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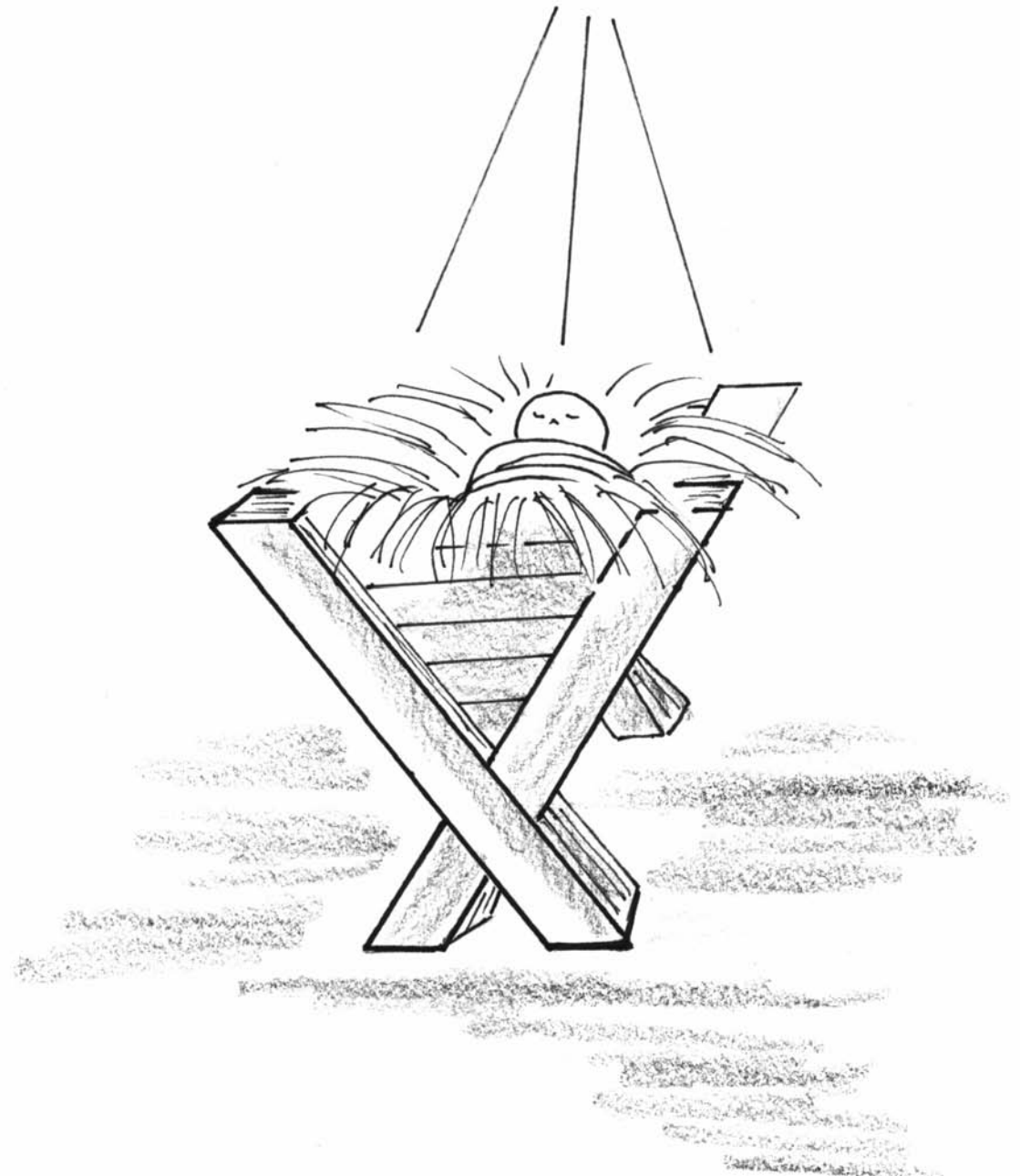
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GOD'S PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

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**It will soon be Christmas
and we will remember
that God sent His Son, Jesus,
into the world.**

**At that time, some people
knew that Jesus was coming.
This is how they knew.**



**The story began
with the world's first family.**

**Adam and Eve lived in God's garden
and they ate the fruit from the tree
that God had told them not to eat.
By disobeying God,
sin filled their hearts.**

**But God gave them a reason
to still trust in Him.**

**He said,
'One of the woman's children
will crush the serpent's
(or Satan's) head.'**

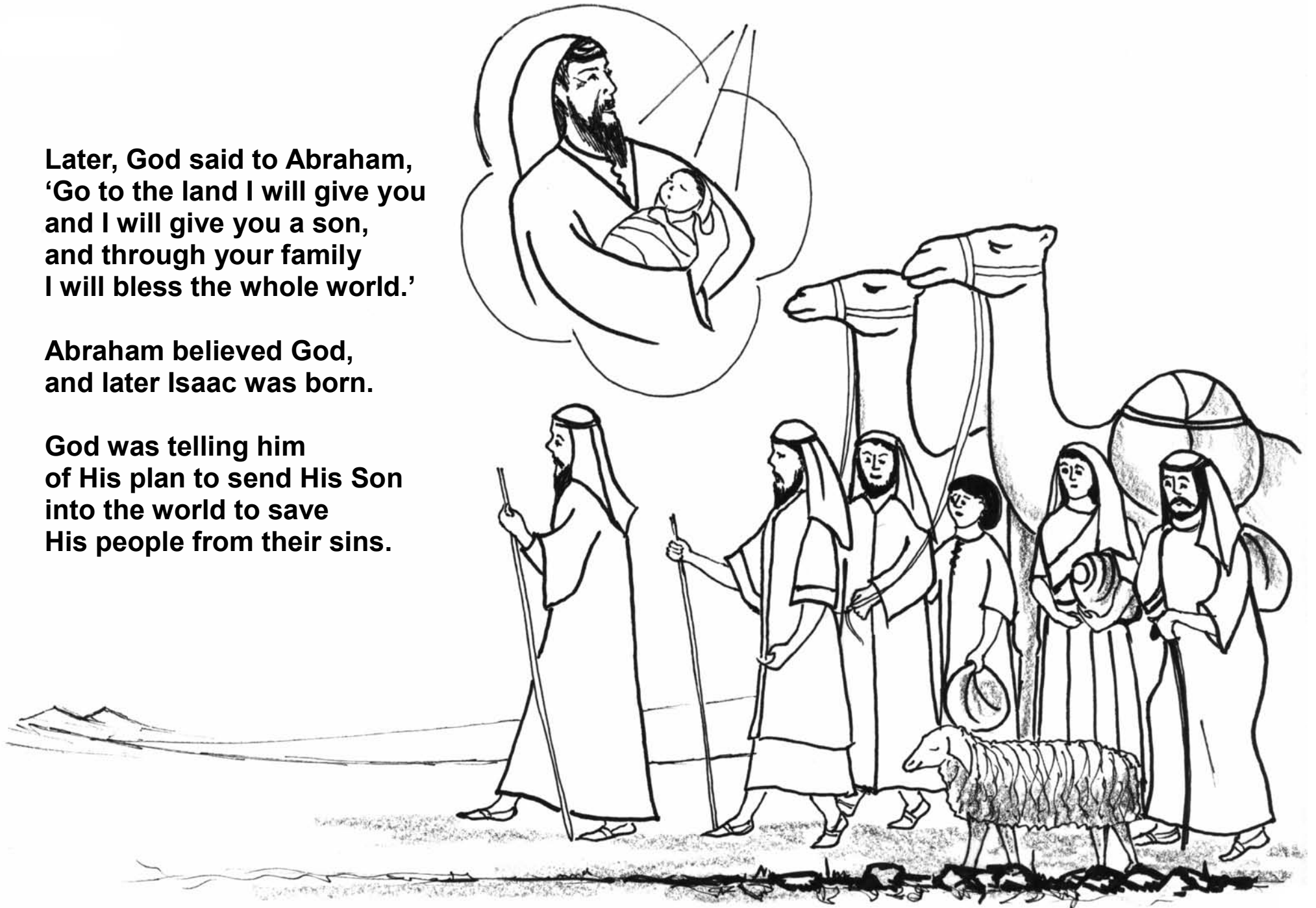
**God was telling them of His plan
to send His Son into the world
to save His people from their sins.**



**Later, God said to Abraham,
'Go to the land I will give you
and I will give you a son,
and through your family
I will bless the whole world.'**

**Abraham believed God,
and later Isaac was born.**

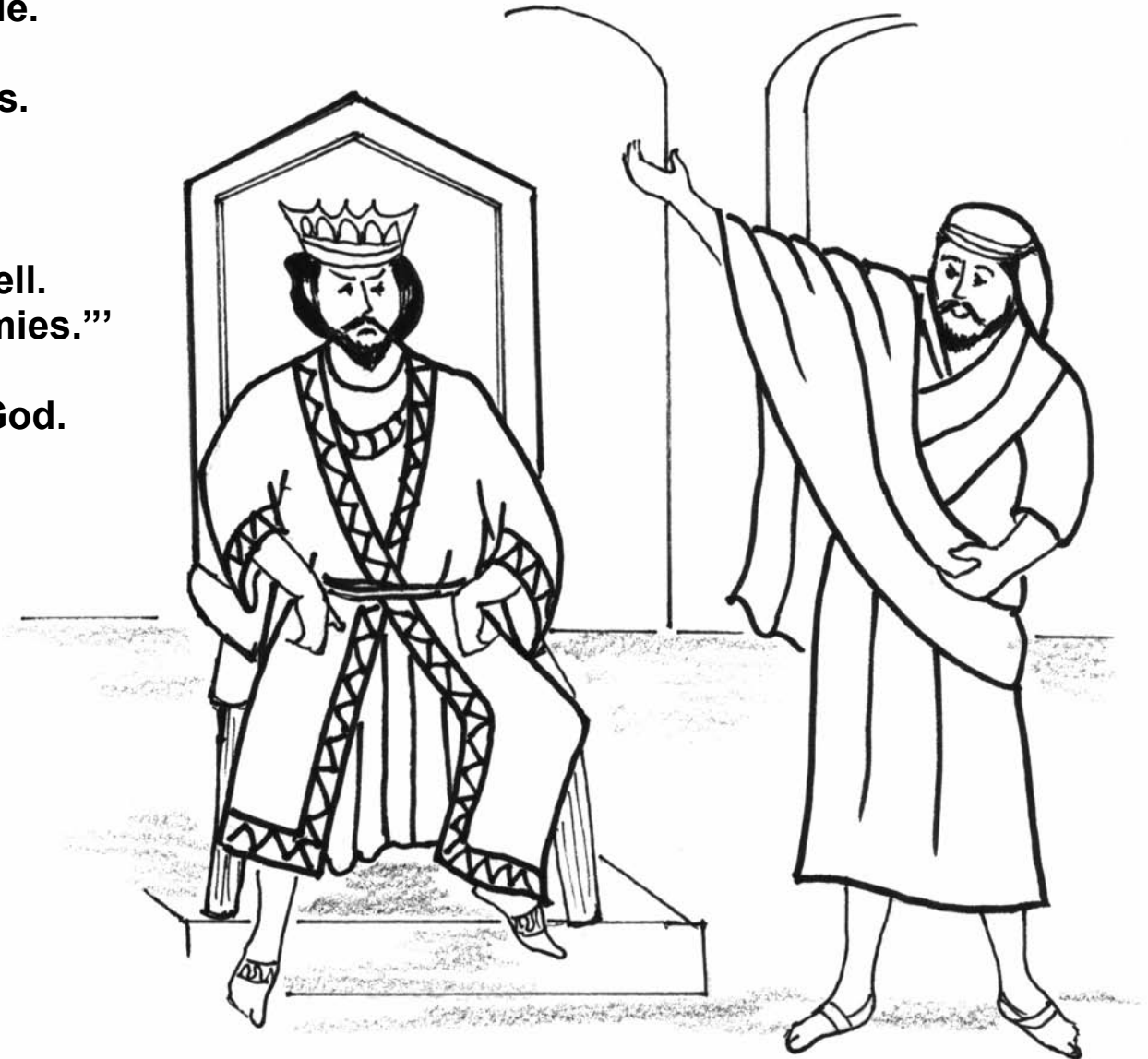
**God was telling him
of His plan to send His Son
into the world to save
His people from their sins.**



**Much later,
Ahaz was king over God's people.
He and God's people
were frightened by their enemies.**

**God said to the prophet Isaiah,
'Go to the King and say,
"Trust in God and you will do well.
He will save you from your enemies."'**

But King Ahaz would not trust God.



**However, God gave King Ahaz
this sign:
a baby will be born
who will be called 'God with us'.**

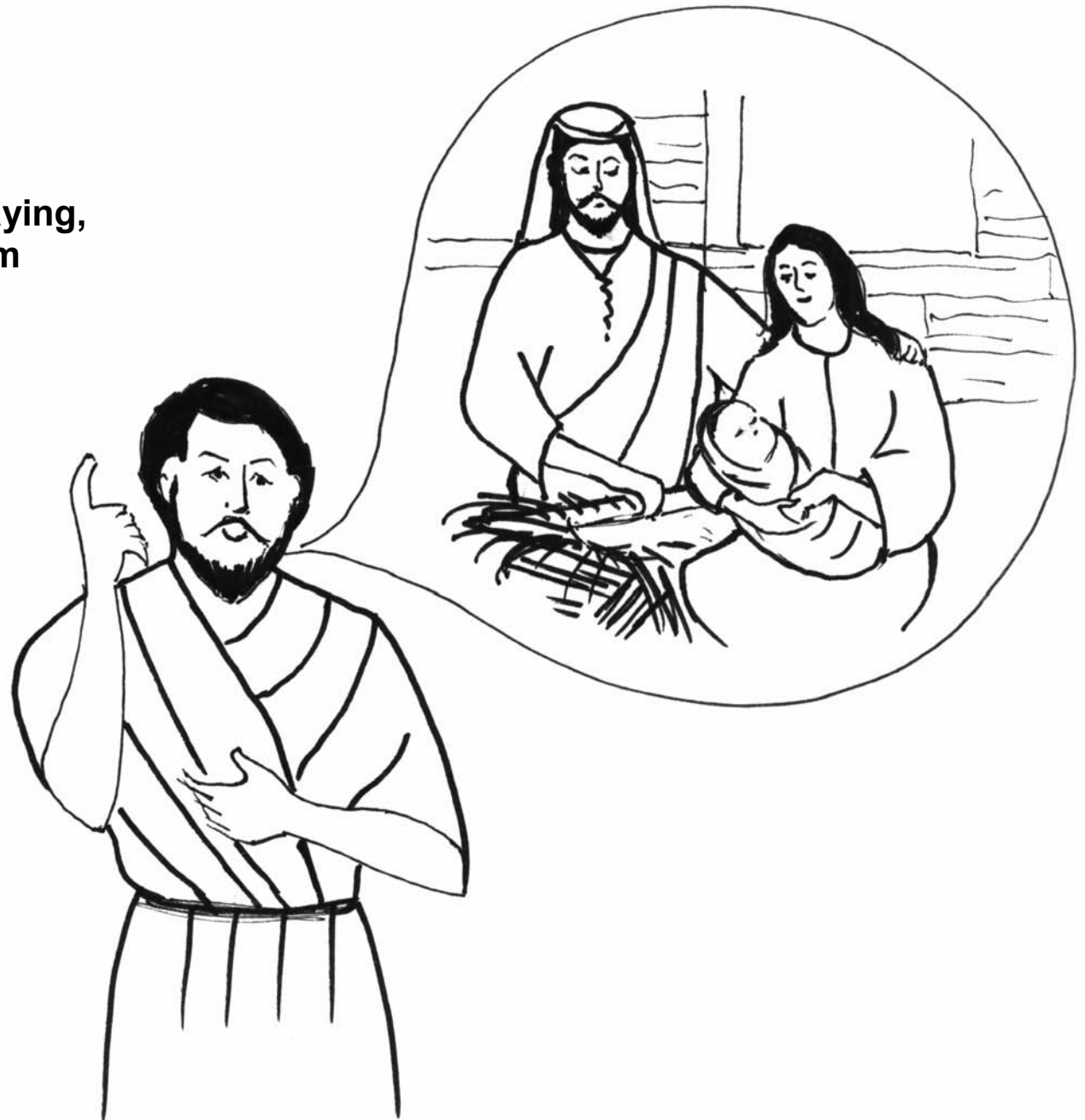
**By the time this baby
has grown to be a boy,
your enemies will be gone.**

**God was also showing His people
that one day
He would send them a baby
who really was 'God with us'.**



**At another time,
God sent the prophet Micah
with a message to His people saying,
'A ruler will be born in Bethlehem
One who is from the beginning.'**

**In this story, and many others,
God was preparing His people
for His Son to come.**



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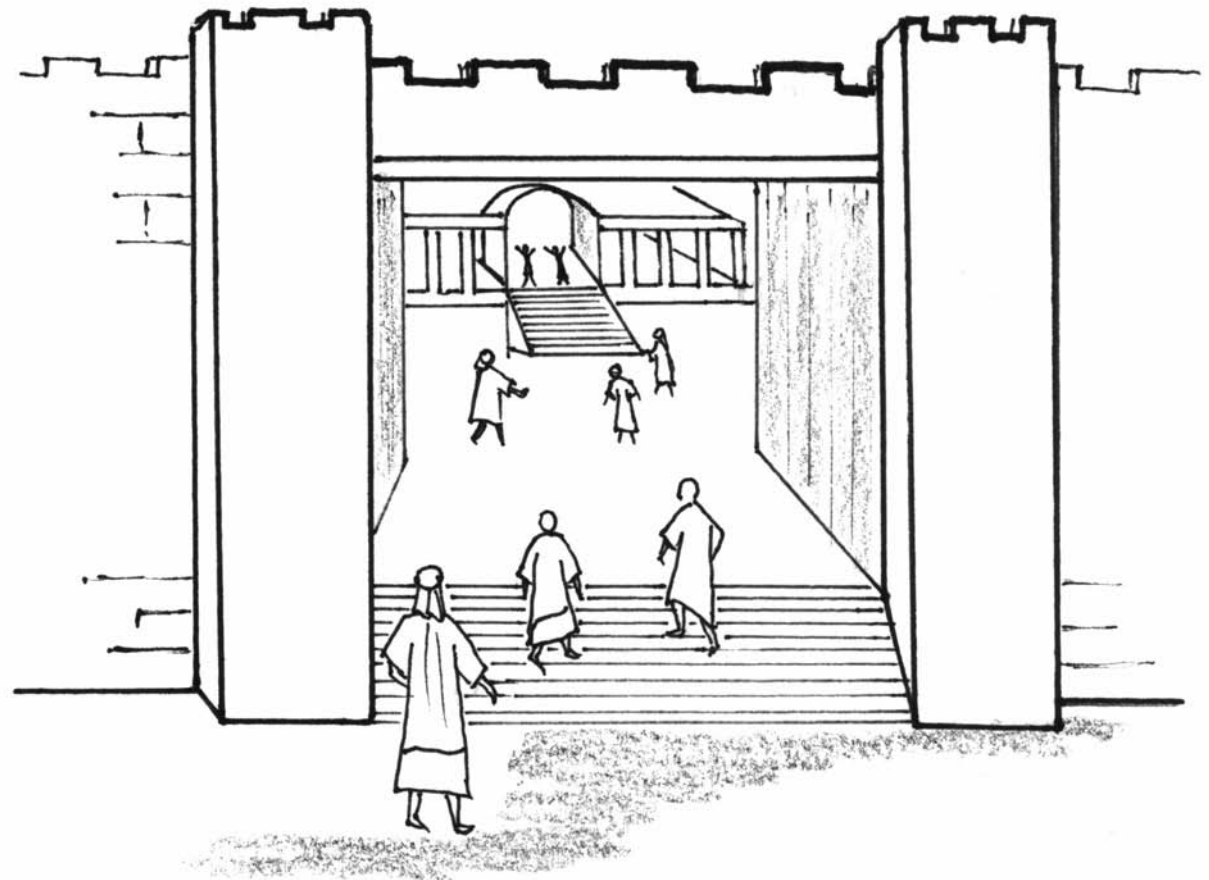
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LUKE 1:5-56
THE ANGEL VISITS ZECHARIAH AND MARY
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God did not speak to His people during the four hundred years between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

His people would go to the temple to hear God's word, make their sacrifices and pray.

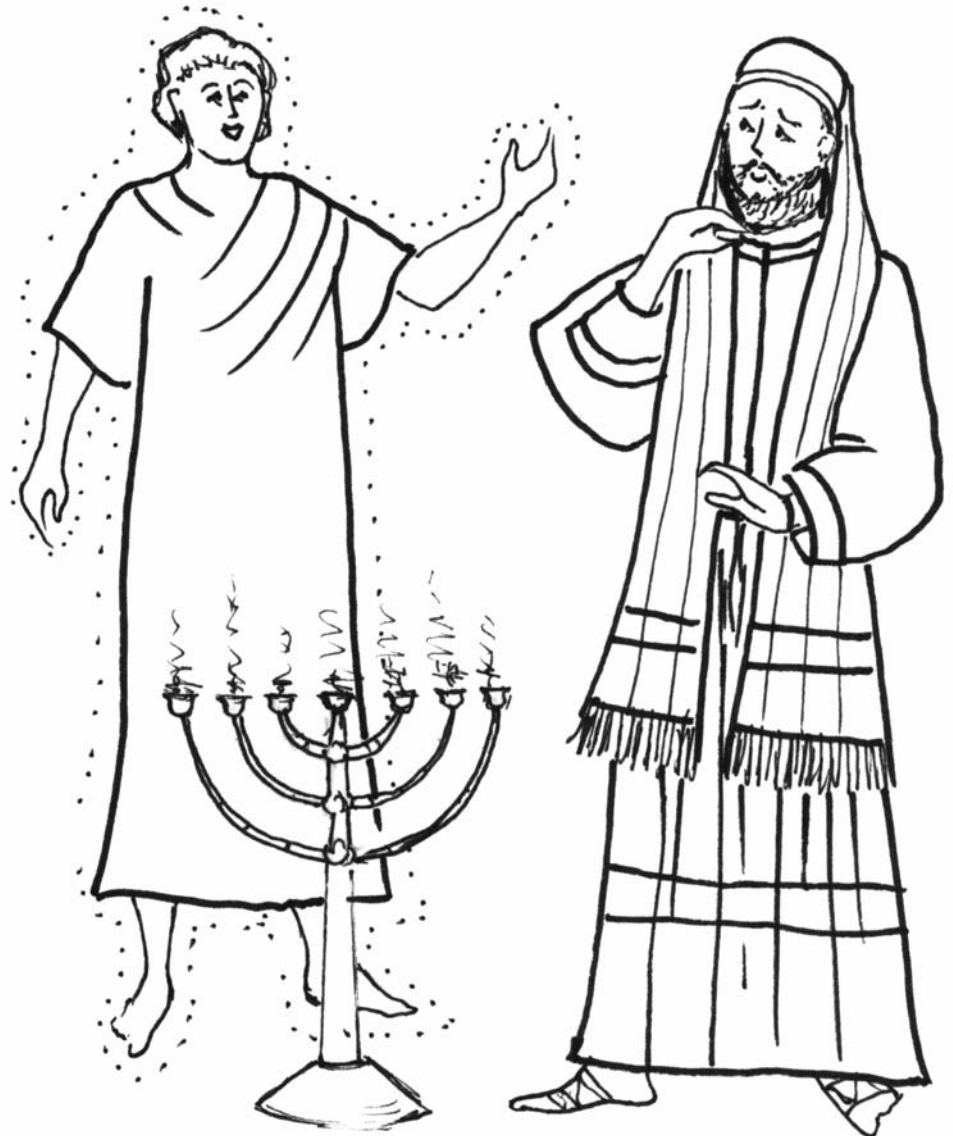


**Then one day
when Zechariah, a priest,
went into the temple to burn incense,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him.
Zechariah was afraid.**

**‘Don’t be afraid’,
said the angel,
‘I have come to tell you
that your prayer has been answered.
Your wife will have a son,
and you will name him John.
He will be filled with the Holy Spirit
and he will make people
ready for the Lord.’**

**Zechariah could not believe him.
He thought that he and his wife
were too old to have children.**

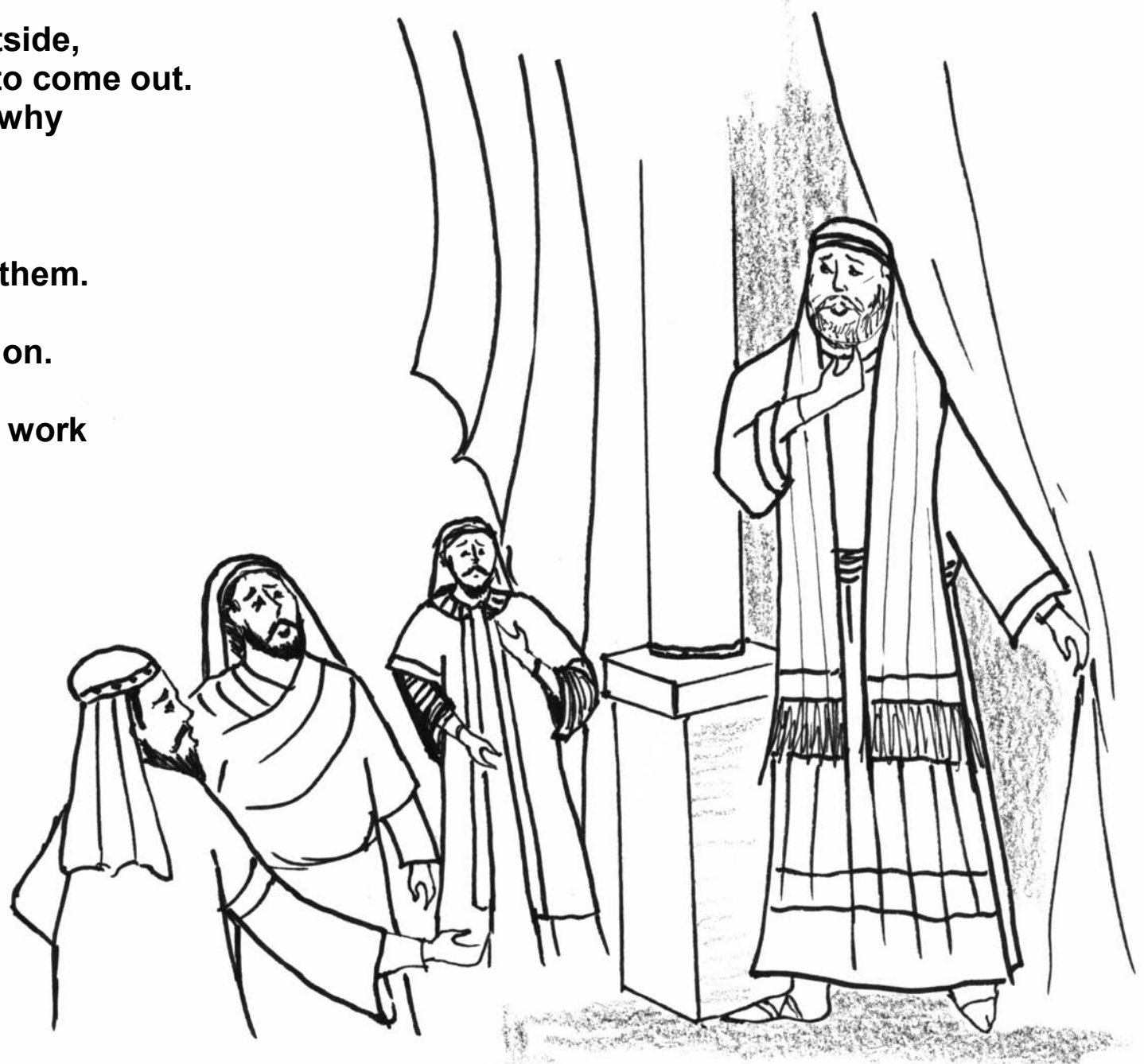
**‘You don’t believe me,’
said the angel.
‘I am Gabriel
and I stand in God’s presence.
God has sent me to tell you
this good news.
You will not be able to speak
until your baby is born.’**



God's people were outside,
waiting for Zechariah to come out.
They were wondering why
he was taking so long.

When he did come,
he could not speak to them.
The people realised
that he had seen a vision.

Zechariah finished his work
at the temple
and went home.



**Some time later
Elizabeth, Zechariah's wife,
was going to have a baby.**

**God had heard their prayer for Israel.
He was giving them a child
who would prepare the way
for Christ's coming.**



**Several months later
God sent the angel Gabriel
to speak to Mary.**

**He said,
'The Lord has blessed you
and is with you.'**

**'What does this mean?'
Mary wondered.**

**'Don't be afraid,' said the angel.
'You will have a son
and you will call Him Jesus.
God will give Him
the throne of His father David
and He will rule over God's people
forever.'**

'How can this happen?' asked Mary

**'The Holy Spirit will come upon you.'
said the angel.
'The child born to you will be holy.
He will be called the Son of God.'**

**Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant.
Let this happen to me just as you say.'**

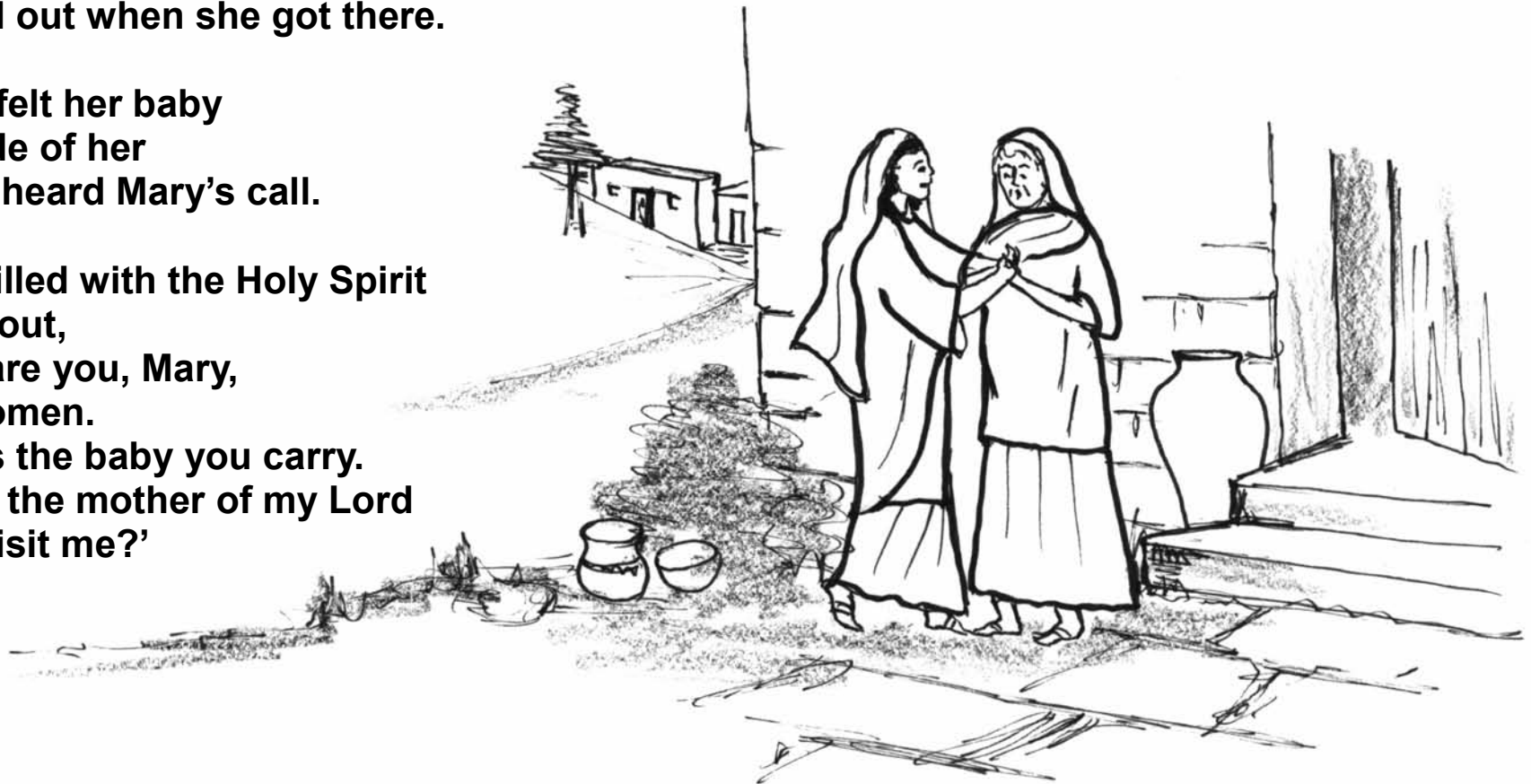


**The angel also told Mary
that her cousin, Elizabeth,
was going to have a baby.
She was very old,
but nothing was too hard for God.**

**Straight away
Mary went to Elizabeth's home
in the hill country.
She called out when she got there.**

**Elizabeth felt her baby
jump inside of her
when she heard Mary's call.**

**She was filled with the Holy Spirit
and cried out,
'Blessed are you, Mary,
among women.
Blessed is the baby you carry.
Why does the mother of my Lord
come to visit me?'**



**Mary was also filled with joy
and sang a song to the Lord.**

**‘My soul praises the Lord.
God has been kind to me.
God gives mercy
to those who worship Him.
God has done
what He promised to Abraham.’**



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LUKE 1: 57–80

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**Zechariah had not been able to talk
for a long time.**

Do you remember why?

**He thought he and Elizabeth
were too old to have children.**

**He did not believe the angel
when the angel said,
'Your wife will have a baby son.'**



**Then the day came
when this special baby
was born and everyone
was very happy.**



**Some days later it was time
to give the baby a name,
but Zechariah still
could not speak.**

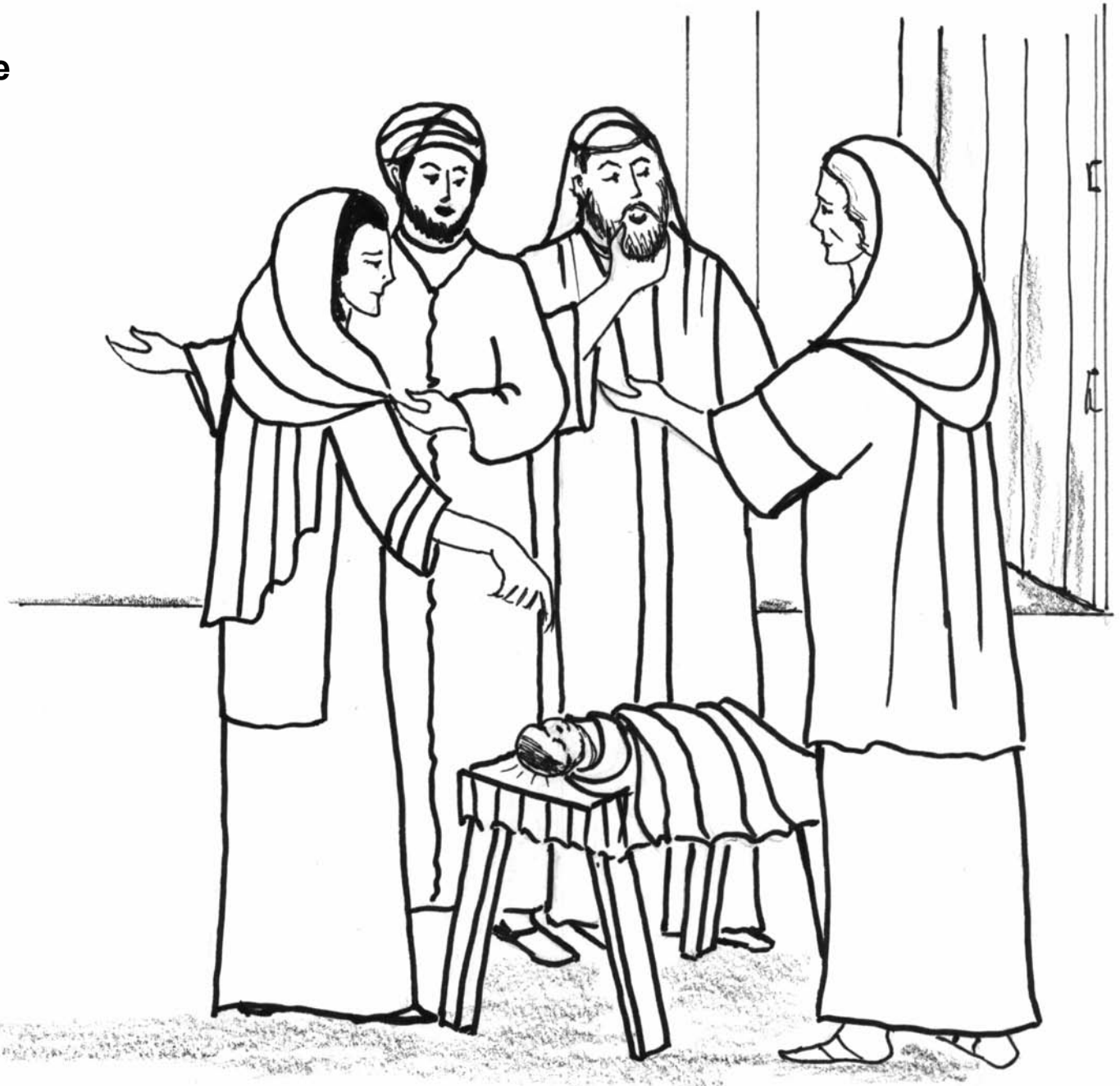
**Their friends said,
'Zechariah
should be his name
just like his father.'**

**Elizabeth knew
it was not to be Zechariah.
The angel had told
her husband
to call him John.**

**So Elizabeth said,
'His name will be John.'**

**Their friends
did not understand.**

**They said,
'No one in your family
has a name like that!'**



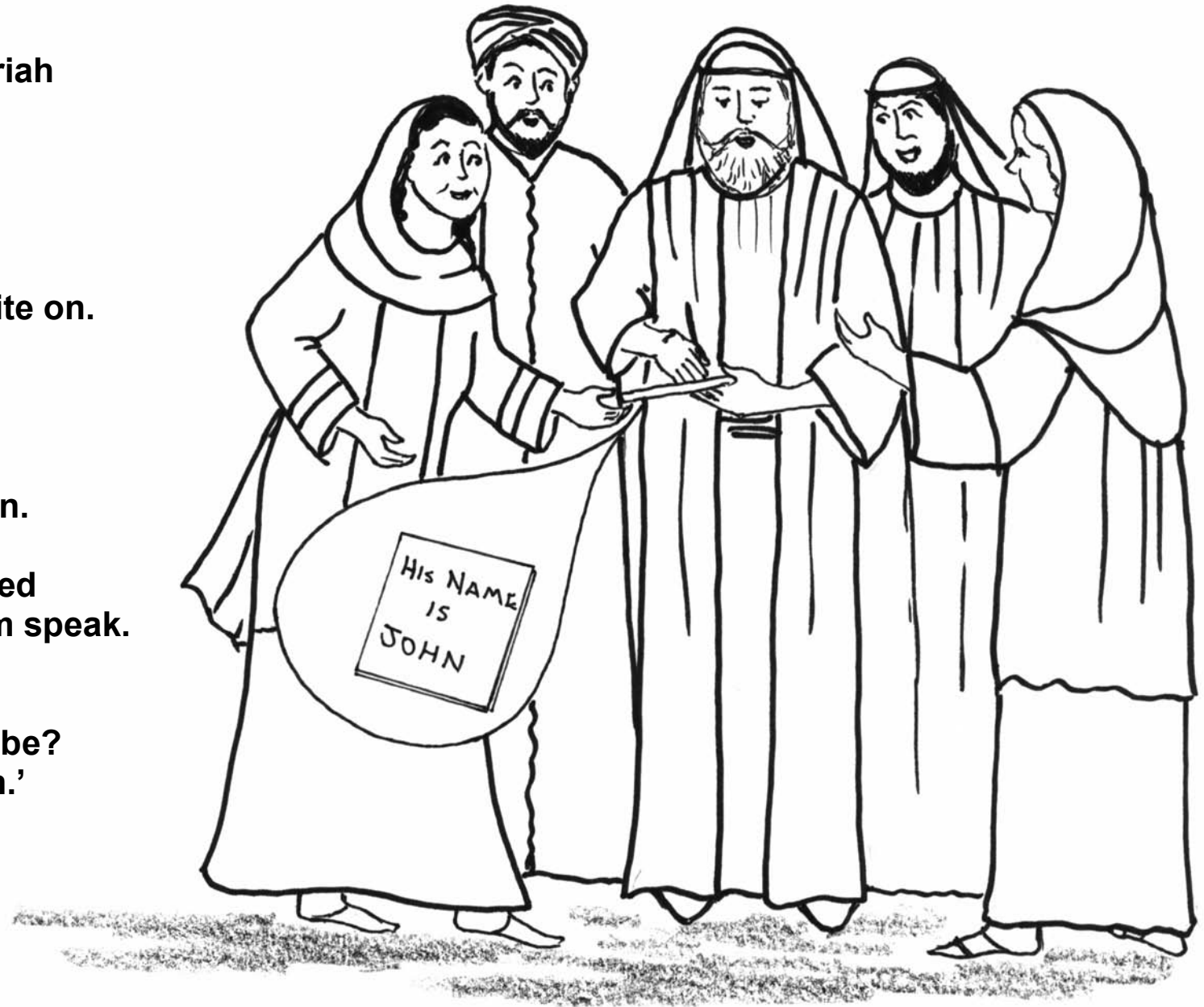
**They went to Zechariah
and asked him,
'What are you going
to call your son?'**

**Zechariah asked
for something to write on.
He wrote,
'His name is John.'**

**Immediately,
he could speak again.**

**Everyone was amazed
when they heard him speak.**

**They thought,
'What will this child be?
The Lord is with him.'**



**Zechariah was filled
with the Holy Spirit
and praised God.**

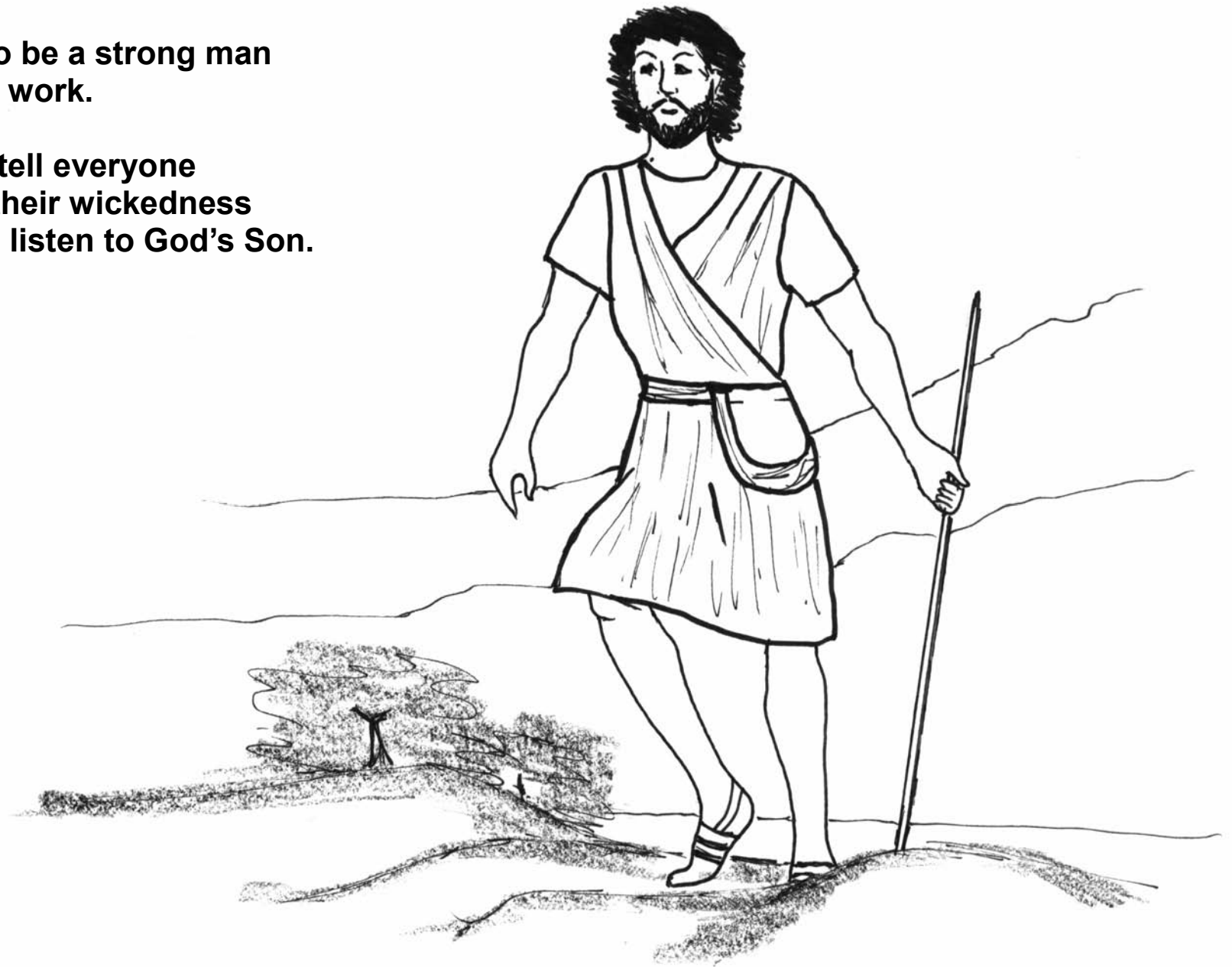
**He said,
'God has remembered
His promise to Abraham.
This child
will make His people
ready for God's coming.**

**'He will tell them
that they will be saved
by having their sins forgiven.'**



**John grew up to be a strong man
ready for God's work.**

**He was sent to tell everyone
to repent from their wickedness
and be ready to listen to God's Son.**



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MATTHEW 1:18–25 & LUKE 2:1–20
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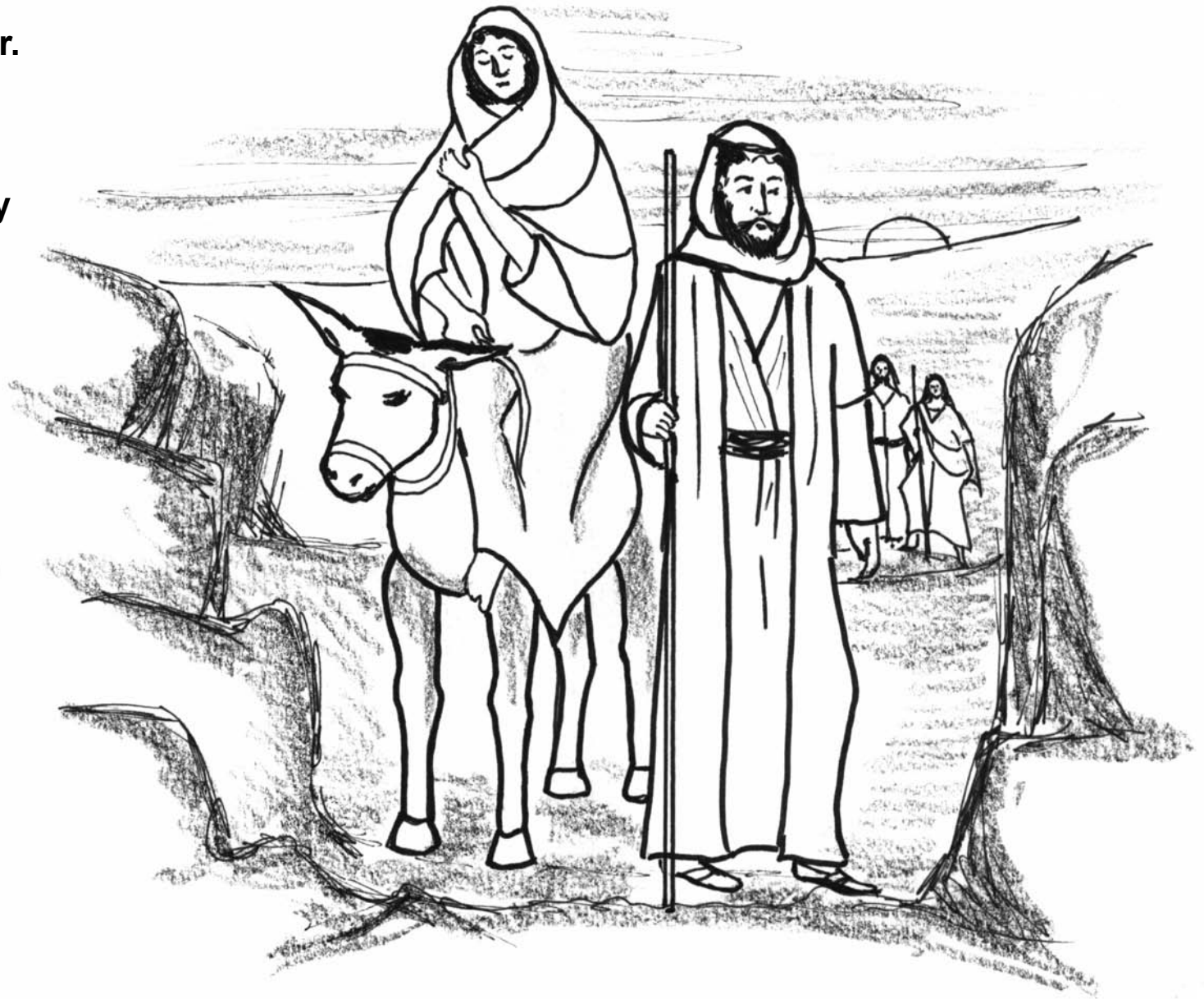
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**An angel of the Lord
came to Joseph in a dream
and said,
'Don't be afraid to take Mary
to be your wife.
The baby she will have
is God's Son.
His name is to be Jesus
for He will save His people
from their sins.'**



**Before Jesus was born,
Mary and Joseph had to
go to Bethlehem to put
their names on a register.
Other people
had to go there too.**

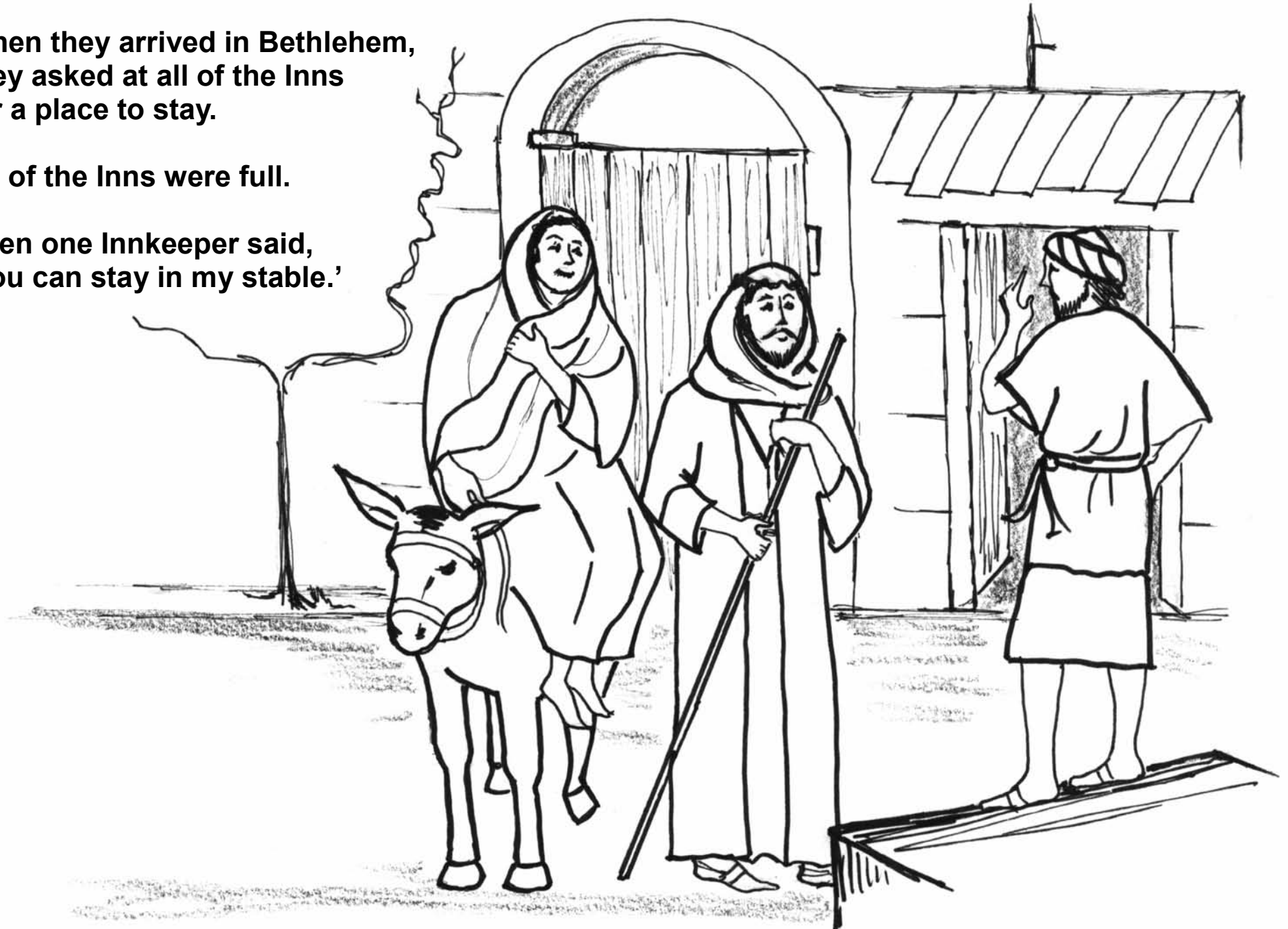
**Mary rode on the donkey
and Joseph walked.**



**When they arrived in Bethlehem,
they asked at all of the Inns
for a place to stay.**

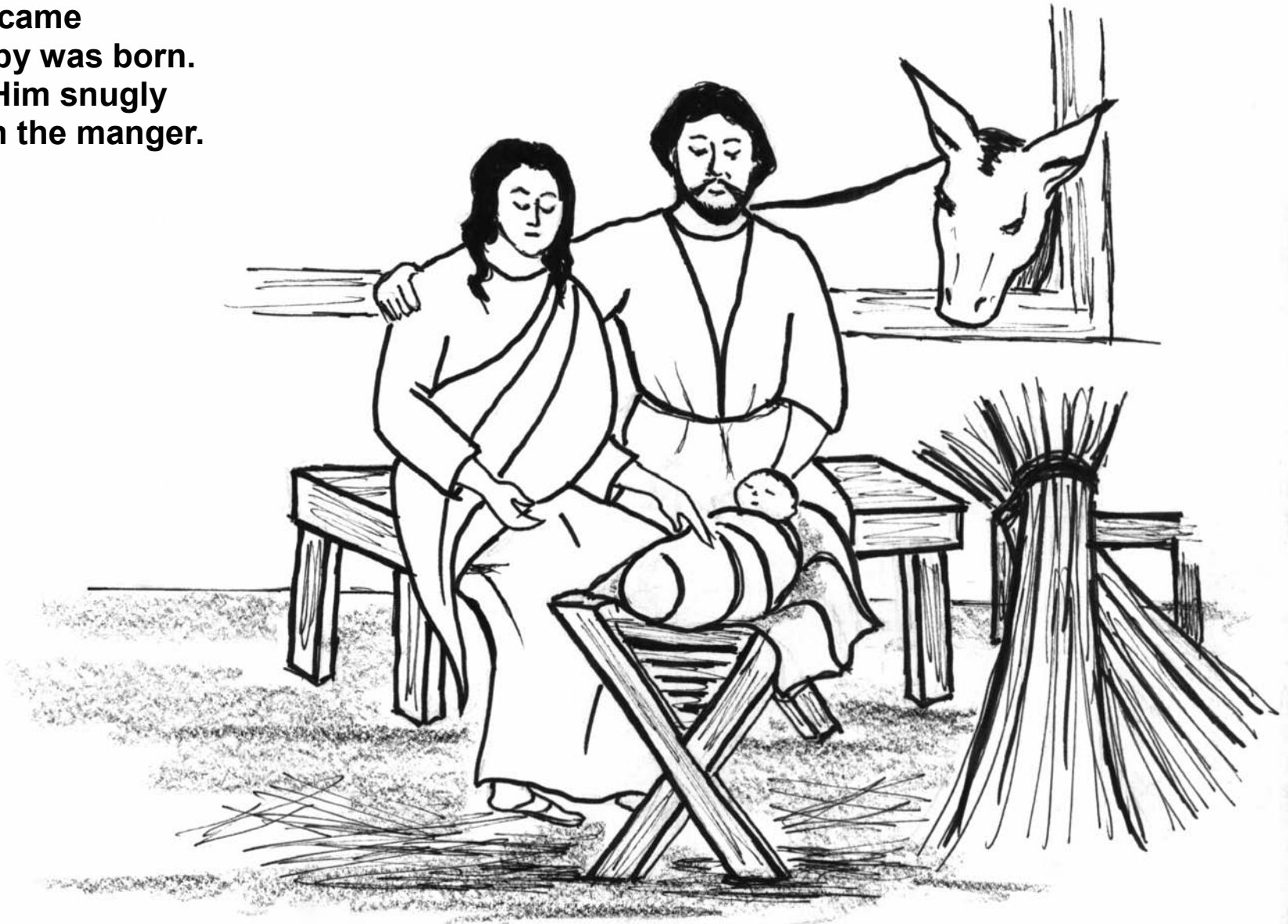
All of the Inns were full.

**Then one Innkeeper said,
'You can stay in my stable.'**



**Mary and Joseph were very tired,
and they were glad to rest in the stable.**

**Then the time came
and Mary's baby was born.
She wrapped Him snugly
and laid Him in the manger.**



**That night,
God sent an angel
to tell some shepherds,
that His Son had been born.**

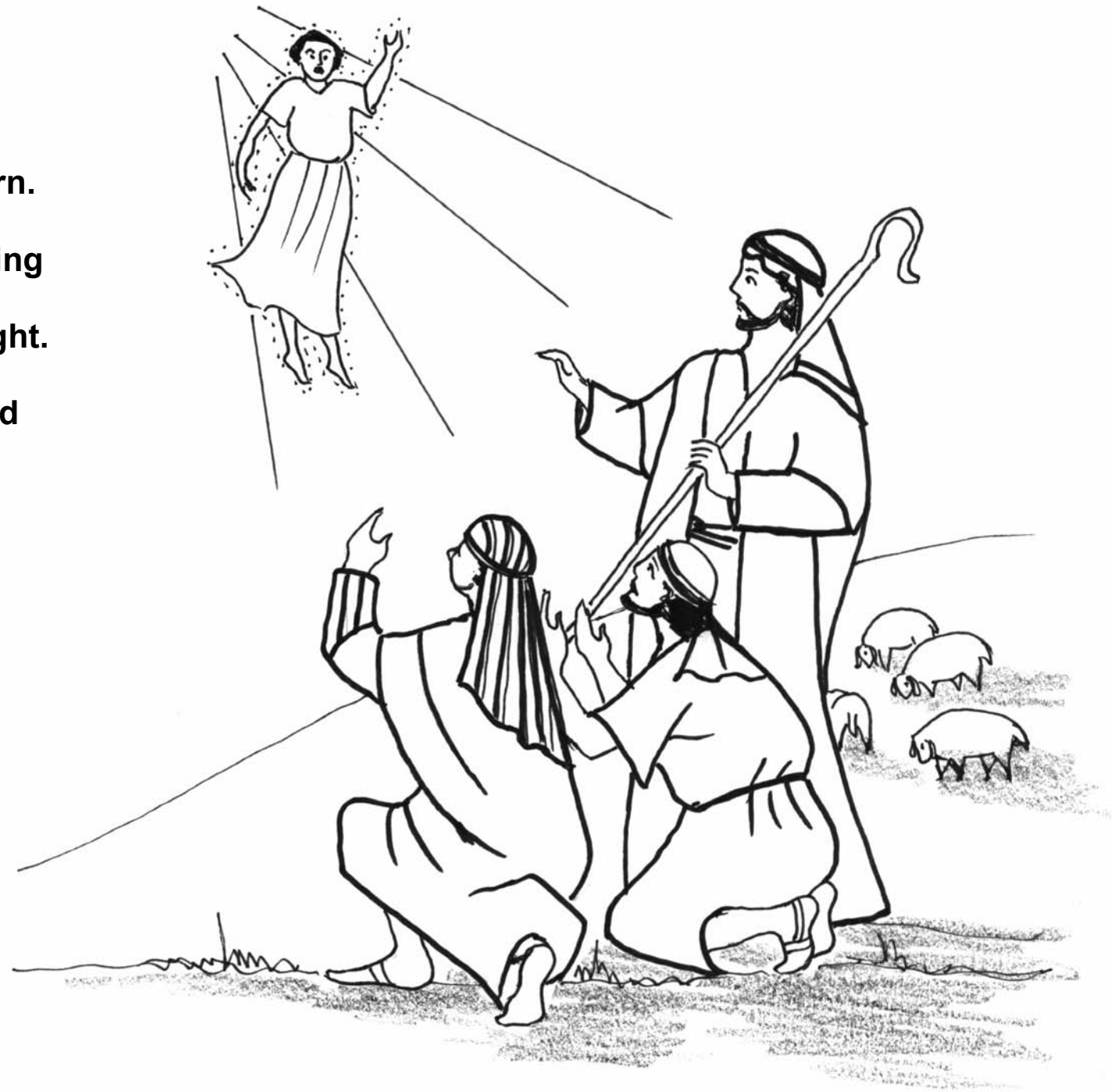
**The shepherds were looking
after their sheep
when they saw a bright light.**

**It was the glory of the Lord
shining around them.**

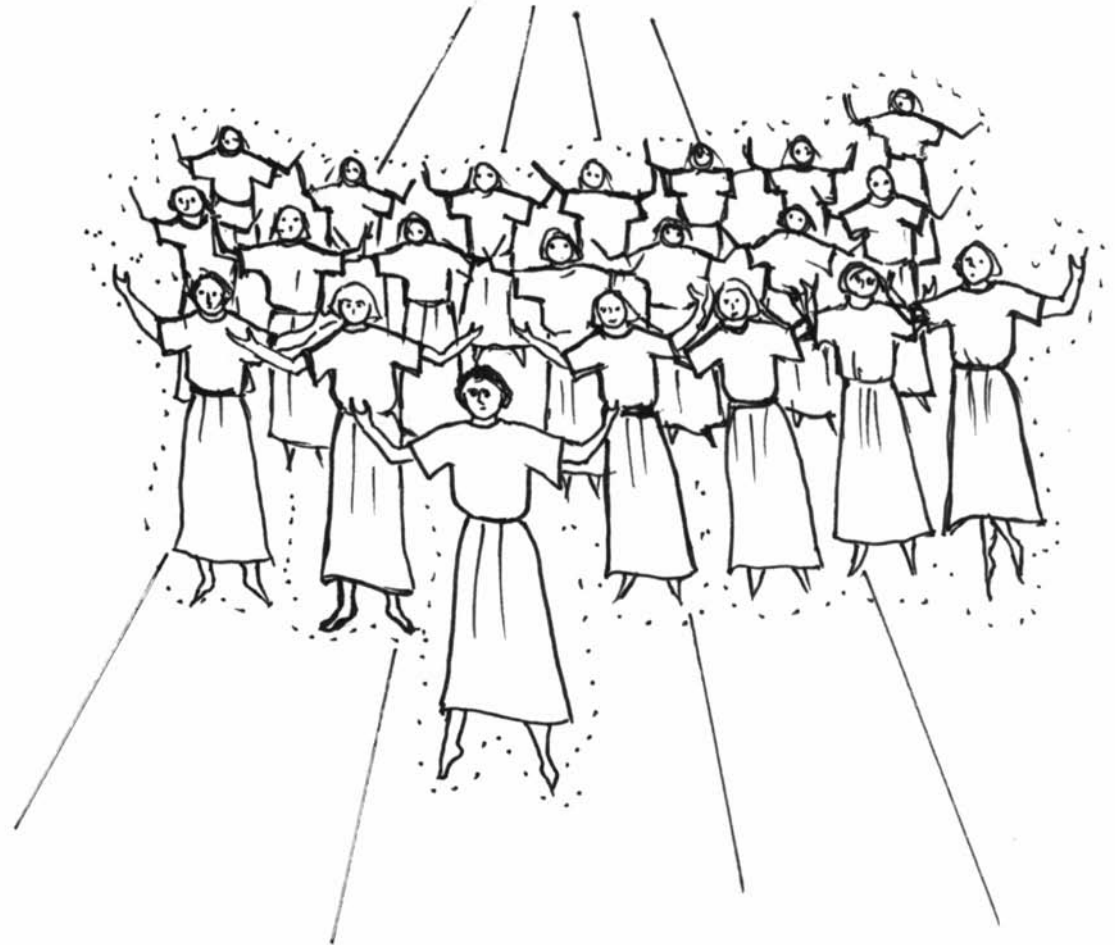
**At first the shepherds
were afraid.**

**Then the angel spoke
to them saying,
'Don't be afraid.
Today your Saviour
was born in David's town.
He is Christ, the Lord.**

**'You will find the baby
wrapped in cloth
and lying in a manger.'**

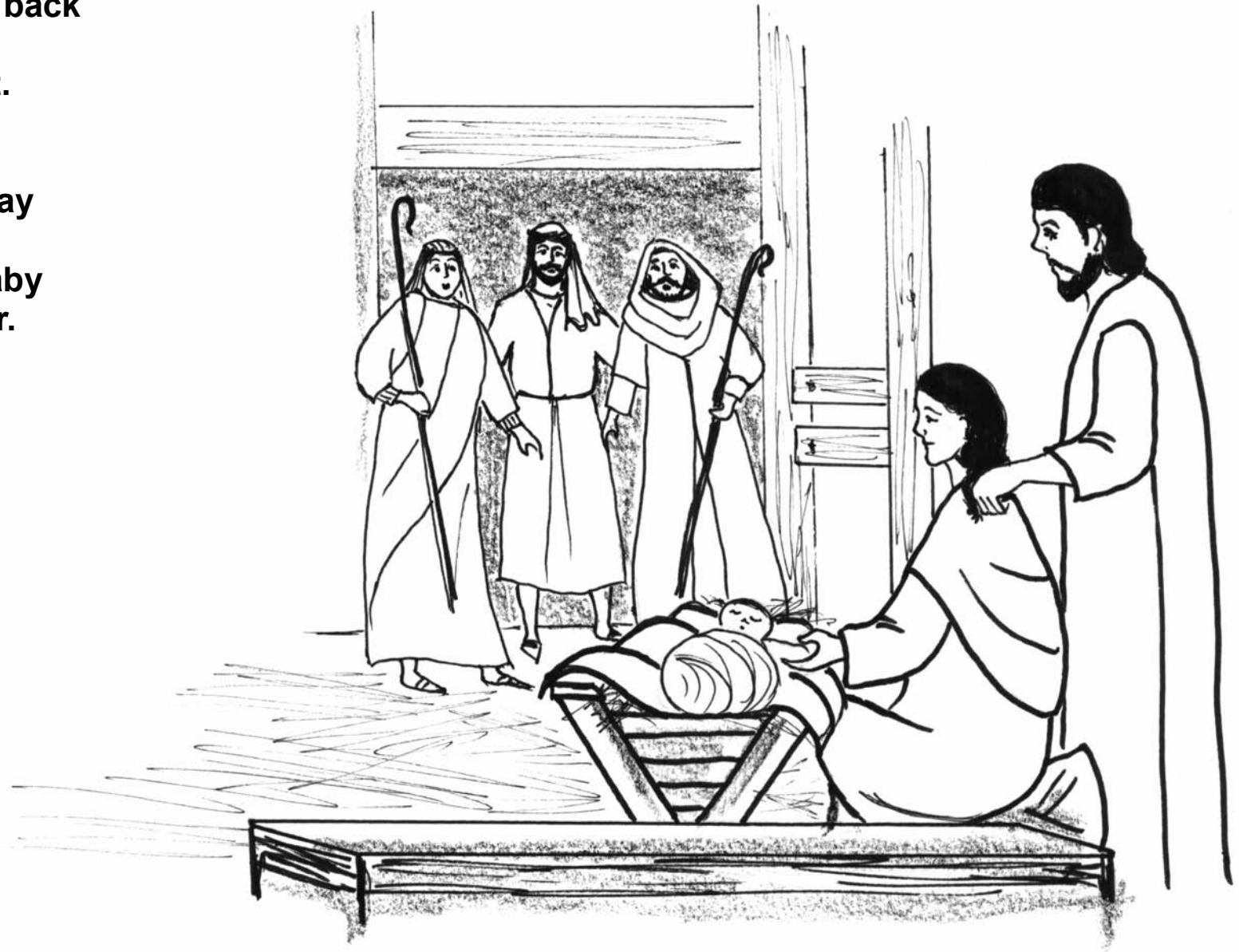


**Then a large group of angels sang
and praised God, saying,
'Glory to God in heaven,
and on earth
let there be peace to the people
who please God.'**

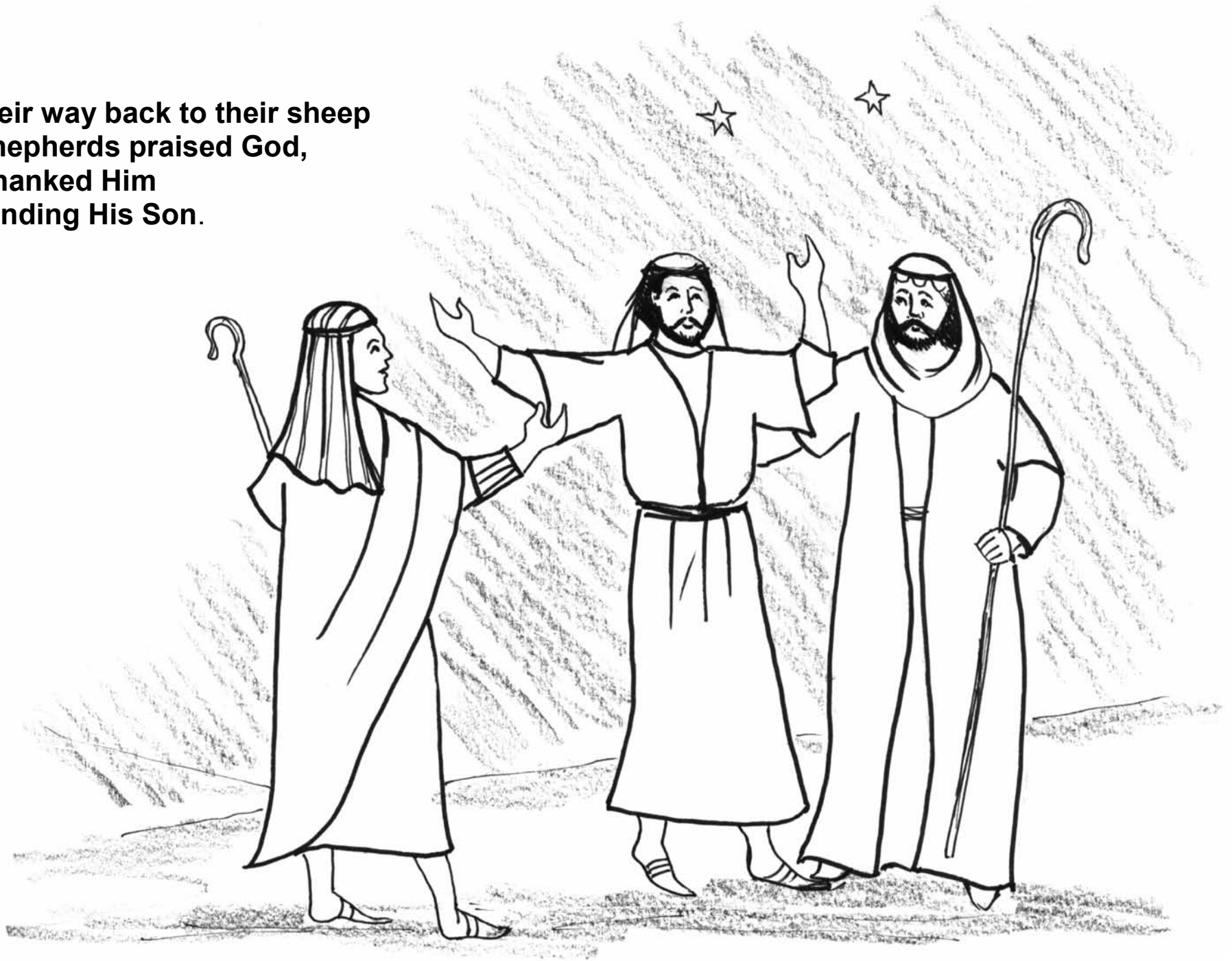


**The angels went back
to heaven
and all was quiet.**

**The shepherds
went straight away
to Bethlehem
and found the baby
lying in a manger.**



**On their way back to their sheep
the shepherds praised God,
and thanked Him
for sending His Son.**



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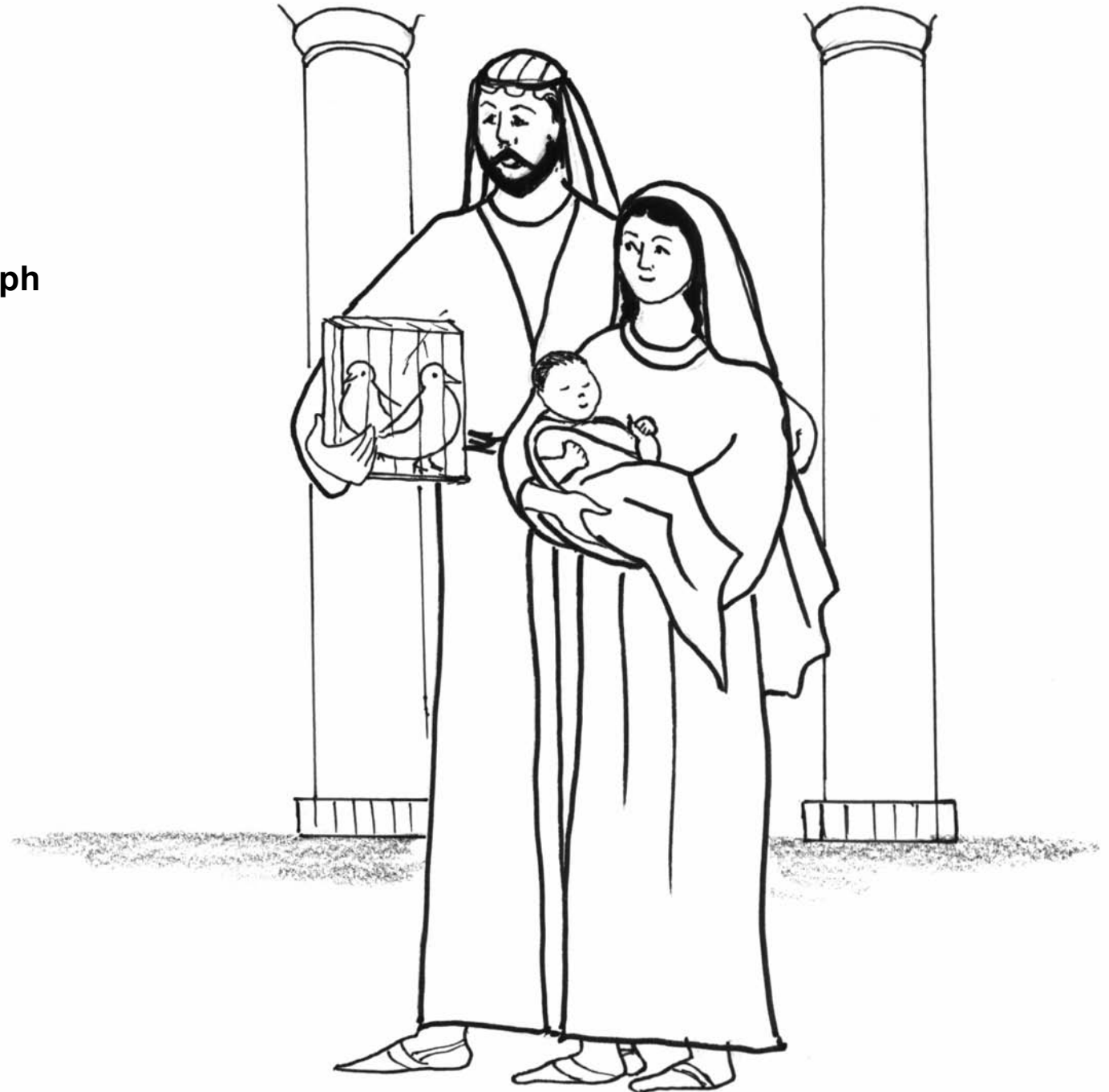
LUKE 2:21-40
SIMEON AND ANNA:
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**When Mary's baby was eight days old they gave Him the name of 'Jesus'.
The angel had told Mary and Joseph to give Him this name.**



**A little later Mary and Joseph
took Jesus to the temple
to give Him to the Lord.**

**They also took two doves
for a sacrifice.**



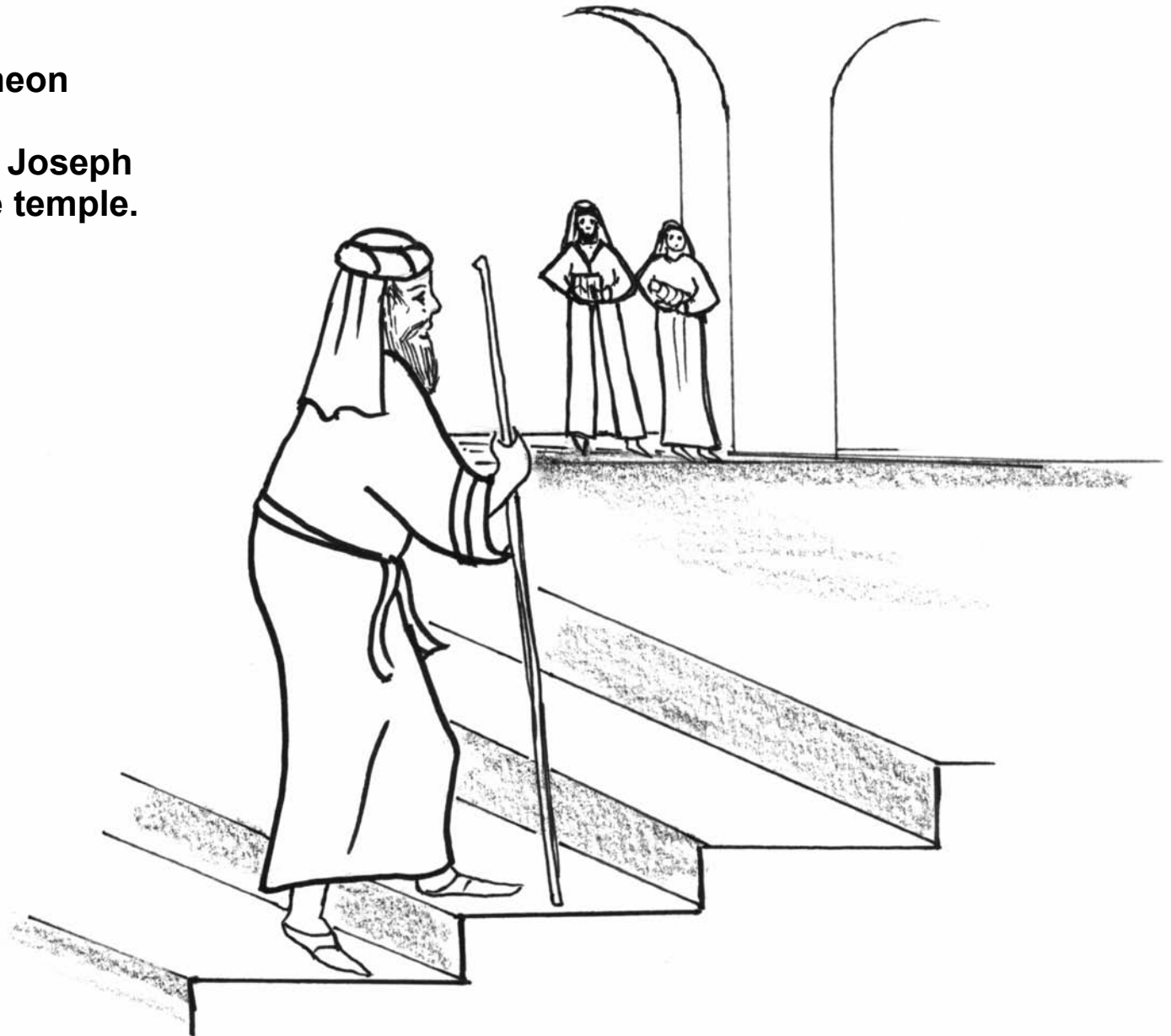
**At the temple lived an old prophet.
His name was Simeon.**

**God had said to him,
'You will not die until
you have seen the Lord's Messiah.'**

**He was really keen to see the One
God was sending.**



**The Holy Spirit guided Simeon
into the temple,
at the same time Mary and Joseph
were bringing Jesus to the temple.**

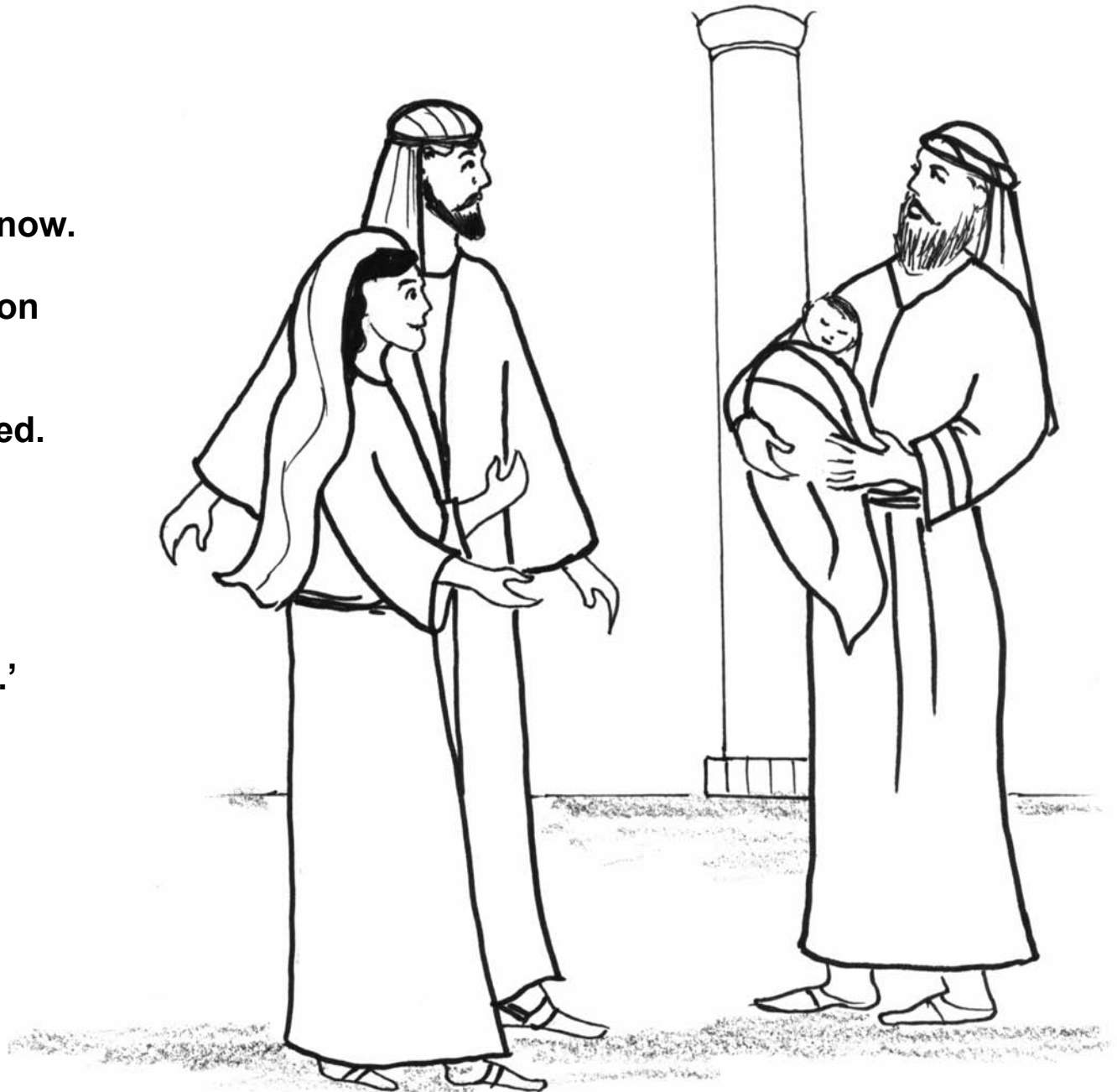


**When Simeon saw the baby
he took Him in his arms.**

**He praised God, saying
'You can let me die in peace now.
I have seen the Messiah,
the One who will give salvation
to those who believe.'**

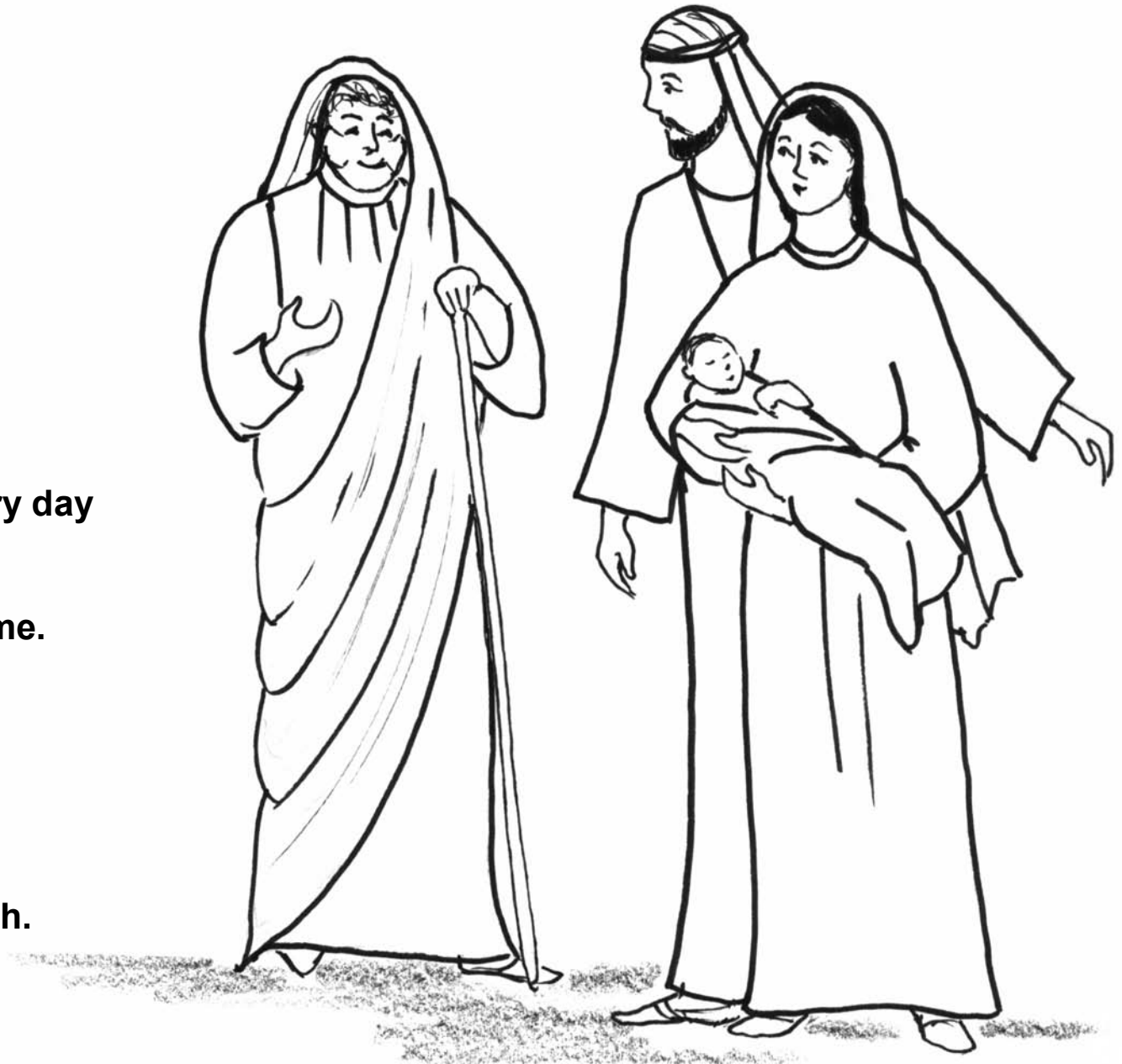
Mary and Joseph were amazed.

**Simeon blessed
Mary and Joseph and said,
'Some people will believe
in Jesus and be saved.
Some people will not believe.'**



**Anna, a prophetess,
who came to the temple every day
to worship God,
was also waiting for
the promised Messiah to come.**

**When she saw baby Jesus,
God's Son,
she was so happy,
she praised God
and told everyone that
He was the promised Messiah.**



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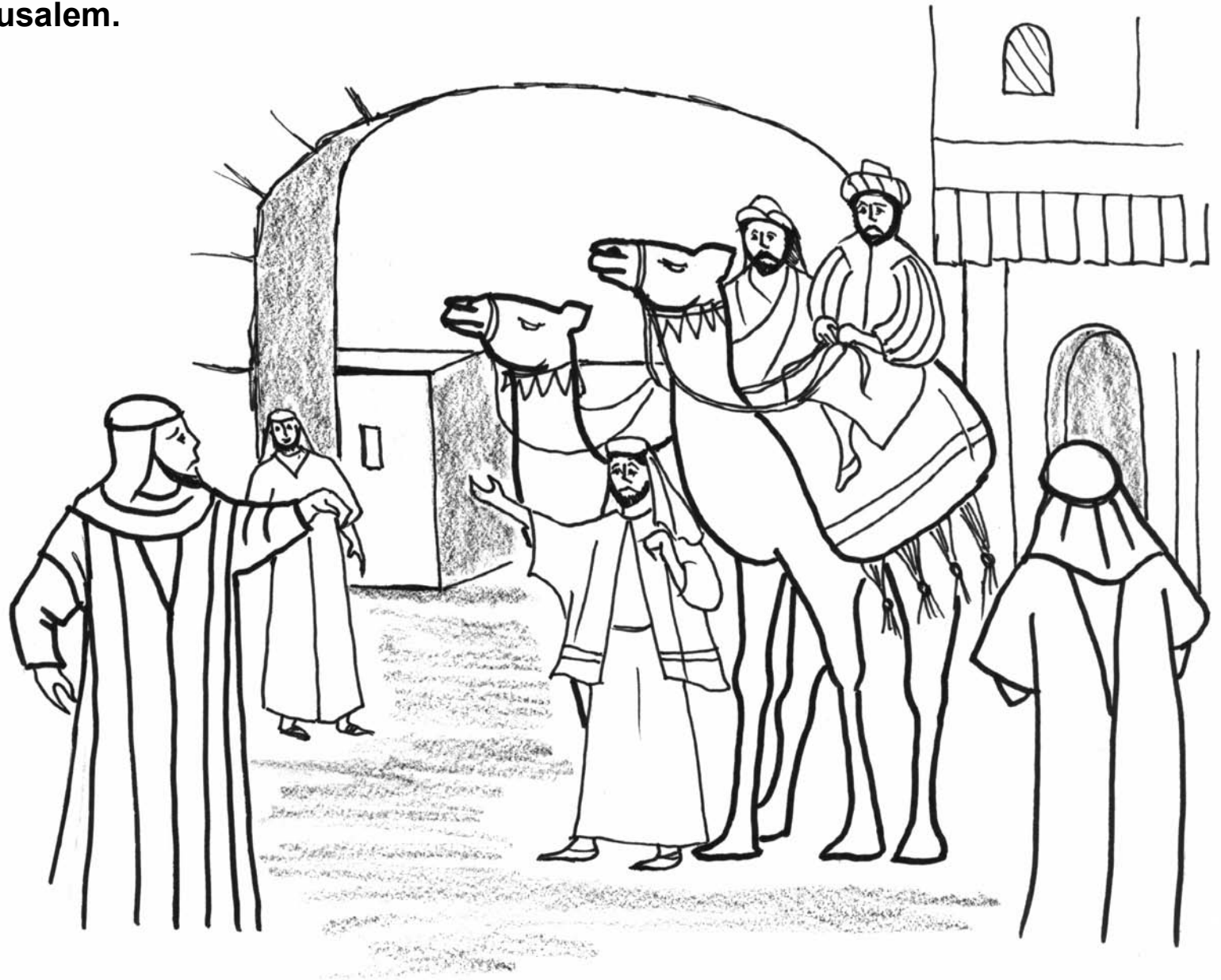
MATTHEW 2:1-23
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**When the wise men from the East
saw a star in the sky they said,
'A new king must be born.
I wonder where?'**



**So they packed their camels
and travelled to Jerusalem.**

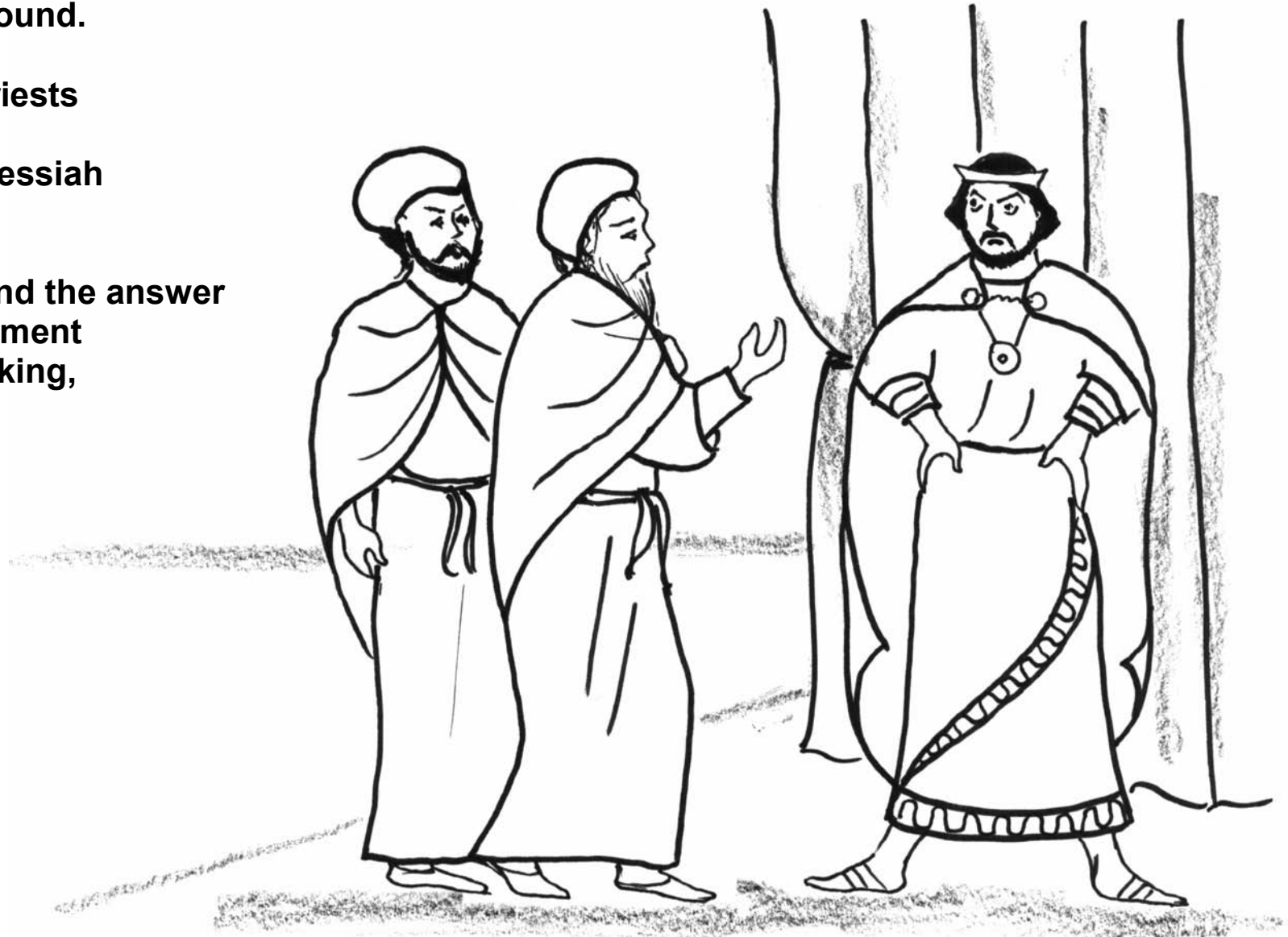
**They asked people,
'Where is the baby,
the One born to be
king of the Jews?'**



**In Jerusalem,
Herod was the king.
He did not want
another king around.**

**He called the priests
and asked,
'Where is the Messiah
to be born?'**

**The Priests found the answer
in the Old Testament
and said to the king,
'He will be born
in Bethlehem.'**



So Herod called in the
wise men and asked,
'How long ago
did you see the star?'

Then he said,
'Go and find this child,
and come back and tell me.'

He pretended
that he wanted to worship
the king/Messiah.



**As the wise men started
going towards Bethlehem
the star appeared again.
It guided them
all the way to where Jesus was.**

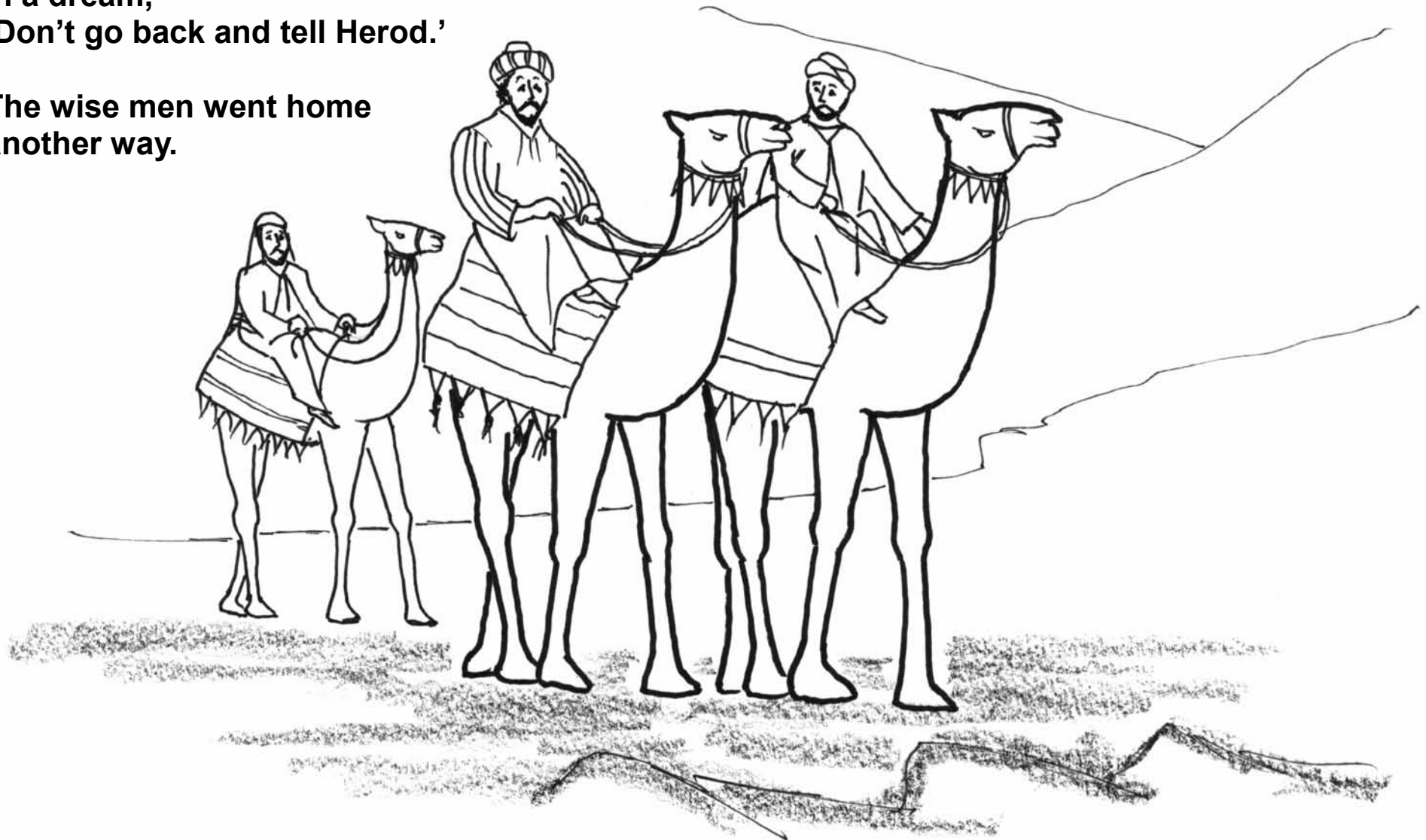
**When the wise men saw Jesus
they worshipped Him
and gave Him gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh.**



**God knew that Herod wanted
to kill His Son.**

**So He said to the wise men
in a dream,
'Don't go back and tell Herod.'**

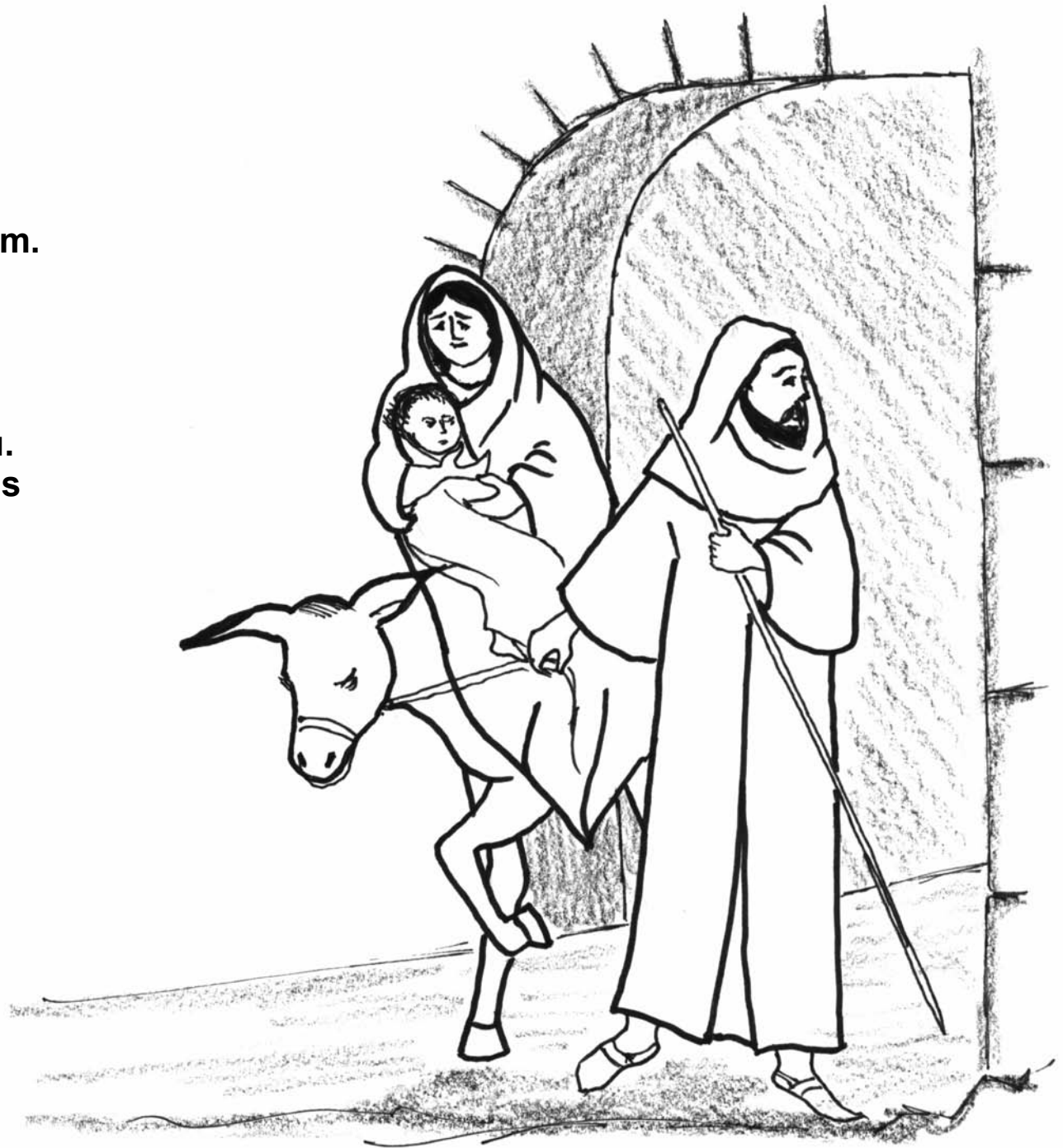
**The wise men went home
another way.**



That night, Joseph had a dream.

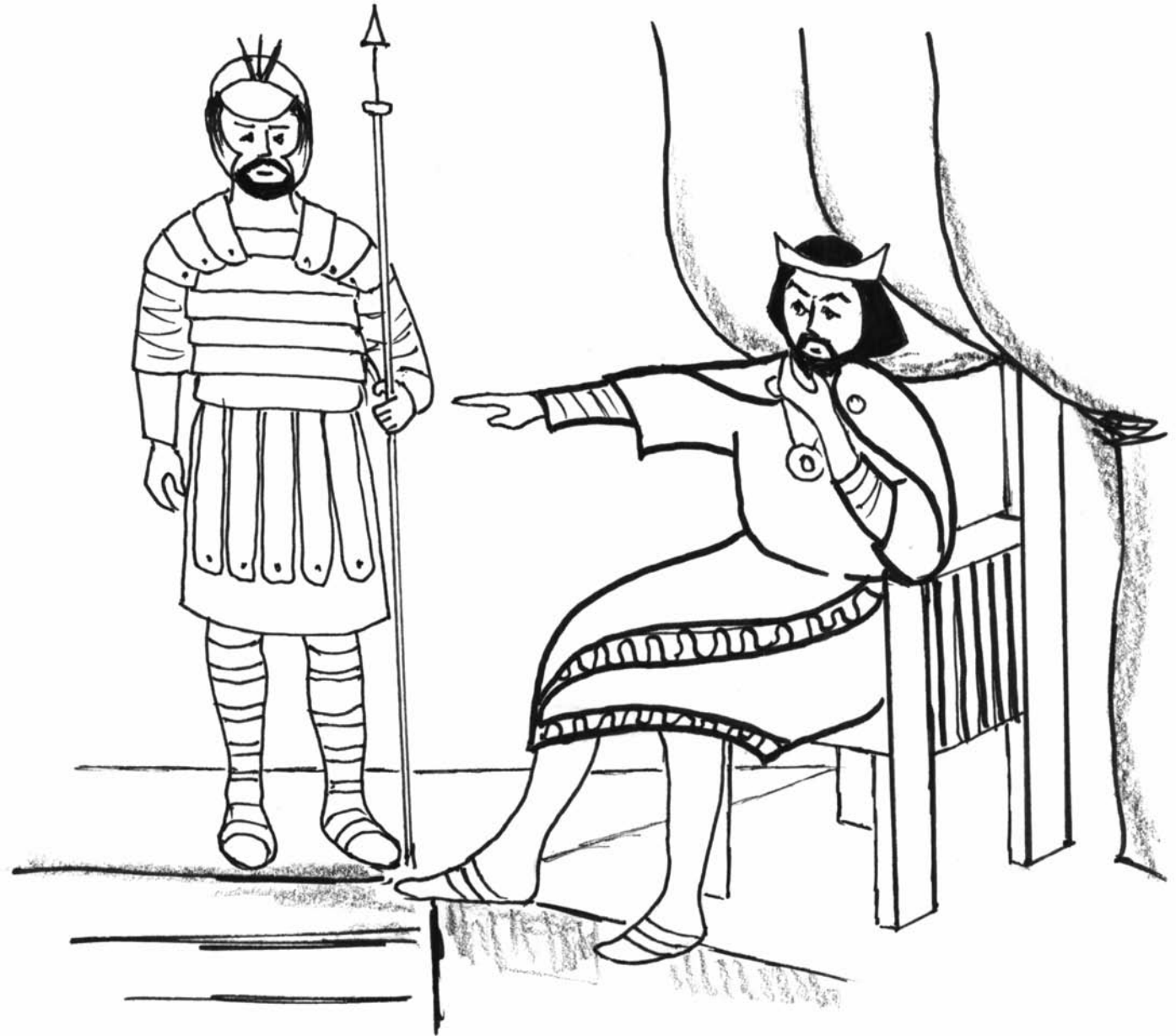
**God said to him,
'Get up and go straight away
to Egypt.
Take Jesus and Mary with you.
Herod will be looking for Jesus
so that he can kill Him.
Stay away until I tell you
to come back.'**

**So in the middle of the night
they got up
and set out for Egypt.**



**When Herod realised
that the wise men
had tricked him,
he was angry.**

**He gave an order
for all the children
less than two years old
to be killed.**



**After Herod died,
the Lord came to Joseph
in a dream and said,
'Take Jesus and His mother
back to the land of Israel.
Those who wanted to kill Him
have died.'**

**Joseph took Mary and Jesus
back to Israel
and God lead him to Nazareth
and they lived there.**

