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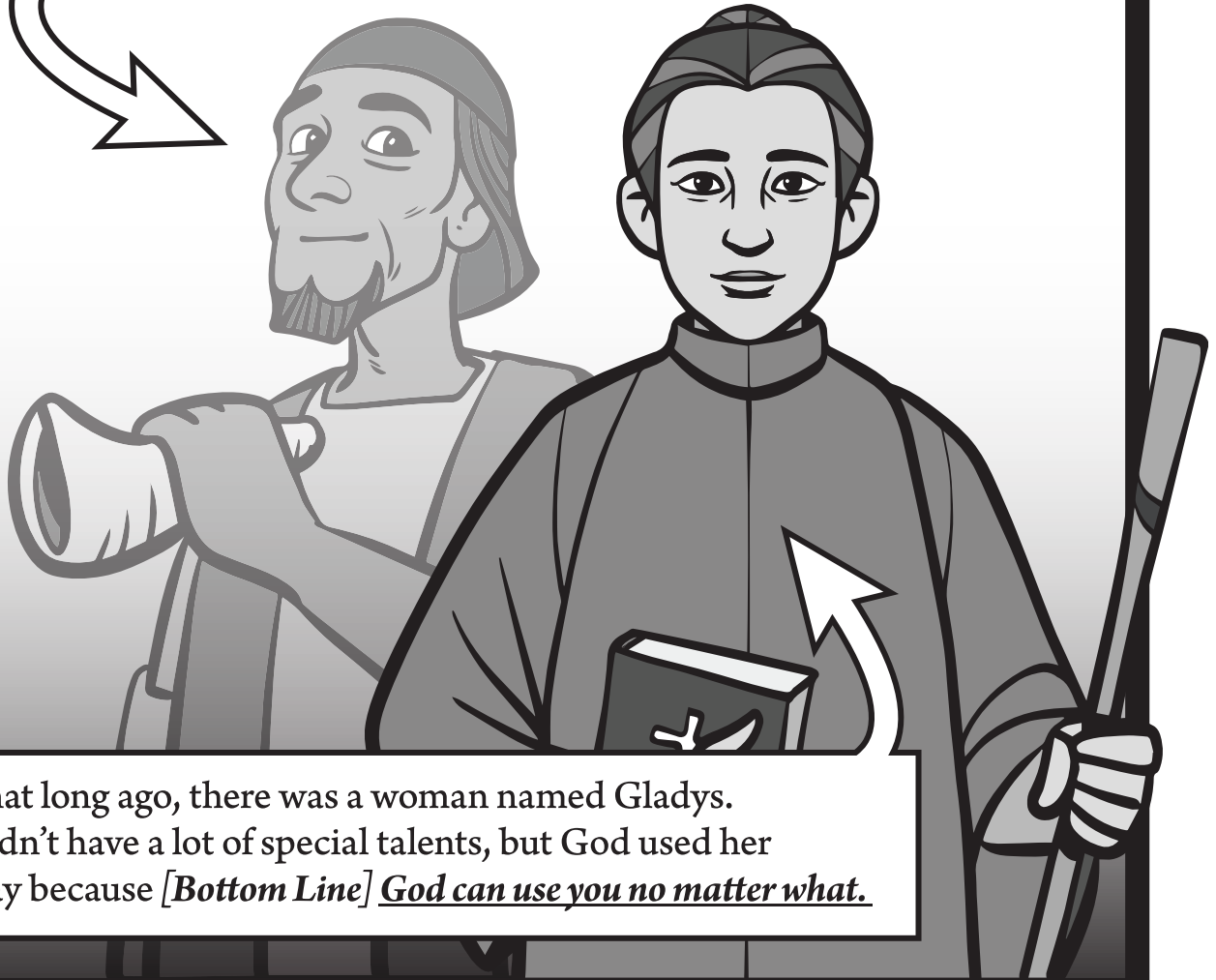
Print on paper and cut apart. Provide one set for each small group.

"Opposite Day Cards" Activity Page

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Long ago, there was a man named Gideon.
He didn't have a lot of special talents, but God used him
anyway because **[Bottom Line]** God can use you no matter what.



Not that long ago, there was a woman named Gladys.
She didn't have a lot of special talents, but God used her
anyway because **[Bottom Line]** God can use you no matter what.

Gideon did have a good talent for organizing people and making plans. God used that in a lot of ways to defeat Israel's enemies.

God used Gladys, even though her talents were pretty ordinary.
She could walk and she could clean. (Encourage kids to say the phrases and do the motions after each prompt.) She believed that God wanted her to share the Good News in China and that He would use her no matter what.

What to Do:

Print one book for each small group.



She could walk. So she walked to church meetings every week where she learned how to share the Good News with her friends and family.

What to Do:

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She could clean. So she got a job cleaning the house of an expert on China. She cleaned all day and studied at night with books and maps from his library.

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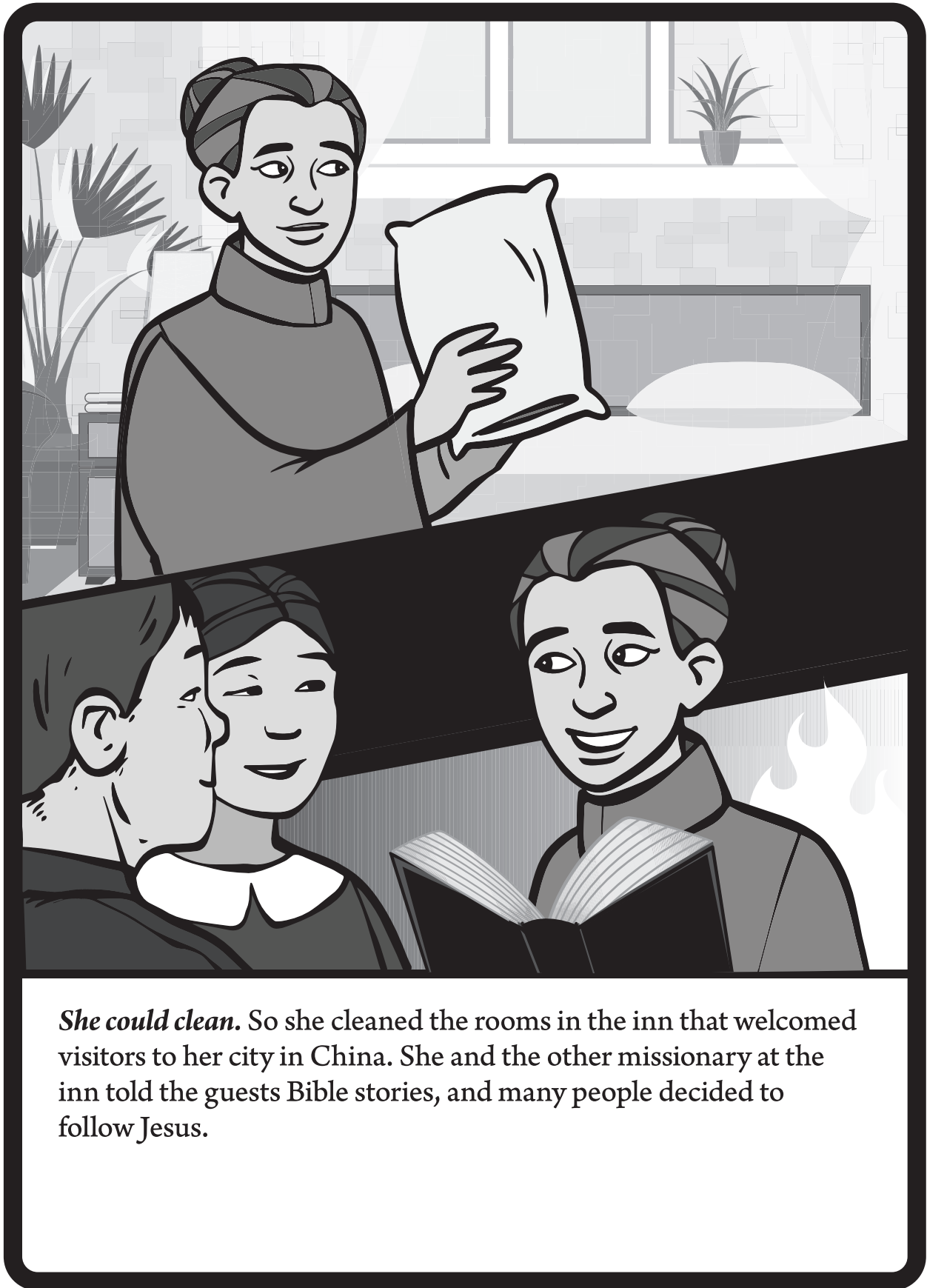
Finally, Gladys saved enough money to travel to China! But she wasn't sure what she'd do when she got there. How would walking and cleaning possibly help share the Good News? How could God use her, no matter what?

What to Do:

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She could walk. So she walked 30 miles in the snow in Siberia on the way to China when her train broke down. She then took a boat, four buses, and a mule ride to get to a town in China.



She could clean. So she cleaned the rooms in the inn that welcomed visitors to her city in China. She and the other missionary at the inn told the guests Bible stories, and many people decided to follow Jesus.

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She could walk. So she walked all over her province in China to check on the health of the children in the villages. While she checked on them, she told the Good News to their families. Soon, there were Christians all over her province.

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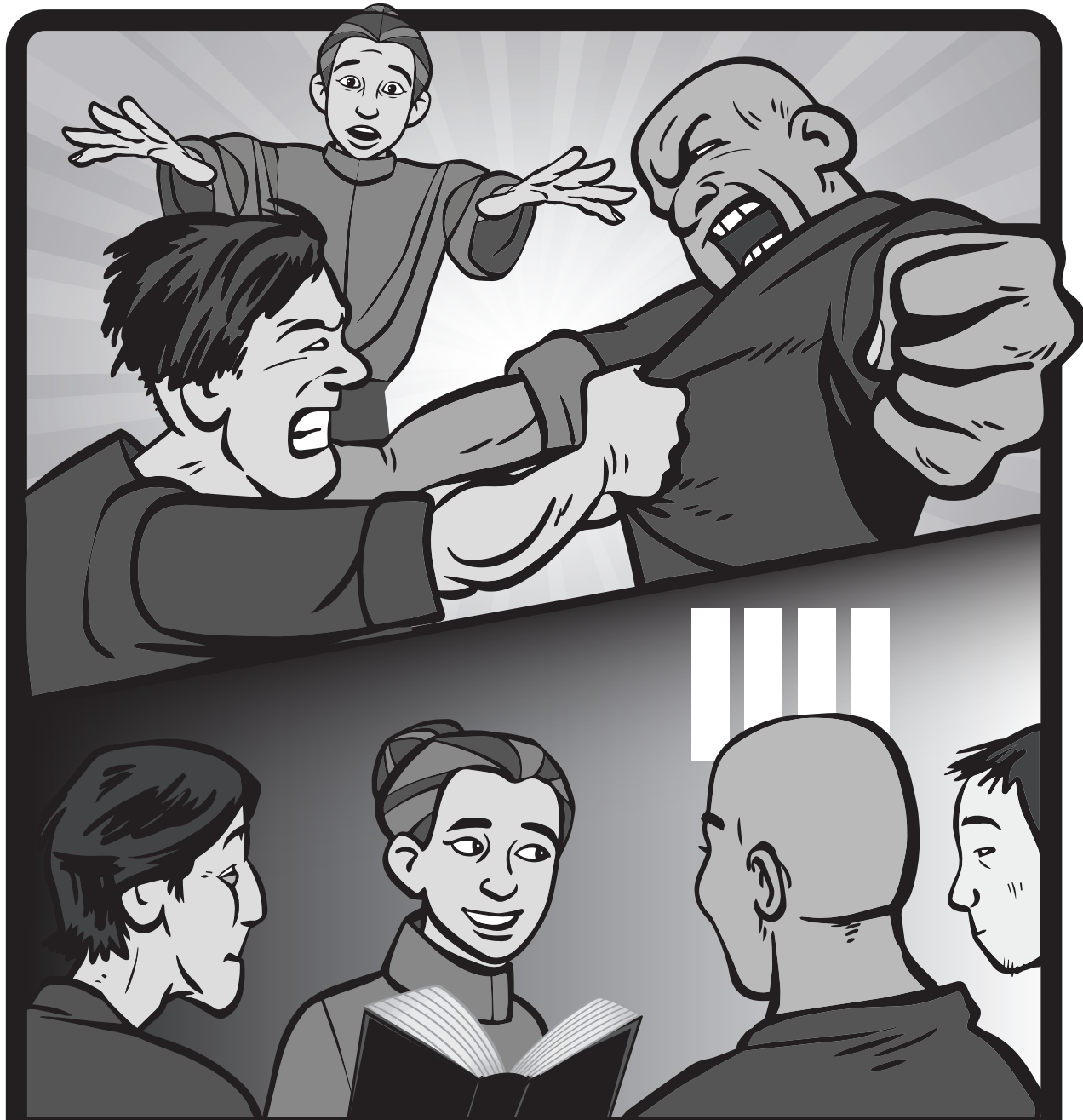
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She could clean. So she cleaned, cooked, and looked after a hundred children who had nowhere to go but the orphanage she opened at the inn. Everyone in her city learned of God's love through what she had done.

What to Do:

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She could walk. So she walked right into a big, dangerous fight at a prison in her city in China. She helped the men in jail and made sure that they had enough to eat and stayed healthy. She told them about Jesus. She started a church, right there in the prison!

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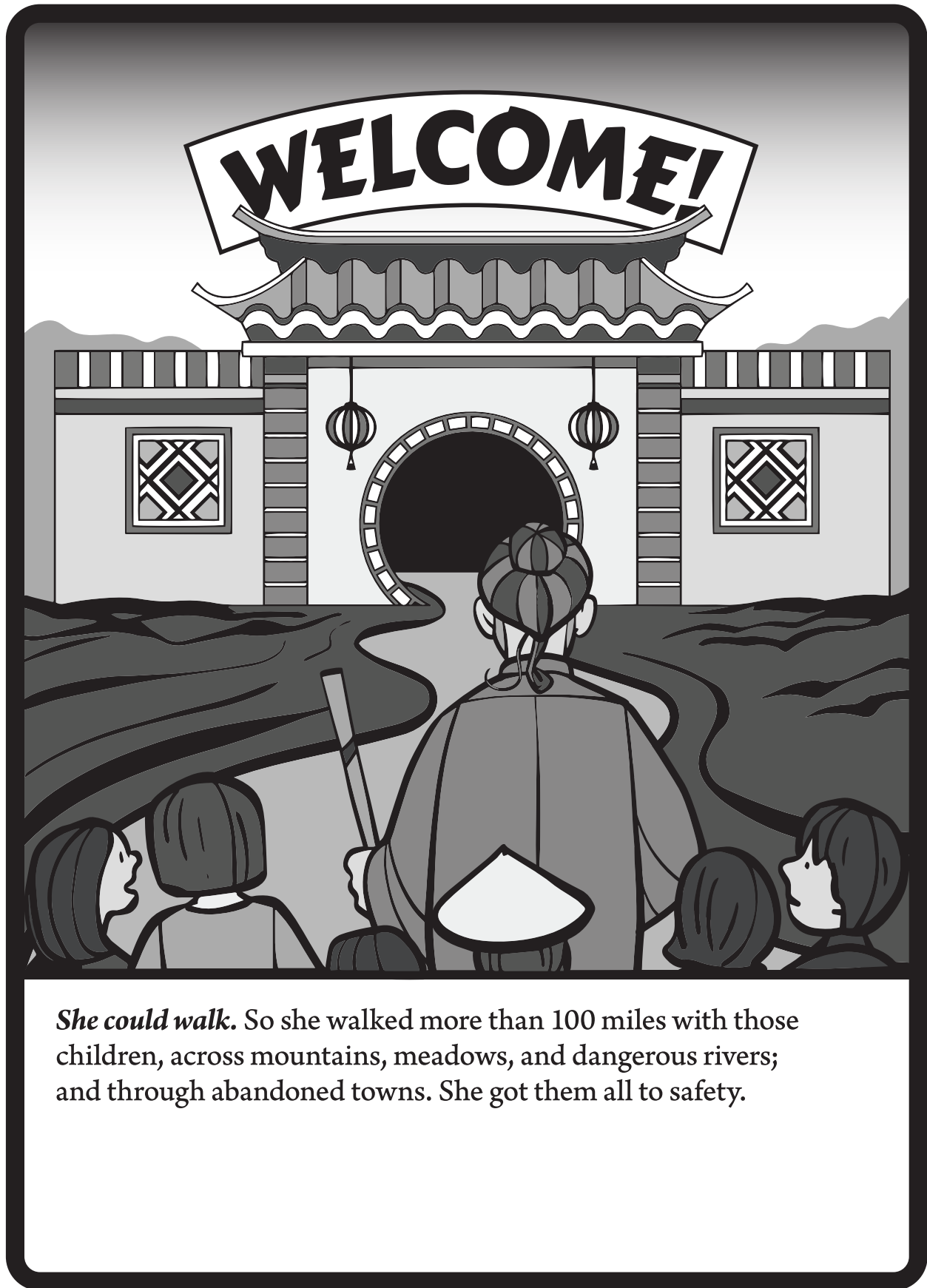


Gladys did many other things to share the Good News with her city and province in China.

After a few years, there was a big war in China and her city wasn't safe anymore. She was in charge of more than 100 children. Where would they go, and how would they get there?

What to Do:

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She could walk. So she walked more than 100 miles with those children, across mountains, meadows, and dangerous rivers; and through abandoned towns. She got them all to safety.

What to Do:

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God used Gladys,
even though her two best “talents” were so ordinary!

*She
could
walk*

*and she
could
clean!*
(words and motions)



Who could have guessed that a girl who could clean well and walk far would save hundreds of children, help dozens of prisoners, and tell more than a thousand people the Good News about Jesus? God knew all about Gladys and how He could use her in His plan for all people.

Sometimes, you might feel like you're not the best, the fastest, or the smartest; but think of Gladys and Gideon and remember that ***[Bottom Line] God can use you no matter what.***

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Theres also a Torchlighters film, and a few videos on YouTube if you need more!