

What caused the Black Death?



Background

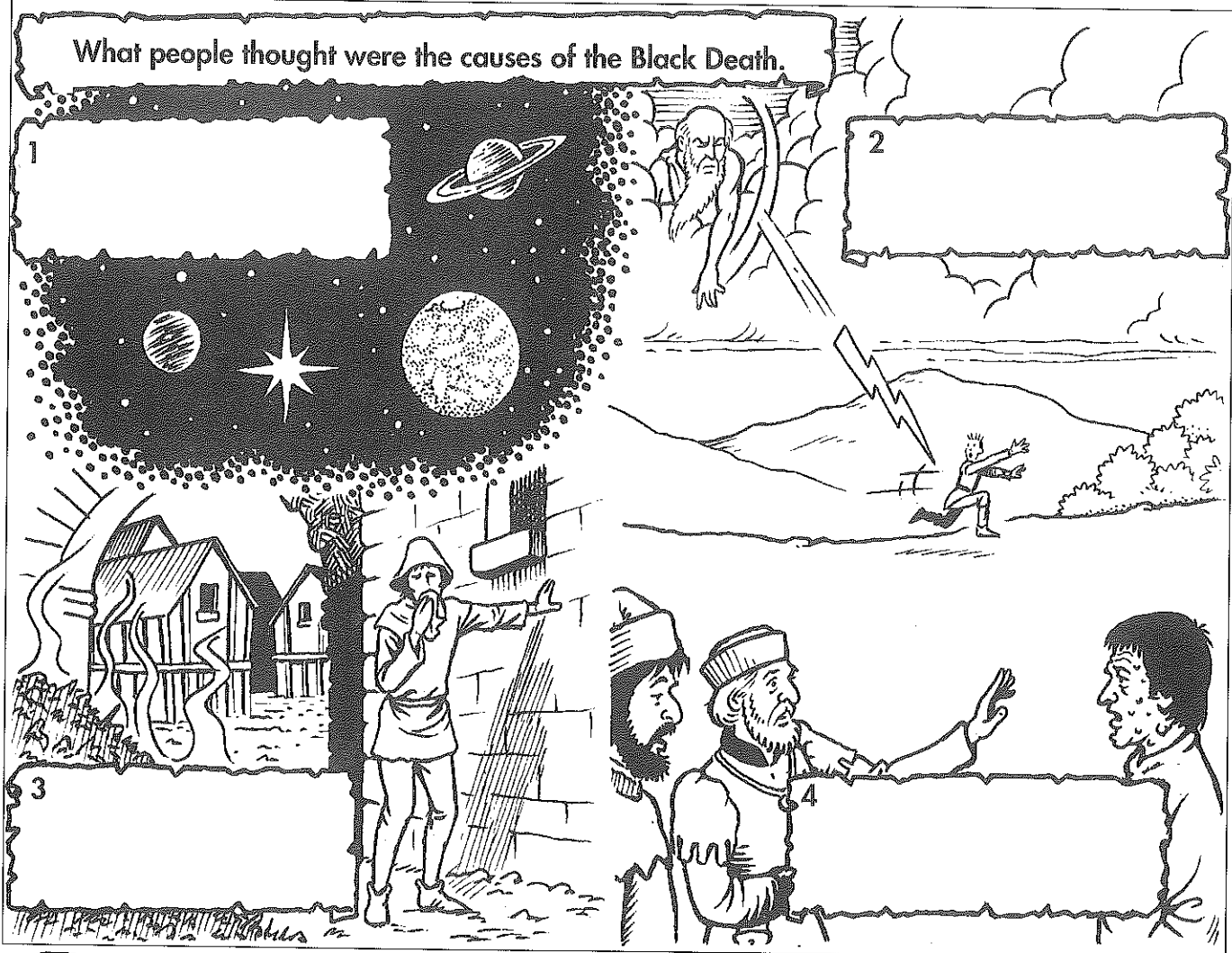
Today we know how people caught the **Black Death**. It was carried by fleas that lived on black rats. The fleas bit humans and gave them the disease. This would then be passed on to other people. In those days, people did not know this. They thought of different explanations for the **Plague**.



Key words

Black Death
Plague

What people thought were the causes of the Black Death.



Activities

- Look at the pictures and read the statements below. Write each statement in the correct place on the picture.
 - I think it is caused by the movement of the planets in the sky.
 - People catch it by being close to infected persons.
 - The disease is spread by bad smells.
 - God has sent the Plague to punish us for our sins.
- Draw a diagram to show how the disease was really spread.



Find out

- When there was another big plague in England.
- Explain how people tried to stop this other big plague spreading.