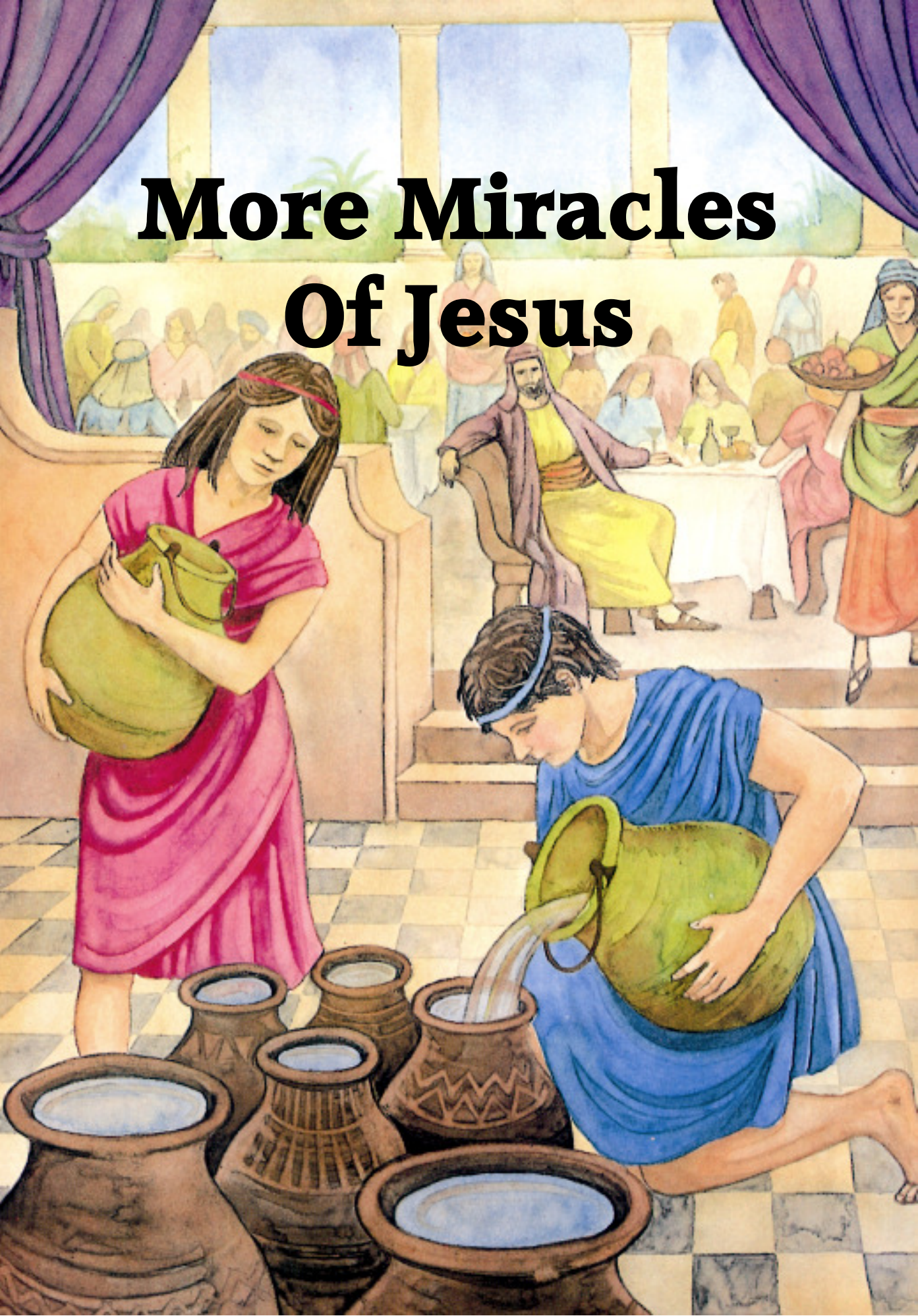


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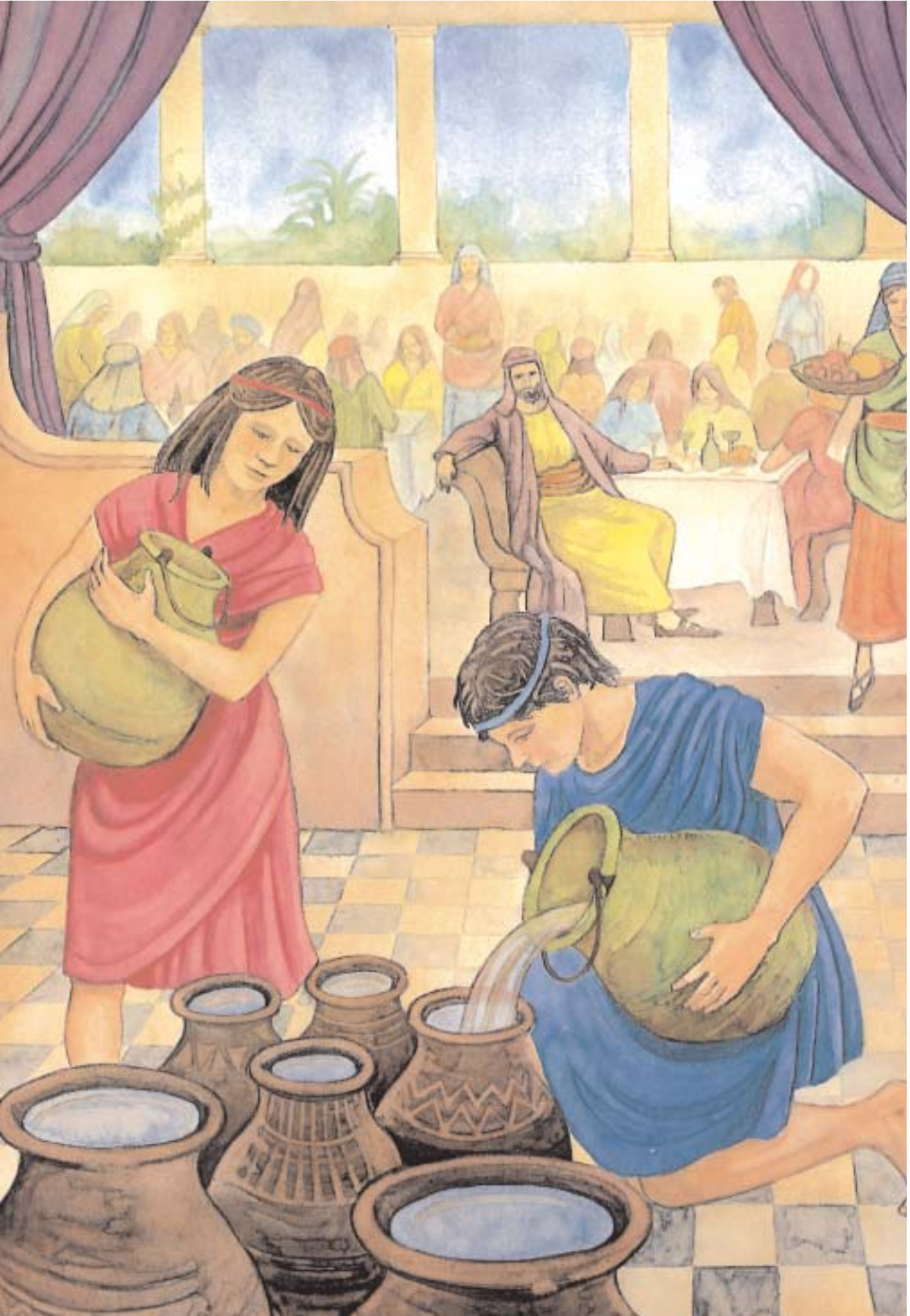
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Jesus' First Miracle

I wonder how many of you have ever been to a wedding? When Jesus was here on earth He was once asked to go to a wedding with His mother and His disciples. So He went. What a good thing it is if we never do anything or go anywhere unless we can ask the Lord Jesus to be with us!

But at this wedding something went wrong. Some mistake had been made. At the meal time there was not enough wine to go round. It must have been very upsetting. Could anything be done?

Mary, the mother of Jesus, knew the answer. She knew that her Son Jesus was also the Son of God. And she knew He would help. So she told those who were there, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

Round the side of the room there were six very large stone pots. This was not surprising for the Jews often kept them in their homes to hold water for washing. But these pots were empty.

Then Jesus asked the people to do a strange thing. "Fill the pots with water," He said. But why water? It was wine they wanted, not water. But they did as Jesus said. They filled the pots with water right up to the brim. If Jesus tells us anything, we should always do it.

Then Jesus told them to draw some out and take it to the man in charge of the meal. He quickly had a

taste. What a surprise! It was beautiful. He had never tasted such lovely wine before.

Now the servants had not told the man in charge what had happened. He did not know where they had got the wine. He was very puzzled. He said to the man who was being married, “Can you tell me what has happened? People usually start with the best wine. Then if more is needed it is not so good. But this is delicious. You have kept the best till last.”

Yes, Jesus had changed the water into wine. This was the first of His many miracles. His disciples realised that their Master was not just an ordinary man. Who else could turn water into wine?

Jesus can still change things into other things. He is almighty. He can turn sadness into joy. He can change people’s lives. He can give us whatever we need. He is “the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.”

You can read this story in John, chapter 2, verses 1 to 11.



The Sick Woman

There was once a woman who was very sad. She had been ill for twelve years, and no one could make her better. She had been to all the doctors and spent all her money but no one could help her. She still kept bleeding. She grew worse instead of better.

One day she heard of Jesus. She was told how He could cure sick people. They did not even have to pay. She longed to be made better herself but O! she was so afraid to speak to this wonderful Person.

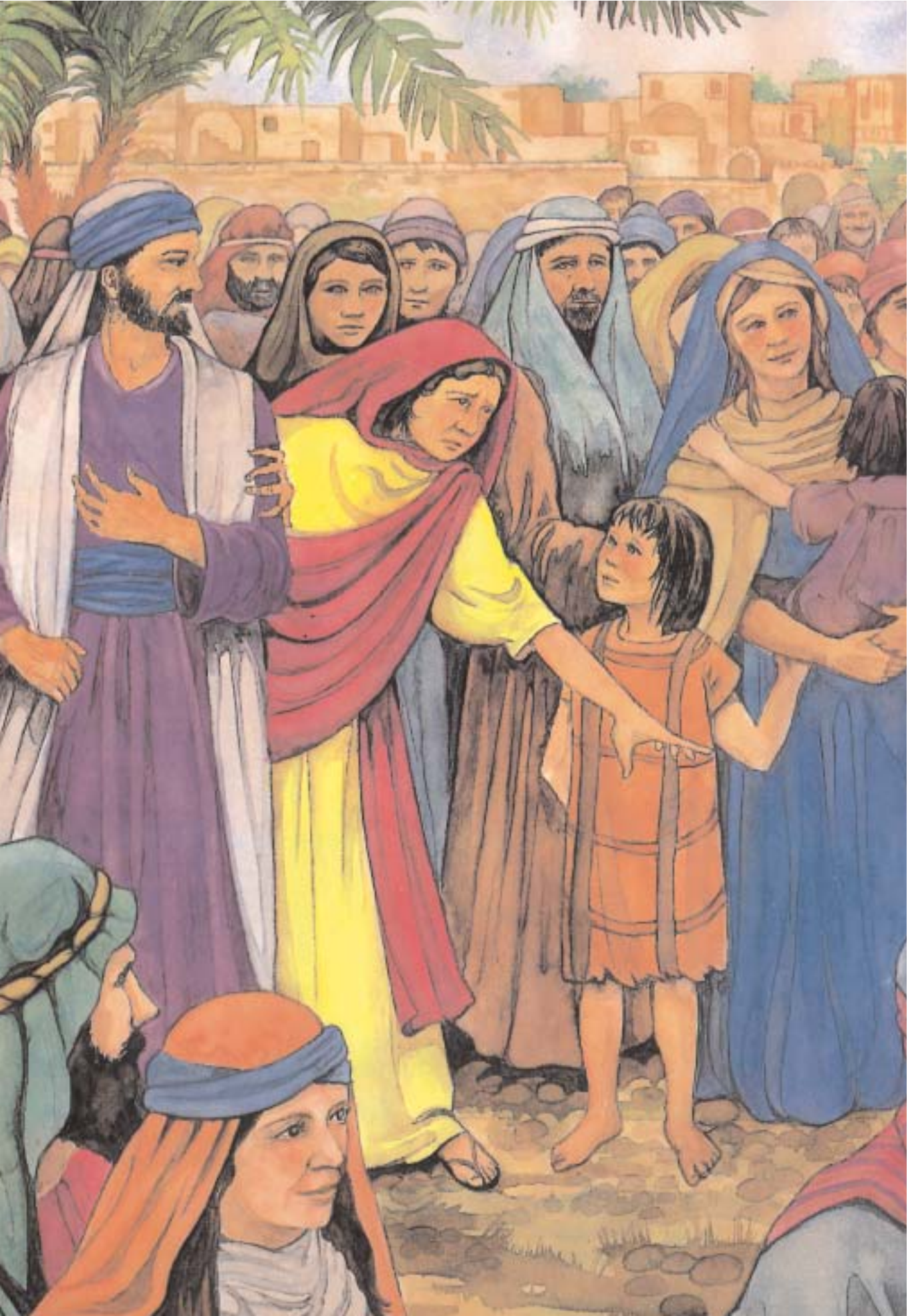
So she thought of a plan. She would creep up behind Jesus and just touch Him. She had faith to believe that just touching Him would cure her.

But as she went to see Jesus she found there was a crowd of people round about Him. What did she do? Turn round, and go back home? No, she felt she must come to Jesus. God's secret power was drawing her on though she did not know it. She said, "If I can only touch His clothes I shall be better."

At last she came right where Jesus was. She reached out her hand and touched Him, and immediately she knew she was healed. She felt better already. Now she could slip back home without anyone knowing!

But no! The Lord Jesus would not let her do this. She must tell what He had done.

"Who touched Me?" Jesus asked. The disciples



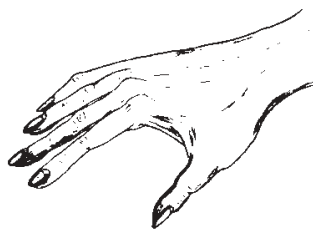
were puzzled. There were crowds around. “Lord, everyone is touching Thee,” they said. But this was different. Jesus knows everything, and He knew all that had happened.

At last the poor woman, feeling very frightened, fell down at His feet and told Him everything. Jesus was not angry. He was very, very pleased.

How kindly He spoke to her! “Daughter, be of good comfort. Thy faith hath made thee whole.”

It was a happy woman who left the Lord Jesus that day. She had got all that she wanted.

You can read about this miracle in three of the gospels – Matthew, chapter 9, verses 20 to 22; Mark, chapter 5, verses 25 to 34; Luke, chapter 8, verses 43 to 48.



The Poor Boy

There was once a poor boy who was not right in his head. He was a lunatic. Often he had tried to kill himself. Sometimes he would throw himself into water to drown himself, and sometimes he would fall on the fire. Sadly too he could neither hear nor speak. He was deaf and dumb. Think how terrible if you could not speak nor hear any sound.

You can imagine how worried his father was. He had no other children besides this one. Could nothing be done to make him better?

One day the sad father took his son to Jesus' disciples and asked them if they could cure him. But the disciples could not, try as they may. We wonder why the father took the boy to the disciples and not to Jesus Himself? No doubt it was because Jesus had taken Peter, James and John up into the mountain with Him.

As soon as the Lord Jesus came down he saw a crowd of people, arguing and talking. He knew what the matter was. When the people saw the Lord they rushed towards Him. Immediately the father cried, "Master, I brought my son to the disciples but they could not help."

And what a sad tale he told! He told Jesus all about his poor boy growing thinner and thinner, wasting away. Sometimes he foamed at the mouth.

Sometimes he made awful noises with his teeth.

Then Jesus spoke. It was a simple word, but how sweet! “Bring him to Me.” We may still bring our troubles to Him.

But even as they were coming the boy fell on the ground in one of his dreadful fits. The sad father knelt at Jesus’ feet, longing that He might help. “Lord, if Thou canst do anything, have compassion on us and help us,” he cried.

Now he should not have said, “If Thou canst do anything,” for the Lord Jesus can do everything. But Jesus was very kind and gracious.

The people all gathered round. What was it that Jesus was saying? He was no longer speaking to the father. “Thou deaf and dumb spirit, come out of him.” Then a strange thing happened. There was a loud noise and the boy fell down on the ground. There he lay completely still. “He is dead!” the people whispered one to another. But he was not dead. He was cured.

Jesus kindly lifted him up and gave him to his father, no longer deaf and dumb or a lunatic. He was better from that moment. We are told the disciples and all the people were “amazed at the mighty power of God” – for Jesus is God.

But what must the father and his son have felt like? What a happy time they must have had as they went home together! And I am sure they talked about this



wonderful Man who had done so much for them.

You can read this story in Matthew, chapter 17, verses 14 to 21; Mark, chapter 9, verses 14 to 29; and Luke, chapter 9, verses 37 to 42.



The Madman

Jesus and His disciples had just sailed across the Sea of Galilee. There had been a dreadful storm but no harm could come to them with Jesus in the ship.

As they climbed out of the ship they saw a strange and frightening sight. What was this creature that was rushing towards them? Surely it was a man? But chains were hanging from his hands and feet and he was not wearing any clothes.

Yes, he was a poor madman. He was plagued by devils who lived inside his heart. What a poor, miserable creature he was! He lived in a gruesome place – in caves where dead bodies were buried. All day and all night long he moaned and cried, cutting himself with stones.

Everybody must have been terrified of him. People had seized him and tied him up, but he soon got free. Even when they tied him up with iron chains he soon broke them.

But now look! As soon as he sees Jesus he runs and falls down at His feet. The power of Jesus could do what those iron chains could never do. The poor man knew that Jesus was the Son of God and even the devils knew so as well.

Then Jesus spoke with power. It was the same voice which spoke when the world was made. Now that voice spoke again. “Come out of the man,” He

said. And an amazing thing happened. All the devils fled and went into a herd of pigs that was feeding up on the mountain.

The mountain side was very steep and went right down to the sea. With a great rush all the pigs hurtled down the slope into the water and were drowned. There were about two thousand of them altogether.

The pig keepers were so frightened that they ran away. But not the poor man. How happy he was! He just sat there, quiet and peaceful, looking at Jesus and listening to Him.

Soon lots of people came hurrying along. They had heard about the strange things that had happened. But now they could hardly believe their eyes. There he was, that terrible man who was never still! That man who had frightened everybody! But there he was sitting quietly at Jesus' feet. And he was wearing clothes. (Where he got them from we do not know.)

It must have been the happiest day in the poor madman's life. But there was just something which made him a little sad. This wonderful Saviour, the Lord Jesus, was now going back across to the other side of the lake.

If only he could go with Him! He begged that he might. But no! Jesus had something for him to do. "Go home to your friends, and tell them the great things the Lord has done for you."

Yes, Jesus did great things when here on earth.

Healing the madman was a great thing. Dying on the cross to save His people was an even greater thing. He still does great things today.

How wonderful if we can say, “The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad!”

You can read this story in Mark, chapter 5, verses 1 to 20, and in Luke, chapter 8, verses 26 to 39.

