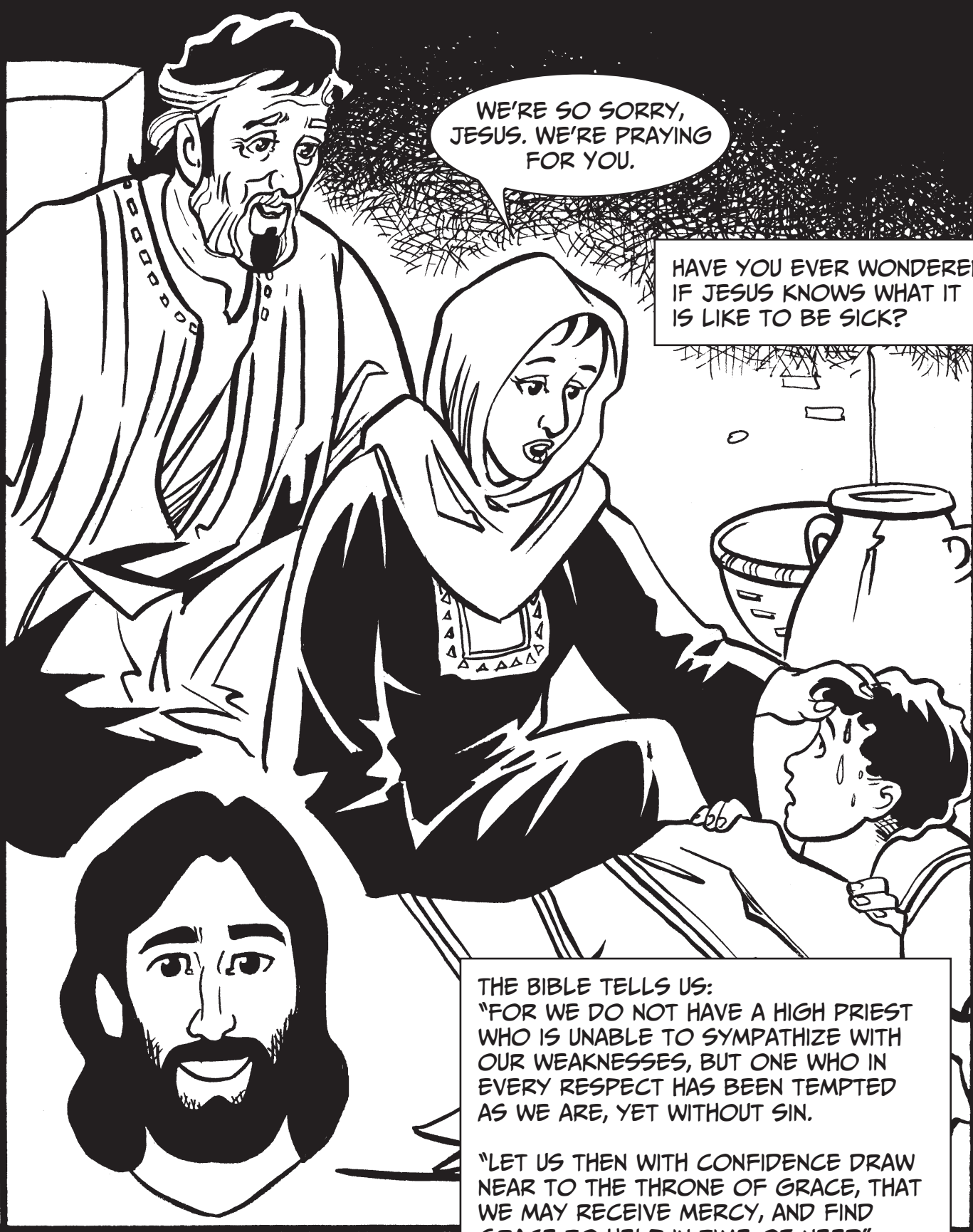


JESUS UNDERSTANDS WHEN YOU'RE SICK



WE'RE SO SORRY,
JESUS. WE'RE PRAYING
FOR YOU.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED
IF JESUS KNOWS WHAT IT
IS LIKE TO BE SICK?



THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A HIGH PRIEST
WHO IS UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE WITH
OUR WEAKNESSES, BUT ONE WHO IN
EVERY RESPECT HAS BEEN TEMPTED
AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN.

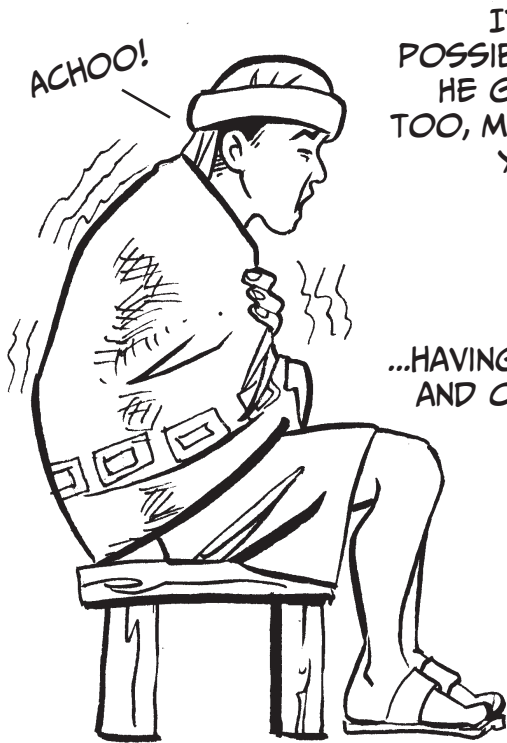
"LET US THEN WITH CONFIDENCE DRAW
NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT
WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY, AND FIND
GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED"
(HEBREWS 4:15-16 ESV).

BECAUSE THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT DURING HIS LIFE ON EARTH JESUS WAS TEMPTED LIKE WE ARE, WE KNOW THAT HE CAN RELATE TO OUR NEEDS AND FEELINGS.



JESUS STARTED HIS EARTHLY LIFE AS A BABY JUST LIKE US. AS A BOY, IT'S LIKELY THAT HE EXPERIENCED JUST AS MANY SCRATCHES AND BUMPS AS ANY BOY.

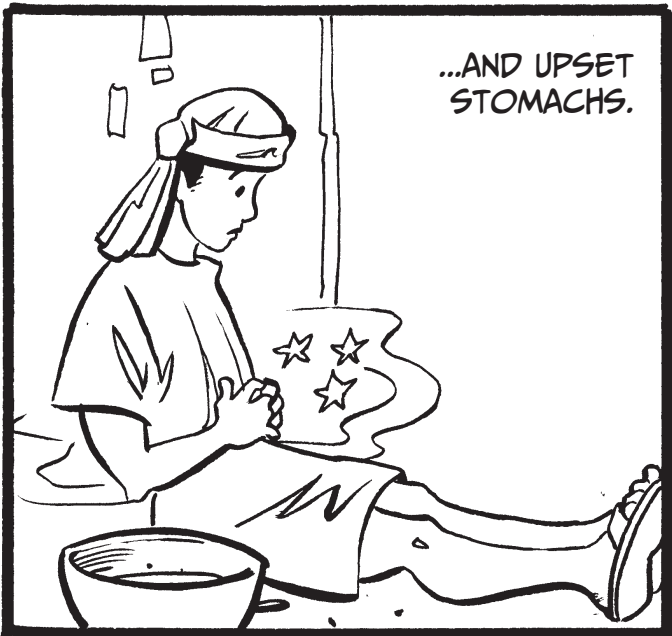
OW!



ACHOO!

IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THAT HE GOT SICK TOO, MUCH LIKE YOU DO...

...HAVING COLDS AND COUGHS...

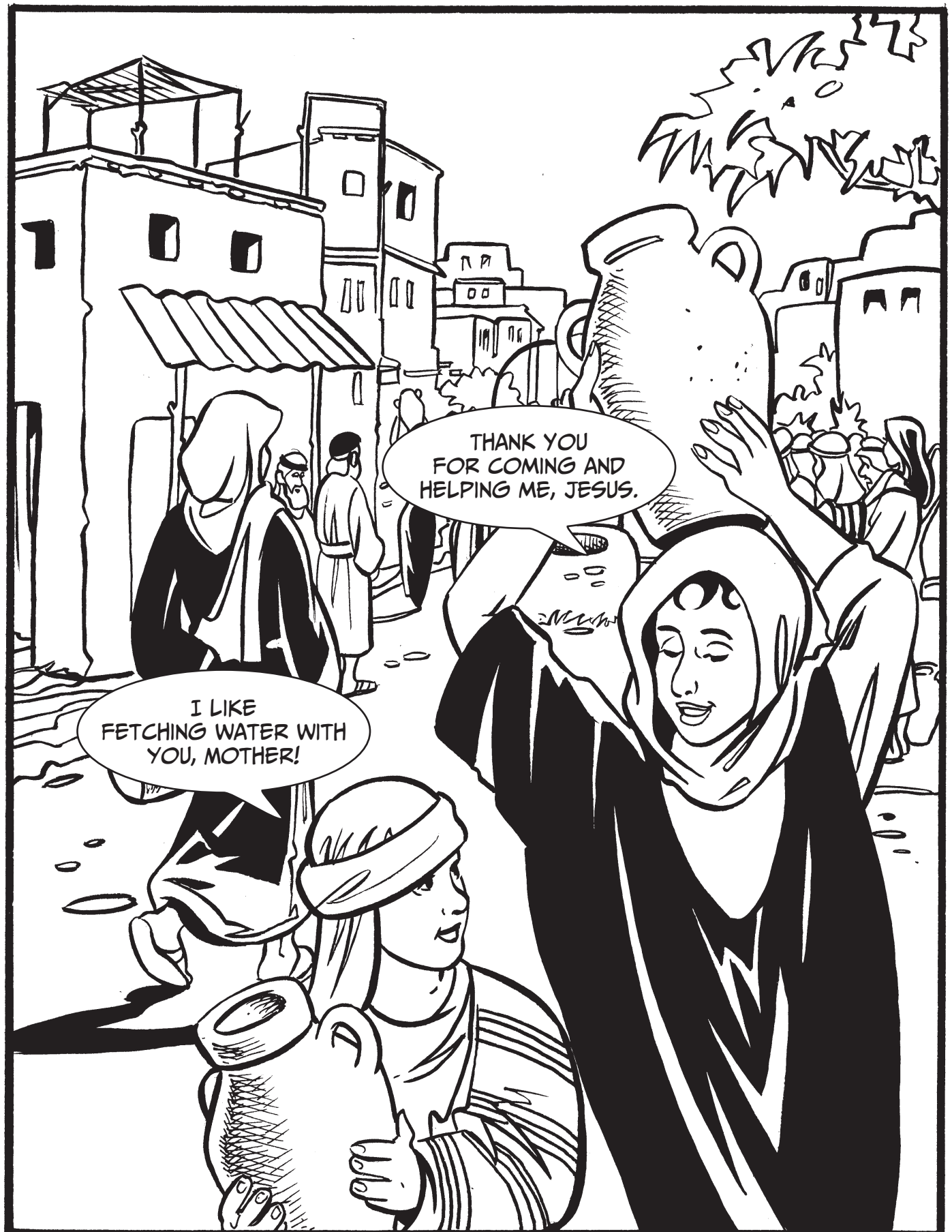


...AND UPSET STOMACHS.



GO AHEAD. TELL ME WHAT YOU NEED.

IN SOME WAYS, LIFE WAS MORE DIFFICULT FOR JESUS THAN IT IS FOR YOU TODAY.
FOR EXAMPLE, DURING HIS LIFETIME, WATER DIDN'T RUN FROM A TAP IN THE SINK.
WATER HAD TO BE HAULED INTO THE HOUSES FROM A WELL.



DURING JESUS' DAY, THEY DIDN'T HAVE SIMPLE BANDAGES SUCH AS BAND-AIDS OR PLASTERS, LIKE YOU HAVE.

OKAY. LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT...



I'VE DRESSED IT WITH OINTMENT, BUT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO YOUR BEST TO KEEP IT CLEAN.

SO WHEN SOMEONE GOT A CUT OR SCRATCH, IT TOOK MORE WORK TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT SO IT WOULDN'T GET INFECTED.



ISRAEL WAS
OFTEN VERY
HOT AND
DRY IN THE
DAYTIME...

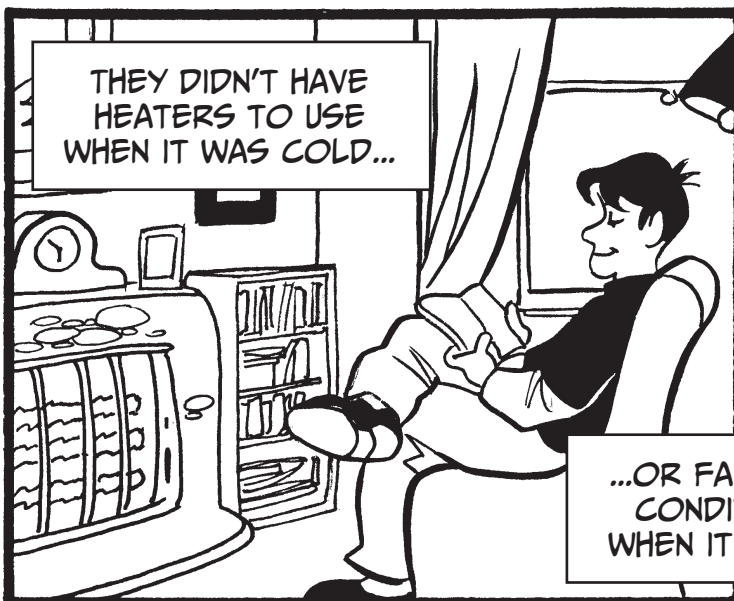


...AND COLD
AT NIGHT...

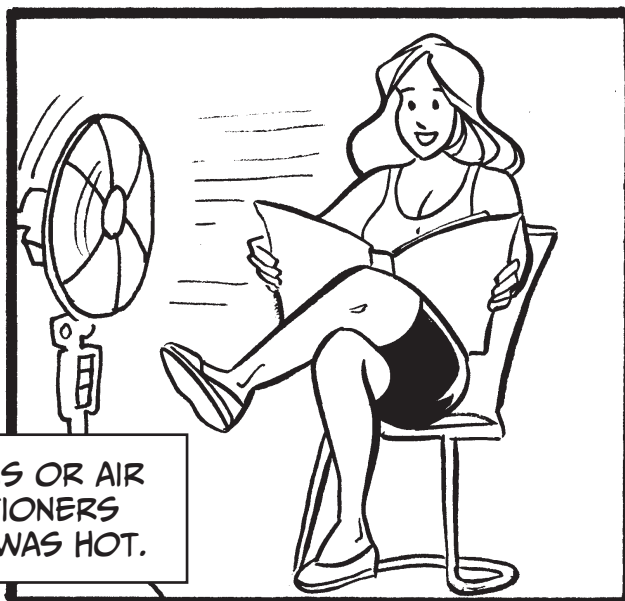


...ESPECIALLY
IN THE WINTER
SEASONS.

THEY DIDN'T HAVE
HEATERS TO USE
WHEN IT WAS COLD...



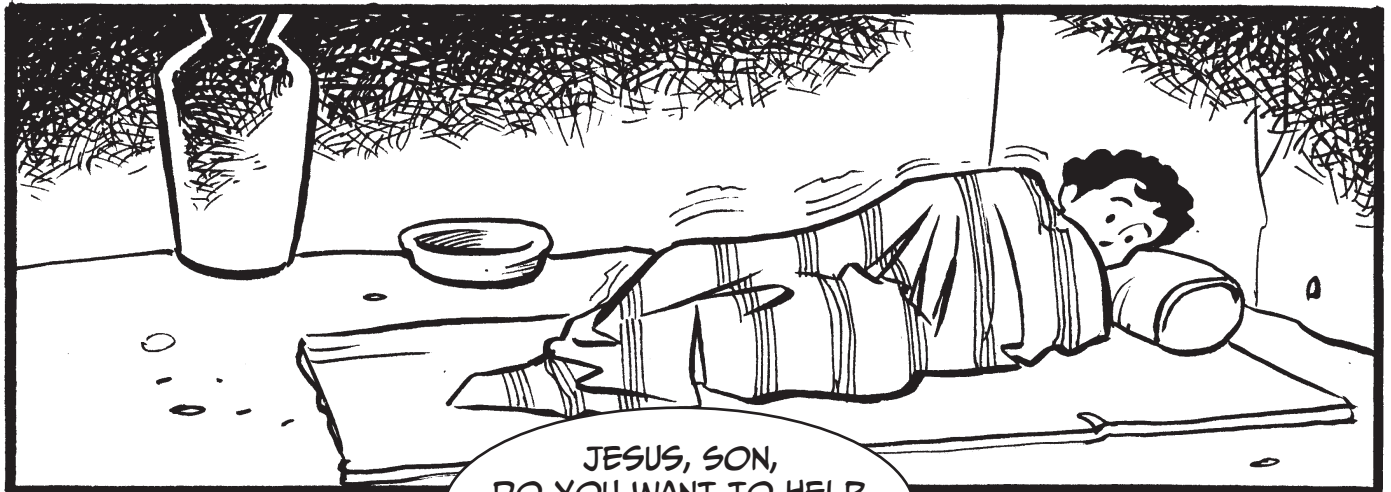
...OR FANS OR AIR
CONDITIONERS
WHEN IT WAS HOT.



THE SIMPLE HOUSES
THEY LIVED IN WERE
BUILT TO BE AS
COOL AS POSSIBLE
IN THE DAYTIME.



BECAUSE OF THIS, THE HOUSES DIDN'T HOLD THE HEAT AT NIGHT,
SO NIGHTS COULD BE COLD.



JESUS, SON,
DO YOU WANT TO HELP
ME CHOP SOME WOOD
FOR THE FIRE?



SURE, DADDY!

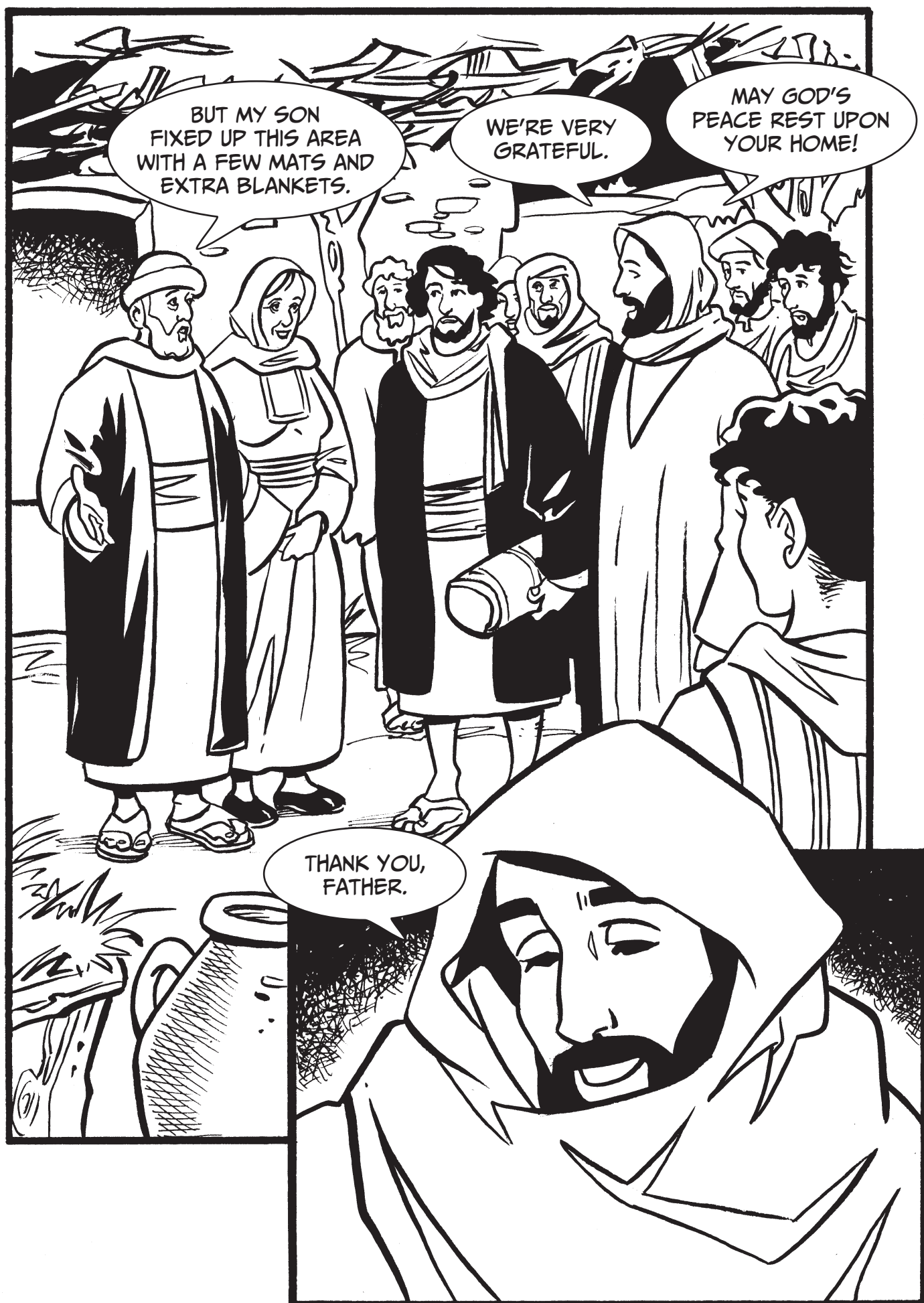
FOR COOKING, THEY BUILT FIRES OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OR HAD
A PLACE FOR THEM IN THE MIDDLE OF A LARGE COURTYARD.

WHEN JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES TRAVELED AND WITNESSED, MANY NIGHTS THEY HAD TO CAMP OUT IN A FIELD, OR STAY IN SHELTERS OR BARNs.



"FOXES HAVE HOLES, AND
BIRDS OF THE AIR HAVE
NESTS, BUT THE SON OF
MAN HAS NOWHERE TO
LAY HIS HEAD"
(MATTHEW 8:20 ESV).





BUT MY SON
FIXED UP THIS AREA
WITH A FEW MATS AND
EXTRA BLANKETS.

WE'RE VERY
GRATEFUL.

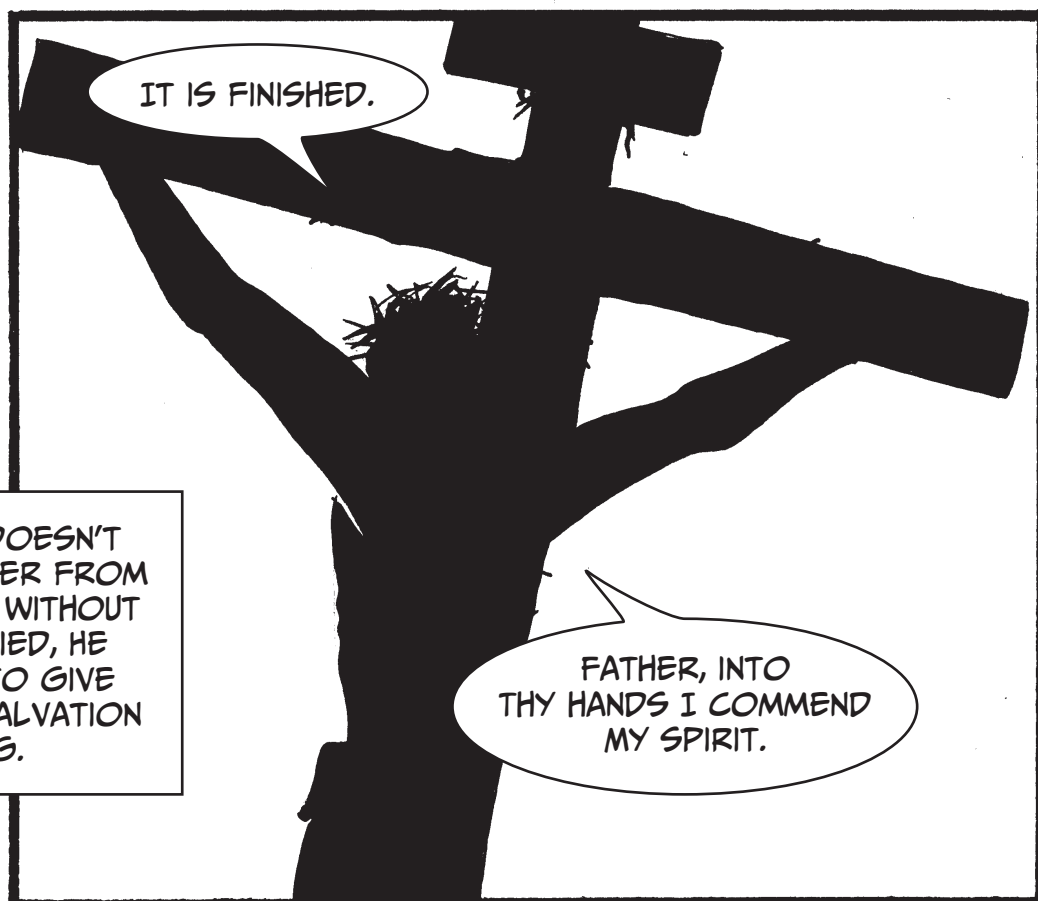
MAY GOD'S
PEACE REST UPON
YOUR HOME!

THANK YOU,
FATHER.

IN THE HOUSES, THERE WERE NO REFRIGERATORS TO KEEP FOOD FRESH. THAT MEANT THEY HAD TO PREPARE FOODS THAT WOULD KEEP FOR A LONG TIME EVEN DURING THE HOT DAYS, OR EAT THE FOOD RIGHT AFTER IT WAS COOKED.



JUST LIKE IT'S CHALLENGING FOR YOU TO STAY HEALTHY, IT WAS ALSO CHALLENGING FOR JESUS TO STAY HEALTHY ALL THE TIME.



BECAUSE JESUS DOESN'T WANT YOU TO SUFFER FROM PAIN OR SICKNESS WITHOUT HELP, WHEN HE DIED, HE GAVE HIS BODY TO GIVE YOU TWO GIFTS: SALVATION AND HEALING.



NEXT
TIME YOU
CELEBRATE
COMMUNION,
REMEMBER
HOW JESUS
EXPERIENCED
LIFE ON
EARTH.

