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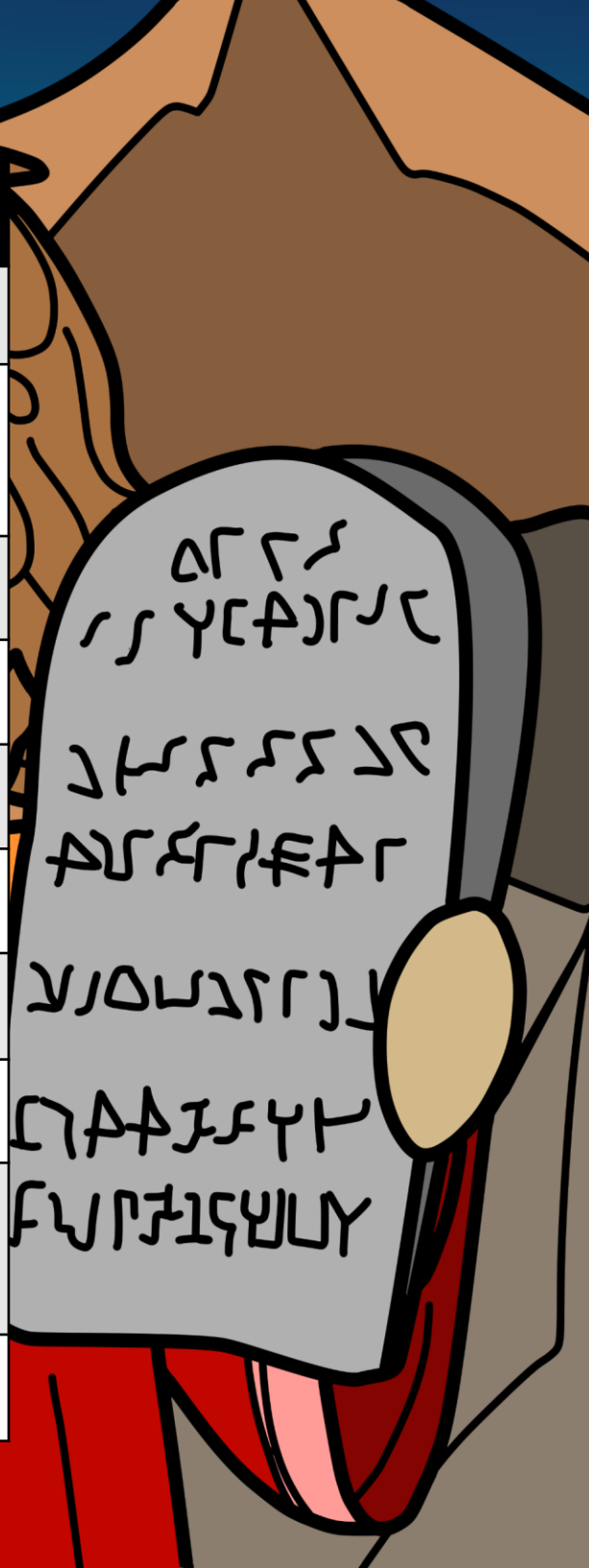
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A cartoon-style illustration of two men, Paul and Barnabas, on a ship. Paul, on the left, has a thick brown beard and is wearing a yellow robe. Barnabas, on the right, has a grey beard and is wearing a blue robe. They are both looking towards the right. The background shows a blue sky and the rigging of a ship.

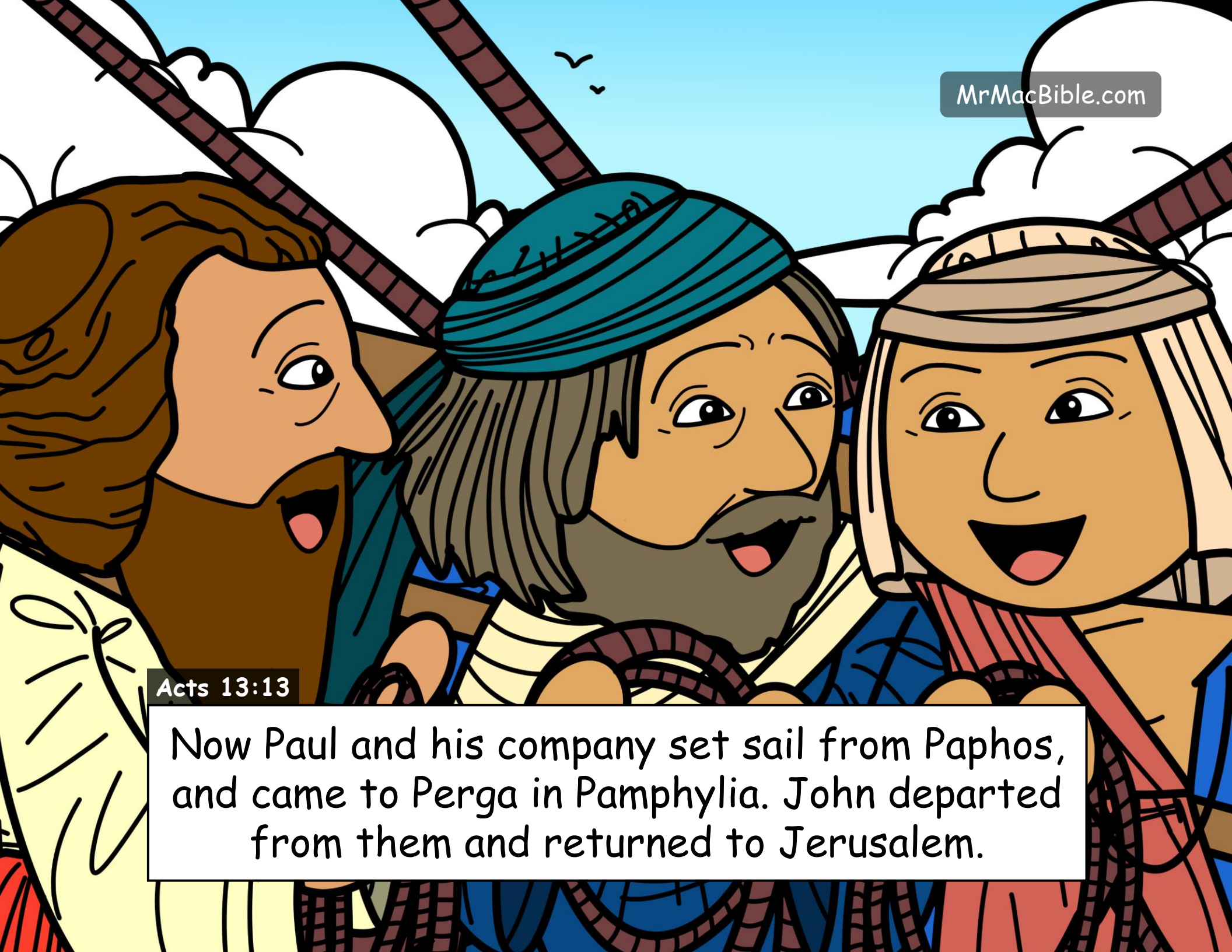
Old Testament Gospel

Acts 13:13-42

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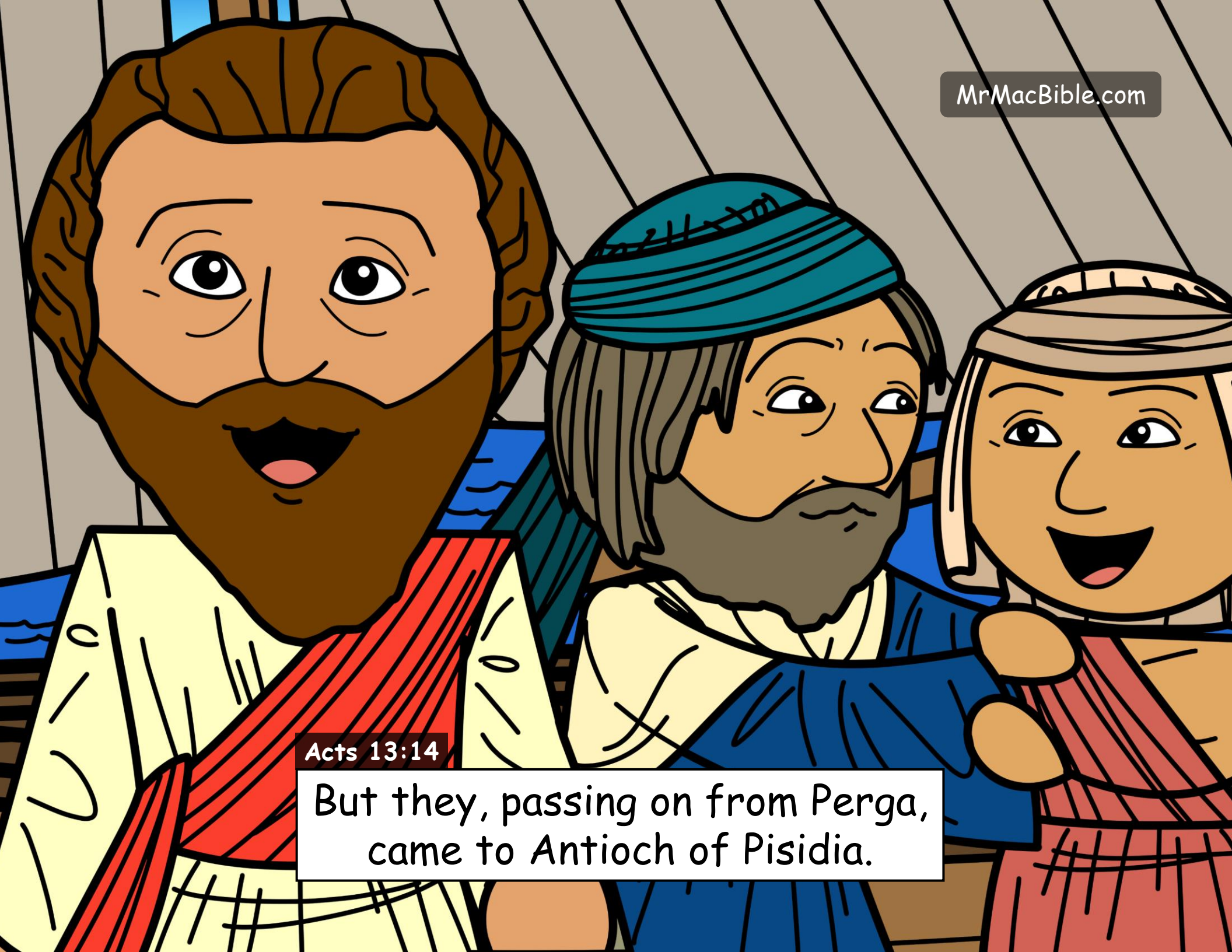
Paul and Barnabas have sailed away from Bar-Jesus the Sorcerer.

Their ship takes them to Antioch of Pisidia (today we call that country 'Turkey')



Acts 13:13

Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem.



Acts 13:14

But they, passing on from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia.

Acts 13:14

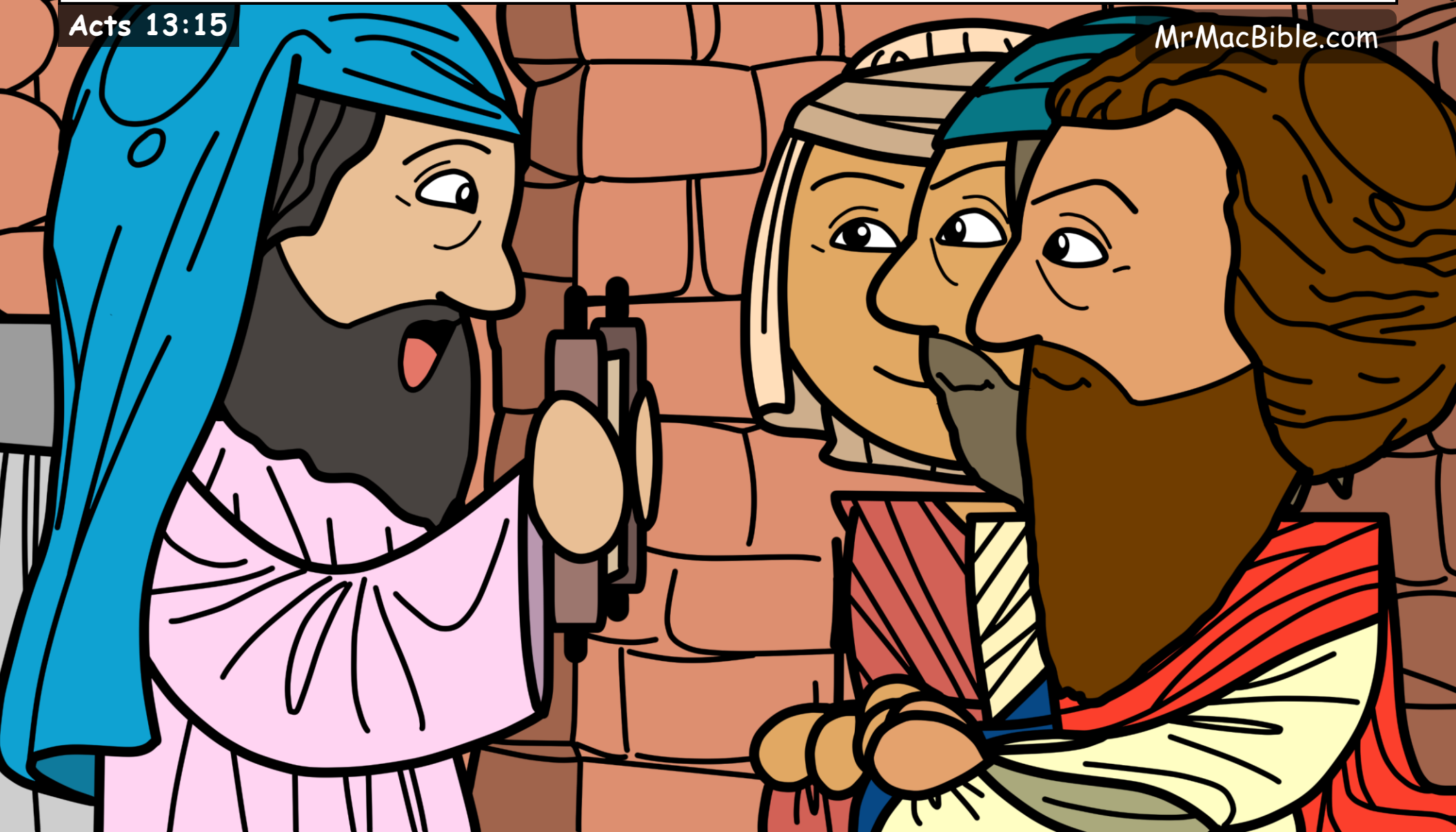
They went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.



After the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, speak."

Acts 13:15

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Acts 13:16

Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen."



Acts 13:17

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The God of this people chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they stayed as aliens in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm, he led them out of it.



Acts 13:18

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For a period of about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.



Acts 13:19

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When he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years.

After these things, he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

Acts 13:20

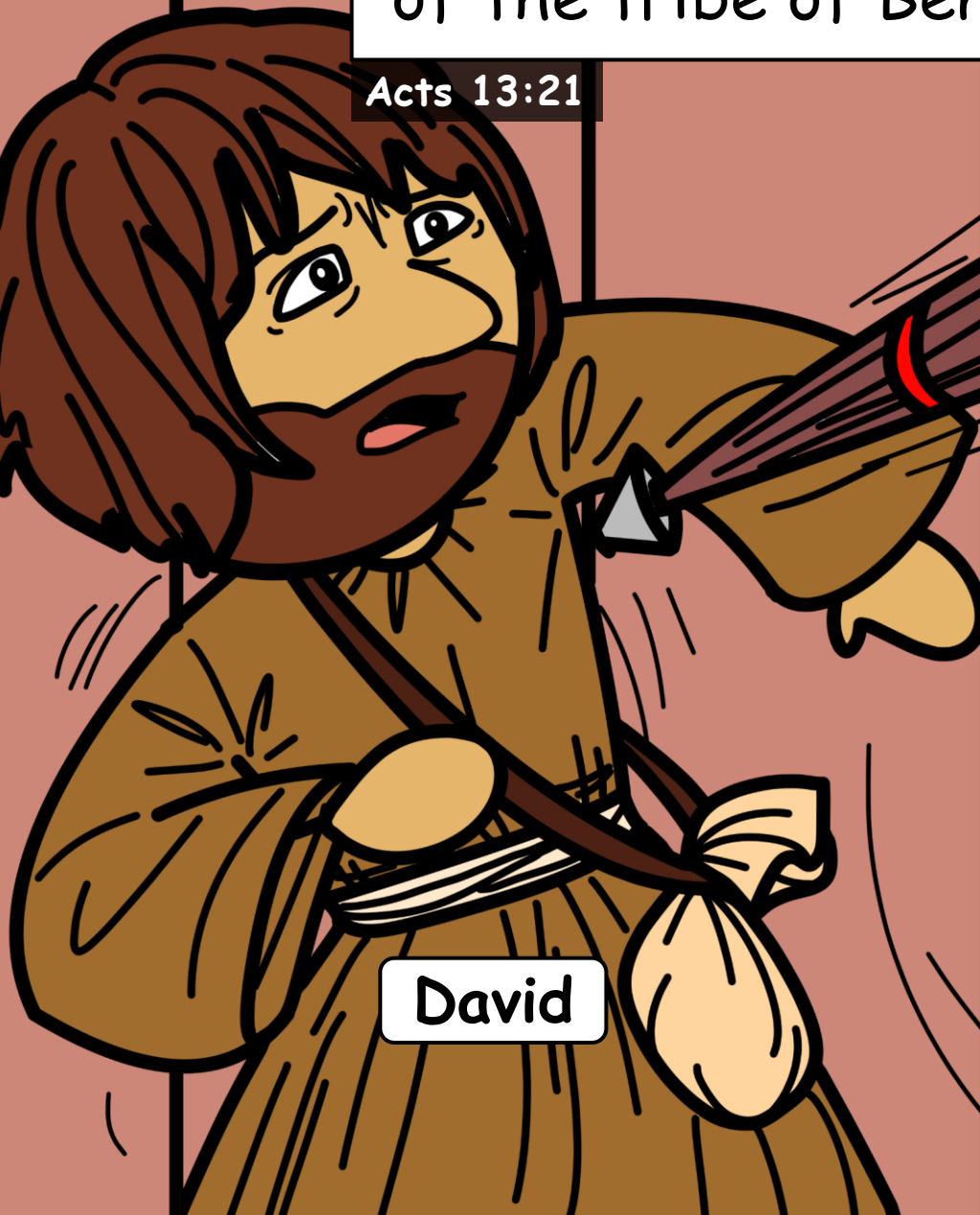
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Afterward they asked for a king, and God gave to them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

Acts 13:21

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When he had removed him,
he raised up David to be
their king, to whom he also
testified, 'I have found
David the son of Jesse, a
man after my heart, who
will do all my will.'

David

Acts 13:22

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David

John

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Acts 13:23-24

From this man's offspring, God has brought salvation to Israel according to his promise, before his coming, when John had first preached the baptism of repentance to Israel.



As John was fulfilling his course, he said...

Acts 13:25

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'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. But behold, one comes after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

Acts 13:26

Brothers, children of the stock of Abraham,
and those amongst you who fear God, the
word of this salvation is sent out to you.

Acts 13:27

For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they didn't know him, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.

Acts 13:28

Though they found no cause for death,
they still asked Pilate to have him killed.





Acts 13:29

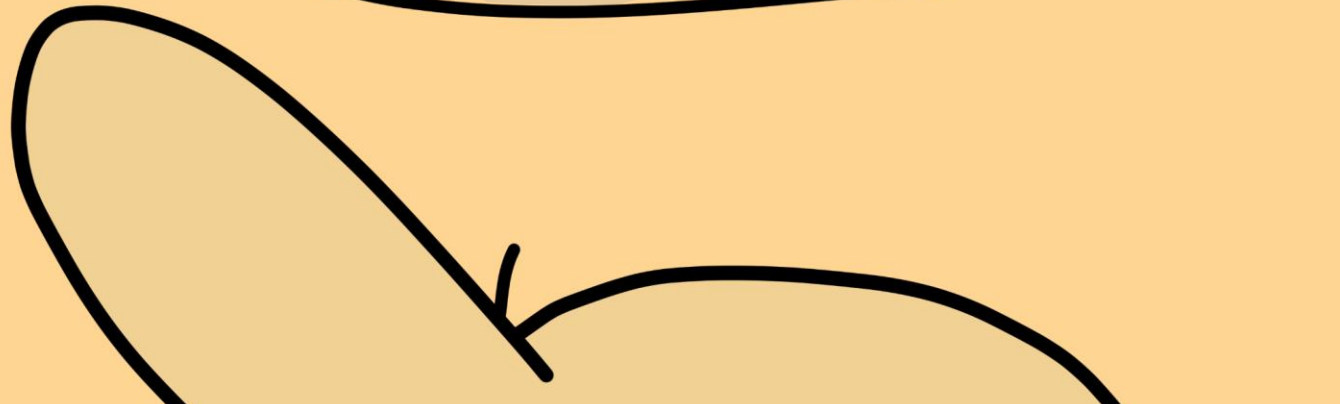
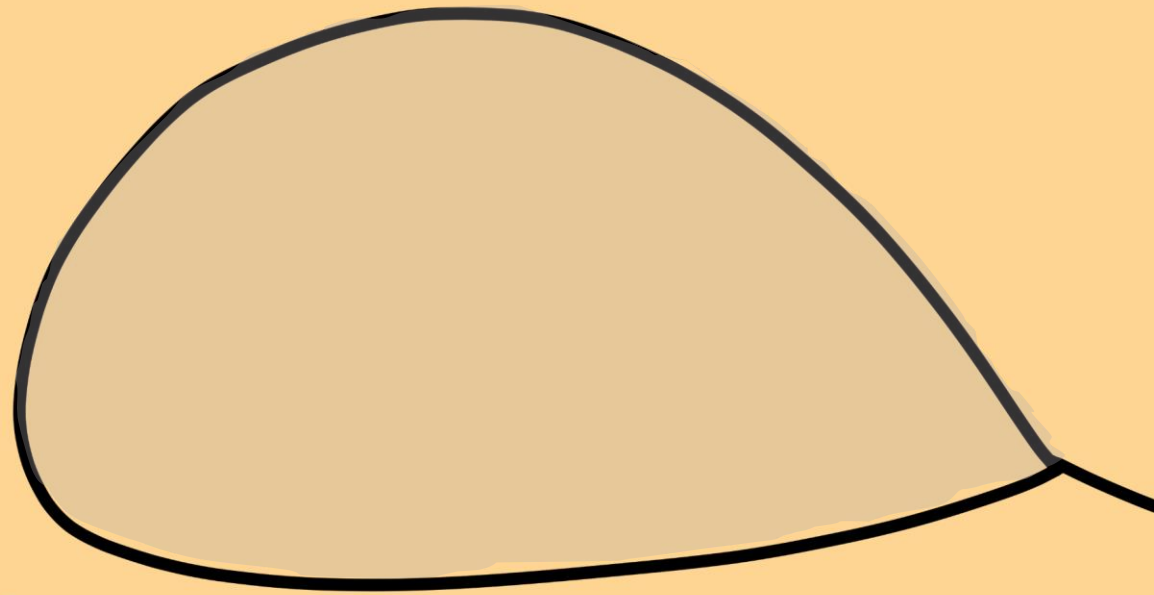
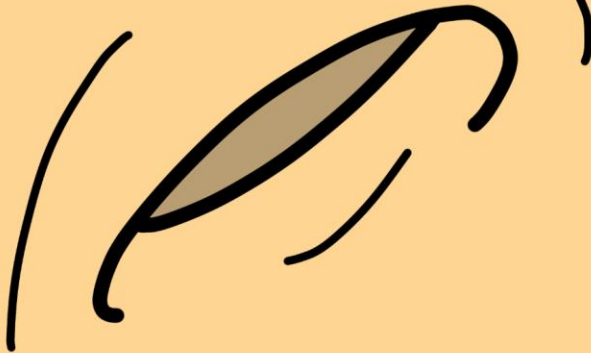
When they had fulfilled all things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb.

But God raised him from the dead,

Acts 13:30

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A close-up
of the
risen body
of Jesus!



Acts 13:31

...and he was seen for many days by those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people.




We bring you good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this to us, their children, in that he raised up Jesus.

Acts 13:32



Acts 13:33

As it is also written in the second psalm,
'You are my Son. Today I have become your father.'



Concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he has spoken thus: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.'

Acts 13:34

Acts 13:35

Therefore he says also in another psalm, 'You will not allow your Holy One to see decay.'





King David's
Tomb

Acts 13:36

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For David, after he had in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell asleep, was laid with his fathers, and saw decay.

But he whom God raised up saw no decay.

Acts 13:37



Acts 13:38

Be it known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man is proclaimed to you remission of sins...

Acts 13:39

...and by him everyone who believes is justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

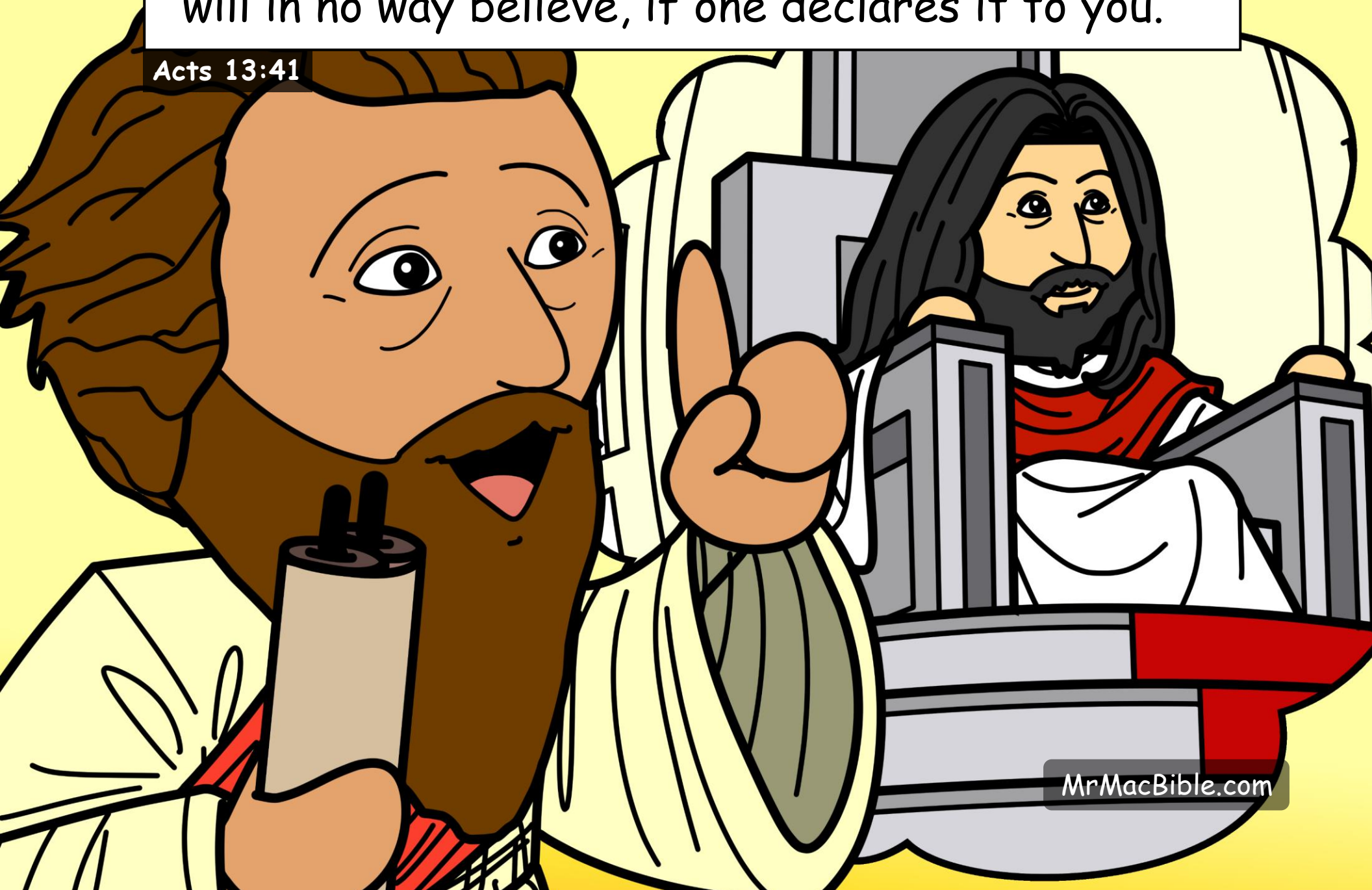
Beware therefore, lest that come on you which is spoken in the prophets: 'Behold, you scoffers, and wonder, and perish;'

Acts 13:40



'...for I work a work in your days, a work which you will in no way believe, if one declares it to you.' "

Acts 13:41



Acts 13:42

So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If you only had the Old Testament, what stories could you tell to talk about Jesus?

Gentiles and Jews!

Acts 13:43-14:3

Background:

Paul and Barnabas continue to preach in Jewish Synagogues and in the streets of the Gentiles. Will the Jews push them out?

Acts 13:43

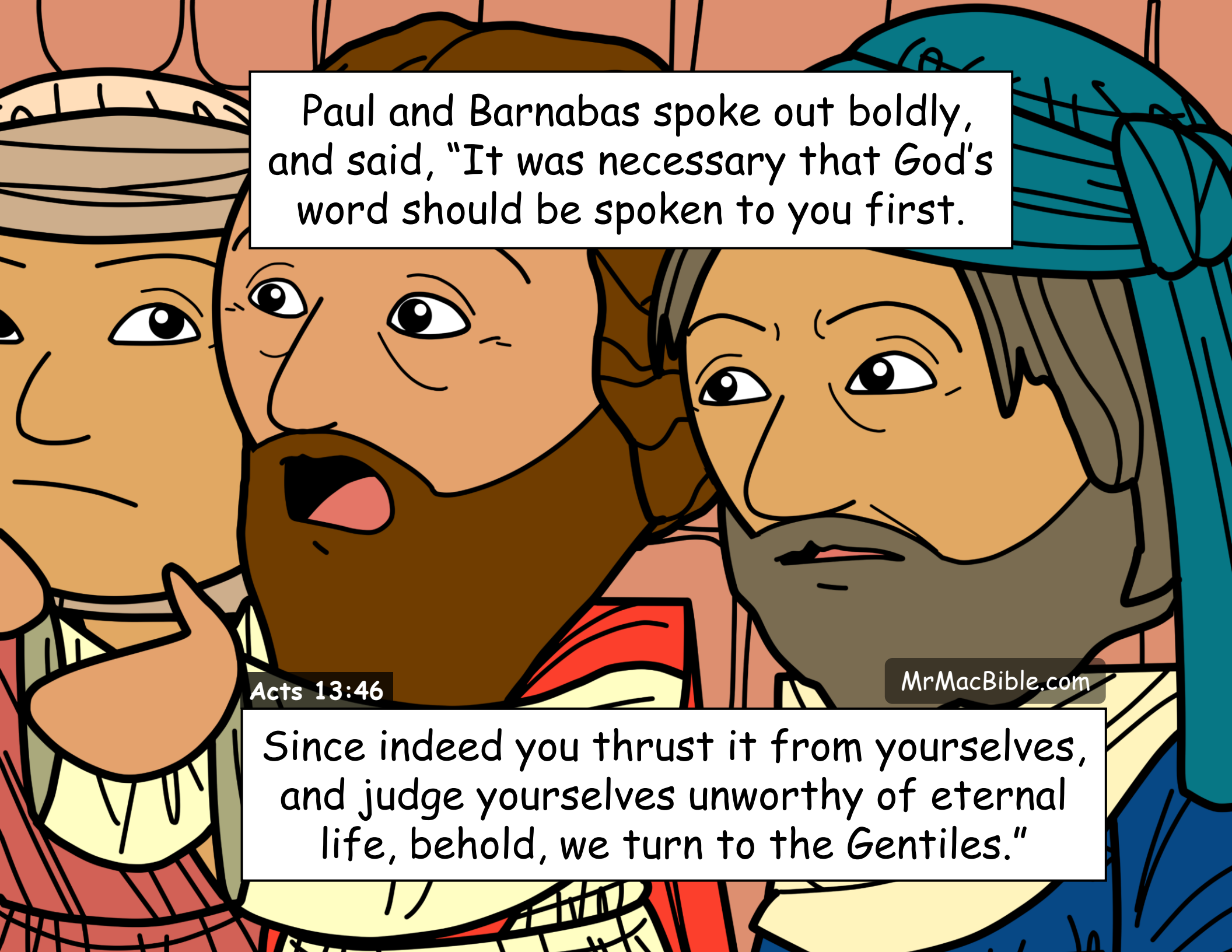
Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 13:44

The next Sabbath, almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God.

Acts 13:45

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and blasphemed.



Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly,
and said, "It was necessary that God's
word should be spoken to you first.

Acts 13:46

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Since indeed you thrust it from yourselves,
and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal
life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

For so has the Lord commanded us, saying, 'I have set you as a light for the Gentiles, that you should bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.'

Acts 13:47

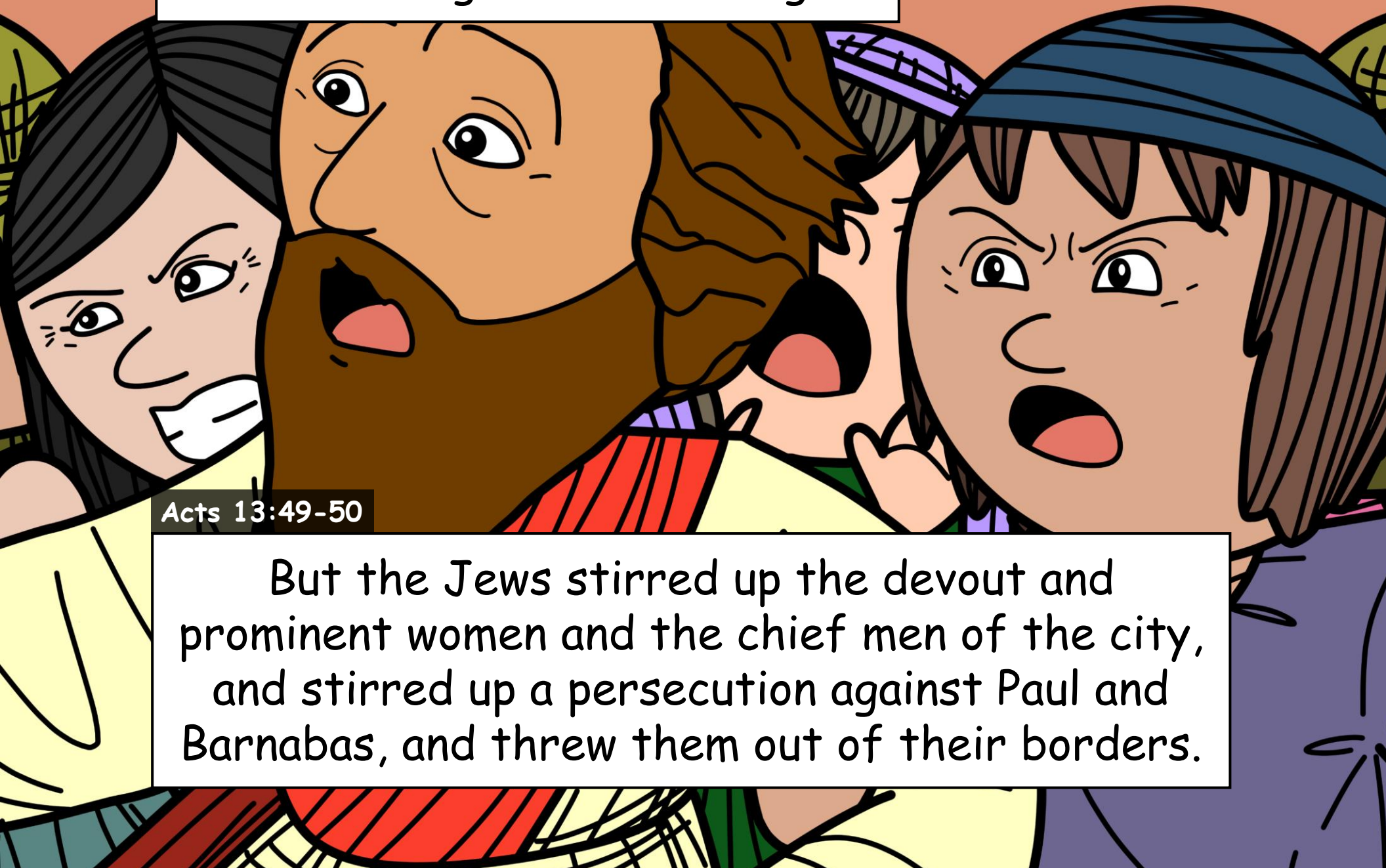
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Acts 13:48

As the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of God. As many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

The Lord's word was spread abroad throughout all the region.



Acts 13:49-50

But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out of their borders.

But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

Acts 13:51



The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:52

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Acts 14:1

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In Iconium, they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed.



Acts 14:2

But the unbelieving Jews stirred up and embittered the souls of the Gentiles against the brothers.

Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 14:3



THINK ABOUT IT...

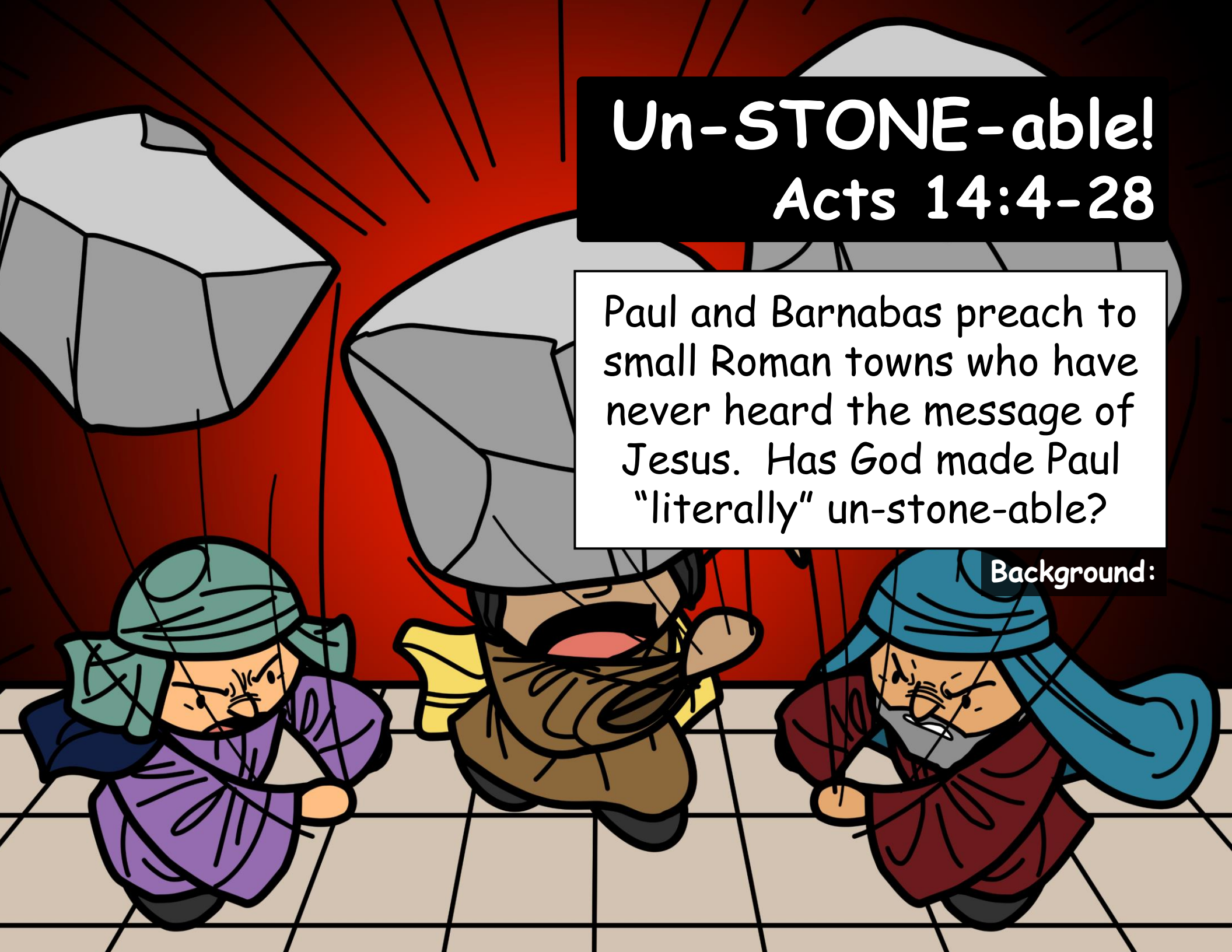
If someone asked you to say a few words about your faith in Jesus in front of a large audience, what would you say?

Un-STONE-able!

Acts 14:4-28

Paul and Barnabas preach to small Roman towns who have never heard the message of Jesus. Has God made Paul "literally" un-stone-able?

Background:



But the multitude of the city was divided. Part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

Acts 14:4



Acts 14:5-6

When some of both the Gentiles and the Jews, with their rulers, made a violent attempt to mistreat and stone them, they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, Derbe, and the surrounding region.

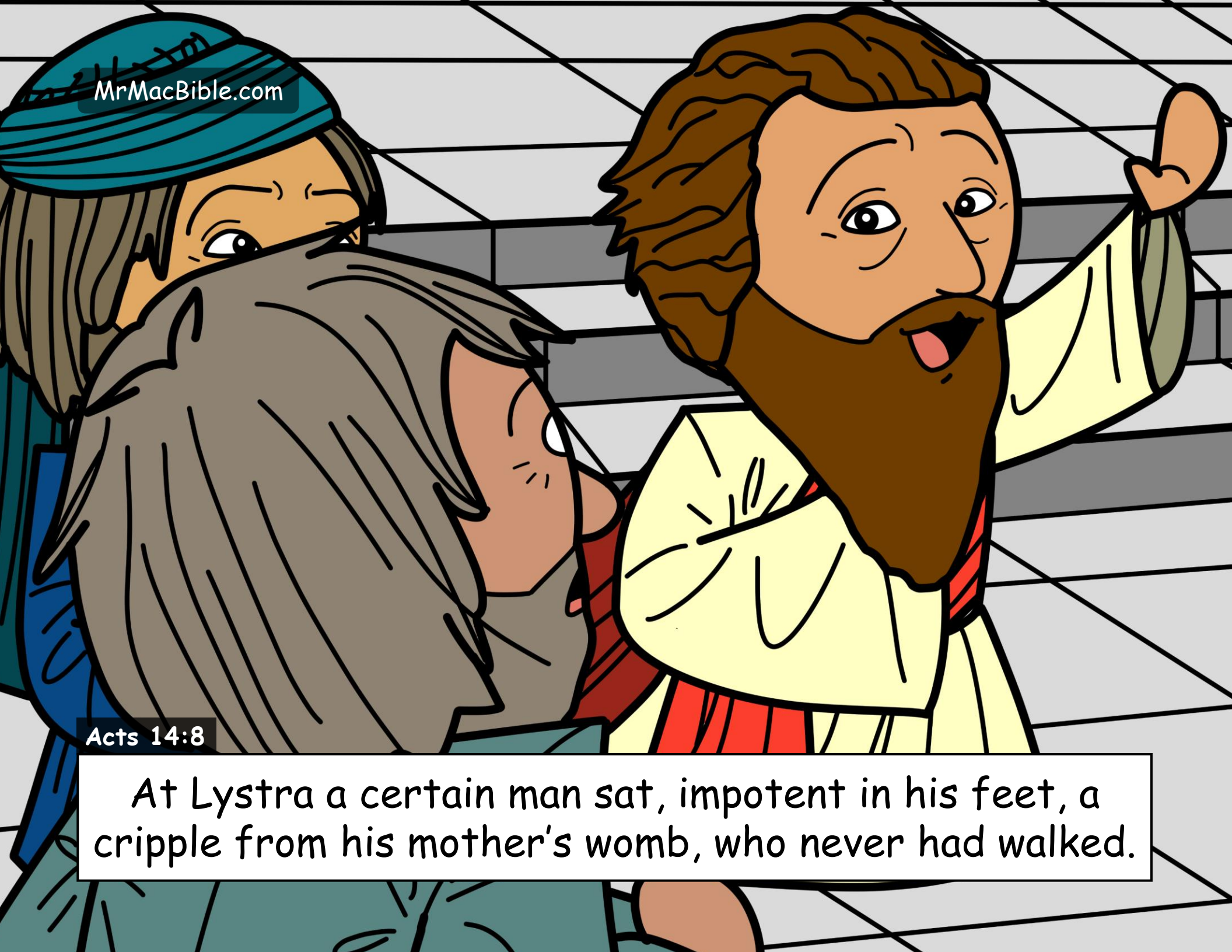


Acts 14:7

There they preached the Good News.

Acts 14:8

At Lystra a certain man sat, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked.



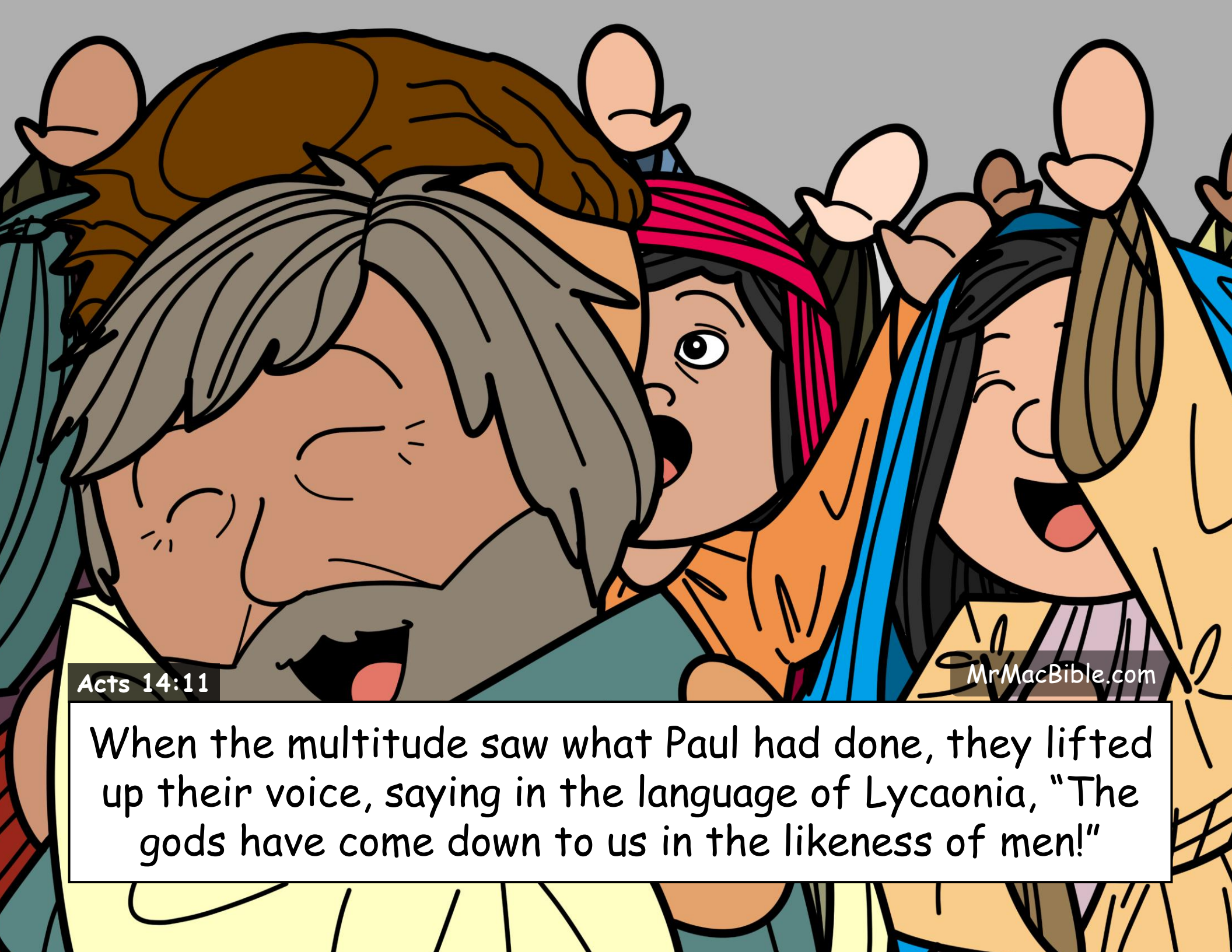
Acts 14:9-10

He was listening to Paul speaking, who, fastening eyes on him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole, said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet!"



Acts 14:10

He leapt up and walked.



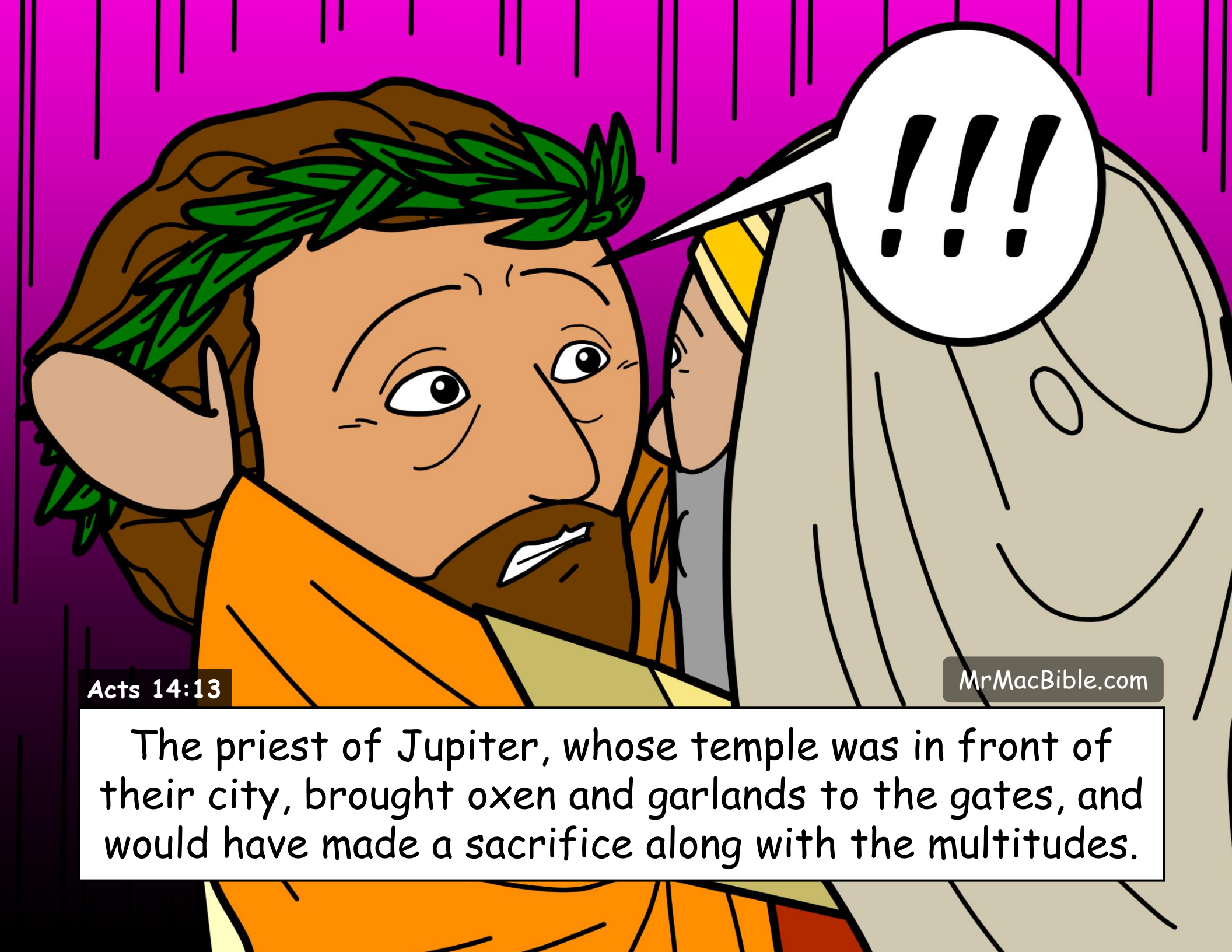
Acts 14:11

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When the multitude saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the language of Lycaonia, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"

Acts 14:12

They called Barnabas "Jupiter", and Paul "Mercury", because he was the chief speaker.



Acts 14:13

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The priest of Jupiter, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and would have made a sacrifice along with the multitudes.



Acts 14:14-15

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But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they tore their clothes, and sprang into the multitude, crying out, "Men, why are you doing these things?"

Acts 14:15

We also are men of like passions with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them;



Acts 14:16

[God] who in the generations gone by allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways.

Acts 14:17

Yet he didn't leave himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you rains from the sky and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

Even saying these things, they hardly stopped the multitudes from making a sacrifice to them.

Acts 14:18



But some Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there, and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

Acts 14:19



But as the disciples stood around him, he rose up, and entered into the city.

Acts 14:20



On the next day he went out with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 14:20



Acts 14:21-22

When they had preached the Good News to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many afflictions we must enter into God's Kingdom.

Acts 14:23

When they had appointed elders for them in every assembly, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed.

They passed through Pisidia,
and came to Pamphylia.

Acts 14:24



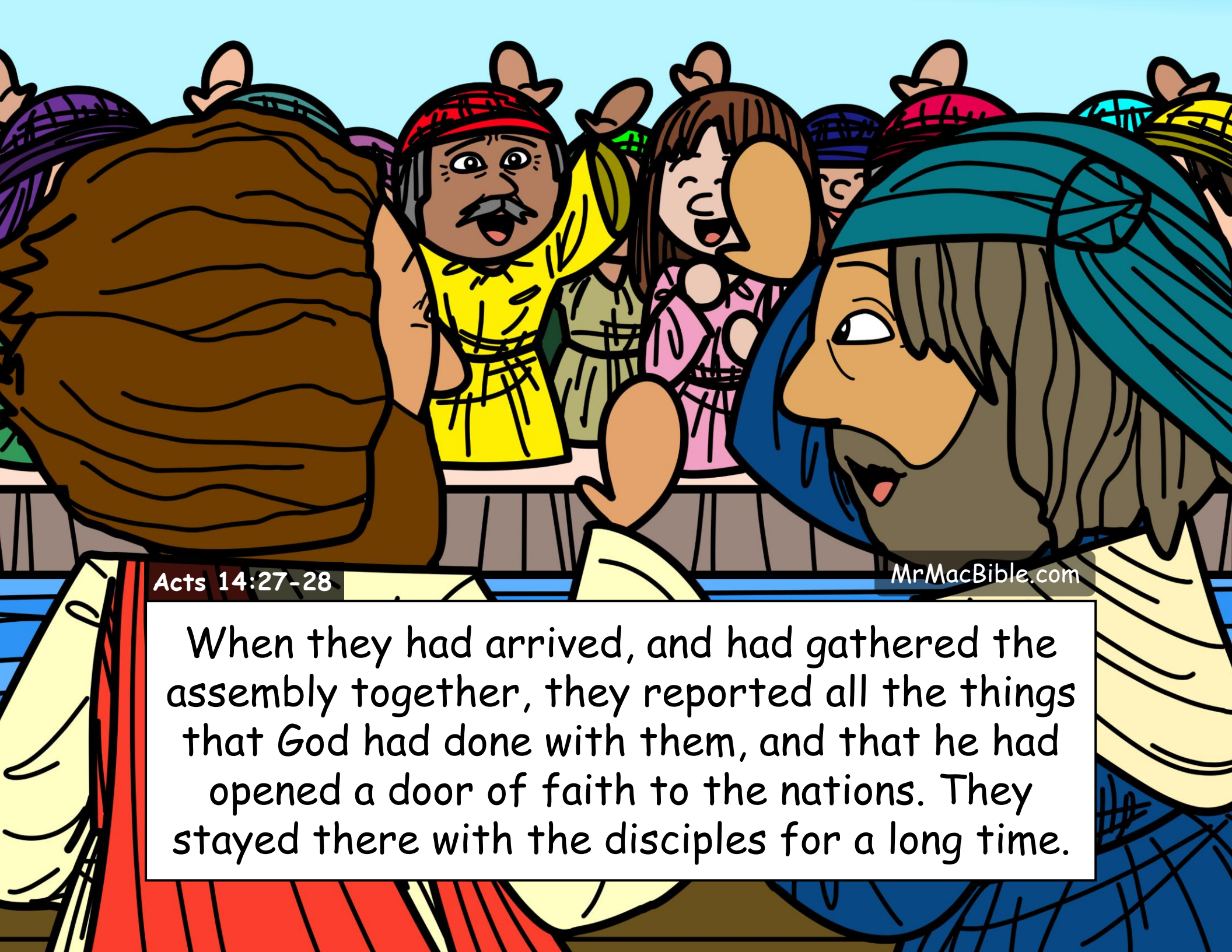
Acts 14:25

When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.



Acts 14:26

From there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled.



Acts 14:27-28

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When they had arrived, and had gathered the assembly together, they reported all the things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith to the nations. They stayed there with the disciples for a long time.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Write down at least one
name of a friend or family
member that you would like
to share the good-news of
Jesus with this year.

The Jewish Law

Acts 15:1-12

Background:

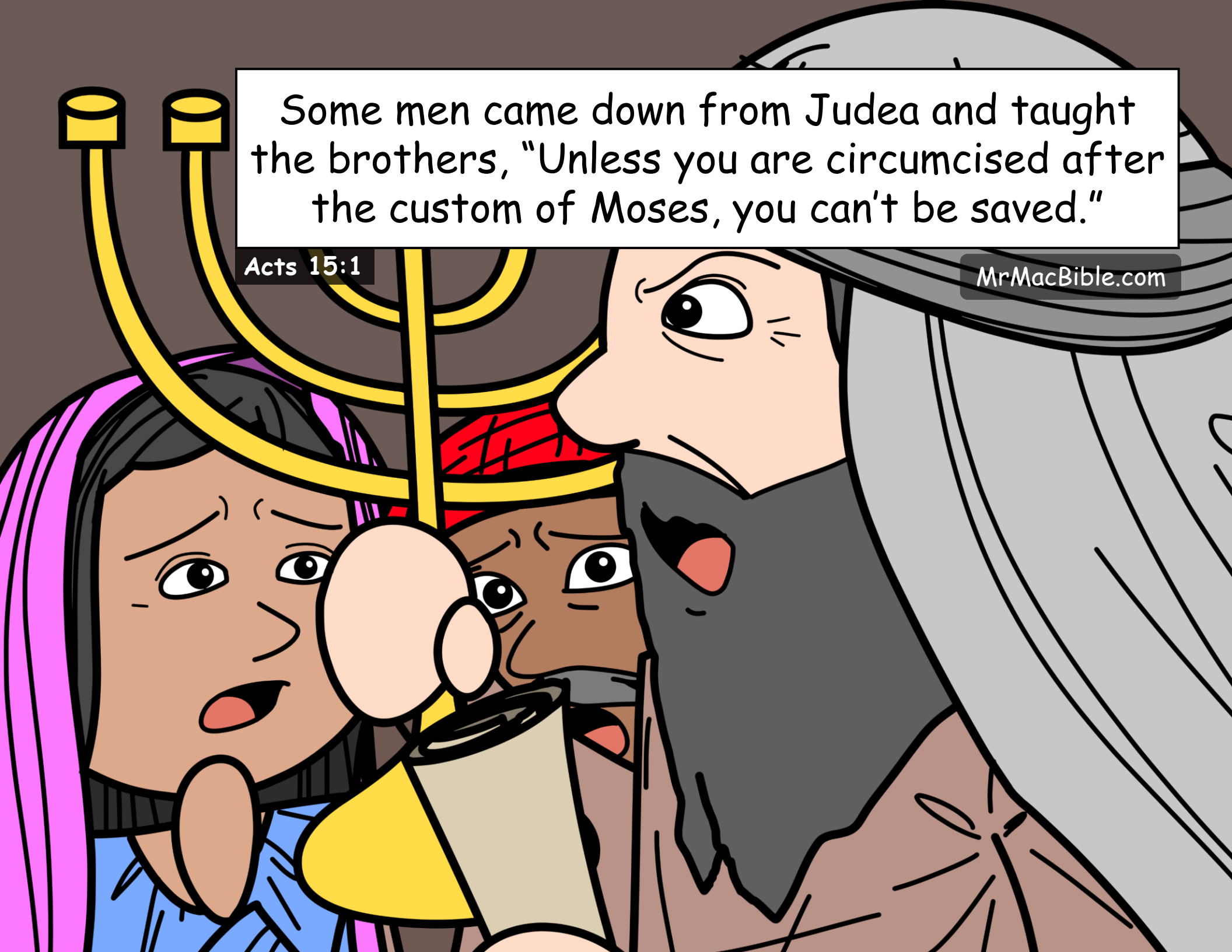
Some Jewish Christian leaders are teaching the non-Jewish Christians that they must become Jewish to be a Christian. What will the leaders of the church in Jerusalem say about this?

THE LAW

1. GET CIRCUMCISED

ABBATH

E LAW



Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised after the custom of Moses, you can't be saved."

Acts 15:1

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Acts 15:2

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Therefore when Paul and Barnabas had no small discord and discussion with them,



Acts 15:2

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...they appointed Paul and Barnabas, and some others of them, to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

Acts 15:3

They, being sent on their way by the assembly, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles. They caused great joy to all the brothers.

Acts 15:4

When they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the assembly and the apostles and the elders, and they reported everything that God had done with them.

But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

Acts 15:5

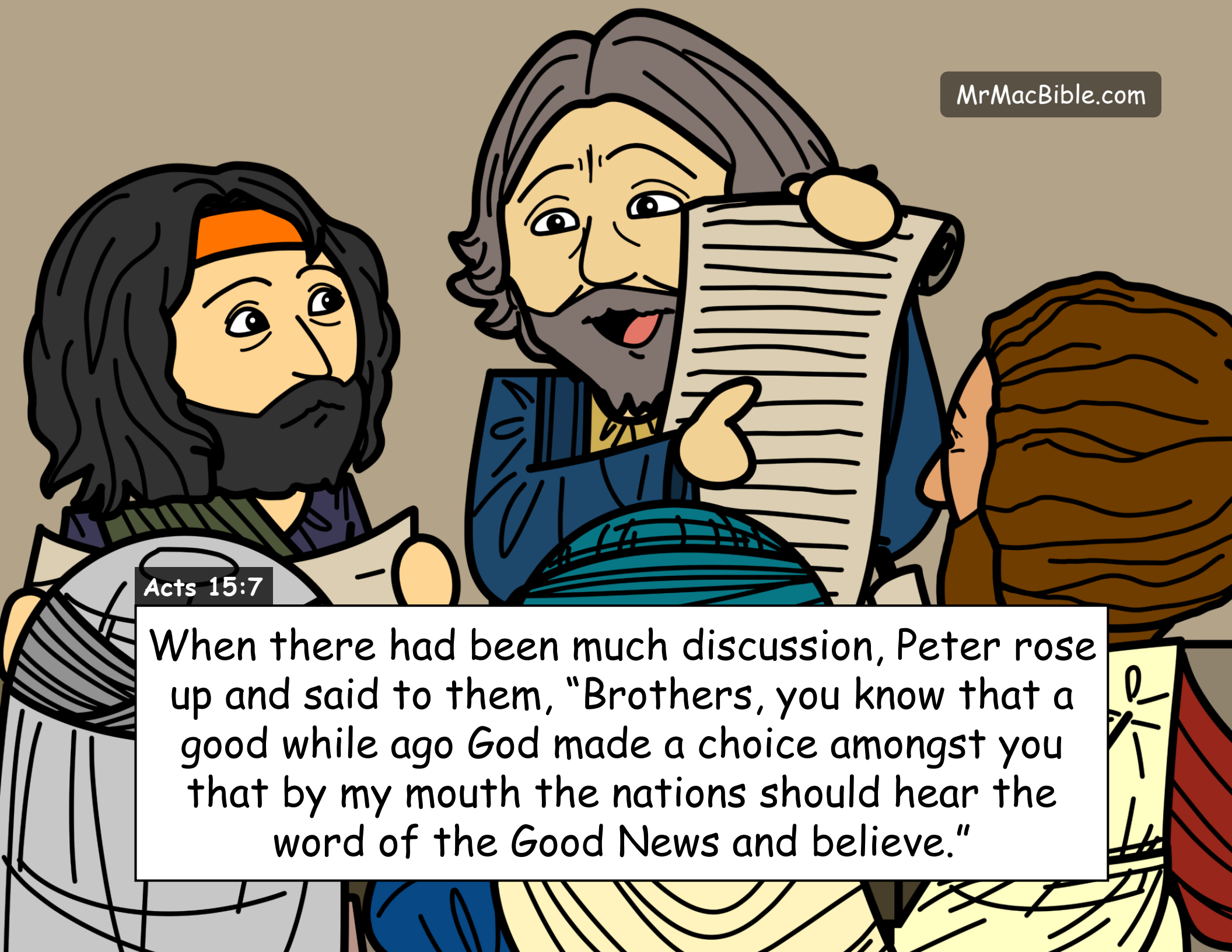
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THE NEW BELIEVERS
MUST CIRCUMCISE
TO FOLLOW JESUS

Acts 15:6

The apostles and the elders were gathered together to see about this matter.



Acts 15:7

When there had been much discussion, Peter rose up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that a good while ago God made a choice amongst you that by my mouth the nations should hear the word of the Good News and believe."

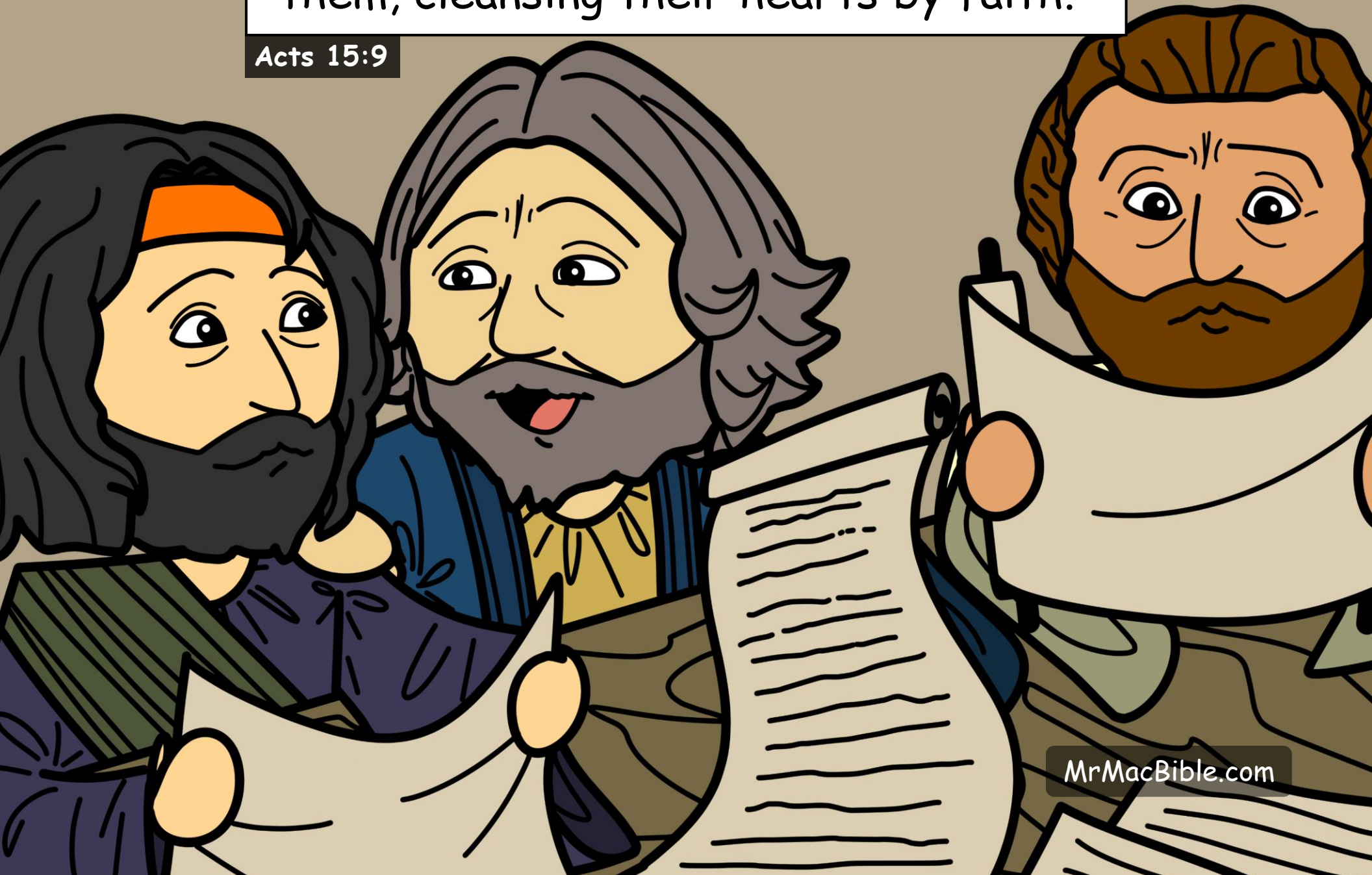


Acts 15:8

"God, who knows the heart, testified about them, giving them the Holy Spirit, just like he did to us."

"He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith."

Acts 15:9



"Now therefore why do you tempt God, that you should put a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?"

Acts 15:10





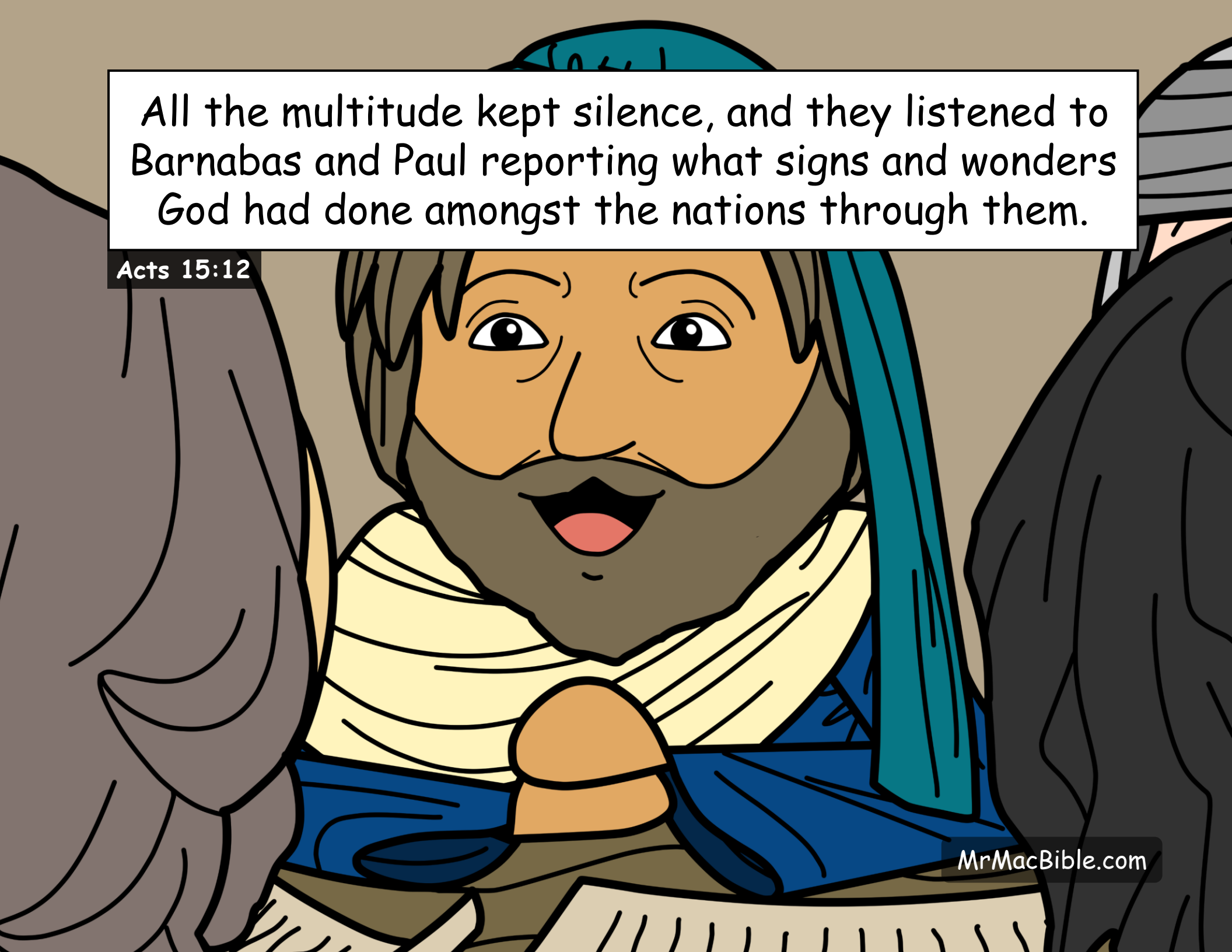
Acts 15:11

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"But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they are."

All the multitude kept silence, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul reporting what signs and wonders God had done amongst the nations through them.

Acts 15:12



THINK ABOUT IT...

**Which of the Jewish rules
or laws do you think all
Christians should follow?**

Three Christian Laws

Acts 15:13-35

1. NO IDOLS
2. NO BAD SEX
3. NO EATING BLOOD

Background:

Which of the Jewish rules will the church require all new Christians to follow?
(Hint: the list is shorter than you think!)

After they were silent, James answered, "Brothers, listen to me."

Acts 15:13

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Acts 15:14

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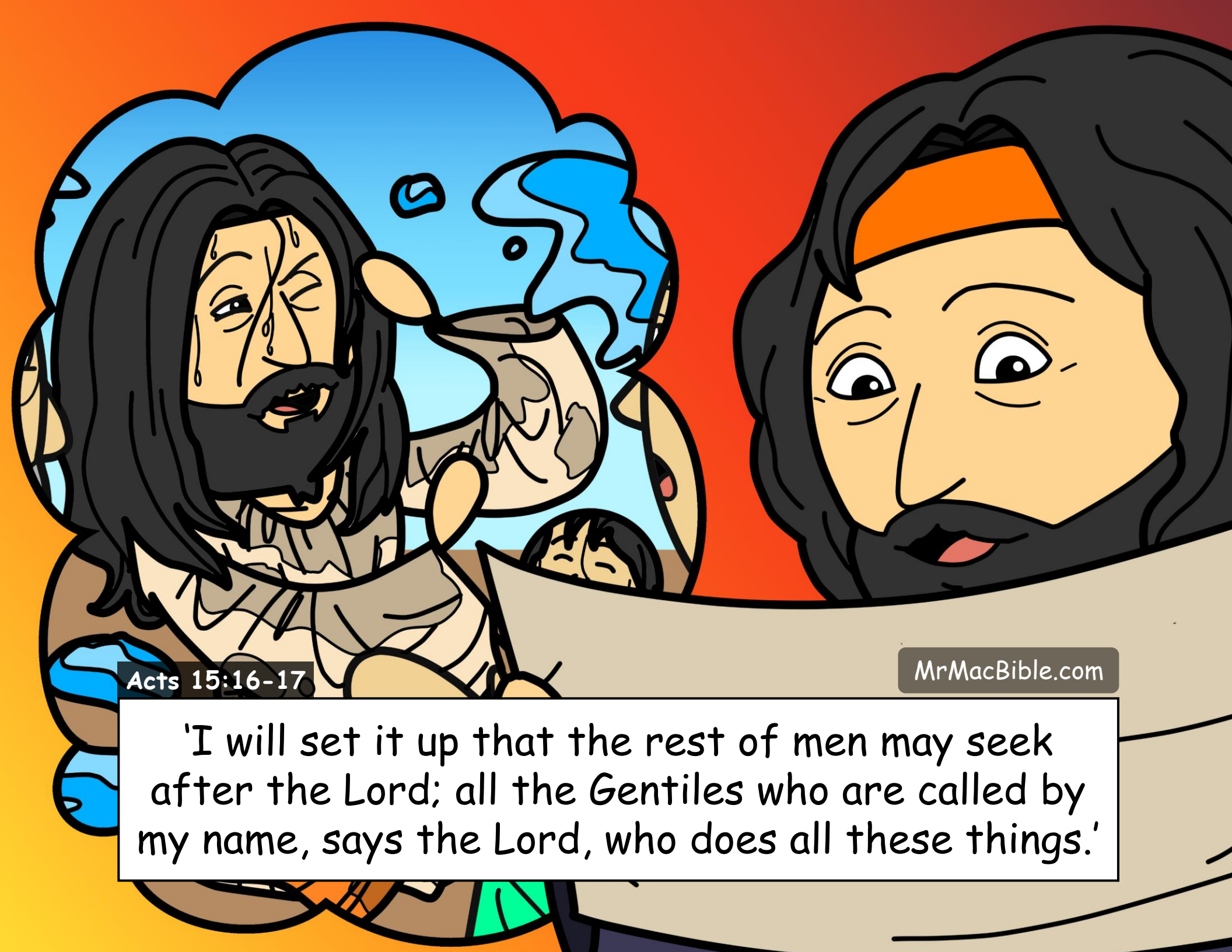
"Simeon has reported how God first visited the nations to take out of them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets."

As it is written, 'After these things I will return. I will again build the tabernacle of David, which has fallen. I will again build its ruins.'

Acts 10:15-16

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Acts 15:16-17

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'I will set it up that the rest of men may seek after the Lord; all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who does all these things.'



Acts 15:18

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"All of God's works are known to him from eternity."



"Therefore my judgement is that we don't trouble those from amongst the Gentiles who turn to God,

Acts 15:19-20

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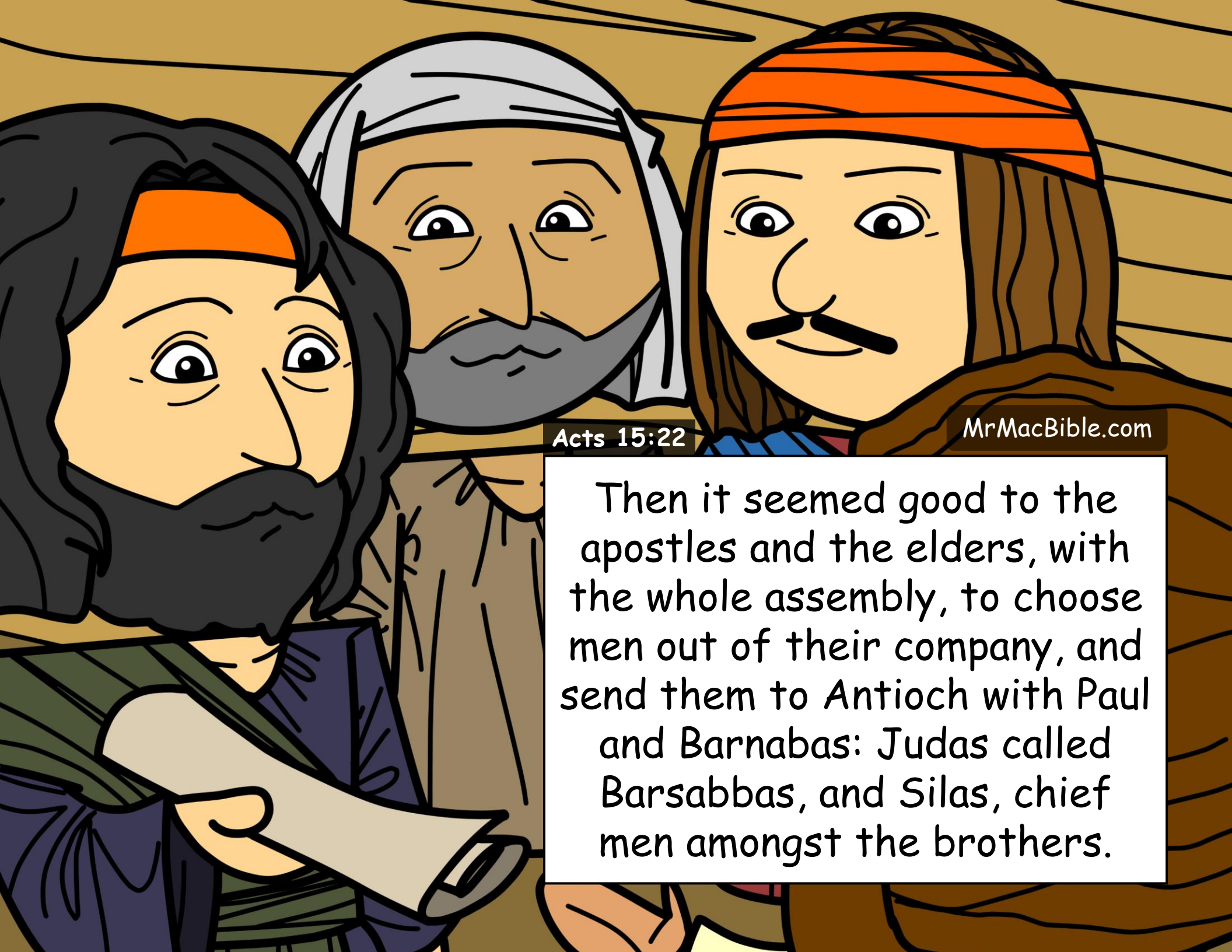
...but that we write to them that they abstain from the pollution of idols, from sexual immorality, from what is strangled, and from blood."

"For Moses from generations of old has in every city those who preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

Acts 15:21

THREE LAWS

1. NO IDOLS
2. NO BAD SEX
3. NO EATING BLOOD



Acts 15:22

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Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole assembly, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men amongst the brothers.

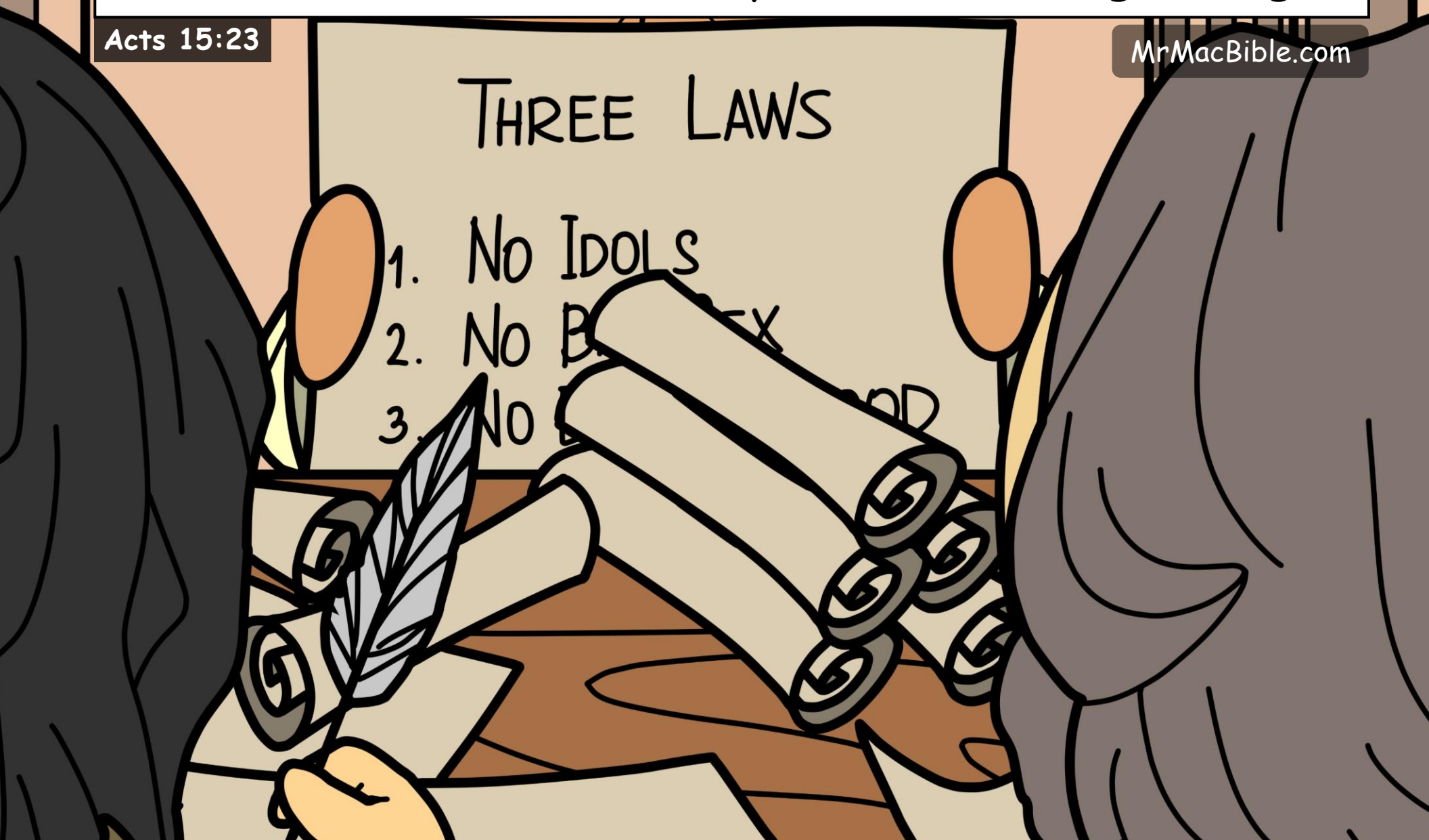
They wrote these things by their hand: "The apostles, the elders, and the brothers, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: greetings."

Acts 15:23

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THREE LAWS

1. NO IDOLS
2. NO BLOOD
3. NO STRANGERS



"Because we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, 'You must be circumcised and keep the law,' to whom we gave no commandment;"

Acts 15:24

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NO





Acts 15:25-26

"It seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ".

"We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves will also tell you the same things by word of mouth."

Acts 15:27



"For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay no greater burden on you than these necessary things:
...that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols..."

Acts 15:28

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Acts 15:29

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"...that you abstain from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality, from which if you keep yourselves, it will be well with you. Farewell."



Acts 15:30

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So, when they were sent off, they came to Antioch. Having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.



Acts 15:31

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When they had read it, they rejoiced over the encouragement.

A cartoon illustration of two men, Judas and Silas, from the Bible. Judas, on the left, has a grey beard and hair, and is wearing a grey robe. Silas, on the right, has brown hair and a mustache, and is wearing a blue robe under a red cloak. Both men have large, expressive eyes and are looking towards the right. A white text box is overlaid on the top of the image, containing the text: "Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged the brothers with many words and strengthened them." Below the text box, the reference "Acts 15:32" is written in white on a dark grey background. In the bottom right corner, the website "MrMacBible.com" is written in white on a dark grey background.

Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged the brothers with many words and strengthened them.

Acts 15:32



Acts 15:33

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After they had spent some time there, they were dismissed in peace from the brothers to the apostles.



Acts 15:35

But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

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THINK ABOUT IT...

Did you know that there were
3 Christian laws to follow?

Which one of the laws is the
biggest difficulty for us all?



The Break-up

Acts 15:36-41

Background:

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Paul and Barnabas are planning a trip to all of the places they recently visited. But, will they go together?



Acts 15:36

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After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's return now and visit our brothers in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing."

Barnabas planned to take John, who was called Mark, with them also.

Acts 15:37

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But Paul didn't think that it was a good idea to take with them someone who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia, and didn't go with them to do the work.

Acts 15:38

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Then the contention grew so sharp
that they separated from each other.

Acts 15:39





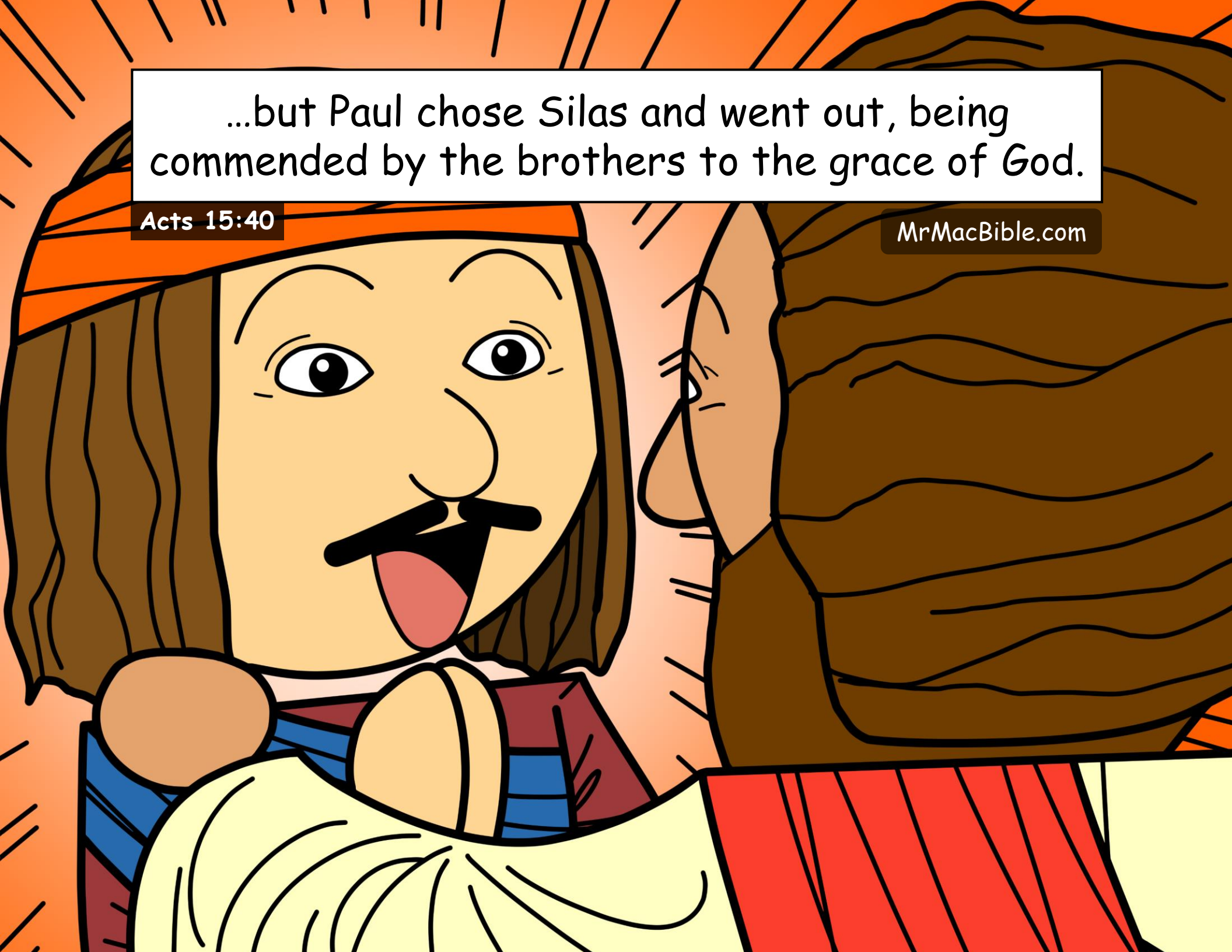
Barnabas took Mark with him
and sailed away to Cyprus,

Acts 15:39

...but Paul chose Silas and went out, being commended by the brothers to the grace of God.

Acts 15:40

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He went through Syria and Cilicia,
strengthening the assemblies.

Acts 15:41

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THINK ABOUT IT...

**Do you think Paul should
have let Mark come with
them on their trip?**



Come Help Us!
Acts 16:1-15

Background:

Paul, Silas and Timothy are trying to travel to new cities. But the doors keep closing. Until Paul has a mysterious vision at night...

Acts 16:1

He came to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess who believed; but his father was a Greek.



Acts 16:2

The brothers who were at Lystra and Iconium gave a good testimony about him.

Acts 16:3

Paul wanted to have him go out with him, and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts; for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:4

As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered the decrees to them to keep which had been ordained by the apostles and elders who were at Jerusalem.



Acts 16:5

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So the assemblies were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

When they had gone through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

Acts 16:6

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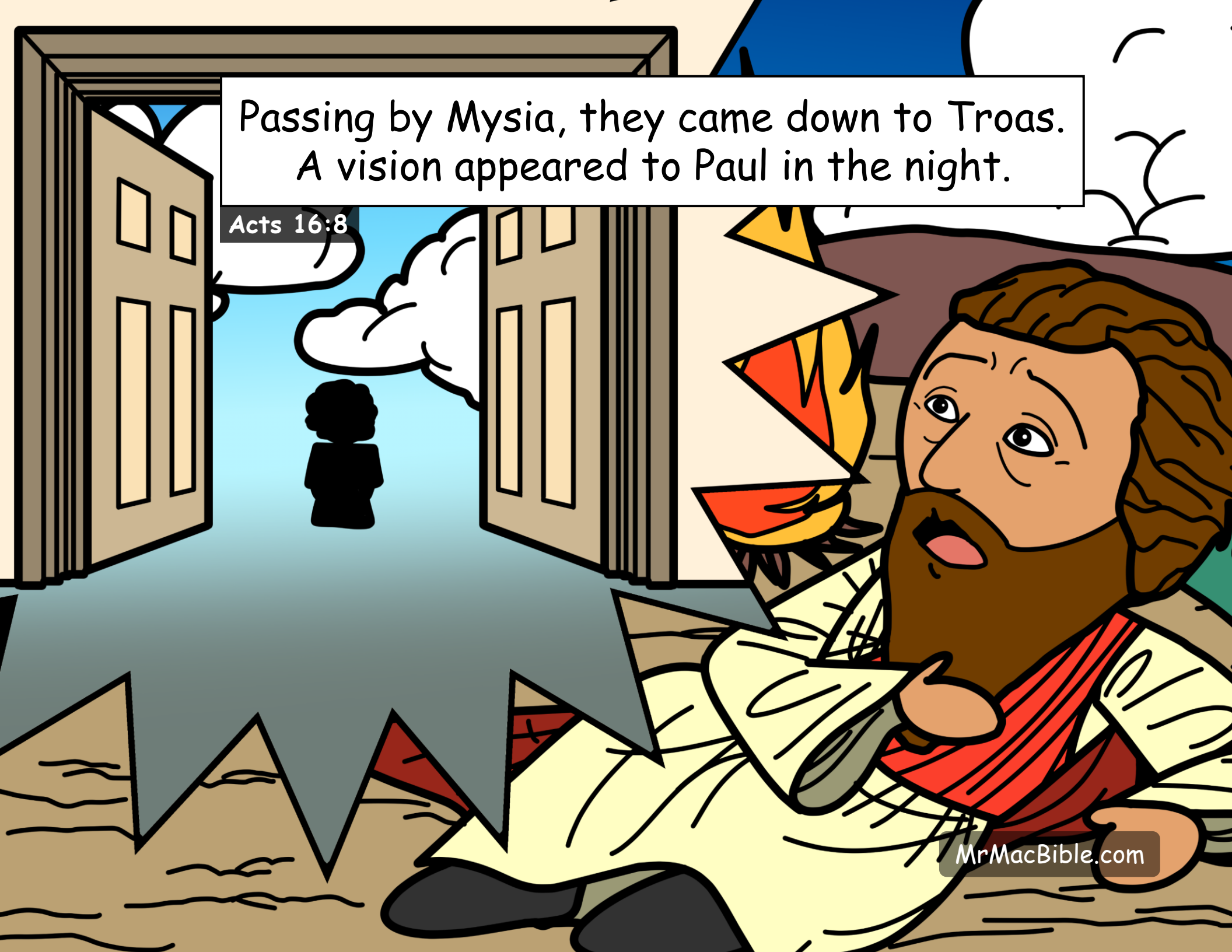
When they had come opposite Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit didn't allow them.

Acts 16:7



Passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.
A vision appeared to Paul in the night.

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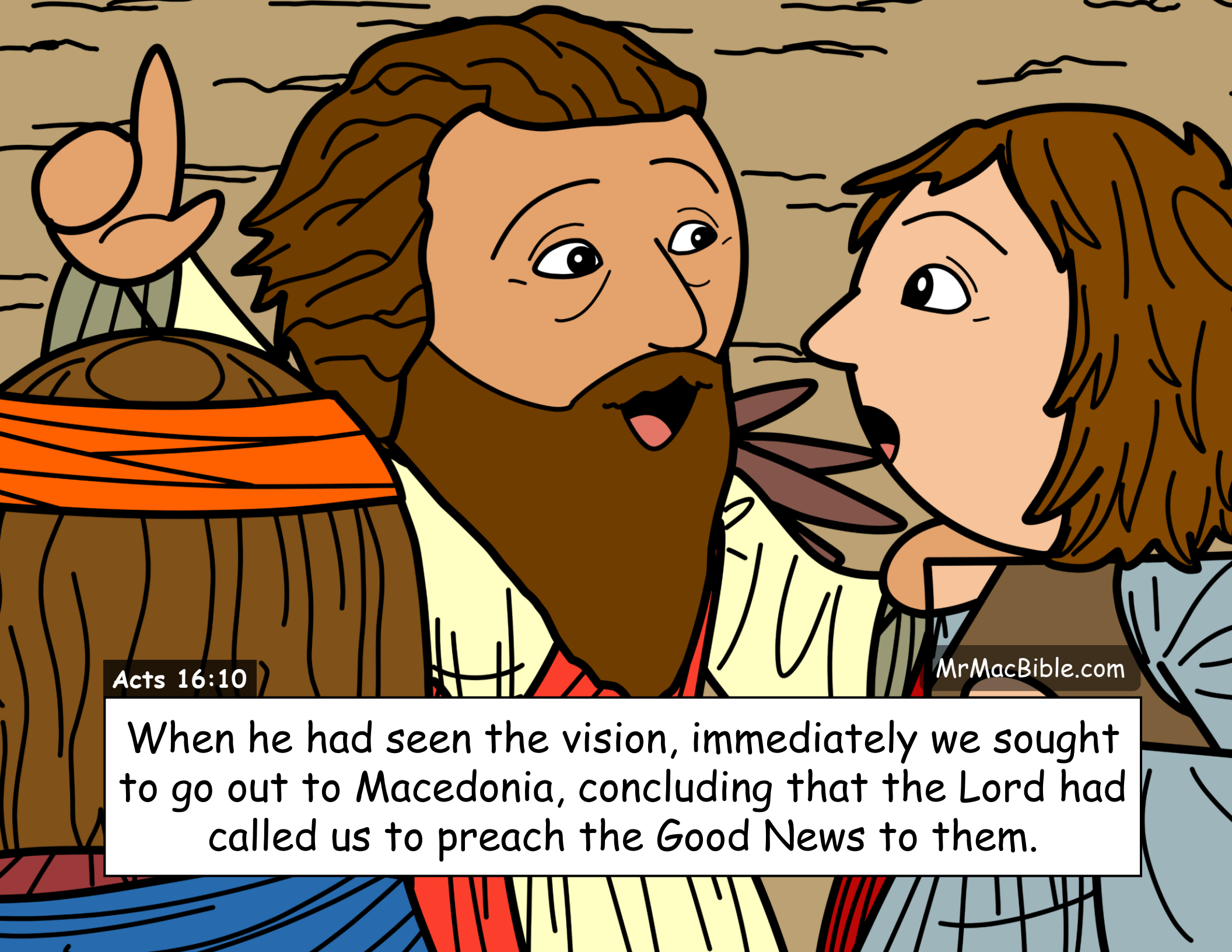




Acts 16:9

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There was a man of Macedonia standing, begging him, and saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."



Acts 16:10

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When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go out to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the Good News to them.

Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis;

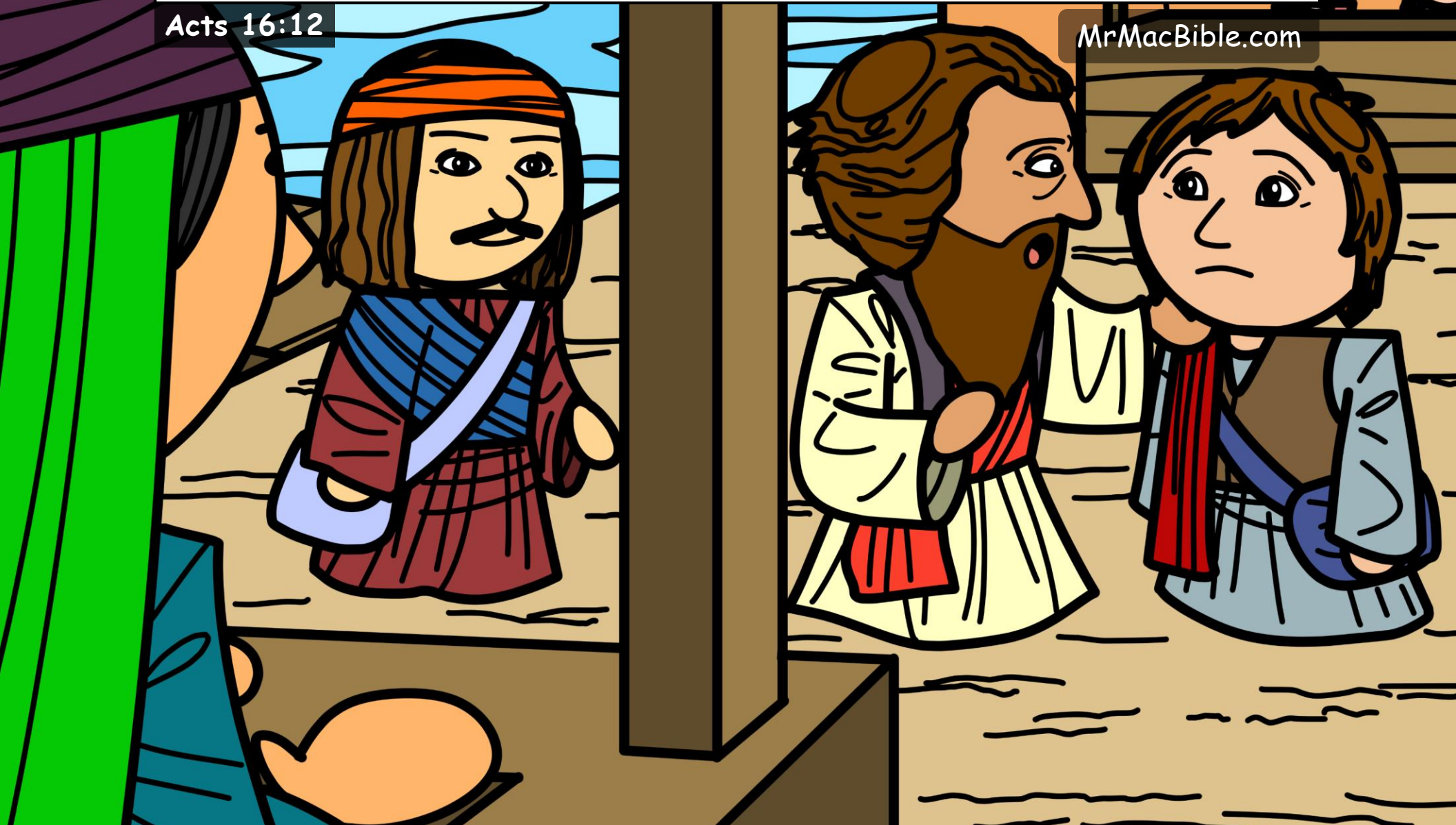
Acts 16:11



...and from there to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the foremost of the district, a Roman colony. We were staying some days in this city.

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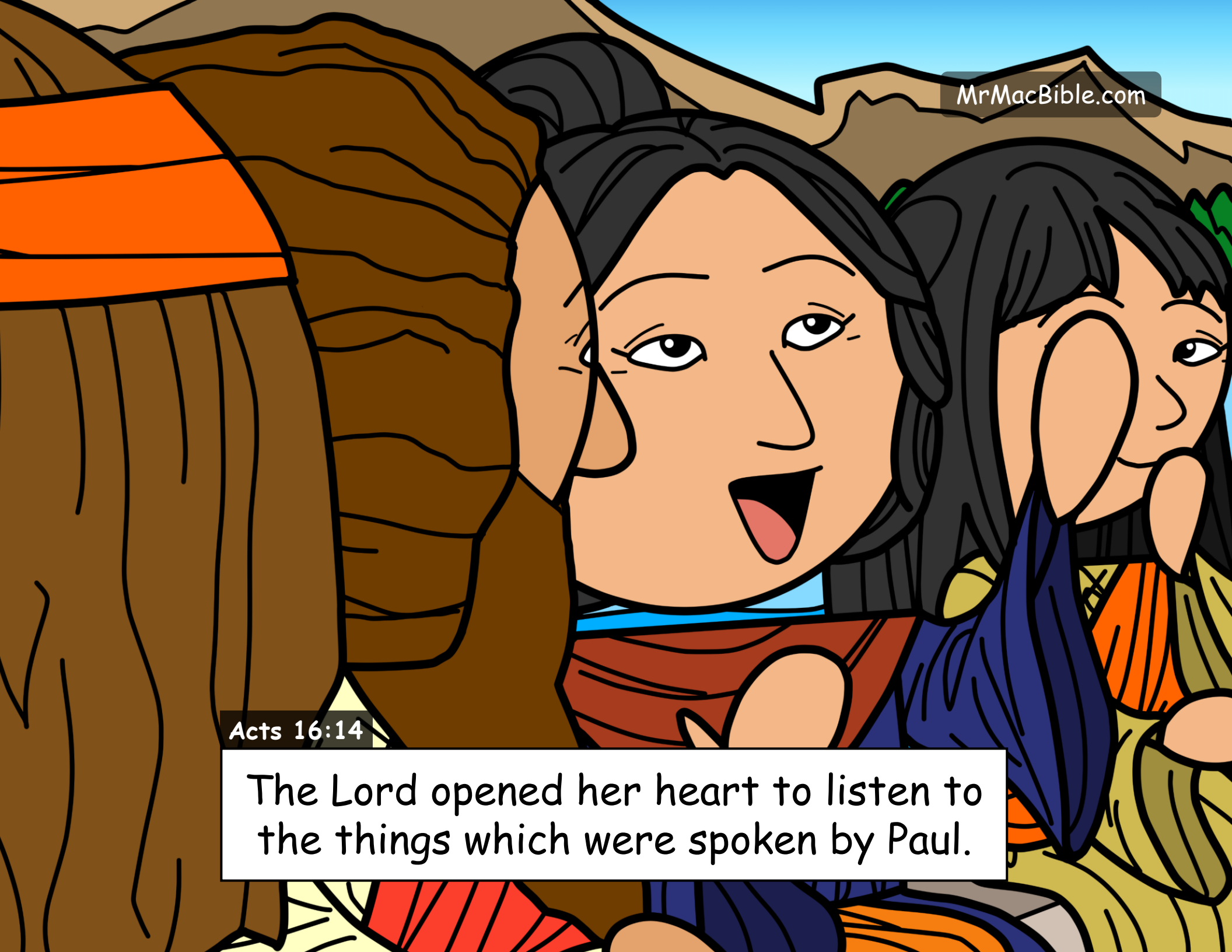
On the Sabbath day we went outside of the city by a riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

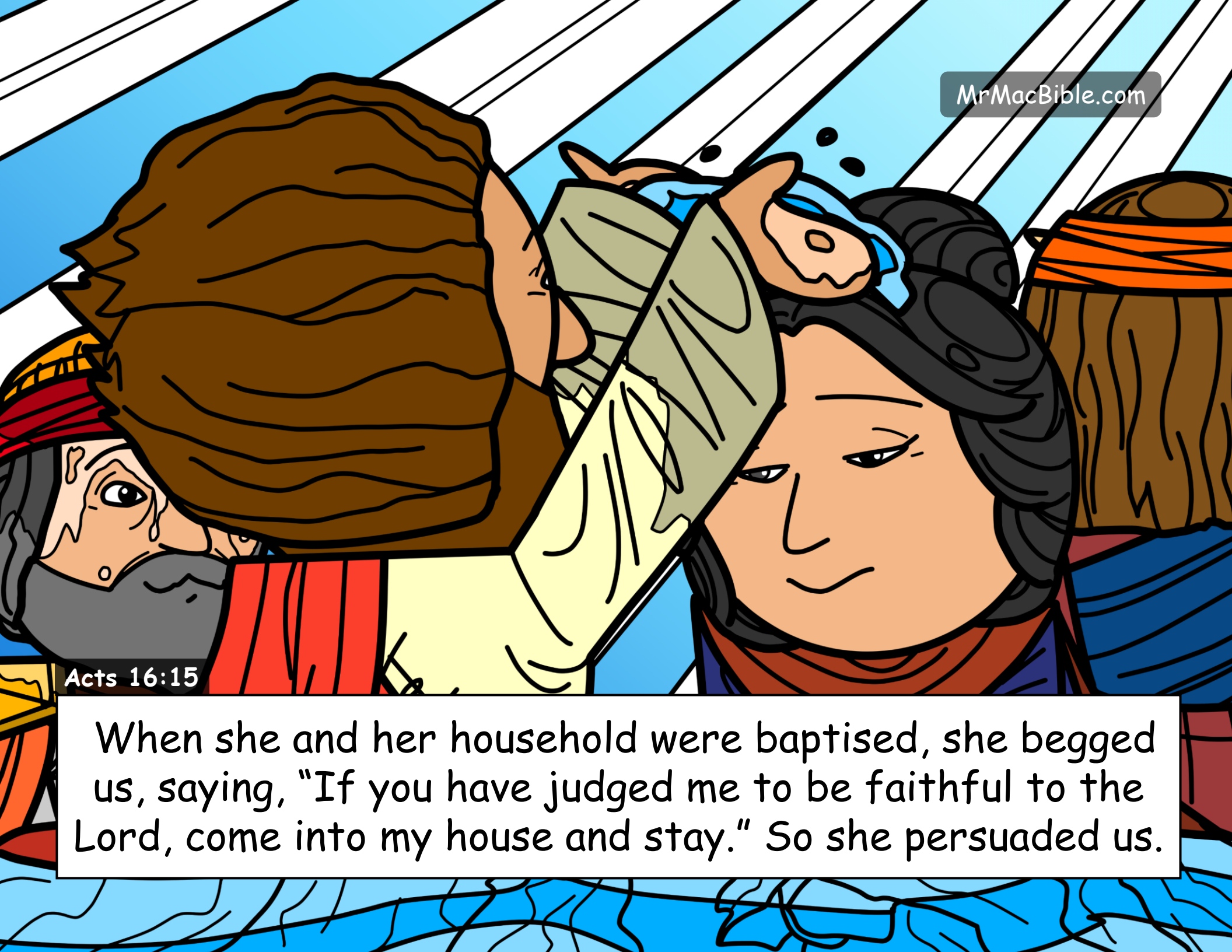
Acts 16:14

A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one who worshipped God, heard us.

Acts 16:14

The Lord opened her heart to listen to the things which were spoken by Paul.





Acts 16:15

When she and her household were baptised, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If you could travel to anyplace
in the world to share the love
and message of Jesus, where
would you want to go most?

Philippian Jail

Acts 16:16-32

Background:

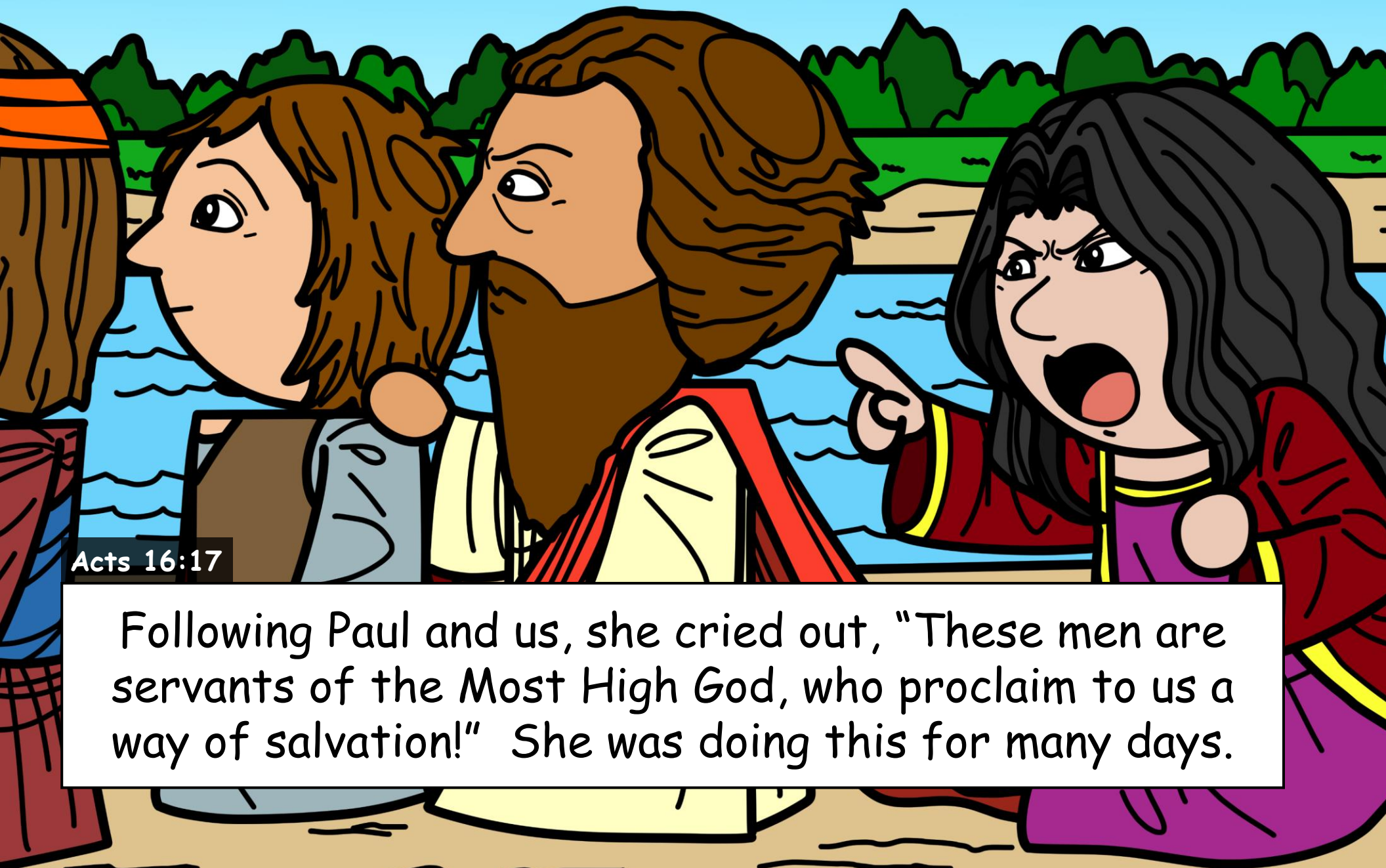
Paul, Silas and Timothy are sharing the gospel in the Roman port city of Phillipi, Greece when a young female fortune-teller sorceress who is processed by a devil starts screaming at them!



Acts 16:16

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As we were going to prayer, a certain girl having a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much gain by fortune telling.



Acts 16:17

Following Paul and us, she cried out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us a way of salvation!" She was doing this for many days.

Acts 16:18

But Paul, becoming greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!"





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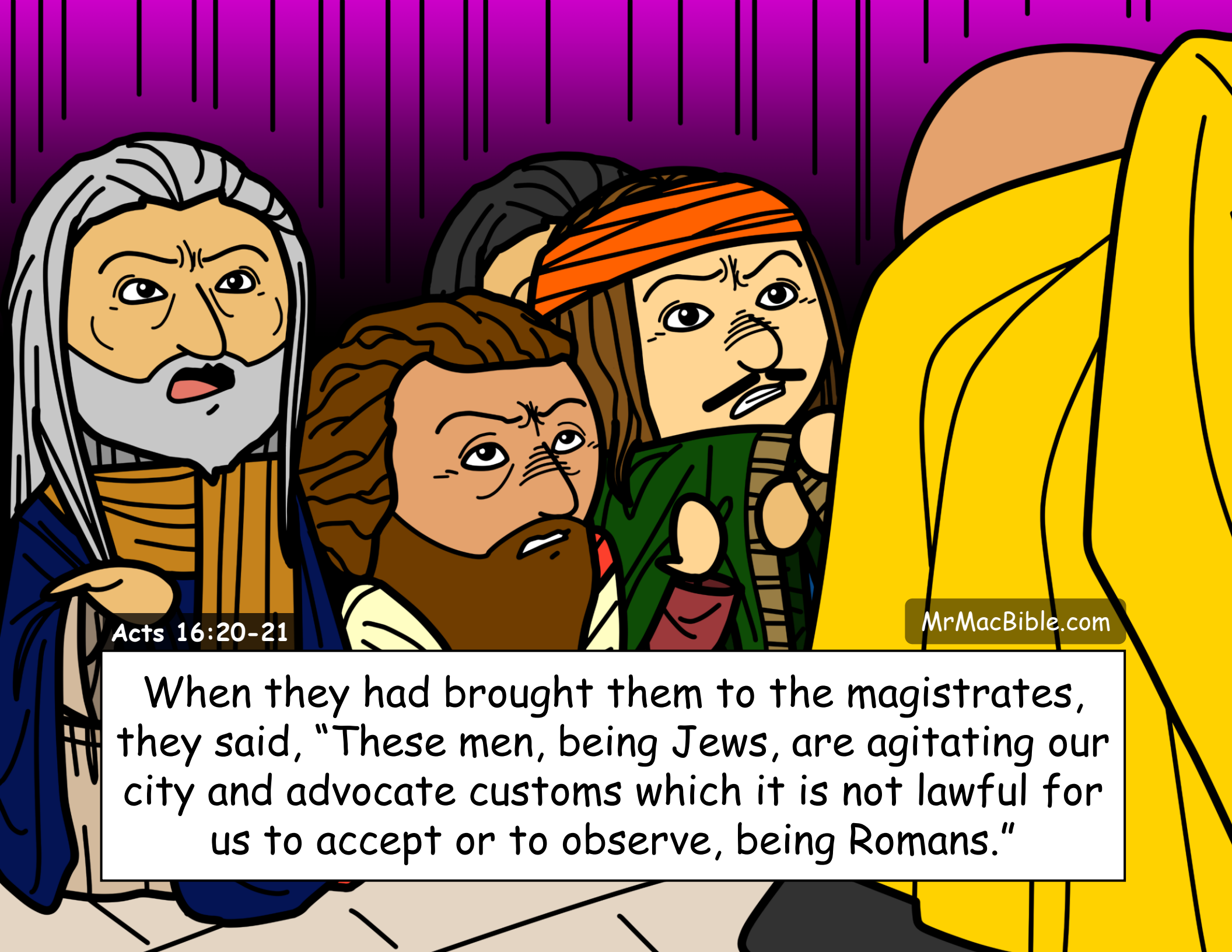
It came out that very hour.



Acts 16:19

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But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.



Acts 16:20-21

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When they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men, being Jews, are agitating our city and advocate customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans."



Acts 16:22

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The multitude rose up together against them and the magistrates tore their clothes from them, then commanded them to be beaten with rods.



Acts 16:23

When they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely,



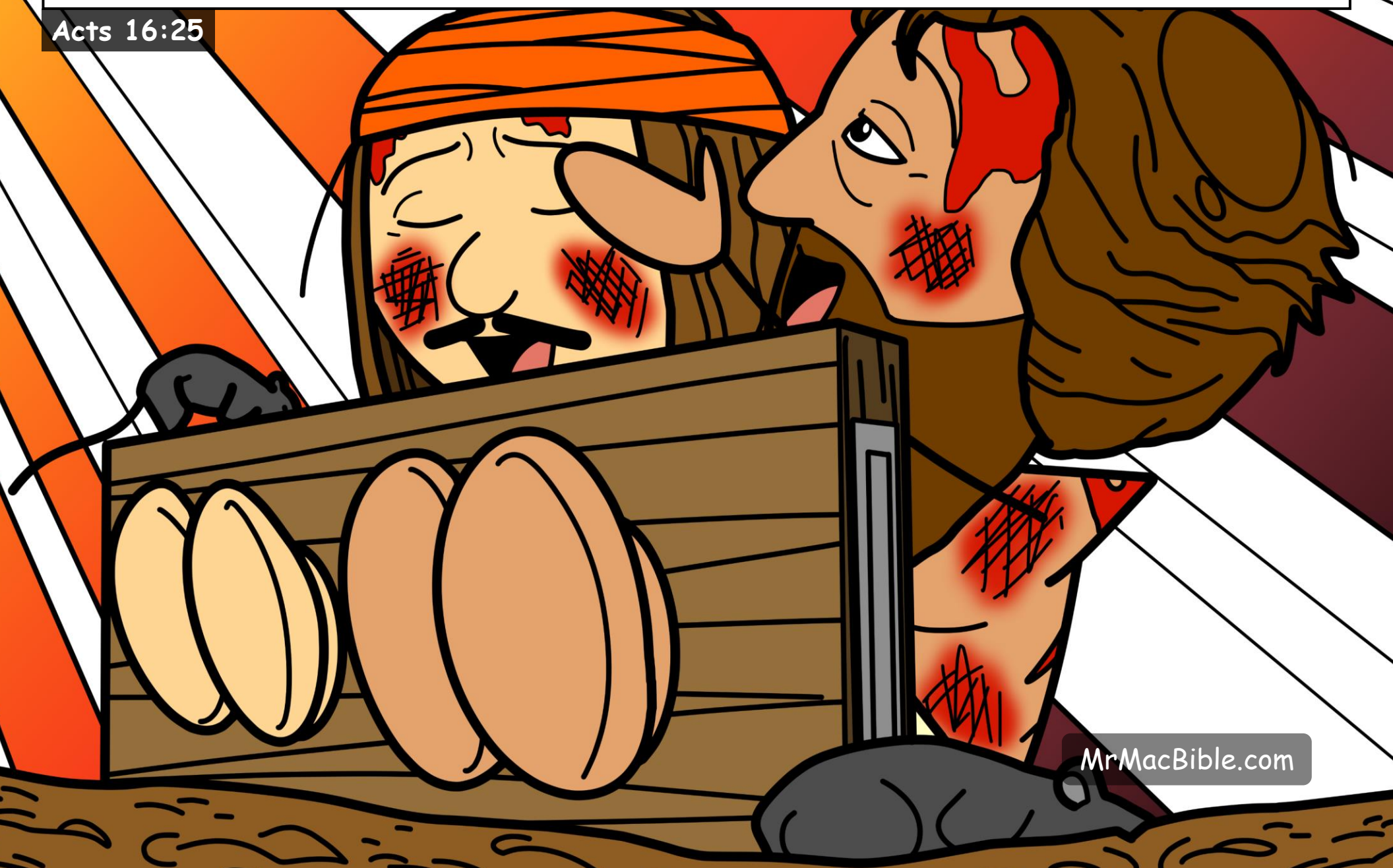
Acts 16:24

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...who [the jailer], having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and secured their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Acts 16:25



Acts 16:26

Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken;



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...and immediately all the doors were opened,
and everyone's bonds were loosened.



Acts 16:27

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The jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

Acts 16:28

But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying,
"Don't harm yourself, for we are all here!"





Acts 16:29

He called for lights, sprang in, fell
down trembling before Paul and Silas,

Acts 16:30

[The jailer] brought them out, and said,
"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"






Acts 16:31

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They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

THINK ABOUT IT...

If you were beat-up and in jail for helping someone, or for sharing the message of Jesus, what favorite song would you sing to God late at night?



Released?

Acts 16:32-17:9

Background:

After the miracle earthquake at the jail, Paul and Silas are bandaged up and fed at the jailer's house. Until there is a knock at the door... the soldiers are back!



Acts 16:32

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They spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house.



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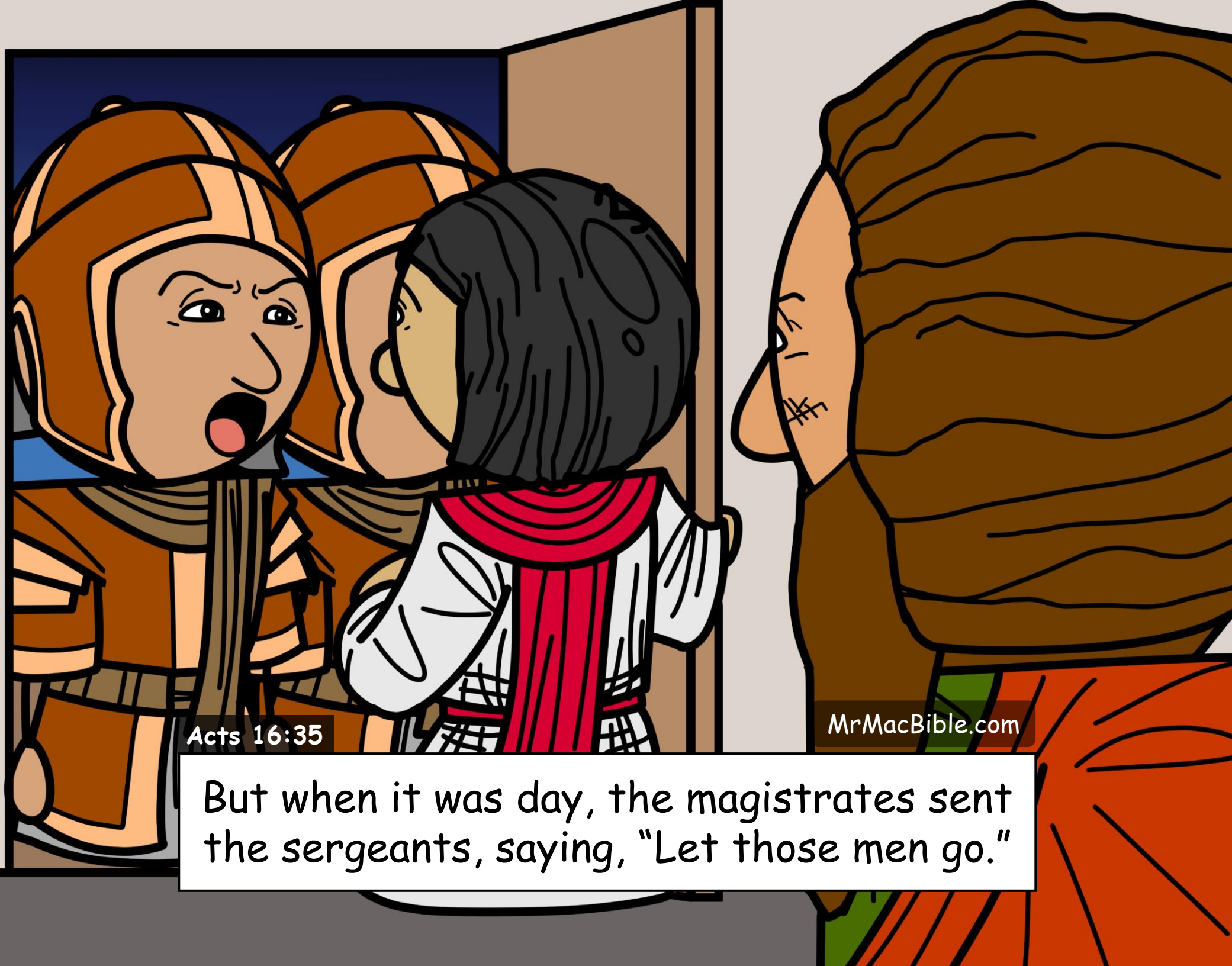
He took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes, and was immediately baptised, he and all his household.



Acts 16:34

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He brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his household, having believed in God.



Acts 16:35

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But when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, "Let those men go."



Acts 16:36

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The jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go; now therefore come out and go in peace."



Acts 16:37

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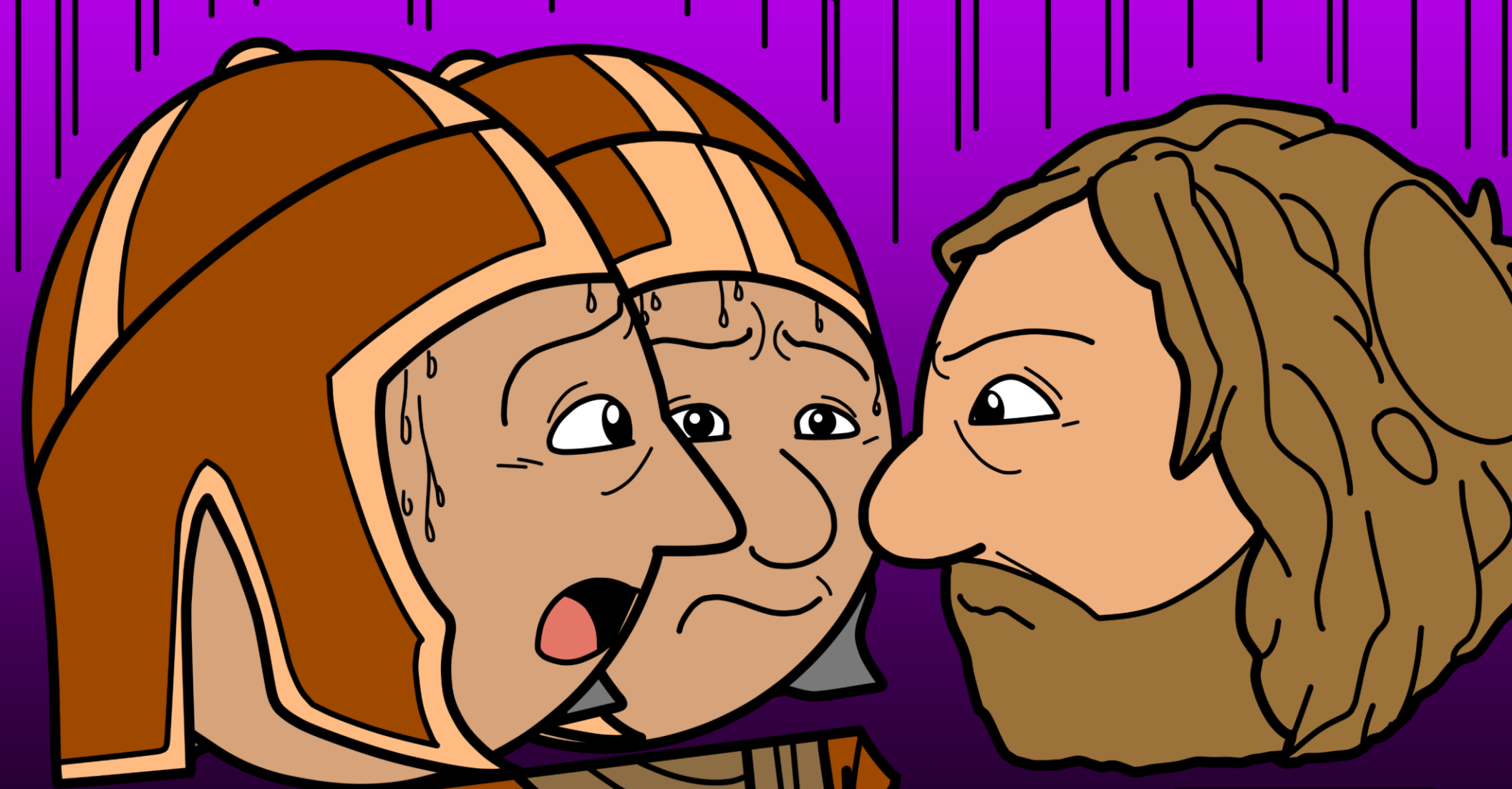
But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly without a trial, men who are Romans, and have cast us into prison!"



Acts 16:37

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"Do they now release us secretly? No, most certainly, but let them come themselves and bring us out!"



Acts 16:38

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The sergeants reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans, and they came and begged them.



Acts 16:39

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When they had brought them out, they asked them to depart from the city.



Acts 16:40

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They went out of the prison,
and entered into Lydia's house.



Acts 16:40

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When they had seen the brothers,
they encouraged them, then departed.



Acts 17:1

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Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.



Acts 17:2

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Paul, as was his custom, went in to them,
and for three Sabbath days reasoned
with them from the Scriptures,



Acts 17:3

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...Explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."



Acts 17:5

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Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and not a few of the chief women.



Acts 17:3

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But the unpersuaded Jews took along some wicked men from the marketplace, and gathering a crowd, set the city in an uproar.

Assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them out to the people.

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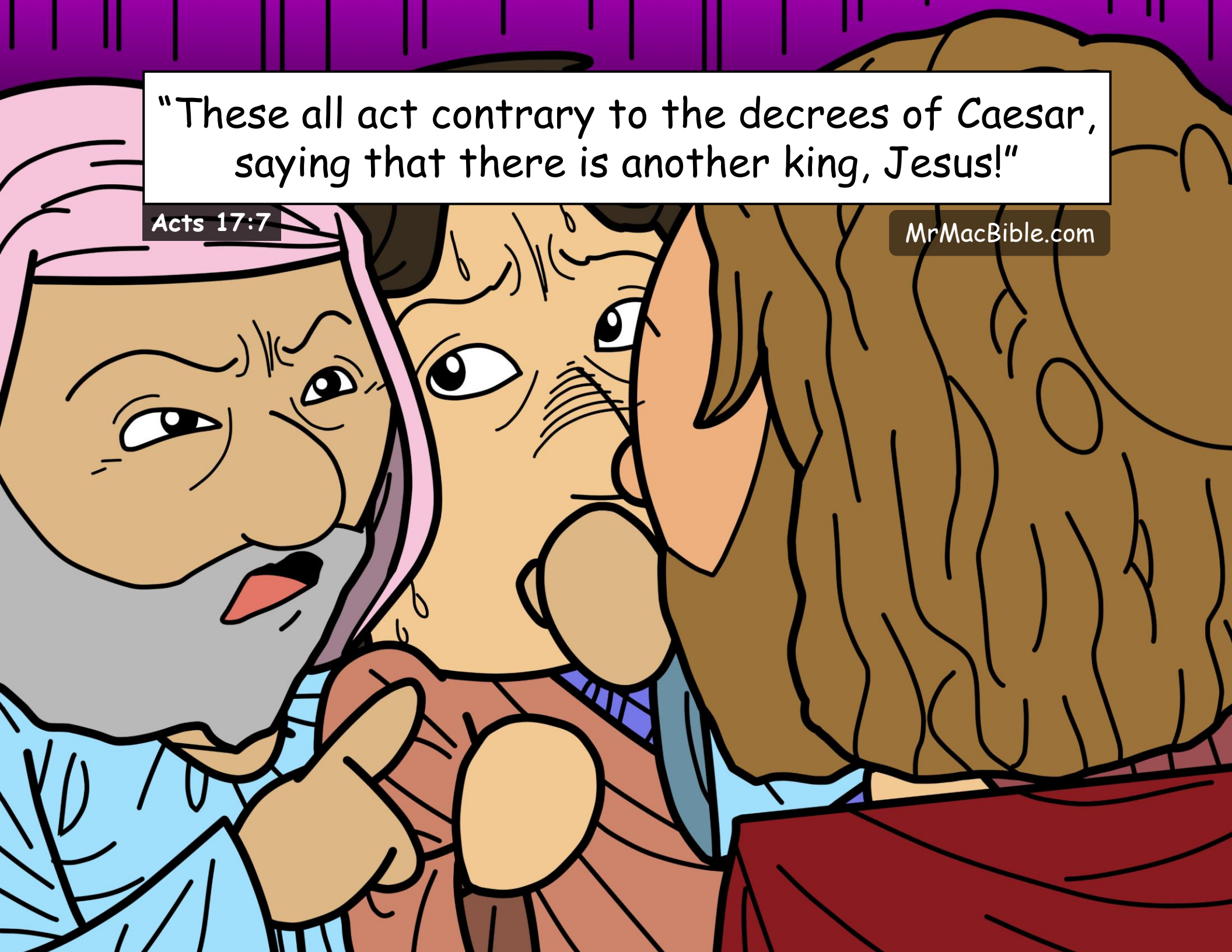
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When they didn't find them, they dragged Jason and certain brothers before the rulers of the city, crying, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here also, whom Jason has received."

"These all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar,
saying that there is another king, Jesus!"

Acts 17:7

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Acts 17:8

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The multitude and the rulers of the city were troubled when they heard these things.

When they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Acts 17:9

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THINK ABOUT IT...

What did God do to show the jailer and his family His love, His power, and the truth of Paul's message?



To Athens!

Acts 17:10-21

Background:

Paul is sent secretly to hide and recover in the big city of Athens... But, Paul is not very good at hiding... is he? (lol)



Acts 17:10

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The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Beroea [Berea].

When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue.

Acts 17:9

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Acts 17:11

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Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Many of them therefore believed; also of the prominent Greek women, and not a few men.

Acts 17:12

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Acts 17:13

But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Beroea also, they came there likewise, agitating the multitudes.

Then the brothers immediately sent out Paul to go as far as to the sea, and Silas and Timothy still stayed there.

Acts 17:14

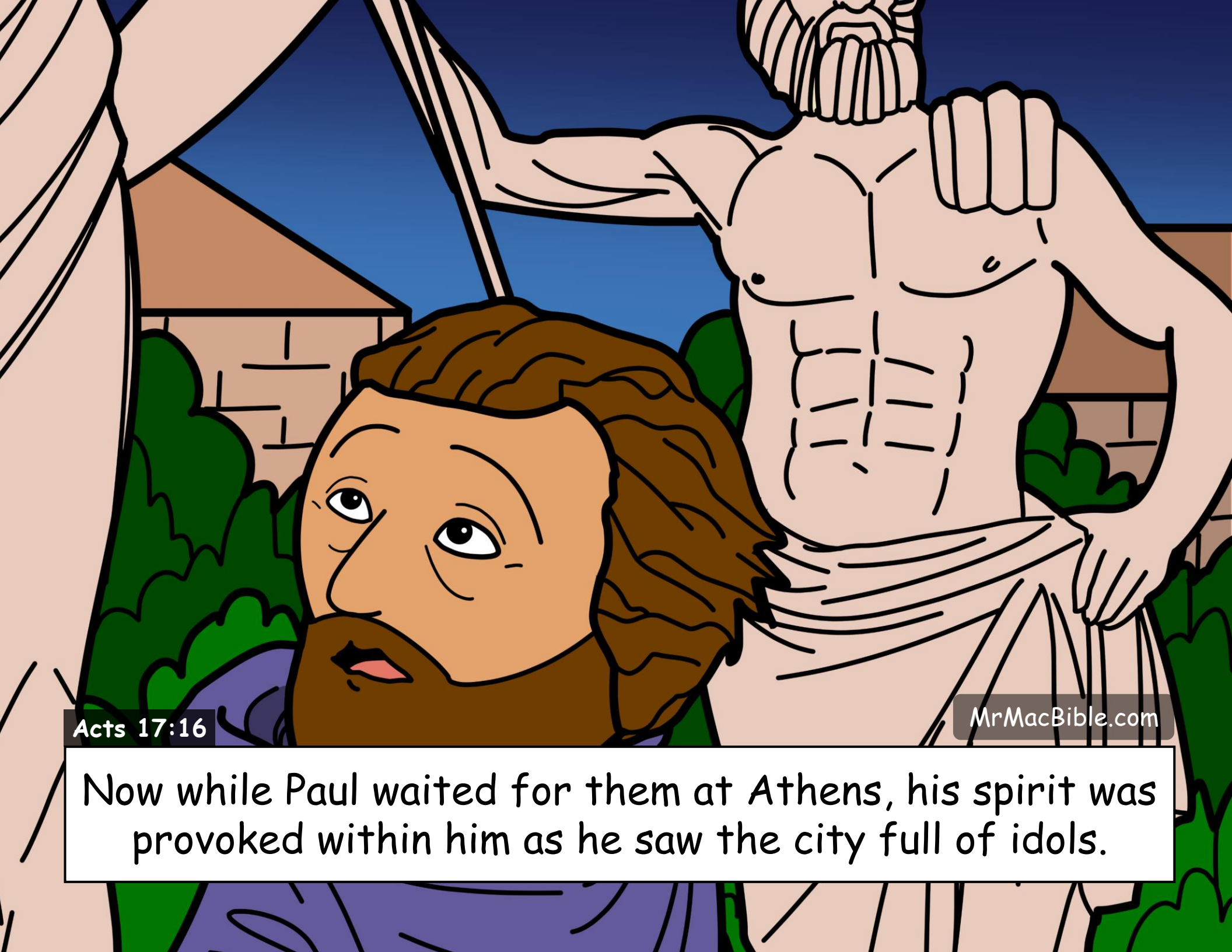
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Acts 17:15

But those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens.



Acts 17:16

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Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw the city full of idols.



Acts 17:17

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So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who met him.

Acts 17:18

Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also were conversing with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?"

Acts 17:18

Others said, "He seems to be advocating foreign deities," because he preached Jesus and the resurrection.





TO AN UNKNOWN GOD

Acts 17:19

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They took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is, which you are speaking about?"




"For you bring certain strange things to our ears..."

Acts 17:20

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"We want to know therefore what these things mean."

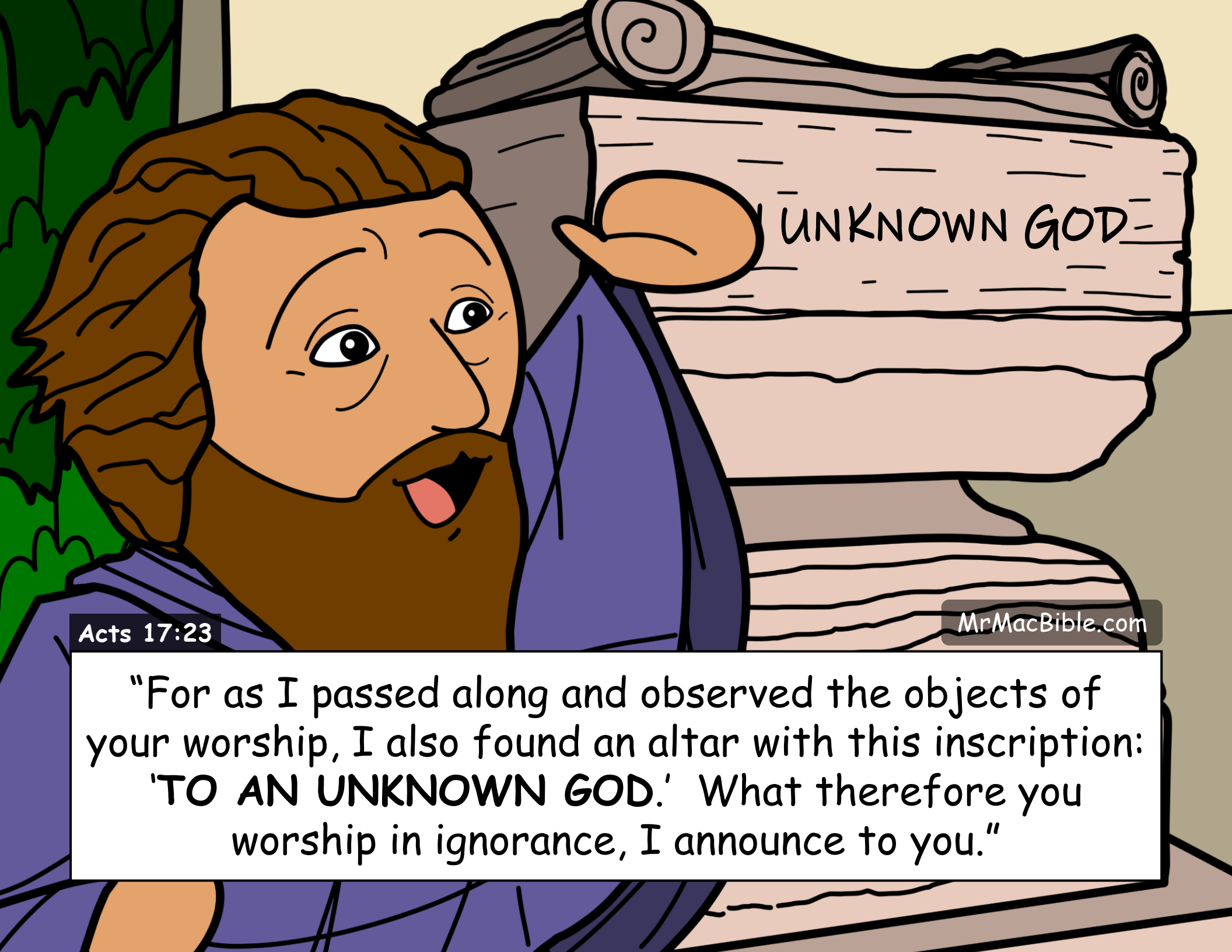


Now all the Athenians and the strangers living there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

Acts 17:21-22

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Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus, and said, "You men of Athens, I perceive that you are very religious in all things."



Acts 17:23

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"For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription: **'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.'** What therefore you worship in ignorance, I announce to you."

BIBLE: Acts 13:13-23

13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem.

14 But they, passing on from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia. They went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

15 After the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, speak."

16 Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen.

17 The God of this people* chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they stayed as aliens in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm, he led them out of it.

18 For a period of about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.

19 When he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years.

20 After these things, he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

21 Afterward they asked for a king, and God gave to them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

22 When he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, to whom he also testified, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

23 From this man's offspring, God has brought salvation to Israel...

Acts 13:23-34 ...according to his promise, 24 before his coming, when John had first preached the baptism of repentance to Israel.

25 As John was fulfilling his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. But behold, one comes after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

26 Brothers, children of the stock of Abraham, and those amongst you who fear God, the word of this salvation is sent out to you.

27 For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they didn't know him, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.

28 Though they found no cause for death, they still asked Pilate to have him killed.

29 When they had fulfilled all things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb.

30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 and he was seen for many days by those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people.

32 We bring you good news of the promise made to the fathers,

33 that God has fulfilled this to us, their children, in that he raised up Jesus.

As it is also written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son. Today I have become your father.'

34 "Concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he has spoken thus:

'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.'

Acts 13:35-46 35

Therefore he says also in another psalm, 'You will not allow your Holy One to see decay.'

36 For David, after he had in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell asleep, was laid with his fathers, and saw decay.

37 But he whom God raised up saw no decay. 38 Be it known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man is proclaimed to you remission of sins,

39 and by him everyone who believes is justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come on you which is spoken in the prophets:

41 'Behold, you scoffers, and wonder, and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which you

...will in no way believe, if one declares it to you.' "

42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

43 Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44 The next Sabbath, almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and blasphemed.

46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, and said, "It was necessary...

Acts 13:46-14:5 46 that God's word should be spoken to you first. Since indeed you thrust it from yourselves, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so has the Lord commanded us, saying, 'I have set you as a light for the Gentiles, that you should bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.' "

48 As the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of God. As many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

49 The Lord's word was spread abroad throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out of their borders.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

52 The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

14:1 In Iconium, they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up and embittered the souls of the Gentiles against the brothers.

3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided. Part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5 When some of both the Gentiles and the Jews, with their rulers, ...

Acts 14:5-16 5 ...made a violent attempt to mistreat and stone them, 6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, Derbe, and the surrounding region.

7 There they preached the Good News.

8 At Lystra a certain man sat, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked.

9 He was listening to Paul speaking, who, fastening eyes on him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole,

10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet!" He leapt up and walked.

11 When the multitude saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the language of Lycaonia, "The gods have come down

...to us in the likeness of men!"

12 They called Barnabas "Jupiter", and Paul "Mercury", because he was the chief speaker.

13 The priest of Jupiter, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and would have made a sacrifice along with the multitudes.

14 But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they tore their clothes, and sprang into the multitude, crying out,

15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

16 who in the generations gone by allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways.

Acts 14:17-27 17 Yet he didn't leave himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you t rains from the sky and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

18 Even saying these things, they hardly stopped the multitudes from making a sacrifice to them.

19 But some Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there, and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

20 But as the disciples stood around him, he rose up, and entered into the city. On the next day he went out with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 When they had preached the Good News to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many afflictions we must enter into God's Kingdom.

23 When they had appointed elders for them in every assembly, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed.

24 They passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia.

25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled.

27 When they had arrived, and had gathered the assembly together, they reported all the things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith to the nations.

Acts 14:28-15:8 28 They stayed there with the disciples for a long time.

15:1 Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised after the custom of Moses, you can't be saved."

2 Therefore when Paul and Barnabas had no small discord and discussion with them, they appointed Paul and Barnabas, and some others of them, to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

3 They, being sent on their way by the assembly, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles. They caused great joy to all the brothers.

4 When they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the assembly and the apostles and

...the elders, and they reported everything that God had done with them.

5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to see about this matter.

7 When there had been much discussion, Peter rose up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that a good while ago God made a choice amongst you that by my mouth the nations should hear the word of the Good News and believe.

8 God, who knows the heart, testified about them, giving them the Holy Spirit, just like he did to us."

Acts 15:9-21 9 "He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why do you tempt God, that you should put a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they are."

12 All the multitude kept silence, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul reporting what signs and wonders God had done amongst the nations through them.

13 After they were silent, James answered, "Brothers, listen to me.

14 Simeon has reported how God first visited the nations to take out of them a people for his name.

15 This agrees with the words of

...the prophets. As it is written,

16 'After these things I will return. I will again build the tabernacle of David, which has fallen.

I will again build its ruins. I will set it up 17 that the rest of men may seek after the Lord; all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who does all these things.'

18 "All of God's works are known to him from eternity.

19 Therefore my judgement is that we don't trouble those from amongst the Gentiles who turn to God,

20 but that we write to them that they abstain from the pollution of idols, from sexual immorality, from what is strangled, and from blood.

21 For Moses from generations of old has in every city those who preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

Acts 15:22-31 22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole assembly, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men amongst the brothers.

23 They wrote these things by their hand: "The apostles, the elders, and the brothers, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: greetings.

24 Because we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, 'You must be circumcised and keep the law,' to whom we gave no commandment;

25 it seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

...26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves will also tell you the same things by word of mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay no greater burden on you than these necessary things:

29 that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality, from which if you keep yourselves, it will be well with you. Farewell."

30 So, when they were sent off, they came to Antioch. Having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.

31 When they had read it, they rejoiced over the encouragement.

Acts 15:32-16:3 32 Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged the brothers with many words and strengthened them.

33 After they had spent some time there, they were dismissed in peace from the brothers to the apostles.

34 [*Some manuscripts add: But it seemed good to Silas to stay there.*]

35 But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's return now and visit our brothers in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing."

37 Barnabas planned to take John, who was called Mark, with them also.

38 But Paul didn't think that it was

...a good idea to take with them someone who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia, and didn't go with them to do the work.

39 Then the contention grew so sharp that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus,

40 but Paul chose Silas and went out, being commended by the brothers to the grace of God.

41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the assemblies.

16:1 He came to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess who believed; but his father was a Greek.

2 The brothers who were at Lystra and Iconium gave a good testimony about him.

3 Paul wanted to have him go out with him, and he took and...

Acts 16:3-13 ...circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts; for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered the decrees to them to keep which had been ordained by the apostles and elders who were at Jerusalem.

5 So the assemblies were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 When they had gone through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit didn't allow them.

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11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis;

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the foremost of the district, a Roman colony. We were staying some days in this city.

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18 She was doing this for many days. But Paul, becoming greatly

...annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" It came out that very hour.

19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.

20 When they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men, being Jews, are agitating our city 21 and advocate customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans."

22 The multitude rose up together against them and the magistrates tore their clothes from them, then commanded them to be beaten with rods.

23 When they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely,

Acts 16:24-36 24 who, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and secured their feet in the stocks.

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were loosened.

27 The jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Don't harm yourself, for we are all here!"

29 He called for lights, sprang in, fell down trembling before Paul and Silas, 30 brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house.

33 He took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes, and was immediately baptised, he and all his household.

34 He brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his household, having believed in God.

35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, "Let those men go."

36 The jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go;"

Acts 16:36-17:6 ..."now therefore come out and go in peace."

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly without a trial, men who are Romans, and have cast us into prison!

Do they now release us secretly? No, most certainly, but let them come themselves and bring us out!"

38 The sergeants reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans,

39 and they came and begged them. When they had brought them out, they asked them to depart from the city.

40 They went out of the prison, and entered into Lydia's house. When they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them, then departed.

17:1 Now when they had passed

...through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.

2 Paul, as was his custom, went in to them, and for three Sabbath days reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

4 Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and not a few of the chief women.

5 But the unpersuaded Jews took along some wicked men from the marketplace, and gathering a crowd, set the city in an uproar. Assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them out to the people.

6 When they didn't find them, they dragged Jason and certain...

Acts 17:6-16 ...certain brothers before the rulers of the city, crying, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here also,

7 whom Jason has received. These all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus!"

8 The multitude and the rulers of the city were troubled when they heard these things.

9 When they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Beroea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue.

11 Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the Scriptures

...daily to see whether these things were so.

12 Many of them therefore believed; also of the prominent Greek women, and not a few men.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Beroea also, they came there likewise, agitating the multitudes.

14 Then the brothers immediately sent out Paul to go as far as to the sea, and Silas and Timothy still stayed there.

15 But those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens. Receiving a commandment to Silas and Timothy that they should come to him very quickly, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw the city full of idols.

Acts 17:16-23 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who met him.

18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also~~f~~ were conversing with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?"

Others said, "He seems to be advocating foreign deities," because he preached Jesus and the resurrection.

19 They took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is, which you are speaking about?"

20 For you bring certain strange things to our ears. We want to know therefore what these things mean."

21 Now all the Athenians and the strangers living there spent their

...time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

22 Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus, and said, "You men of Athens, I perceive that you are very religious in all things.

23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription:

'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.'

What therefore you worship in ignorance, I announce to you."

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To Be Continued...
"Great is Artemis of
the Ephesians!"

