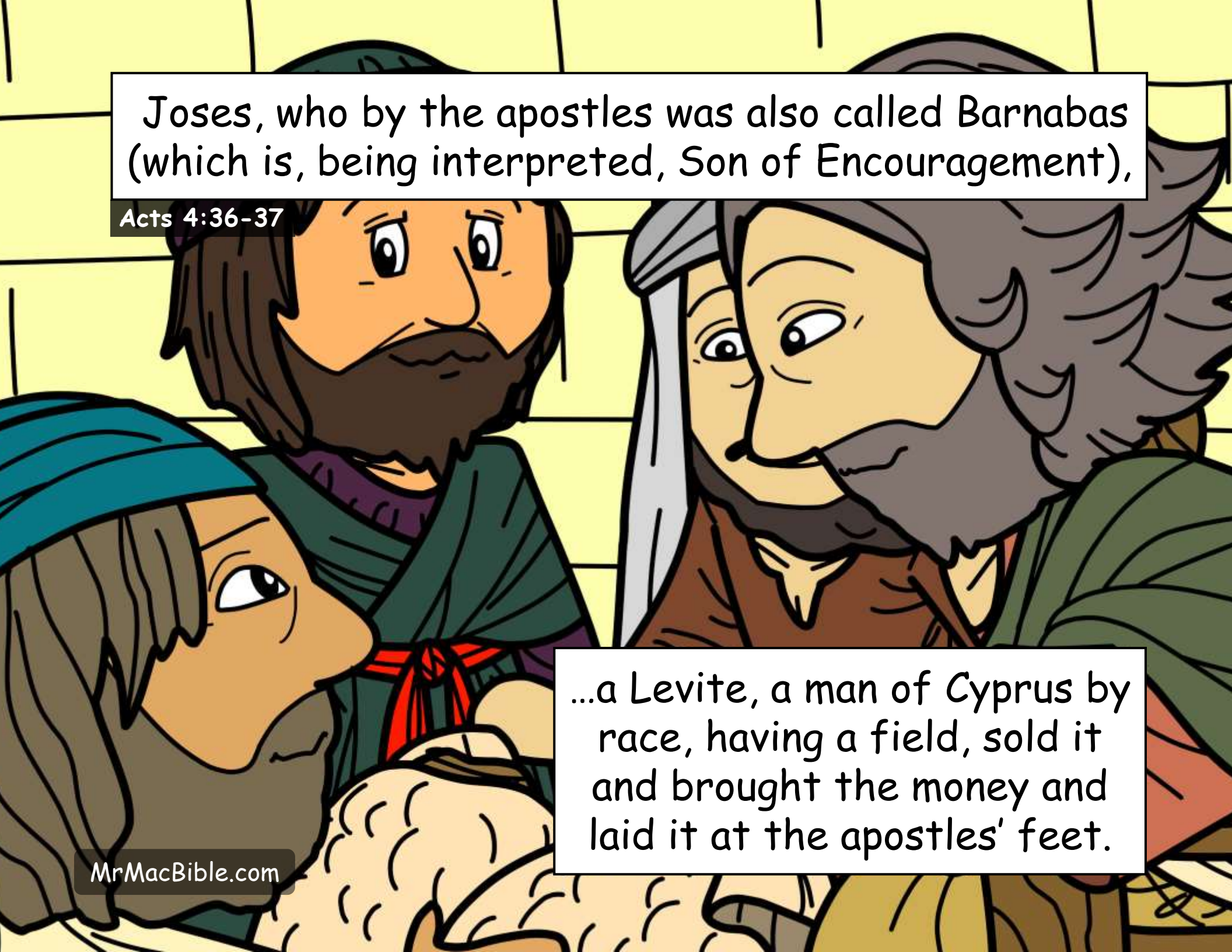
For neither was there amongst them any who lacked, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

Acts 4:34



...and laid them at the apostles' feet, and distribution was made to each, according as anyone had need.

Acts 4:35



Joses, who by the apostles was also called Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of Encouragement),

Acts 4:36-37

...a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race, having a field, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Have you ever been treated
badly for telling someone
about Jesus?



Ananias + Sapphira

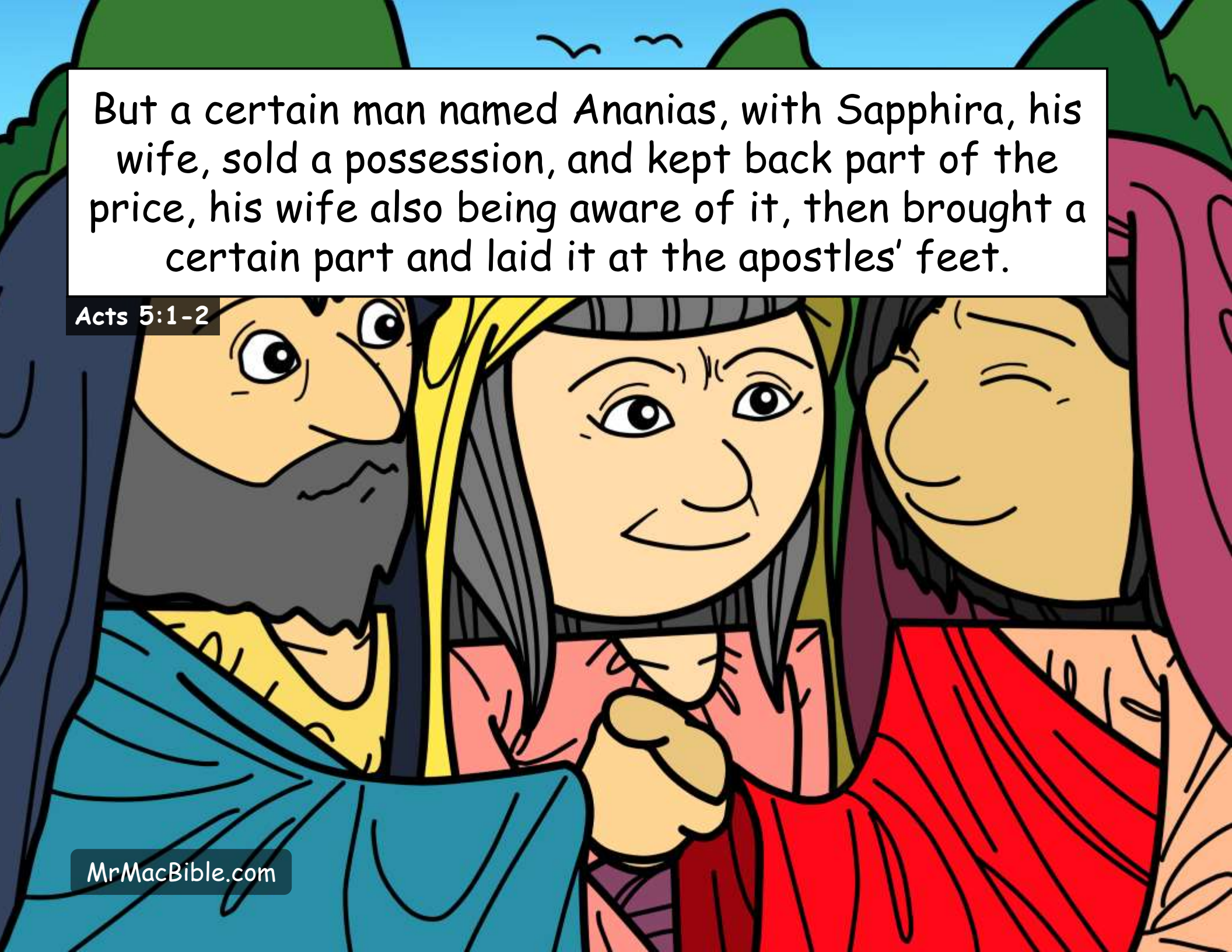
Acts 5:1-11

Background:

Thousands of new Christians are bringing money into the church. But, some are not being honest.

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira, his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being aware of it, then brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:1-2



Acts 5:3

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price of the land?"

Acts 5:4

"While you kept it, didn't it remain your own?
After it was sold, wasn't it in your power?"

Acts 5:4

"How is it that you have conceived this thing in your heart? You haven't lied to men, but to God."



Acts 5:5

Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and died.
Great fear came on all who heard these things.

The young men arose and wrapped him up,
and they carried him out and buried him.

Acts 5:6






Acts 5:7

About three hours later, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.

Acts 5:8

Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." She said, "Yes, for so much."



But Peter asked her, "How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?"

Acts 5:9

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Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

She fell down immediately at his feet and died.

Acts 5:10



The young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband.

Acts 5:10



Great fear came on the whole assembly,
and on all who heard these things.

Acts 5:11



THINK ABOUT IT...

**Why do you think God
punished Ananias and
Sapphira?**



Escape from Jail

Acts 5:12-33

Background:

Peter and John are put in jail for talking about Jesus. An angel came and let them out of jail.

Acts 5:12

By the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done amongst the people. They were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.



None of the rest dared to join them, however the people honoured them. More believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.

Acts 5:13-14





They even carried out the sick into the streets,
and laid them on cots and mattresses,

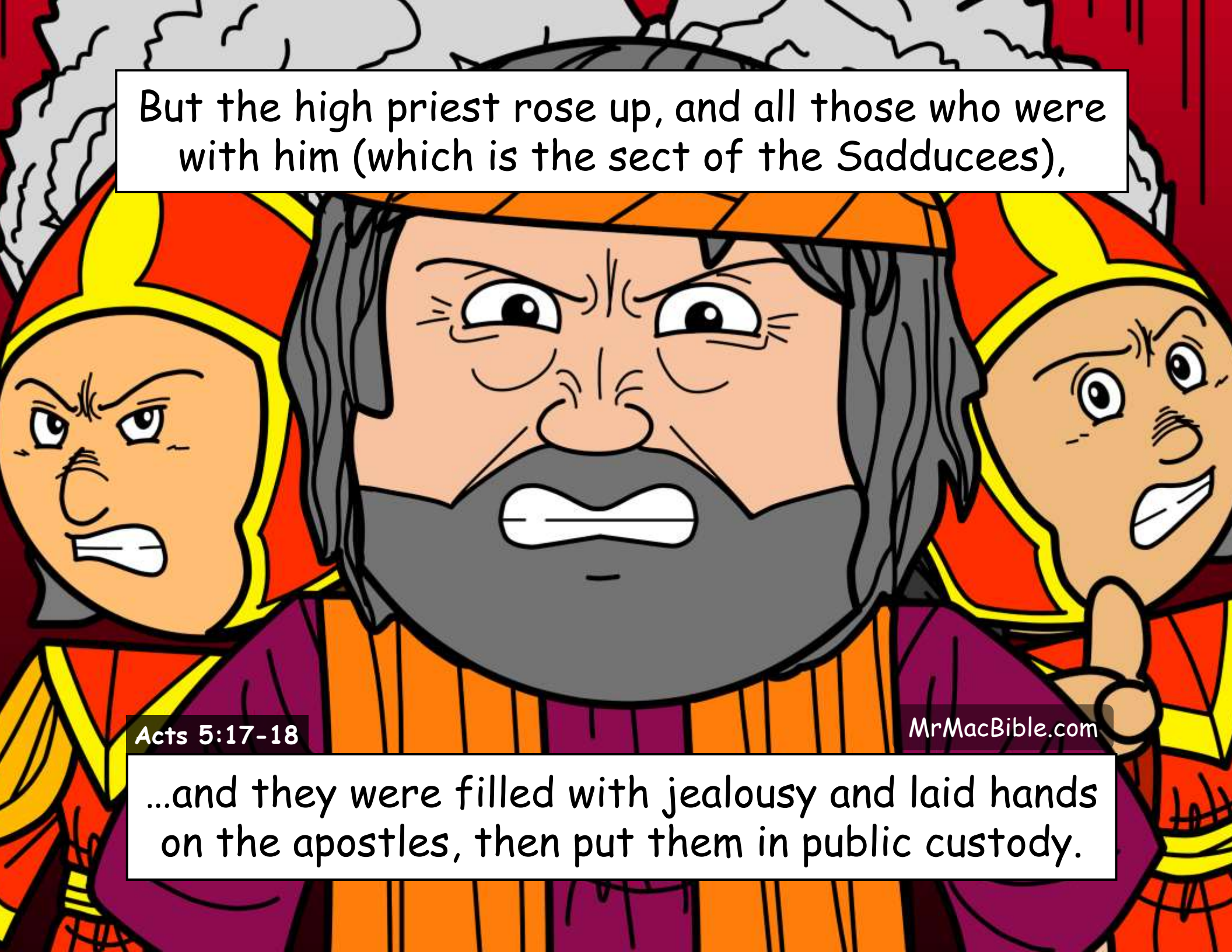
Acts 5:15

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...so that as Peter came by, at the least his
shadow might overshadow some of them.

Acts 5:16

The multitude also came together from the cities around Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits: and they were all healed.




But the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees),

Acts 5:17-18

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...and they were filled with jealousy and laid hands on the apostles, then put them in public custody.



But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night, and brought them out and said,

Acts 5:19

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"Go stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."



Acts 5:20

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When they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and taught.



Acts 5:21

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But the high priest came, and those who were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.



But the officers who came didn't find them in the prison. They returned and reported,

Acts 5:22-23

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"We found the prison shut and locked, and the guards standing before the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside!"



Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these words,

Acts 5:24

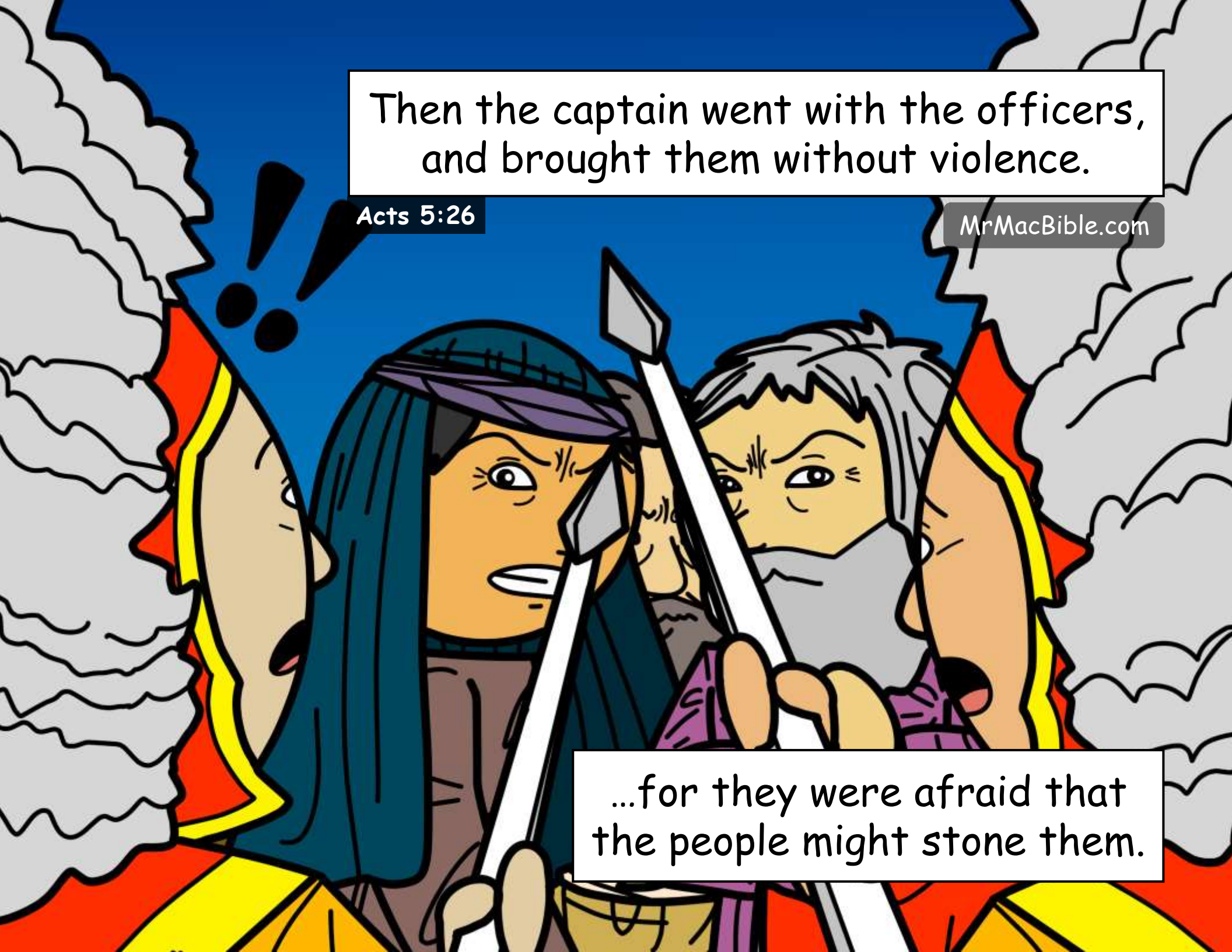
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...they were very perplexed about them and what might become of this.

One came and told them, "Behold, the men whom you put in prison are in the temple, standing and teaching the people."

Acts 5:25





Then the captain went with the officers,
and brought them without violence.

Acts 5:26

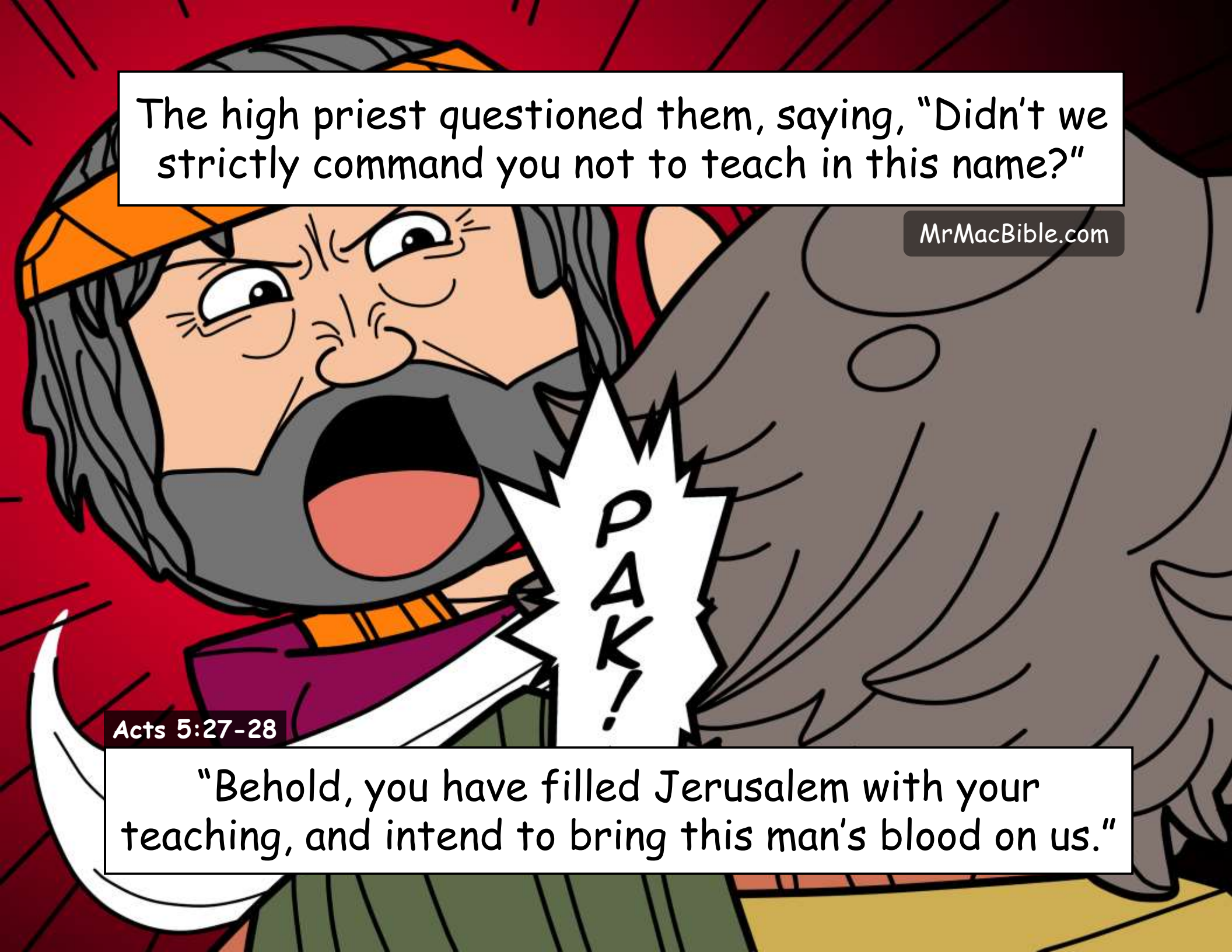
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...for they were afraid that
the people might stone them.

When they had brought them,
they set them before the council.

Acts 5:27





The high priest questioned them, saying, "Didn't we strictly command you not to teach in this name?"

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Acts 5:27-28

"Behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood on us."

Acts 5:29

But Peter and the apostles answered,
"We must obey God rather than men."



"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus,
whom you killed, hanging him on a tree."

Acts 5:30



Acts 5:31

"God exalted him with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins."

"We are his witnesses of these things;
and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom
God has given to those who obey him."

Acts 5:32



But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, and were determined to kill them.

Acts 5:33



THINK ABOUT IT...

**Why were the religious
leaders so angry at Peter?
Should Peter just keep quiet?**

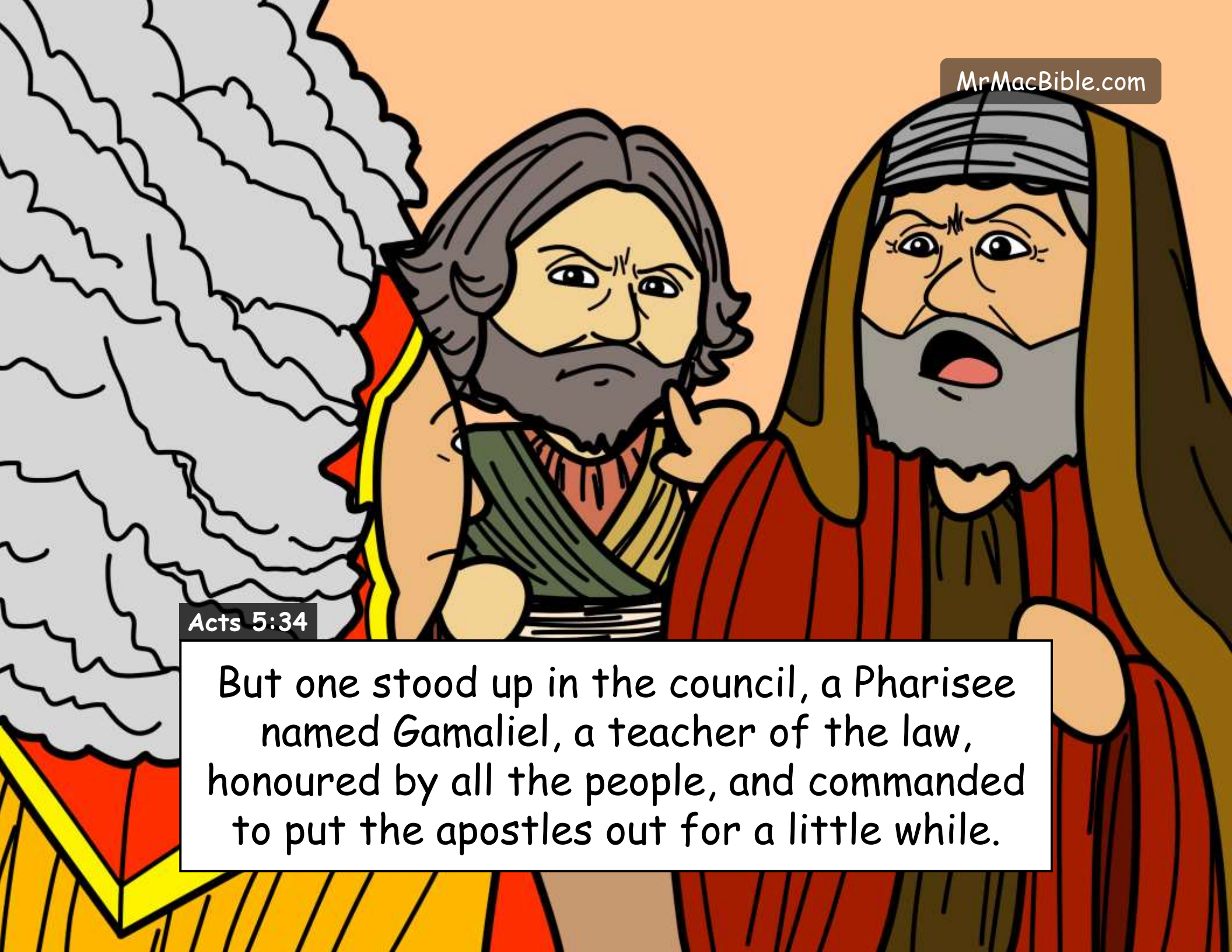


Leave them alone!
Acts 5:34-42

Background:

Peter won't stop preaching about Jesus.
The religious leaders decide not to
punish them... until later.

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Acts 5:34

But one stood up in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, honoured by all the people, and commanded to put the apostles out for a little while.

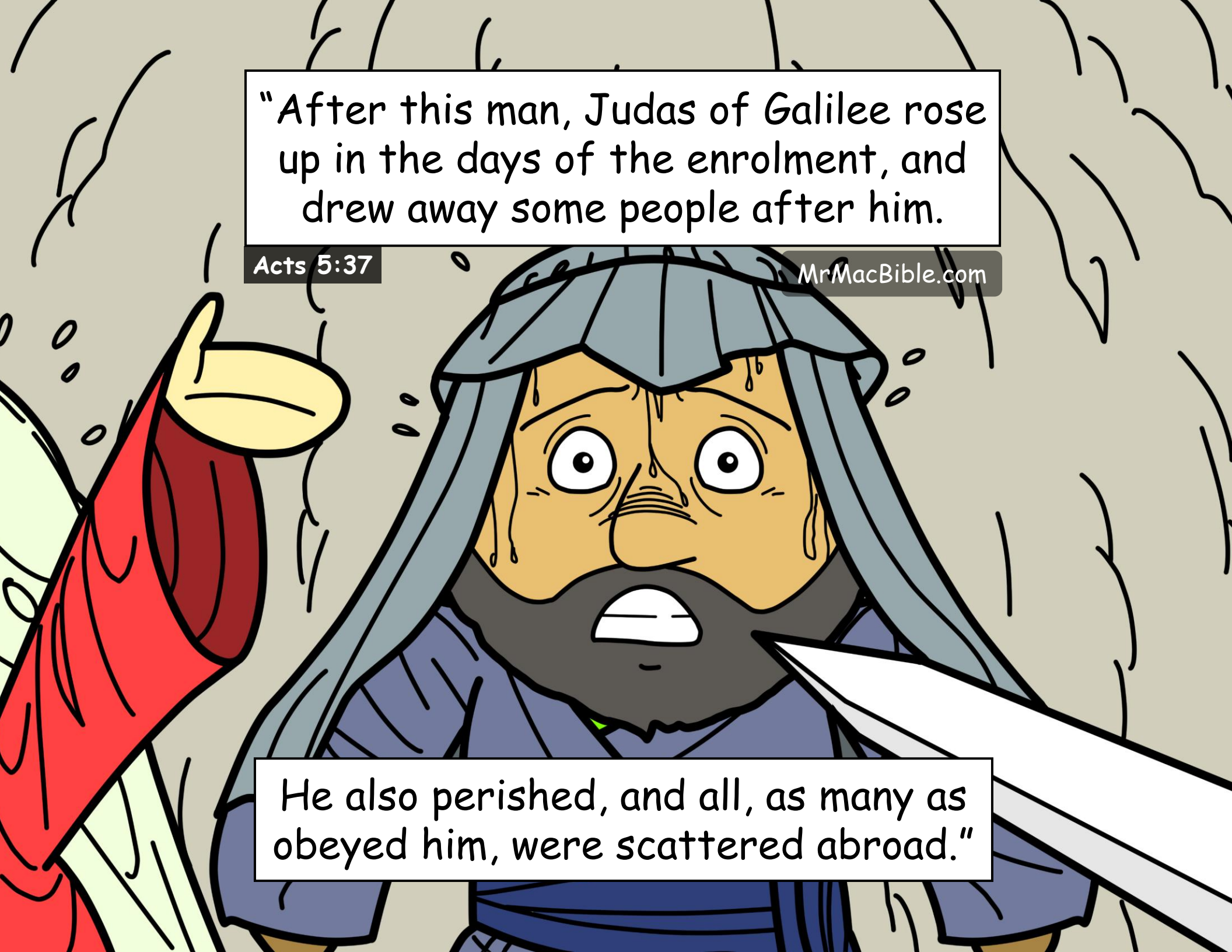


Acts 5:35

He said to them, "You men of Israel, be careful concerning these men, what you are about to do."

Acts 5:36

"For before these days Theudas rose up, making himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves. He was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nothing."



"After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the enrolment, and drew away some people after him.

Acts 5:37

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He also perished, and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad."

Acts 5:38

"Now I tell you, withdraw from these men, and leave them alone. For if this counsel or this work is of men, it will be overthrown."

"But if it is of God,

Acts 5:39

"...you will not be able to overthrow it, and you would be found even to be fighting against God!"



Acts 5:40

They agreed with him. Summoning the apostles, they beat them and commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.



Acts 5:41

They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for Jesus' name.

Acts 5:42

Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and preaching Jesus, the Christ.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Do you know someone who got into serious trouble for telling others about Jesus?

Tell their story here:



Stephen is Chosen

Acts 6:1-15

Background:

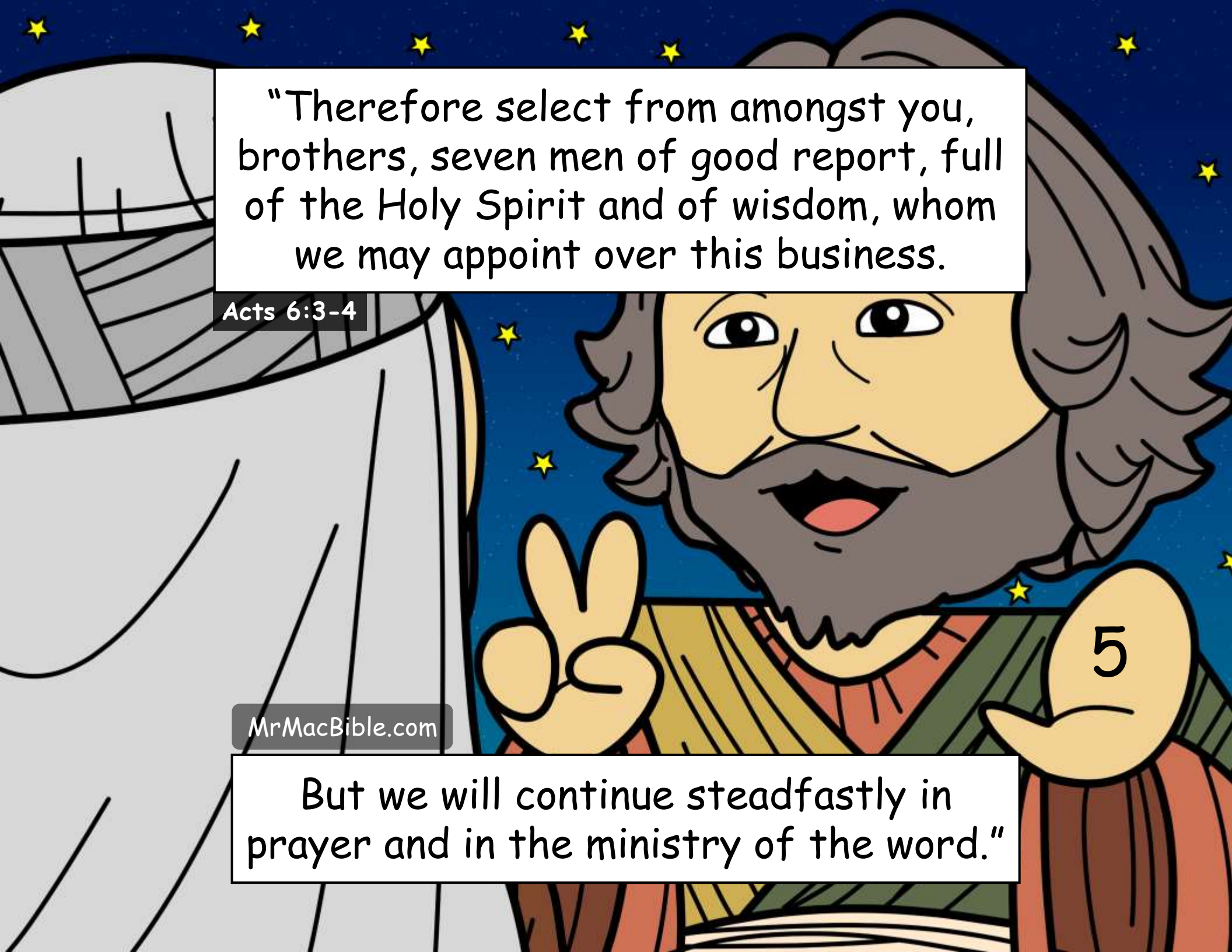
The Apostles need men to help take care of the older Christians. They choose Stephen because he is good Christian man!

Acts 6:1

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service.

Acts 6:2

The twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not appropriate for us to forsake the word of God and serve tables."



“Therefore select from amongst you, brothers, seven men of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Acts 6:3-4

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But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word.”

Acts 6:5

These words pleased the whole multitude. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch;

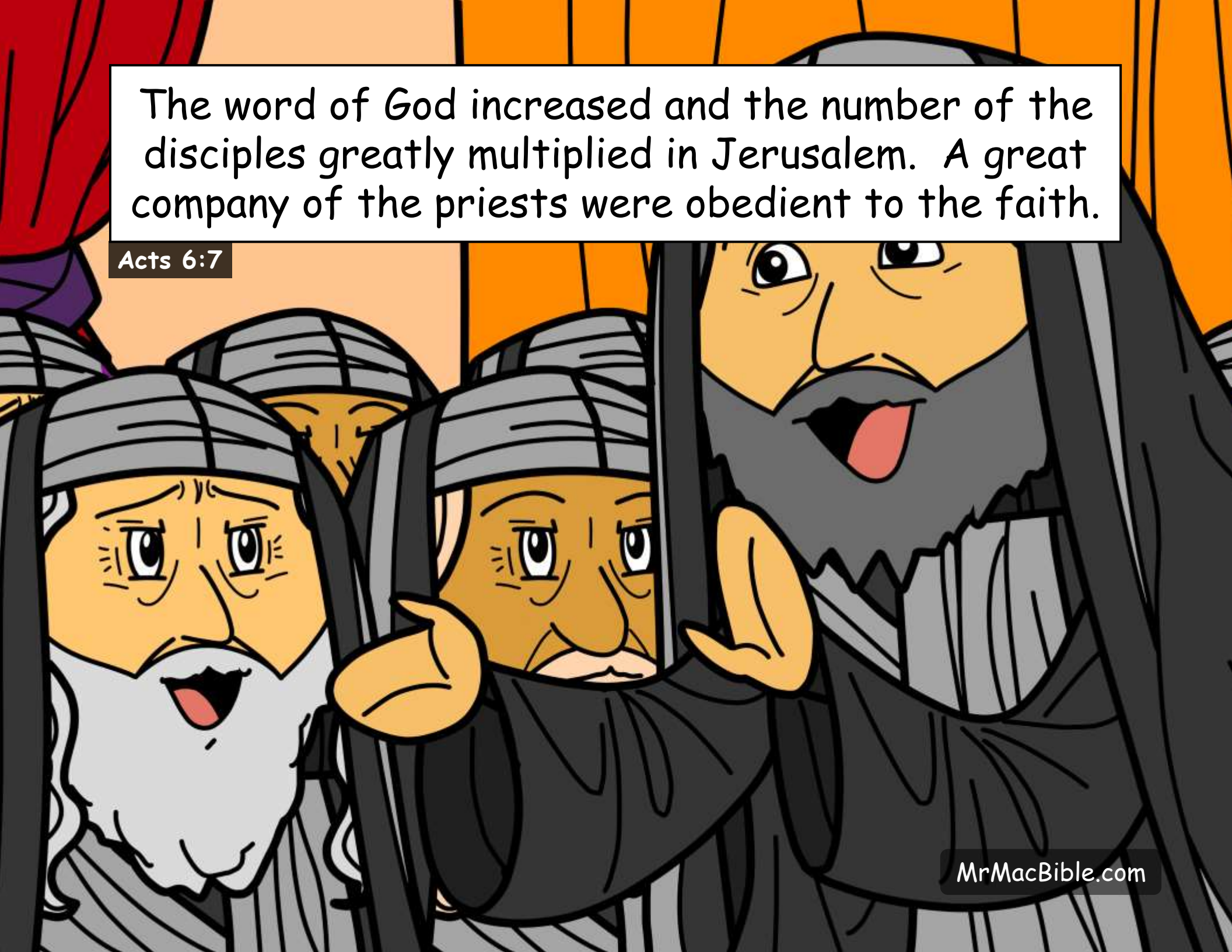


Acts 6:6

...whom they set before the apostles. When they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

The word of God increased and the number of the disciples greatly multiplied in Jerusalem. A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:7



Acts 6:8

Stephen, full of faith and power, performed great wonders and signs amongst the people.

But some of those who were of the synagogue called "The Libertines", and of the Cyrenians, of the Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia and Asia arose, disputing with Stephen.

Acts 6:9





Acts 6:10

They weren't able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Then they secretly induced men to say,
"We have heard him speak blasphemous
words against Moses and God."

Acts 6:11





Acts 6:12

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They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes, and came against him and seized him, then brought him in to the council,

Acts 6:13

...and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops speaking blasphemous words against this holy place and the law."



Acts 6:14

"For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us."



Acts 6:15


All who sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face like it was the face of an angel.

THINK ABOUT IT...

**Why do the angry men want
to stop Stephen from
speaking about Jesus?**



Isaac and Rebekah



Abraham's Story!

Acts 7:1-25

Background:

Stephen preaches the message of Jesus by telling the story of Abraham, Joseph and Moses.

The high priest said, "Are these things so?"

Acts 7:1



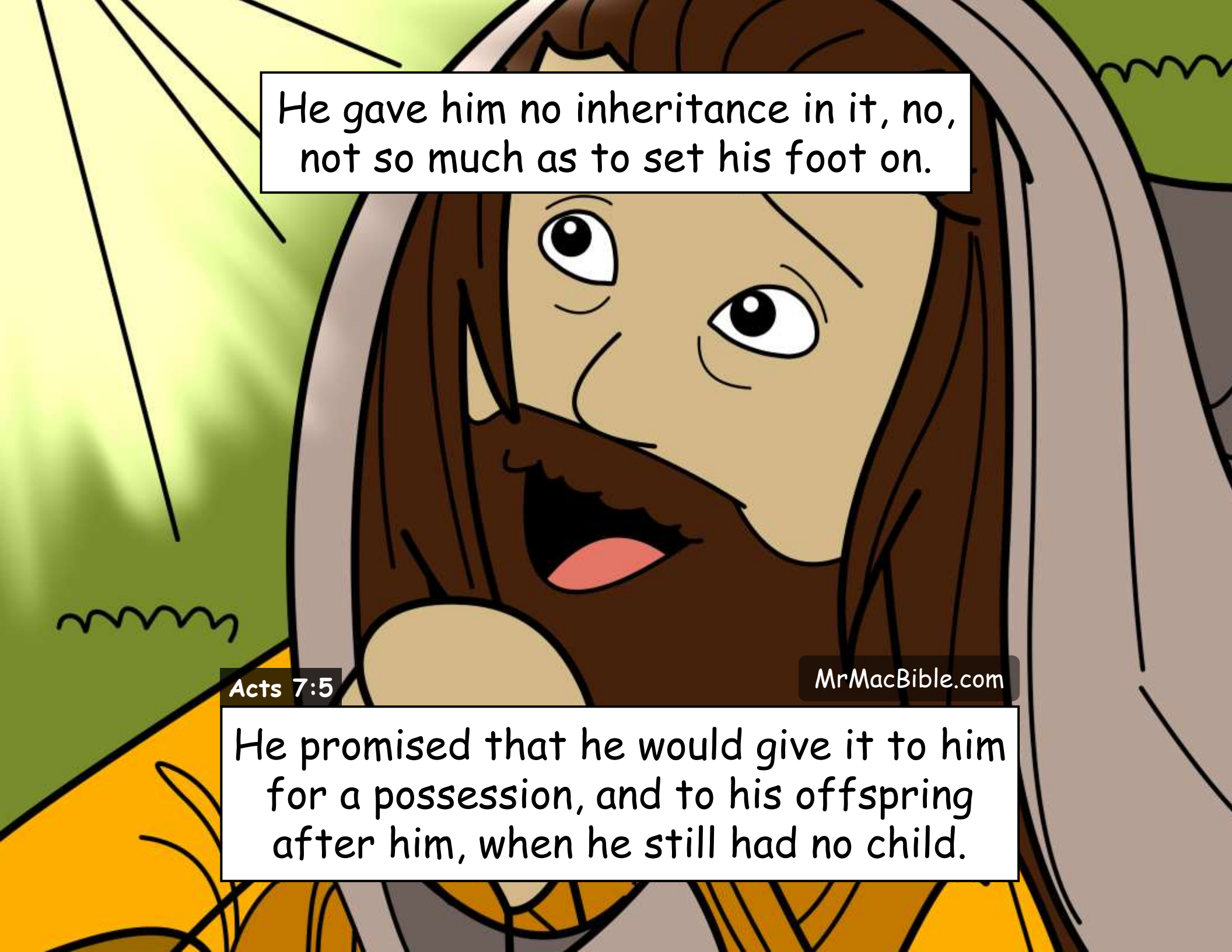
He said, "Brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, 'Get out of your land and away from your relatives, and come into a land which I will show you.'"

Acts 7:2-3



Acts 7:4

Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. From there, when his father was dead, God moved him into this land, where you are now living.



He gave him no inheritance in it, no,
not so much as to set his foot on.

Acts 7:5

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He promised that he would give it to him
for a possession, and to his offspring
after him, when he still had no child.

God spoke in this way: that his offspring would live as aliens in a strange land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years.

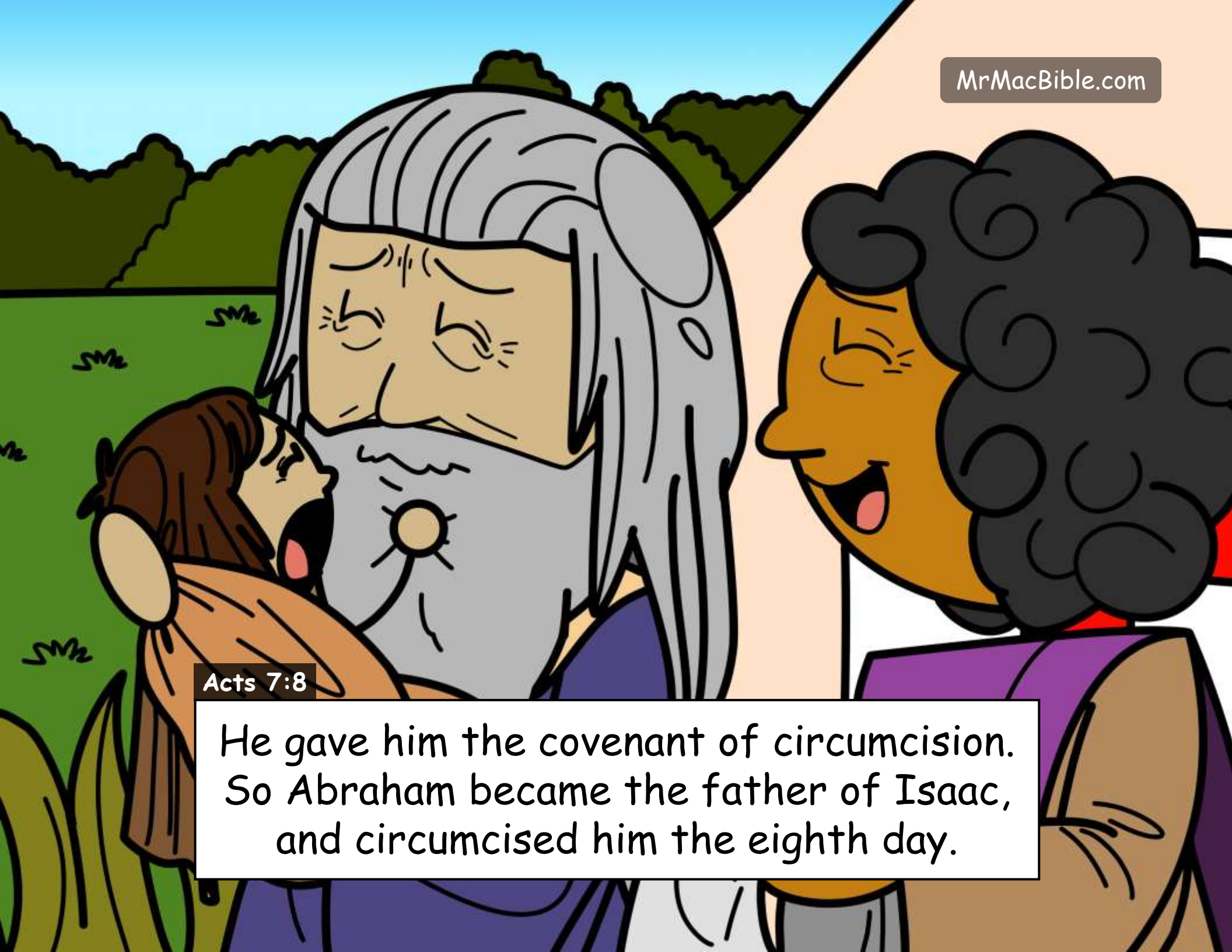
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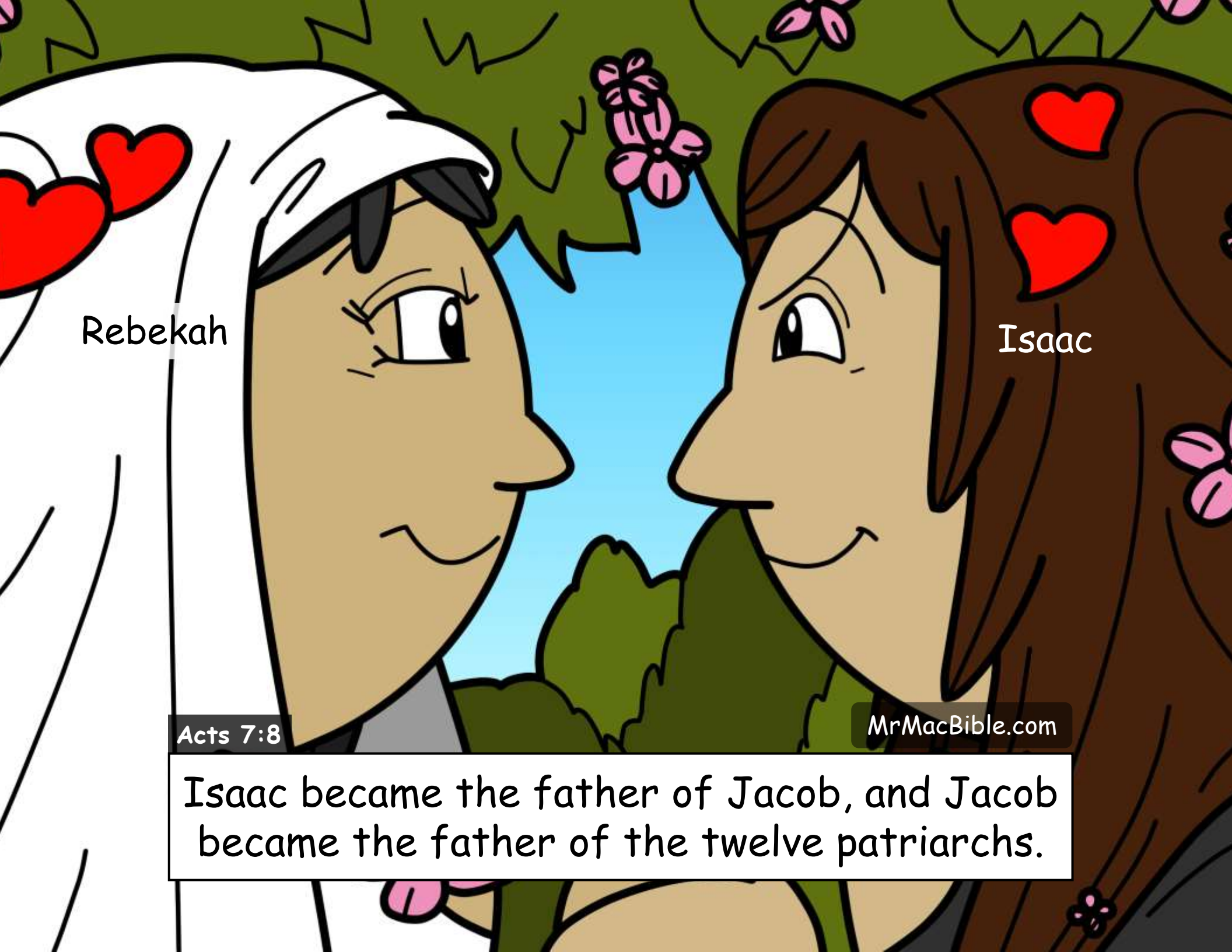
Acts 7:7

'I will judge the nation to which they will be in bondage,' said God, 'and after that they will come out, and serve me in this place.'



Acts 7:8

He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day.



Rebekah

Isaac

Acts 7:8

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Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

Acts 7:9

The patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt.



Acts 7:10

God was with him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt.





Acts 7:10

He made him governor over Egypt and all his house.



Acts 7:11

Now a famine came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction. Our fathers found no food.



Acts 7:12

But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers the first time.



Acts 7:13

On the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's race was revealed to Pharaoh.

Joseph sent and summoned Jacob, his father, and all his relatives, seventy-five souls. Jacob went down into Egypt and he died, himself and our fathers,

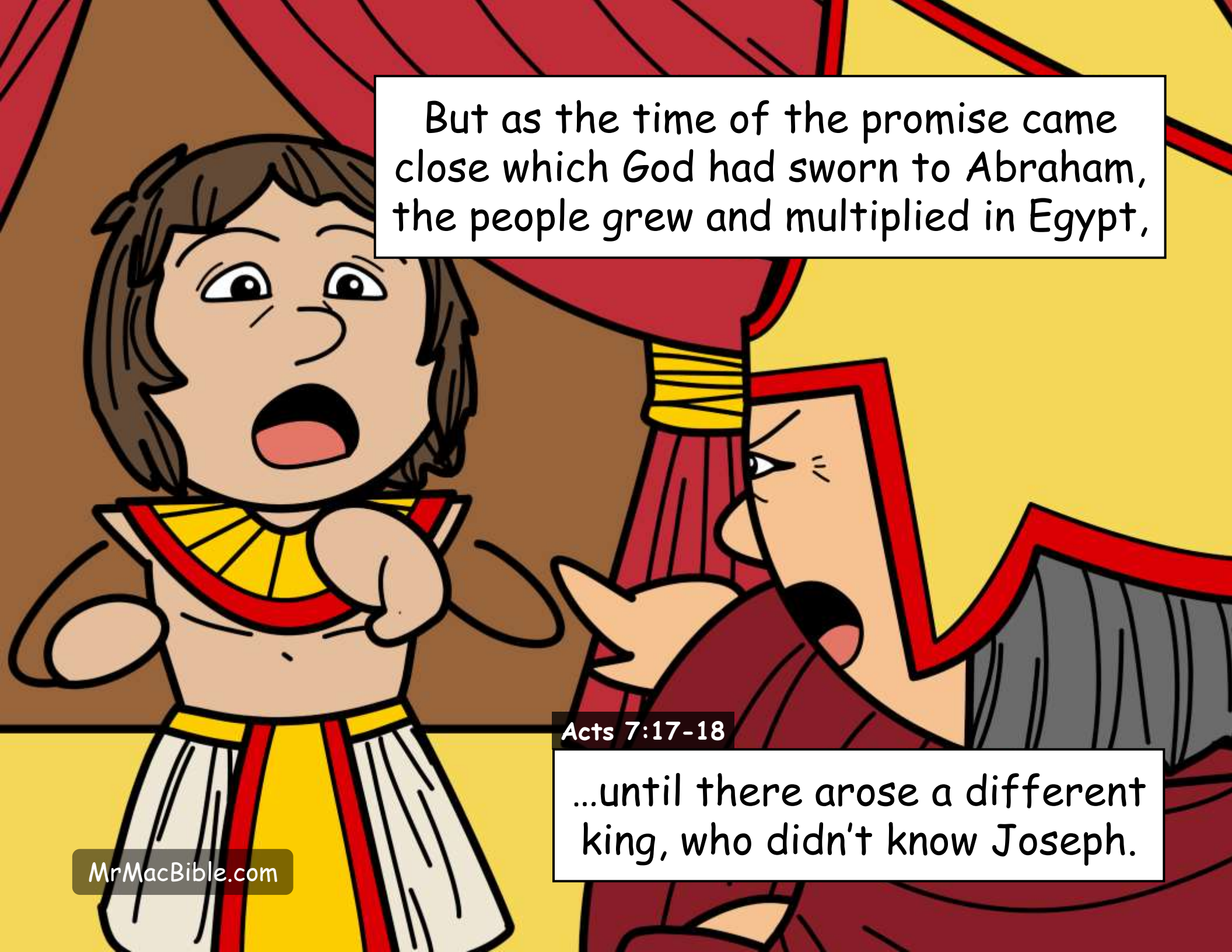
Acts 1:14-15



...and they were brought back to Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver from the children of Hamor of Shechem.

Acts 7:16





But as the time of the promise came close which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

Acts 7:17-18

...until there arose a different king, who didn't know Joseph.

The same took advantage of our race, and mistreated our fathers, and forced them to throw out their babies, so that they wouldn't stay alive.

Acts 7:19






At that time Moses was born,
and was exceedingly handsome.

Acts 7:20

He was nourished three months
in his father's house.



When he was thrown out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up and reared him as her own son.

Acts 7:21-22

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Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. He was mighty in his words and works.



Acts 7:23

But when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel.

Acts 7:24

Seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him who was oppressed, striking the Egyptian.



Acts 7:25

He supposed that his brothers understood that God, by his hand, was giving them deliverance; but they didn't understand.

THINK ABOUT IT...

What things can we learn about God by reading the old testament stories?



Moses in Egypt!

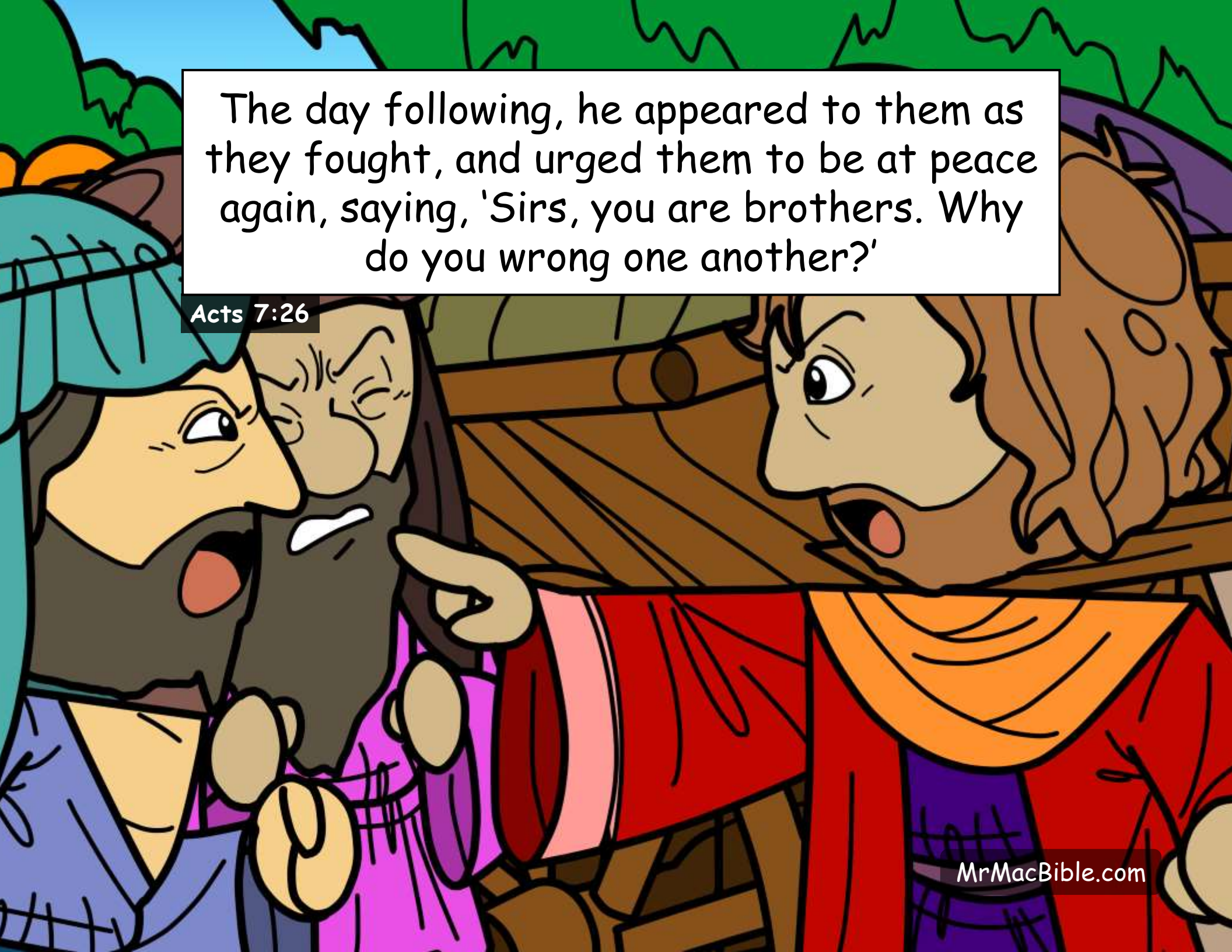
Acts 7:26-50

Background:

Stephen is still preaching... and now he's talking about one of their hero's: **MOSES**
Why does Moses point us to Jesus?

The day following, he appeared to them as they fought, and urged them to be at peace again, saying, 'Sirs, you are brothers. Why do you wrong one another?'

Acts 7:26



Acts 7:27-28

But he who did his neighbour wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'

Acts 7:29

Moses fled at this saying, and became a stranger in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

When forty years were fulfilled, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

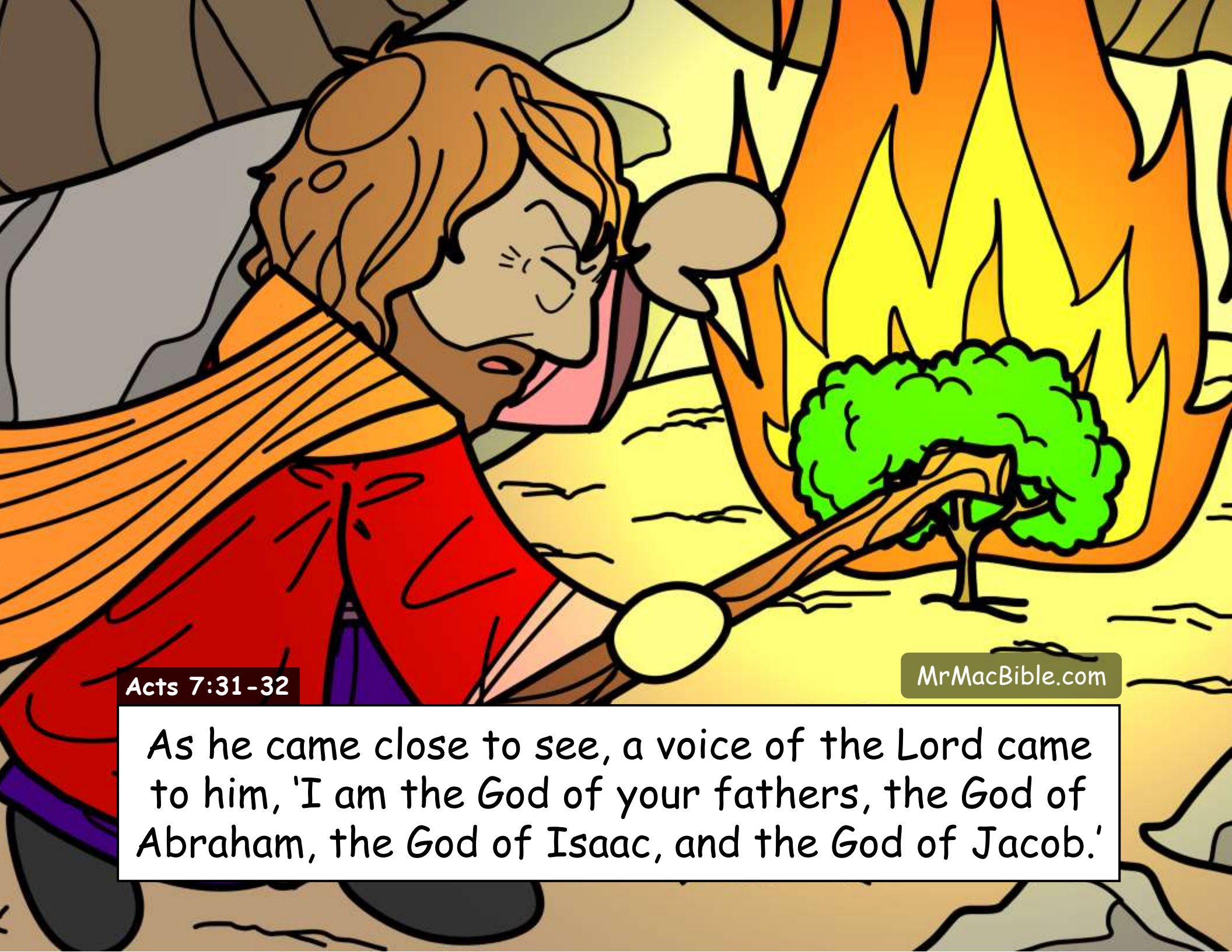
Acts 7:30



When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight.

Acts 7:31





Acts 7:31-32

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As he came close to see, a voice of the Lord came to him, 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'



Acts 7:33

Moses trembled, and dared not look. The Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you stand is holy ground.'

Acts 7:34

'I have surely seen the affliction of my people that is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning.'





Acts 7:34

'I have come down to deliver them.
Now come, I will send you into Egypt.'

Acts 7:35

This Moses, whom they refused, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—God has sent him as both a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.



Acts 7:36

This man led them out, having worked wonders and signs in Egypt, in the Red Sea,



Acts 7:36

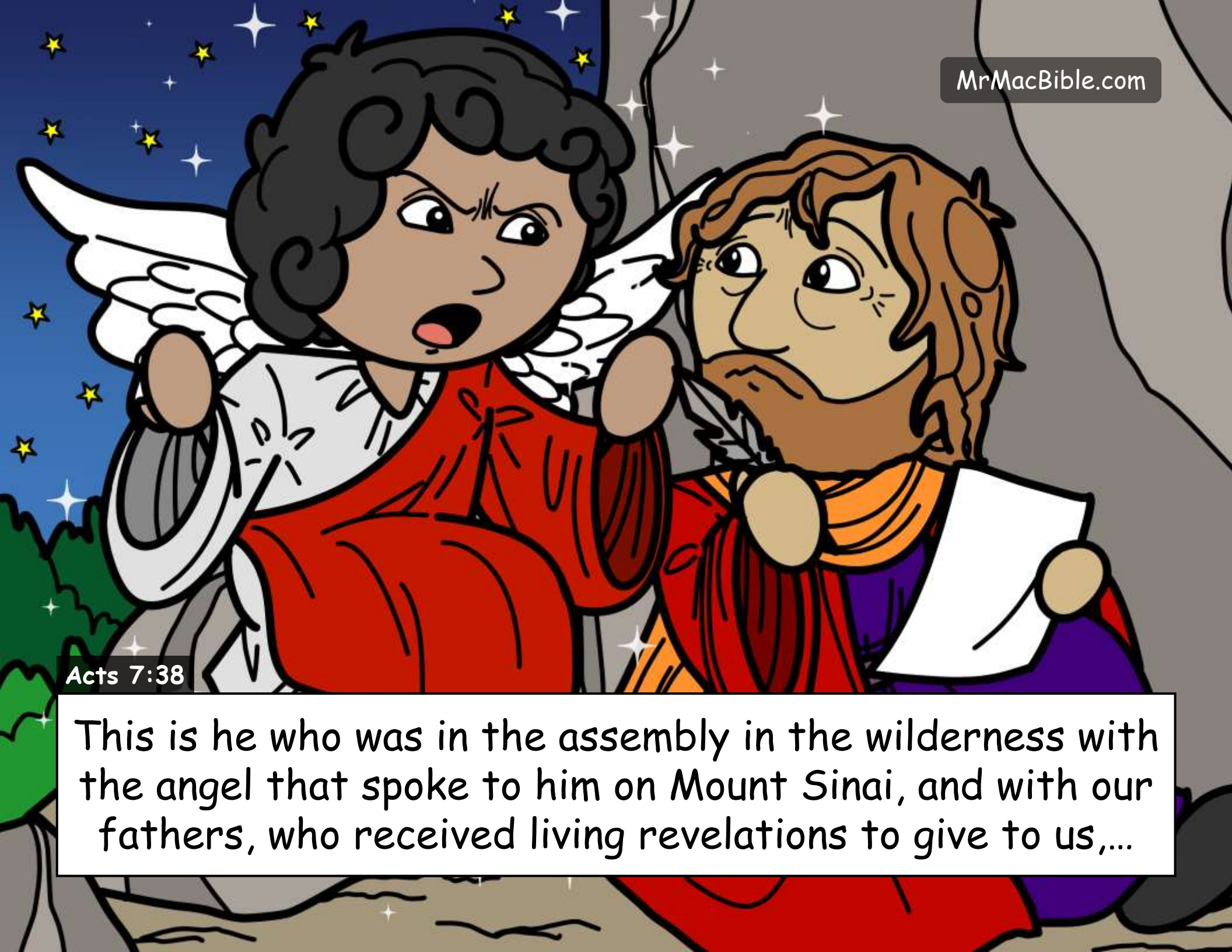
...and in the wilderness for forty years.



Acts 7:37

This is that Moses, who said to the children of Israel, 'The Lord our God will raise up a prophet for you from amongst your brothers, like me.'





Acts 7:38

This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel that spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received living revelations to give to us,...

To whom our fathers wouldn't be obedient, but rejected him, and turned back in their hearts to Egypt,

Acts 7:39



Acts 7:40

Saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods that will go before us, for as for this Moses, who led us out of the land of Egypt, we don't know what has become of him.'

Acts 7:41

They made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands.




Acts 7:42

But God turned, and gave them up to serve the army of the sky, As it is written in the book of the prophets:



'Did you offer to me slain animals and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?'

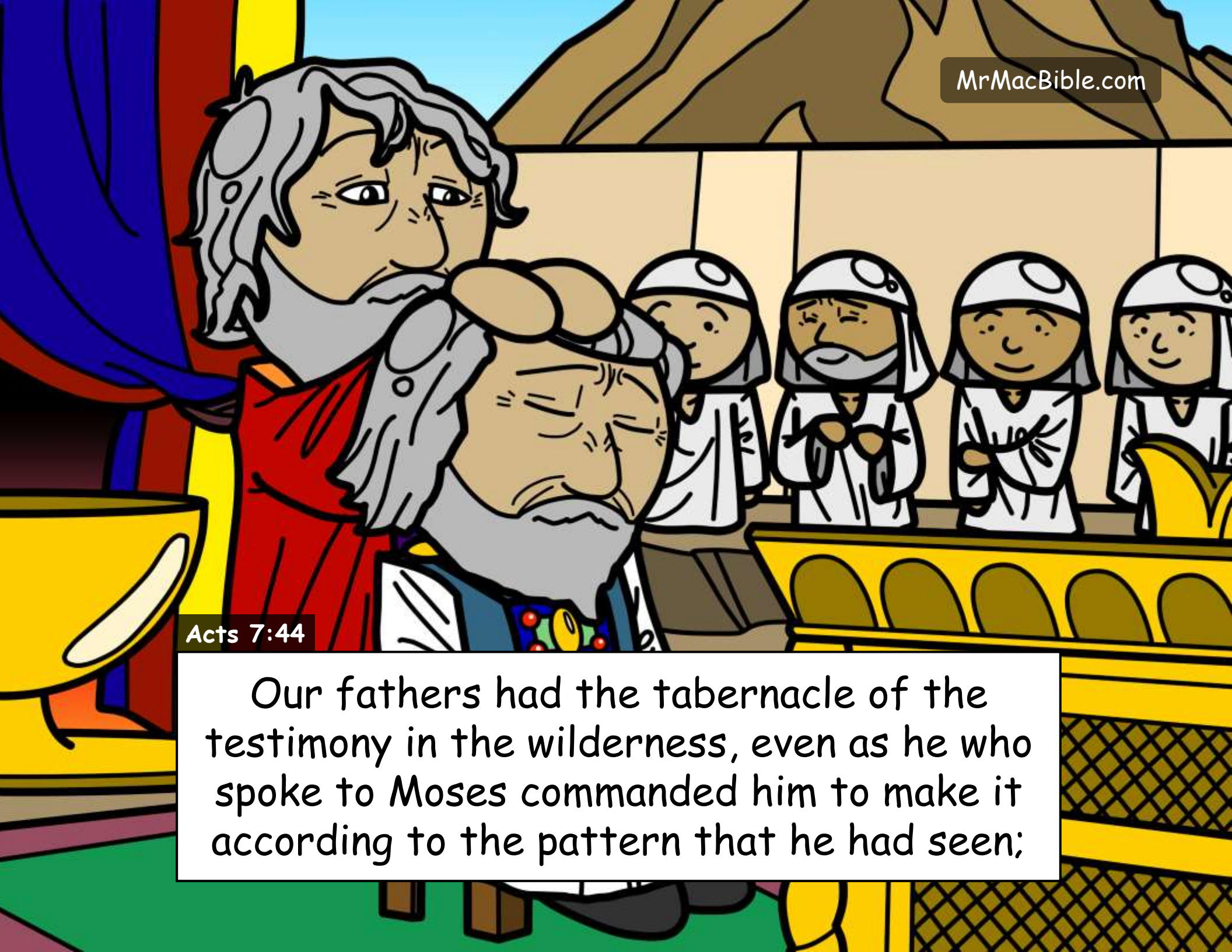
Acts 7:43



'You took up the tabernacle of Moloch, the star of your god Rephan, the figures which you made to worship. I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'

Acts 7:44

Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he who spoke to Moses commanded him to make it according to the pattern that he had seen;



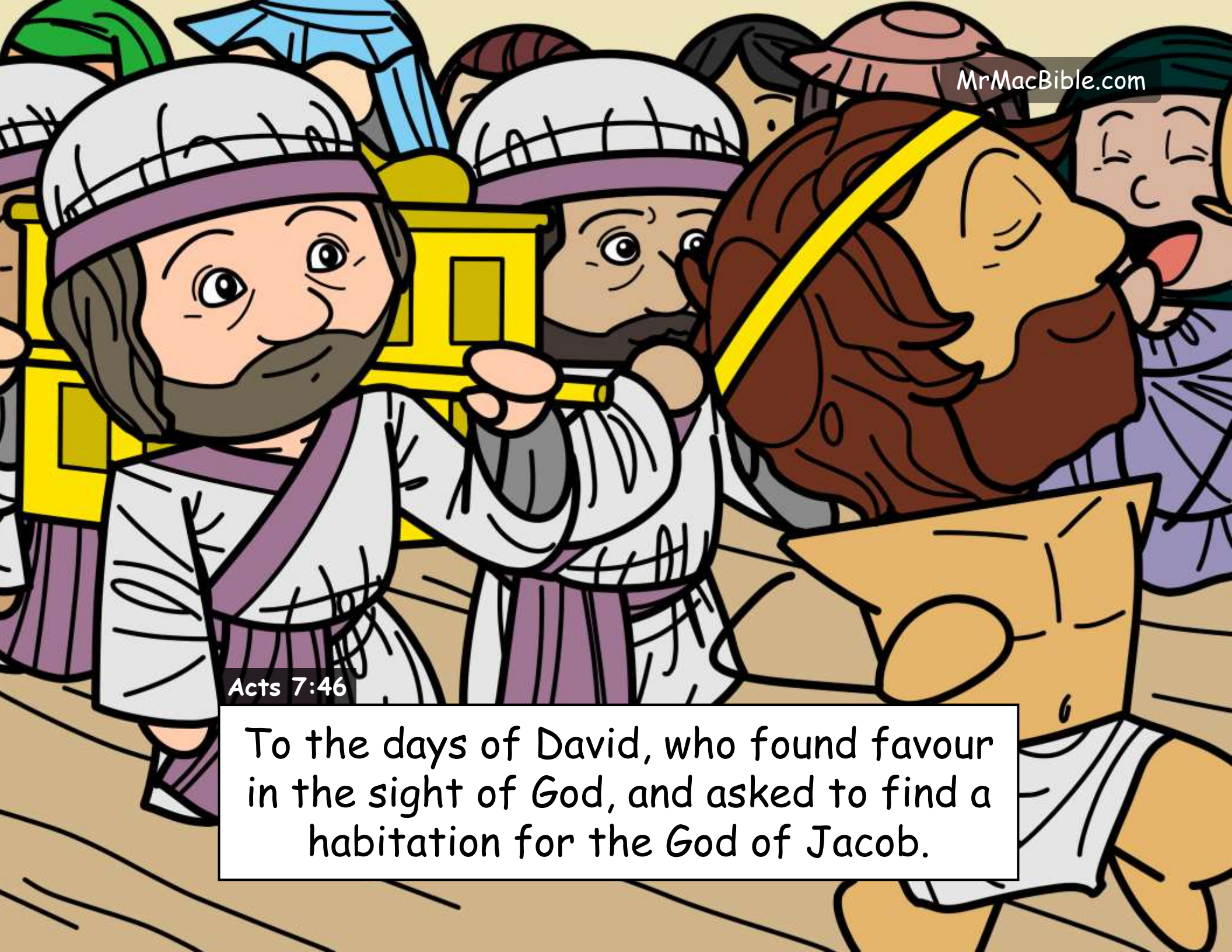
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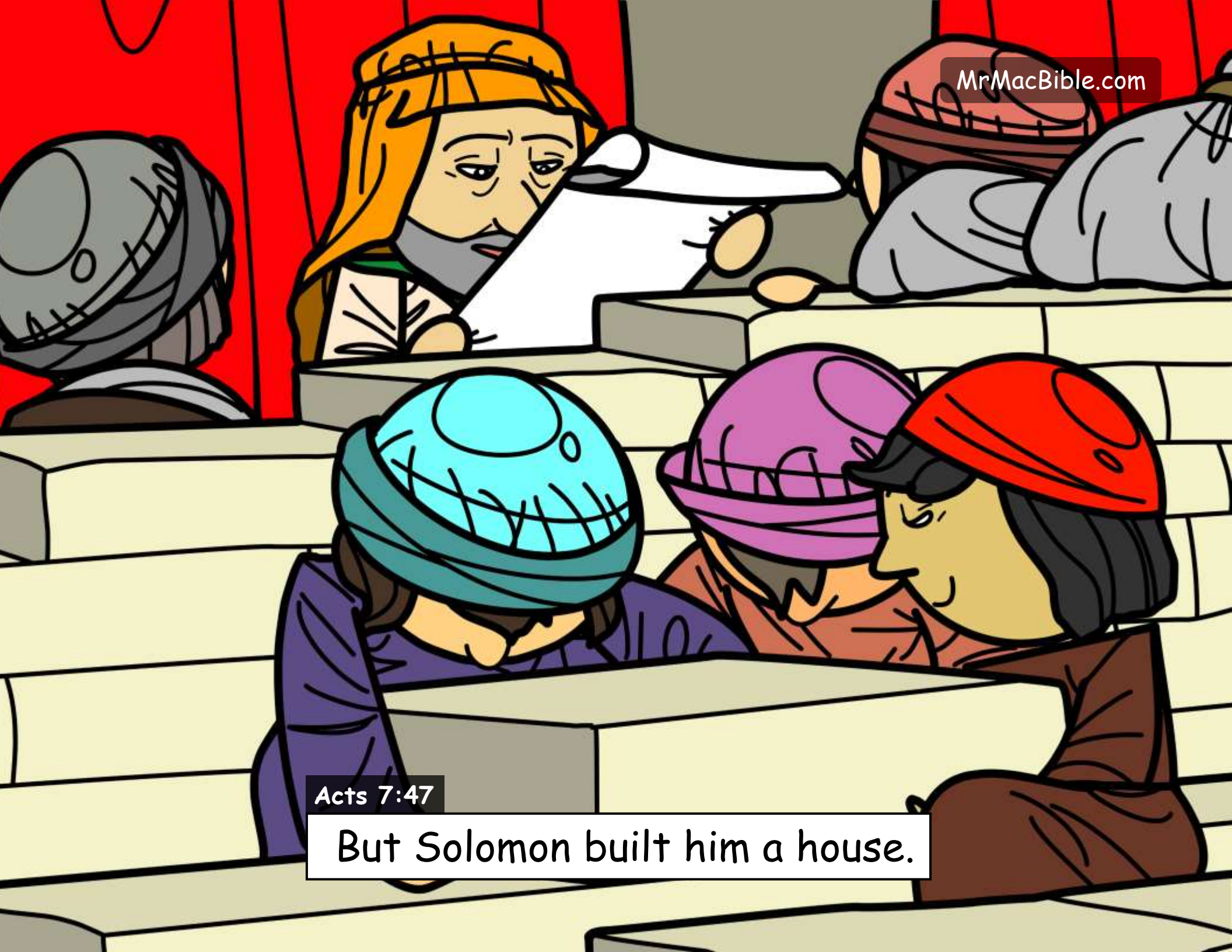
Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered into the possession of the nations, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers,



Acts 7:46


To the days of David, who found favour in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob.





Acts 7:47

But Solomon built him a house.



However, the Most High doesn't dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says, 'heaven is my throne, and the earth a footstool for my feet.'

Acts 7:48

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Stephen
Preaches

Acts 7:49

'What kind of house will you build me?' says the Lord. 'Or what is the place of my rest?'



Acts 7:50

'Didn't my hand make all these things?'

THINK ABOUT IT...

**What is your favorite
story about Moses,
Joshua or David?**



Stephen Falls Asleep

Acts 7:51-60

Background:

Stephen accuses the angry priest of being just like the ancient bad priests. One of the religious leaders is Saul, who we later call Paul the Apostle.



Acts 7:51

"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit! As your fathers did, so you do."

Jeremiah

Acts 7:52

"Which of the prophets didn't your fathers persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One,"

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"Of whom you have now become betrayers and murderers. You received the law as it was ordained by angels, and didn't keep it!"





Acts 7:54

Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth.



Acts 7:55

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But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God,

...and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

Acts 7:56



Acts 7:57

But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears, then rushed at him with one accord.



They threw him out of the city and stoned him.

Acts 7:58

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The witnesses placed their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:58



Acts 7:59

They stoned Stephen as he called out, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"



Acts 7:60

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He knelt down, and cried with a loud voice,
"Lord, don't hold this sin against them!"

Acts 7:60

When he had said this, he fell asleep.



THINK ABOUT IT...

**Who do you know that would
have the faith and courage
to die like Stephen for the
message of Jesus?**

Tell us about that person:



Saul's Attack

Acts 8:1-40

Background:

Saul - the angry religious man - started a riot against all Christians in Israel.

Many of the Christian families ran away from Jerusalem to find new friends.

Saul was consenting to his death.

Acts 8:1



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A great persecution arose against the assembly which was in Jerusalem in that day. They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, ...except for the apostles.



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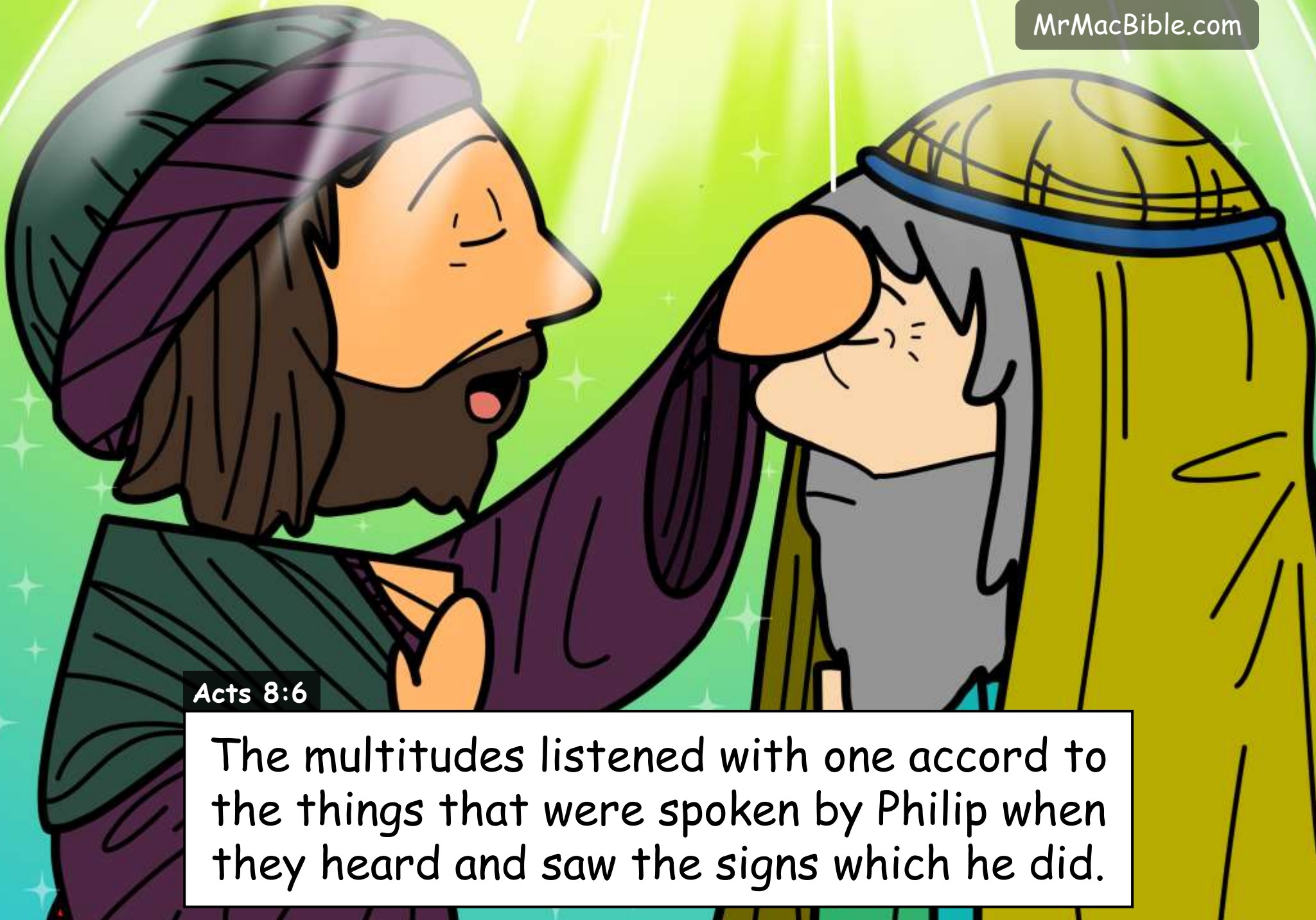
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Therefore those who were scattered abroad went around preaching the word.



Acts 8:5

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Acts 8:6

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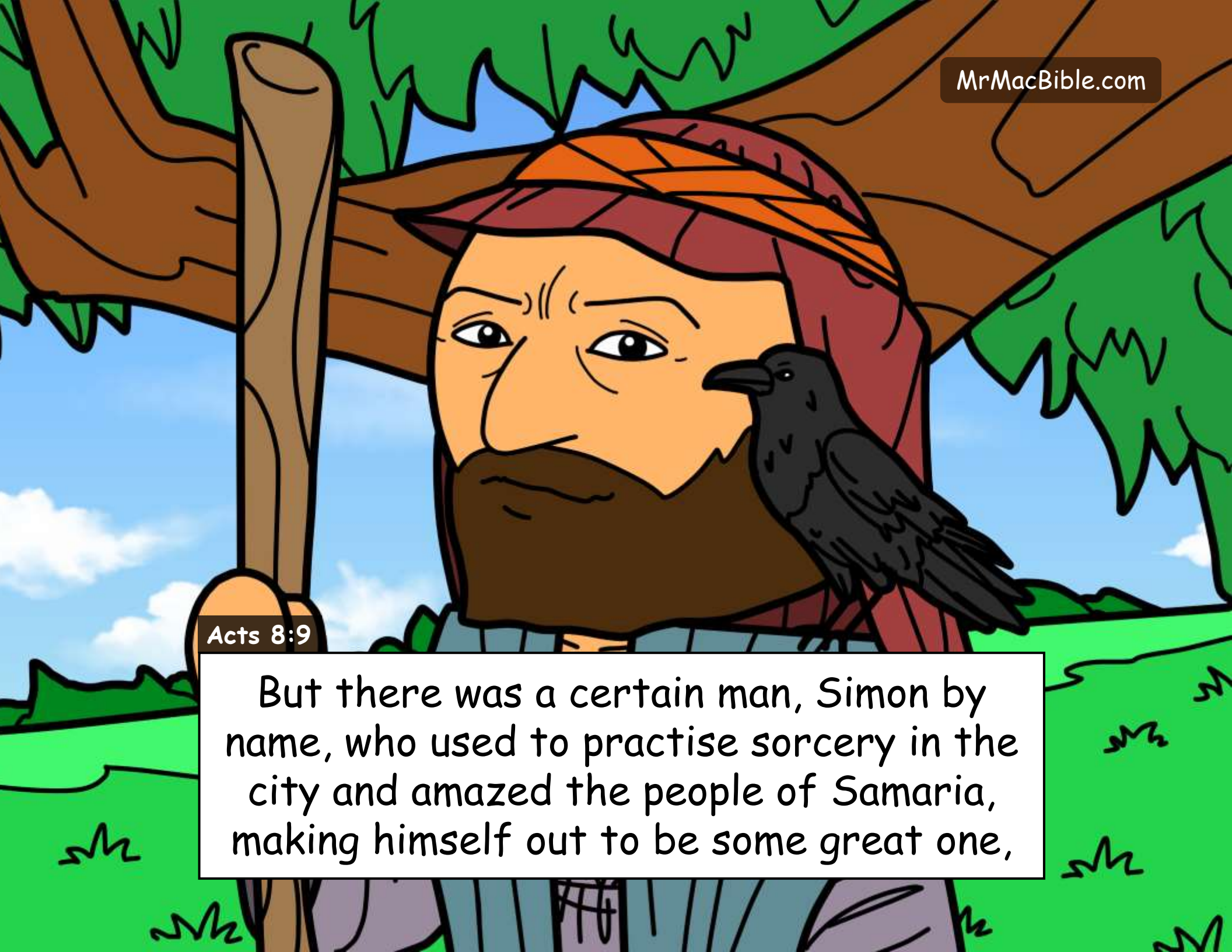
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Acts 8:9

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Acts 8:10

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"This man is that great power of God."





Acts 8:11

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They listened to him, because for a long time he had amazed them with his sorceries.

Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip preaching good news concerning God's Kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women.



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Acts 8:16-17





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But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"

Acts 8:20-21

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Acts 8:22-23

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For I see that you are in the poison of
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Acts 8:24

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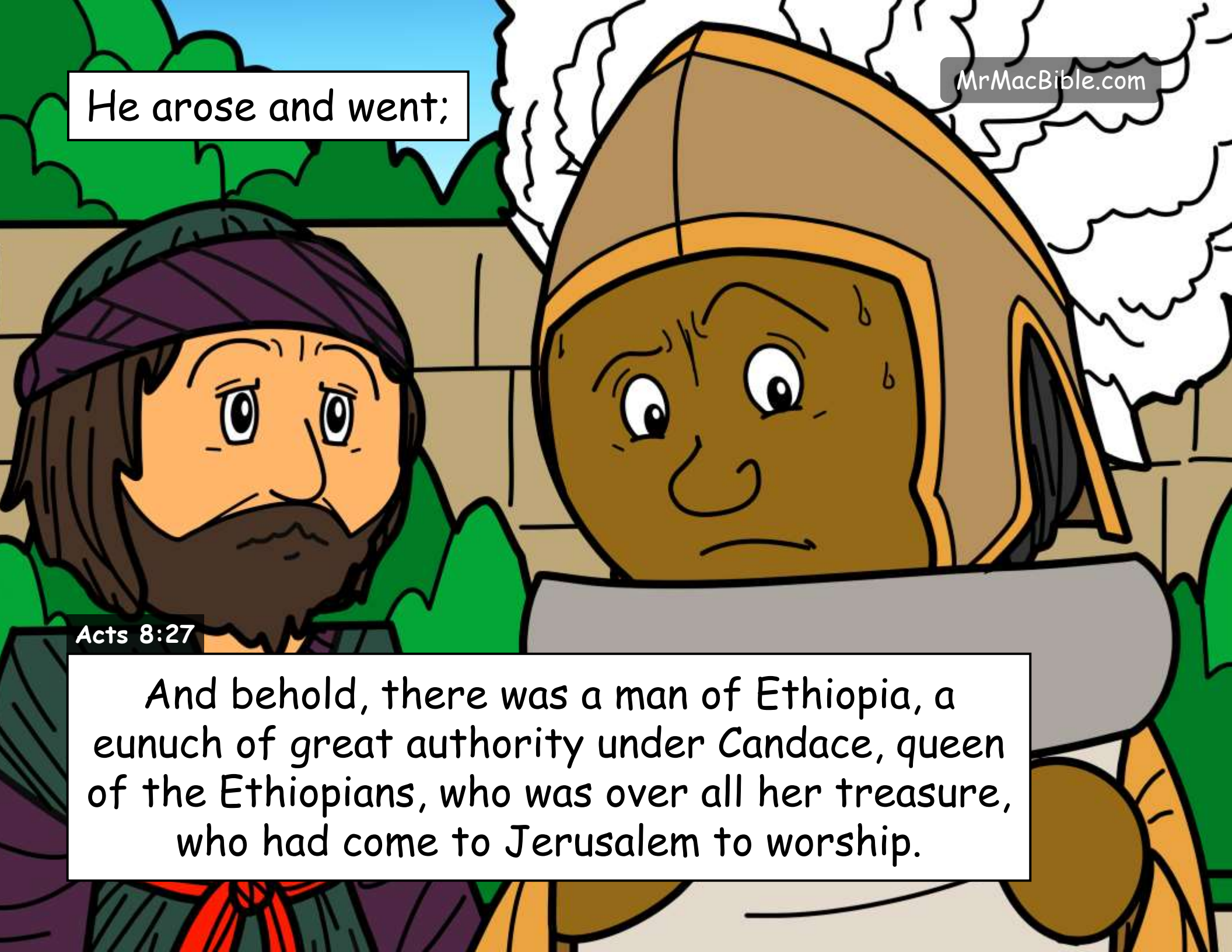
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But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise, and go towards the south to the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert.

He arose and went;

Acts 8:27

And behold, there was a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship.





Acts 8:28

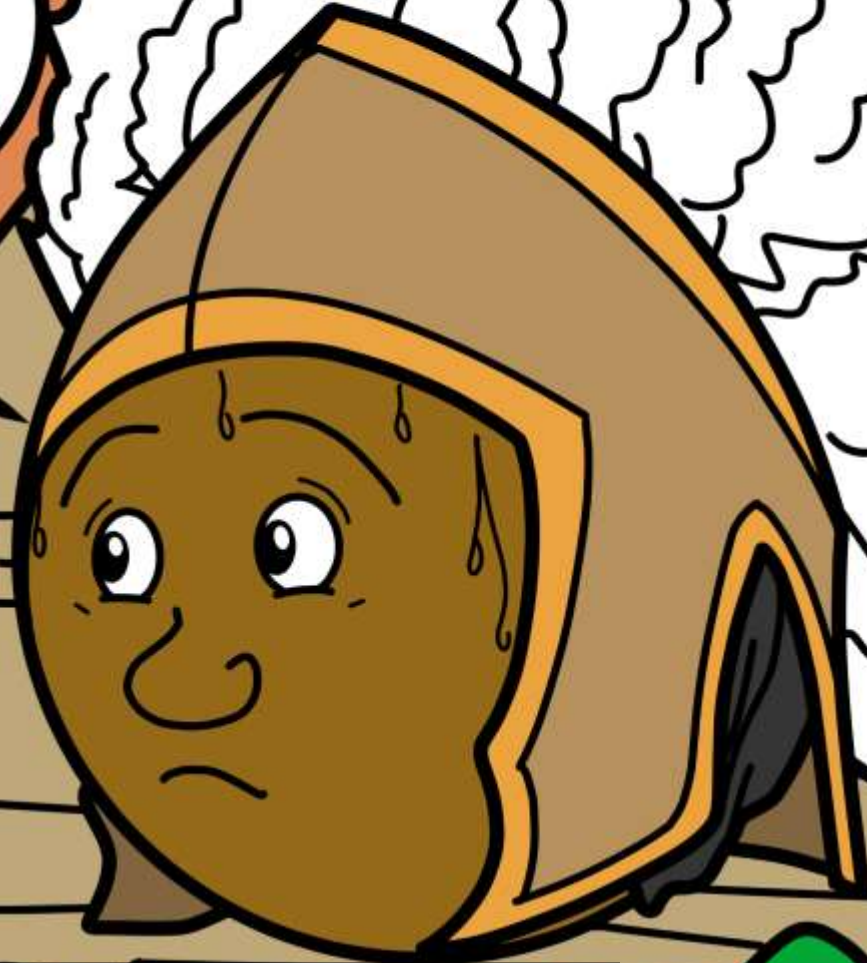
He was returning and sitting in his chariot,
and was reading the prophet Isaiah.



Acts 8:29

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The Spirit said to Philip, "Go near,
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Acts 8:30


Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

Acts 8:31

He said, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" He begged Philip to come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:32

Now the passage of the Scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter."



"As a lamb before his shearer is silent,
so he doesn't open his mouth."

Acts 8:32-33

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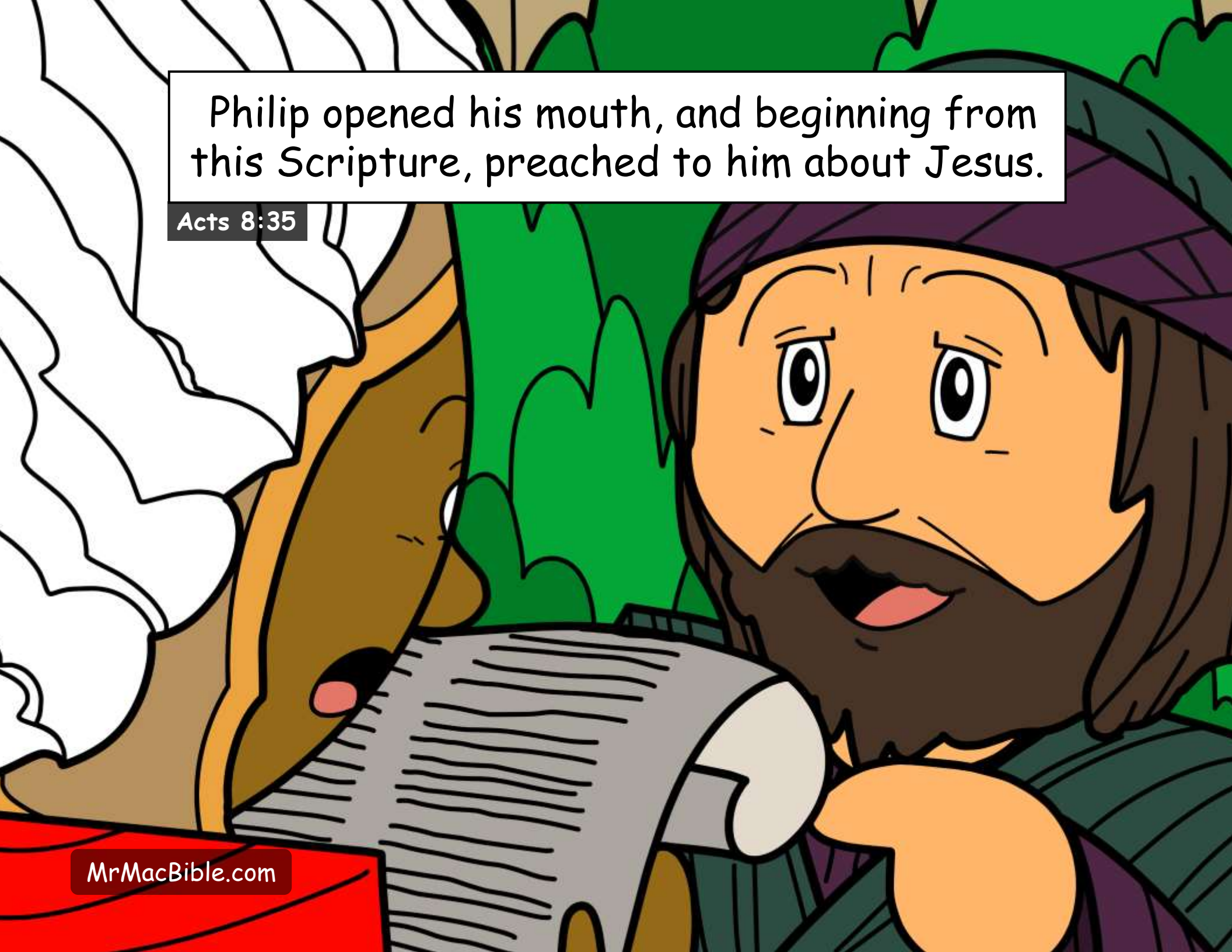


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Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, preached to him about Jesus.

Acts 8:35



Acts 8:36

As they went on the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Behold, here is water. What is keeping me from being baptised?"

Acts 8:37-38

He commanded the chariot to stand still, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptised him.



Acts 8:39

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, and the eunuch didn't see him any more, for he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:40

But Philip was found at Azotus. Passing through, he preached the Good News to all the cities, until he came to Caesarea.

BIBLE: Acts 4:13-24

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled. They recognised that they had been with Jesus.

14 Seeing the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred amongst themselves,

16 saying, "What shall we do to these men? Because indeed a notable miracle has been done through them, as can be plainly seen by all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we can't deny it.

17 But so that this spreads no further amongst the people, let's threaten them, that from now on they don't speak to anyone in this

...name." 18 They called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, judge for yourselves,

20 for we can't help telling the things which we saw and heard."

21 When they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people; for everyone glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man on whom this miracle of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

23 Being let go, they came to their own company and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

Acts 4:24-34 24 When they heard it, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, "O Lord, you are God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

25 who by the mouth of your servant, David, said, 'Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot a vain thing?

26 The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers take council together, against the Lord, and against his Christ.'

27 "For truly,† both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant, Jesus, whom you anointed,

28 to do whatever your hand and your council foreordained to happen.

29 Now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak

...your word with all boldness,

30 while you stretch out your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy Servant Jesus."

31 When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were gathered together. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

32 The multitude of those who believed were of one heart and soul. Not one of them claimed that anything of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

33 With great power, the apostles gave their testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Great grace was on them all.

34 For neither was there amongst them any who lacked,

Acts 4:34-5:8 34 ...for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

35 and laid them at the apostles' feet, and distribution was made to each, according as anyone had need.

36 Joses, who by the apostles was also called Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of Encouragement), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race,

37 having a field, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira, his wife, sold a possession,

2 and kept back part of the price, his wife also being aware of it, then brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price of the land?"

4 While you kept it, didn't it remain your own? After it was sold, wasn't it in your power? How is it that you have conceived this thing in your heart? You haven't lied to men, but to God."

5 Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and died. Great fear came on all who heard these things.

6 The young men arose and wrapped him up, and they carried him out and buried him.

7 About three hours later, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.

8 Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." She said, "Yes, for so much."

Acts 5:9-20 9 But Peter asked her, "How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

10 She fell down immediately at his feet and died. The young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband.

11 Great fear came on the whole assembly, and on all who heard these things.

12 By the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done amongst the people. They were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 None of the rest dared to join them, however the people honoured them.

14 More believers were added to

...the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.

15 They even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mattresses, so that as Peter came by, at the least his shadow might overshadow some of them. 1

6 The multitude also came together from the cities around Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits: and they were all healed.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy 18 and laid hands on the apostles, then put them in public custody.

19 But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night, and brought them out and said, 20 "Go stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 5:21-31 21 When they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and taught.

But the high priest came, and those who were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But the officers who came didn't find them in the prison. They returned and reported,

23 "We found the prison shut and locked, and the guards standing before the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside!"

24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these words, they were very perplexed about them and what might become of this.

25 One came and told them, "Behold, the men whom you put in

...prison are in the temple, standing and teaching the people." 26 Then the captain went with the officers, and brought them without violence, for they were afraid that the people might stone them.

27 When they had brought them, they set them before the council. The high priest questioned them,

28 saying, "Didn't we strictly command you not to teach in this name? Behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood on us."

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed, hanging him on a tree.

31 God exalted him with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour,

Acts 5:31-40 31 ...to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins.

32 We are his witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, and were determined to kill them.

34 But one stood up in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, honoured by all the people, and commanded to put the apostles out for a little while.

35 He said to them, "You men of Israel, be careful concerning these men, what you are about to do.

36 For before these days Theudas rose up, making himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves.

He was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nothing.

37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the enrolment, and drew away some people after him. He also perished, and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad.

38 Now I tell you, withdraw from these men, and leave them alone. For if this counsel or this work is of men, it will be overthrown.

39 But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow it, and you would be found even to be fighting against God!"

40 They agreed with him. Summoning the apostles, they beat them and commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Acts 5:41-6:9 41 They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for Jesus' name.

42 Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and preaching Jesus, the Christ.

Acts 6:1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service.

2 The twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not appropriate for us to forsake the word of God and serve tables.

3 Therefore select from amongst you, brothers, seven men of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over

... this business. 4 But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word."

5 These words pleased the whole multitude. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch;

6 whom they set before the apostles. When they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 The word of God increased and the number of the disciples greatly multiplied in Jerusalem. A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 Stephen, full of faith and power, performed great wonders and signs amongst the people.

9 But some of those who were of the synagogue called "The Libertines", and of the Cyrenians,

Acts 6:9-7:5 9 ...of the Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia and Asia arose, disputing with Stephen.

10 They weren't able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

12 They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes, and came against him and seized him, then brought him in to the council,

13 and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops speaking blasphemous words against this holy place and the law.

14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered

... to us." 15 All who sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face like it was the face of an angel.

Acts 7:1 The high priest said, "Are these things so?"

2 He said, "Brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

3 and said to him, 'Get out of your land and away from your relatives, and come into a land which I will show you.'

4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. From there, when his father was dead, God moved him into this land, where you are now living.

5 He gave him no inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on. He promised that he would give it to

Acts 7:5-16 5 ...him for a possession, and to his offspring after him, when he still had no child.

6 God spoke in this way: that his offspring would live as aliens in a strange land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years.

7 'I will judge the nation to which they will be in bondage,' said God, 'and after that they will come out, and serve me in this place.'

8 He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

9 "The patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt. God was with him,

10 ...and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now a famine came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction. Our fathers found no food.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers the first time.

13 On the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's race was revealed to Pharaoh.

14 Joseph sent and summoned Jacob, his father, and all his relatives, seventy-five souls.

15 Jacob went down into Egypt and he died, himself and our fathers,

16 and they were brought back to

Acts 7:16-27 ...Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver from the children of Hamor of Shechem.

17 "But as the time of the promise came close which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, 18 until there arose a different king, who didn't know Joseph.

19 The same took advantage of our race, and mistreated our fathers, and forced them to throw out their babies, so that they wouldn't stay alive.

20 At that time Moses was born, and was exceedingly handsome. He was nourished three months in his father's house.

21 When he was thrown out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up and reared him as her own son. 22 Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of

the Egyptians. He was mighty in his words and works.

23 But when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel.

24 Seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him who was oppressed, striking the Egyptian.

25 He supposed that his brothers understood that God, by his hand, was giving them deliverance; but they didn't understand.

26 "The day following, he appeared to them as they fought, and urged them to be at peace again, saying, 'Sirs, you are brothers. Why do you wrong one another?'

27 But he who did his neighbour wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?'

Acts 7:28-38 28 Do you want to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' 29 Moses fled at this saying, and became a stranger in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

30 "When forty years were fulfilled, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight. As he came close to see, a voice of the Lord came to him, 32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' Moses trembled, and dared not look.

33 The Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

34 I have surely seen the affliction

...of my people that is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning. I have come down to deliver them. Now come, I will send you into Egypt.'

35 "This Moses, whom they refused, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—God has sent him as both a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

36 This man led them out, having worked wonders and signs in Egypt, in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years.

37 This is that Moses, who said to the children of Israel, 'The Lord our God will raise up a prophet for you from amongst your brothers, like me.'

38 This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel that spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers,

Acts 7:38-49 38 ... who received living revelations to give to us, 39 to whom our fathers wouldn't be obedient, but rejected him, and turned back in their hearts to Egypt,

40 saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods that will go before us, for as for this Moses, who led us out of the land of Egypt, we don't know what has become of him.'

41 They made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands.

42 But God turned, and gave them up to serve the army of the sky, as it is written in the book of the prophets,

'Did you offer to me slain animals and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

43 You took up the tabernacle of Moloch, the star of your god Rephan,

... the figures which you made to worship. I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'

44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he who spoke to Moses commanded him to make it according to the pattern that he had seen;

45 which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered into the possession of the nations, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, to the days of David,

46 who found favour in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built him a house.

48 However, the Most High doesn't dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says, 49 'heaven is my throne, and the earth a footstool for my feet.

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38 He commanded the chariot to stand still, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptised him.

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, and the eunuch didn't see him any more, for he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus. Passing through, he preached the Good News to all the cities, until he came to Caesarea.





Saul Meets Jesus on the road to Damascus.

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