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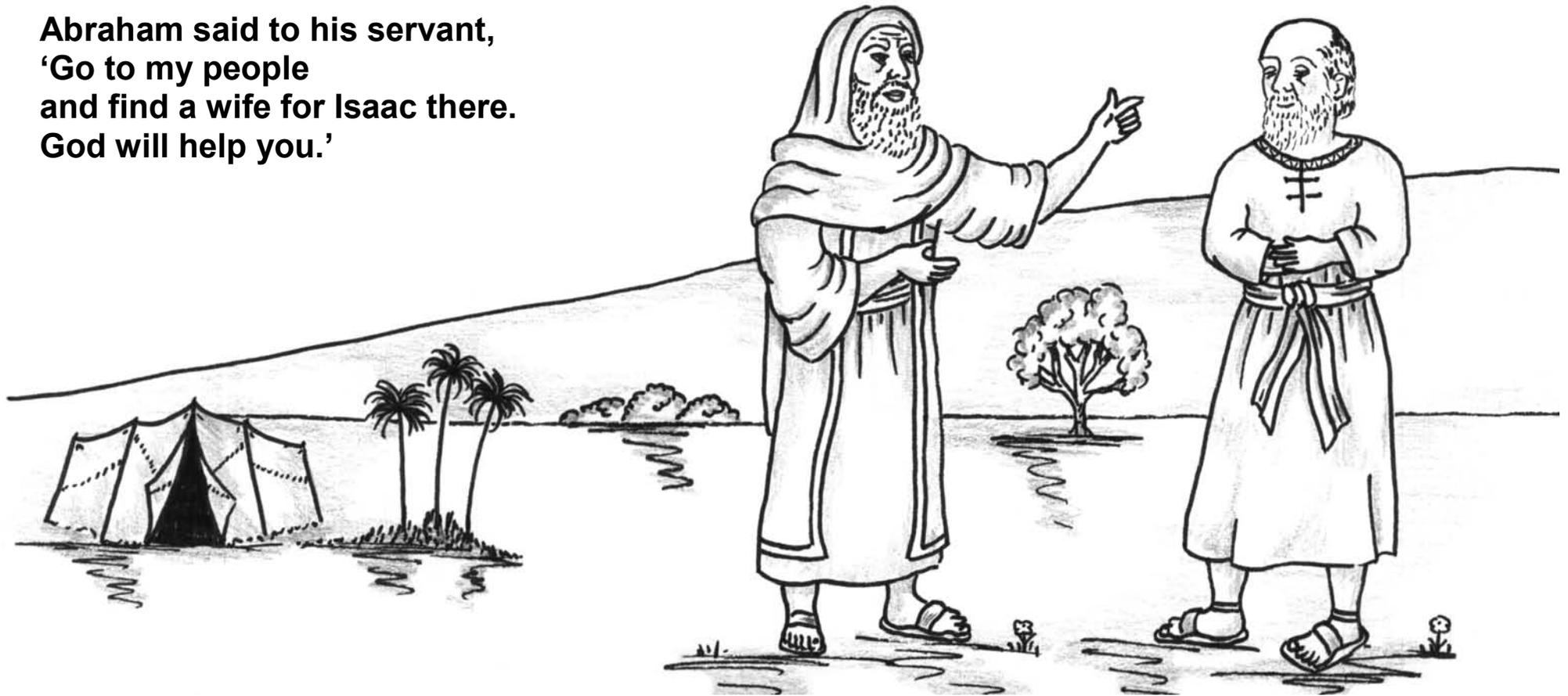
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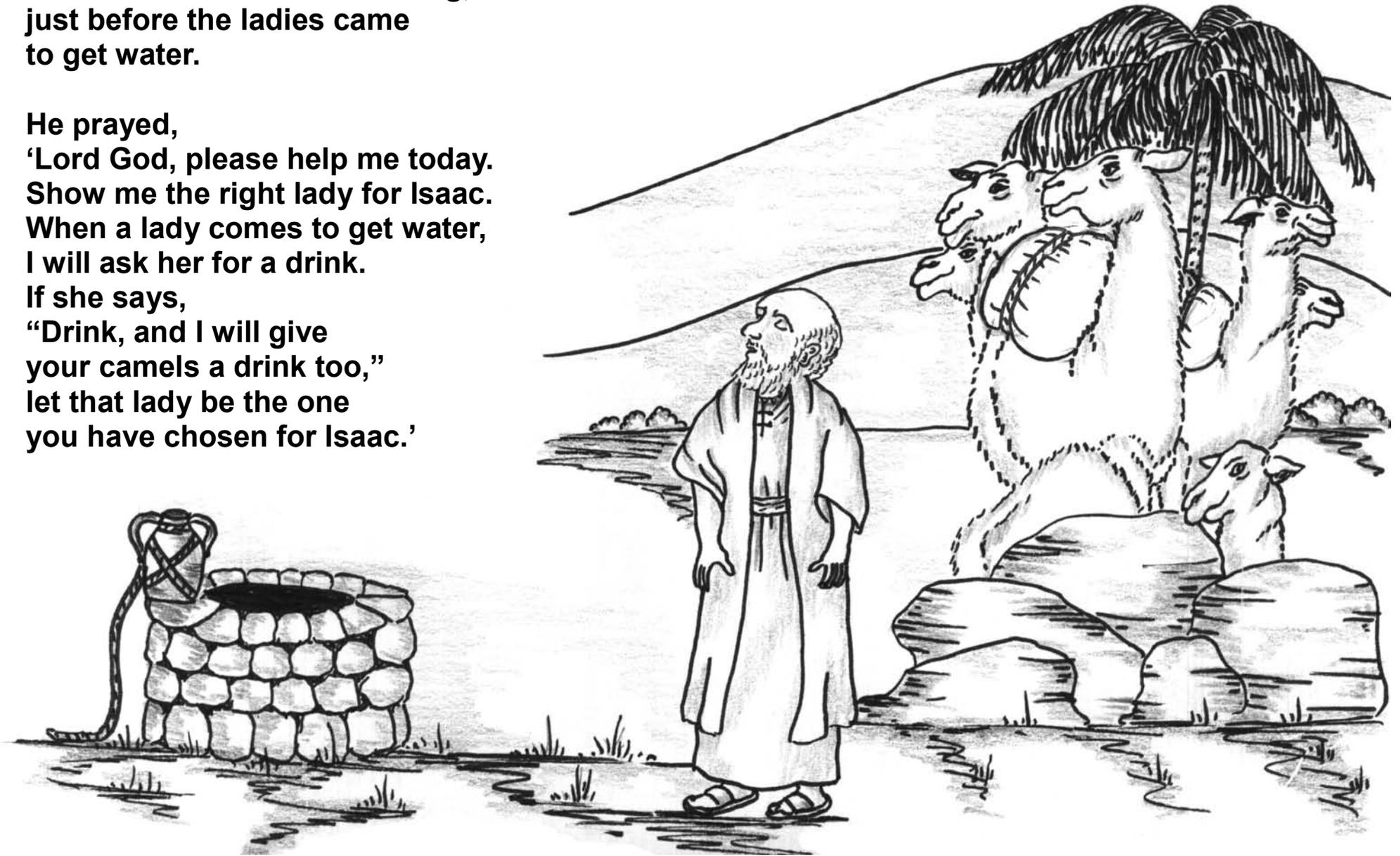
**Abraham was very old  
and his son didn't have a wife.  
Abraham knew that his son  
was not to marry a lady from Canaan.**

**Abraham said to his servant,  
'Go to my people  
and find a wife for Isaac there.  
God will help you.'**



**The servant travelled to Nahor's city with ten camels loaded with gifts. He arrived there in the evening, just before the ladies came to get water.**

**He prayed,  
'Lord God, please help me today. Show me the right lady for Isaac. When a lady comes to get water, I will ask her for a drink. If she says, "Drink, and I will give your camels a drink too," let that lady be the one you have chosen for Isaac.'**



**While he was praying  
a beautiful lady called Rebekah  
came to the well.  
He asked her for a drink.**

**She said,  
'Drink, sir, and I will give  
your camels a drink too.'**

**This is what the servant was  
listening for.  
God had answered his prayer.**

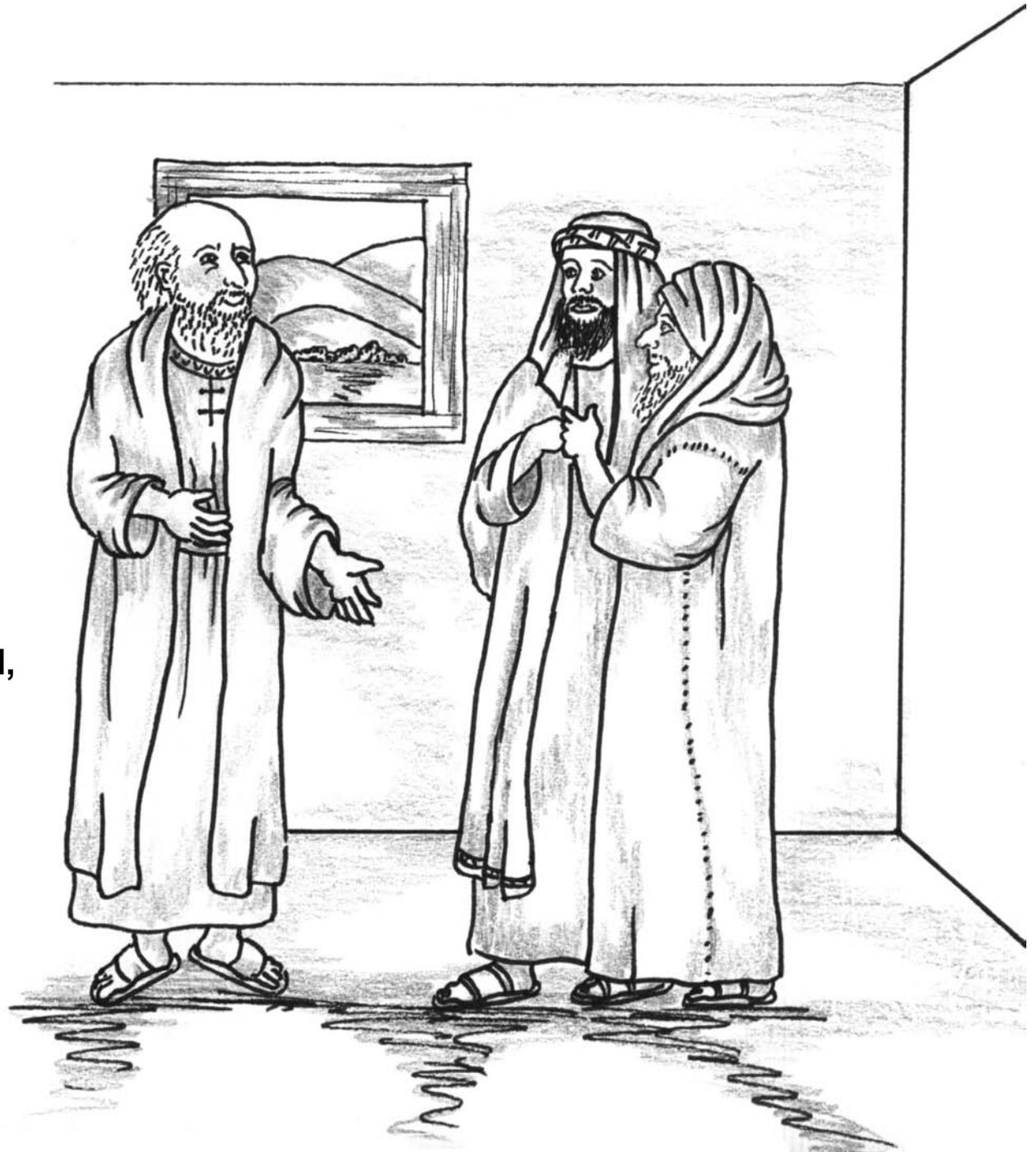
**Rebekah watered his camels.  
He gave her a gold ring  
and two gold bracelets.  
He found out that she was  
from Abraham's family.**



**Abraham's servant  
was taken to Rebekah's home.  
He said to her family,  
'God has blessed  
my master, Abraham.  
He has a son called Isaac,  
and I have been sent here  
to find a wife for him.  
I prayed to God,  
that He would show me  
the right lady for Isaac  
and He has answered my prayer.  
Can Rebekah come with me  
to be Isaac's wife?'**

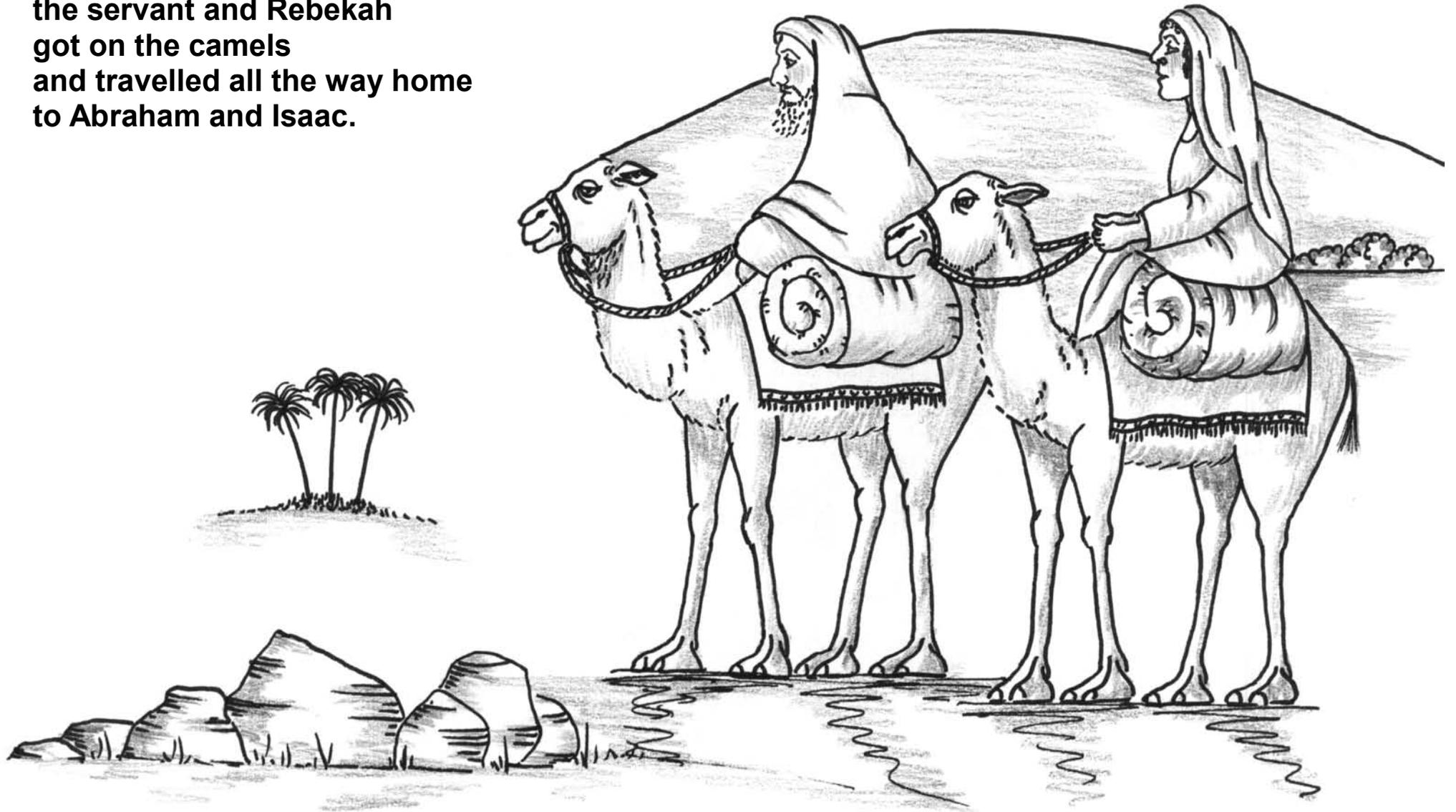
**Rebekah's father and brother said,  
'This is from God.  
Yes, she can be Isaac's wife,  
just as the Lord has said.'**

**The servant was thankful  
and worshipped the Lord.**



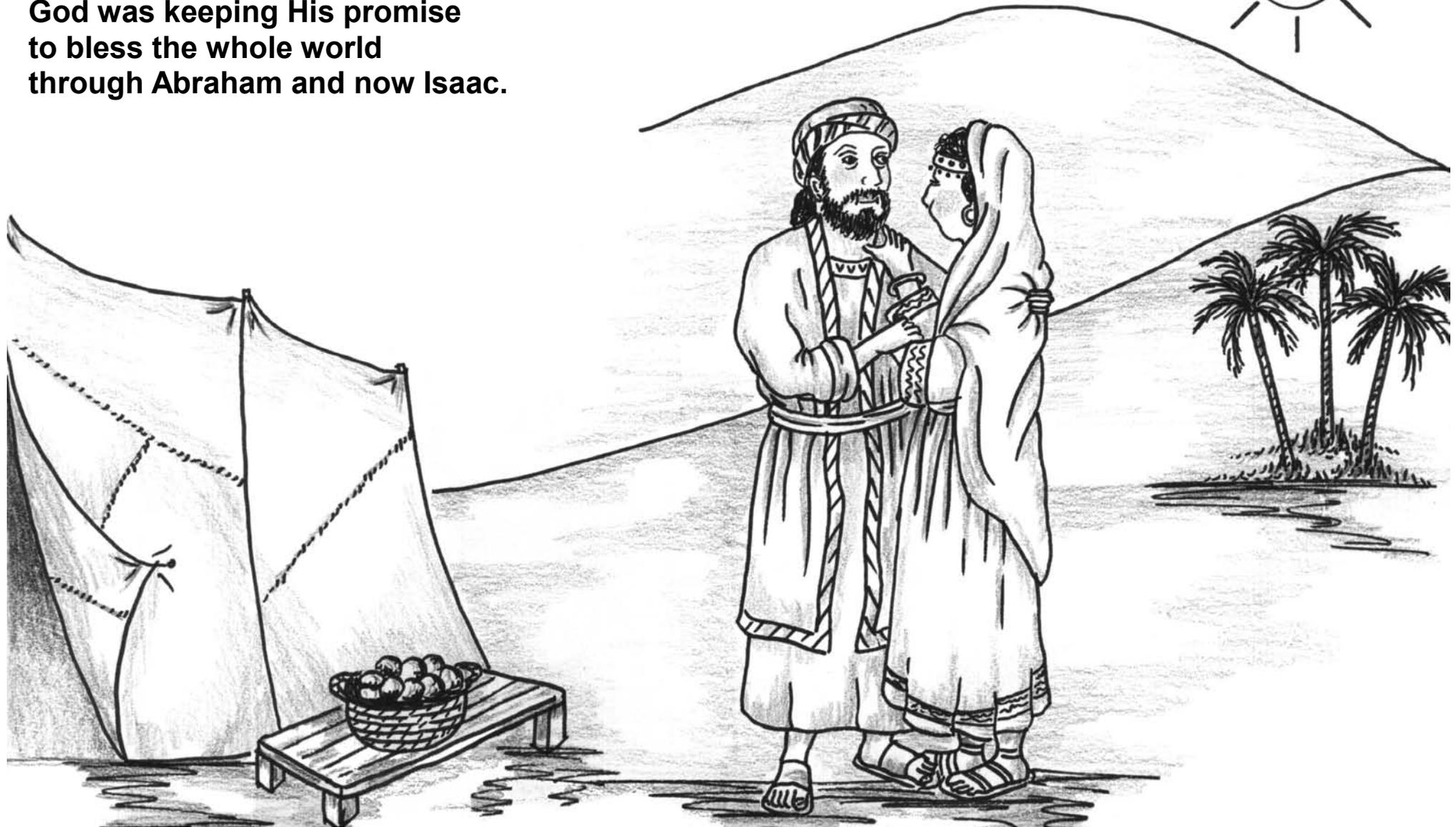
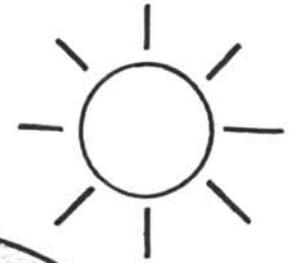
**He gave presents  
to Rebekah and her family.**

**The next morning  
the servant and Rebekah  
got on the camels  
and travelled all the way home  
to Abraham and Isaac.**



**When Isaac saw Rebekah,  
he loved her  
and she became his wife.**

**God was keeping His promise  
to bless the whole world  
through Abraham and now Isaac.**



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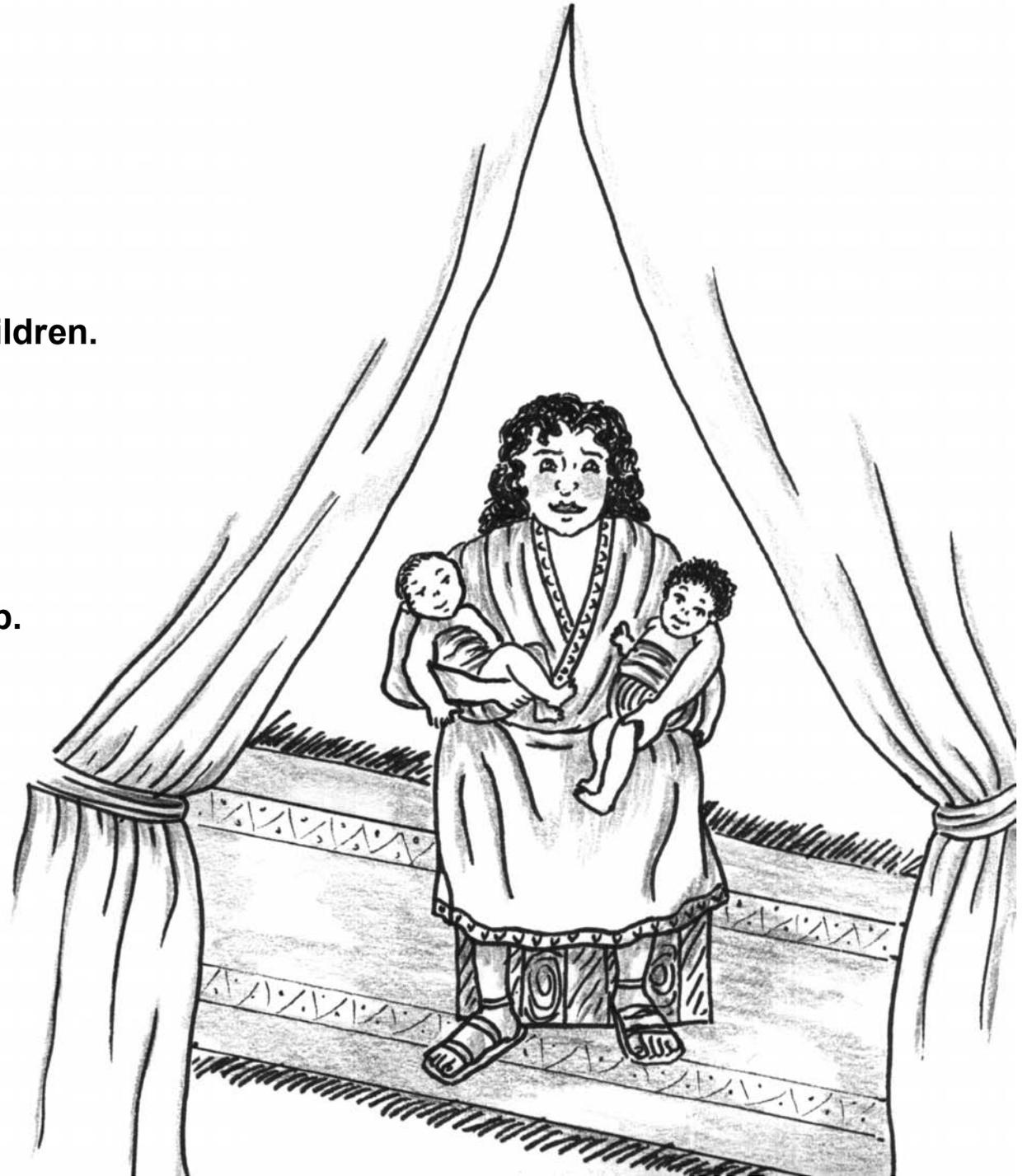
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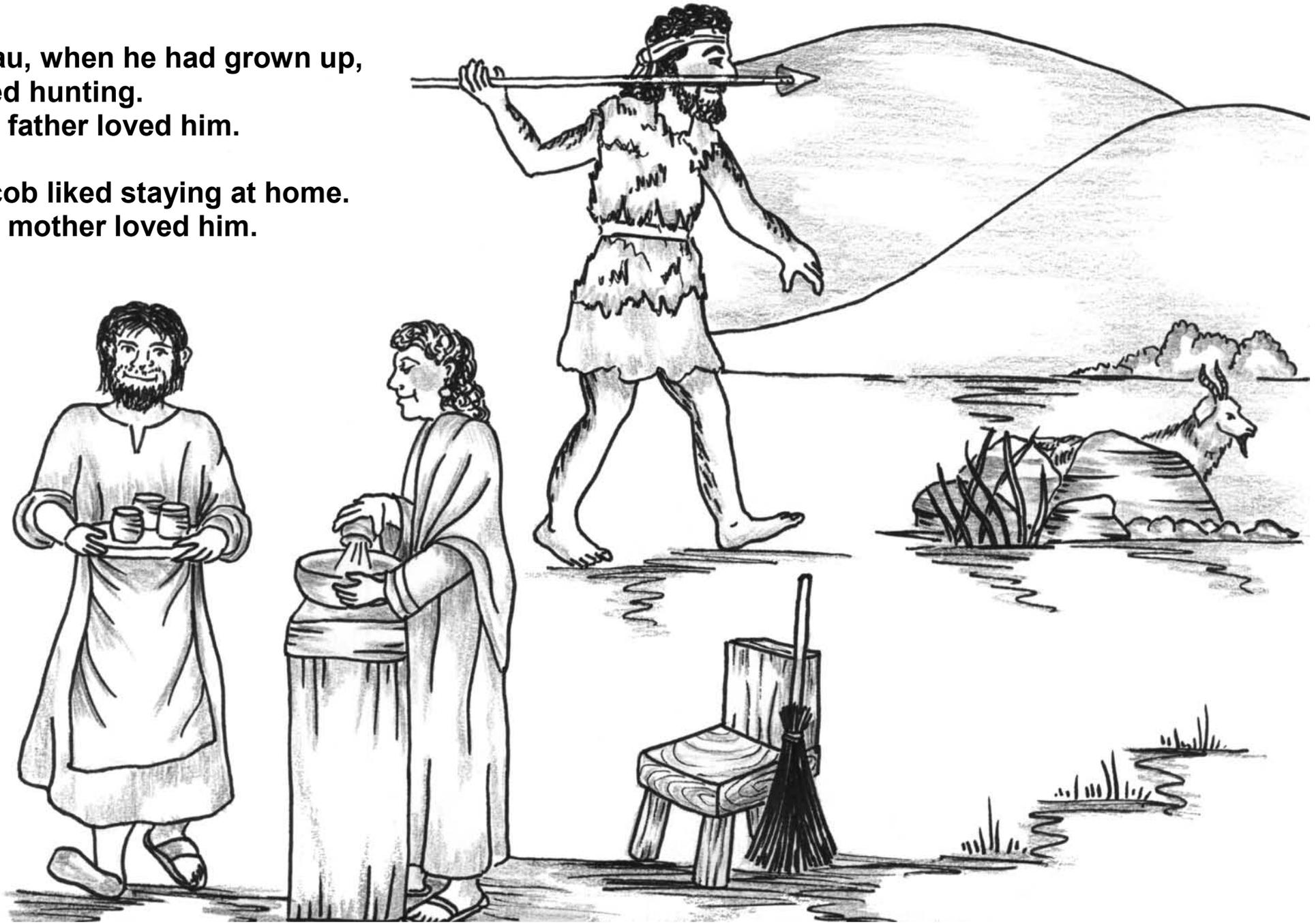
**For a long time Rebekah had no children.  
Isaac prayed to God  
and God answered his prayer.  
God gave Rebekah twin boys.**

**The first baby they named Esau.  
He was very hairy.  
The second baby they named Jacob.**



**Esau, when he had grown up,  
liked hunting.  
His father loved him.**

**Jacob liked staying at home.  
His mother loved him.**



**One day Esau came home and was very hungry.**

**He smelled Jacob's stew, and said,  
'Give me some stew or I'll die.'**

**Jacob said,  
'You can have some stew if you give me  
the rights of the firstborn.'**

**Esau agreed.  
He didn't care.  
He just wanted the stew.**

**Esau ate the stew  
but Jacob had  
the rights of the firstborn.**

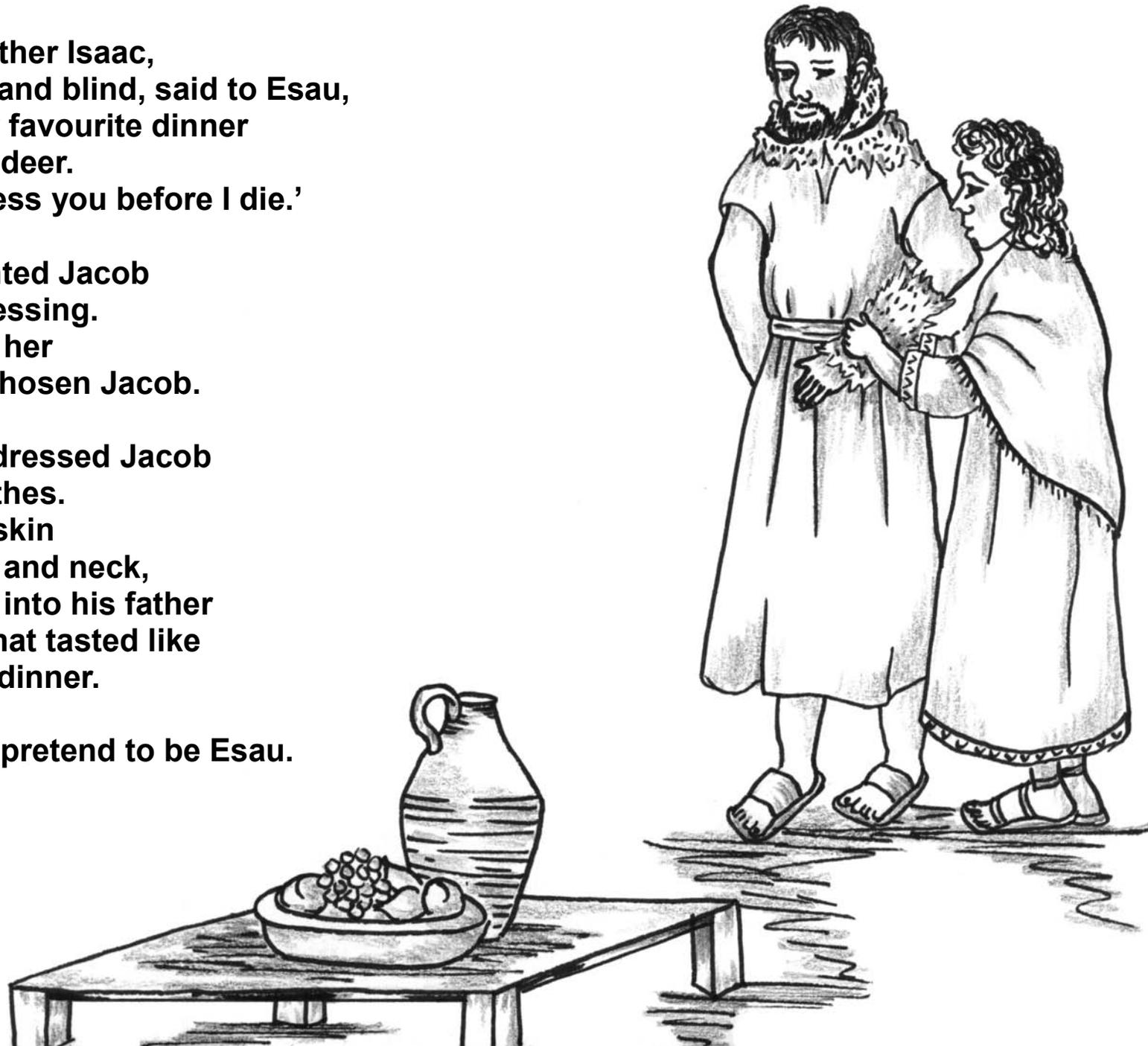


Later, their father Isaac,  
who was old and blind, said to Esau,  
'Bring me my favourite dinner  
made of wild deer.  
Then I will bless you before I die.'

Rebekah wanted Jacob  
to get that blessing.  
God had told her  
that He had chosen Jacob.

So Rebekah dressed Jacob  
in Esau's clothes.  
She put goatskin  
on his hands and neck,  
and sent him into his father  
with a meal that tasted like  
his favourite dinner.

Jacob would pretend to be Esau.



**Jacob said, 'Here I am father'.**

**'Who are you? asked Isaac.**

**'I am Esau,' replied Jacob.**

**'How did you come back so quickly?'  
asked his father.**

**'Your God helped me,' said Jacob.**

**'Come and let me feel you,' said Isaac.**

**'Your voice is Jacob's.  
Your hands are like Esau's.  
Are you really Esau?'**

**'Yes, I am,' lied Jacob.**

**Isaac ate up his favourite dinner.  
He put his hands  
on Jacob's head and blessed him.**



Later, Esau came in to his father and said,  
'Sit up, eat your dinner  
and give me your blessing.'

'Who are you?' asked Isaac.

'I am Esau,' he replied.

Then Isaac began to shake.

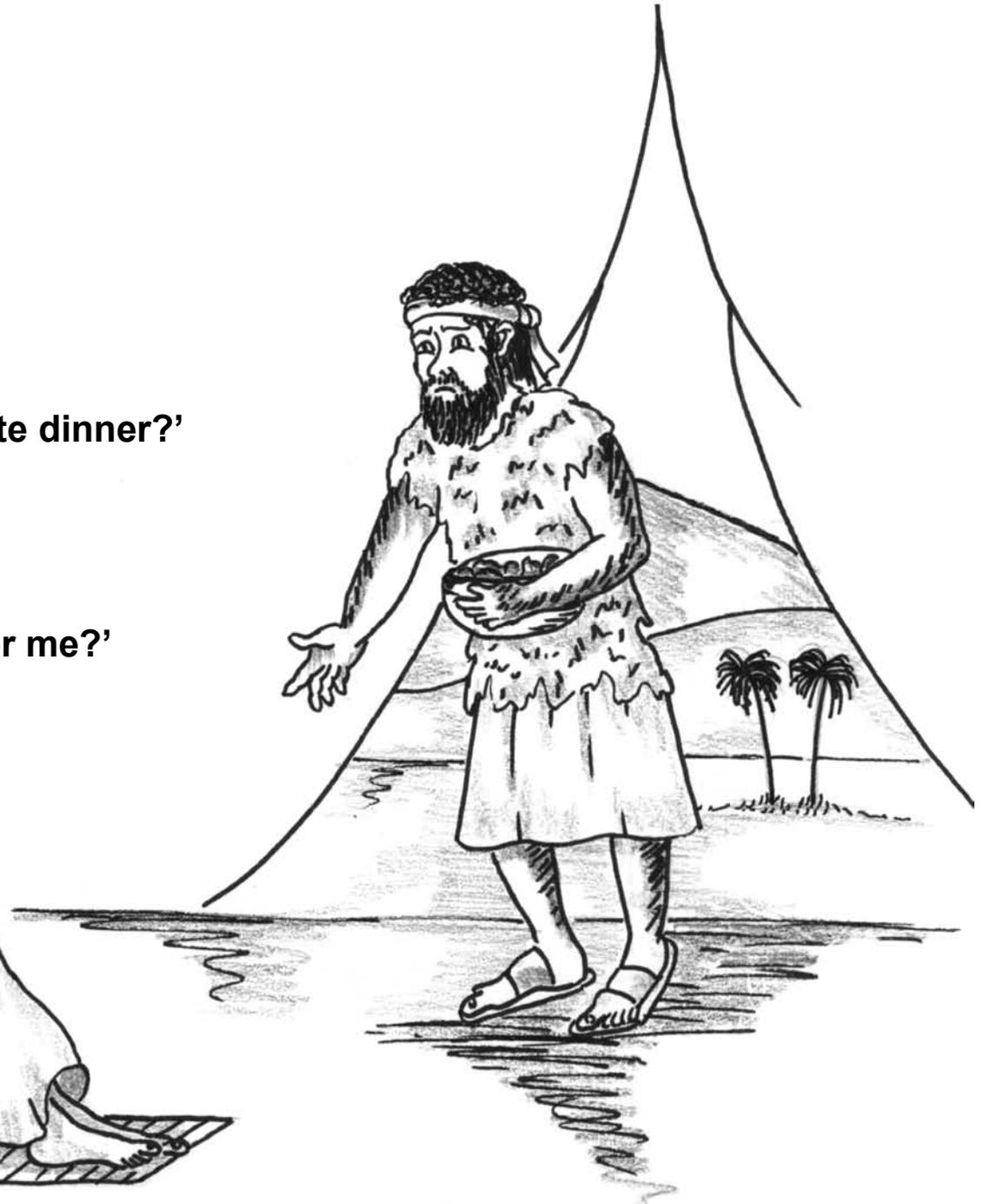
'Who was that who brought me my favourite dinner?'  
he asked.

'I ate it and gave him my blessing.'

Esau cried out,

'Bless me too, father, is there a blessing for me?'

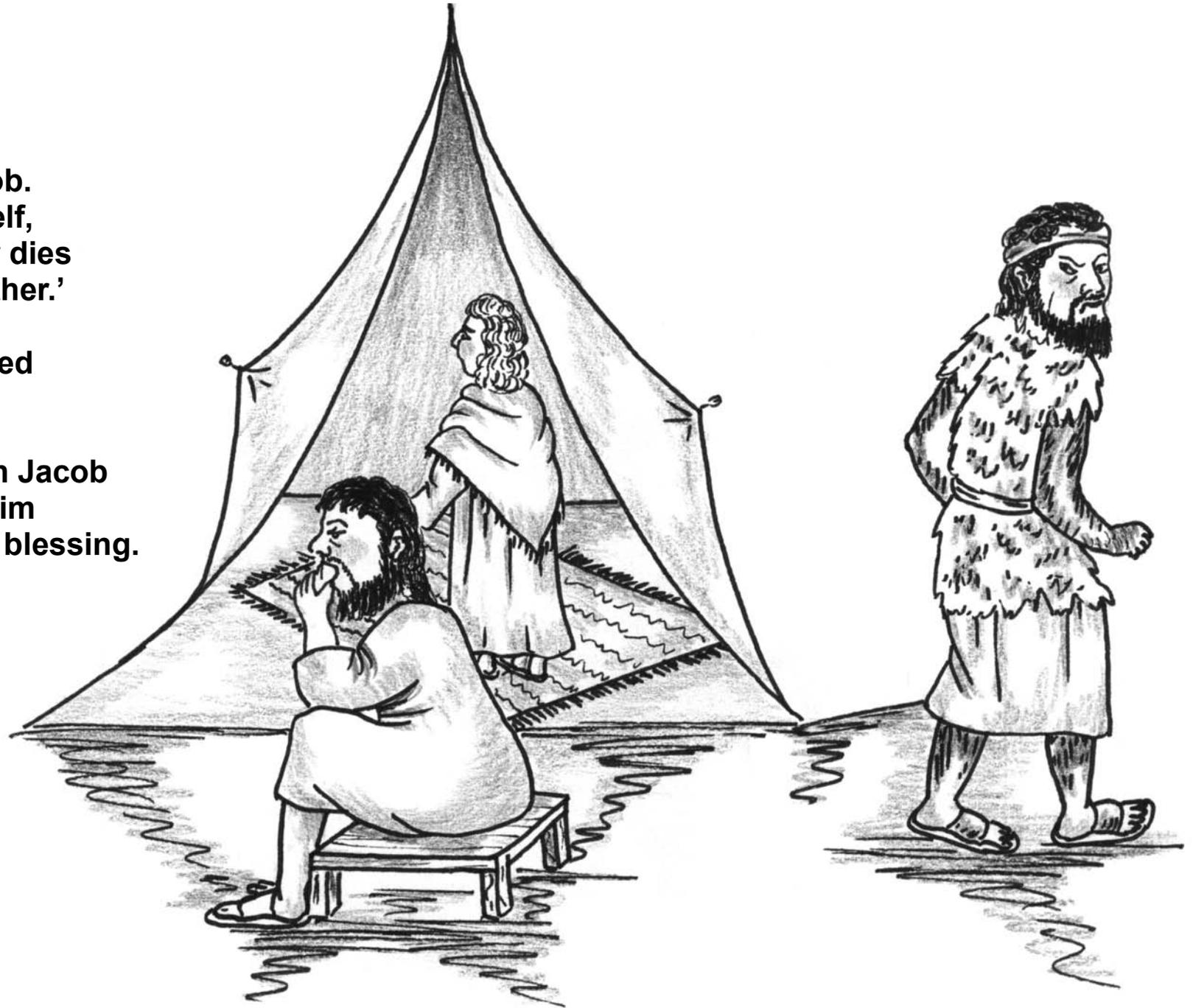
But Isaac had given it to Jacob.



**Esau hated Jacob.  
He said to himself,  
'When my father dies  
I will kill my brother.'**

**God had promised  
to bless Jacob.**

**God would teach Jacob  
about trusting Him  
and living in the blessing.**



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Psalm 105:10, 11

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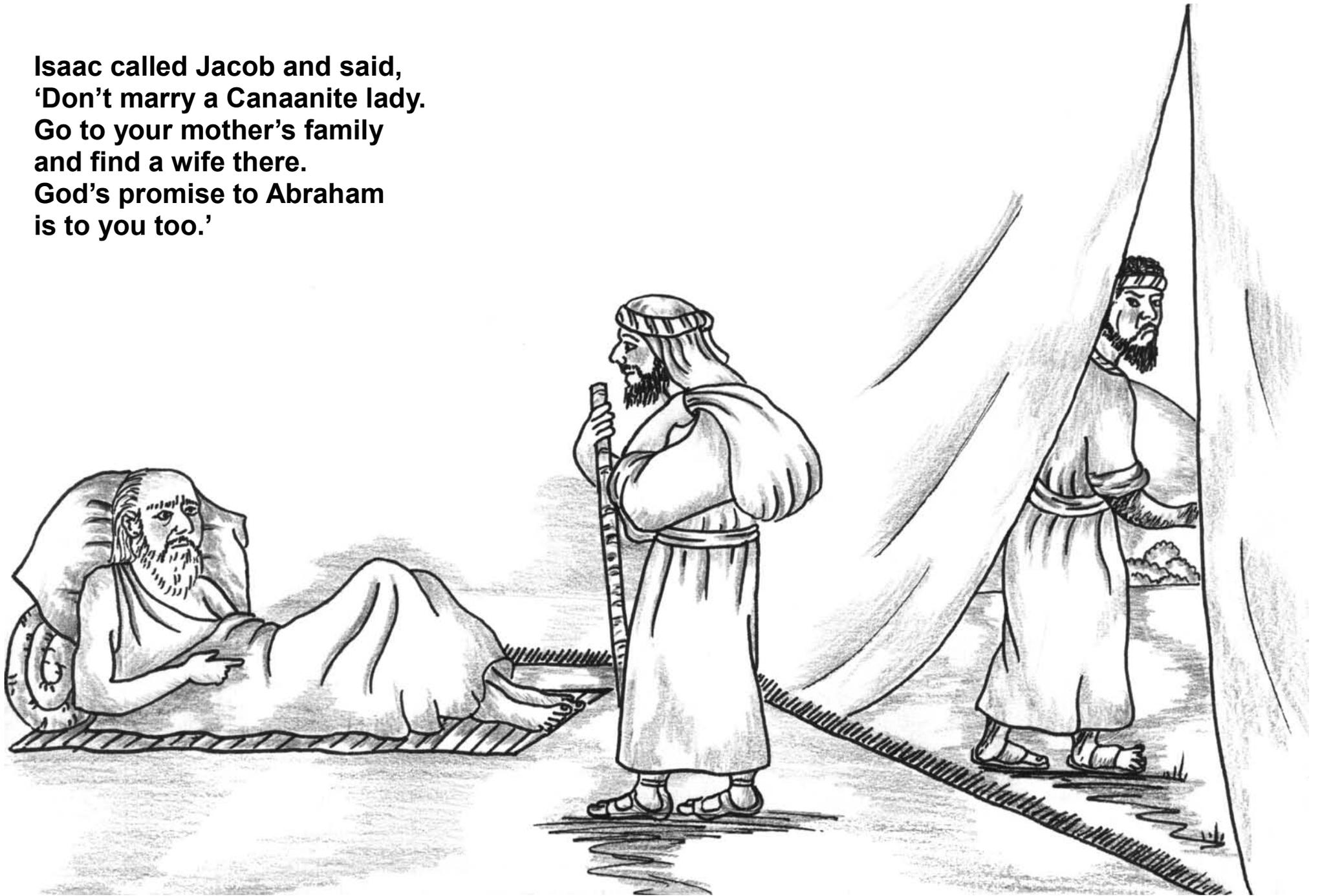
**Esau was very angry with Jacob for stealing his blessing.**

**Their mother, Rebekah, heard Esau's angry words and said to Jacob, 'You are not safe here. Run away and go to my brother's home until Esau gets over his anger.'**

**She spoke to Isaac and said, 'Please send Jacob away and tell him to find a wife from my brother's family.'**



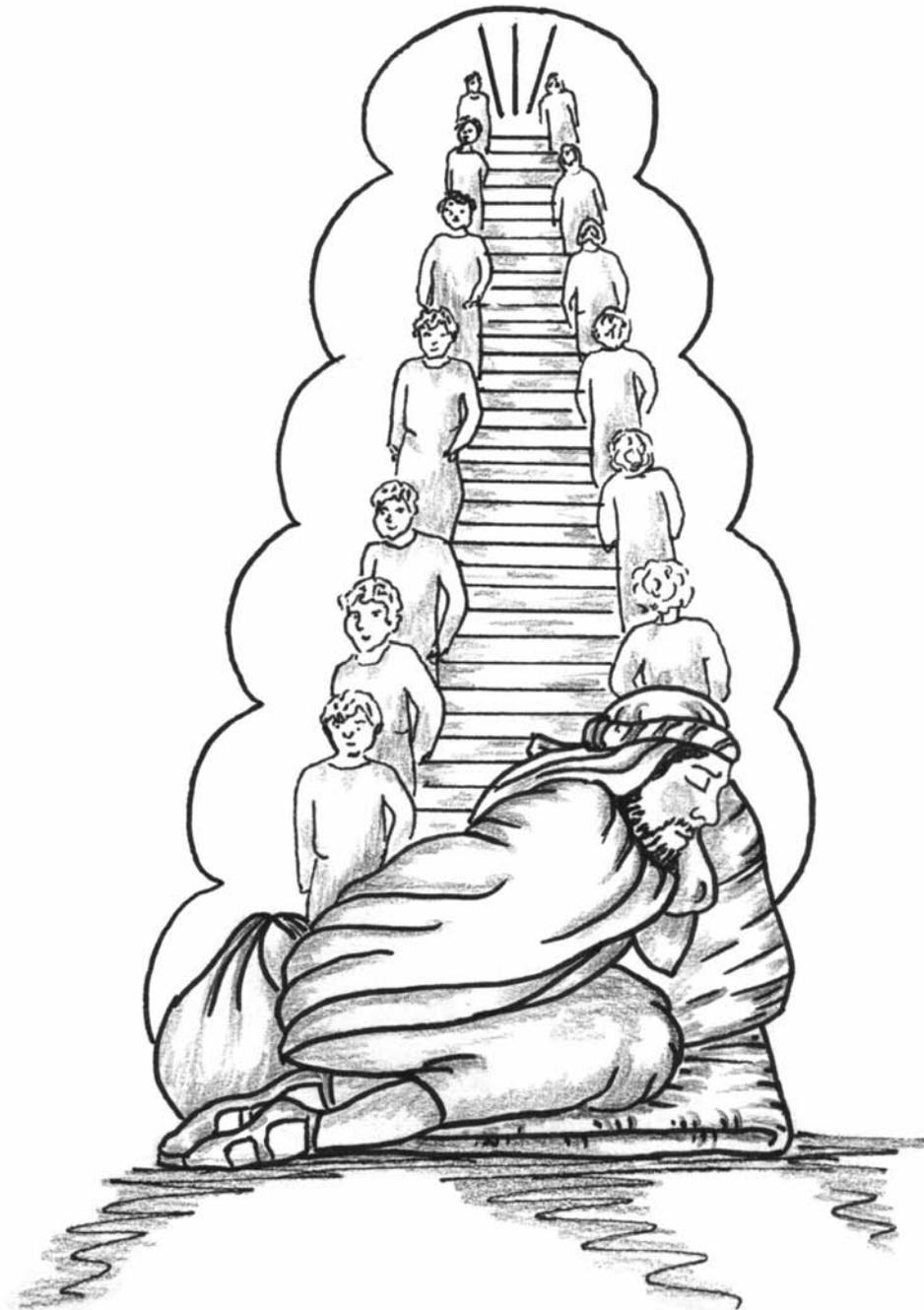
**Isaac called Jacob and said,  
'Don't marry a Canaanite lady.  
Go to your mother's family  
and find a wife there.  
God's promise to Abraham  
is to you too.'**



**Jacob walked until it got dark.  
He lay down  
and used a stone for a pillow.**

**Jacob was soon asleep  
and God spoke to him in a dream.**

**God showed him a stairway  
that rose from the earth  
and reached up to heaven.  
Angels were walking  
up and down on the stairs.  
At the top he saw God.**



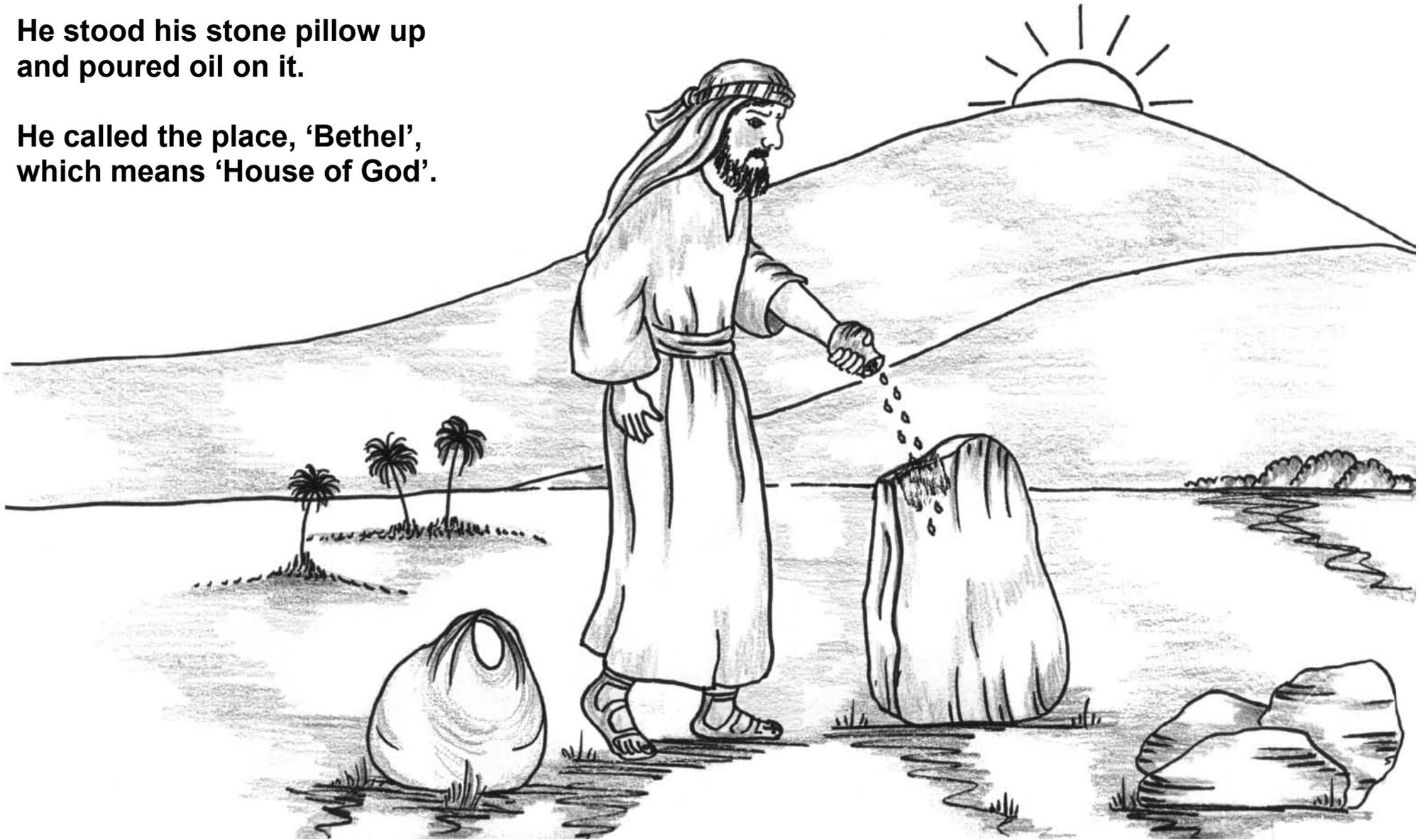
**God said to him,  
'I am the God of your fathers Abraham and Isaac.  
I will give this land  
to you and your children.  
I will bless you.  
Through you and your children  
I will bless everyone.  
I am with you wherever you go.  
I will take care of you.  
I will bring you home again to this land.'**



**Jacob woke up and said.  
'The Lord is in this place  
and I did not know.'**

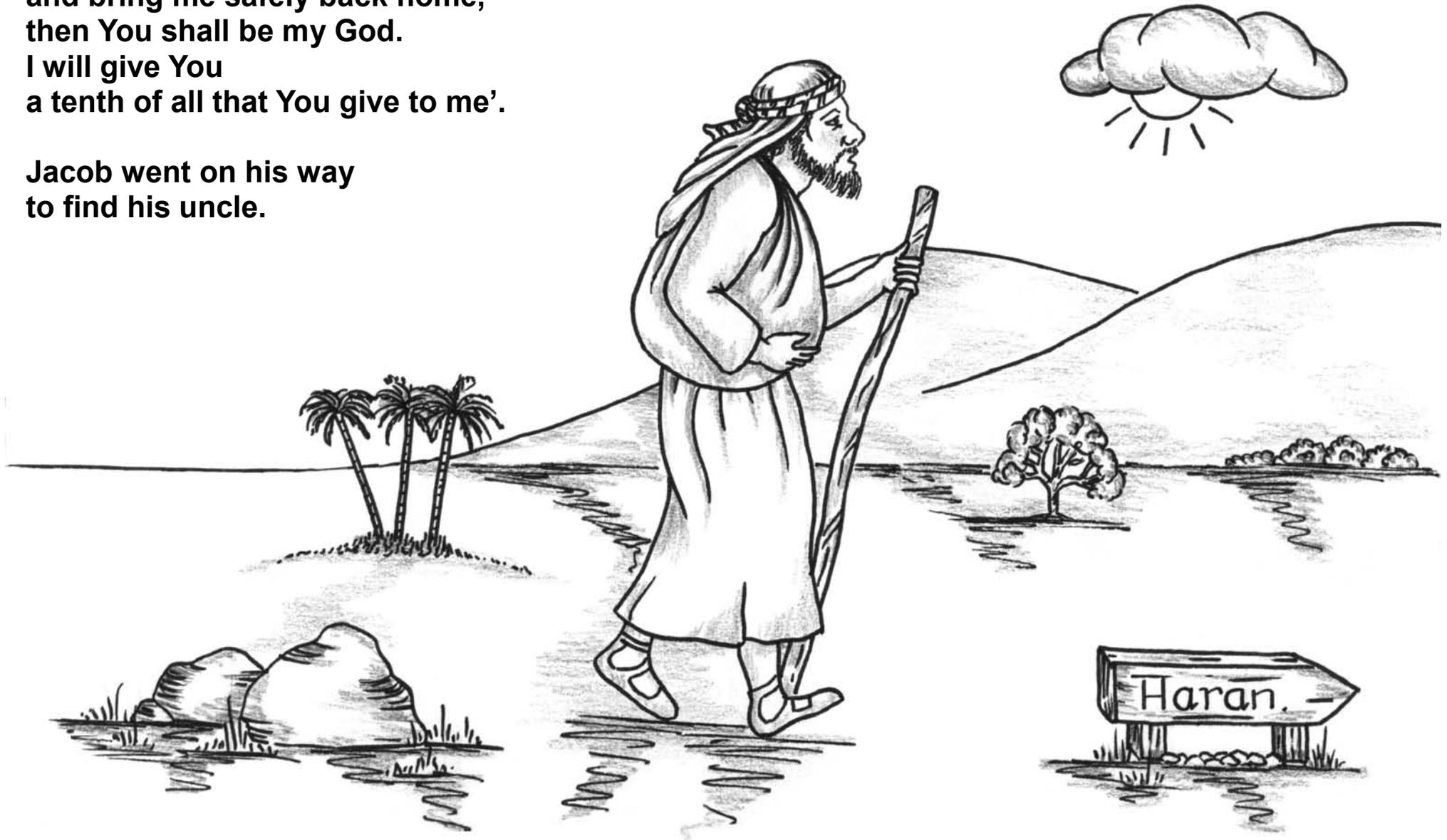
**He stood his stone pillow up  
and poured oil on it.**

**He called the place, 'Bethel',  
which means 'House of God'.**



**Jacob promised God,  
'If you will go with me,  
take care of me,  
and bring me safely back home,  
then You shall be my God.  
I will give You  
a tenth of all that You give to me'.**

**Jacob went on his way  
to find his uncle.**





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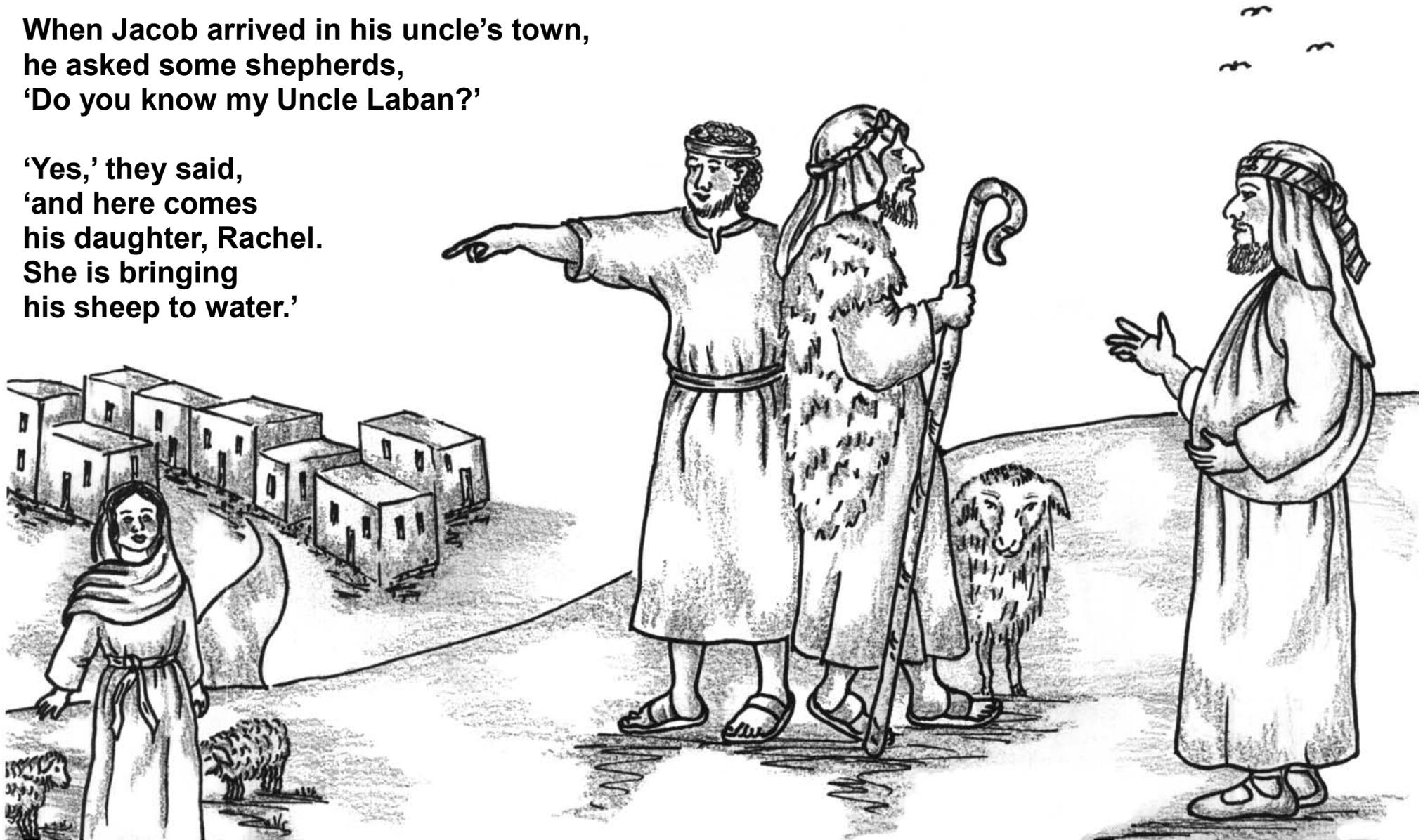
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**GENESIS 29:1 – 31:55**  
**JACOB WORKS FOR LABAN /**  
**JACOB RUNS AWAY**  
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**When Jacob arrived in his uncle's town,  
he asked some shepherds,  
'Do you know my Uncle Laban?'**

**'Yes,' they said,  
'and here comes  
his daughter, Rachel.  
She is bringing  
his sheep to water.'**



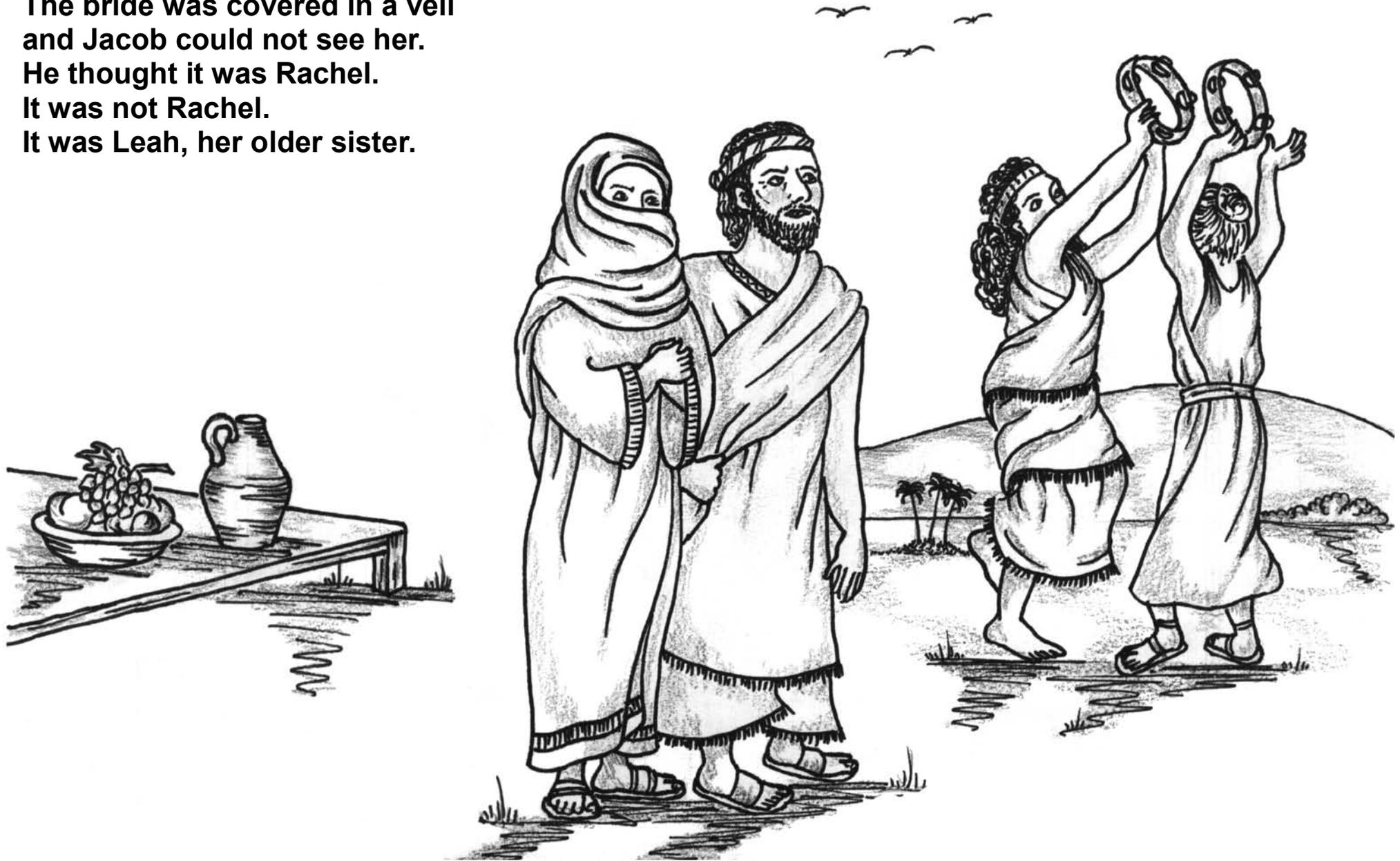
**Jacob helped Rachel give her sheep a drink.  
He then went to stay with his uncle  
and did lots of jobs for him.**

**Laban liked having Jacob work for him.  
He wanted him to stay, so he asked,  
'What shall I pay you?'**

**Jacob replied,  
'Let me marry Rachel.  
I will work for seven years to marry her.'**



Seven years later there was a wedding.  
The bride was covered in a veil  
and Jacob could not see her.  
He thought it was Rachel.  
It was not Rachel.  
It was Leah, her older sister.



The next morning Jacob saw that he had been tricked.

He was angry with Laban and asked him, 'Why did you do this to me? I worked for you so I could marry Rachel.'

Later, his uncle let him marry Rachel too. He had to work another seven years for her.



When Jacob had paid what he owed,  
he wanted to go back to his country.

Laban didn't want him to go.  
He had become rich  
while Jacob was with him.  
God had blessed Jacob.

Laban said to Jacob,  
'Please stay with me.  
I will pay you.'



**‘All right,’ said Jacob.**

**‘Let me have the striped and speckled sheep.’**

**Laban did not really want to pay Jacob.  
He kept on changing his mind  
about what sheep Jacob could have.**

**But Jacob’s sheep  
always had the most lambs  
and his flocks grew very big.**

**Soon Laban and Jacob  
were not friendly anymore.**



Then God said to Jacob,  
'Go back to your own land  
and your own people.  
I will be with you just as I promised.'

So Jacob left quickly,  
without telling Laban.

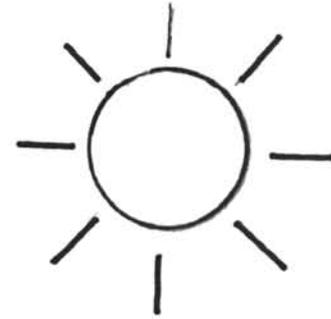


**Laban heard that Jacob had gone.  
He chased him and thought,  
'I will bring him back.'**

**But that night God spoke to Laban  
and said,  
'Be careful; don't hurt Jacob.'**

**Laban obeyed God  
and said goodbye to  
Jacob and his family.**

**God was looking after Jacob  
to bring him back to the land  
He had promised him.**





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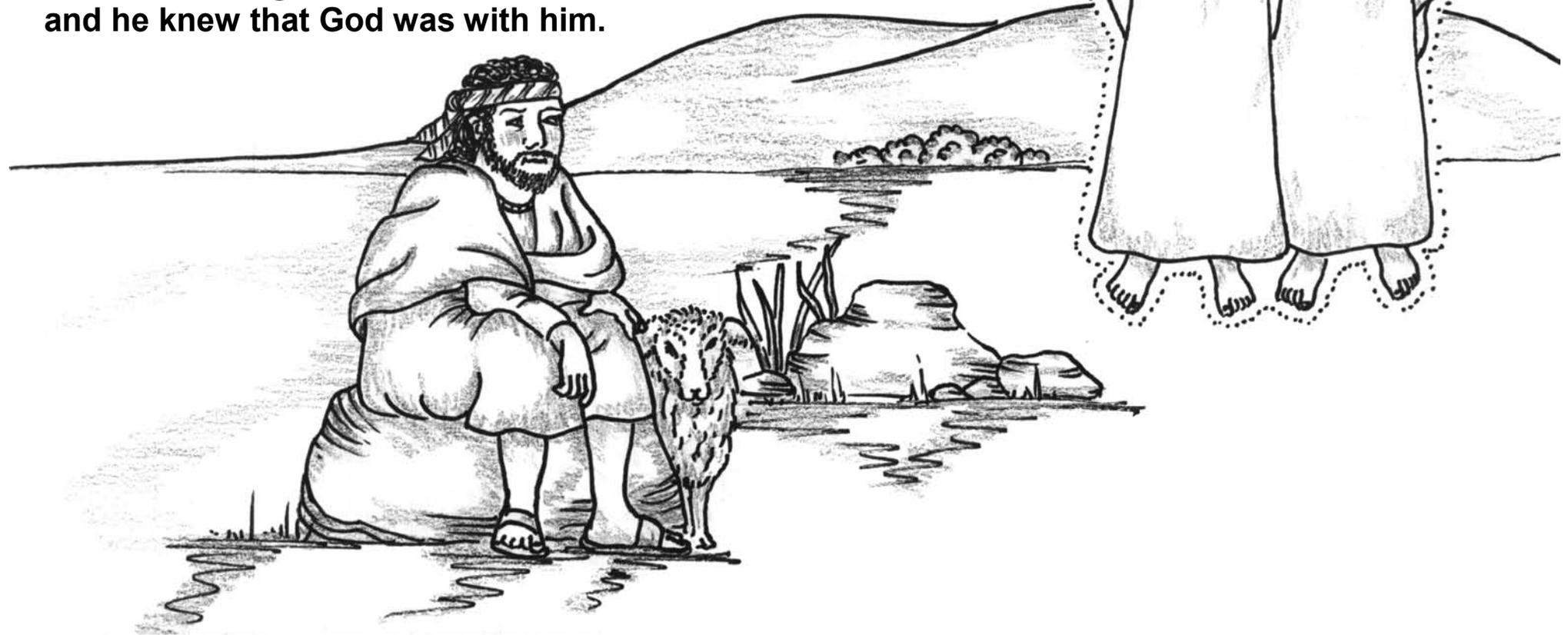
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**GENESIS 32:1 – 33:16**  
**JACOB FIGHTS WITH GOD**  
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**Jacob was on his way home.  
He would soon see his brother, Esau,  
whose blessing he had stolen.**

**‘Would he still be angry with me  
and want to kill me?’ he wondered.**

**Then God’s angels met Jacob  
and he knew that God was with him.**

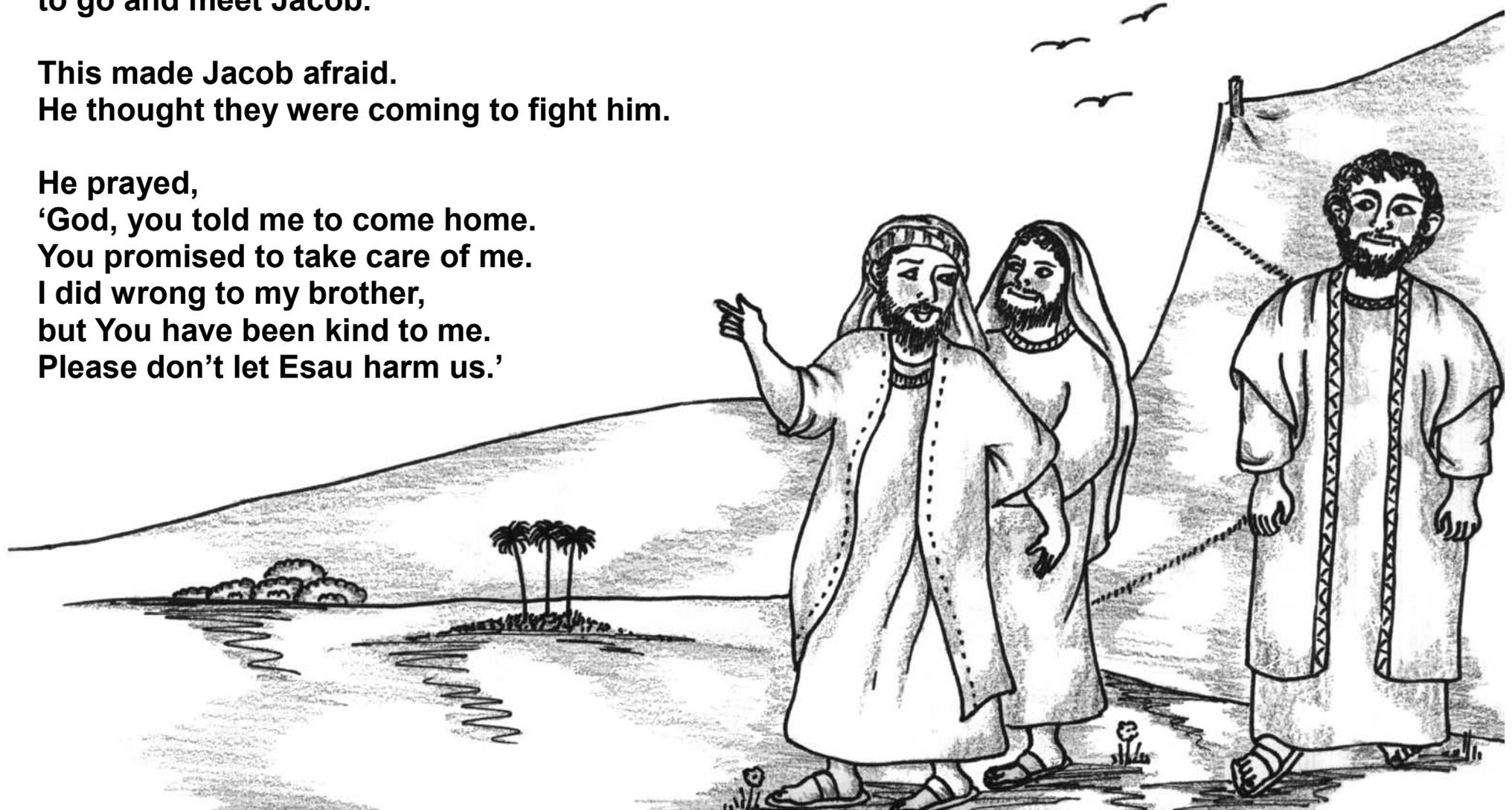


**Jacob sent servants to Esau  
to tell him that he was coming home.**

**Esau heard this and was glad.  
He gathered 400 of his men  
to go and meet Jacob.**

**This made Jacob afraid.  
He thought they were coming to fight him.**

**He prayed,  
'God, you told me to come home.  
You promised to take care of me.  
I did wrong to my brother,  
but You have been kind to me.  
Please don't let Esau harm us.'**



**That night Jacob was alone.  
He knew he could not live without God's blessing.**

**A man caught hold of him and tried to throw him down,  
but Jacob was too strong.**

**Then the man touched his leg  
and made him lame.**

**Jacob kept holding onto him.**

**'Let me go,' said the man.  
'Morning is coming.'**

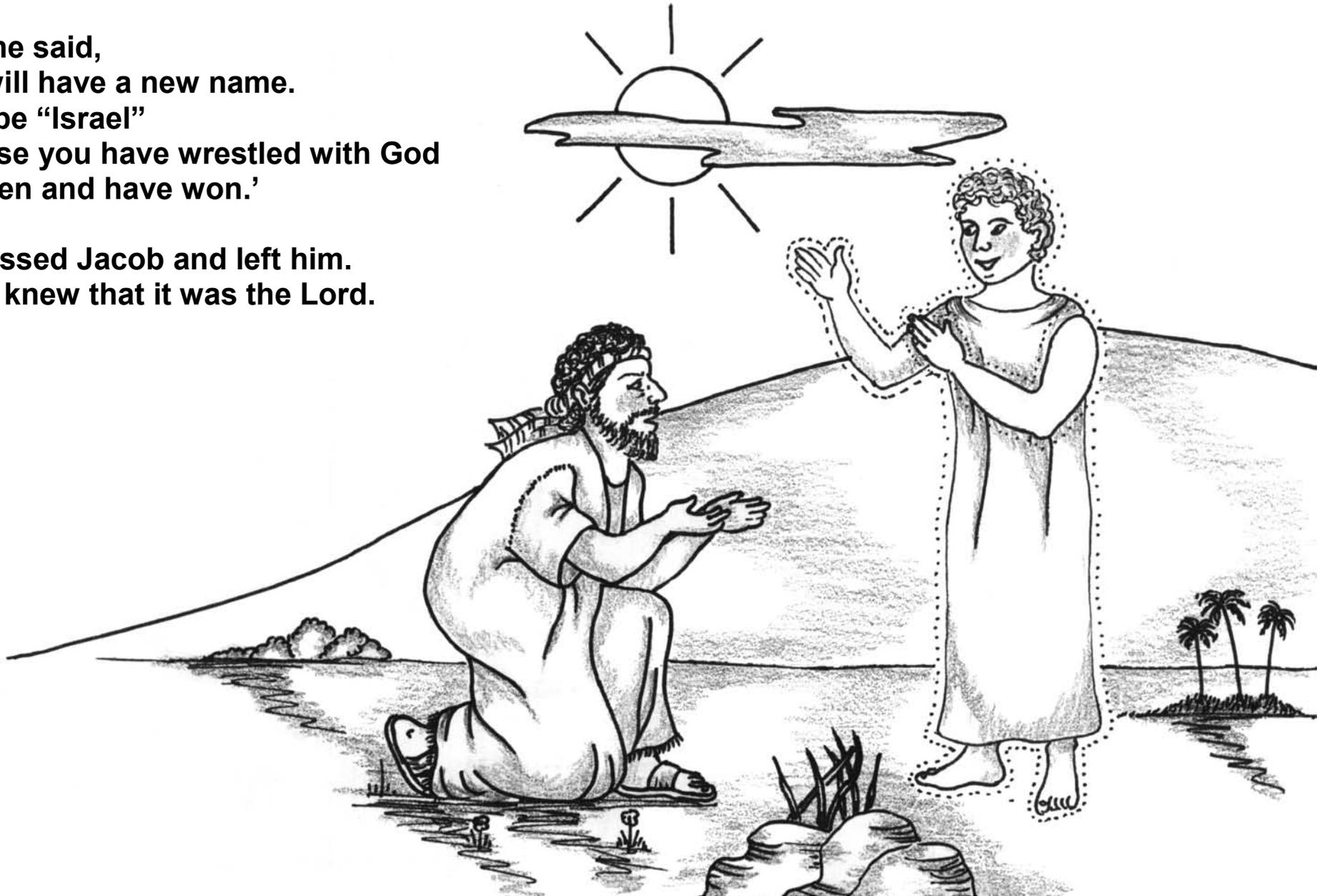
**Jacob knew this man was an angel,  
and said,  
'I will not let you go until you bless me.'**



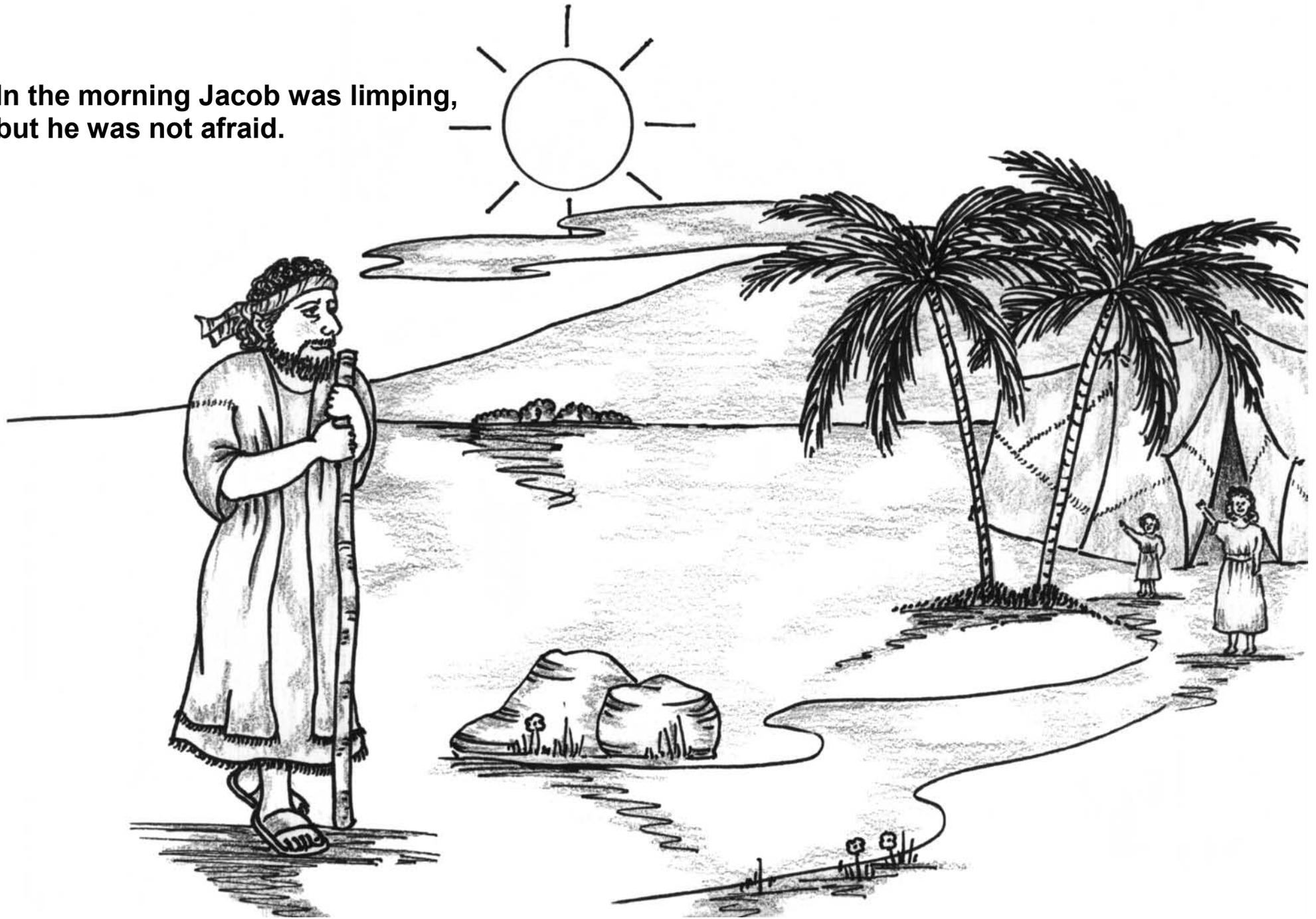
**The angel asked Jacob,  
'What is your name?'**

**Then he said,  
'You will have a new name.  
It will be "Israel"  
because you have wrestled with God  
and men and have won.'**

**He blessed Jacob and left him.  
Jacob knew that it was the Lord.**

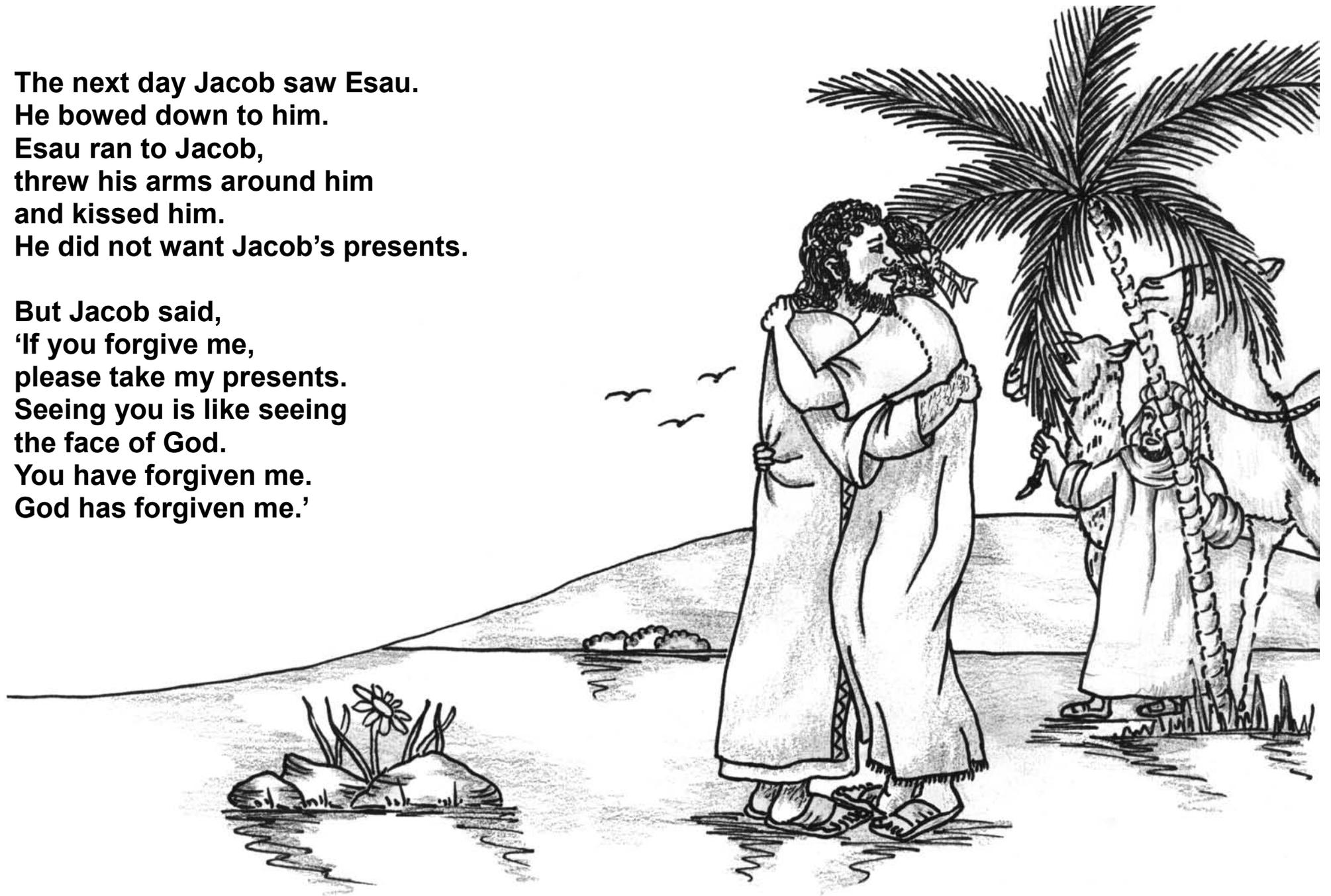


In the morning Jacob was limping,  
but he was not afraid.



**The next day Jacob saw Esau.  
He bowed down to him.  
Esau ran to Jacob,  
threw his arms around him  
and kissed him.  
He did not want Jacob's presents.**

**But Jacob said,  
'If you forgive me,  
please take my presents.  
Seeing you is like seeing  
the face of God.  
You have forgiven me.  
God has forgiven me.'**





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**GENESIS 37:1–35**

Acts 7:9

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**Jacob had twelve sons.  
One of them was Joseph.  
Jacob loved Joseph  
and gave him a special coat.**

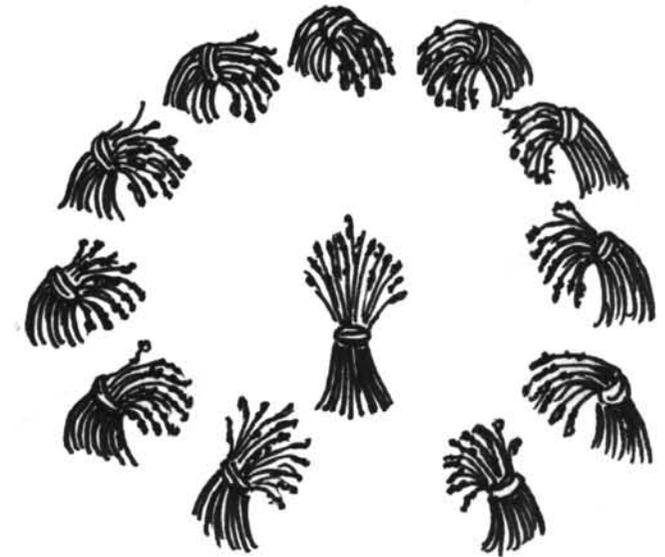
**His brothers hated him  
when they saw that their father  
loved Joseph more than them.**



**Joseph told his brothers his dream:  
'We were tying wheat into bundles.  
My bundle stood up straight.  
Your bundles bowed down to mine,' he said.**

**His brothers became angry and asked,  
'Are you going to be in charge of us?'**

**In another dream Joseph saw the sun,  
moon and eleven stars bowing down to him.  
He told his brothers  
and they hated him even more.**



**One day Joseph was sent to see if his brothers and the sheep were all right.**

**His brothers saw him coming and said,  
'Here comes the dreamer!  
Let's kill him  
and throw him into a pit.  
We'll see what happens  
to his dreams!'**

**But Reuben, the eldest brother, said,  
'Don't kill him,  
just put him into this pit.  
No one will find him there.'**

**Reuben was planning to  
save him later.**



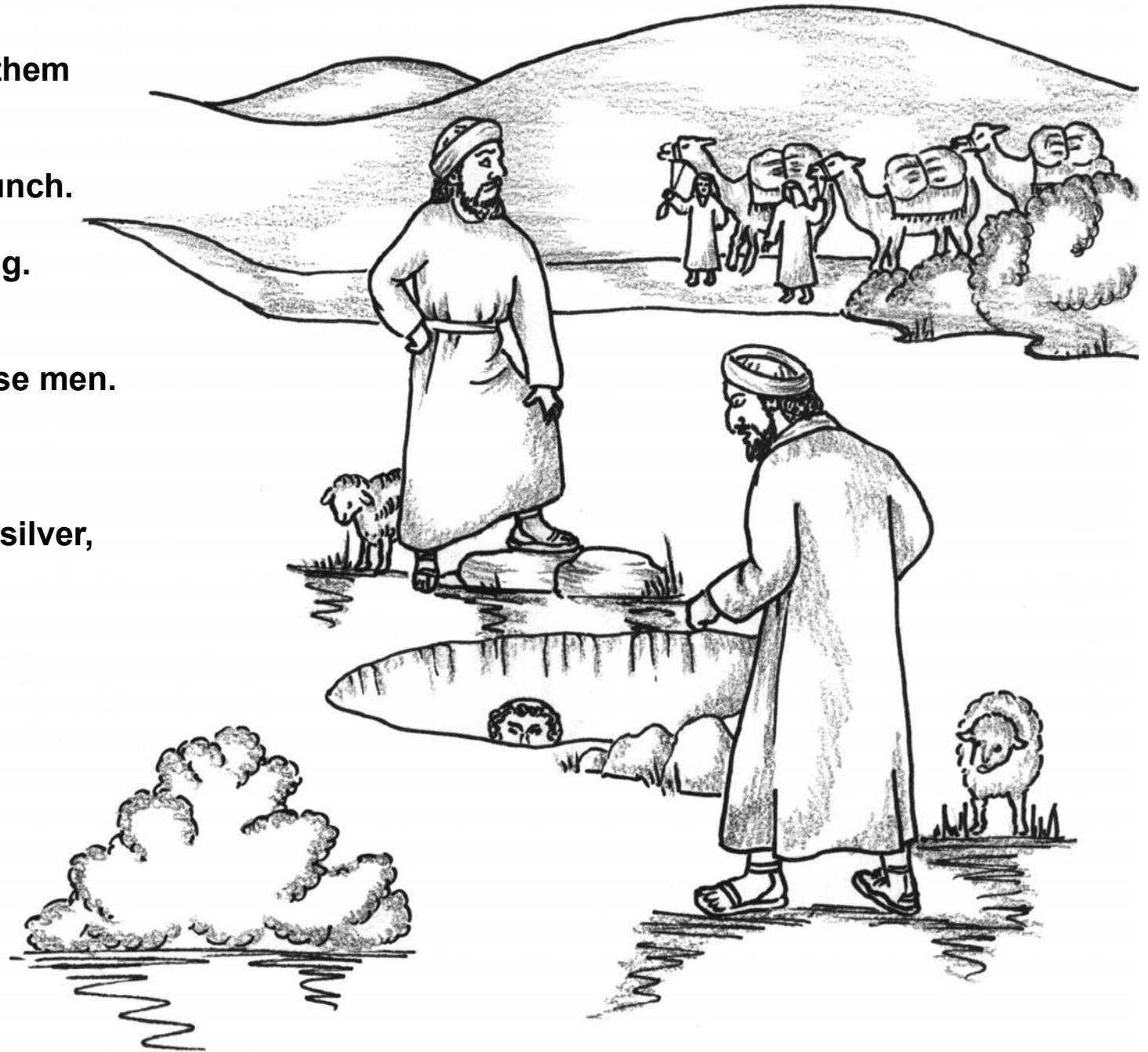
**So when Joseph got to them they pulled off his coat, threw him into the pit and sat down and had lunch.**

**Some traders came along.**

**Judah said,  
'Let's sell Joseph to these men.  
That will be better than  
killing him.'**

**So, for twenty pieces of silver,  
they sold Joseph.**

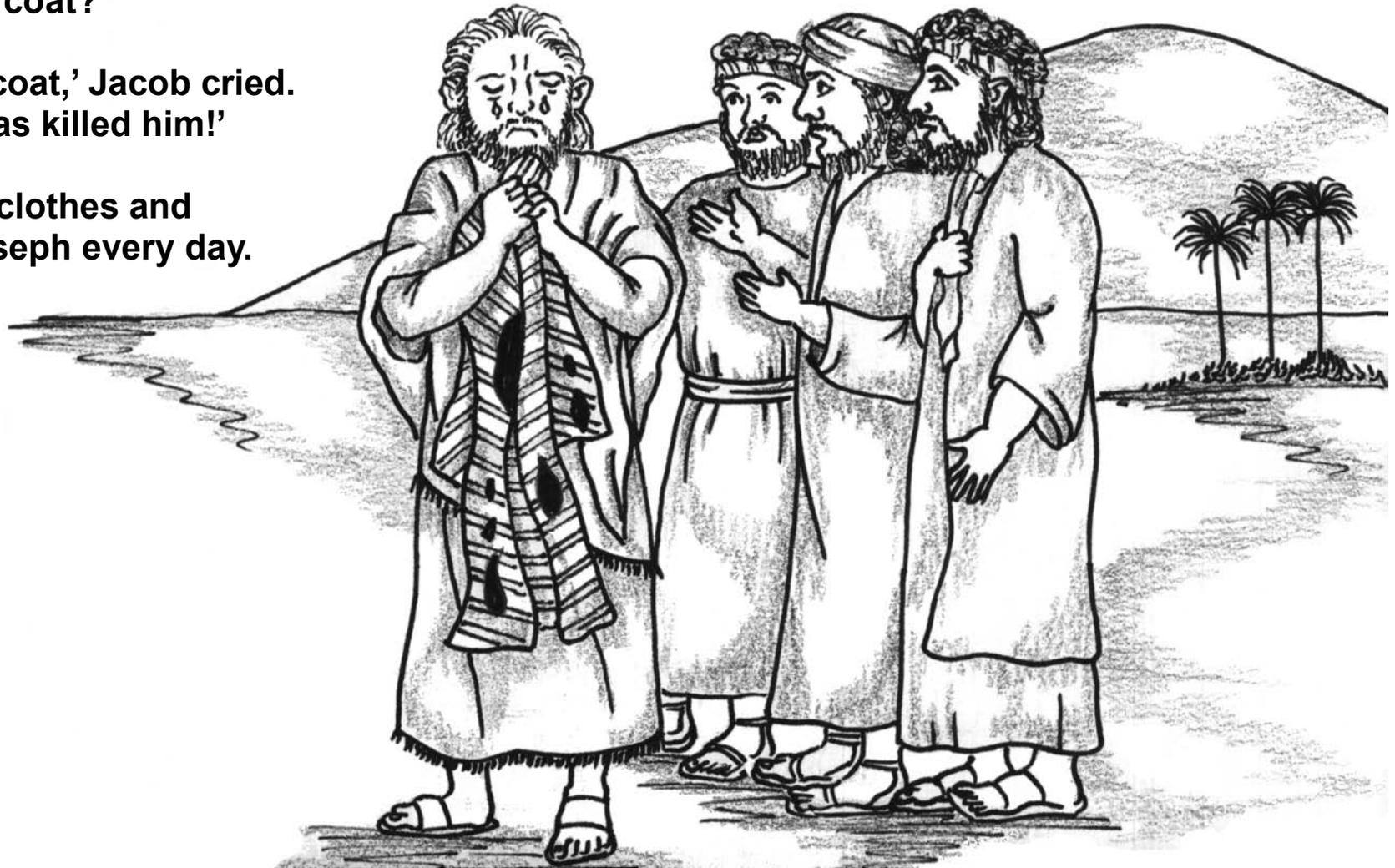
**What were they going  
to tell their father?**



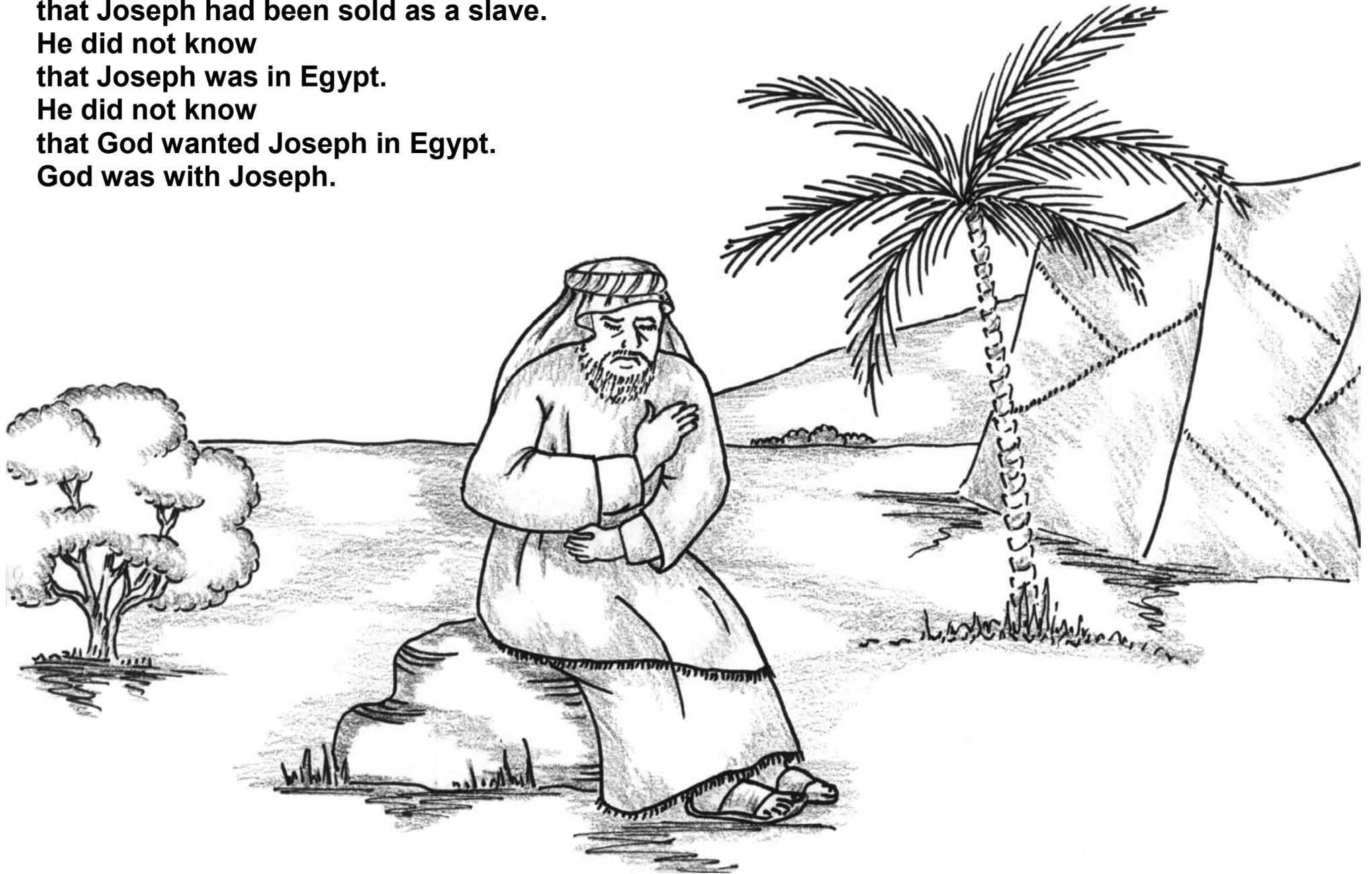
**They killed a goat  
and put blood on Joseph's special coat.  
They took it home  
and showed it to their father, saying,  
'Look.  
We found this.  
Is it your son's coat?'**

**'It is my son's coat,' Jacob cried.  
'A wild beast has killed him!'**

**Jacob tore his clothes and  
he cried for Joseph every day.**



**He did not know  
that Joseph had been sold as a slave.  
He did not know  
that Joseph was in Egypt.  
He did not know  
that God wanted Joseph in Egypt.  
God was with Joseph.**





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Genesis 37:36; Psalm 105:16–19; Acts 7:9–10

**JOSEPH IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE /  
JOSEPH IN PRISON**

File no. 21

**Joseph was a slave  
and God blessed him  
in all that he did.**

**Potiphar, an officer in Egypt,  
saw that God blessed Joseph.  
Potiphar trusted him  
with everything in his house.**



**Potiphar's wife tried to make Joseph do something wrong.**

**Joseph said, 'No!  
I will not sin against God!'**

**Every day she tried to make him do something wrong.**

**Every day Joseph said, 'No.'**

**One day she grabbed his coat.  
It came off  
and Joseph ran away.**

**She showed the coat  
to her husband  
and told him a lie about Joseph.**

**Potiphar put Joseph in prison  
but God was with Joseph.**



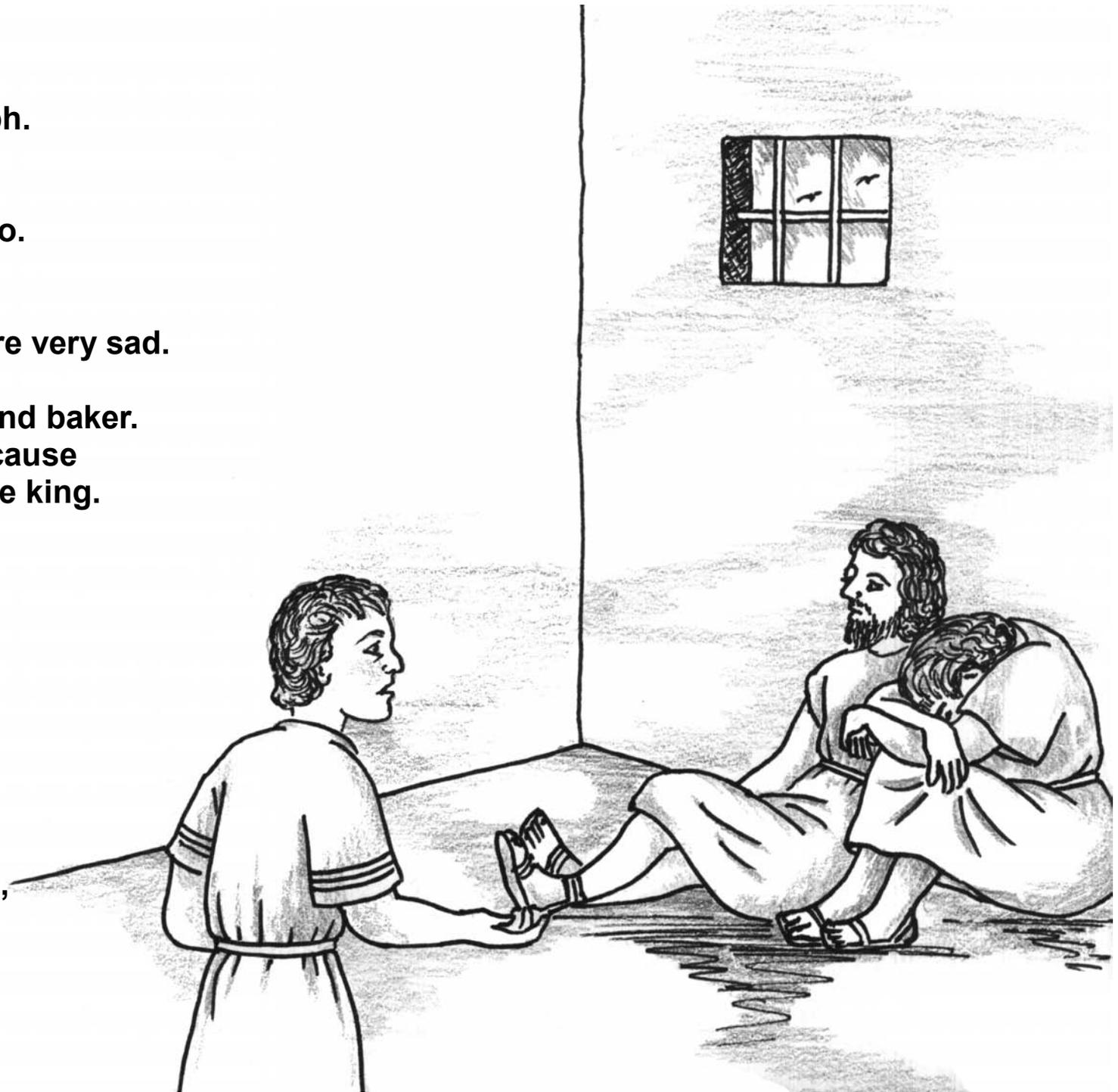
The gaoler saw  
that God blessed Joseph.  
He trusted him  
and took his chains off  
and gave him work to do.

One morning  
two other prisoners were very sad.  
They were  
the king's chief butler and baker.  
Both were in prison because  
they had not pleased the king.

Joseph asked them,  
'Why are you sad.'

They replied,  
'We both had a dream  
and there is no one  
to tell us the meaning.'

'Only God knows  
the meaning of dreams,'  
replied Joseph.  
'Tell me your dreams.'



The chief butler said,  
'In my dream I saw a vine  
with three branches on it.  
Grapes were on the vine.  
I held the king's cup  
and squeezed the grapes into the cup  
and gave it to the king.'

Joseph said, 'This is what it means.  
In three days  
the king will take you out of prison.  
You will work for him again.  
When this happens  
please tell him about me.  
I haven't done anything wrong.'



**The baker wanted to know about his dream too.**

**He said,  
'I saw three baskets on my head;  
one on top of the other.  
Birds were eating the cakes  
out of the baskets.'**

**Joseph said, 'This is what it means.  
In three days  
the king will take you out of prison  
and put you to death.'**



**Three days later  
it was the king's birthday.  
At his party  
the king sent for the butler.  
He was given back his job  
and the baker died  
just as Joseph said.**

**The butler forgot all about Joseph.  
Joseph stayed in prison  
but God was still with Joseph.**

**God had promised  
to bless his family  
and Joseph believed God.**





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**GENESIS 41:1–52**

Psalm 105:20–22; Acts 7:9–10

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File no. 22

One night Pharaoh had two dreams.  
He did not know what they meant.  
He told his wise men.  
They did not know  
what the dreams meant.

Then the butler remembered Joseph  
who had explained his dream.

He said,  
'Joseph can explain dreams.'



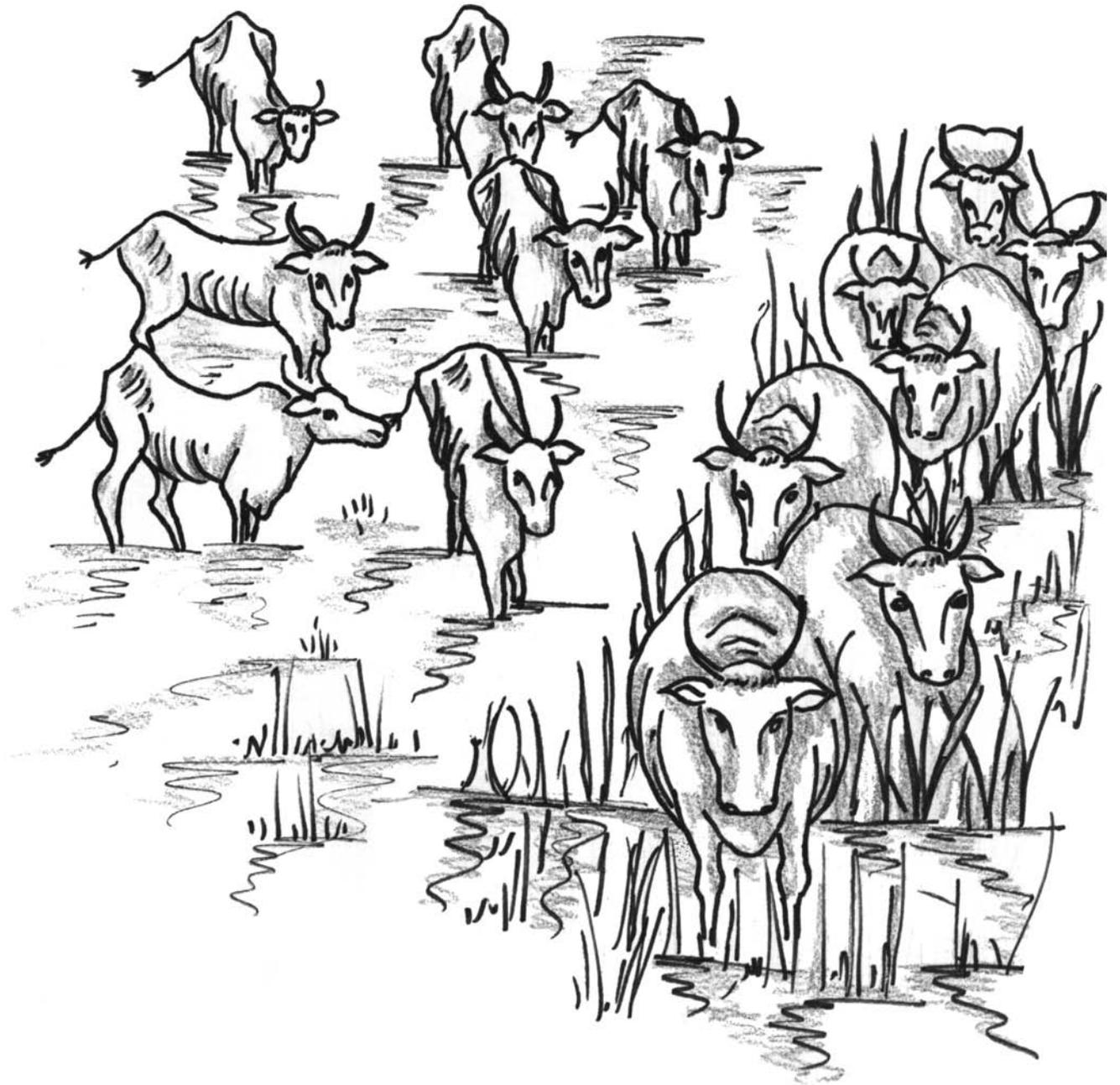
**Joseph was brought before the king.**

**The king said,  
'I have heard  
that you can tell  
the meaning of dreams.'**

**'I can't,' said Joseph,  
'but God will tell you.  
Tell me your dreams.'**

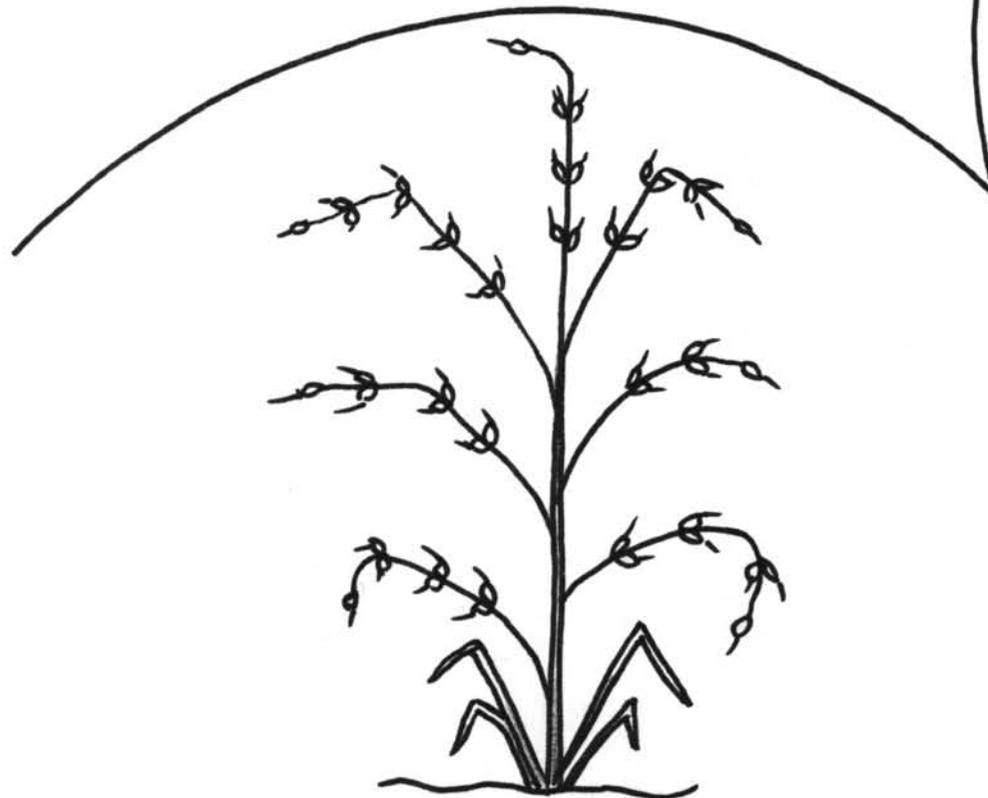


**'In my dream  
I was standing by the river,'  
said Pharaoh.  
'Seven fat cows came up  
out of the water.  
They ate the grass.  
Then seven thin cows came  
out of the water.  
They were very thin.  
The thin cows  
ate the fat cows,  
but they stayed thin.  
Then I woke up.**



**'I went to sleep again.  
This time I saw seven big heads of grain  
growing on one stalk.  
On another stalk I saw seven dried up heads  
of grain.  
The dried up grain then ate the good grain.'**

**Joseph said to Pharaoh,  
'God is showing the king what He is going to do.'**



**‘For the next seven years the crops will grow.  
After that there will be seven years  
when nothing will grow.  
Everyone will be hungry.  
Let the king choose a wise man.  
Let him collect and store the grain  
that grows in the good years.  
Then in the bad years  
there will be plenty of food.’**



**Pharaoh liked what Joseph said.  
He put his ring on Joseph's finger,  
a gold chain round his neck  
and dressed him in fine clothes.  
He made Joseph a ruler in Egypt.  
Everybody had to obey him.**

**Joseph collected grain  
from the farmers  
and stored it in the cities.  
They were ready for the famine.**

**Joseph knew that  
God had saved him.  
He knew God would make him  
a blessing to others.**





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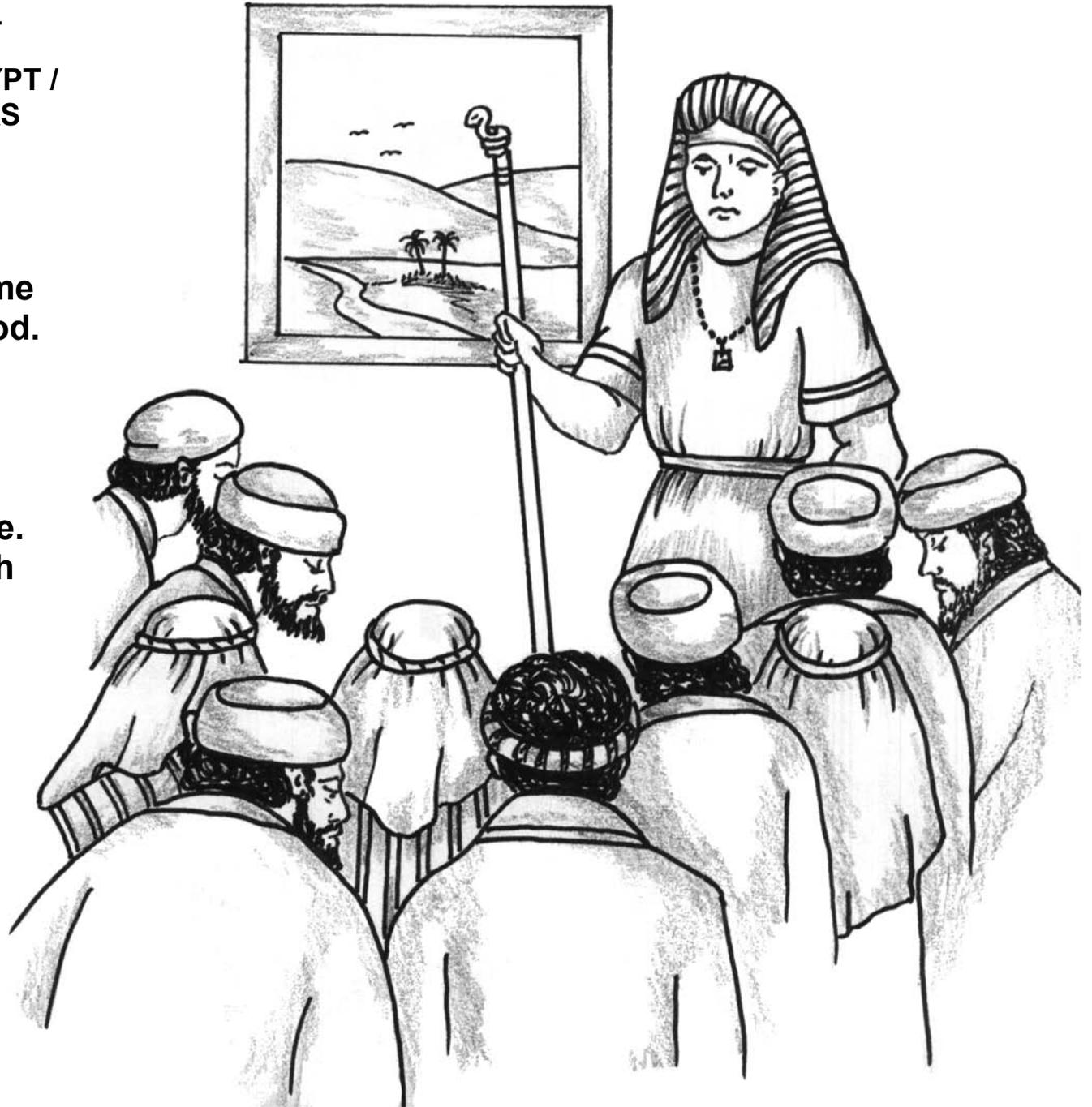
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File no. 23

**No rain had fallen for a long time  
and many countries had no food.**

**Joseph's ten brothers  
came to Egypt  
because they heard  
that food had been stored there.  
They didn't know it was Joseph  
they would have to see  
to get some food.**

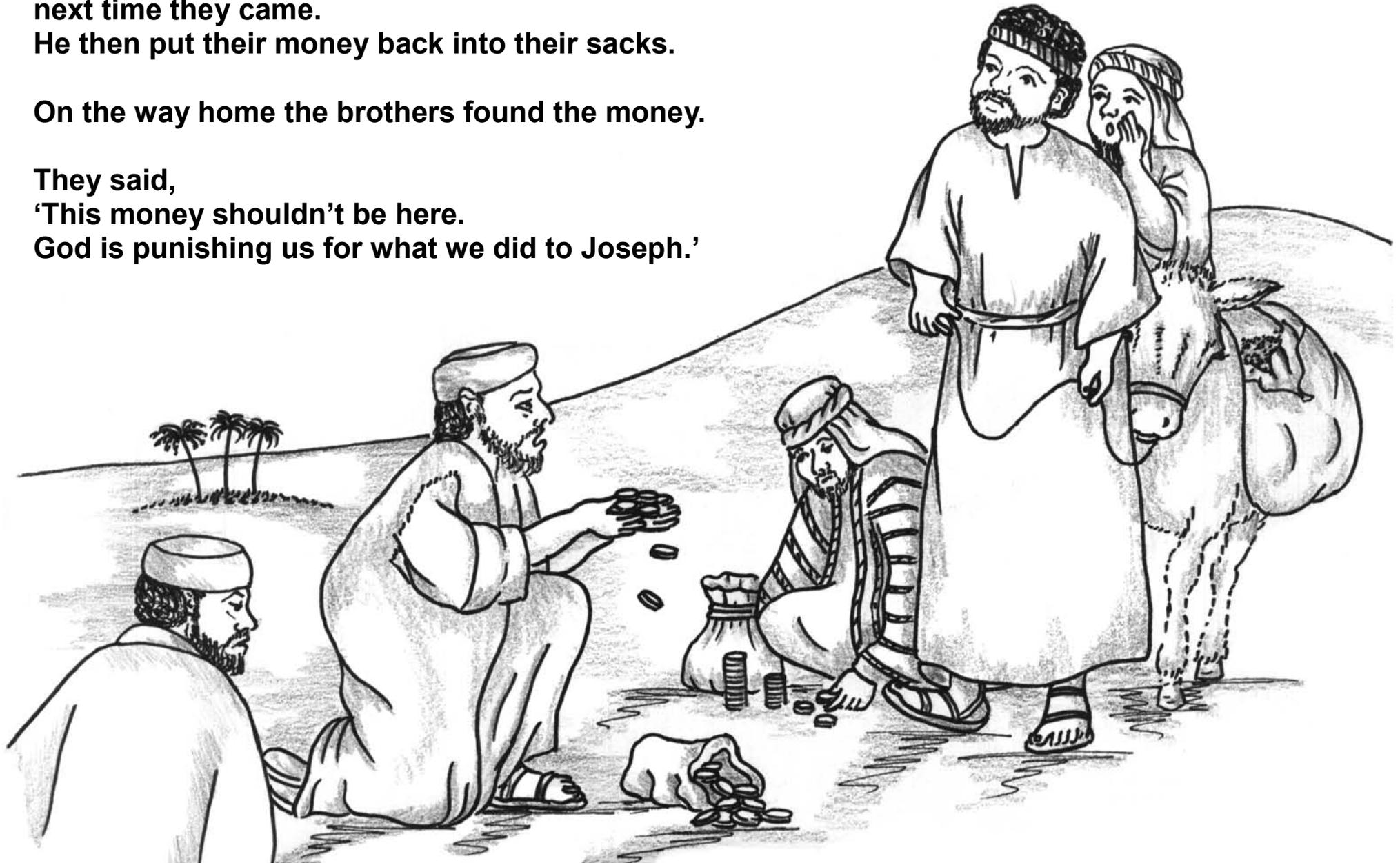
**He looked different  
and he did not tell them  
who he was.  
Joseph knew who they were  
and wanted to know  
if they were sorry  
for selling him as a slave.**



**He put Simeon in prison and  
told them to bring Benjamin, his special brother,  
next time they came.  
He then put their money back into their sacks.**

**On the way home the brothers found the money.**

**They said,  
'This money shouldn't be here.  
God is punishing us for what we did to Joseph.'**

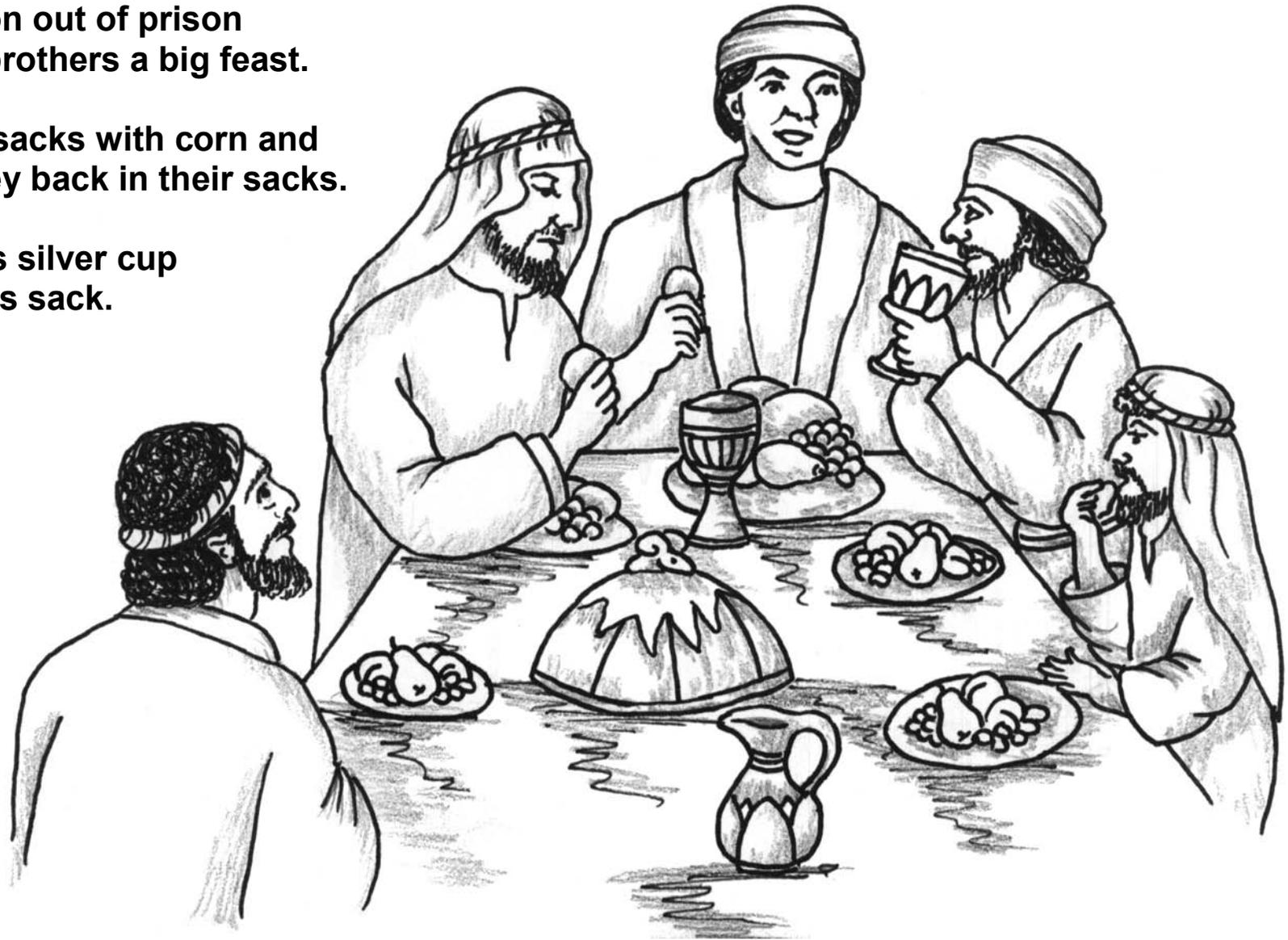


Later the brothers came to buy food again.  
This time Benjamin was with them.  
Joseph tested his brothers again.

He took Simeon out of prison  
and gave his brothers a big feast.

He filled their sacks with corn and  
put their money back in their sacks.

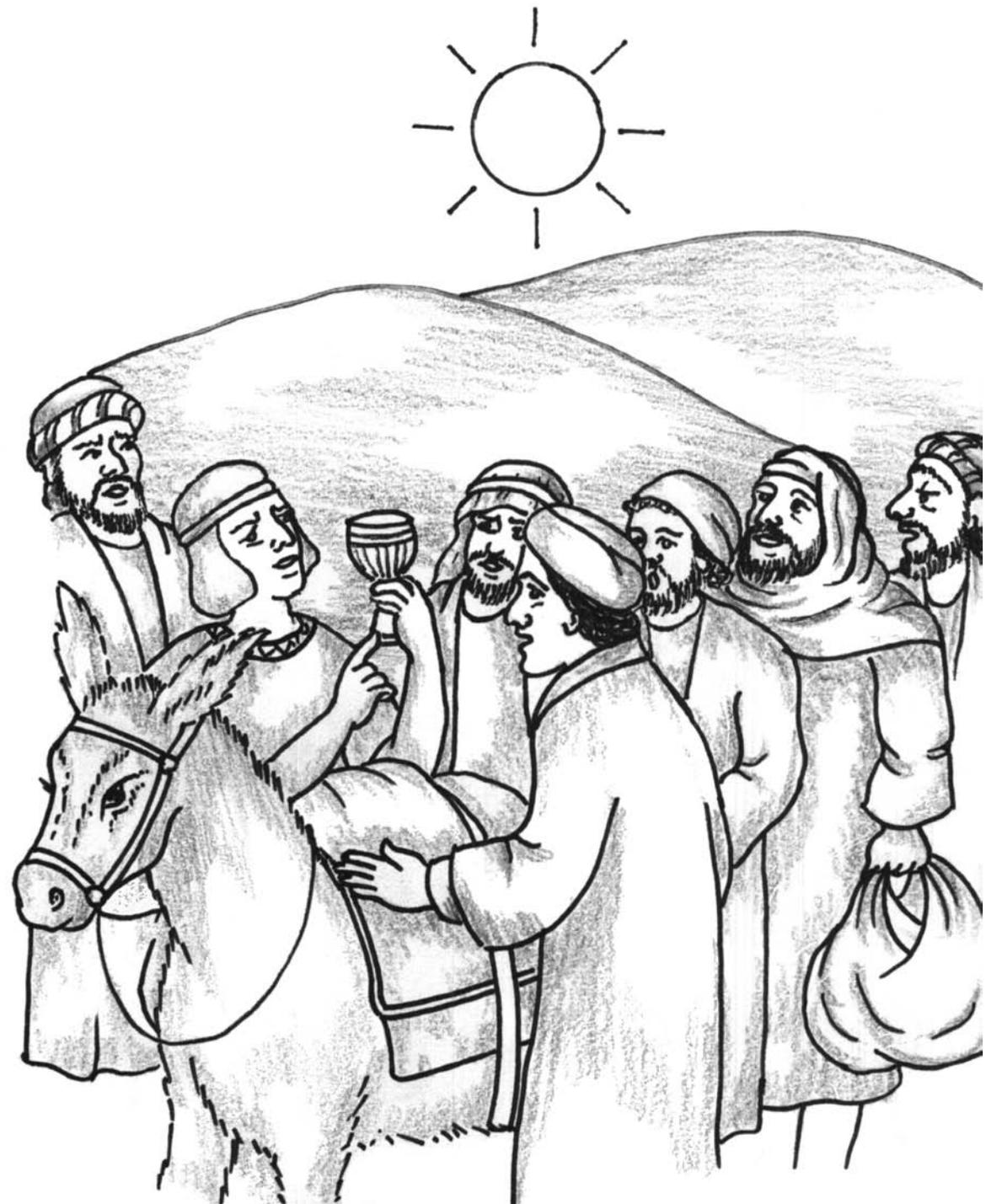
He also put his silver cup  
into Benjamin's sack.



**When the brothers  
were on their way home,  
a servant ran after them and said,  
'Why have you stolen  
the governor's silver cup!'**

**The brothers said,  
'We haven't got it.  
You have a look and see.  
If you find it,  
the man who has it shall die  
and we will be your slaves.'**

**The servant looked in their sacks.  
It was in Benjamin's sack.  
The brothers cried  
and went back to see Joseph.**

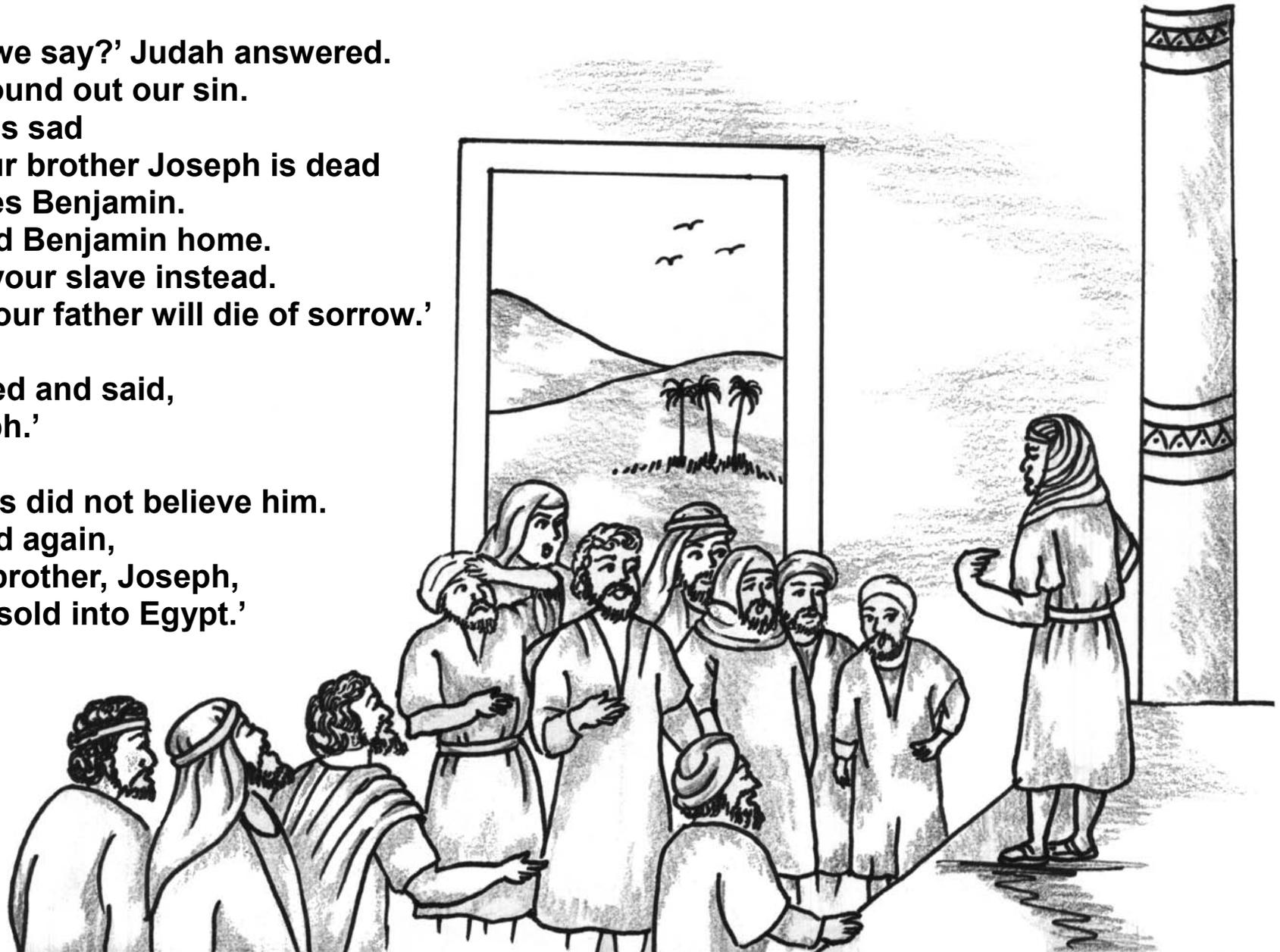


**Joseph asked,  
'What have you done?'**

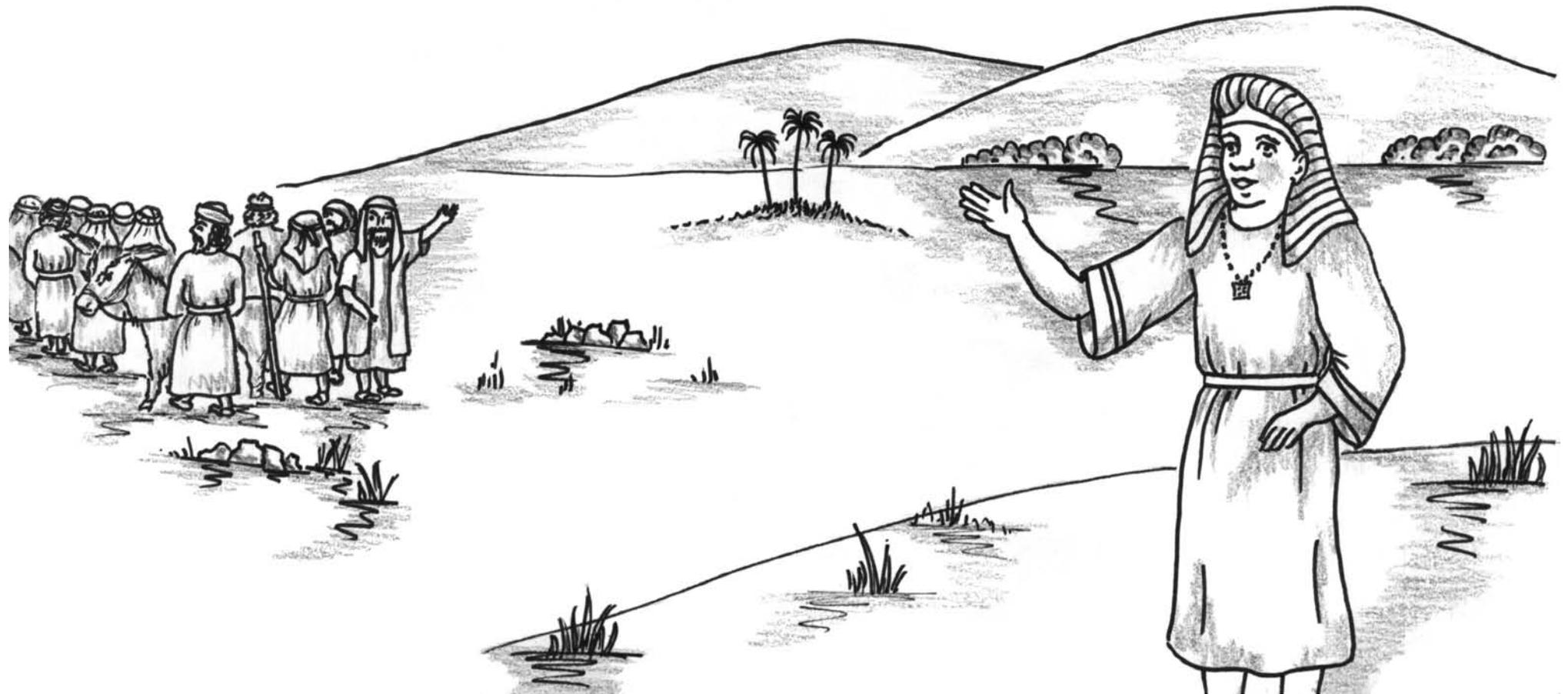
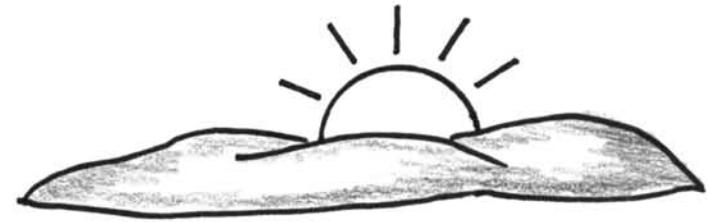
**'What can we say?' Judah answered.  
'God has found out our sin.  
Our father is sad  
because our brother Joseph is dead  
and he loves Benjamin.  
Please send Benjamin home.  
Let me be your slave instead.  
Otherwise our father will die of sorrow.'**

**Joseph cried and said,  
'I am Joseph.'**

**His brothers did not believe him.  
Joseph said again,  
'I am your brother, Joseph,  
whom you sold into Egypt.'**



**'Do not be afraid because you sold me.  
God sent me here  
to keep you alive in this famine.  
Go and bring my father  
and your families to live here.  
There will be five more years of famine.'**



The brothers went home and said to their father,  
'Joseph is alive.  
He wants us to go and live with him.'

God spoke to Jacob and said,  
'I am God.  
Do not be afraid to go to Egypt.  
I will go with you,  
and I will bring you back to your land.'

