

Bible Stories for Young Children

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A LETTER FOR HEZEKIAH

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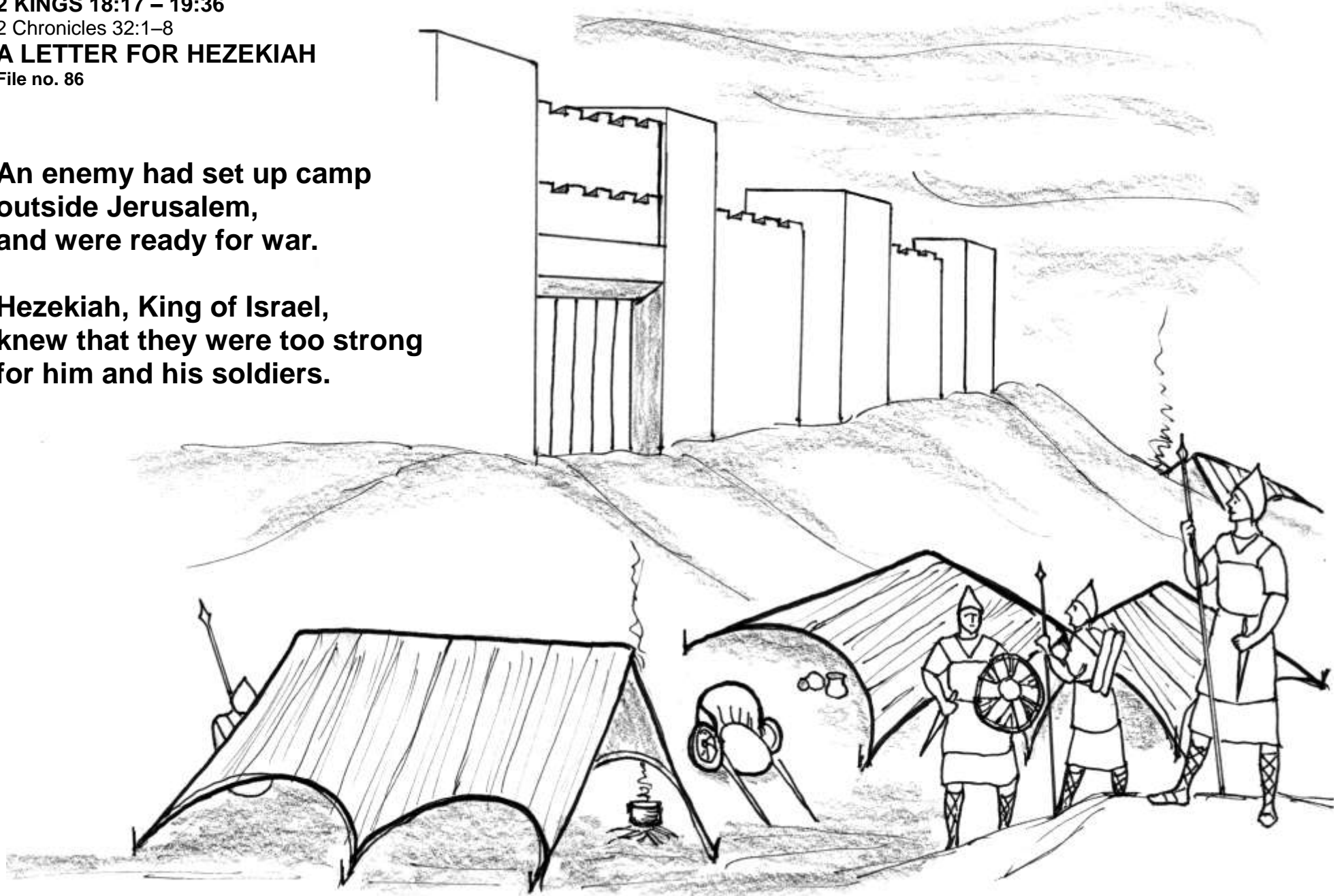
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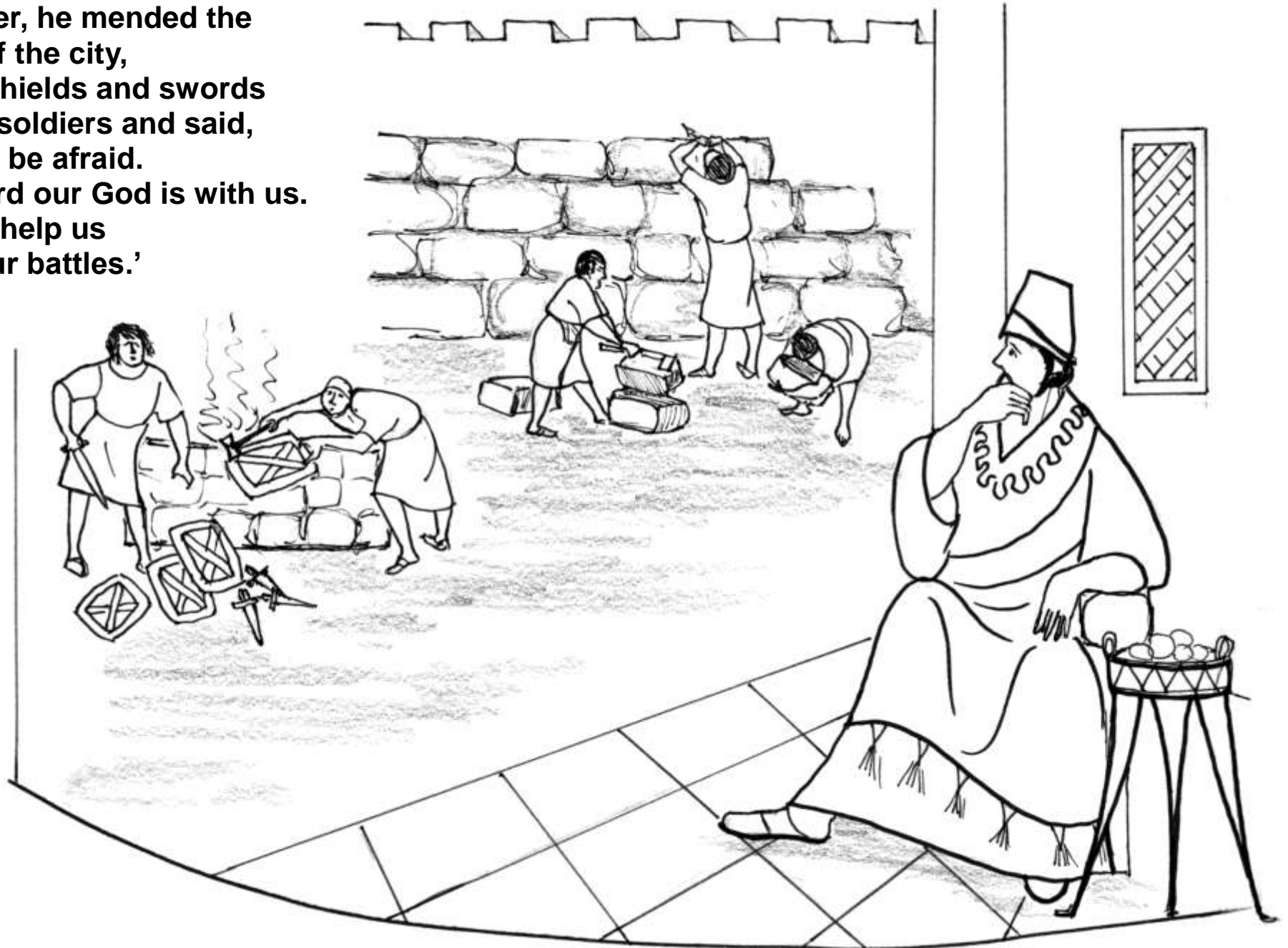
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**An enemy had set up camp
outside Jerusalem,
and were ready for war.**

**Hezekiah, King of Israel,
knew that they were too strong
for him and his soldiers.**

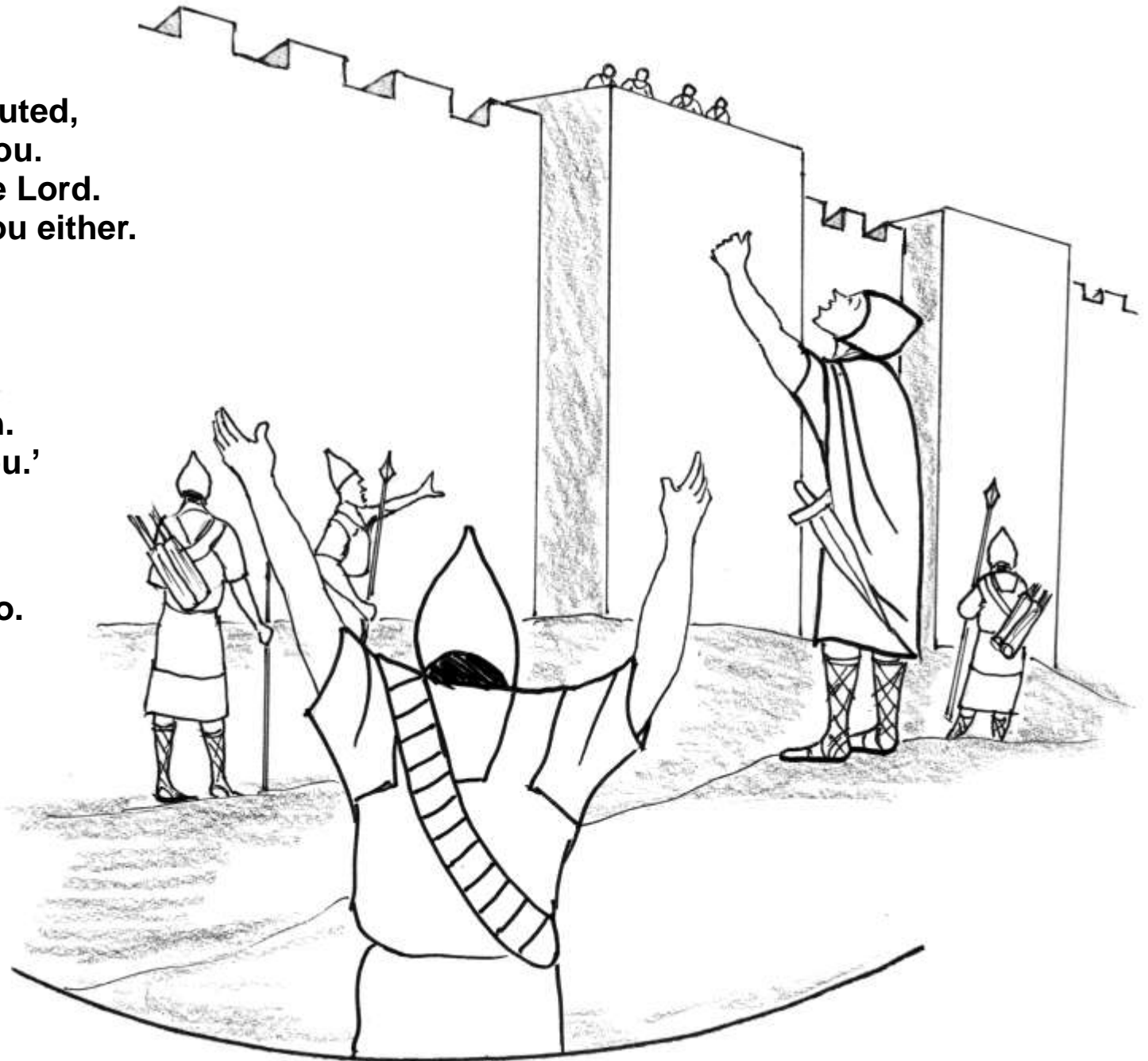


However, he mended the walls of the city, made shields and swords for his soldiers and said, 'Do not be afraid. The Lord our God is with us. He will help us fight our battles.'



**Each day the enemy shouted,
'Hezekiah cannot save you.
He wants you to trust the Lord.
The Lord will not save you either.
Come out to me.
I will take you to
my beautiful land.
You can live there.
Do not listen to Hezekiah.
The Lord cannot save you.'**

**The people in Jerusalem
did not say a word.
Hezekiah told them not to.**



Hezekiah was troubled because the enemy was saying things against the Lord.

He tore his clothes and put on rough cloth to show how sad he was.

He sent a message to Isaiah the prophet saying, 'Please ask God to help us.'

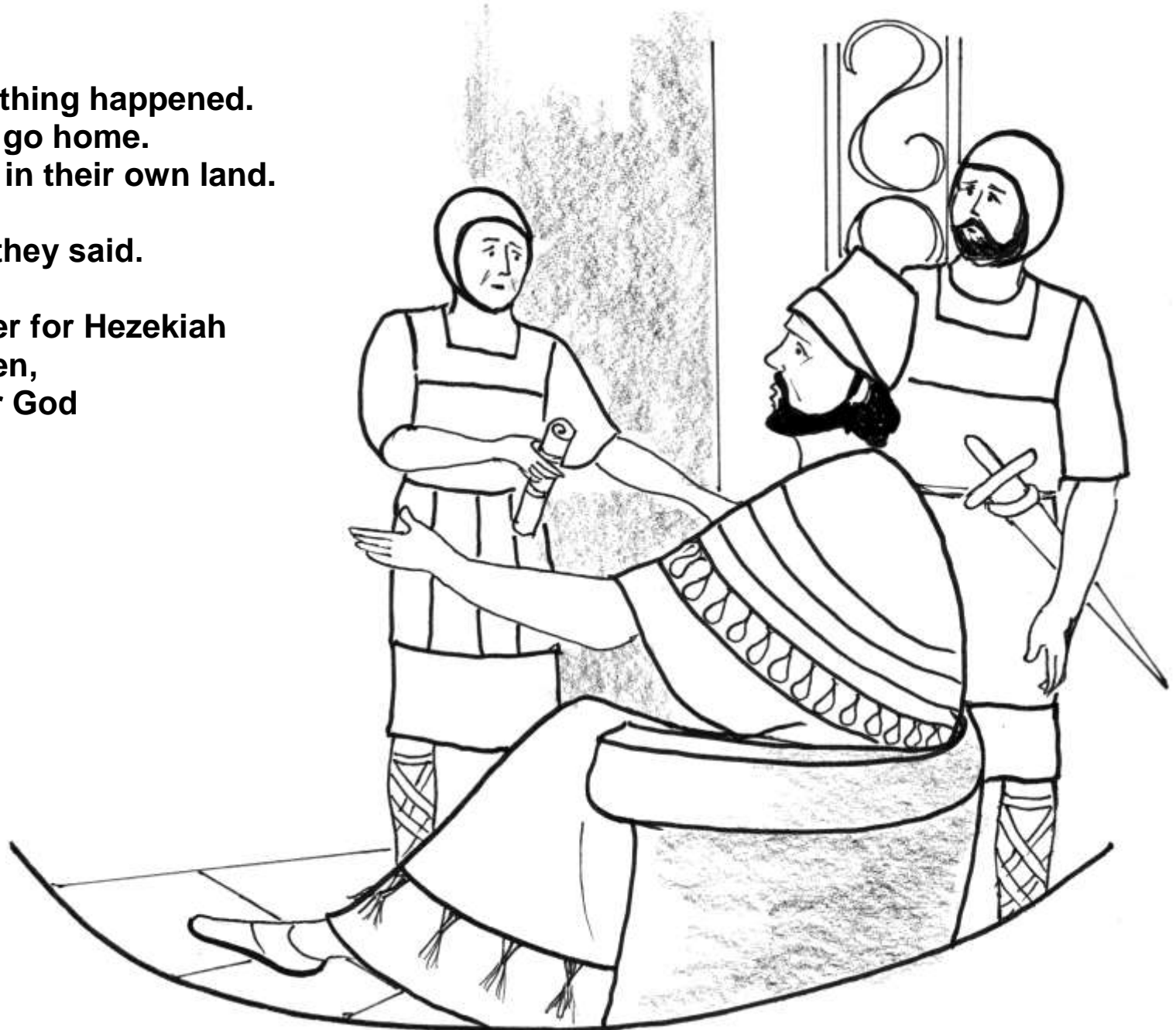
Then he went to the Temple to pray to the Lord.



**Then a surprising thing happened.
The enemy had to go home.
There was trouble in their own land.**

‘We will be back,’ they said.

**But they left a letter for Hezekiah
and in it was written,
‘Do you think your God
will save you?
No, we will come
and capture you.’**

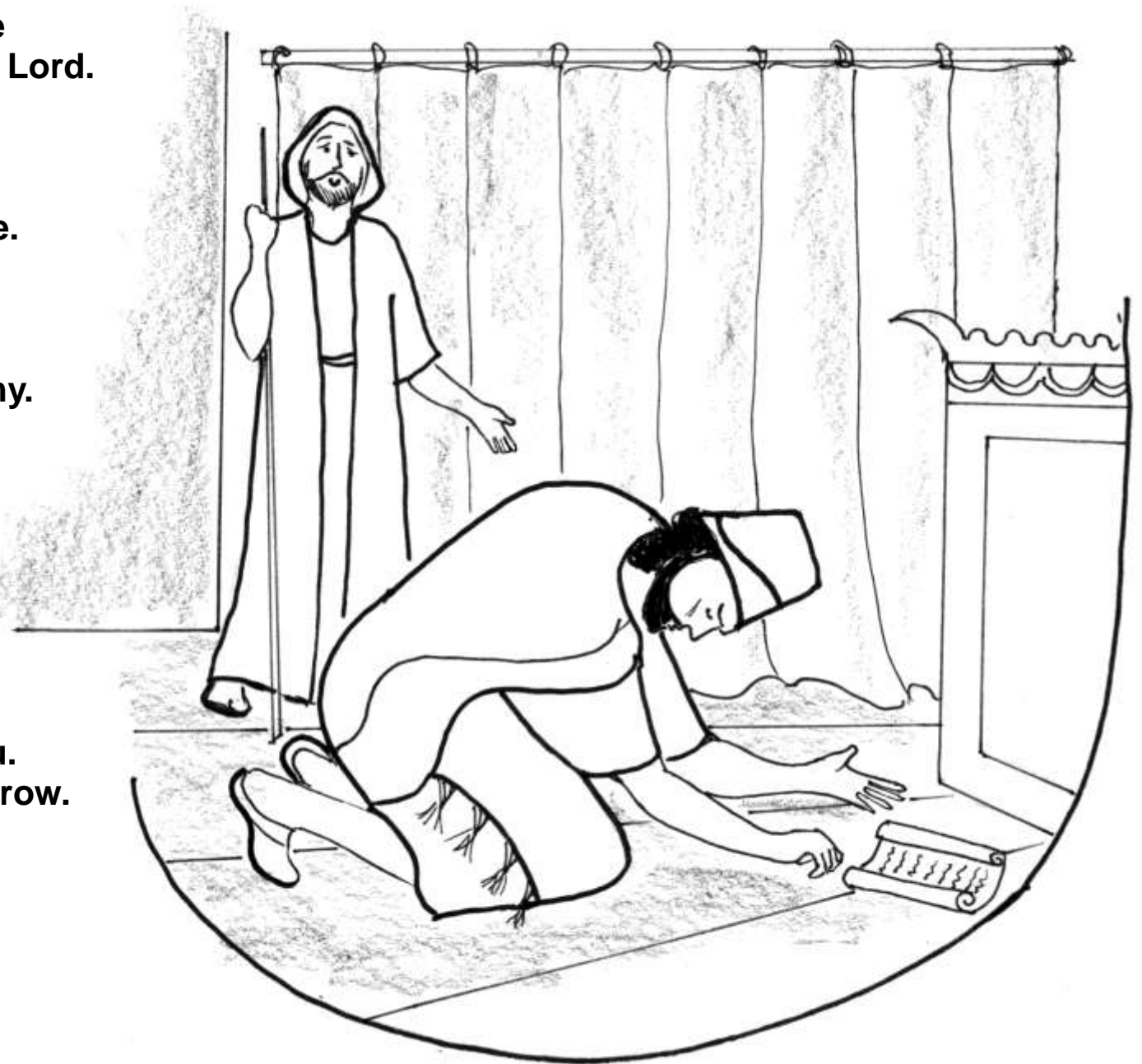


**After reading the letter
Hezekiah went to the temple
and spread it out before the Lord.**

He prayed:

**'Lord, God of Israel,
you are the God of everyone.
You made everything.
The enemy thinks
he is stronger than You.
Lord save us from our enemy.
Then everyone will know
that only You are God.'**

**God told Isaiah
to say to Hezekiah,
'Do not be afraid.
The Lord has
heard your prayer.
The enemy will not fight you.
He will not even shoot an arrow.
The Lord will save this city.'**



**When the enemy came back
the angel of the Lord
went through their camp
and killed lots of their soldiers.**

**In the morning when
God's people looked out
they saw what the angel
had done.**

**Those who were alive
were going home.**

**God saved His people
from their enemies for all
to know that He was God
of the whole world.**

