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Most Christian's are leaving Jerusalem.
Saul is trying to put them into prison!

Background:

On the run!
Acts 9:1-19



Acts 9:1

But Saul, still breathing threats and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord...

Acts 9:2

...(Saul) went to the high priest and asked for letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:3

As he travelled, he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him.

Acts 9:4

He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

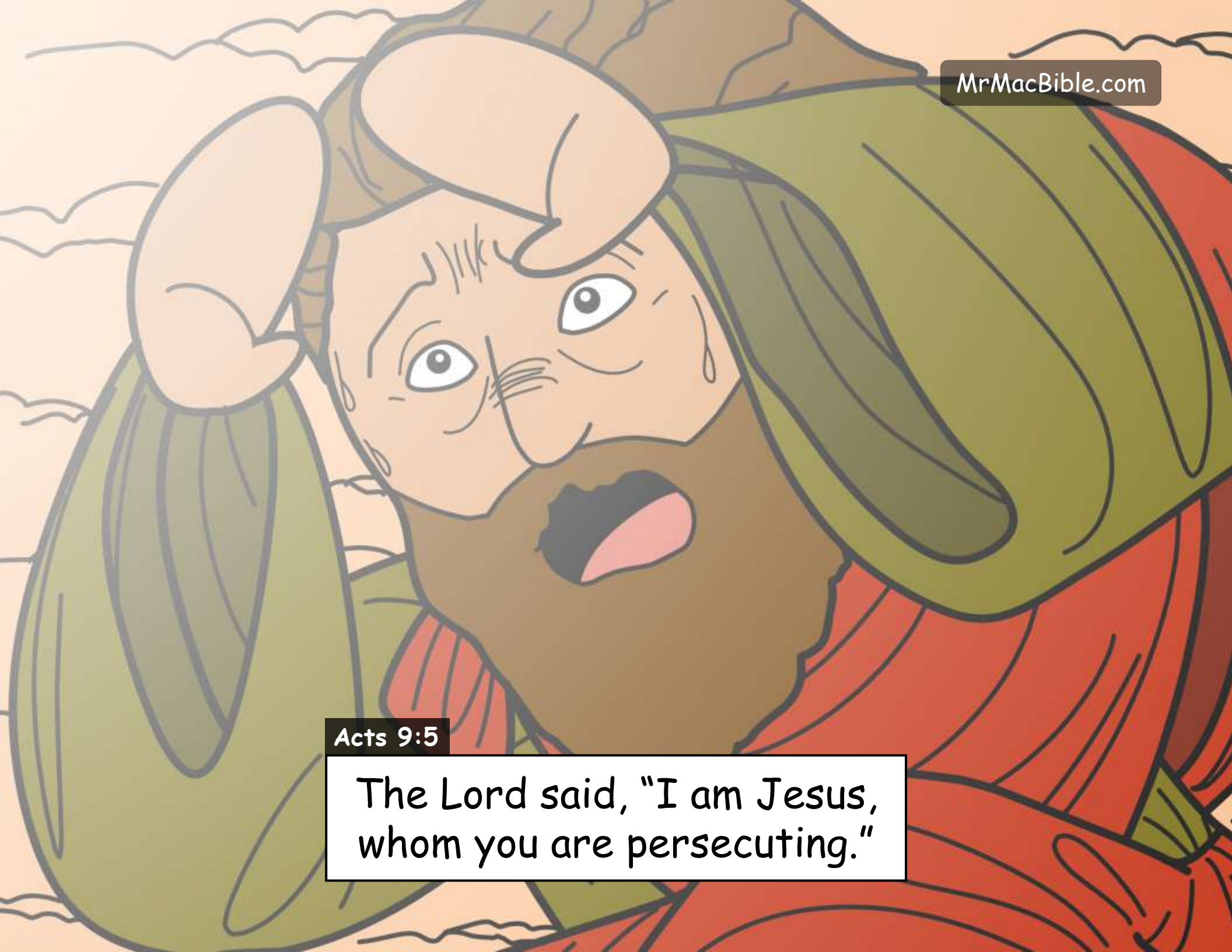


He (Saul) said, "Who are you, Lord?"

Acts 9:5

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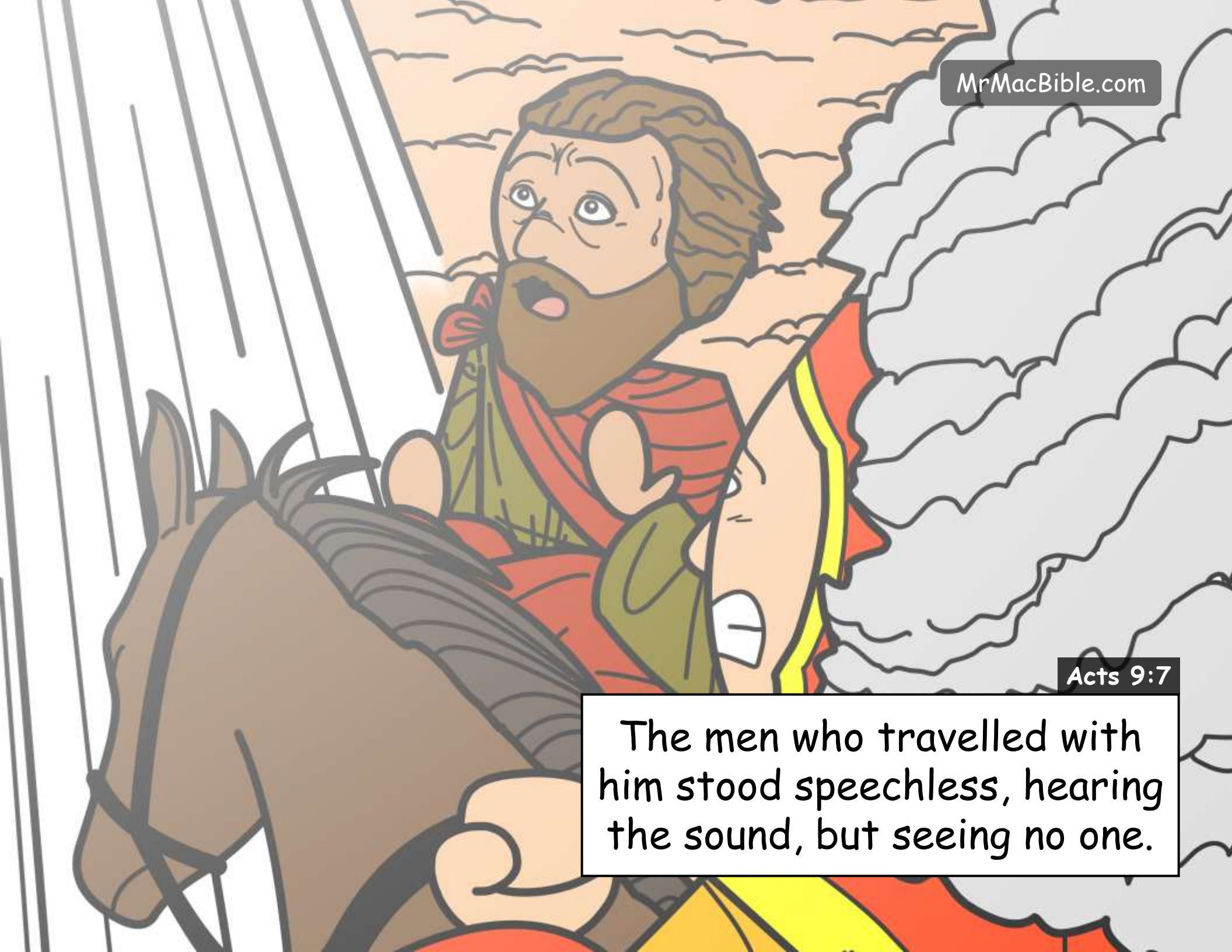
Acts 9:5

The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Acts 9:6

"But rise up and enter into the city, then you will be told what you must do."





Acts 9:7

The men who travelled with him stood speechless, hearing the sound, but seeing no one.

Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no one.

Acts 9:8

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They led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

Acts 9:9

He was without sight for three days, and neither ate nor drank.





Acts 9:10

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Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He said, "Behold, it's me, Lord."



Acts 9:11

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The Lord said to him, "Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judah for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus."



Acts 9:12

“For behold, he is praying, and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight.”



Acts 9:13

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But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he did to your saints at Jerusalem."

"Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

Acts 9:14

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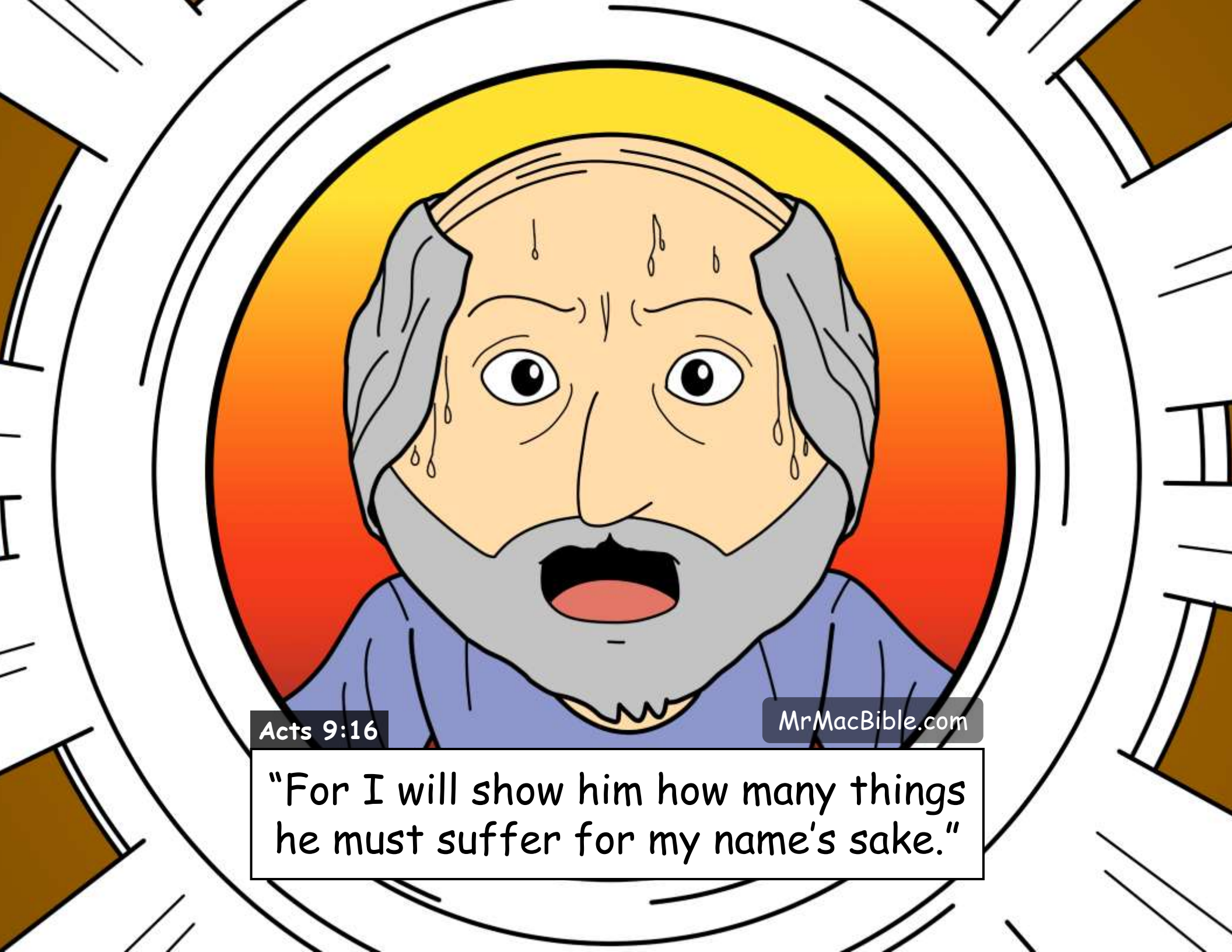
WANTED
FOLLOWERS
OF THE WAY



Acts 9:15

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But the Lord said to him, "Go your way, for he is my chosen vessel to bear my name before the nations and kings, and the children of Israel."



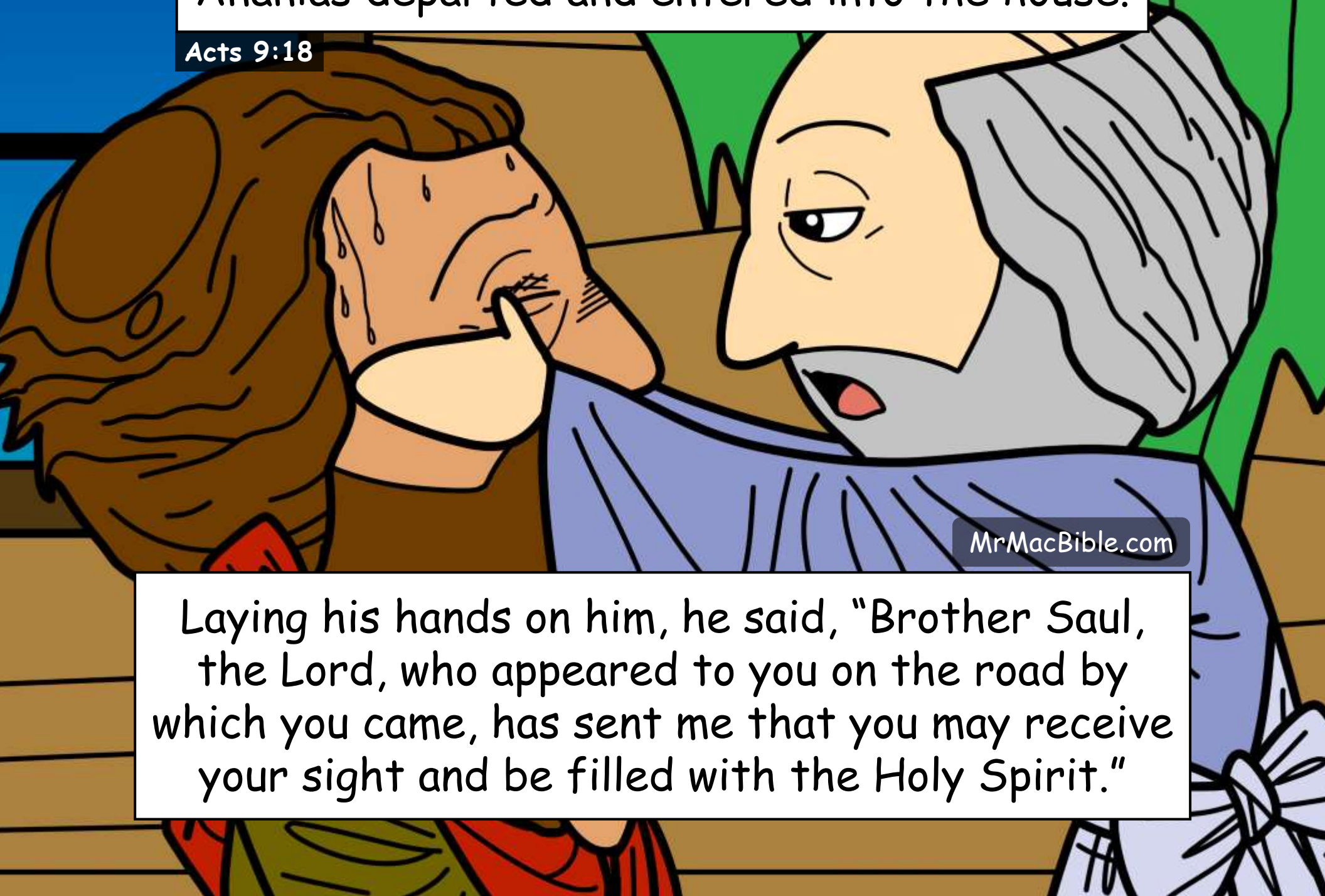
Acts 9:16

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"For I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake."

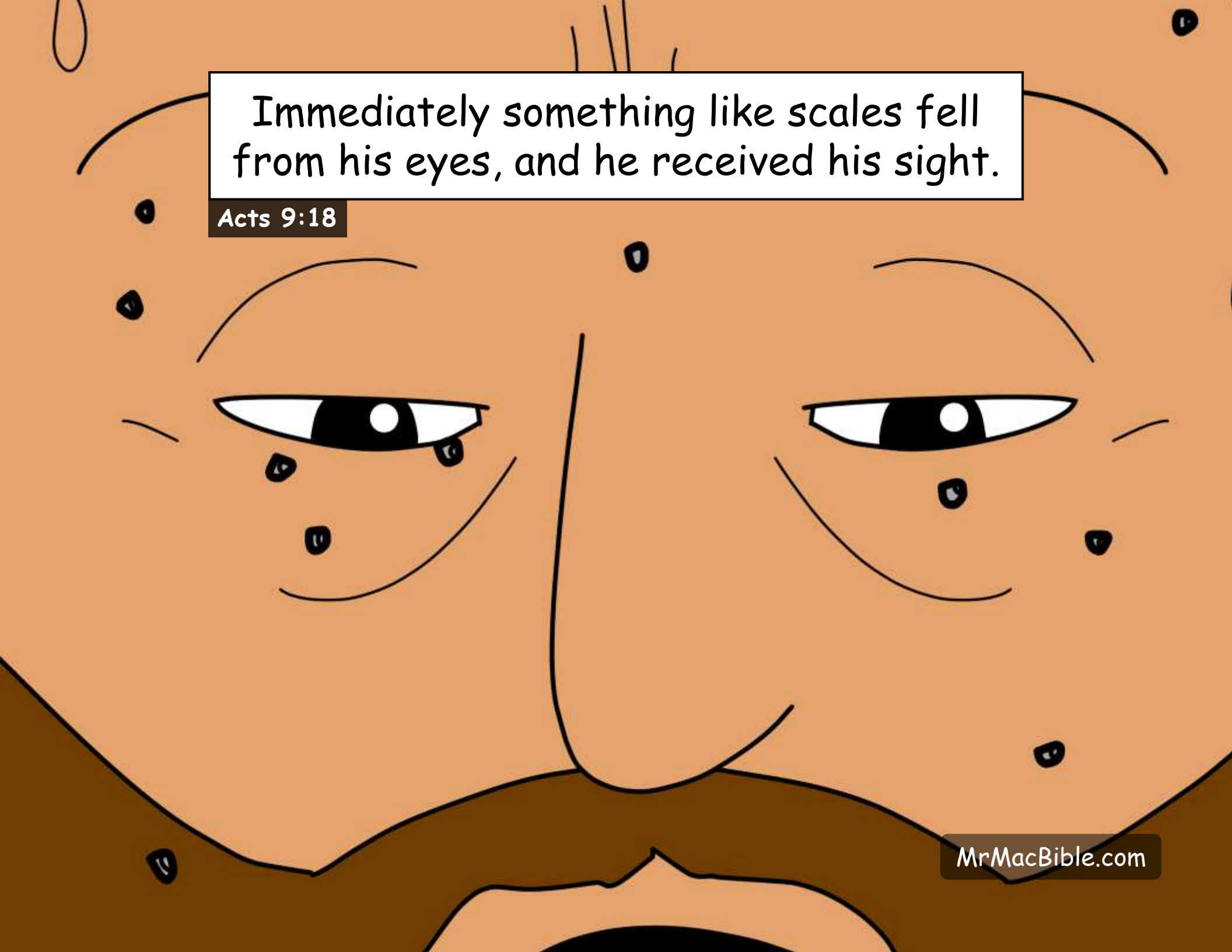
Ananias departed and entered into the house.

Acts 9:18



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Laying his hands on him, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

A cartoon illustration of a man's face with a light brown complexion. He has large, expressive eyes with black pupils and white highlights. Several small, dark, teardrop-shaped scales are shown falling from his eyes. The background is a solid light brown color. A white text box with a black border is positioned at the top center of the image.

Immediately something like scales fell
from his eyes, and he received his sight.

Acts 9:18



Acts 9:18

He arose and was baptised.

He took food and was strengthened.

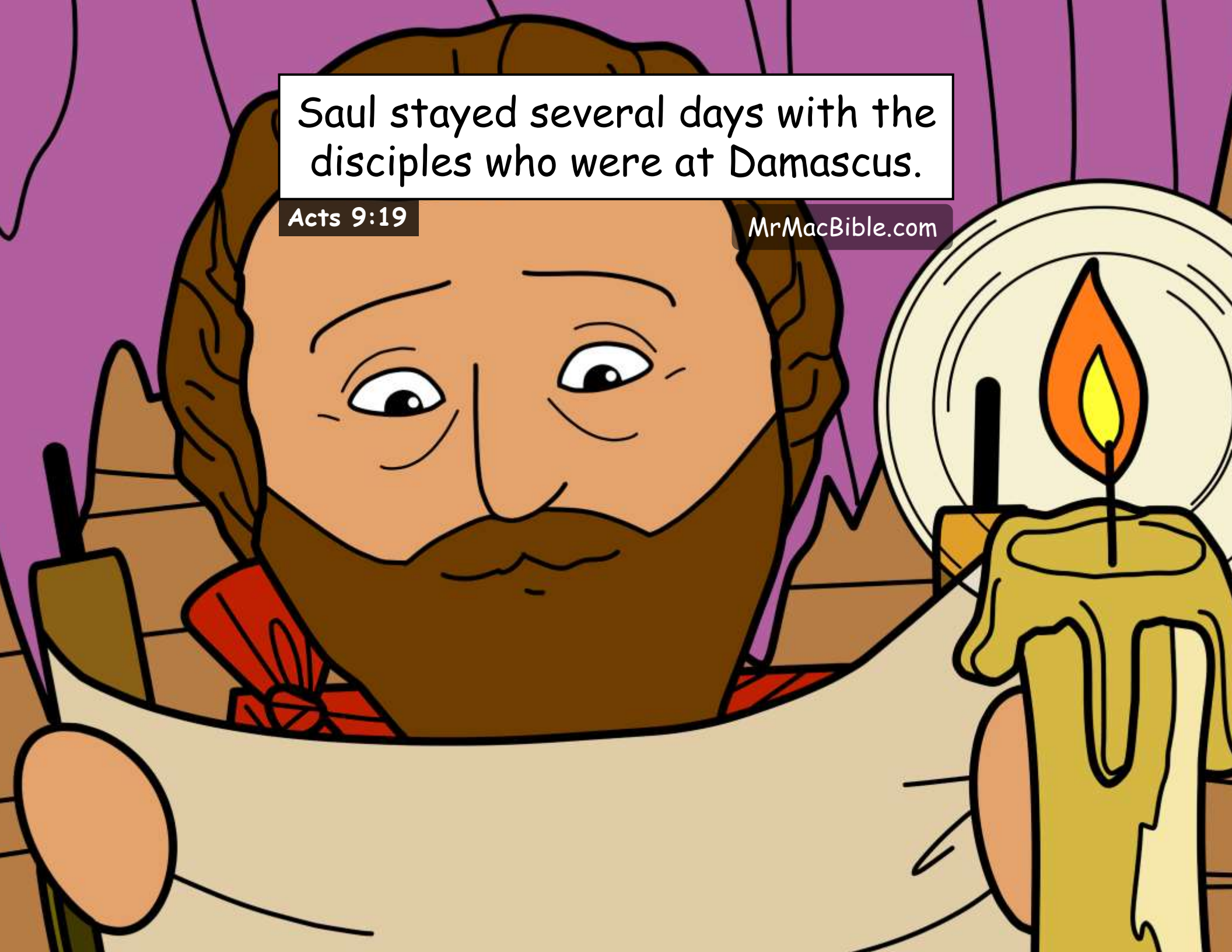
Acts 9:19



Saul stayed several days with the disciples who were at Damascus.

Acts 9:19

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THINK ABOUT IT...

If you could meet Saul or Ananias today, what questions would you ask them?

Background:

Saul (who is later known as Paul) is now a Christian and is preaching in the city... But trouble is coming!


Saul in a basket!
Acts 9:20-31





Acts 9:20

Immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that he is the Son of God.

A cartoon illustration featuring three men. The man on the left has dark hair and a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of surprise. The man in the center has a large, curly brown beard and is wearing a red robe. The man on the right has a blue beard and a blue cap, looking towards the other two. The background is a solid purple color.

All who heard him were amazed, and said,
"Isn't this he who in Jerusalem made
havoc of those who called on this name?
And he had come here intending to bring
them bound before the chief priests!"

Acts 9:21

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Acts 9:22

But Saul increased more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

When many days were fulfilled, the Jews conspired together to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul.

Acts 9:23



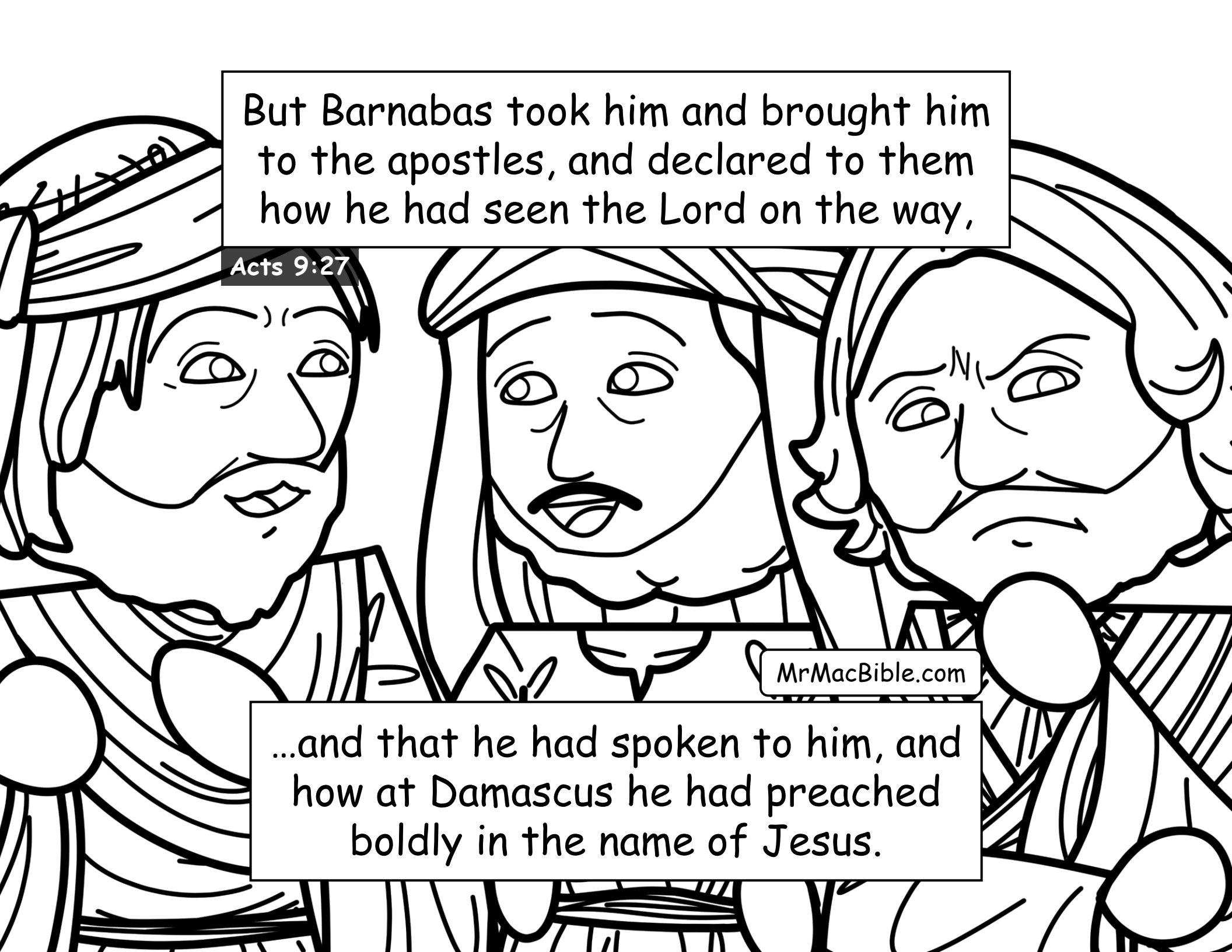
Acts 9:25

They watched the gates both day and night that they might kill him, but his disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.



Acts 9:26

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.



But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the way,

Acts 9:27

...and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:28

He was with them entering into Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 9:29

He spoke and disputed against the Hellenists, but they were seeking to kill him.



Acts 9:30

When the brothers knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him off to Tarsus.

So the assemblies throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace, and were built up.

Acts 9:31



They were multiplied, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:31



THINK ABOUT IT...

If it was illegal to tell people about Jesus, what are some secret ways we could spread the message of the gospel?

Peter has traveled about 25 miles northwest of Jerusalem toward the sea, where he stops to encourage believers at the small town of Lydda.

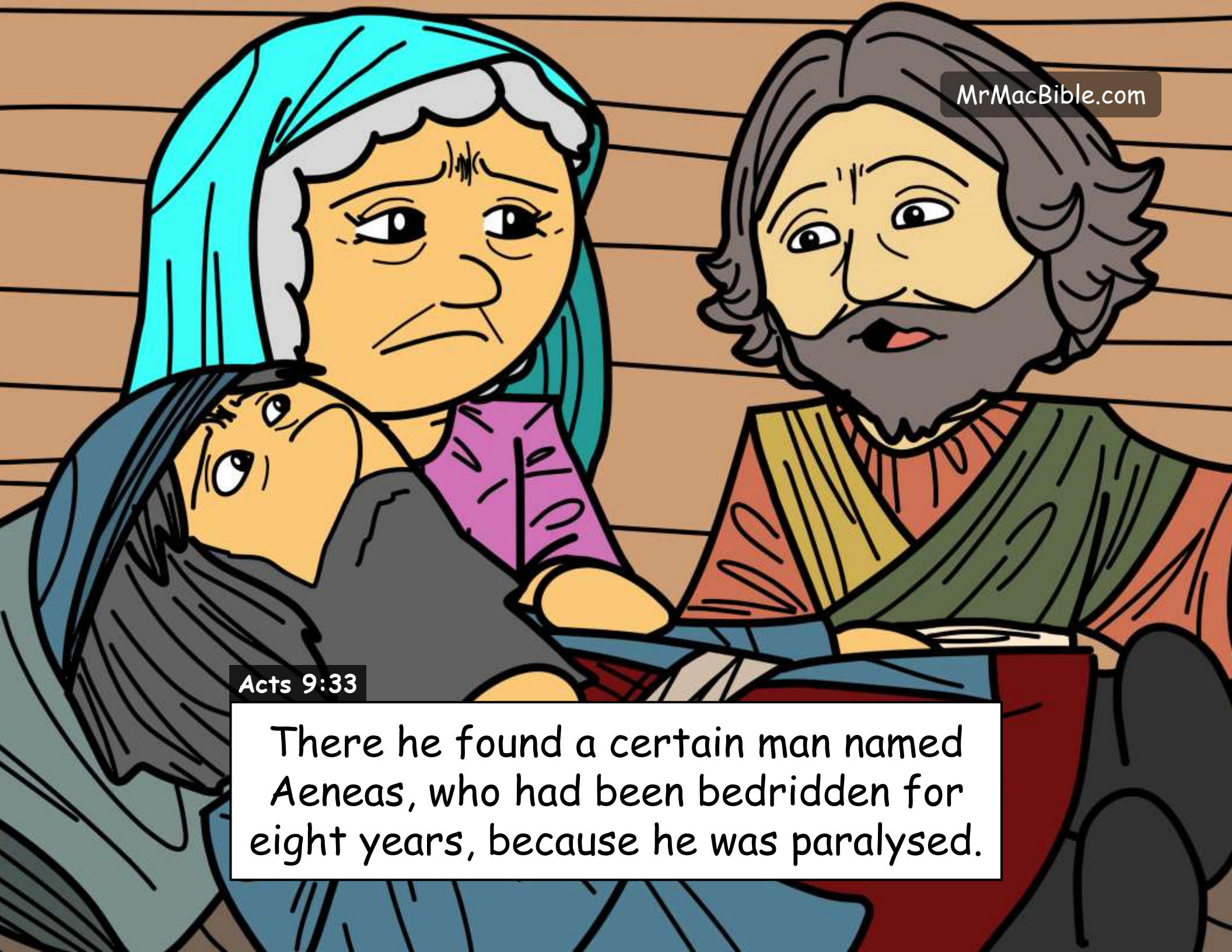
Peter & Dorcas! Acts 9:32-43

Background:



Acts 9:32

As Peter went throughout all those parts, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.



Acts 9:33

There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, because he was paralysed.



Acts 9:34

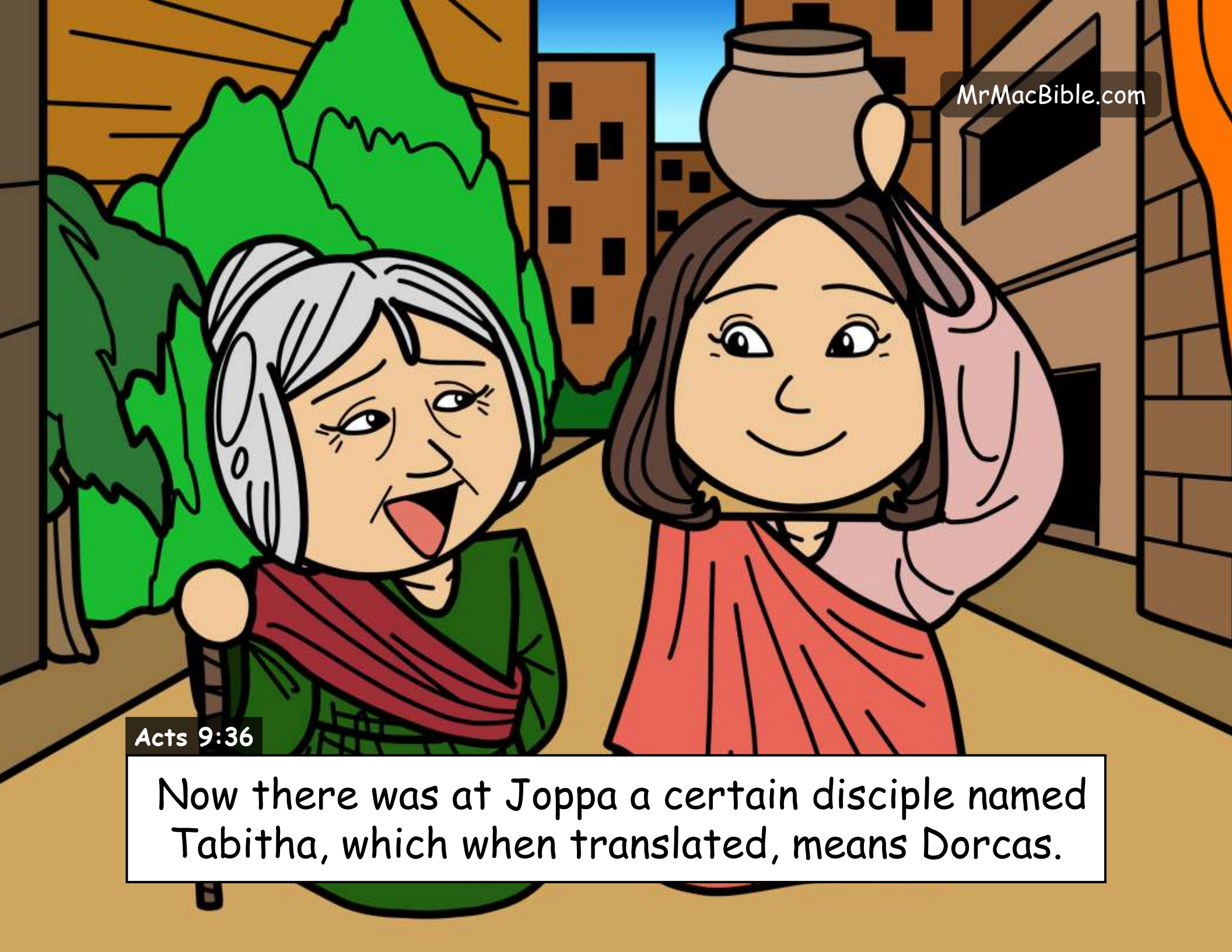
Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed!"

Acts 9:35

Immediately he arose. All who lived at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

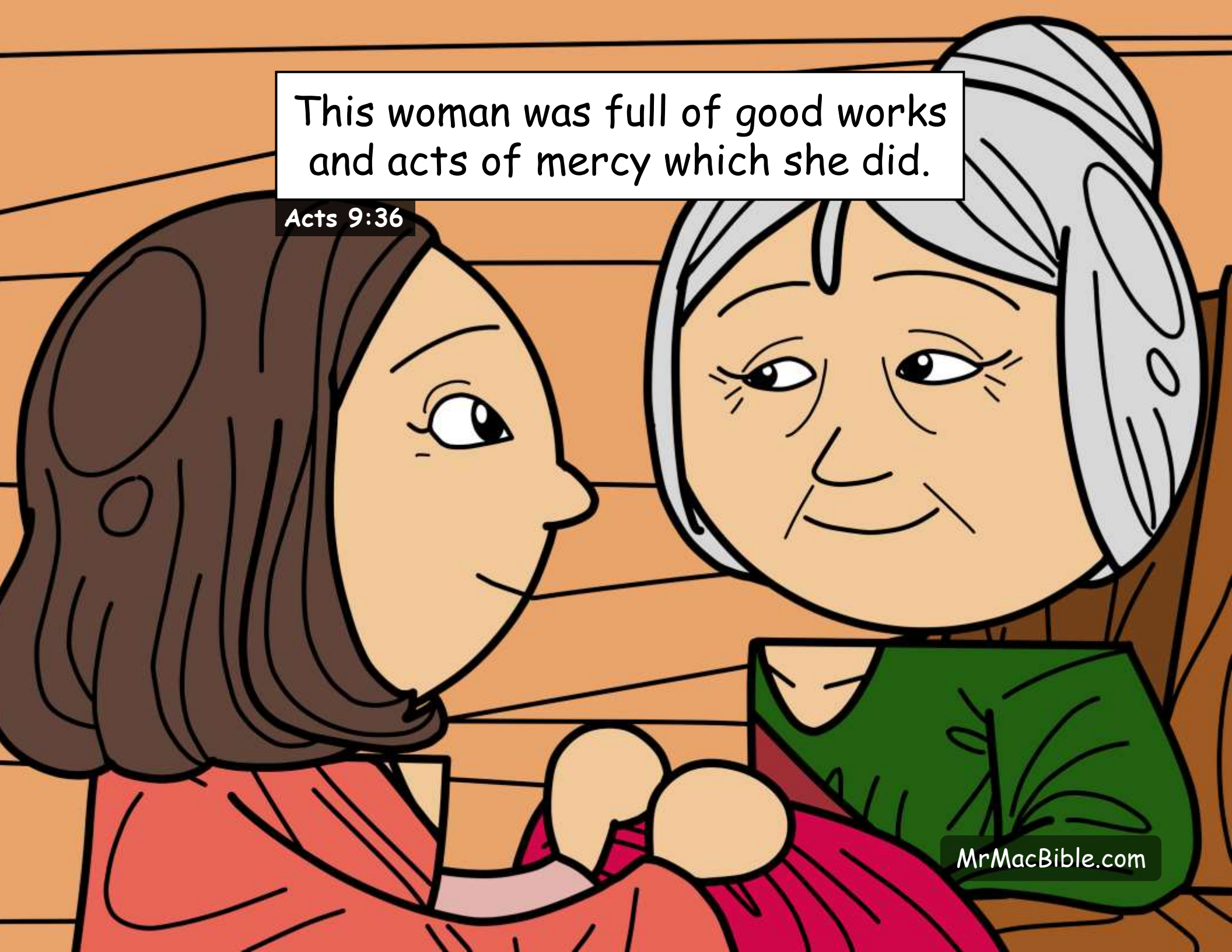
Acts 9:36

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which when translated, means Dorcas.



This woman was full of good works
and acts of mercy which she did.

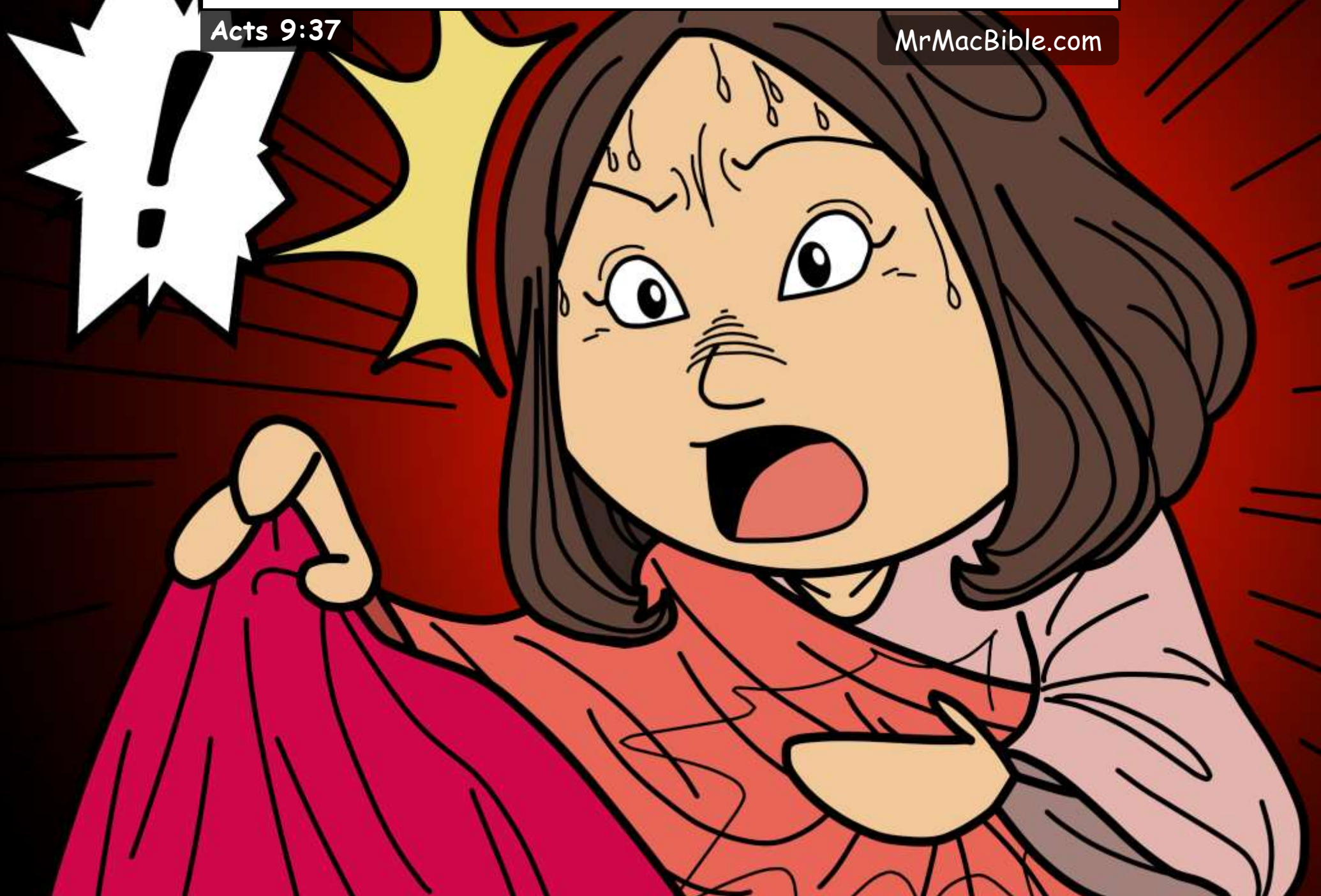
Acts 9:36



In those days, she became sick, and died.

Acts 9:37

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Acts 9:37

When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

Acts 9:38

As Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.



Peter got up and went with them. When he had come, they brought him into the upper room.

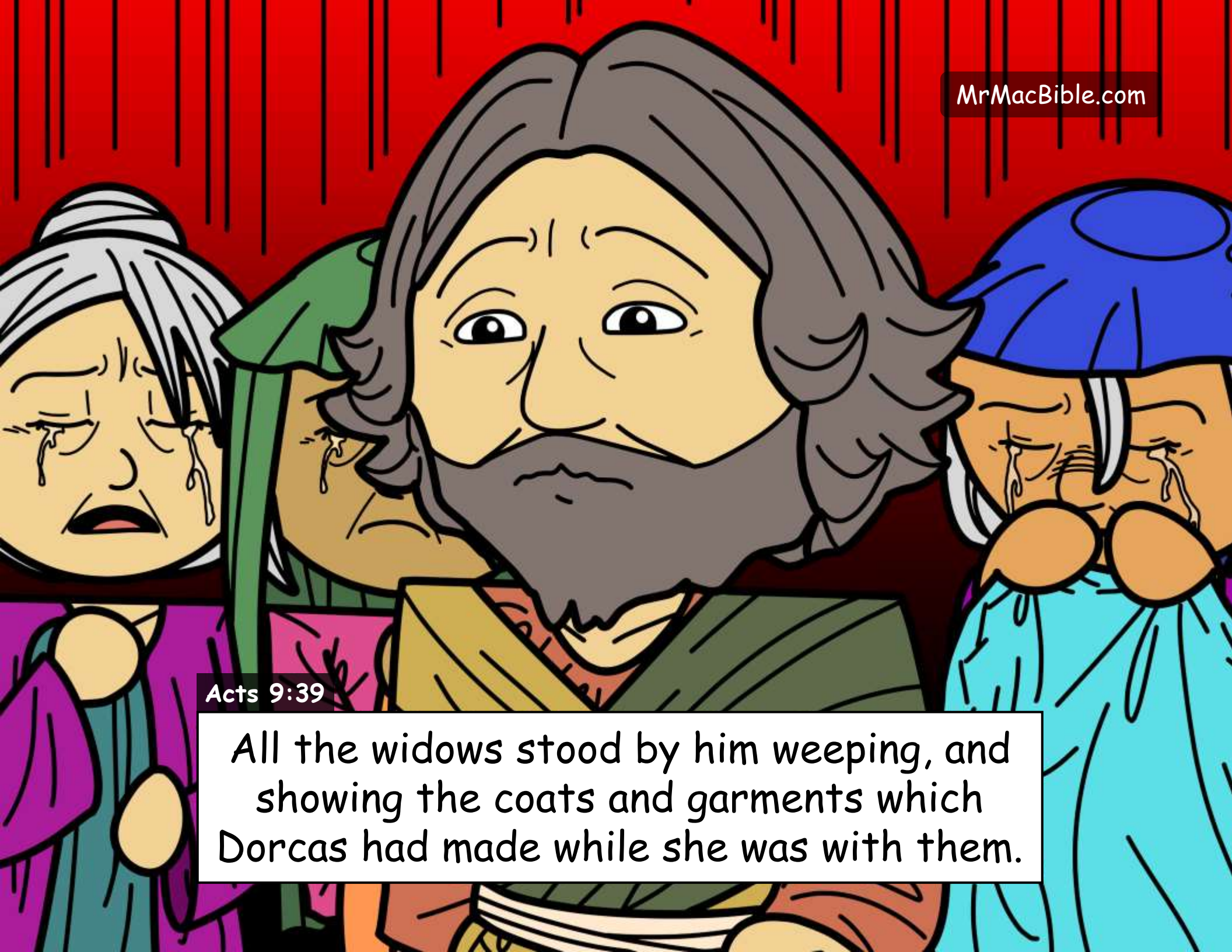
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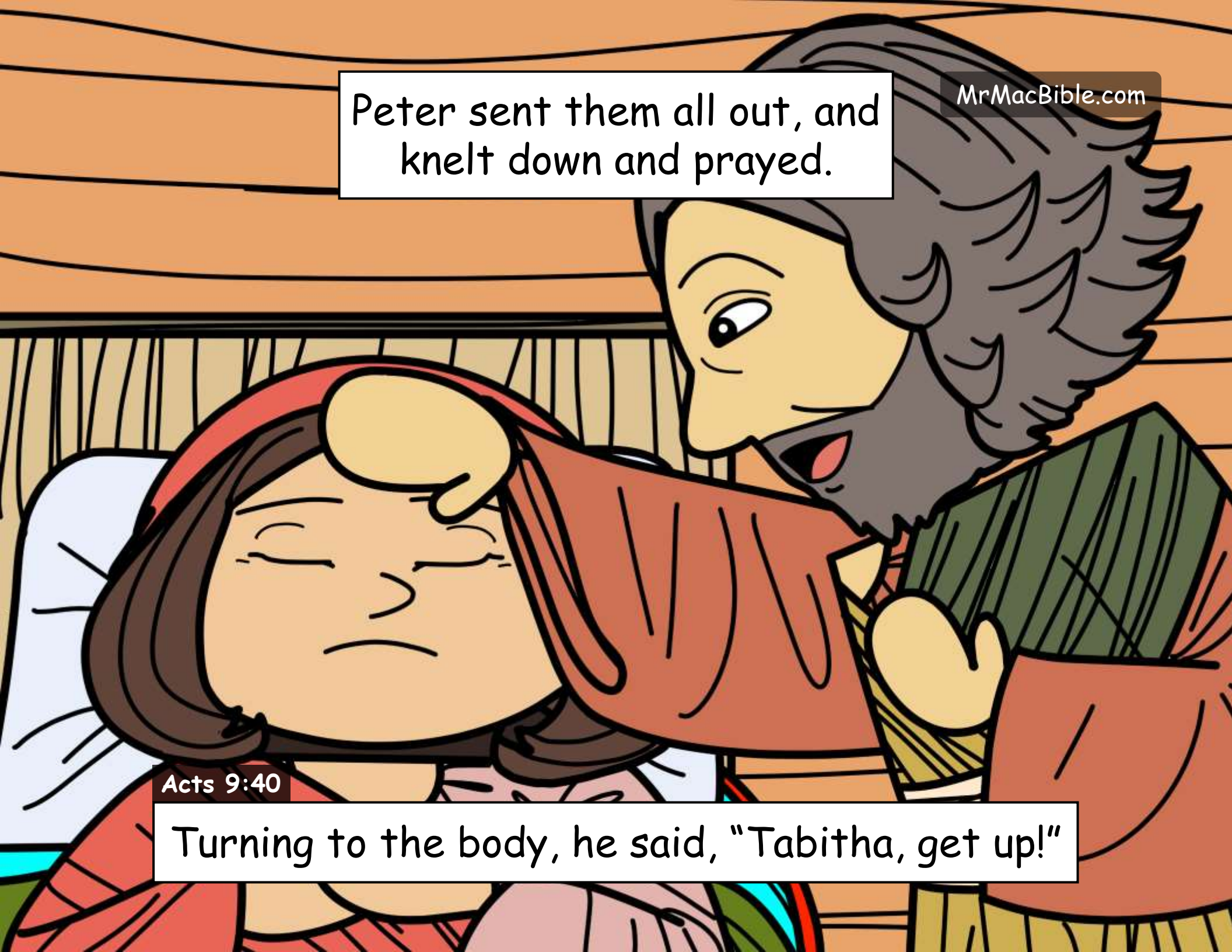
All the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.



Peter sent them all out, and knelt down and prayed.

Acts 9:40

Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!"



She opened her eyes,
and when she saw
Peter, she sat up.

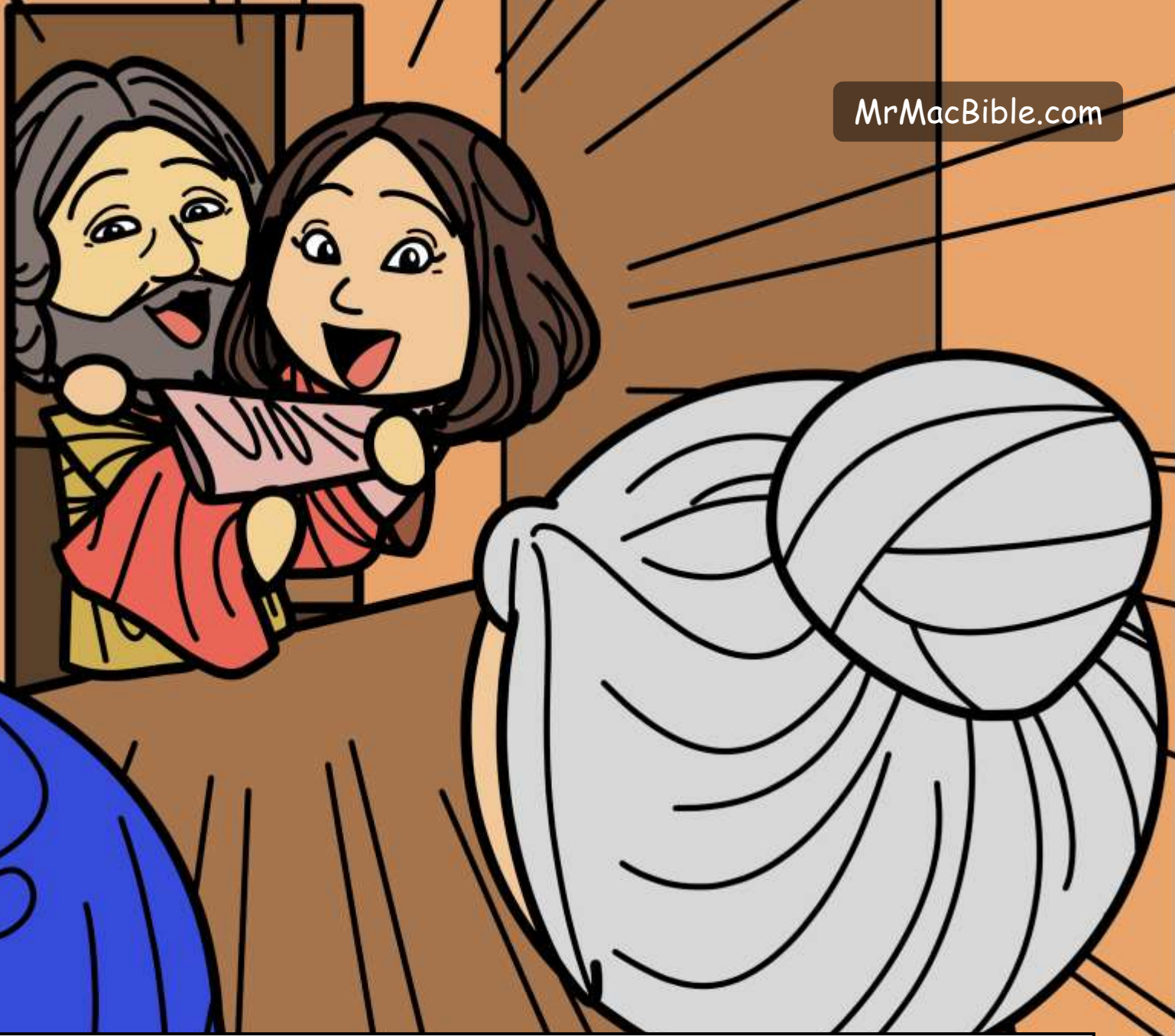
Acts 9:40





Acts 9:41

He gave her his hand, and raised her up.

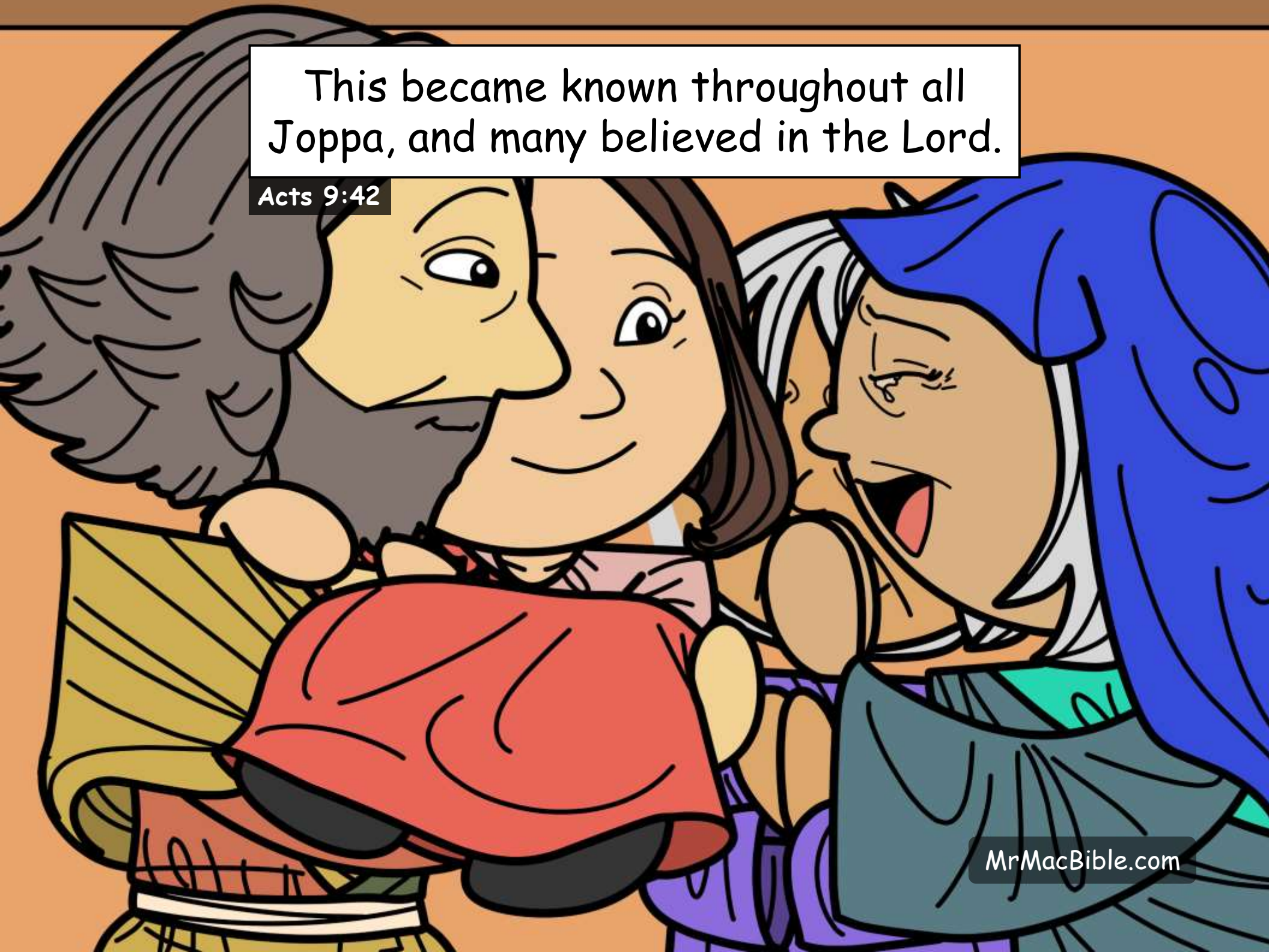


Acts 9:41

Calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

This became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Acts 9:42




Acts 9:43

He stayed many days in Joppa
with a tanner named Simon.

THINK ABOUT IT...

What do you like about Dorcas?

How can we be more like her?



The Angel & Cornelius!

Acts 10:1-8

Background:

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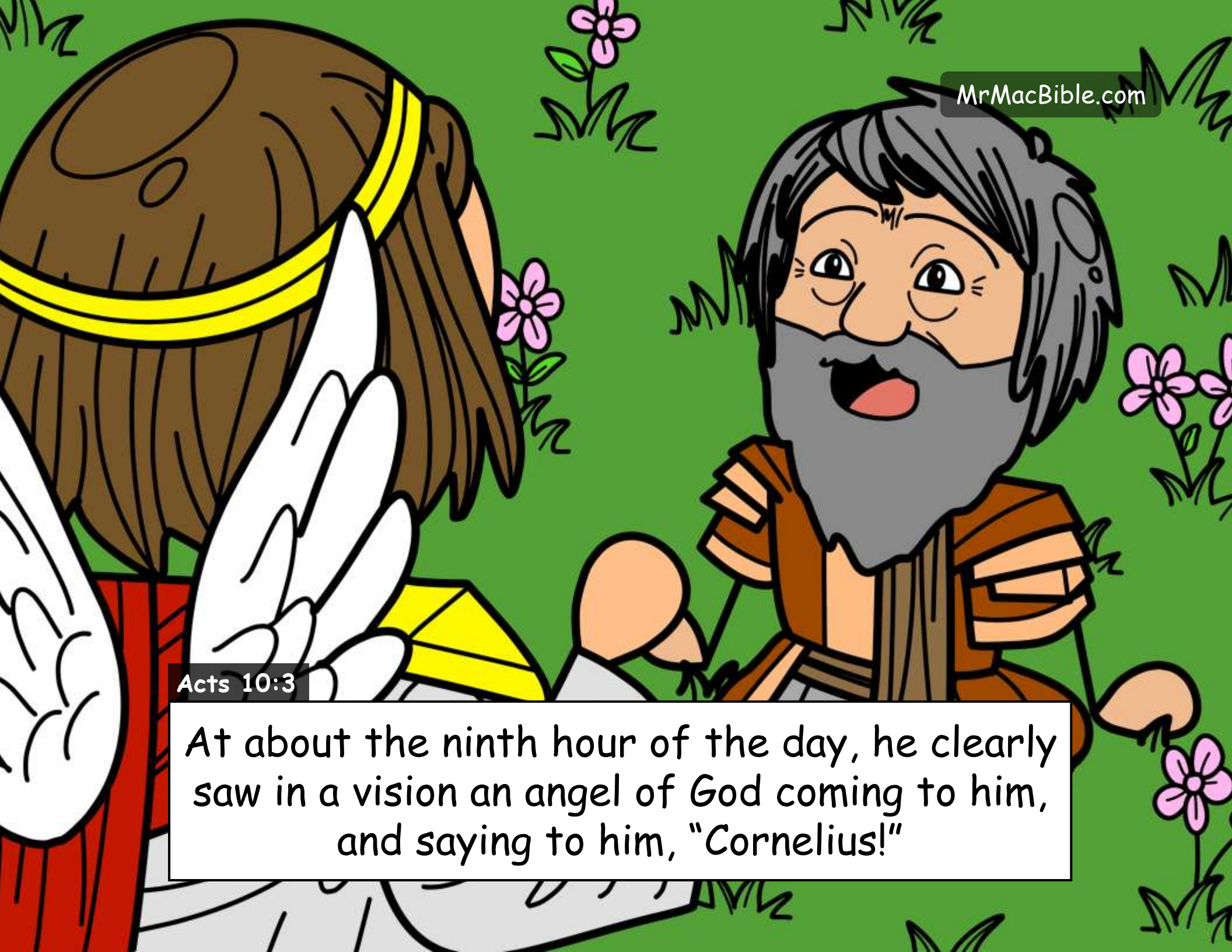
Up until now the Apostles and followers of Jesus were only sharing the gospel of Christ with Jewish people, until...

Acts 10:1-2

Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man, and one who feared God with all his house, who gave gifts for the needy generously to the people, and always prayed to God.

Acts 10:3

At about the ninth hour of the day, he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius!"



Acts 10:4

He, fastening his eyes on him, and being frightened, said, "What is it, Lord?"



Acts 10:4

He said to him, "Your prayers and your gifts to the needy have gone up for a memorial before God."

Acts 10:5

Now send men to Joppa, and get Simon, who is also called Peter. He is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the seaside.

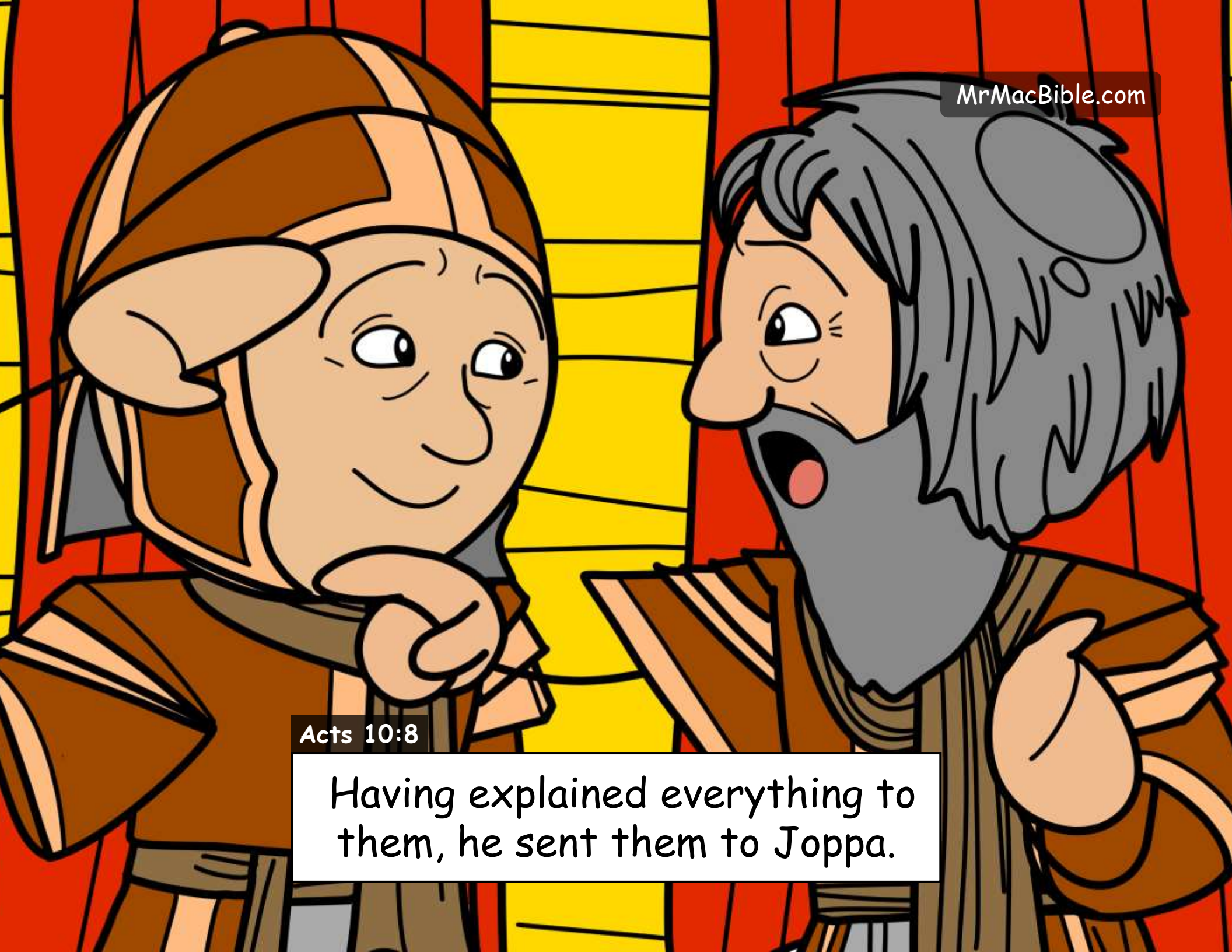


When the angel who spoke to him had departed,

Acts 10:7

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...Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually.

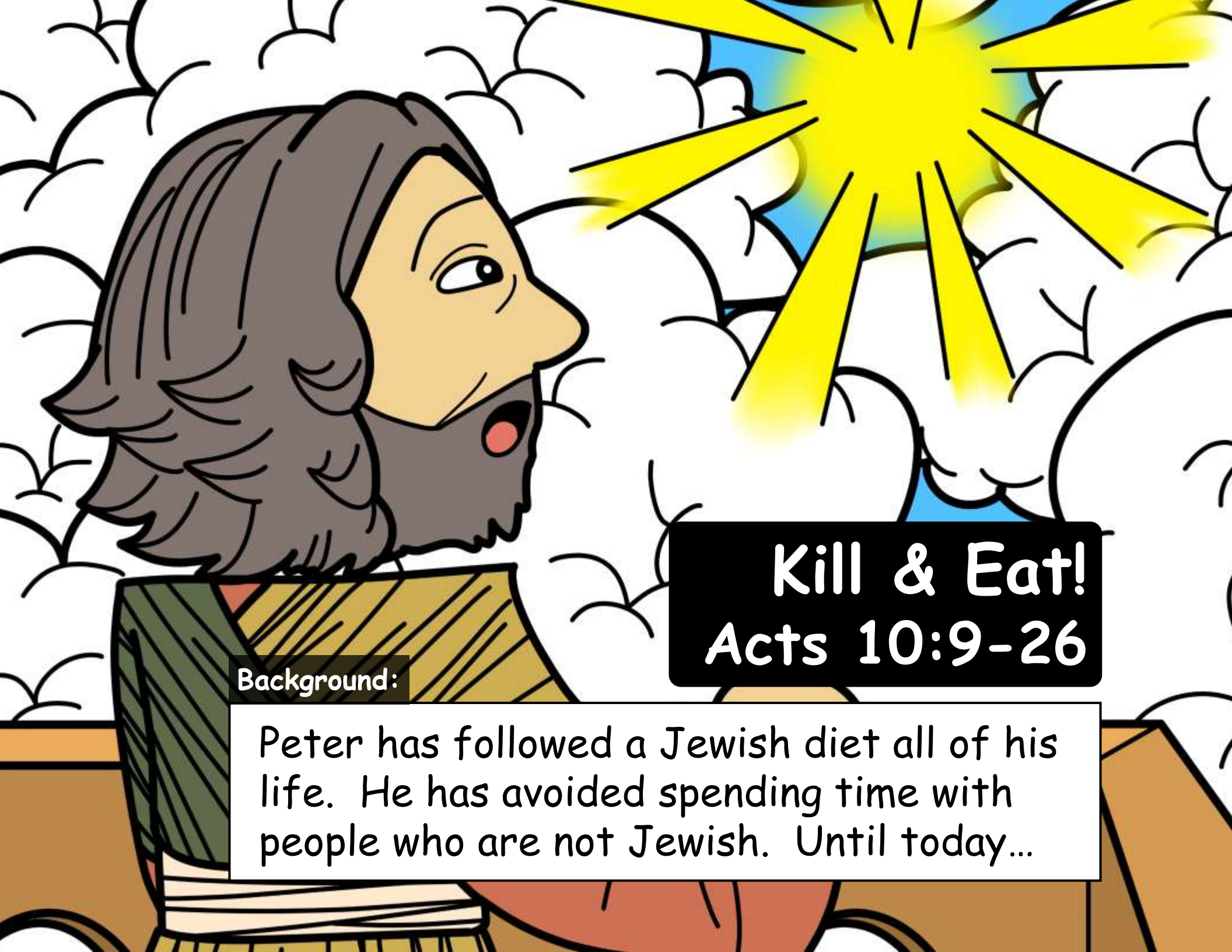


Acts 10:8

Having explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If you met an angel today that you really believed was sent to you from Jesus, how would that change you?



Kill & Eat!
Acts 10:9-26

Background:

Peter has followed a Jewish diet all of his life. He has avoided spending time with people who are not Jewish. Until today...

Acts 10:9

Now on the next day as they were on their journey, and got close to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray at about noon.



Acts 10:10

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He became hungry and desired to eat, but while they were preparing, he fell into a trance.

He saw heaven opened and a certain container descending to him, like a great sheet let down by four corners on the earth, in which were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild animals, reptiles, and birds of the sky.

Acts 10:11-12

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Acts 10:13

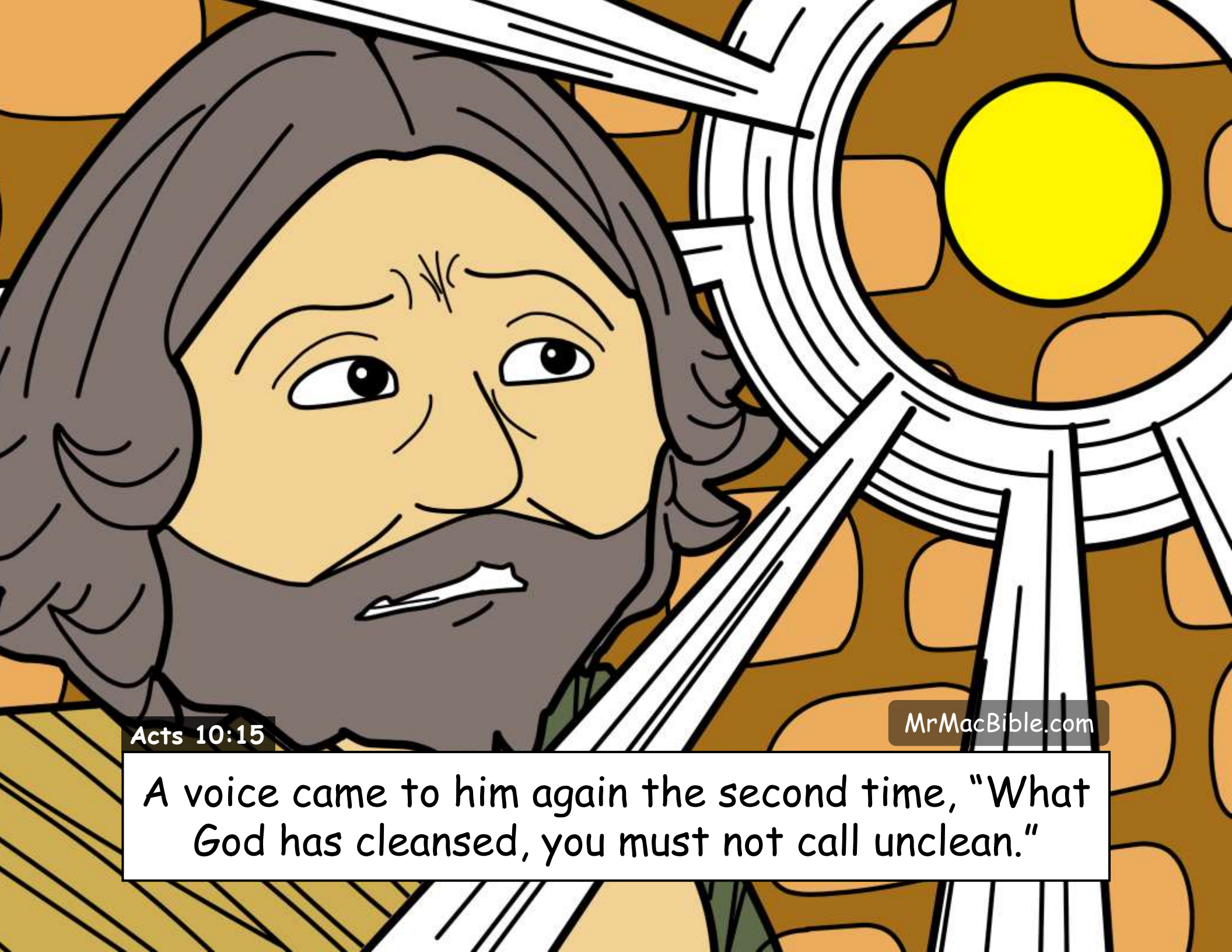
A voice came to him, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat!"



Acts 10:14

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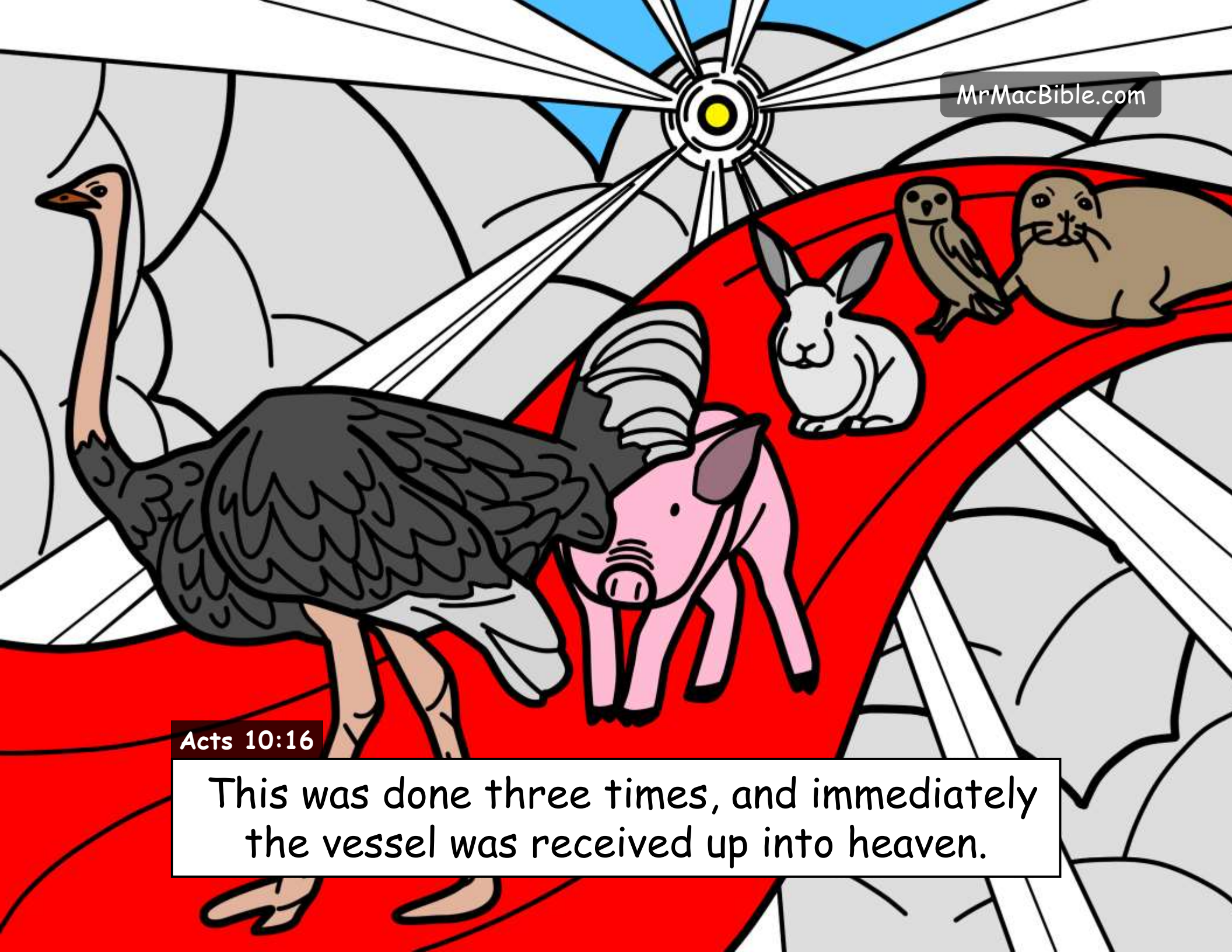
But Peter said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean."



Acts 10:15

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A voice came to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed, you must not call unclean."



Acts 10:16

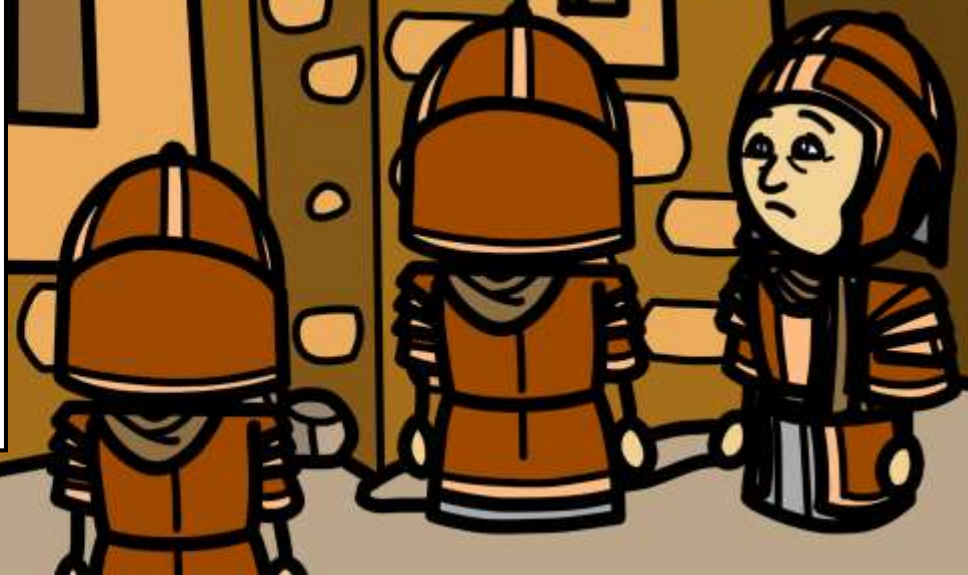
This was done three times, and immediately the vessel was received up into heaven.

Acts 10:17

Now while Peter was very perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean,

Acts 10:18

Behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made enquiry for Simon's house, stood before the gate, and called and asked whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was lodging there.

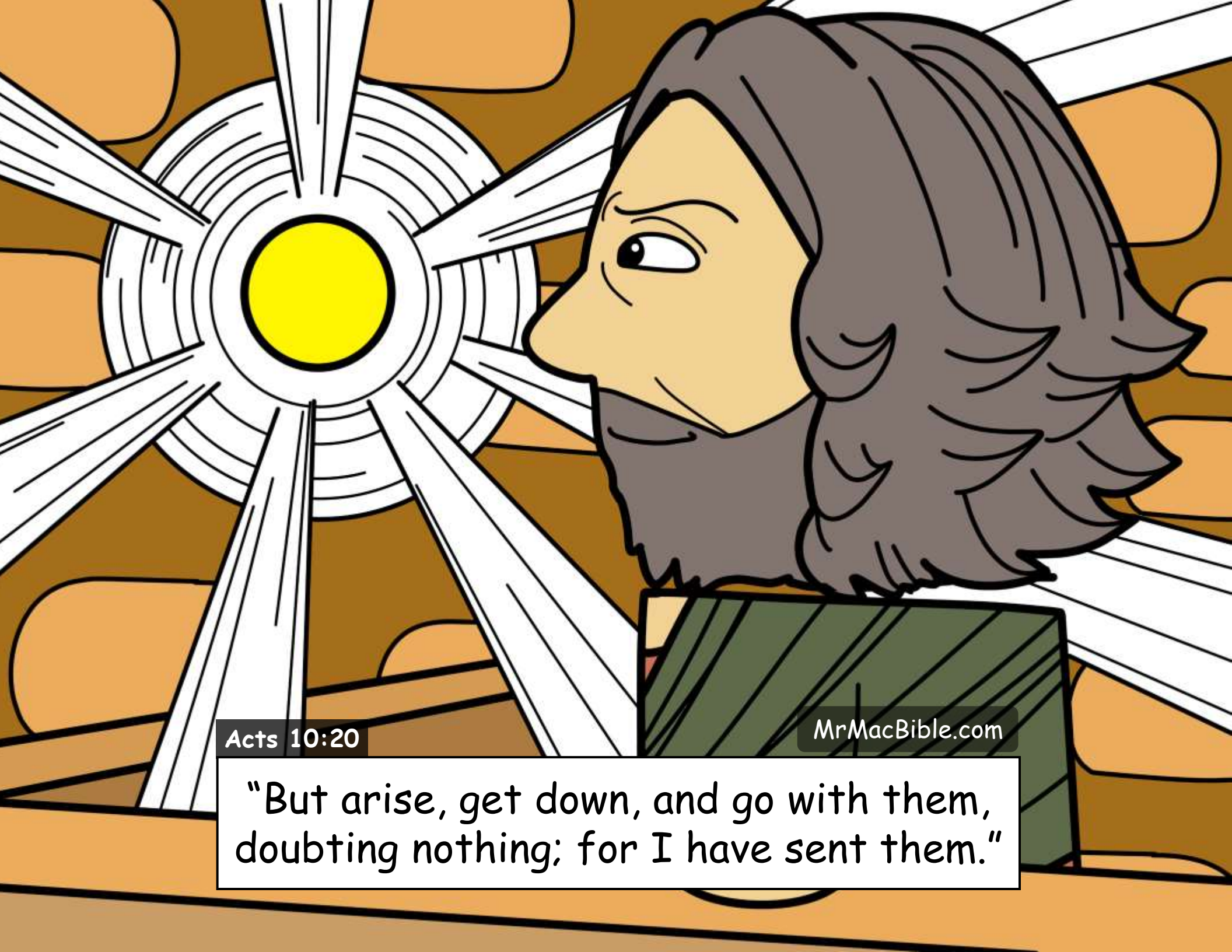




Acts 10:19

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While Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men seek you."



Acts 10:20

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"But arise, get down, and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

Peter went down to the men, and said, "Behold, I am he whom you seek. Why have you come?"

Acts 10:21

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Acts 10:22

They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous man and one who fears God, and well spoken of by all the nation of the Jews, was directed by a holy angel to invite you to his house, and to listen to what you say."

Acts 10:23

So he called them in and provided a place to stay. On the next day Peter arose and went out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.

On the next day they entered into Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and his near friends.

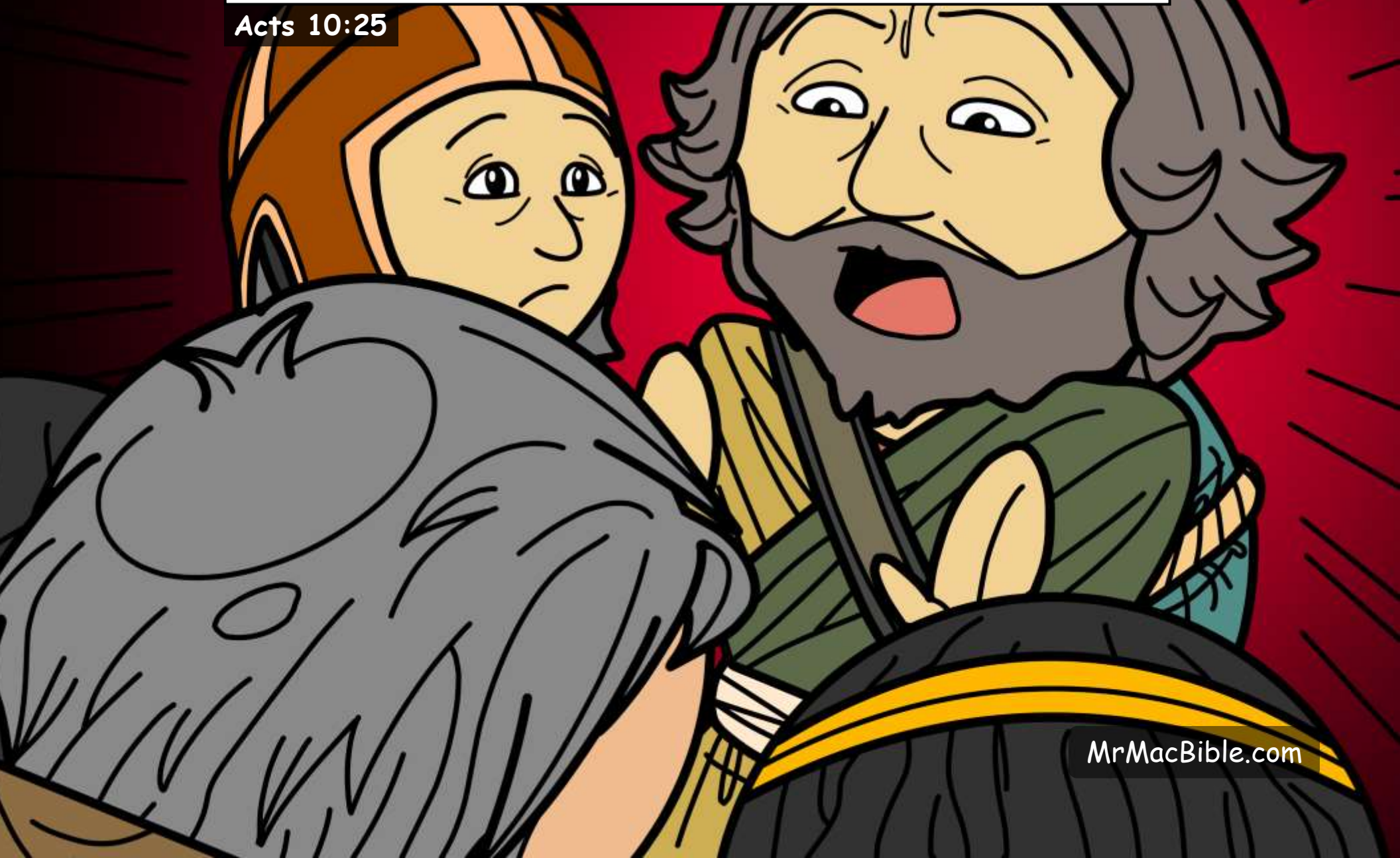
Acts 10:24

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When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

Acts 10:25





Acts 10:26

But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up! I myself am also a man."

THINK ABOUT IT...

What can we do to show others
that we love and respect them
just the way they are?

A cartoon illustration of three people. In the center is an older man with grey hair and a beard, representing Peter. To his left is a woman with dark hair, representing Cornelius. To his right is another woman with brown hair. Above each person's head is a flame, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The background is a solid light blue color.

Peter & Cornelius

Acts 10:27-48

Background:

The Jewish followers of Jesus had never shared the gospel with people who were not Jewish. Until today...

As he talked with him, he went in
and found many gathered together.


Acts 10:27

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Acts 10:28

He said to them, "You yourselves know how it is an unlawful thing for a man who is a Jew to join himself or come to one of another nation,"



"But God has shown me
that I shouldn't call any
man unholy or unclean."

Acts 10:28

"Therefore I also came without complaint when I was sent for."

Acts 10:29

"I ask therefore, why did you send for me?"

Acts 10:30

Cornelius said, "Four days ago, I was fasting until this hour, and at the ninth hour, I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

Acts 10:31

"...and [the angel] said, 'Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your gifts to the needy are remembered in the sight of God.'"

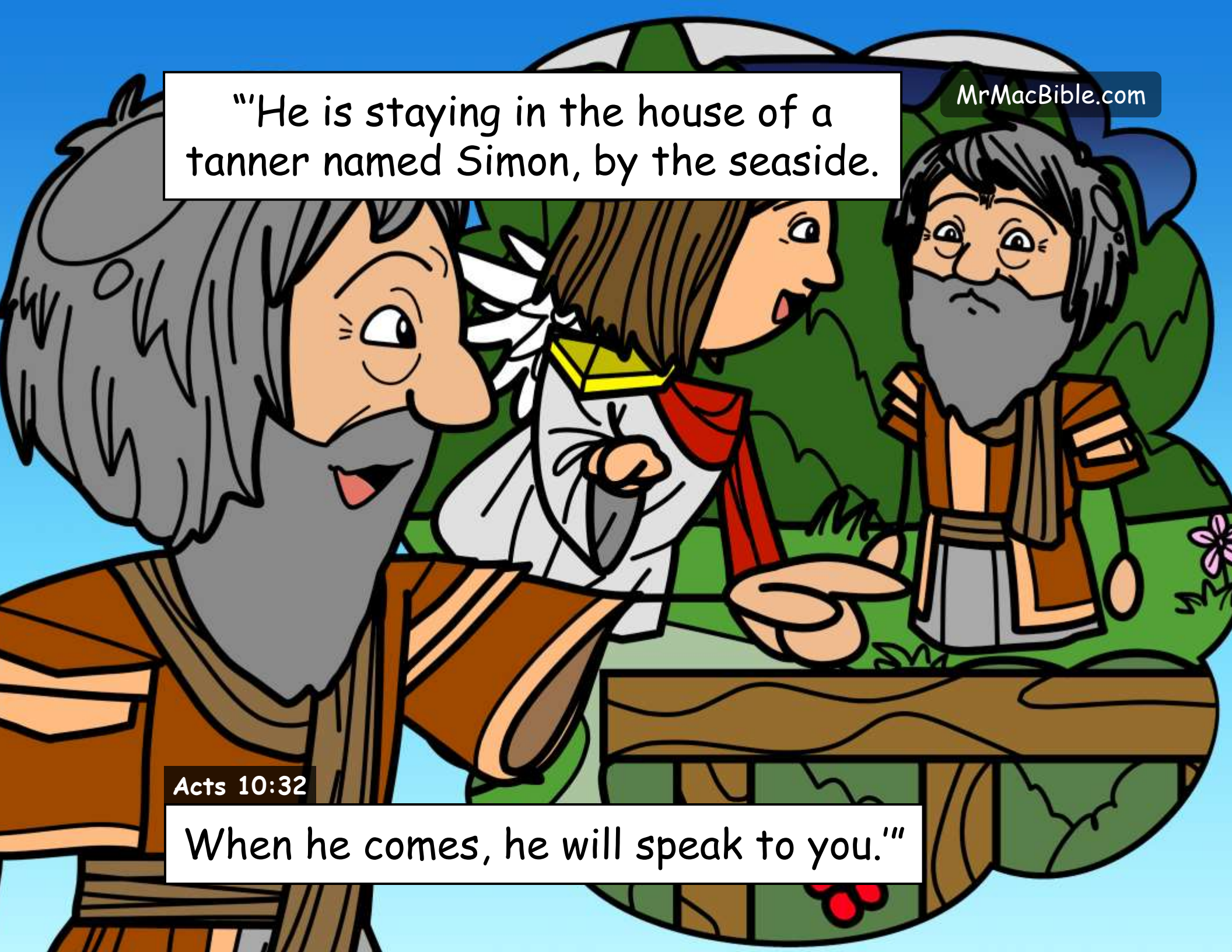




Acts 10:32

"Send therefore to Joppa and summon Simon, who is also called Peter."

"He is staying in the house of a tanner named Simon, by the seaside."



Acts 10:32

"When he comes, he will speak to you."



Acts 10:33

"Therefore I sent to you at once,
and it was good of you to come."

Acts 10:33

"Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God to hear all things that have been commanded you by God."

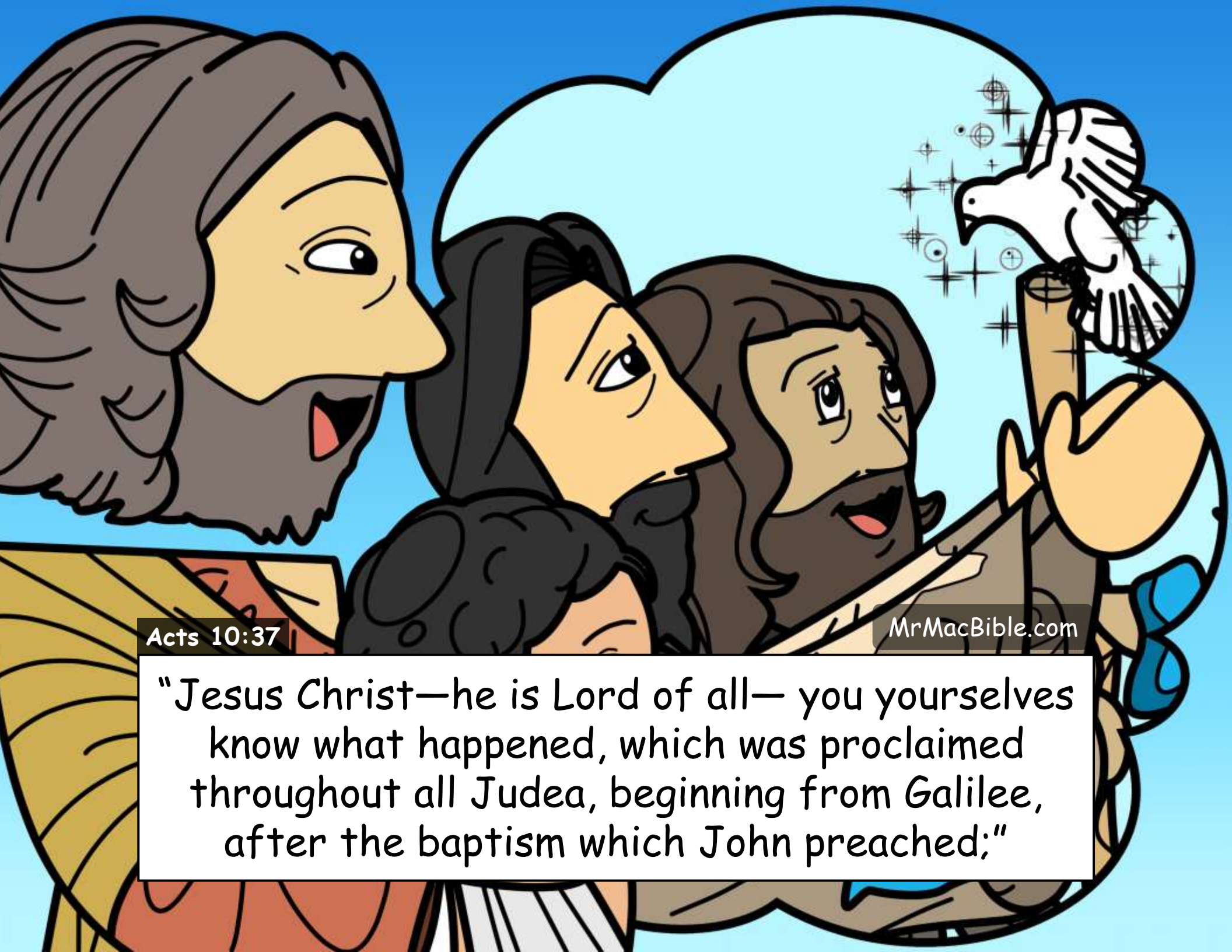
Acts 10:34-35

Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that God doesn't show favouritism; but in every nation he who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him."



Acts 10:36

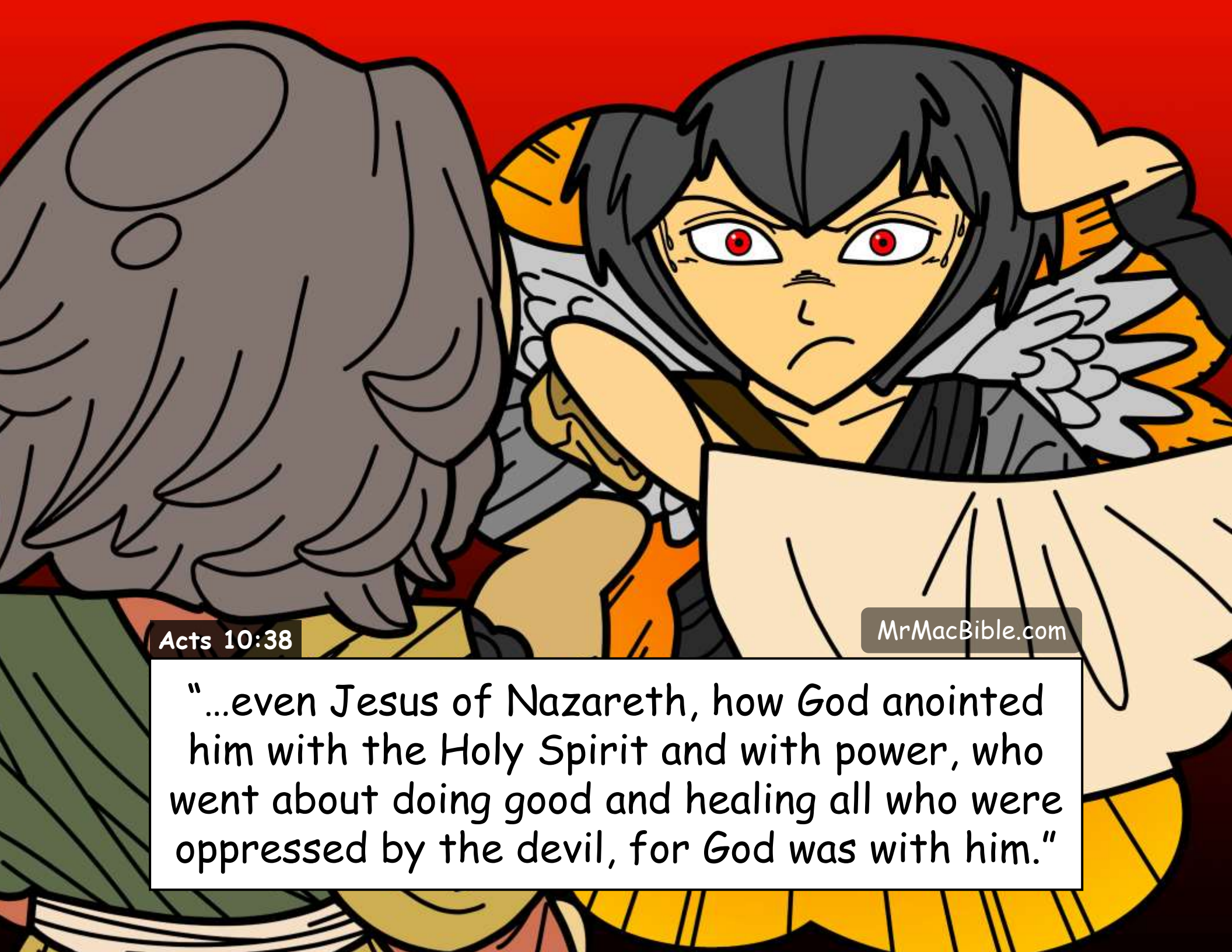
“The word which he sent to the children of Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ—”



Acts 10:37

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“Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all— you yourselves know what happened, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;”



Acts 10:38

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"...even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."



Acts 10:39

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"We are witnesses of everything he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem;"



Acts 10:39

"Whom they also killed, hanging him on a tree."

"God raised him up the third day,
and gave him to be revealed,"

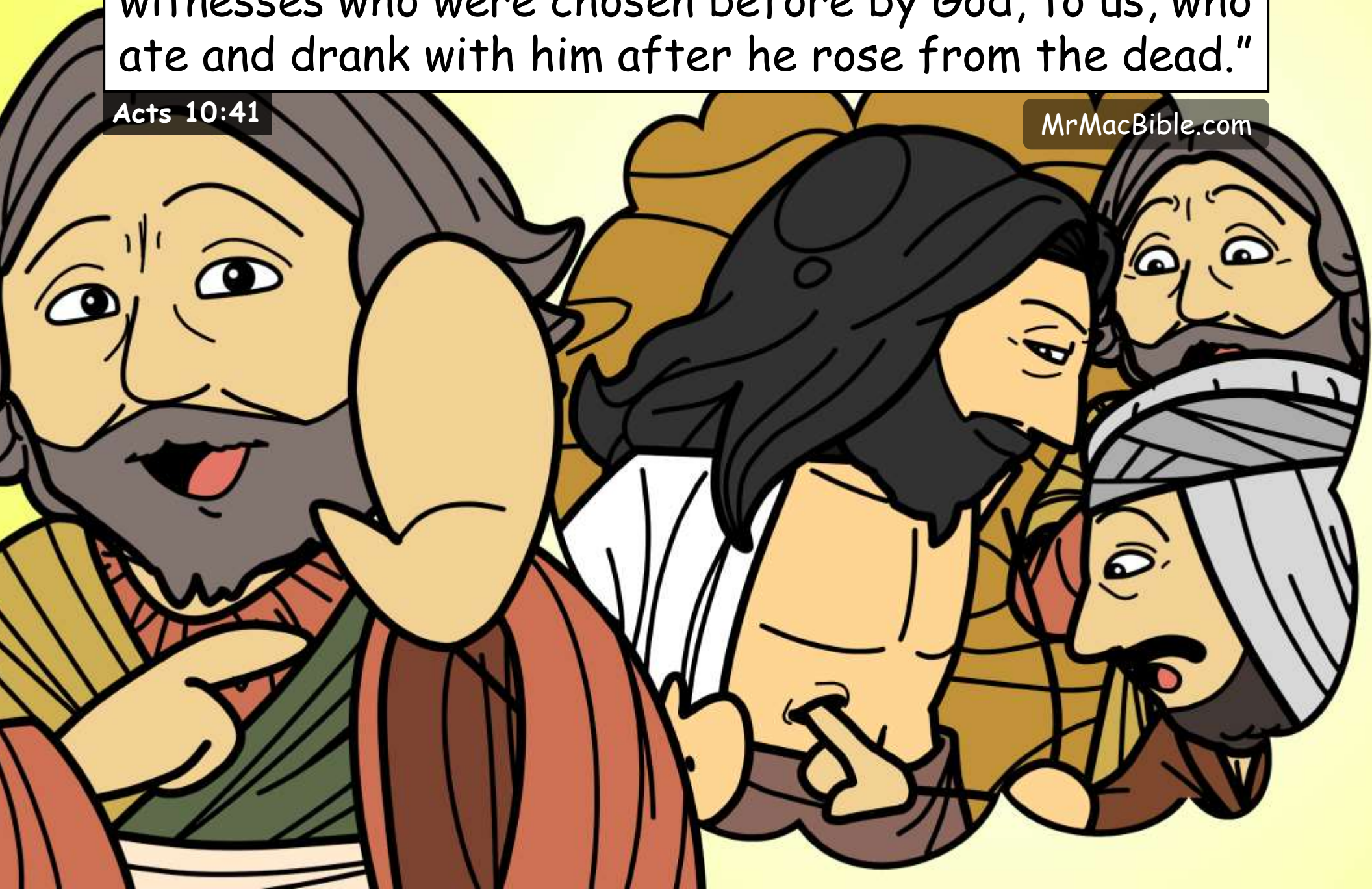
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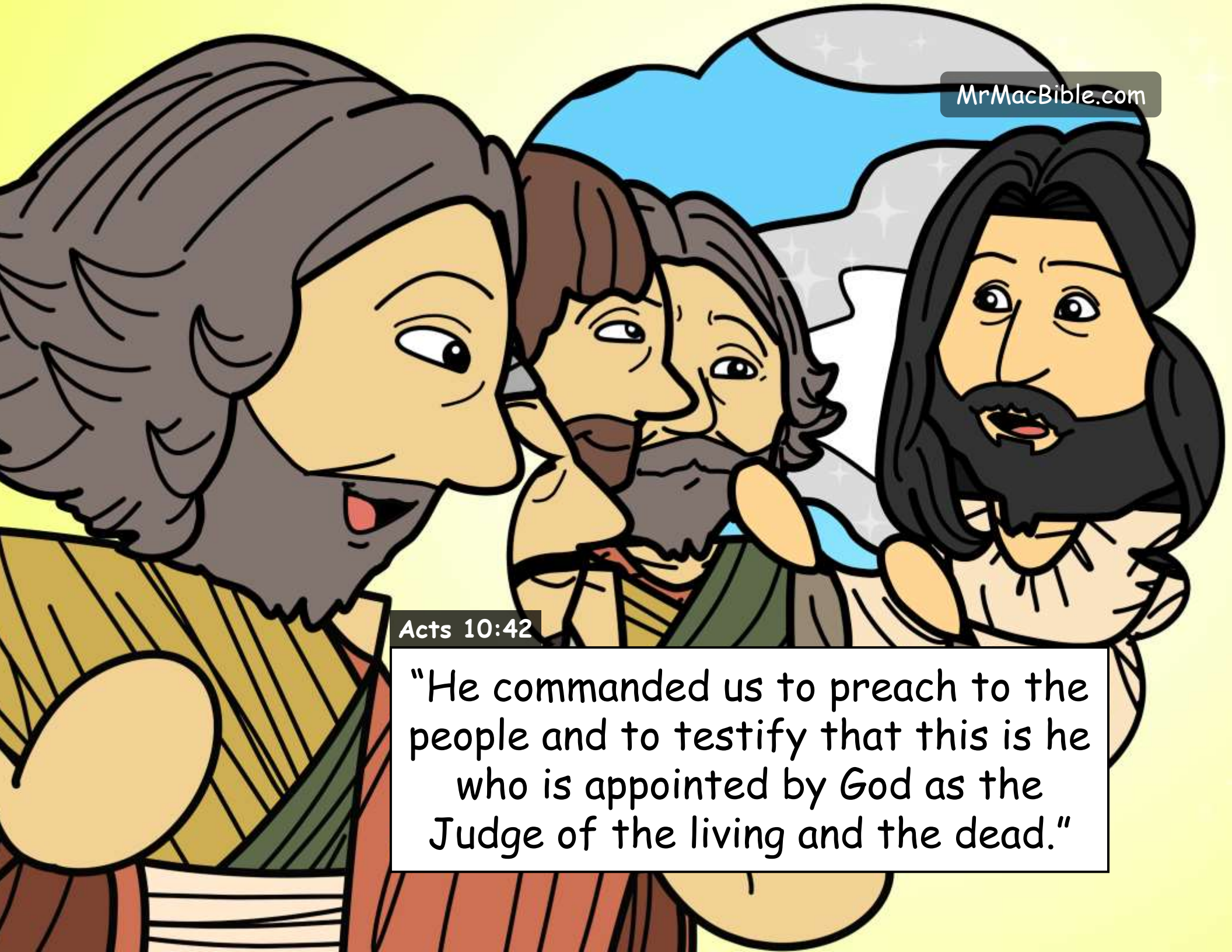


"...to be revealed, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen before by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."

Acts 10:41

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Acts 10:42

"He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that this is he who is appointed by God as the Judge of the living and the dead."



Acts 10:43

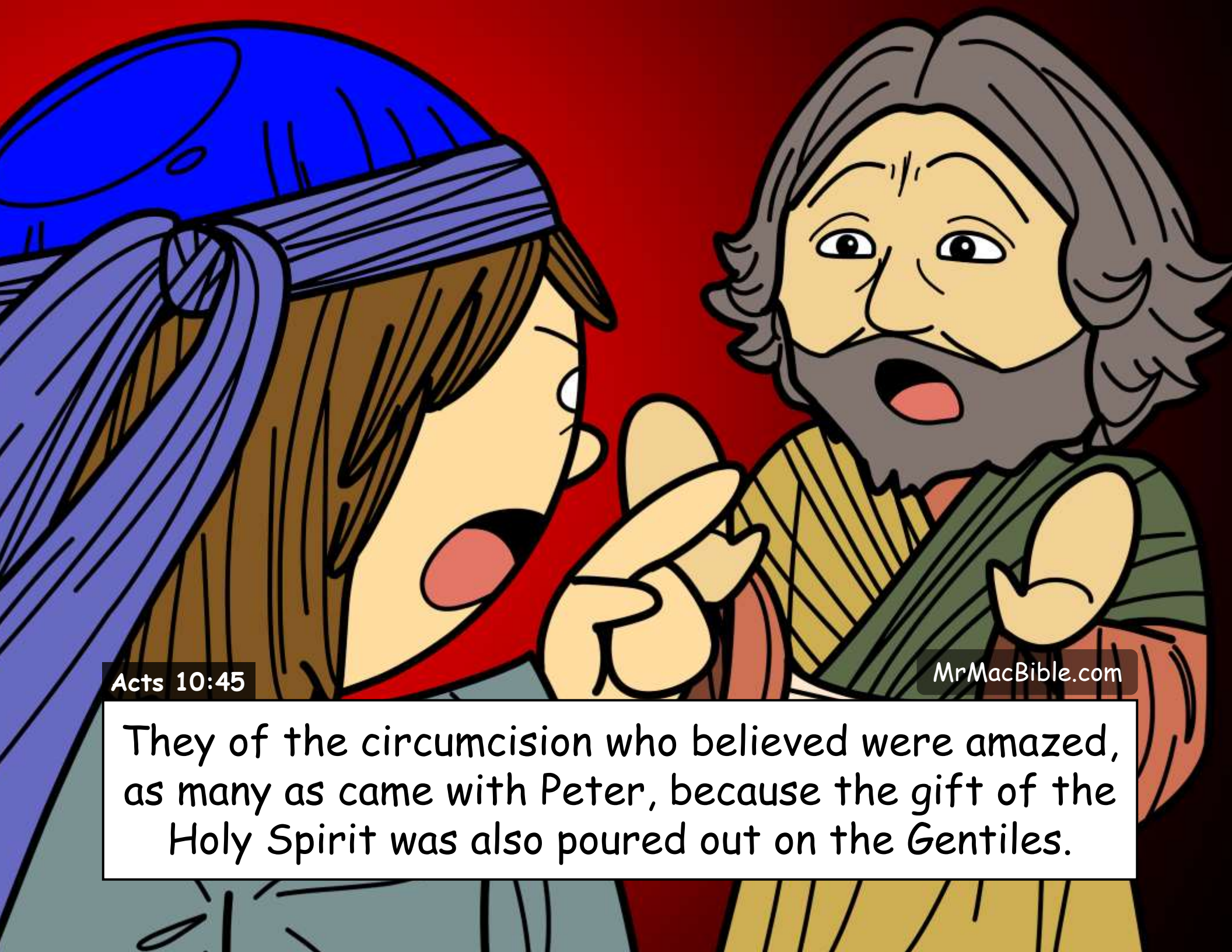
"All the prophets testify about him, that through his name everyone who believes in him will receive remission of sins."



Acts 10:44

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While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word.



Acts 10:45

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They of the circumcision who believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was also poured out on the Gentiles.



Acts 10:46

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For they heard them speaking in other languages and magnifying God.

Acts 10:47

Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid these people from being baptised with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just like us."



Acts 10:48

He commanded them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay some days.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If you only had 30 seconds
to tell someone why they
should believe in Jesus,
what would you say?



Gentile Believers?! Acts 11:1-30

Background:

Not all Jewish Christians in Jerusalem are happy that the non-Jewish Gentiles are believing in Jesus.



Acts 11:1

Now the apostles and the brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

Acts 11:2-3

When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men, and ate with them!"



Acts 11:4

But Peter began, and explained to them in order, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision:"

"...a certain container descending, like it was a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners. It came as far as me."

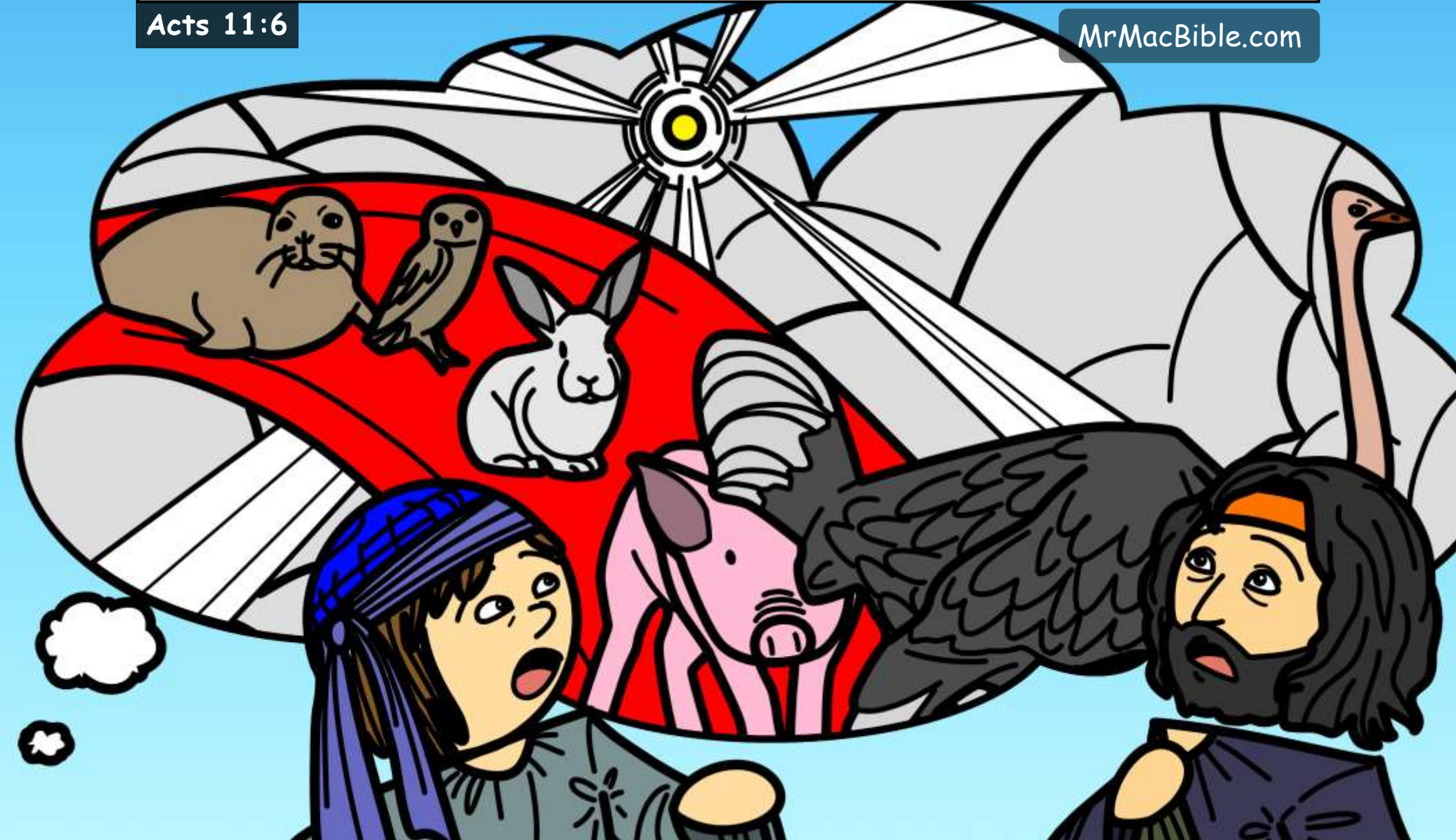
Acts 11:5



"When I had looked intently at it, I considered, and saw the four-footed animals of the earth, wild animals, creeping things, and birds of the sky."

Acts 11:6

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"I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter, kill and eat!'"

Acts 11:7



"But I said, 'Not so, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered into my mouth.'"

Acts 11:8

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Acts 11:9-10


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"But a voice answered me the second time out of heaven, 'What God has cleansed, don't you call unclean.' This was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven."



"Behold, immediately three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent from Caesarea to me."

Acts 11:11



"The Spirit told me to go with them, without discriminating. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house."

Acts 11:12

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Acts 11:13-14

"He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying to him, 'Send to Joppa, and get Simon, who is called Peter, who will speak to you words by which you will be saved, you and all your house.'"

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning."

Acts 11:15

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Acts 11:16

"I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John indeed baptised in water, but you will be baptised in the Holy Spirit.'"



Acts 11:17

"If then God gave to them the same gift as us, when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could withstand God?"

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Acts 11:21

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Acts 11:22

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Acts 11:22-23

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Acts 11:24

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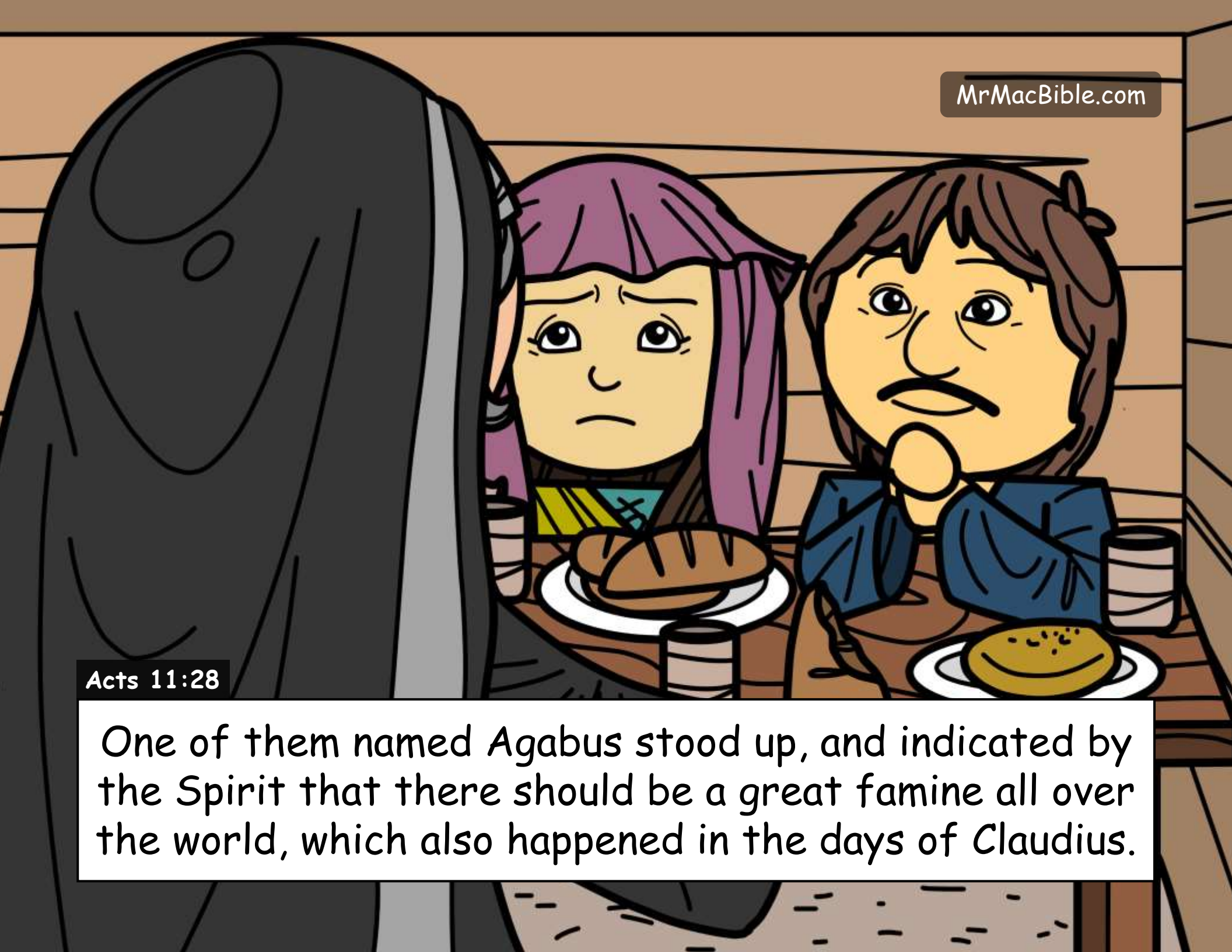
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Acts 11:29-30

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THINK ABOUT IT...

When the Christians heard that a famine was coming, they immediately wanted to send their money to help.

Do you know anyone like that?



Peter Executed? Acts 12:1-10

Background:

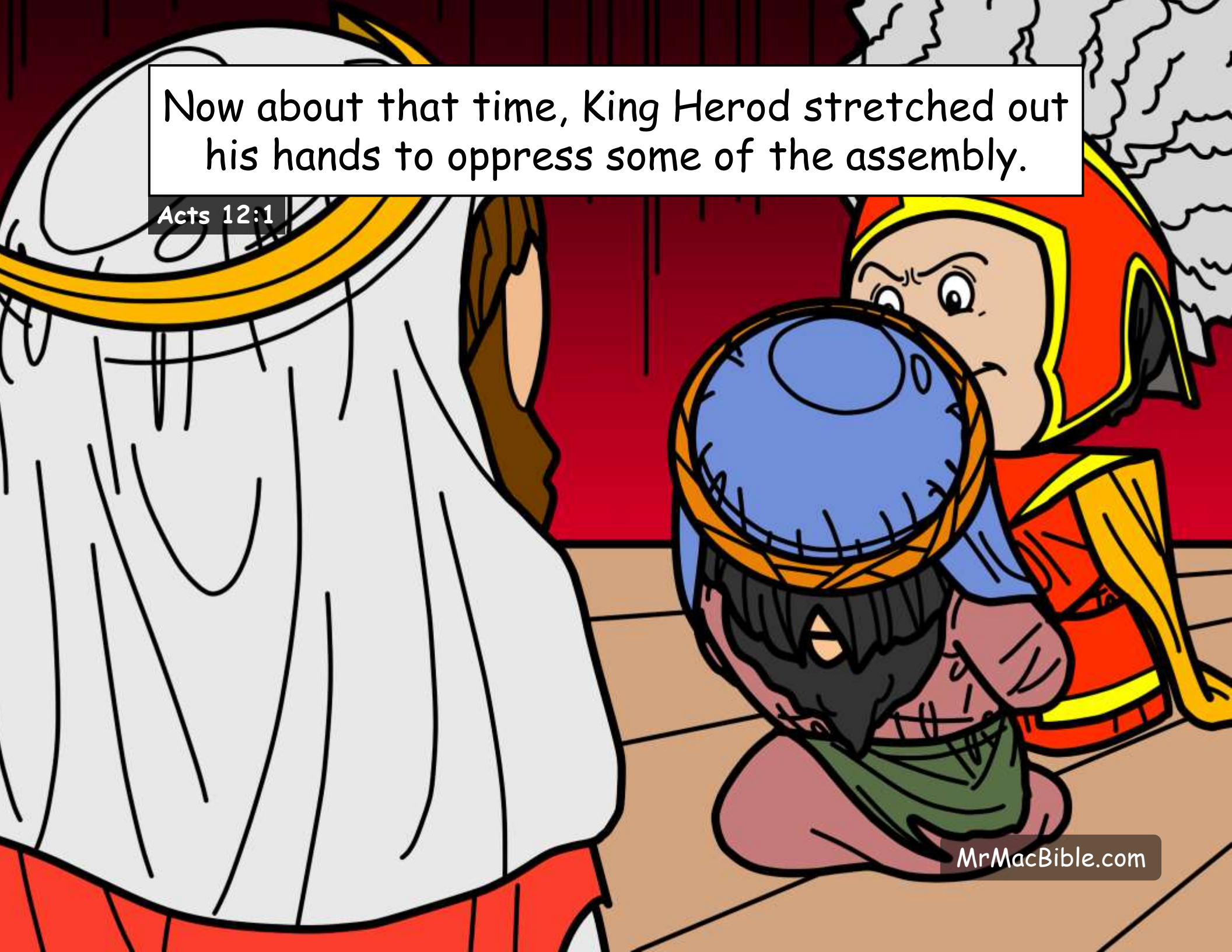
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The followers of Jesus in Jerusalem thought they were safe, now that their enemy Saul has become a Christian.

But an even worse enemy is coming...

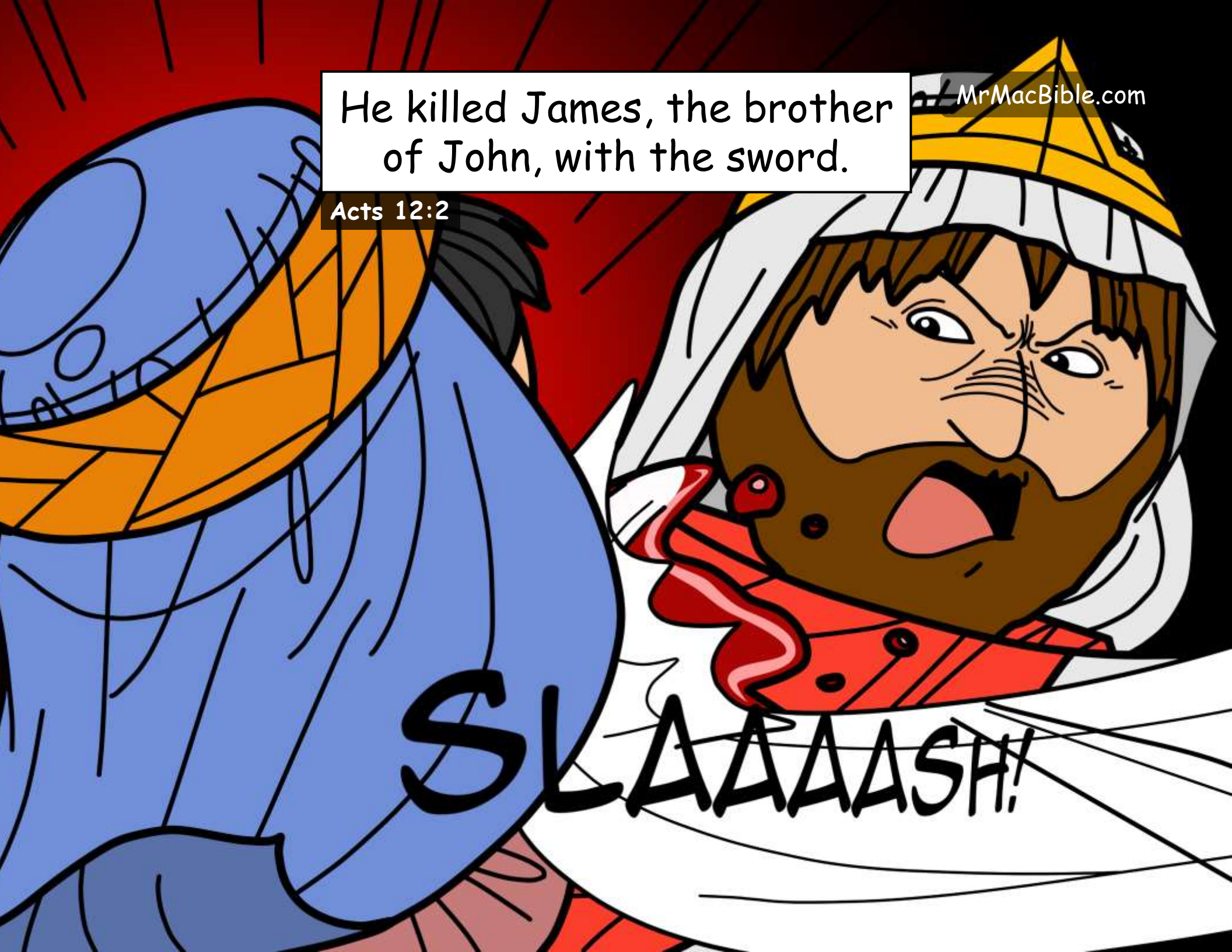
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Acts 12:1



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And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the cell.

Acts 12:7



Acts 12:7

He struck Peter on the side, and woke him up, saying, "Stand up quickly!"




His chains fell off his hands.

Acts 12:7

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The angel said to him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." He did so.

Acts 12:8

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Acts 12:9

He said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." And he went out and followed him.

Acts 12:9

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Acts 12:10

When they were past the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened to them by itself.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Have you ever been like Peter, when you're in so much trouble or pain that you think there is no hope for you?



Peter is Free!

Acts 12:10-19

Background:

Peter has just been rescued from a dungeon of hopelessness, pain and death. His friends are still praying for him to be rescued. They just don't know he's free!

Acts 12:10

They went out, and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.



Acts 12:11

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Acts 12:15

They said to her, "You are crazy!"
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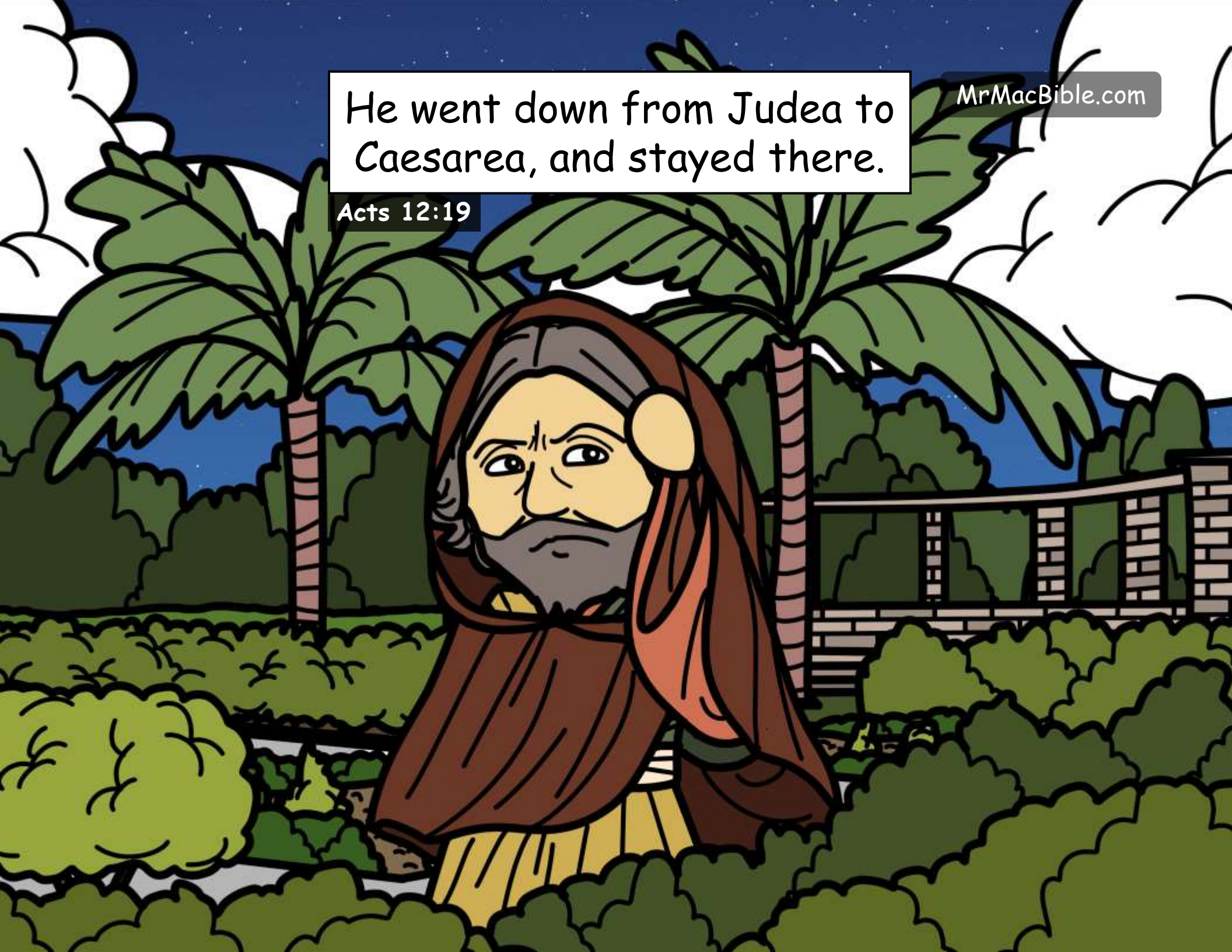
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Acts 12:19

When Herod had sought for him, and didn't find him, he examined the guards, then commanded that they should be put to death.

He went down from Judea to
Caesarea, and stayed there.

Acts 12:19



THINK ABOUT IT...

If you knew that you had only 1 week until you were captured and taken to prison for Jesus, what would you do with your last week?



King Herod

Acts 12:20-25

Background:

After Peter escaped from prison, he ran to hide out in the coastal cities. Now King Herod has gone there too.

Acts 12:20

Now Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon.

They came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus, the king's personal aide, their friend, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food.

Acts 12:20



Acts 12:21

On an appointed day, Herod dressed himself in royal clothing, sat on the throne, and gave a speech to them.

Acts 12:22

The people shouted, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!"



Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he didn't give God the glory.

Acts 12:23

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Acts 12:23



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Acts 12:25

THINK ABOUT IT...

**Why do you think the angel
killed King Herod?**

Paul & Barnabas Acts 13:1-12

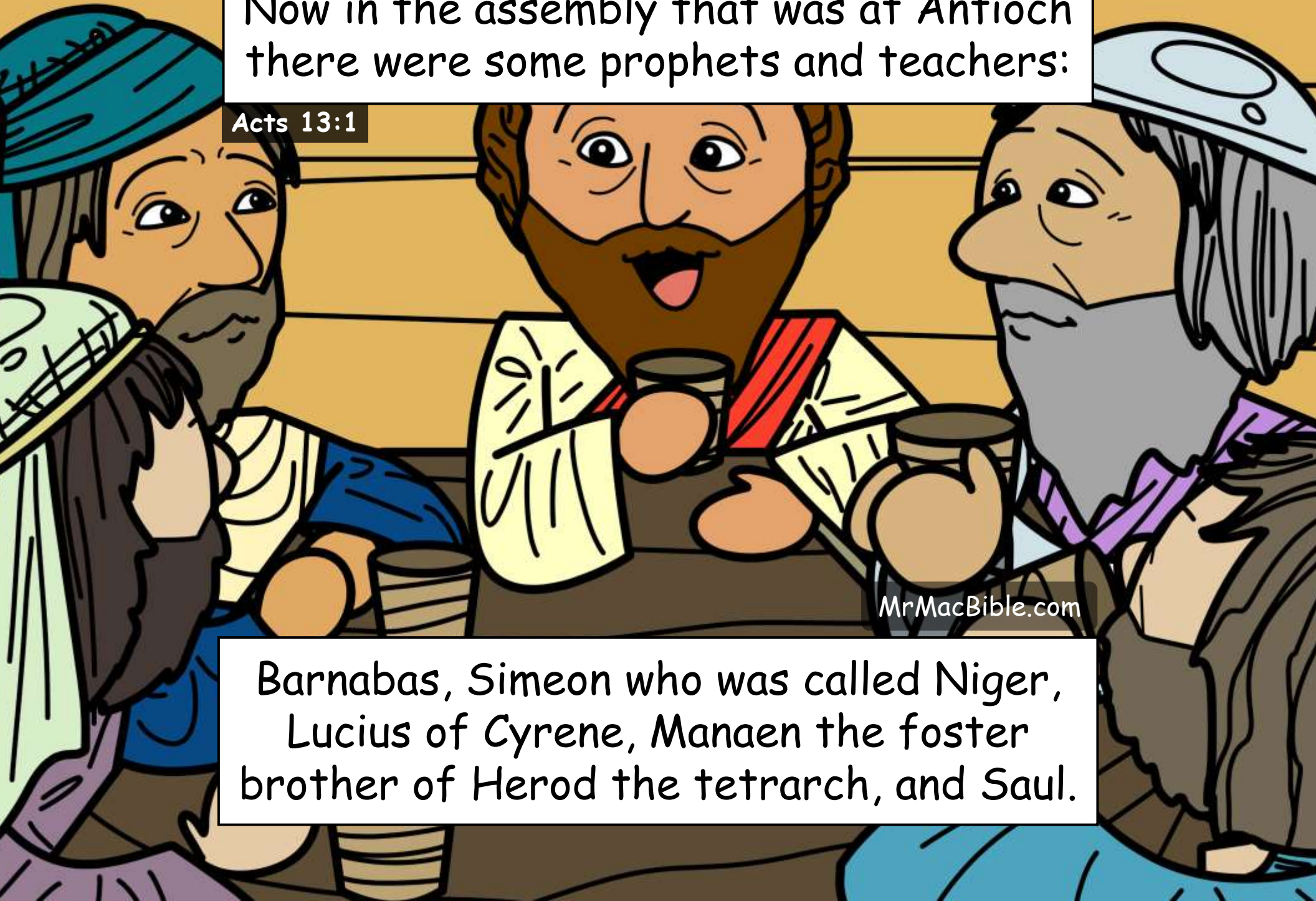
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Paul (who is also called Saul) and Barnabas are called by the Spirit of God to take the gospel to Turkey and eastern Europe.

But Satan's man, "Bar-Jesus" is waiting for them...

Now in the assembly that was at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers:

Acts 13:1




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Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

As they served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for me, for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 13:2





Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

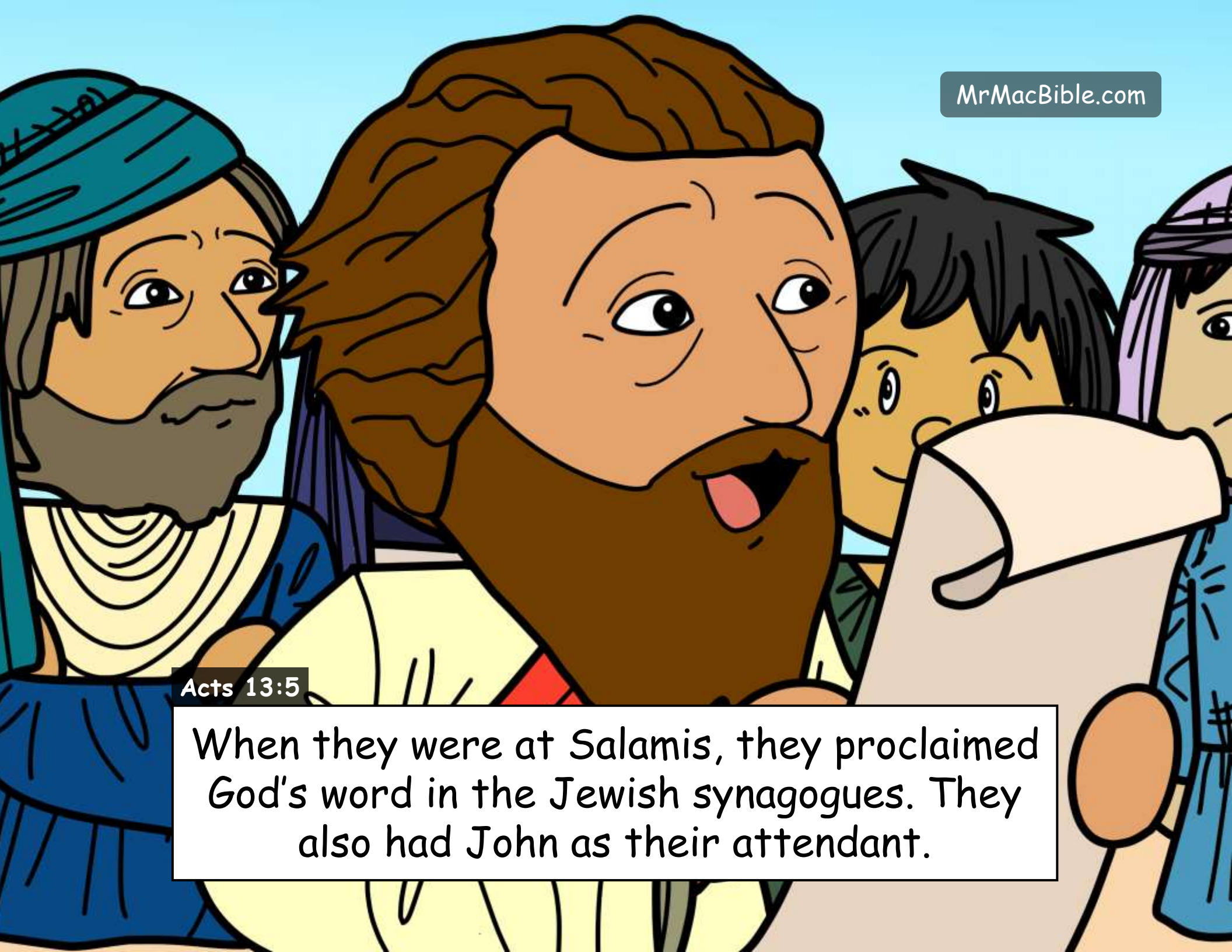
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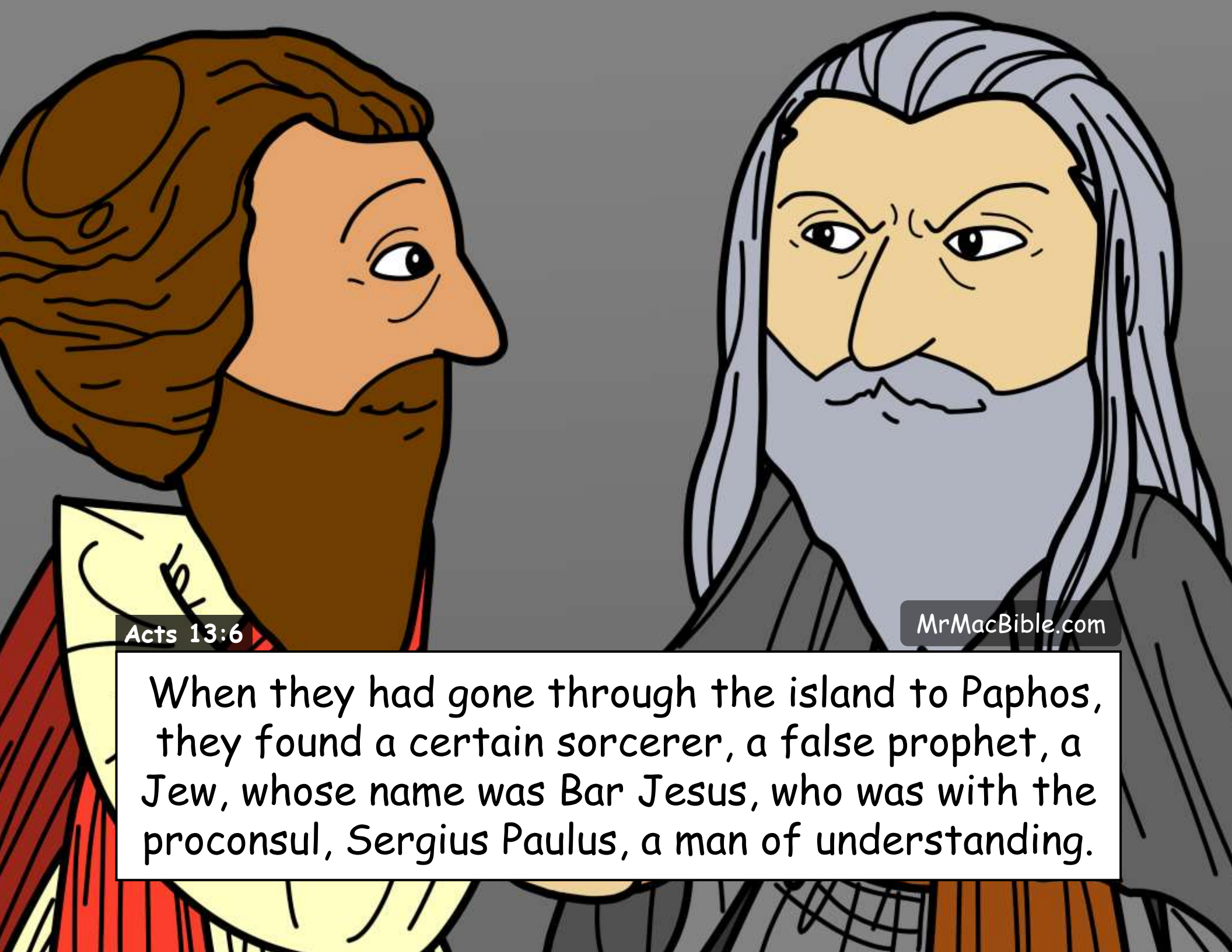
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So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:5

When they were at Salamis, they proclaimed God's word in the Jewish synagogues. They also had John as their attendant.





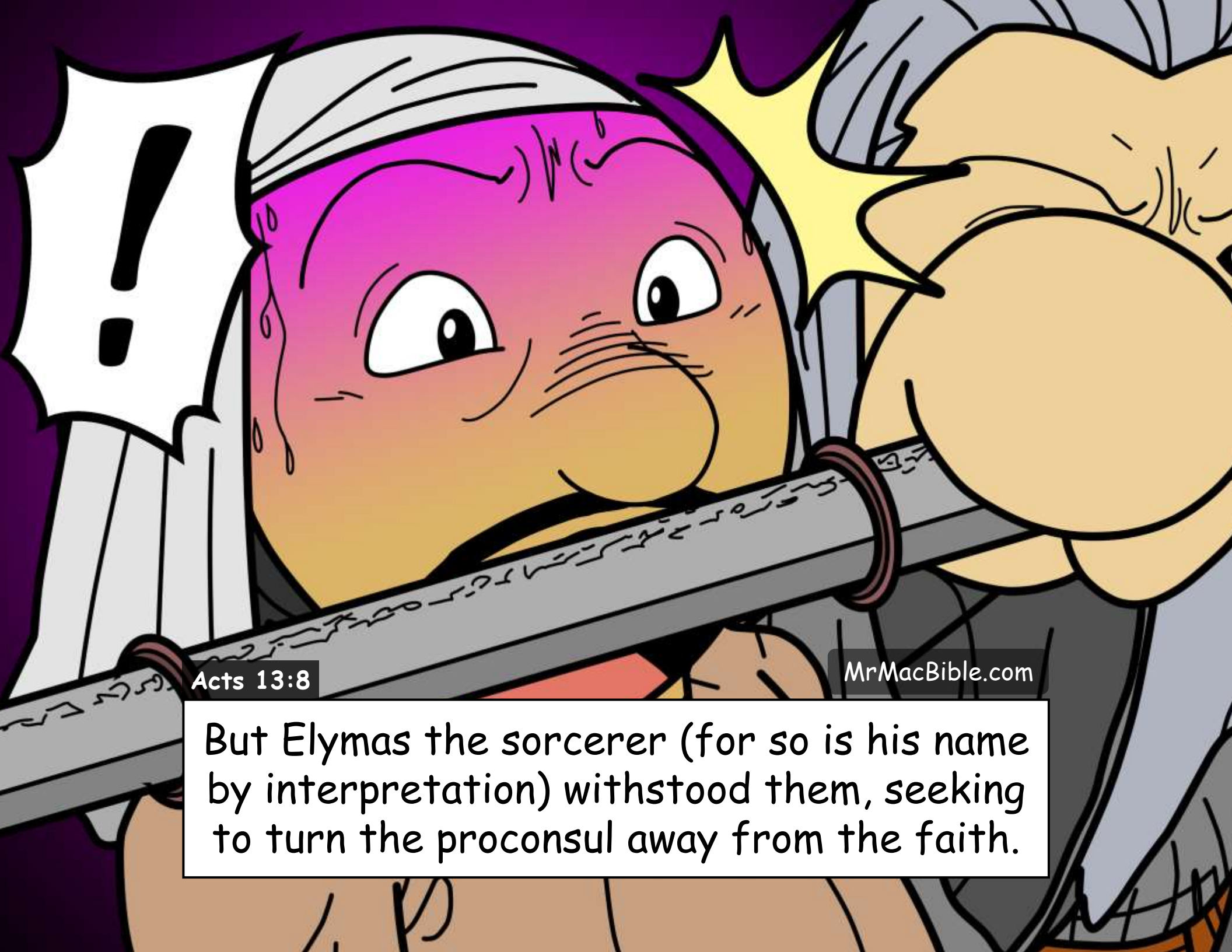
Acts 13:6

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When they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding.

Acts 13:7

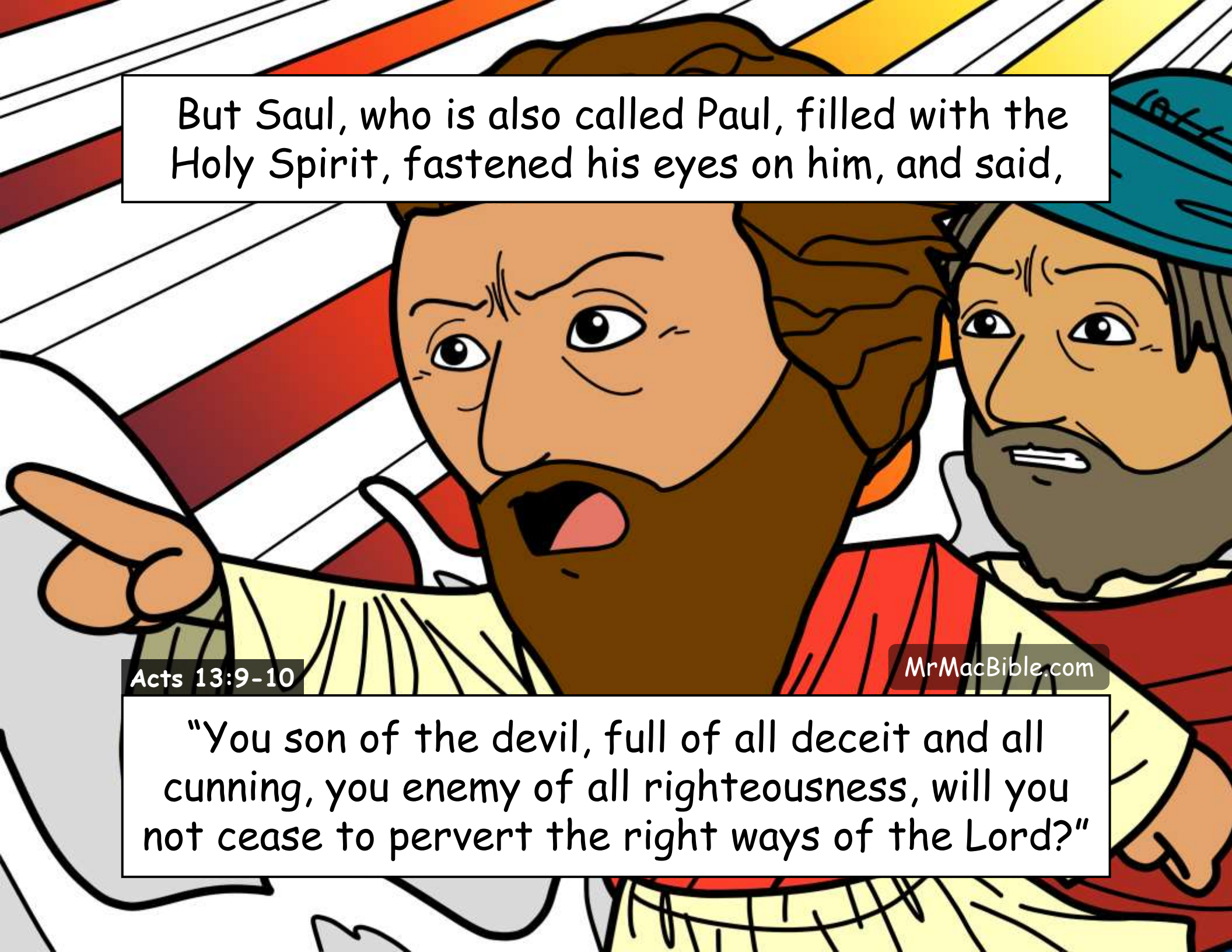
This man [Sergius Paulus] summoned Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God.



Acts 13:8

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But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.



But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, and said,

Acts 13:9-10

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"You son of the devil, full of all deceit and all cunning, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

Acts 13:11

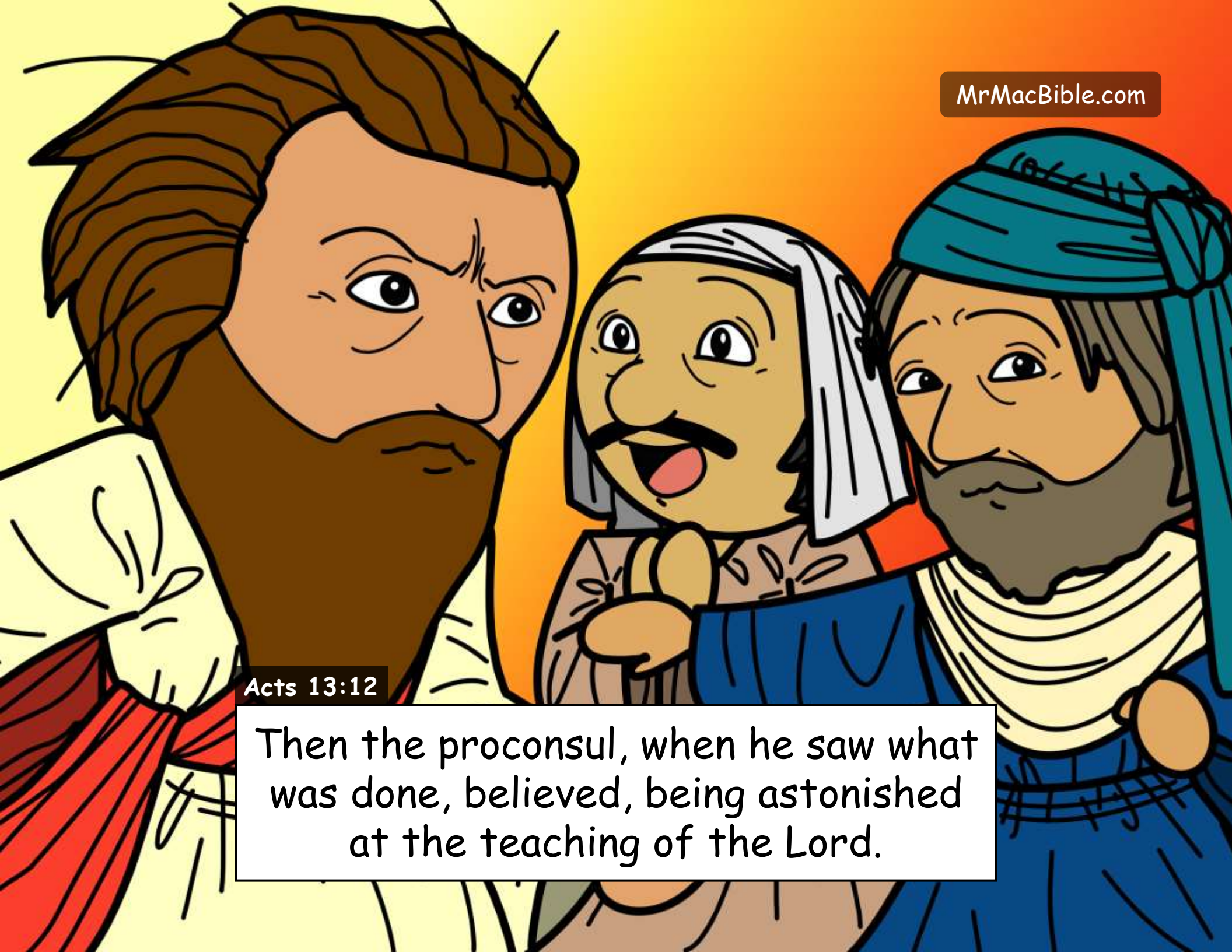
"Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a season!"



Acts 13:11

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Immediately a mist and darkness fell on him. He went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.



Acts 13:12

Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

BIBLE: Acts 9:1-13

1 But Saul, still breathing threats and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 As he travelled, he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. 4 He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

5 He said, "Who are you, Lord?"

The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise up and enter into the city, then you will be told what you must do."

7 The men who travelled with him stood speechless, hearing the sound, but seeing no one.

8 Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no one. They led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9 He was without sight for three days, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He said, "Behold, it's me, Lord."

11 The Lord said to him, "Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judah for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus. For behold, he is praying,

12 and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight."

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he did to your saints at Jerusalem."

Acts 9:14-25 14 Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go your way, for he is my chosen vessel to bear my name before the nations and kings, and the children of Israel.

16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake."

17 Ananias departed and entered into the house. Laying his hands on him, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

18 Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he received his sight. He arose and was baptised.

19 He took food and was strengthened. Saul stayed several

...days with the disciples who were at Damascus.

20 Immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that he is the Son of God.

21 All who heard him were amazed, and said, "Isn't this he who in Jerusalem made havoc of those who called on this name? And he had come here intending to bring them bound before the chief priests!"

22 But Saul increased more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

23 When many days were fulfilled, the Jews conspired together to kill him, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They watched the gates both day and night that they might kill him,

25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through the

Acts 9:25-36 25 ... wall, lowering him in a basket. 26 When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 He was with them entering into Jerusalem, 29 preaching boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus.** He spoke and disputed against the Hellenists, but they were seeking to kill him.

30 When the brothers knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him off to Tarsus.

31 So the assemblies throughout all

...Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace, and were built up. They were multiplied, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

32 As Peter went throughout all those parts, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.

33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, because he was paralysed.

34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed!" Immediately he arose.

35 All who lived at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which when translated, means Dorcas.

Acts 9:36-10:4 36 This woman was full of good works and acts of mercy which she did.

37 In those days, she became sick, and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

38 As Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

39 Peter got up and went with them. When he had come, they brought him into the upper room. All the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 Peter sent them all out, and knelt down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 He gave her his hand, and raised her up. Calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 This became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

43 He stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

Acts 10:1-4 Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man, and one who feared God with all his house, who gave gifts for the needy generously to the people, and always prayed to God.

3 At about the ninth hour of the day, he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

4 He, fastening his eyes on him, and being frightened, said, "What is it, Lord?"

Acts 10:21-17 21 He said to him, "Your prayers and your gifts to the needy have gone up for a memorial before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa, and get Simon, who is also called Peter. 6 He is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the seaside.

7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually.

8 Having explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 Now on the next day as they were on their journey, and got close to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray at about noon.

10 He became hungry and desired to eat, but while they were preparing, he fell into a trance.

11 He saw heaven opened and a certain container descending to him, like a great sheet let down by four corners on the earth, 12 in which were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild animals, reptiles, and birds of the sky.

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14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean."

15 A voice came to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed, you must not call unclean."

16 This was done three times, and immediately the vessel was received up into heaven.

17 Now while Peter was very perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made enquiry...

Acts 10:17-29 17 ...for Simon's house, stood before the gate, 18 and called and asked whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was lodging there.

19 While Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three† men seek you.

20 But arise, get down, and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

21 Peter went down to the men, and said, "Behold, I am he whom you seek. Why have you come?"

22 They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous man and one who fears God, and well spoken of by all the nation of the Jews, was directed by a holy angel to invite you to his house, and to listen to what you say."

23 So he called them in and provided a place to stay. On the next

...day Peter arose and went out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.

24 On the next day they entered into Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and his near friends.

25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up! I myself am also a man."
27 As he talked with him, he went in and found many gathered together.

28 He said to them, "You yourselves know how it is an unlawful thing for a man who is a Jew to join himself or come to one of another nation, but God has shown me that I shouldn't call any man unholy or unclean.

29 Therefore I also came without complaint when I was sent for. I ask therefore, why did you send for me?"

Acts 10:30-40 30 Cornelius said, "Four days ago, I was fasting until this hour, and at the ninth hour, I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, 31 and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your gifts to the needy are remembered in the sight of God.

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33 Therefore I sent to you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God to hear all things that have been commanded you by God."

34 Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that God doesn't show favouritism;

35 but in every nation he who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him.

36 The word which he sent to the children of Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all— 37 you yourselves know what happened, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

39 We are witnesses of everything he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they also killed, hanging him on a tree.

40 God raised him up the third day, and gave him to be revealed,

Acts 10:40-11:5 41 "...not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen before by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that this is he who is appointed by God as the Judge of the living and the dead.

43 All the prophets testify about him, that through his name everyone who believes in him will receive remission of sins."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word.

45 They of the circumcision who believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was also poured out on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in other languages and magnifying God.

Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid these people from being baptised with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just like us."

48 He commanded them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay some days.

Acts 11:1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men, and ate with them!"

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12 The Spirit told me to go with them, without discriminating. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house.

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25 Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their service, also taking with them John who was called Mark.

Acts 13:1 Now in the assembly that was at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for me, for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 13:4-12 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus.

5 When they were at Salamis, they proclaimed God's word in the Jewish synagogues. They also had John as their attendant.

6 When they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar Jesus, 7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding.

This man summoned Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, 10 and said,

"You son of the devil, full of all deceit and all cunning, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

11 Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a season!"

Immediately a mist and darkness fell on him. He went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

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