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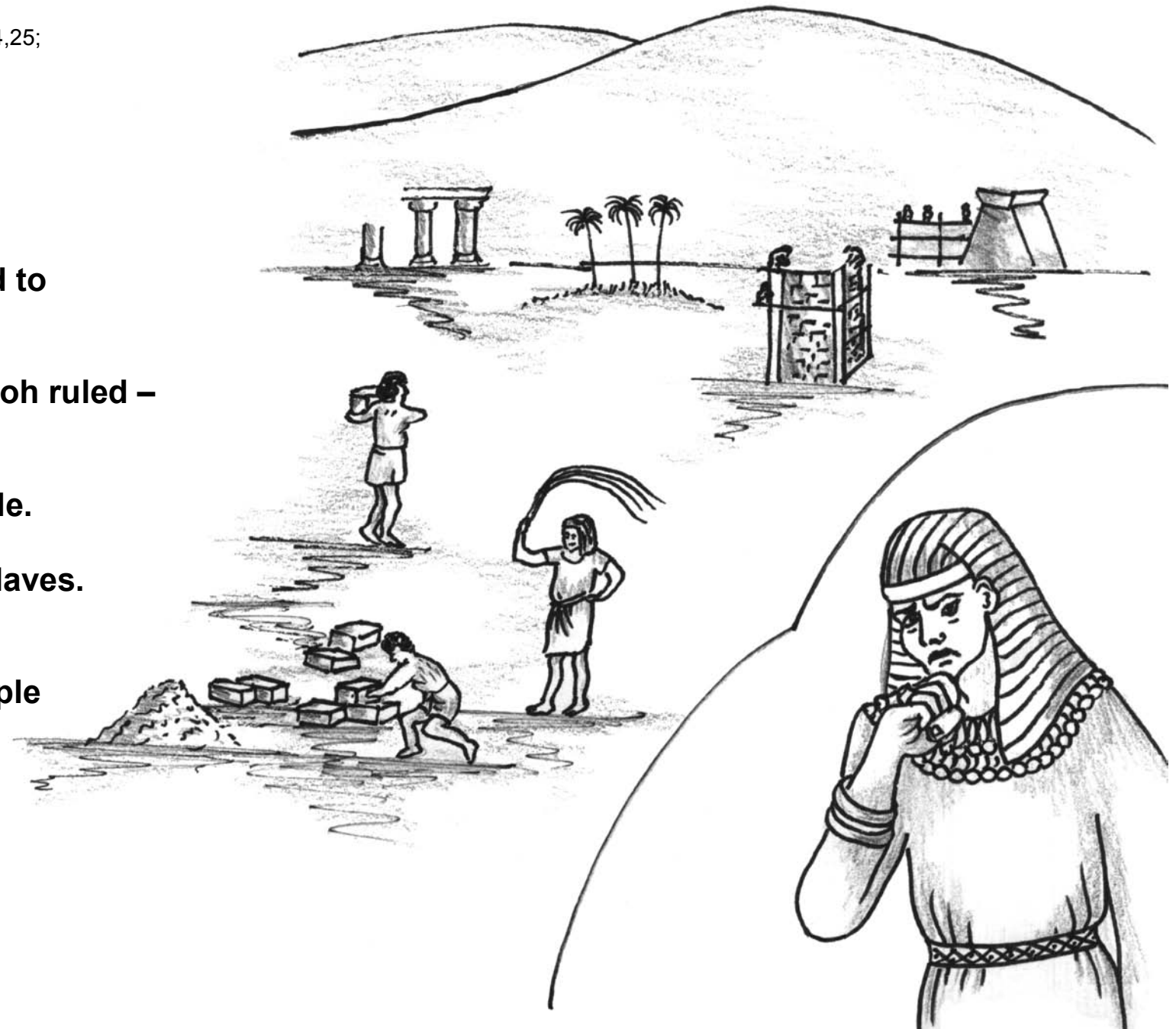
THE BABY MOSES

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**When Joseph was
governor in Egypt
the Pharaoh was kind to
God's people.**

**But now a new Pharaoh ruled –
one who did not
remember Joseph.
He hated God's people.
He beat them
and made them his slaves.**

**However,
God blessed His people
and gave them
many children.**

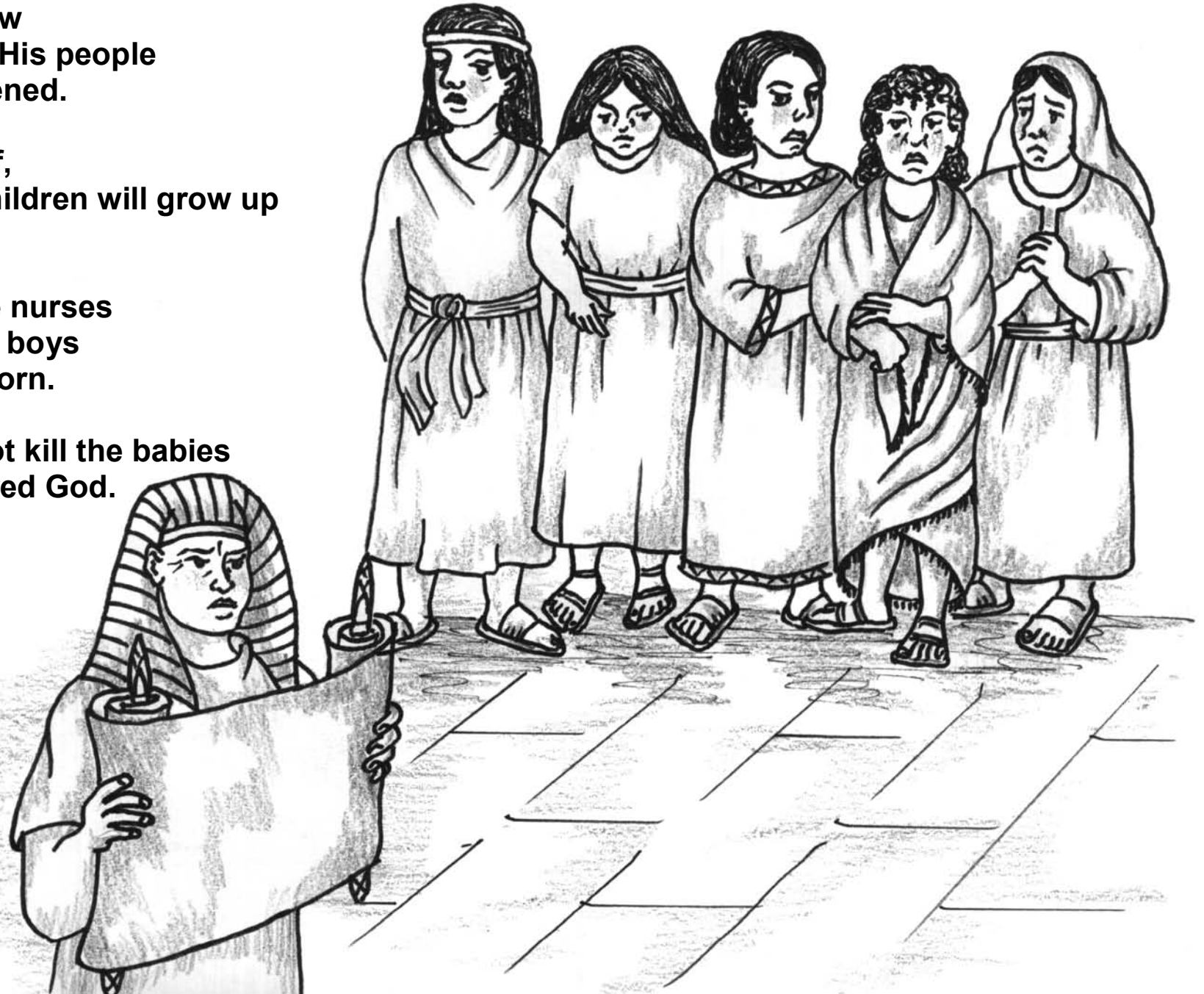


**When Pharaoh saw
that God blessed His people
he became frightened.**

**He said to himself,
'One day these children will grow up
and fight me.'**

**So he ordered the nurses
to kill all the baby boys
when they were born.**

**The nurses did not kill the babies
because they feared God.**



**Pharaoh was angry
and he ordered his people
to throw the Hebrew babies
into the river.**

**One Hebrew mother
hid her baby boy.
She and her husband
trusted God to look
after him.**



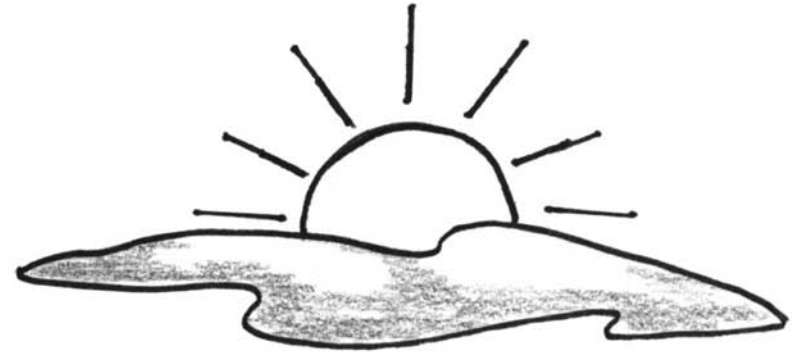
**Before long the baby was
too big and noisy to hide.
So his mother made a basket,
put him in it,
and placed it
among the tall grass
on the river bank.**

**Miriam, his sister,
watched from nearby.**



Pharaoh's daughter
came to bathe in the river.
She saw the basket
and told her maids to fetch it.
When she opened it
the baby began to cry.

The princess felt sorry for him
and said,
'This must be
one of the Hebrew children.'



**Miriam came
and asked the princess,
'Would you like a Hebrew lady
to take care of him?'**

'Yes,' said the princess.



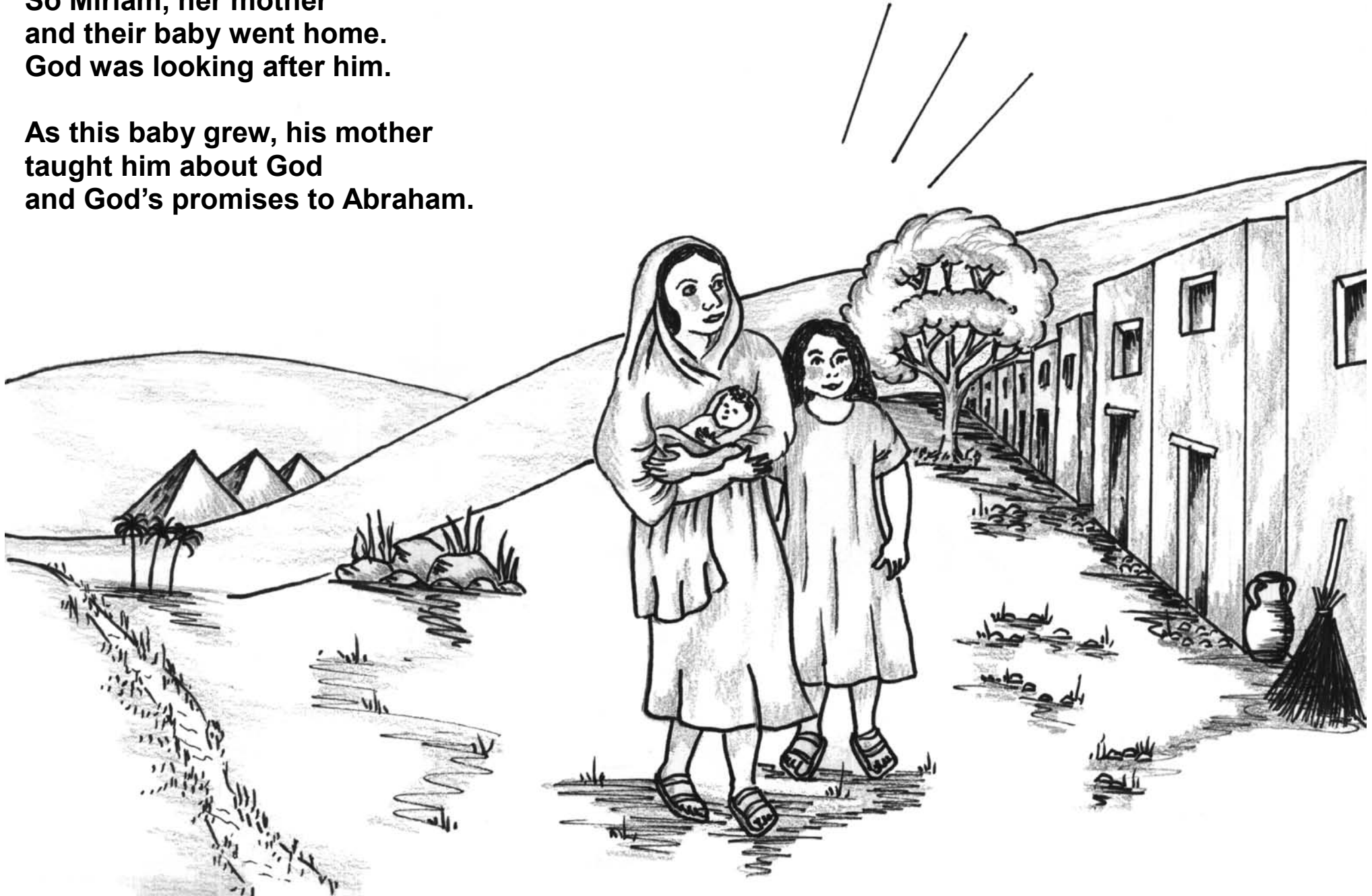
**Miriam ran home to get her mother.
She brought her to the princess.**

**The princess said,
'Look after this child for me
and I will pay you.'**



**So Miriam, her mother
and their baby went home.
God was looking after him.**

**As this baby grew, his mother
taught him about God
and God's promises to Abraham.**



**Then the time came for
his mother to take him
to live with the princess.
He became her son
and she called him Moses.**

**God was preparing Moses
to lead His people out of Egypt.**



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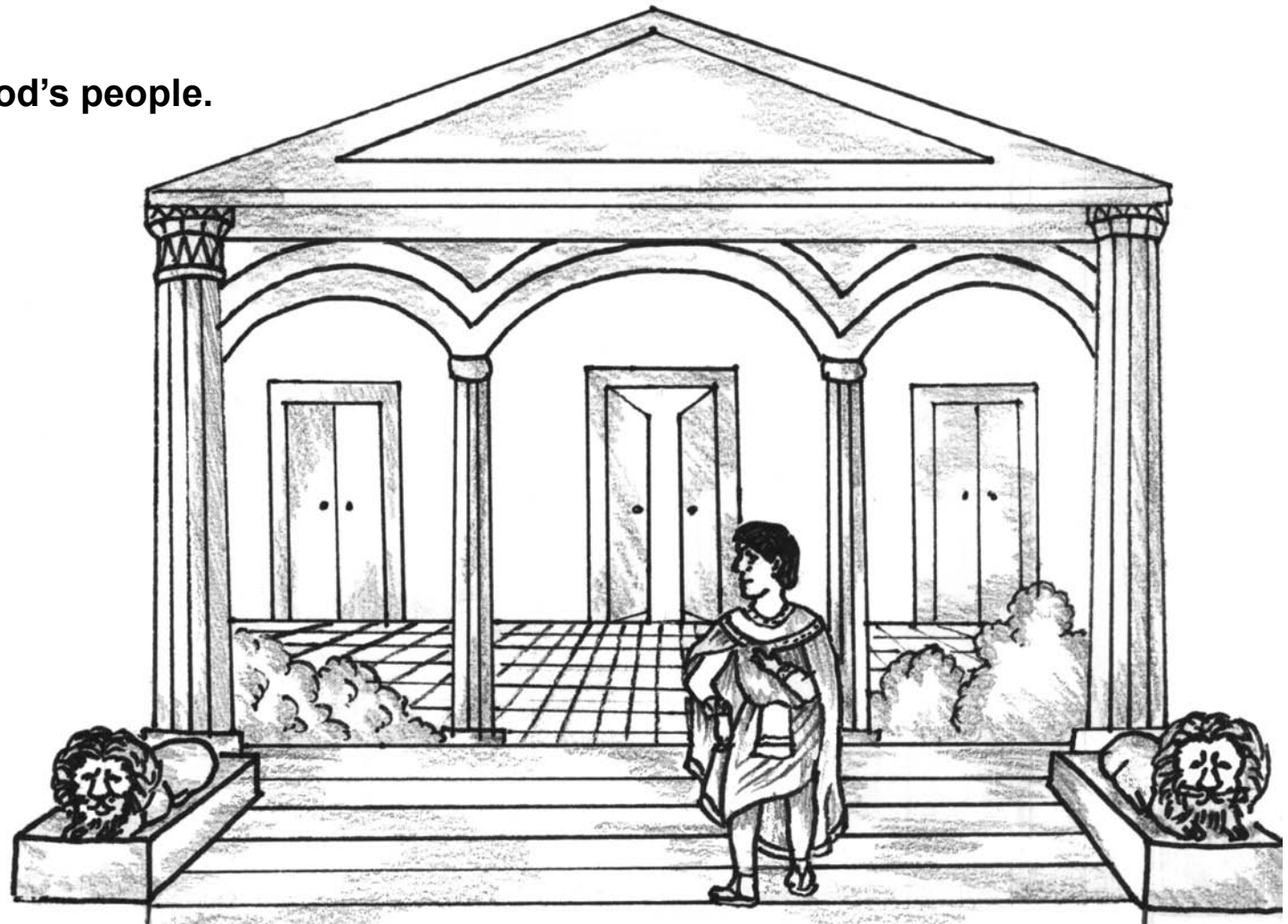
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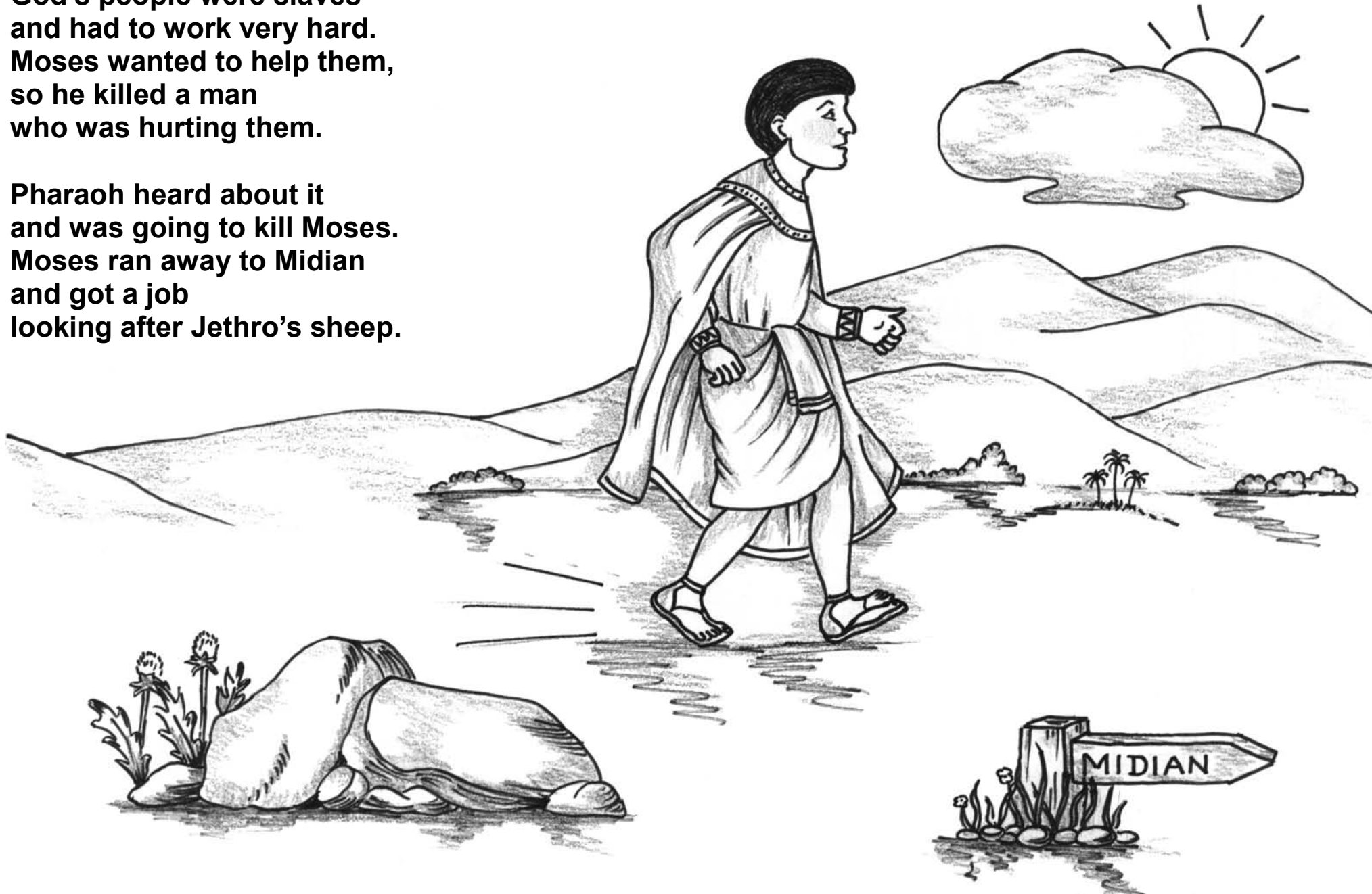
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**Moses grew up in the palace of Pharaoh
as the son of the princess,
but he knew
that he was really one of God's people.**



**God's people were slaves
and had to work very hard.
Moses wanted to help them,
so he killed a man
who was hurting them.**

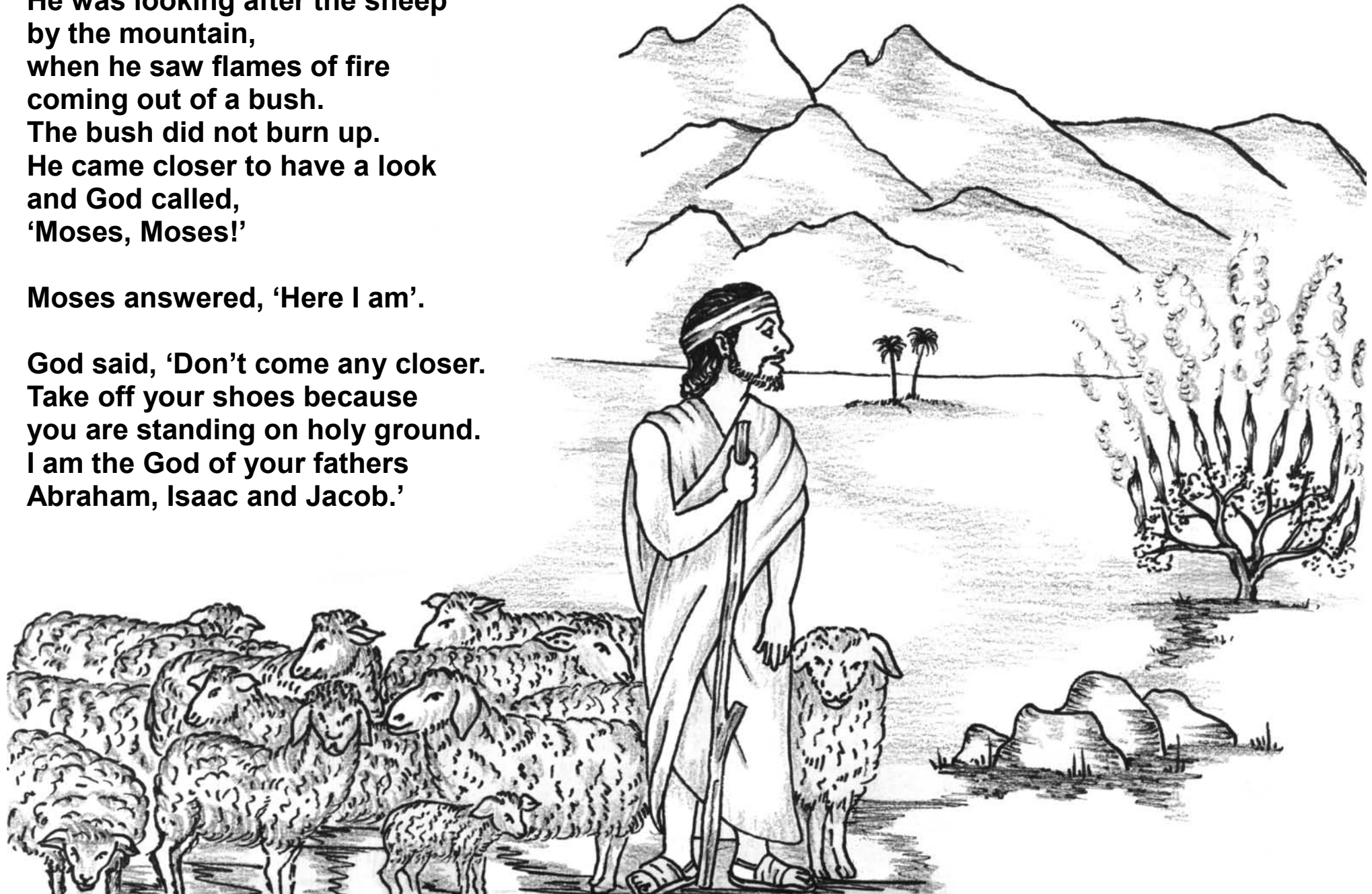
**Pharaoh heard about it
and was going to kill Moses.
Moses ran away to Midian
and got a job
looking after Jethro's sheep.**



**He was looking after the sheep
by the mountain,
when he saw flames of fire
coming out of a bush.
The bush did not burn up.
He came closer to have a look
and God called,
'Moses, Moses!'**

Moses answered, 'Here I am'.

**God said, 'Don't come any closer.
Take off your shoes because
you are standing on holy ground.
I am the God of your fathers
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.'**



**Moses was afraid
and he hid his face.**

**Then God said,
'I have seen that My people
are being cruelly treated.
I am going to save them.
I want you to go to Pharaoh
and bring My people out of Egypt.'**

**'I am not great,' said Moses.
'How can I go to Pharaoh?'**

**God said, 'I will be with you.
You will bring My people to
this mountain to worship Me.'**

**Moses asked,
'Who will I say sent me?'**

**God said,
'Tell My people that
I AM, sent you.
I know that Pharaoh will not
want to let you go,
but I am going to make him
let you go.'**



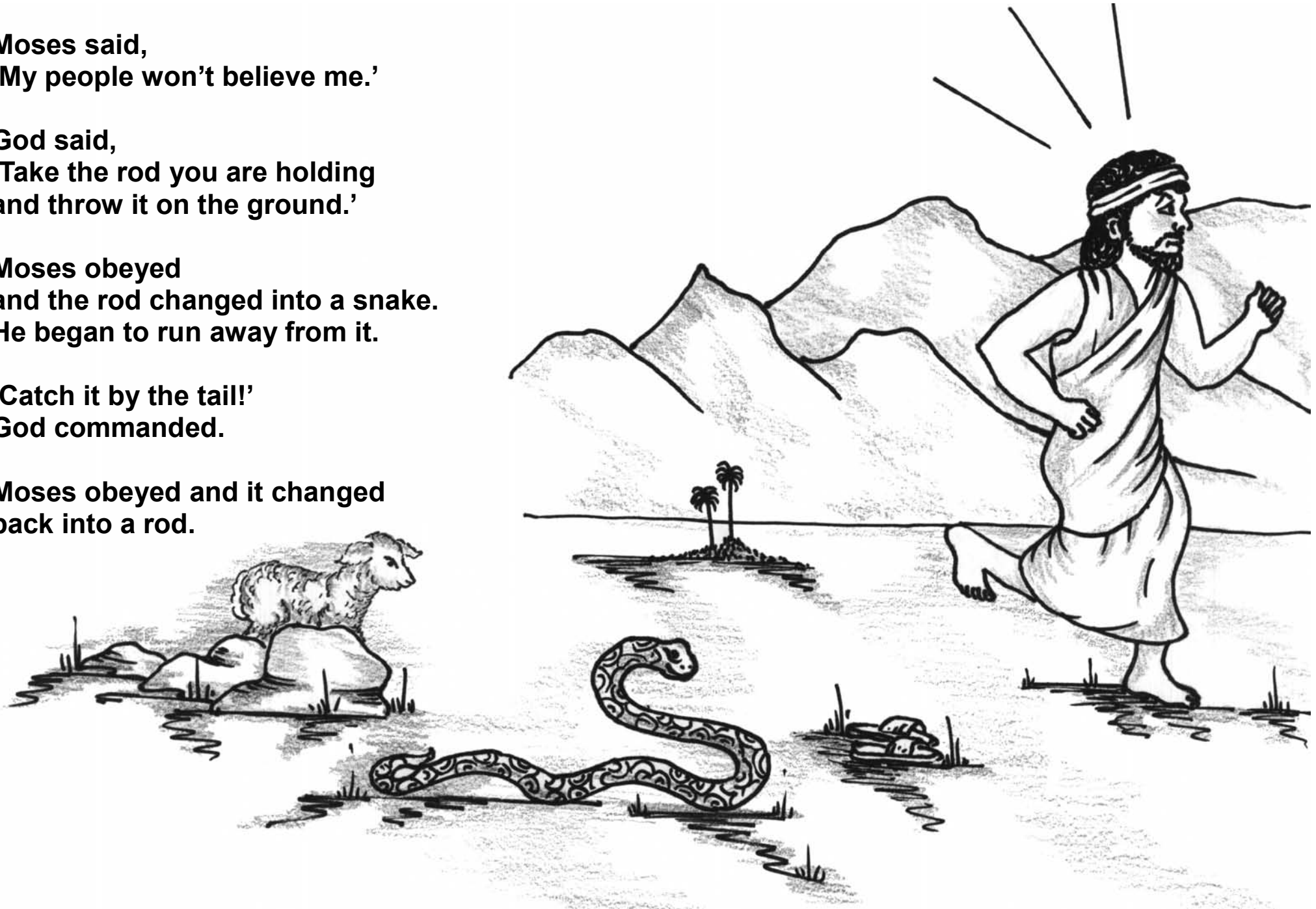
**Moses said,
'My people won't believe me.'**

**God said,
'Take the rod you are holding
and throw it on the ground.'**

**Moses obeyed
and the rod changed into a snake.
He began to run away from it.**

**'Catch it by the tail!'
God commanded.**

**Moses obeyed and it changed
back into a rod.**



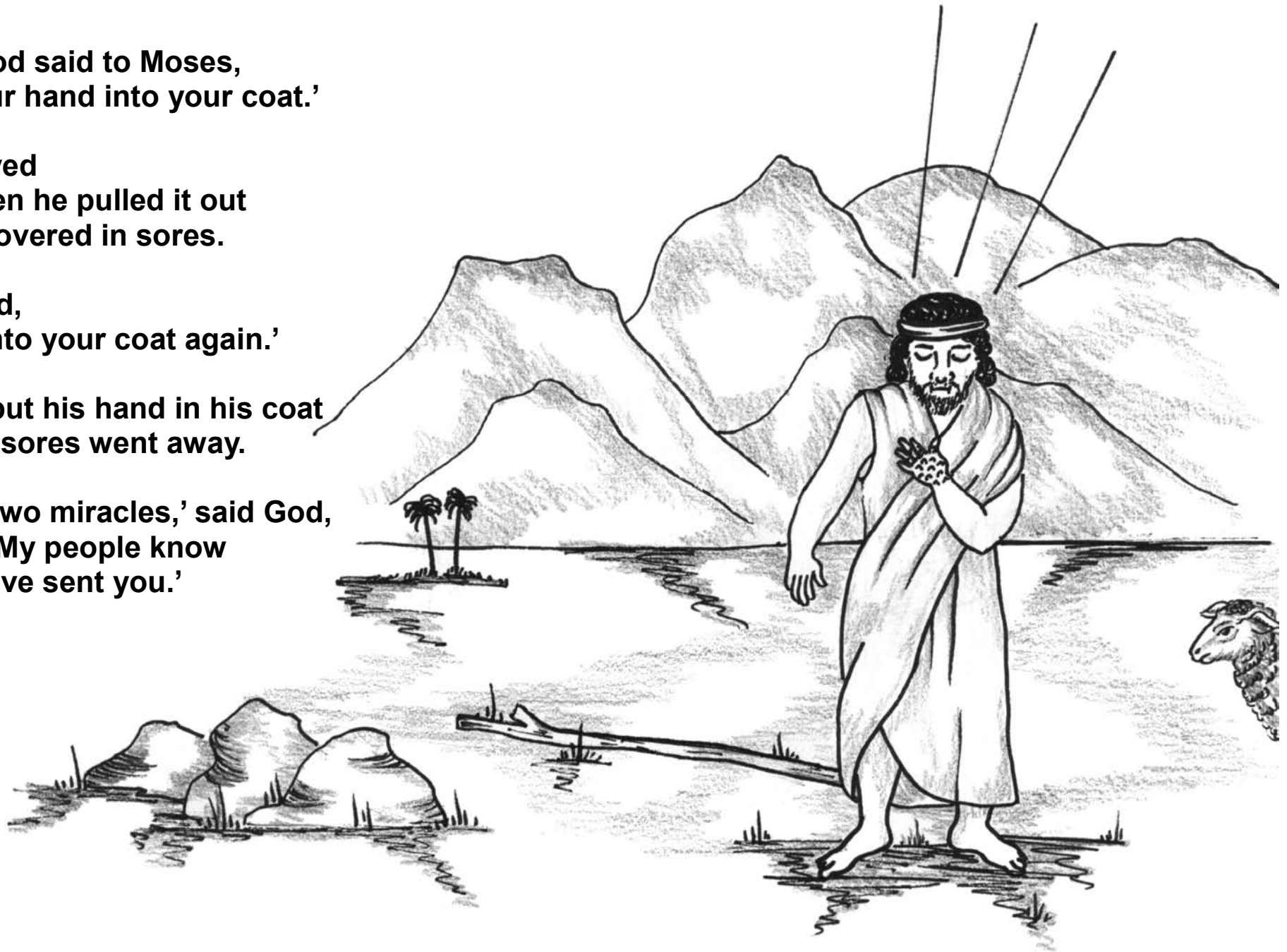
**Then God said to Moses,
'Put your hand into your coat.'**

**He obeyed
and when he pulled it out
it was covered in sores.**

**God said,
'Put it into your coat again.'**

**Moses put his hand in his coat
and the sores went away.**

**'These two miracles,' said God,
'will let My people know
that I have sent you.'**

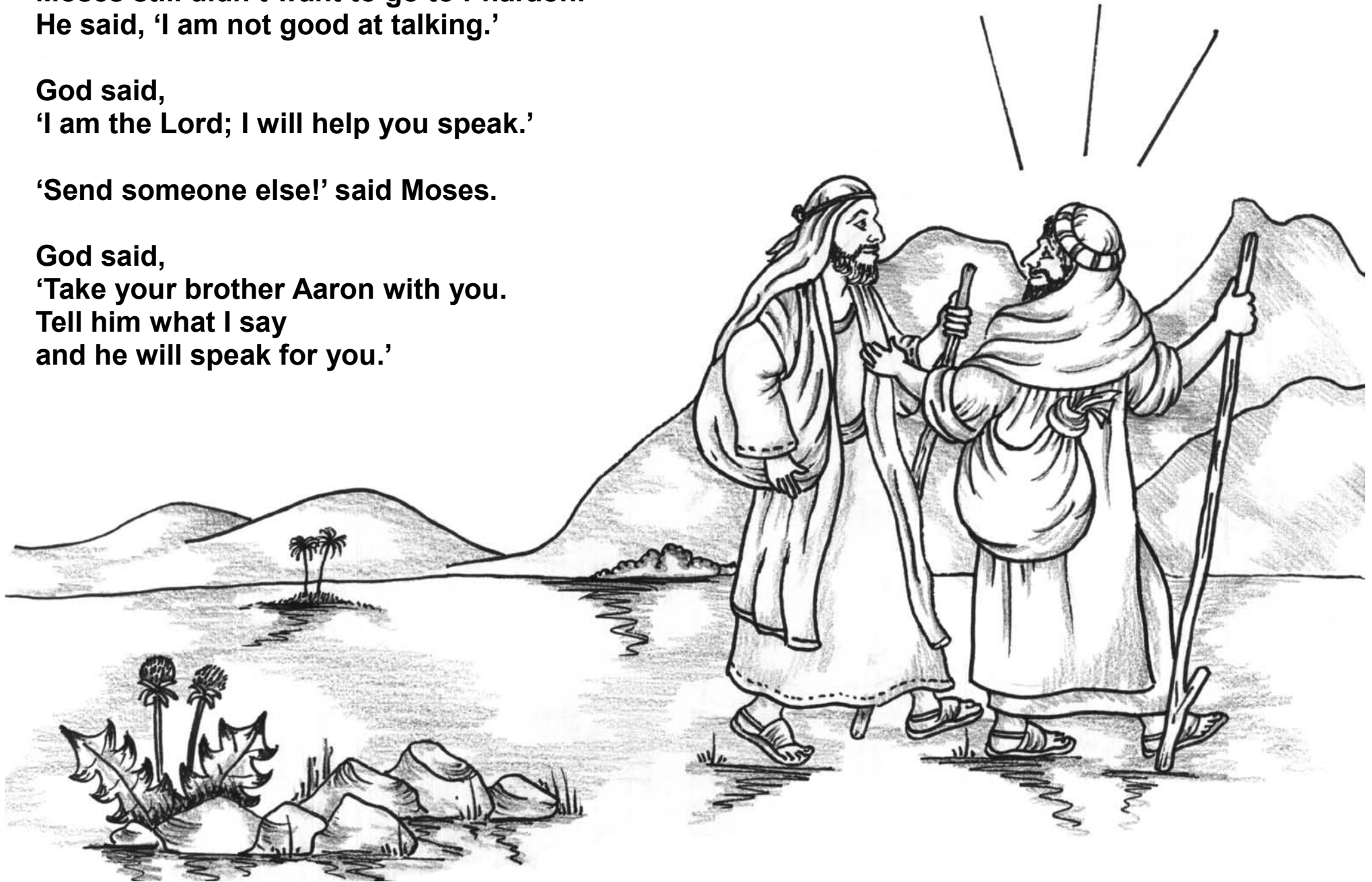


**Moses still didn't want to go to Pharaoh.
He said, 'I am not good at talking.'**

**God said,
'I am the Lord; I will help you speak.'**

'Send someone else!' said Moses.

**God said,
'Take your brother Aaron with you.
Tell him what I say
and he will speak for you.'**



**Moses went back to his people
and said,
'God has heard you
and is going to save you.'**

**Moses did the miracles
and the people believed
and worshipped God.**



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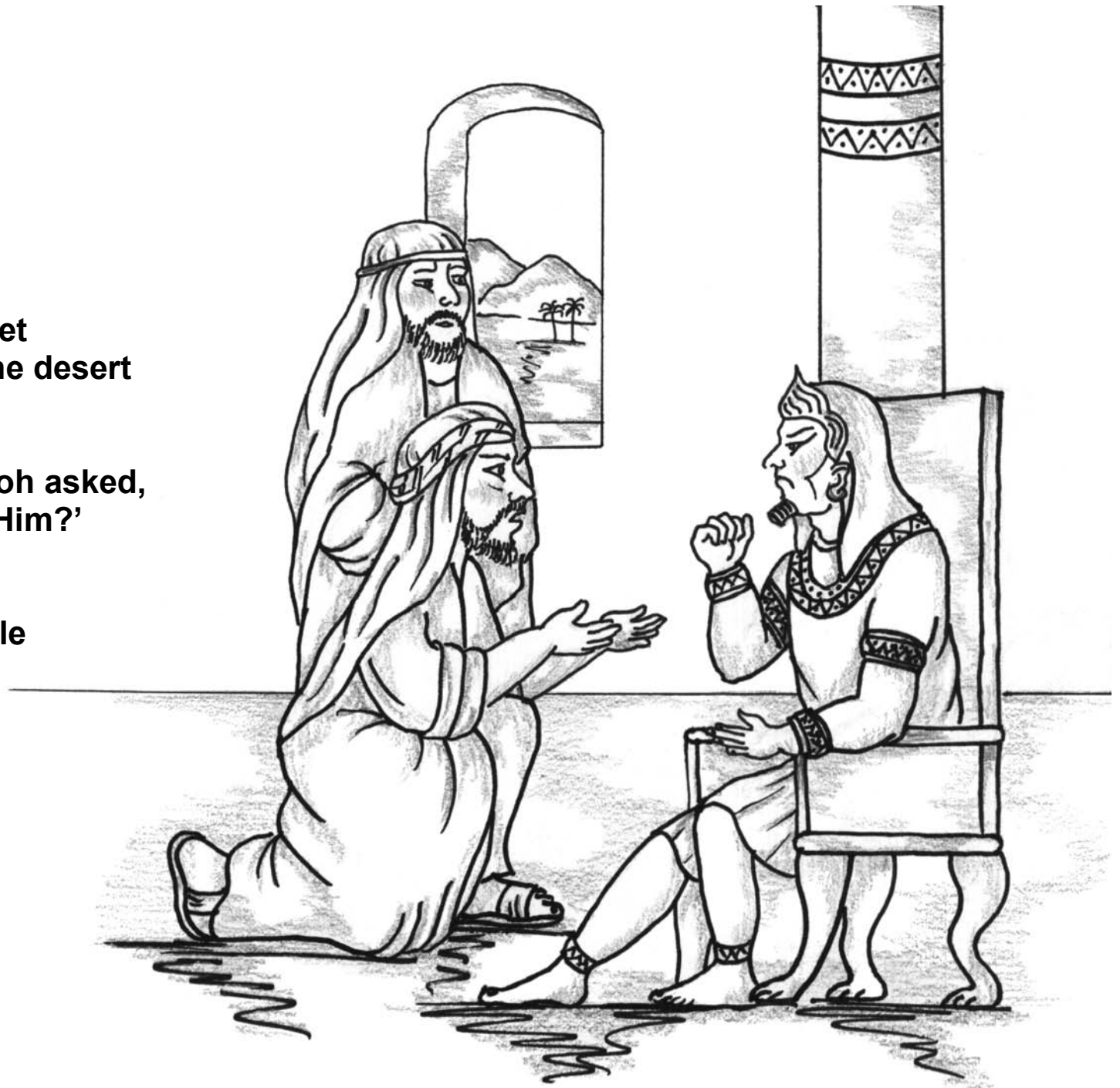
'LET MY PEOPLE GO'

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**Moses said to Pharaoh,
'The Lord wants you to let
His people go out into the desert
to worship Him.'**

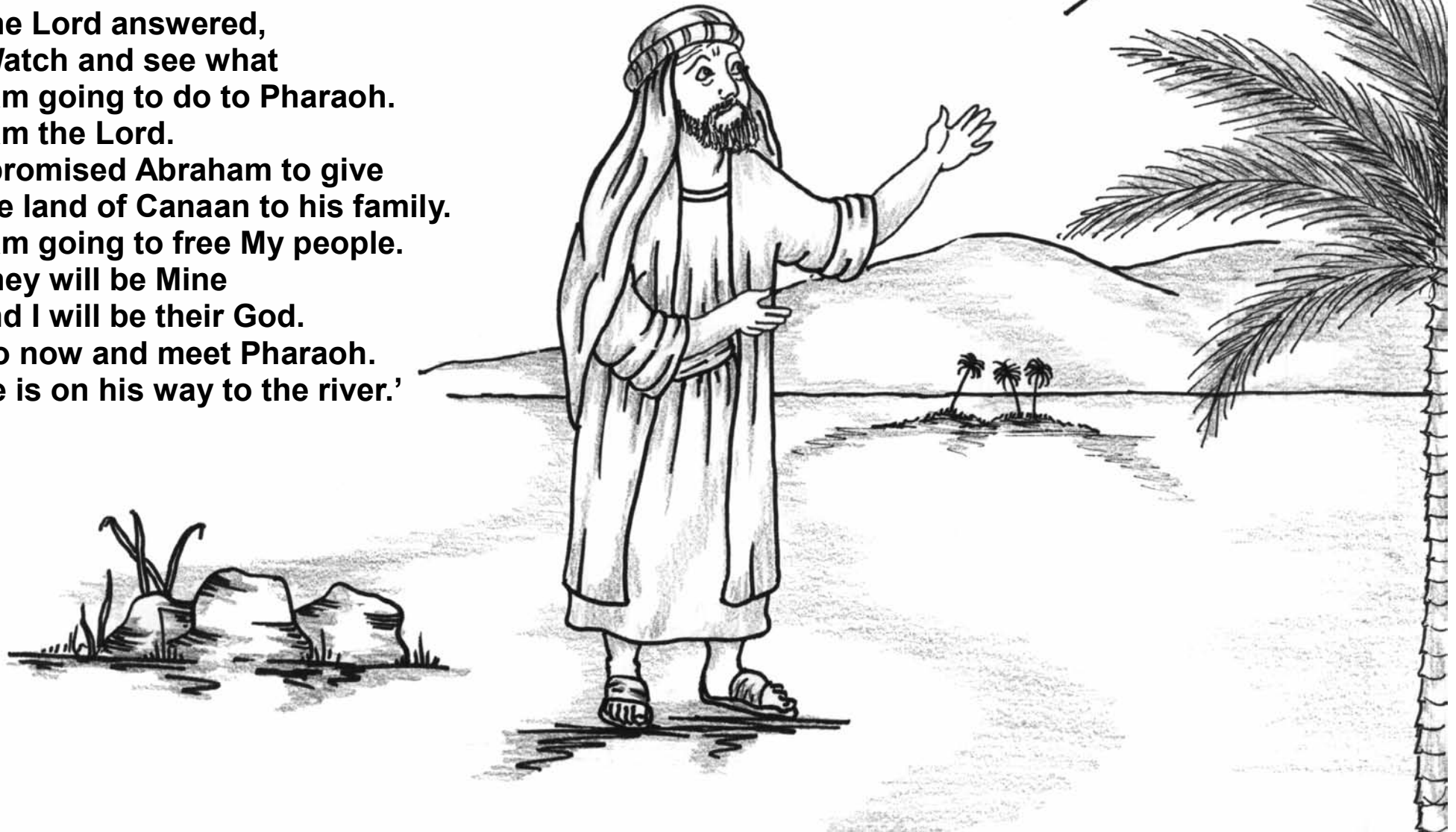
**'Who is the Lord,' Pharaoh asked,
'and why should I obey Him?'**

**Pharaoh was angry
and ordered God's people
to do more work.**



**Moses said to the Lord,
'Since I have spoken to Pharaoh,
he has hurt Your people more.
What are You doing?'**

**The Lord answered,
'Watch and see what
I am going to do to Pharaoh.
I am the Lord.
I promised Abraham to give
the land of Canaan to his family.
I am going to free My people.
They will be Mine
and I will be their God.
Go now and meet Pharaoh.
He is on his way to the river.'**



**Moses met Pharaoh at the river
and said,
'The Lord wants you
to let His people go to worship Him.'**

**'Well,' said Pharaoh,
'I won't let them go!'**

**Moses answered,
'The Lord says that
you will know that He is the Lord.
I am going to hit the river with my rod
and it will turn to blood.'**

**Moses hit the water
and it turned to blood.
The fish died and
there was no water to drink.**

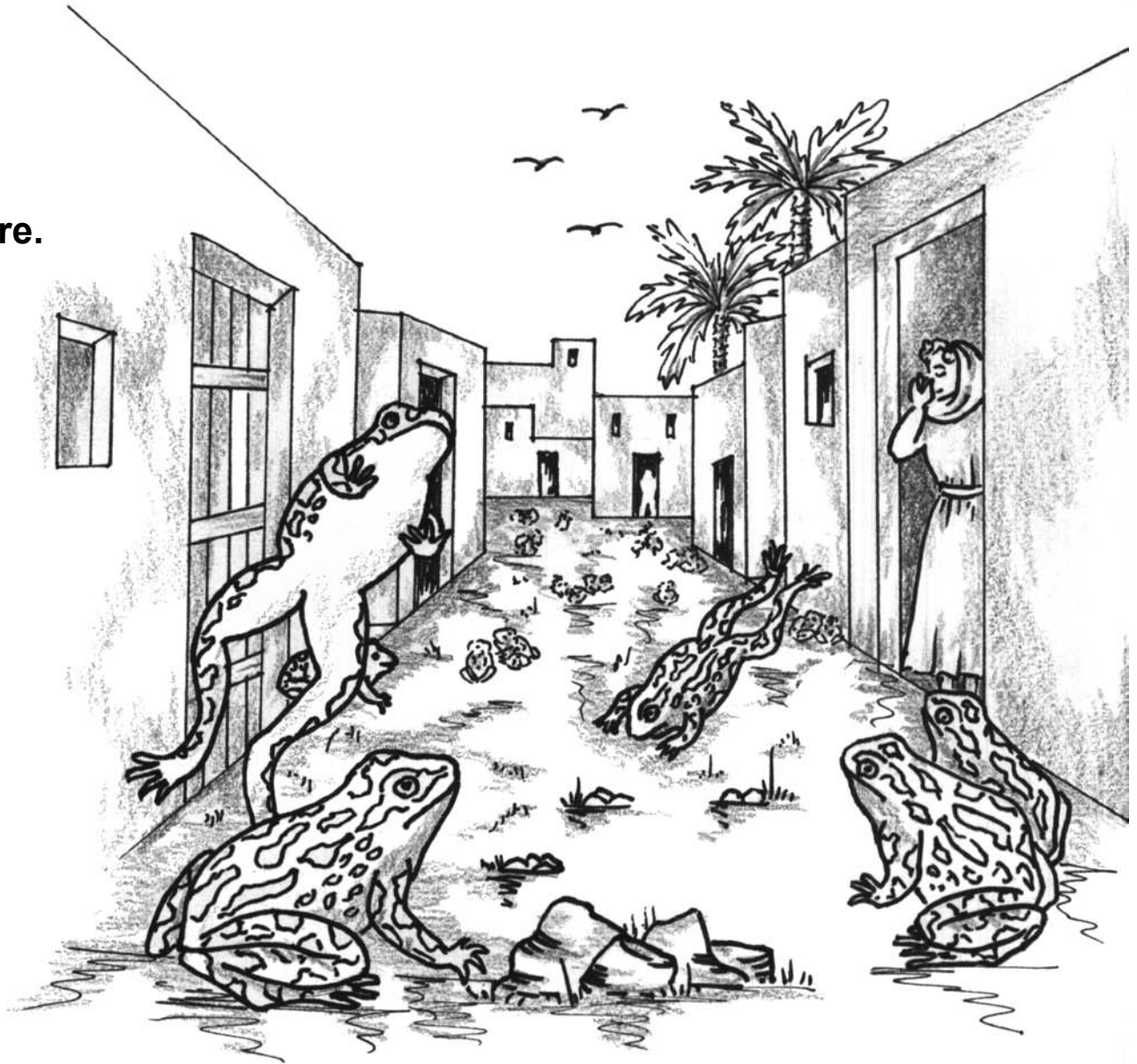


**A week later God sent frogs –
so many that they were everywhere.**

**Pharaoh said,
‘Ask the Lord to take away the
frogs and I will let the people go.’**

**Moses prayed
and all the frogs disappeared.**

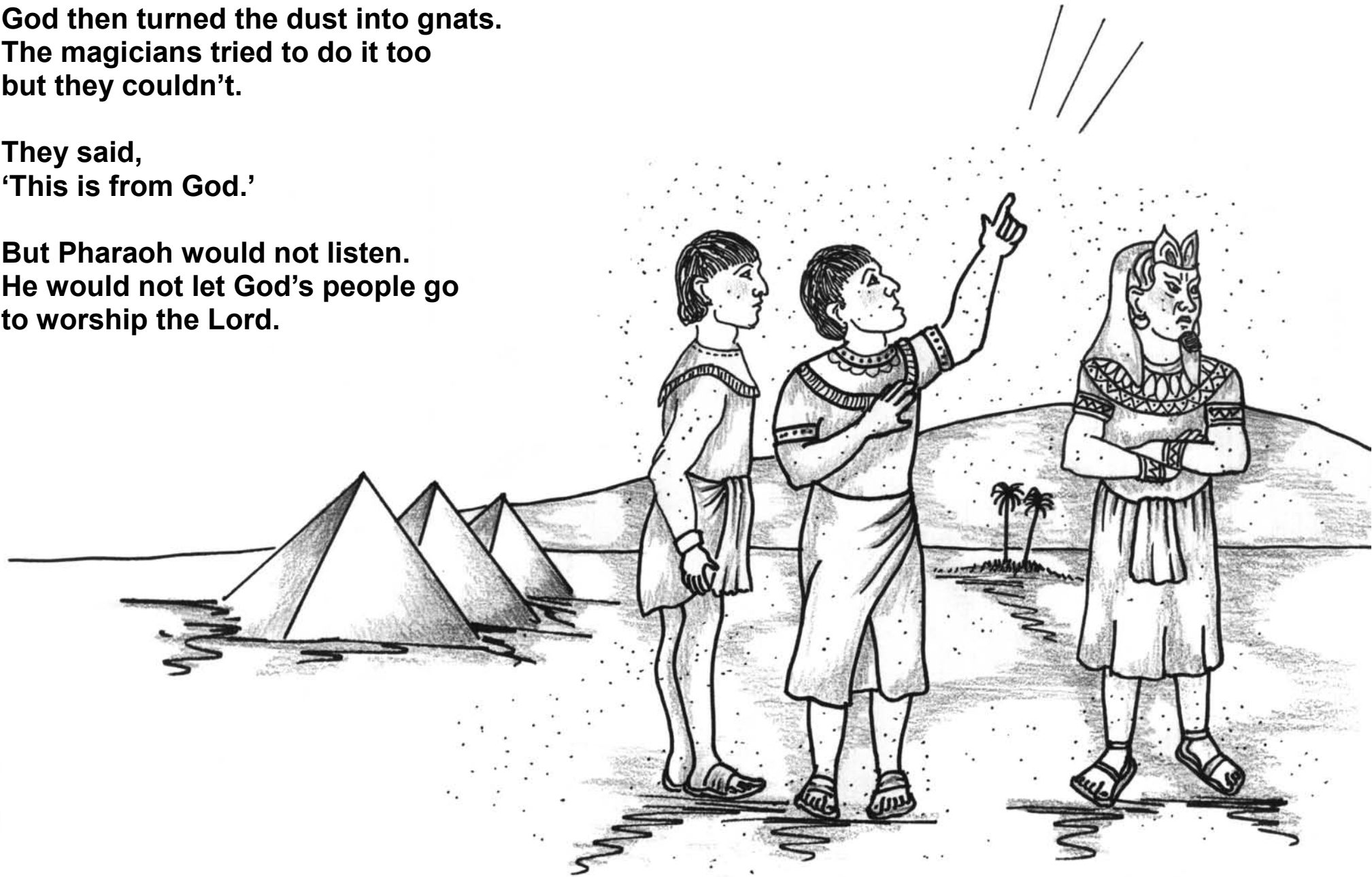
**Then Pharaoh changed his mind
and said, ‘You can’t go!’**



God then turned the dust into gnats.
The magicians tried to do it too
but they couldn't.

They said,
'This is from God.'

But Pharaoh would not listen.
He would not let God's people go
to worship the Lord.



**So God sent other plagues –
this time, only on the Egyptians.
God wanted Pharaoh to see
that He loved His people.**

**The other plagues were:
flies,
sickness on the animals,
big sores on the people,
hail and thunderstorms
and locusts.**

**The plagues ruined everything,
but still,
Pharaoh would not let the people go.**



**Then God sent darkness
on the Egyptians for three days.
Pharaoh was afraid and angry.**

**He said to Moses,
'Go away!
Don't let me see you again
or you will die.'**

**God's power and plan
to save His people
had been shown to Pharaoh.
God would send one more
plague.
Then Pharaoh would let
God's people go
to worship the Lord.**



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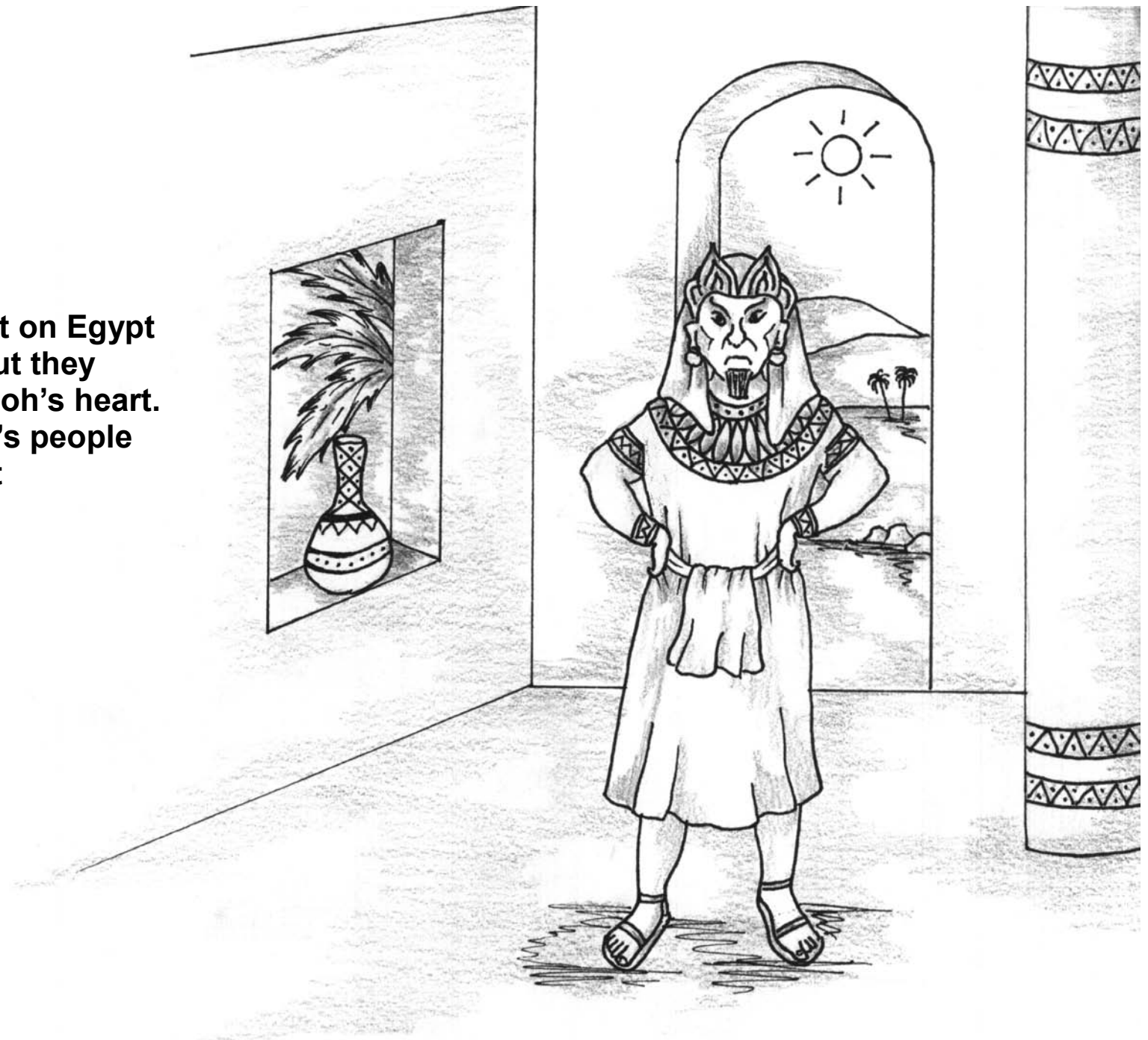
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Exodus 3:21–22; Psalm 105:36

THE PASSOVER NIGHT

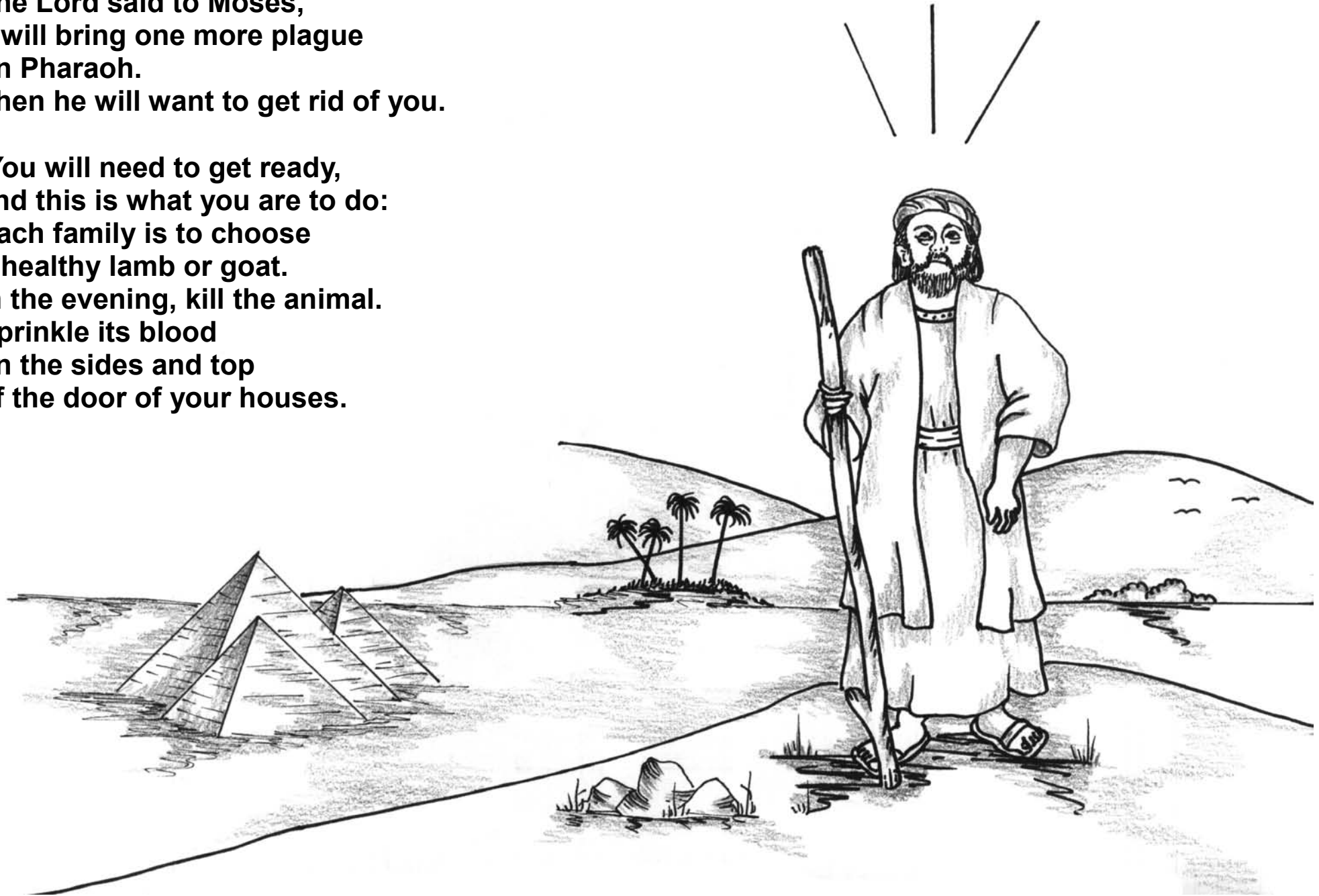
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The plagues God sent on Egypt ruined the country, but they did not change Pharaoh's heart. He would not let God's people go out into the desert to worship the Lord.



**The Lord said to Moses,
'I will bring one more plague
on Pharaoh.
Then he will want to get rid of you.**

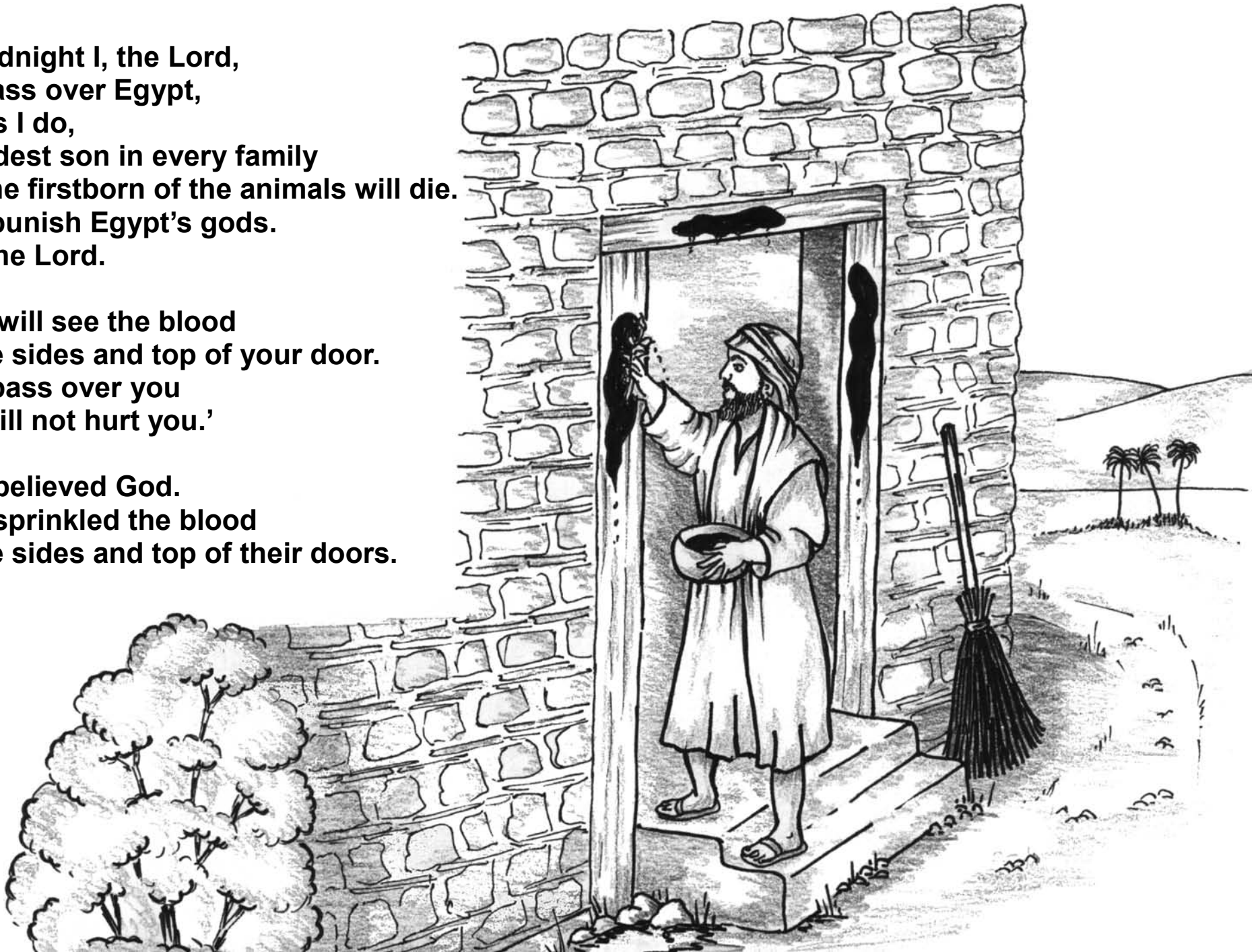
**'You will need to get ready,
and this is what you are to do:
Each family is to choose
a healthy lamb or goat.
In the evening, kill the animal.
Sprinkle its blood
on the sides and top
of the door of your houses.**



**‘At midnight I, the Lord,
will pass over Egypt,
and as I do,
the eldest son in every family
and the firstborn of the animals will die.
I will punish Egypt’s gods.
I am the Lord.**

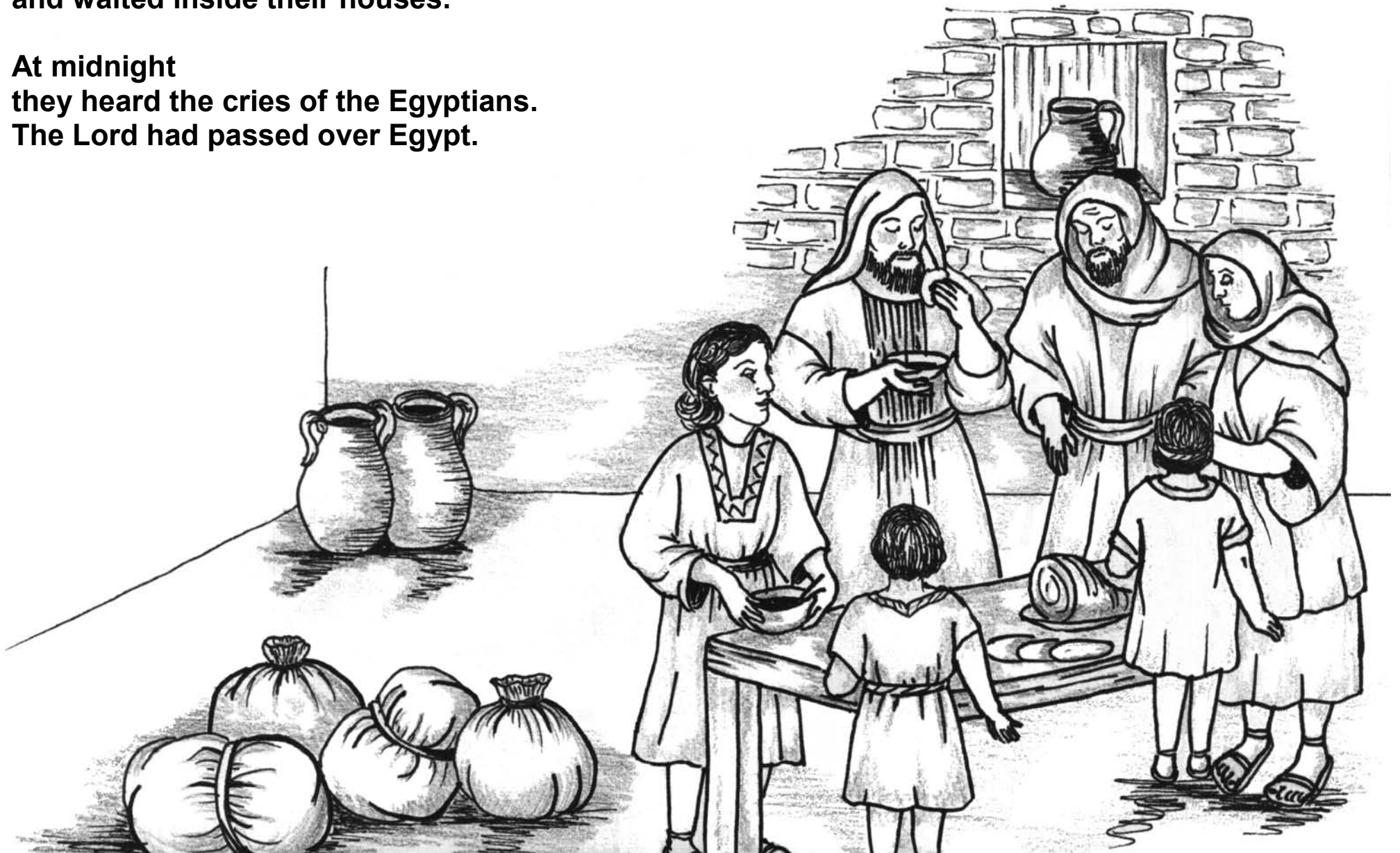
**‘But I will see the blood
on the sides and top of your door.
I will pass over you
and will not hurt you.’**

**They believed God.
They sprinkled the blood
on the sides and top of their doors.**



**They roasted the meat and ate it,
packed their bags
and waited inside their houses.**

**At midnight
they heard the cries of the Egyptians.
The Lord had passed over Egypt.**

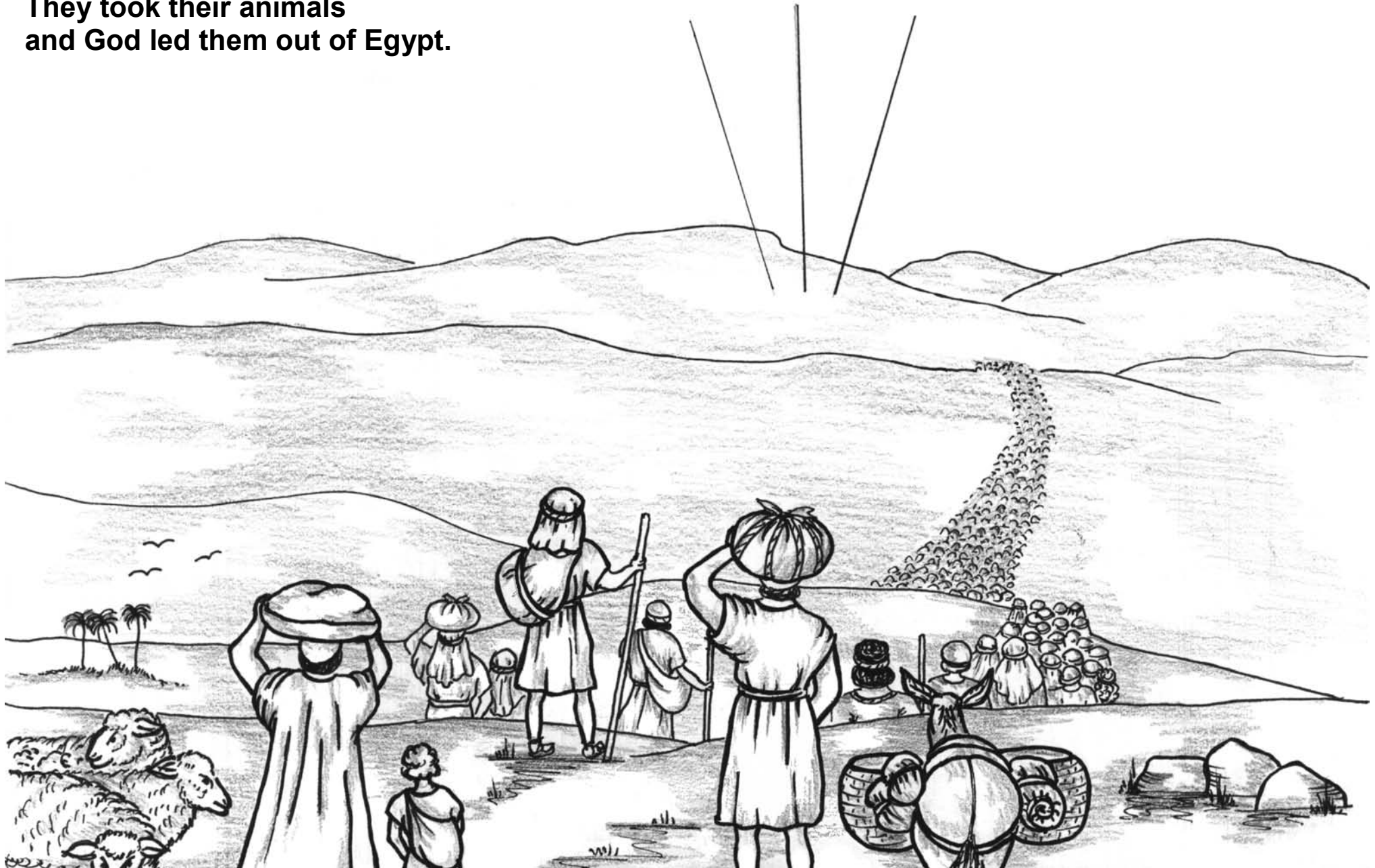


**Pharaoh woke up
and found his eldest son was dead.**

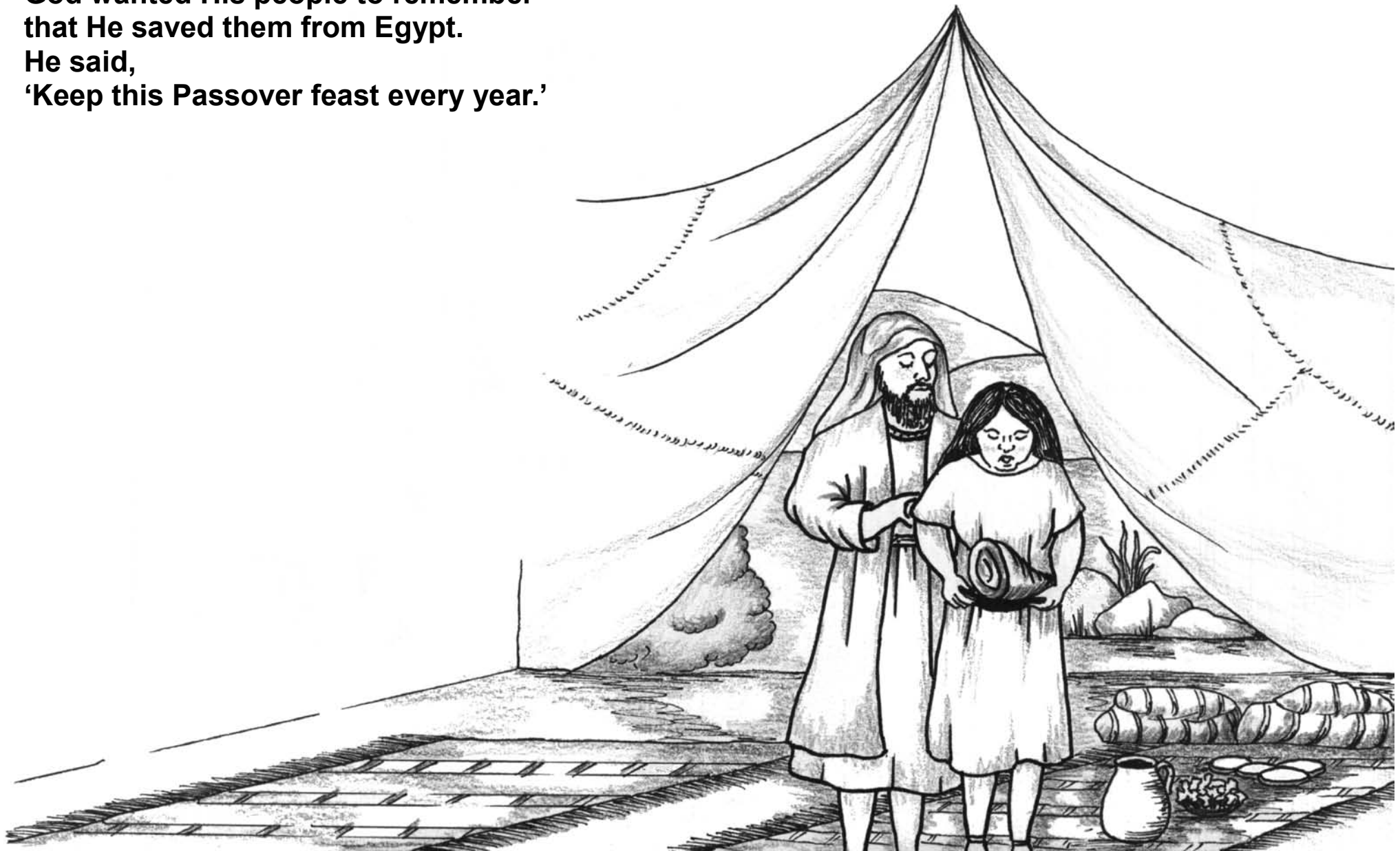
**He was so angry
he sent a message to Moses saying,
'Get out of our land.
Take all your people
and animals with you.'**



**God's people were ready.
They took their animals
and God led them out of Egypt.**



**God wanted His people to remember
that He saved them from Egypt.
He said,
'Keep this Passover feast every year.'**



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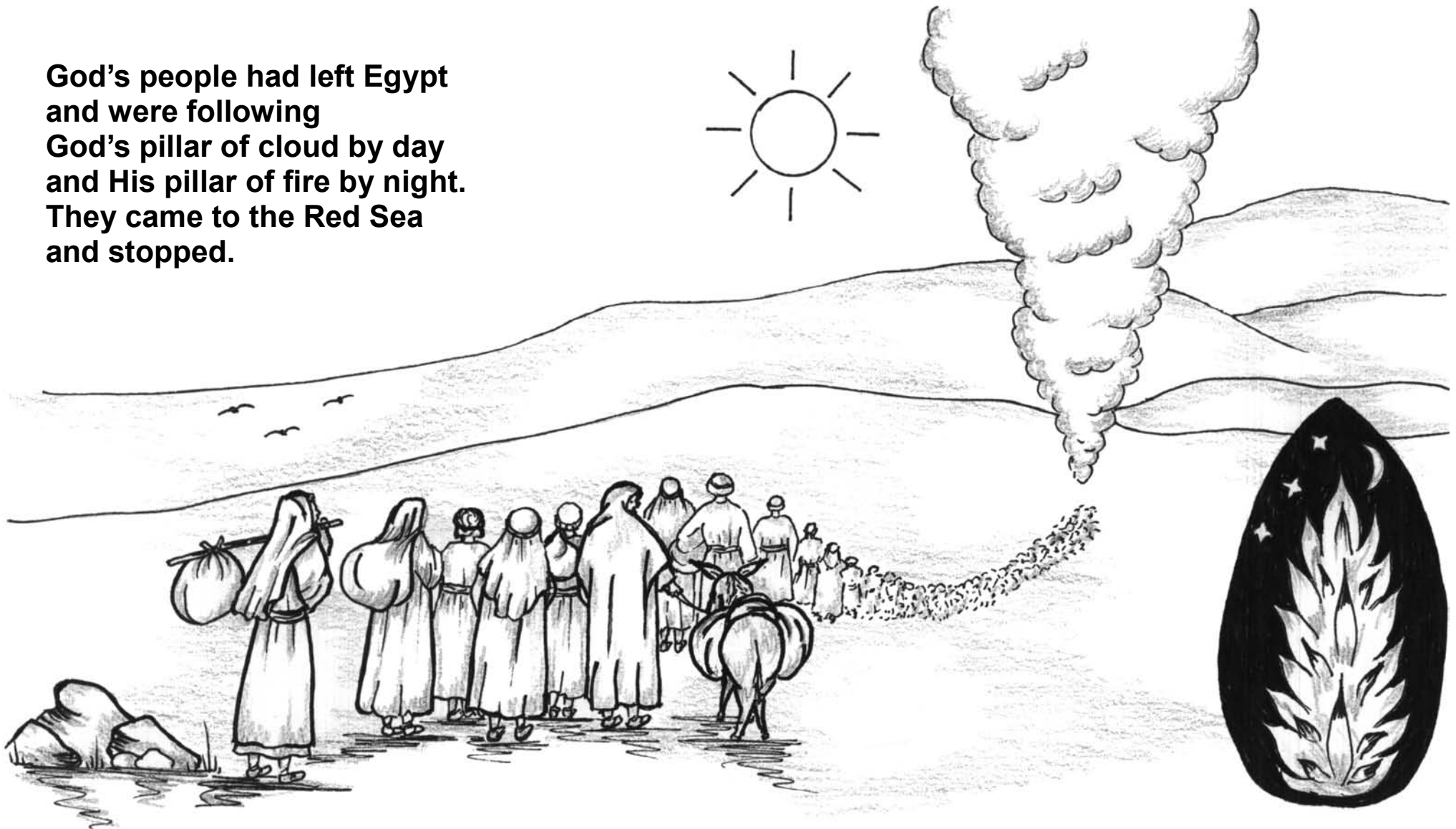
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Exodus 13:1–16; Psalm 105:37–39

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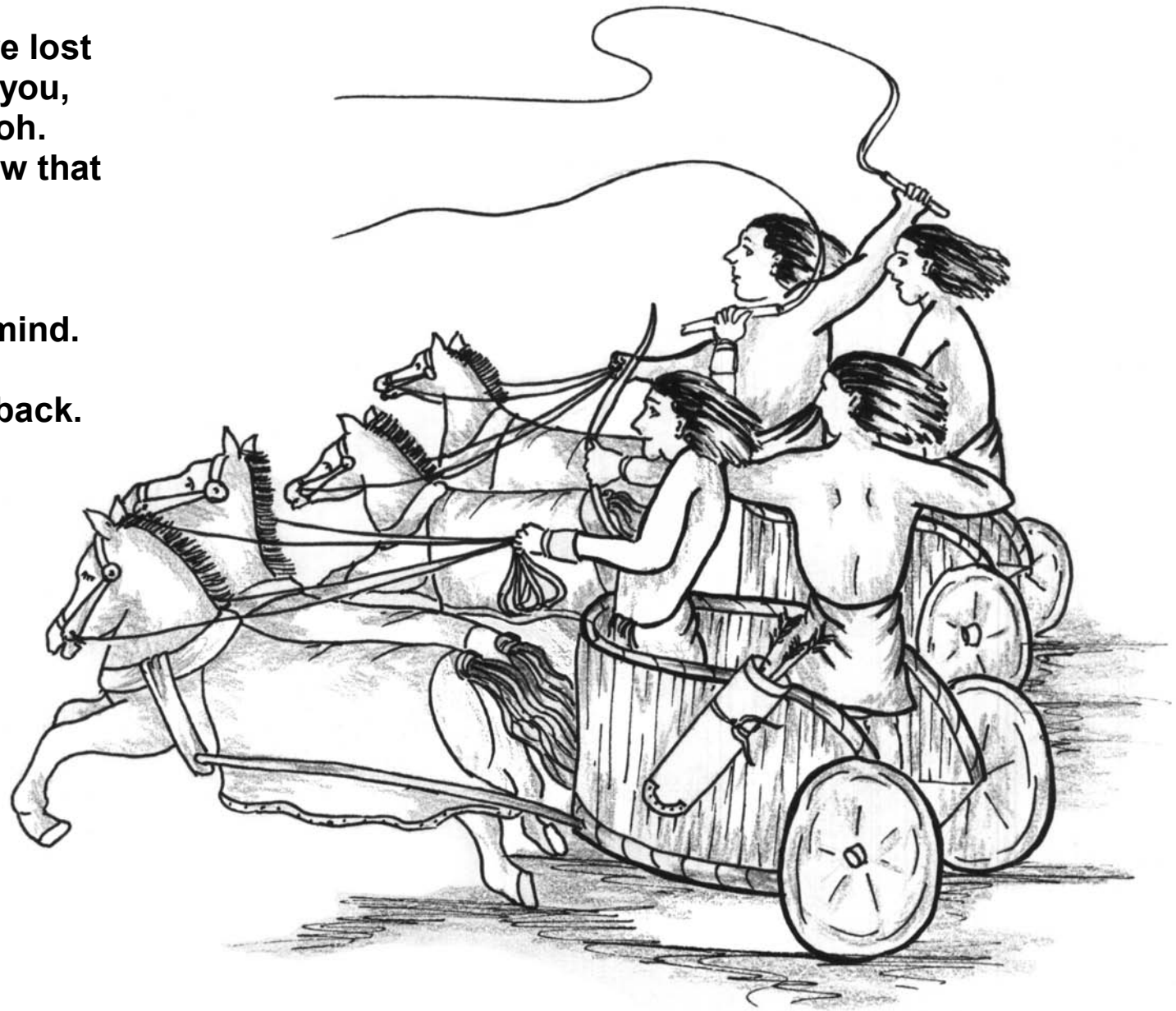
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**God's people had left Egypt
and were following
God's pillar of cloud by day
and His pillar of fire by night.
They came to the Red Sea
and stopped.**



God said to Moses,
'Pharaoh thinks you are lost
and he will come after you,
but I will punish Pharaoh.
The Egyptians will know that
I am the Lord.'

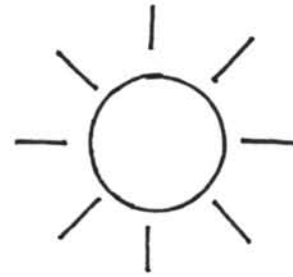
Sure enough,
Pharaoh changed his mind.
He sent his soldiers
to bring God's people back.



**When God's people
saw the soldiers coming,
they were afraid
and cried out to the Lord.**

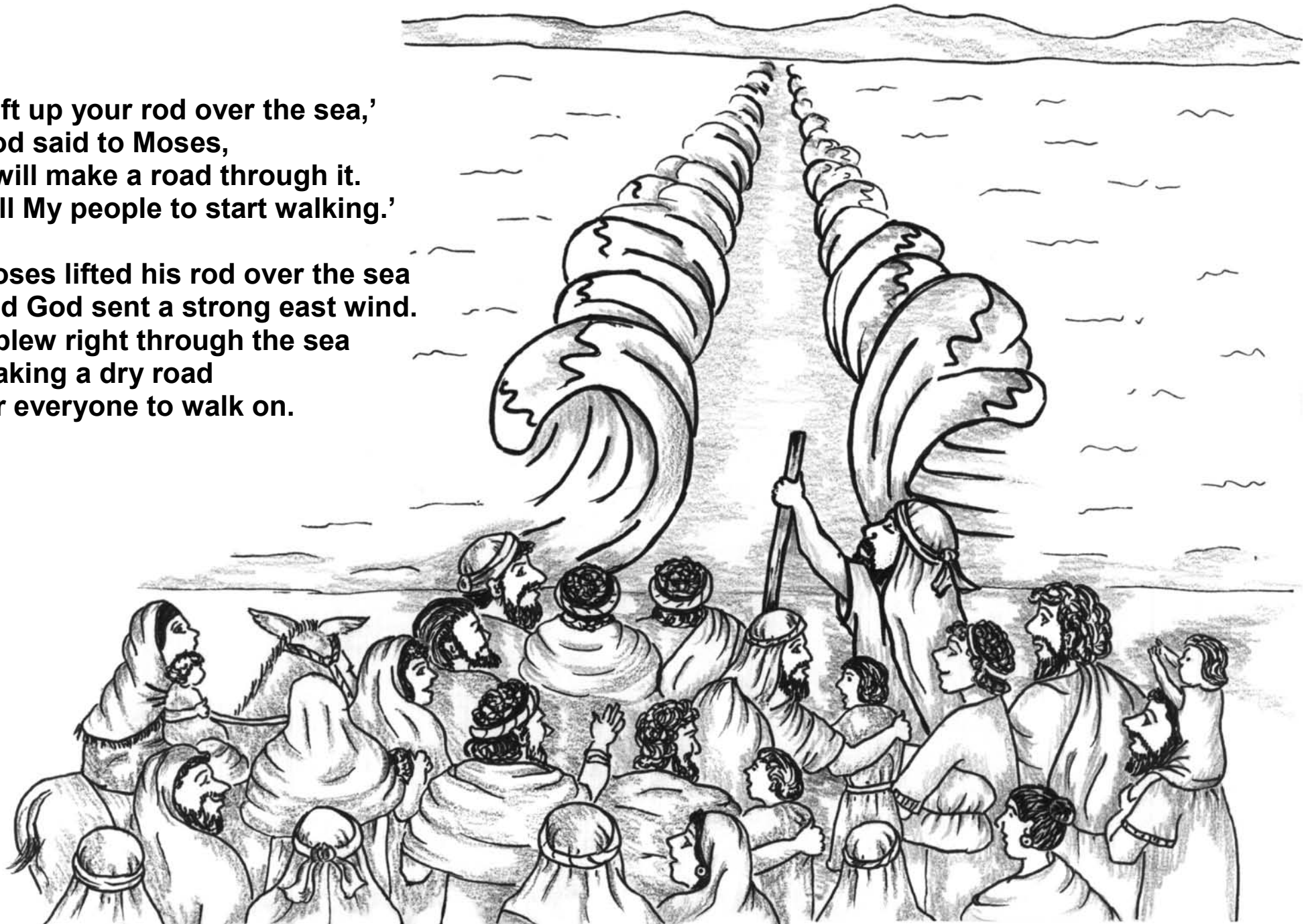
**'Have you brought us here to die?'
they asked.
'Let us go back to Egypt.'**

**'Don't be afraid,' said Moses.
'Stand still
and see what God will do.
He will fight for you
and you will never see
these Egyptians again.'**

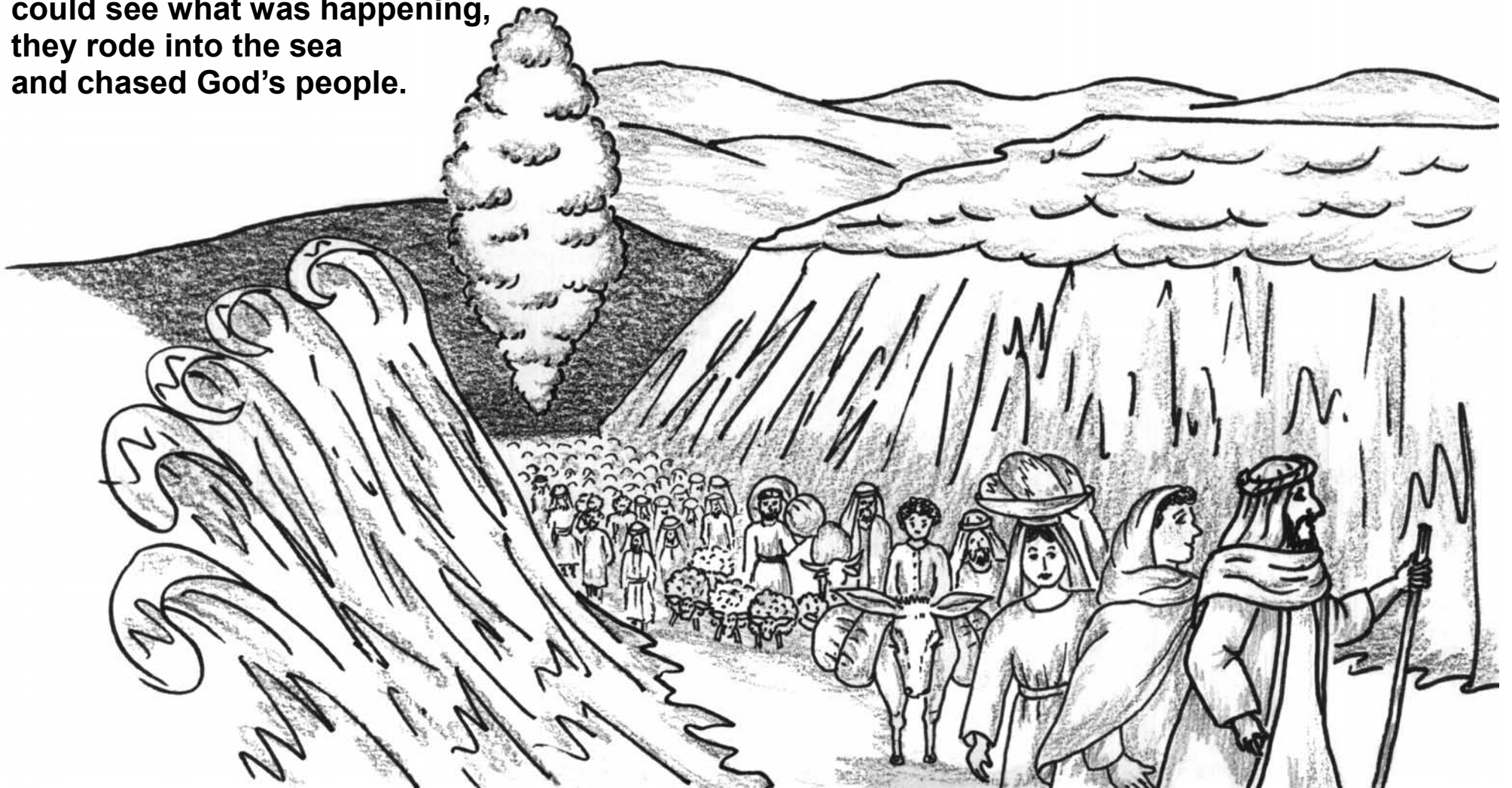


**'Lift up your rod over the sea,'
God said to Moses,
'I will make a road through it.
Tell My people to start walking.'**

**Moses lifted his rod over the sea
and God sent a strong east wind.
It blew right through the sea
making a dry road
for everyone to walk on.**



The people began walking
and God moved His pillar of cloud
to the back of the group.
He gave them light,
and the Egyptians darkness.
Later, when the Egyptians
could see what was happening,
they rode into the sea
and chased God's people.

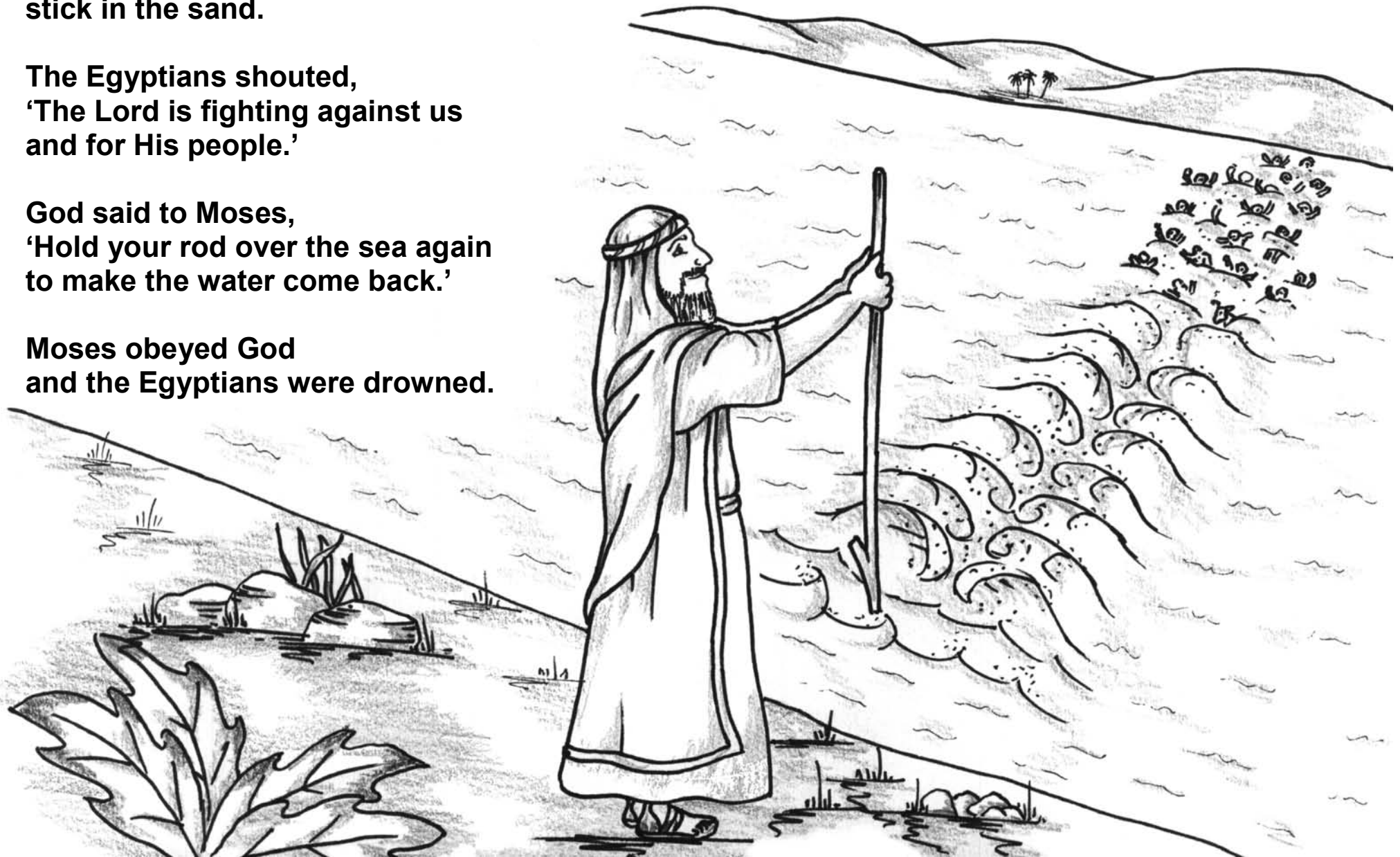


**God saw them from His cloud
and made their wheels
stick in the sand.**

**The Egyptians shouted,
'The Lord is fighting against us
and for His people.'**

**God said to Moses,
'Hold your rod over the sea again
to make the water come back.'**

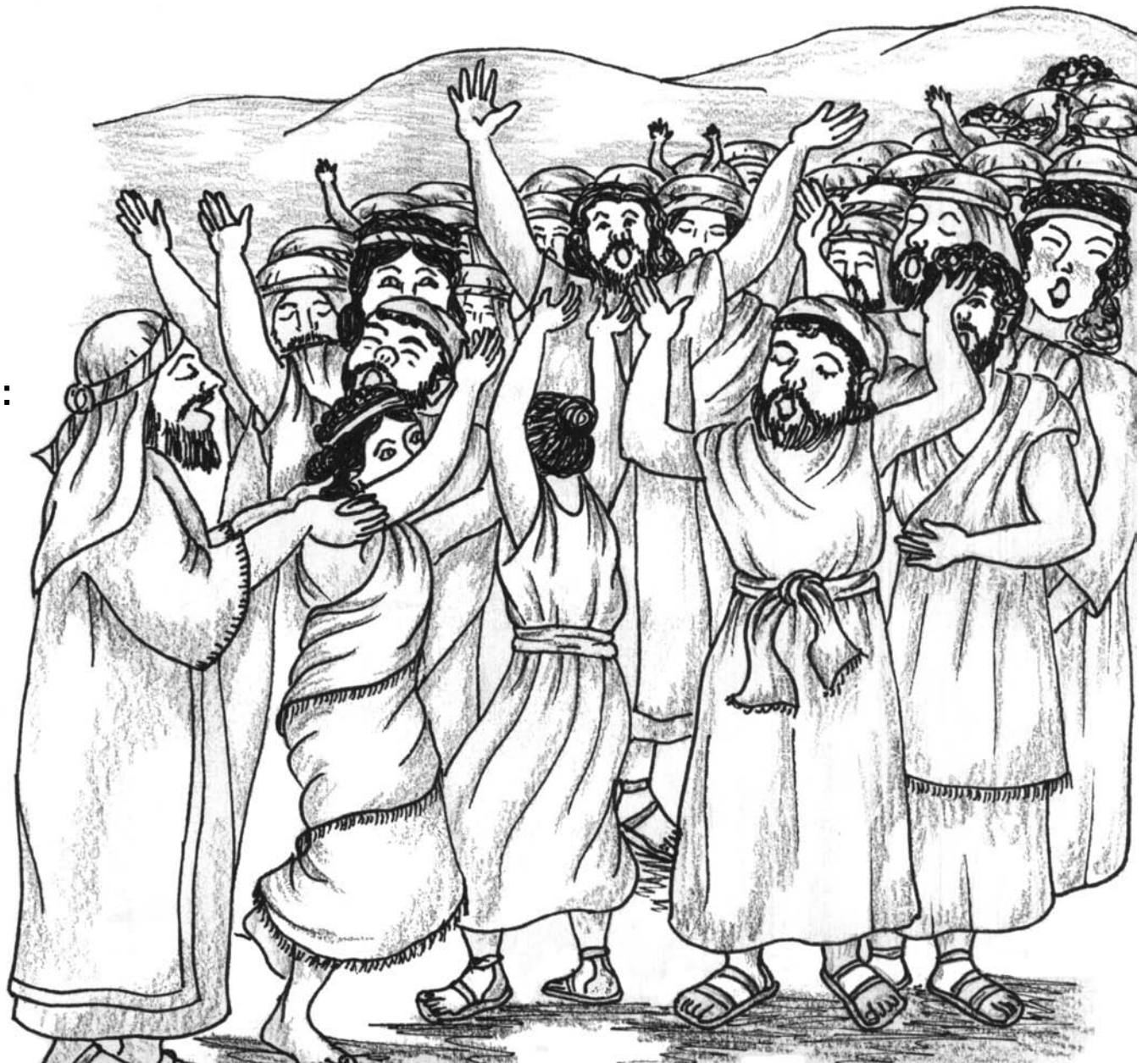
**Moses obeyed God
and the Egyptians were drowned.**



**The people saw God's power
and His loving kindness
to save them.
They believed in Him
and in His servant Moses.**

**Moses and the people
worshipped the Lord
by singing this song of praise:**

**'I will sing unto the Lord
for He has won a great battle.
He is my God.
And I will praise Him.
He is holy and powerful.
He does great miracles.
The Lord will rule forever.'**



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EXODUS 16:1 – 17:7

Psalm 105:40–42; John 6:32–33; 1 Corinthians 10:4

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WATER FROM THE ROCK

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**God was the King of His people
and He was taking them to a new land.**

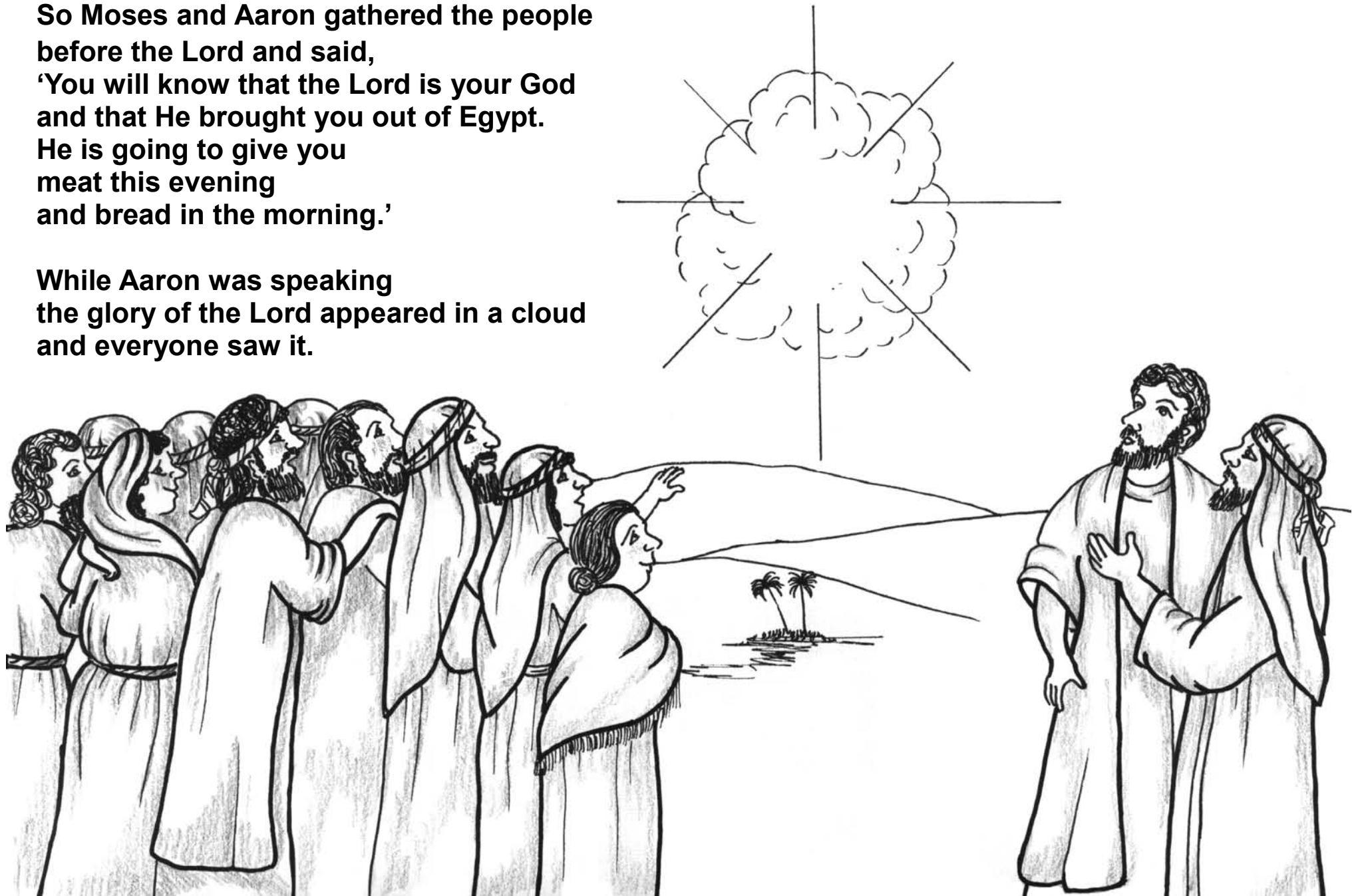
**On the way, God brought them
to a place where there was no food.
They grumbled to Moses.**

**God heard them grumbling
and told Moses,
'This is what I am going to do –
I will rain bread from heaven.
Tell everyone to pick up
what they need each day.
On the sixth day they are to
pick up enough bread for two days.
There will be no bread
on the seventh day.
I will see if they will do what I say.'**



**So Moses and Aaron gathered the people
before the Lord and said,
'You will know that the Lord is your God
and that He brought you out of Egypt.
He is going to give you
meat this evening
and bread in the morning.'**

**While Aaron was speaking
the glory of the Lord appeared in a cloud
and everyone saw it.**

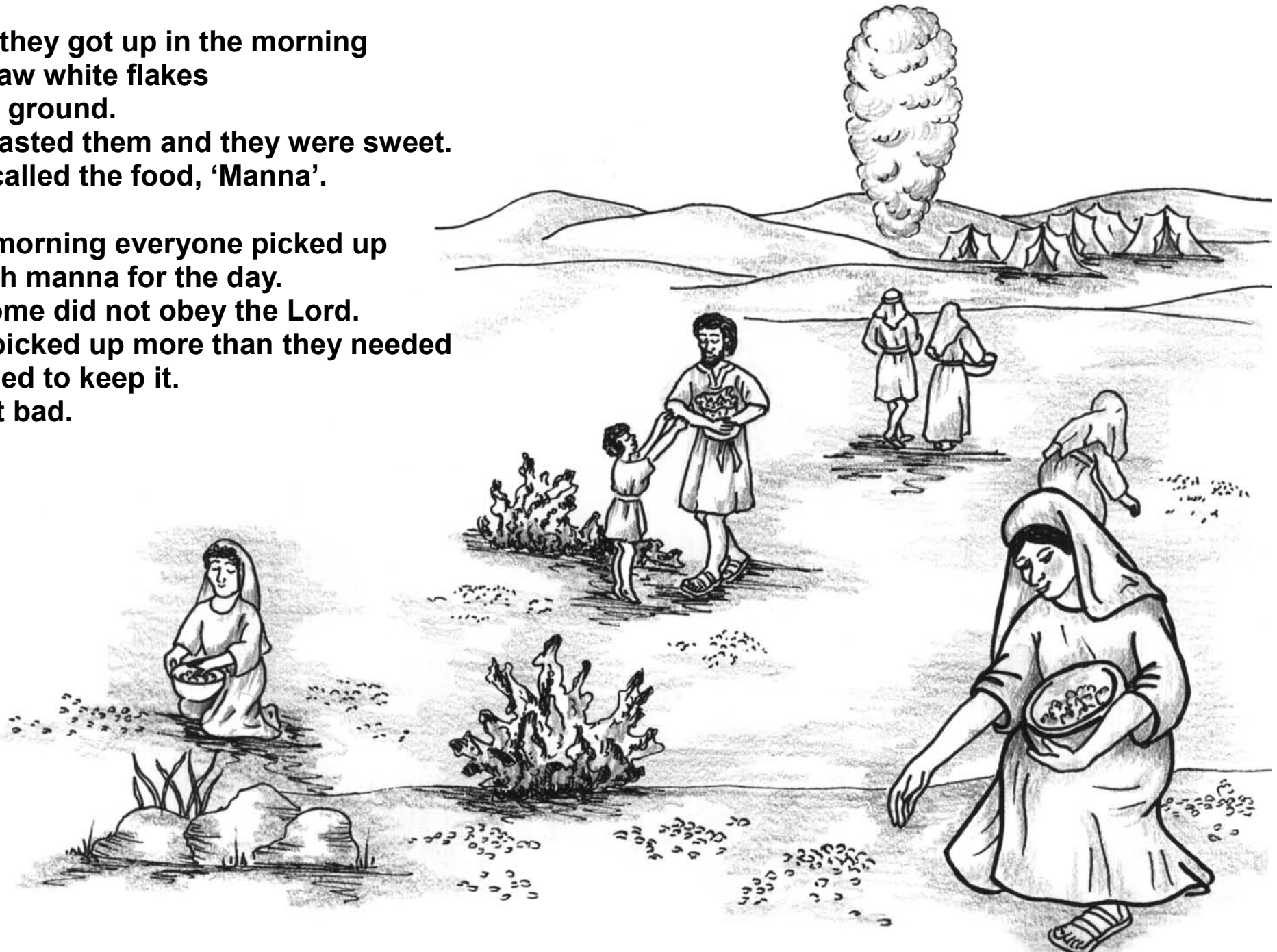


**That evening quails were everywhere.
The people caught them
and prepared them for dinner.**



**When they got up in the morning
they saw white flakes
on the ground.
They tasted them and they were sweet.
They called the food, 'Manna'.**

**Each morning everyone picked up
enough manna for the day.
But some did not obey the Lord.
They picked up more than they needed
and tried to keep it.
It went bad.**

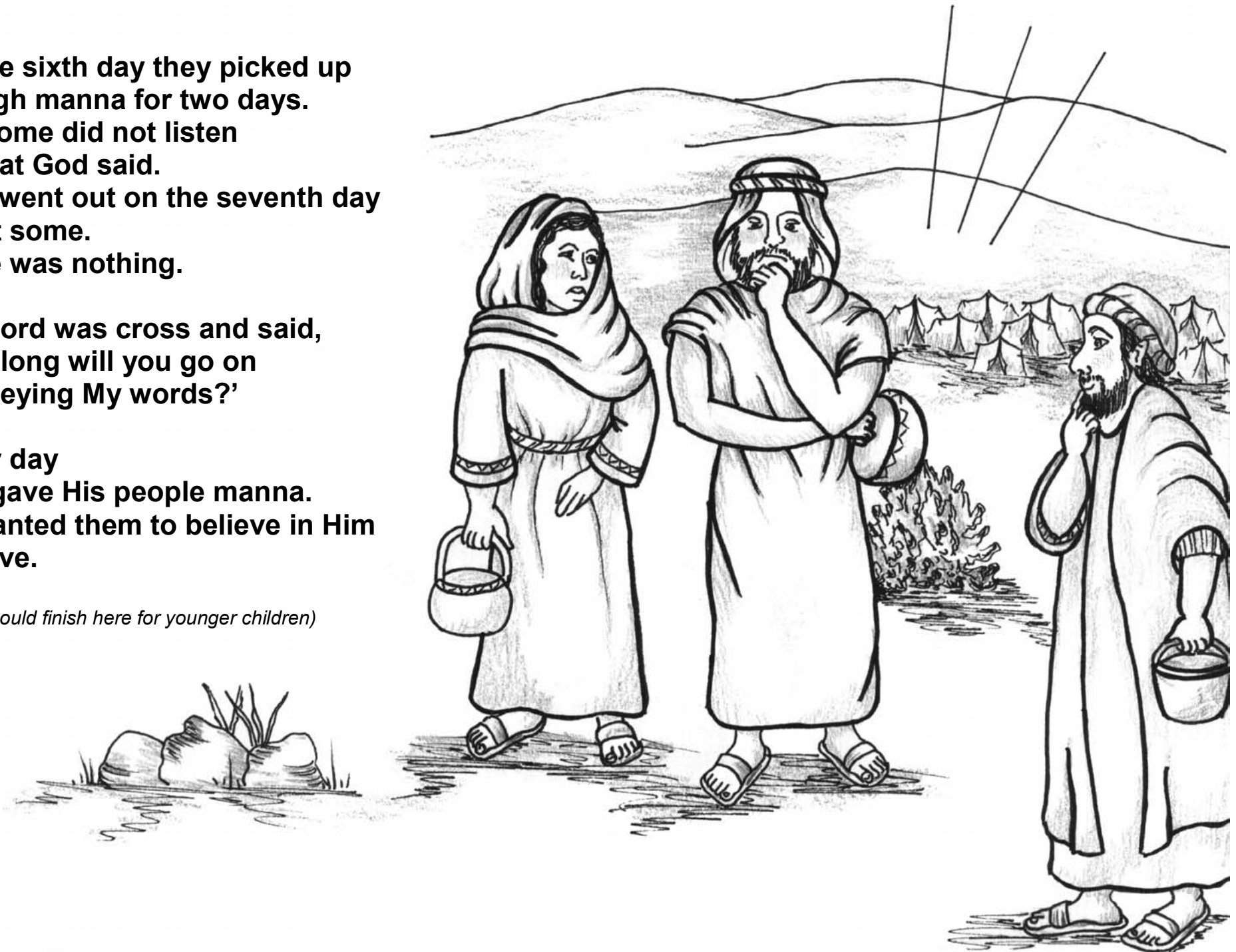


**On the sixth day they picked up
enough manna for two days.
But some did not listen
to what God said.
They went out on the seventh day
to get some.
There was nothing.**

**The Lord was cross and said,
'How long will you go on
disobeying My words?'**

**Every day
God gave His people manna.
He wanted them to believe in Him
and live.**

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**God brought His people to another place
where there was no water.**

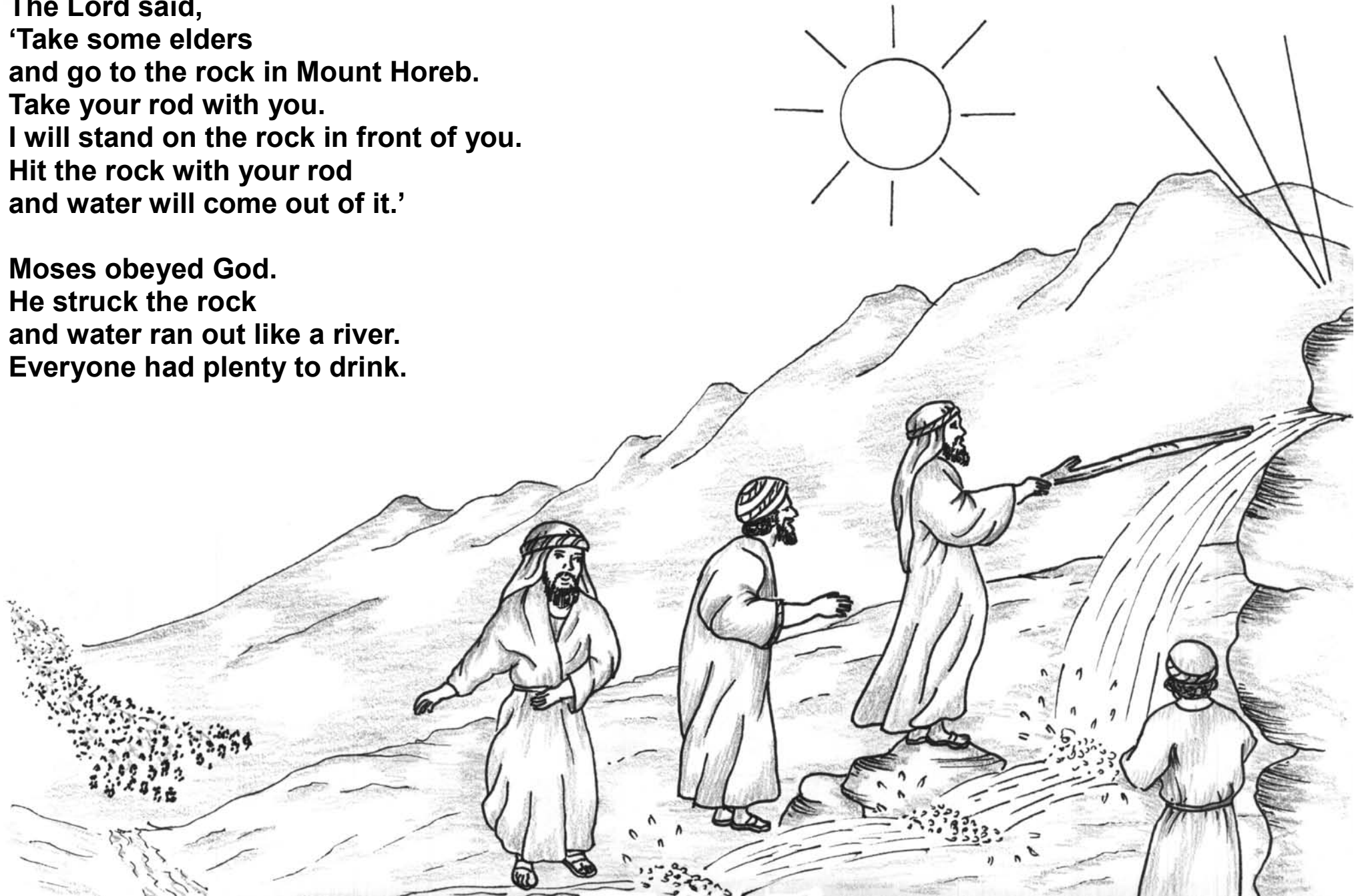
**Instead of trusting God
they grumbled to Moses saying,
'Give us water to drink!
Why did you bring us out of Egypt?
Do you want us to die here?'**

**Moses cried to the Lord saying,
'Lord, what shall I do?
These people are ready to kill me.'**



**The Lord said,
'Take some elders
and go to the rock in Mount Horeb.
Take your rod with you.
I will stand on the rock in front of you.
Hit the rock with your rod
and water will come out of it.'**

**Moses obeyed God.
He struck the rock
and water ran out like a river.
Everyone had plenty to drink.**



***Jesus was the Rock
who was with Israel in the wilderness.
When Moses hit the rock,
God was showing
what would happen to His Son
so there would be living water
for us to drink
and we would live forever.***

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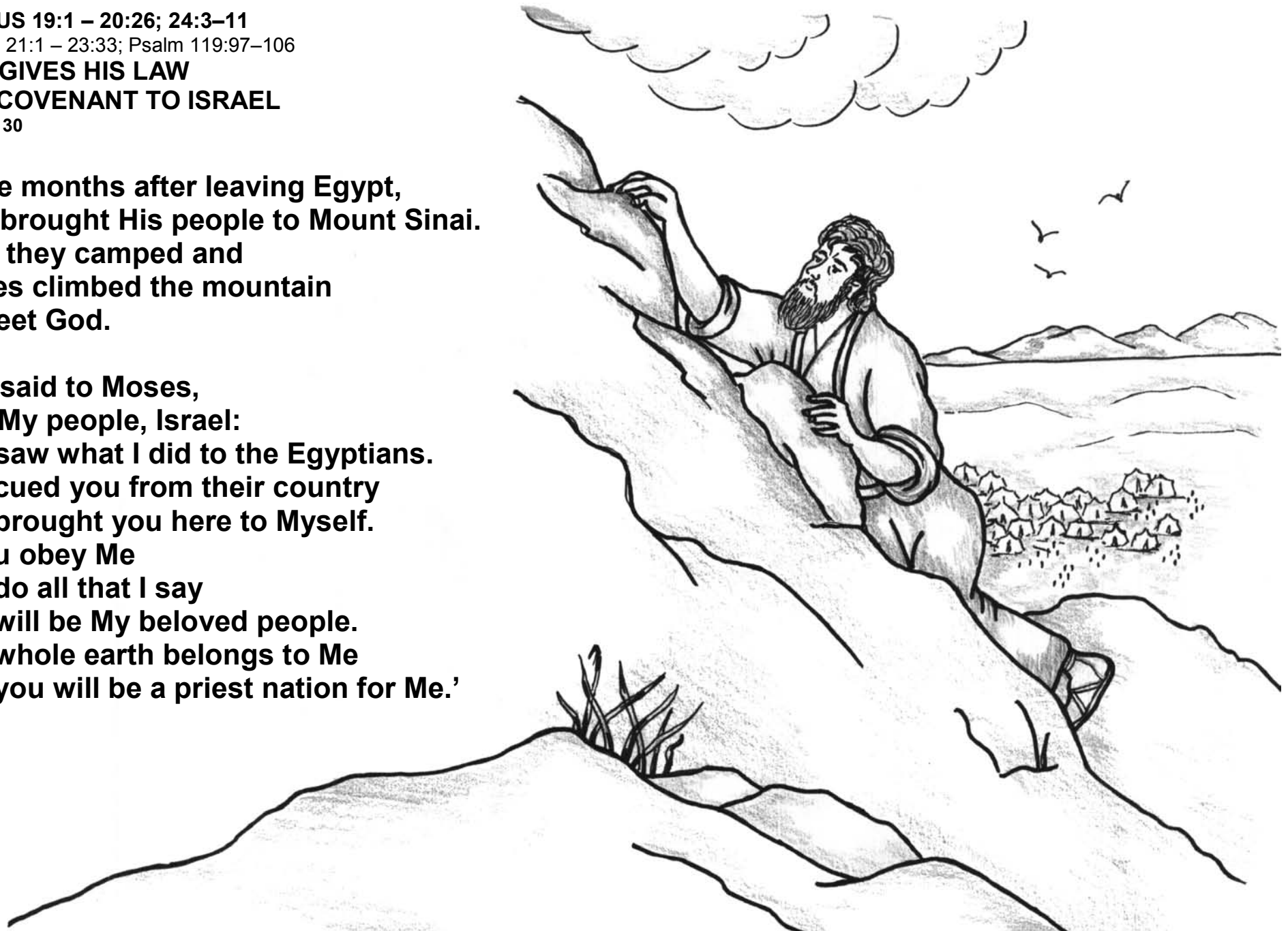
GOD GIVES HIS LAW

AND COVENANT TO ISRAEL

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**Three months after leaving Egypt,
God brought His people to Mount Sinai.
Here they camped and
Moses climbed the mountain
to meet God.**

**God said to Moses,
'Tell My people, Israel:
You saw what I did to the Egyptians.
I rescued you from their country
and brought you here to Myself.
If you obey Me
and do all that I say
you will be My beloved people.
The whole earth belongs to Me
and you will be a priest nation for Me.'**



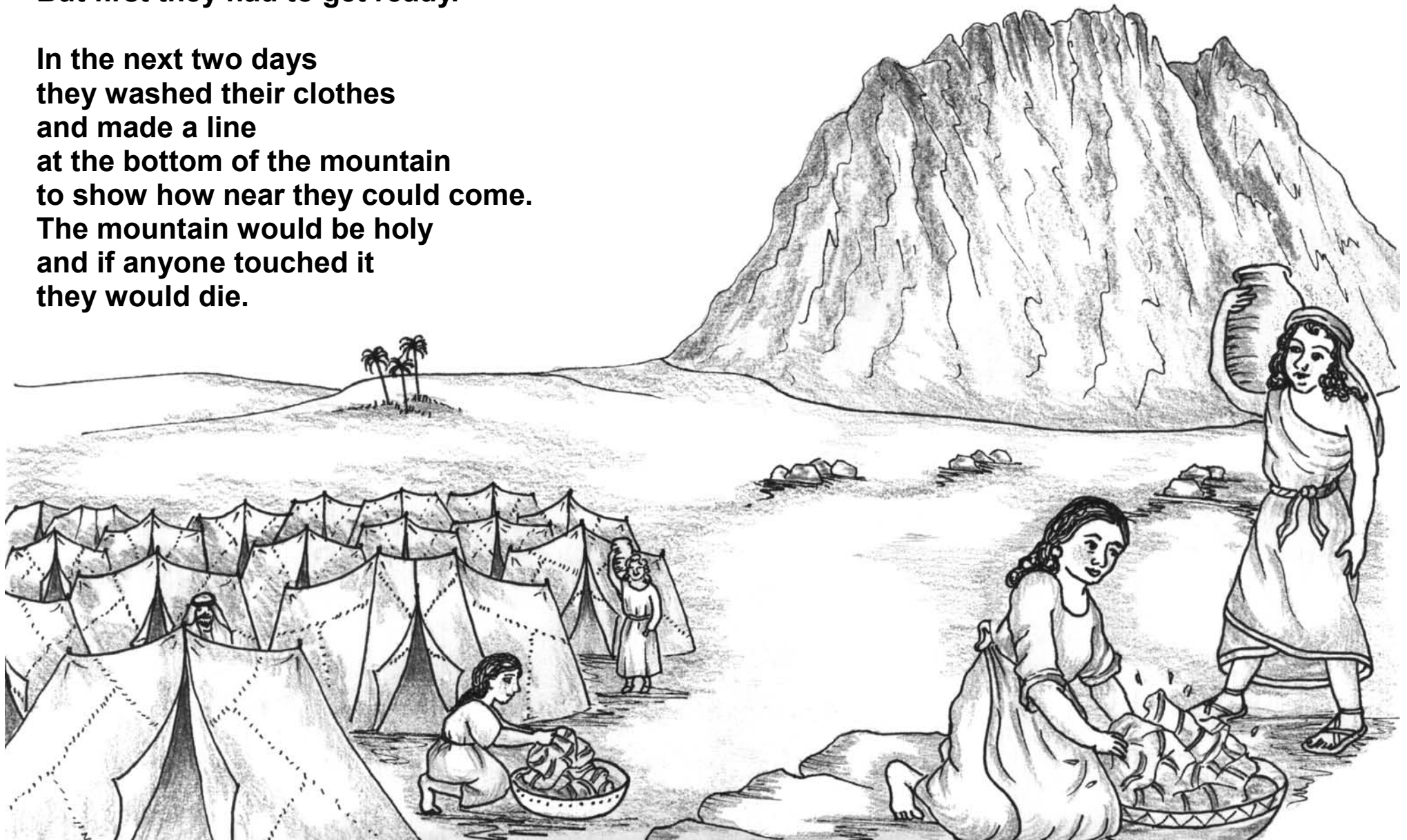
**Moses came down from the mountain
and told the people what God said.**

**The people replied,
'We will do all that God says.'**



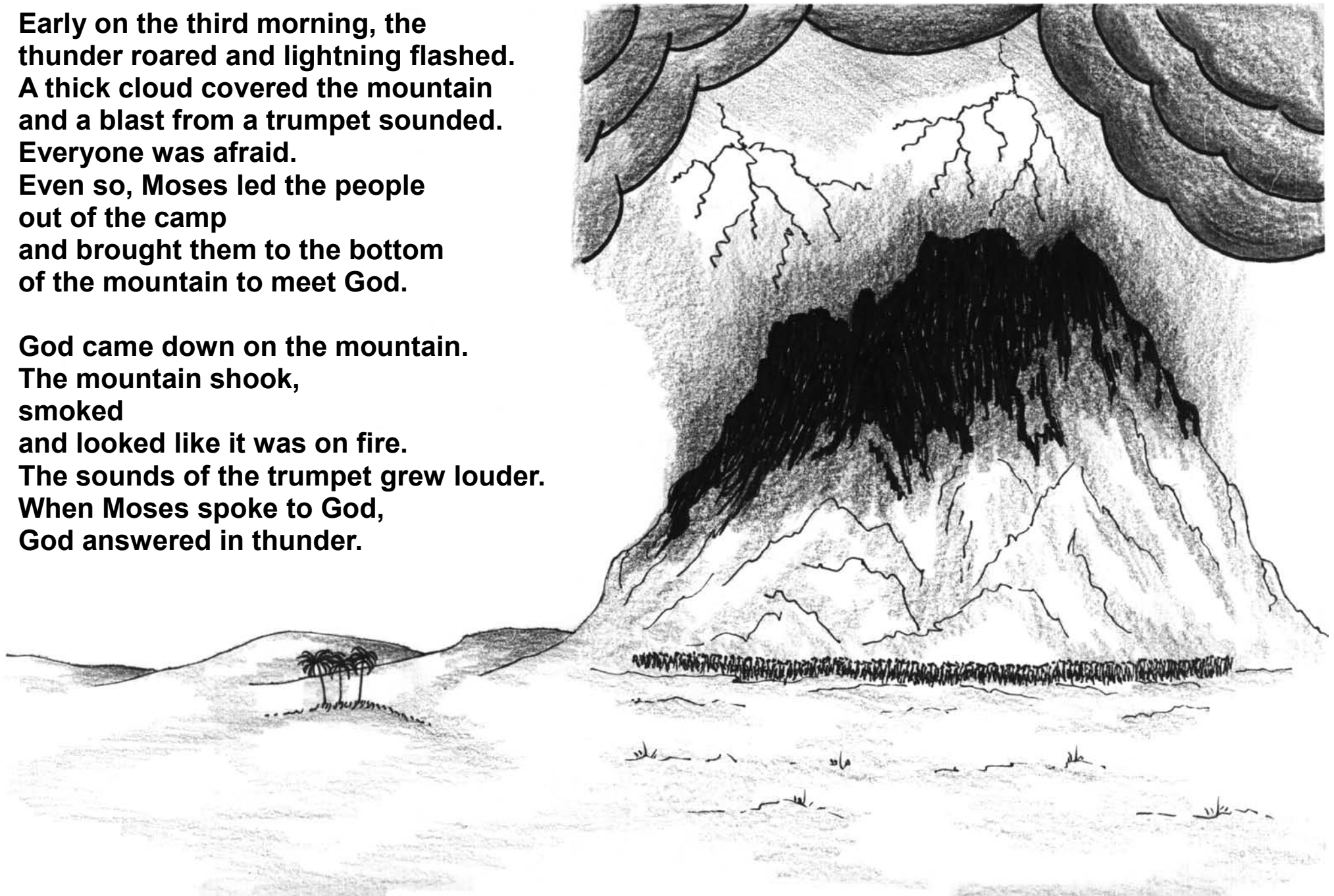
**Then God wanted to speak
to His people.
But first they had to get ready.**

**In the next two days
they washed their clothes
and made a line
at the bottom of the mountain
to show how near they could come.
The mountain would be holy
and if anyone touched it
they would die.**



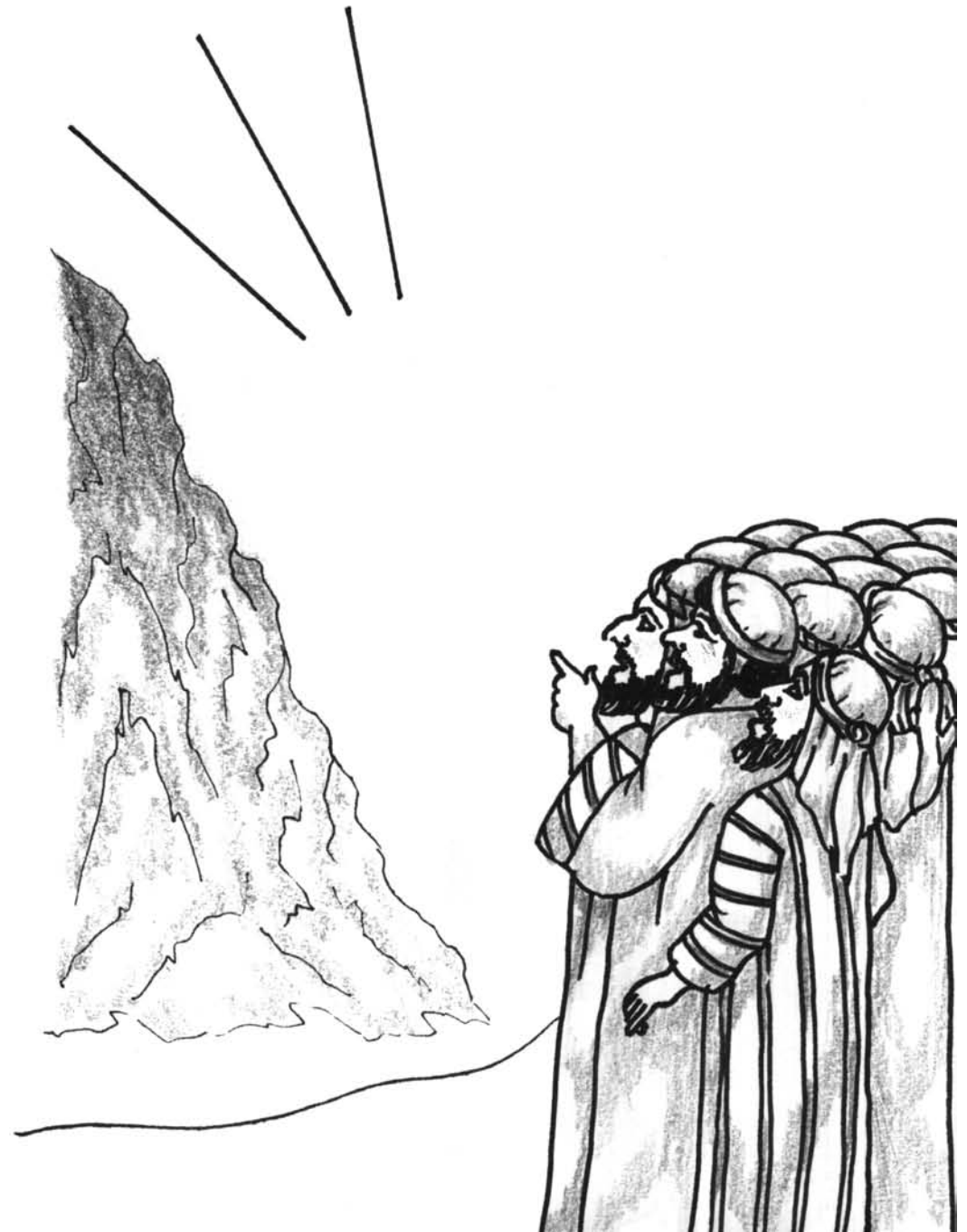
Early on the third morning, the thunder roared and lightning flashed. A thick cloud covered the mountain and a blast from a trumpet sounded. Everyone was afraid. Even so, Moses led the people out of the camp and brought them to the bottom of the mountain to meet God.

God came down on the mountain. The mountain shook, smoked and looked like it was on fire. The sounds of the trumpet grew louder. When Moses spoke to God, God answered in thunder.



**Then God spoke to everyone saying,
'I am the Lord your God.
I brought you out of Egypt
and freed you from slavery.
You are not to have any other gods
but Me.
Do not make any idols or worship them.
Do not use the name of the Lord your God
in a way that is not true or right.
Keep the Sabbath day holy.
Six days you can work
and the seventh day is for God.
God made it holy.
Honour your father and mother and you
will live a long time in the land.
Do not murder.
Do not take another person's wife
or husband.
Do not steal.
Do not tell lies about anyone.
Do not long for things that belong to
others.'**

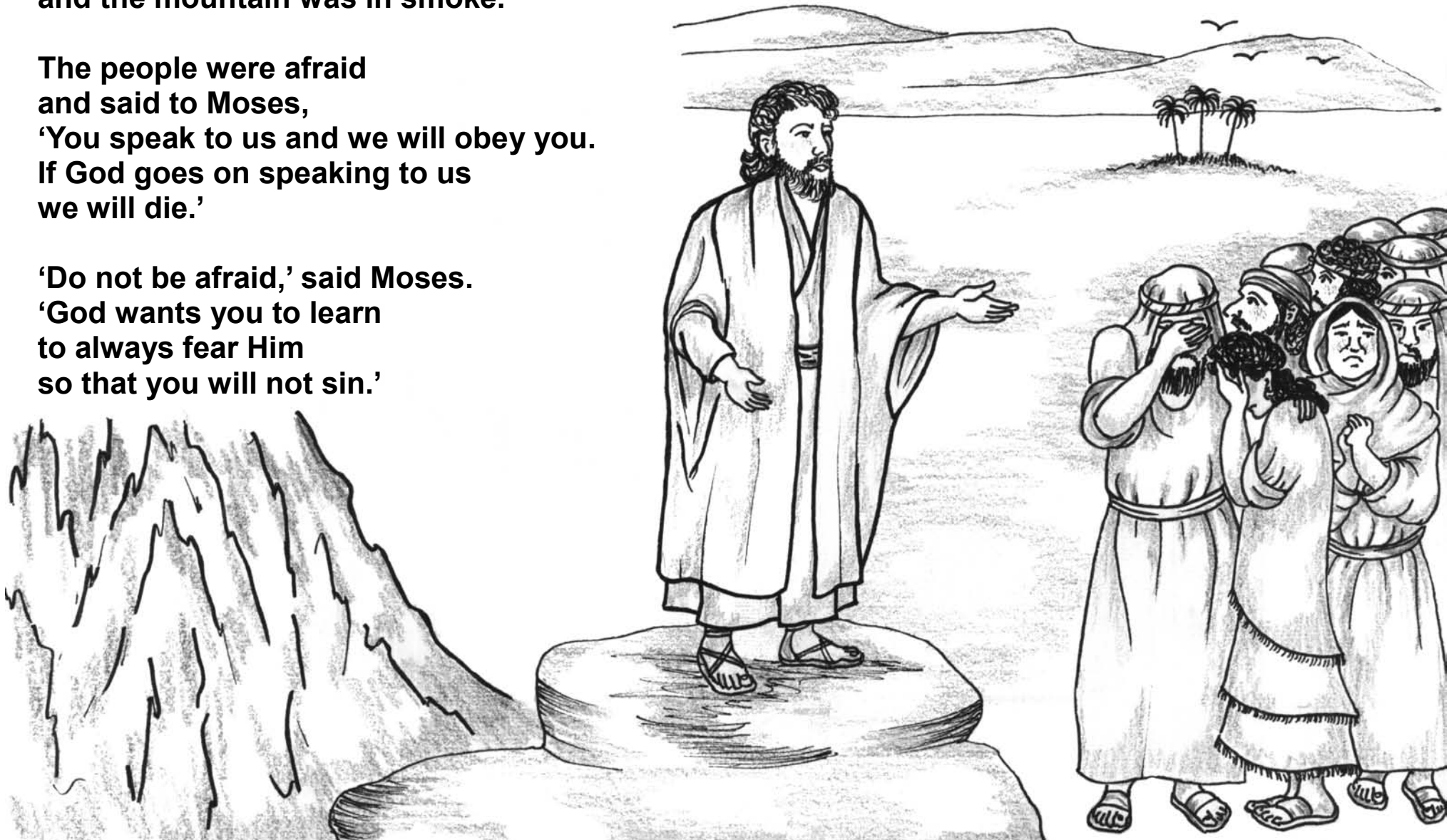
**God spoke these Ten Commandments
to His people
so they would fear Him and not sin.**



**The thunder continued to rumble,
the lightning flashed,
the trumpet sounded
and the mountain was in smoke.**

**The people were afraid
and said to Moses,
'You speak to us and we will obey you.
If God goes on speaking to us
we will die.'**

**'Do not be afraid,' said Moses.
'God wants you to learn
to always fear Him
so that you will not sin.'**



**Moses built an altar
and made a sacrifice to the Lord.
He read God's law to the people,
sprinkled the blood from the sacrifice
on the people and said,
'The Lord is making a covenant with you today –
a promise He will keep.'**



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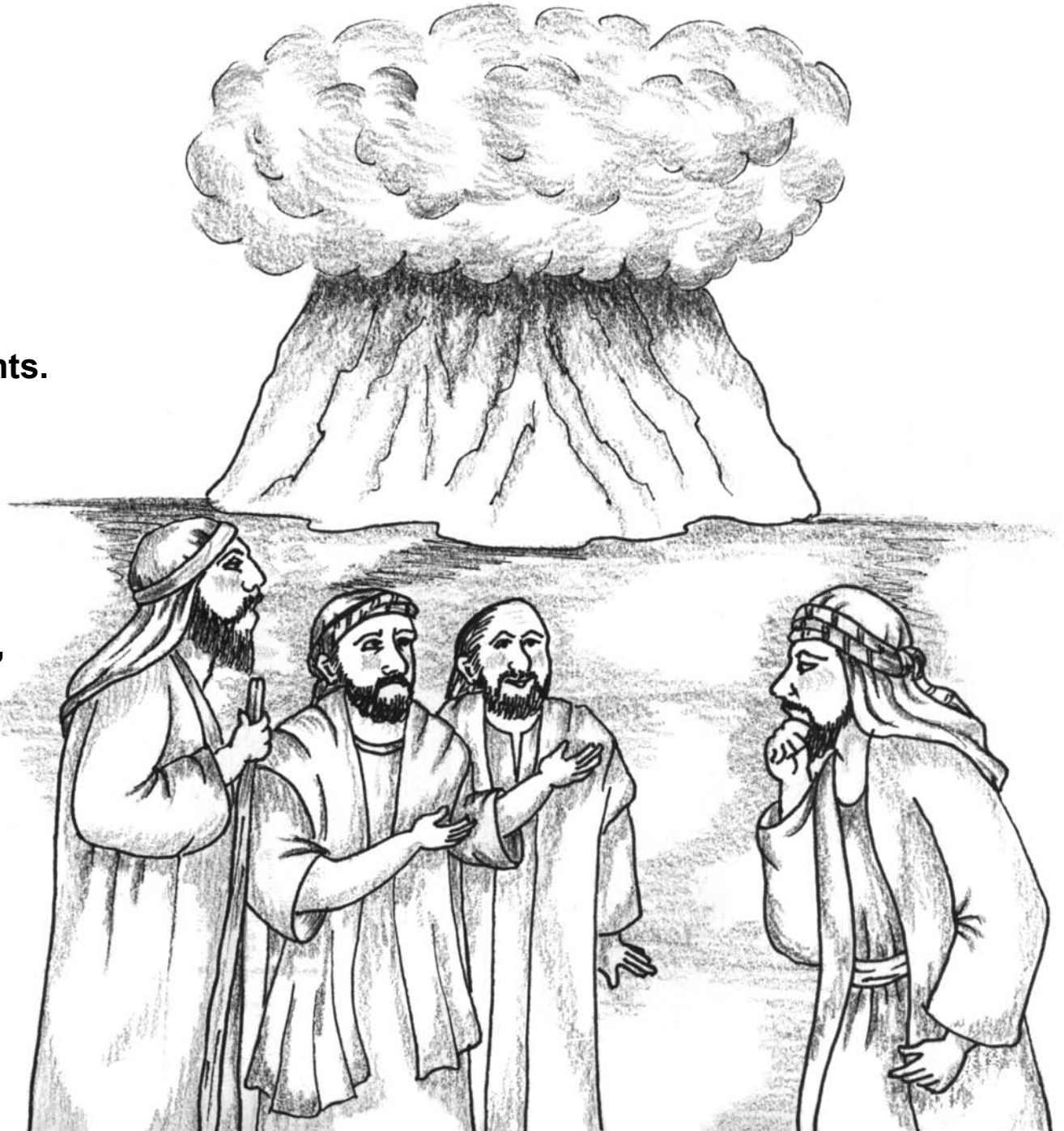
MOSES PRAYS FOR HIS PEOPLE

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**Moses was on Mt Sinai
receiving the Ten Commandments.
He was hidden by God's cloud.**

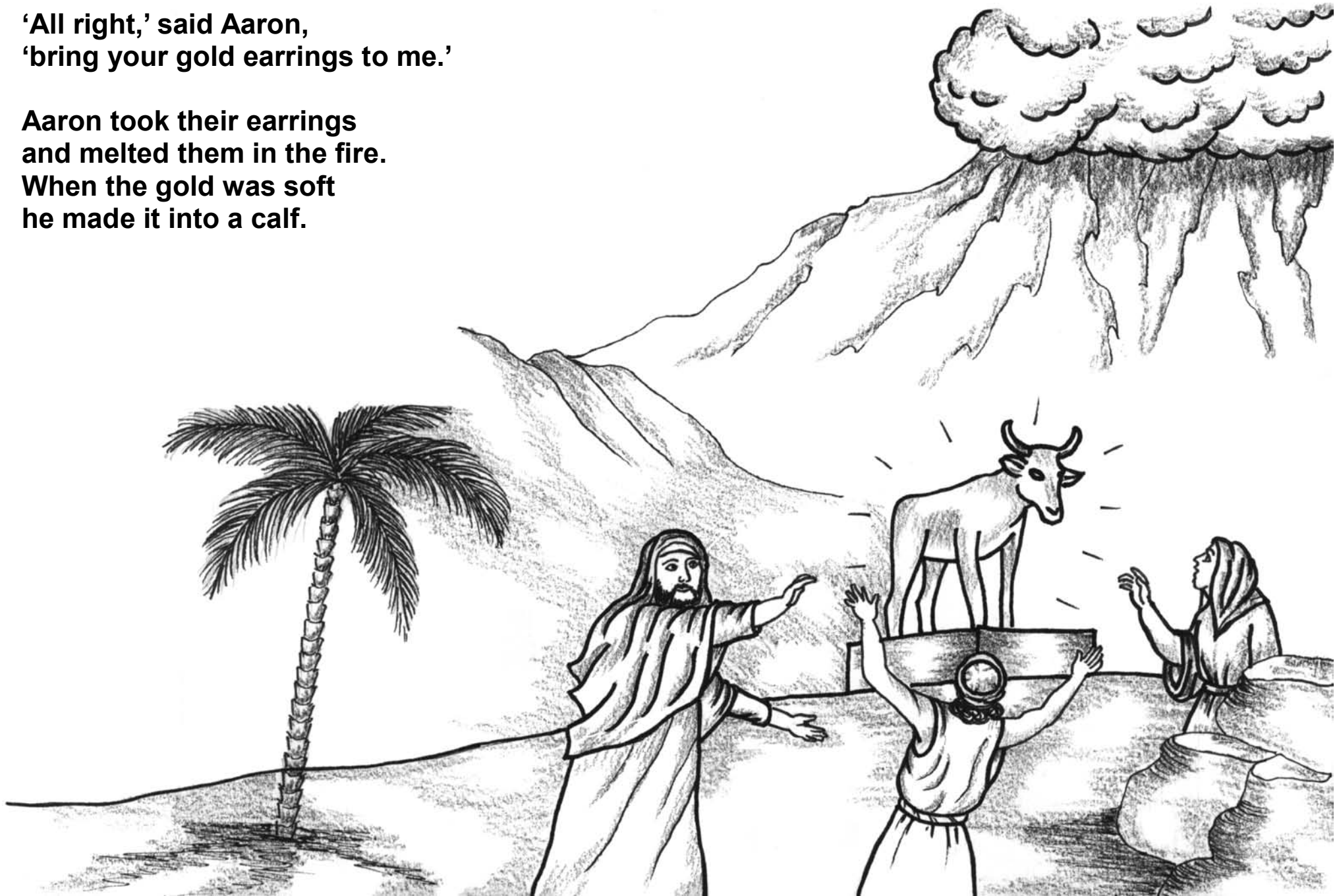
**Forty days went by
and Moses hadn't come back.**

**The people said to Aaron,
'Moses brought us out of Egypt,
but we don't know where he is.
You make us a god
to take us to our new land.'**



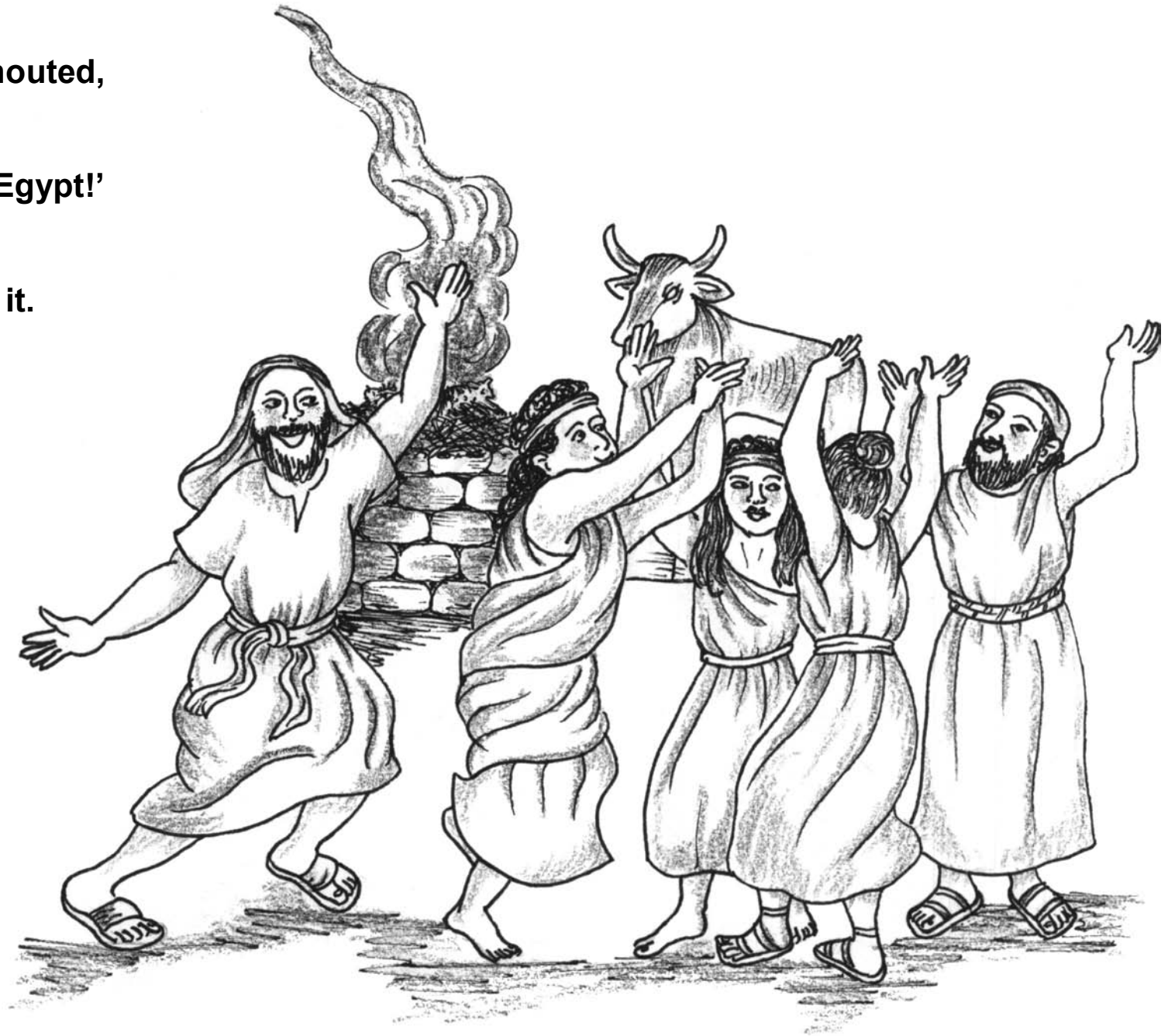
**‘All right,’ said Aaron,
‘bring your gold earrings to me.’**

**Aaron took their earrings
and melted them in the fire.
When the gold was soft
he made it into a calf.**



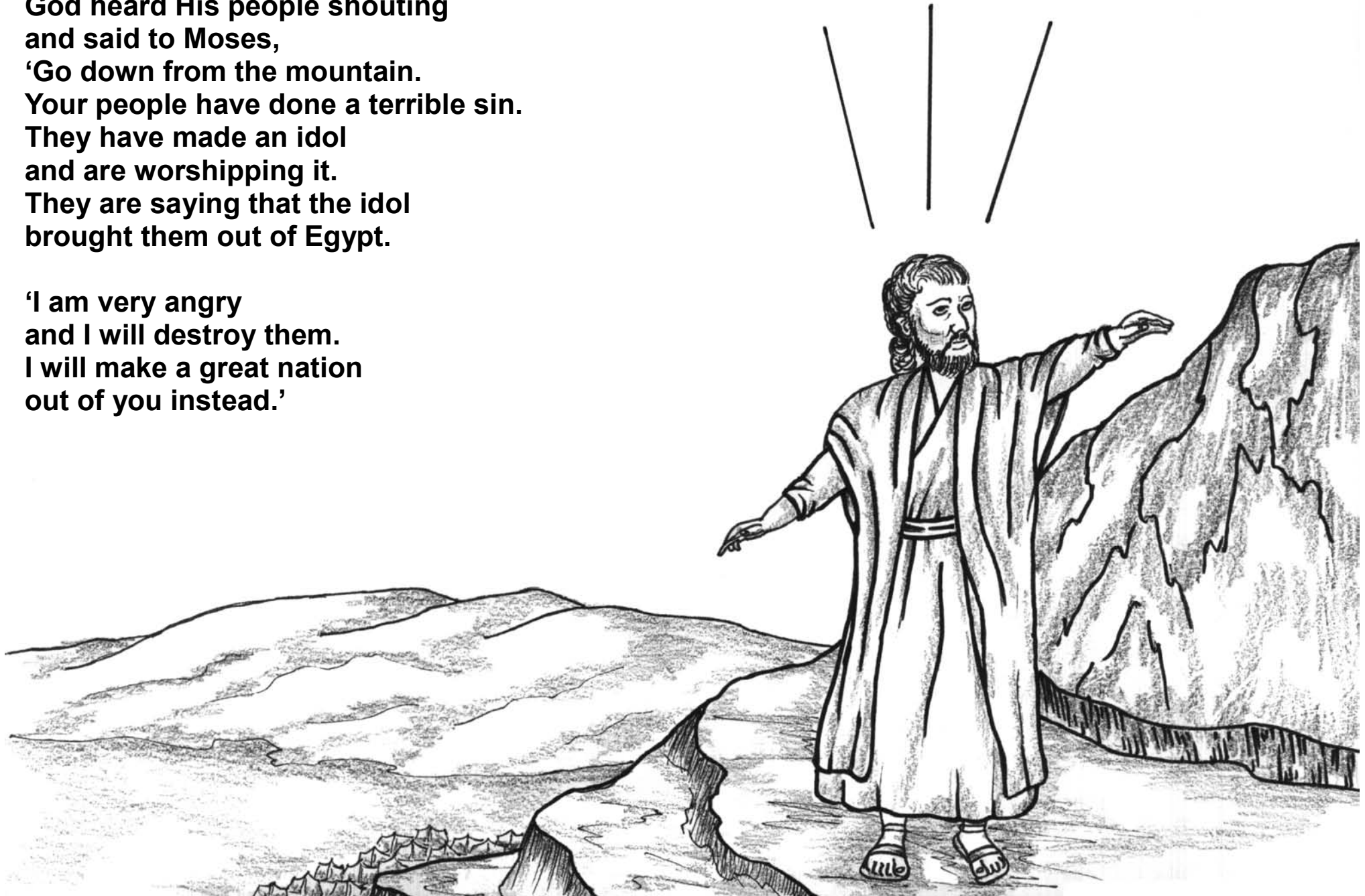
The people saw it and shouted,
'Look, Israel!
These are your gods
who brought you out of Egypt!'

Aaron built an altar
and they danced around it.



**God heard His people shouting
and said to Moses,
'Go down from the mountain.
Your people have done a terrible sin.
They have made an idol
and are worshipping it.
They are saying that the idol
brought them out of Egypt.**

**'I am very angry
and I will destroy them.
I will make a great nation
out of you instead.'**



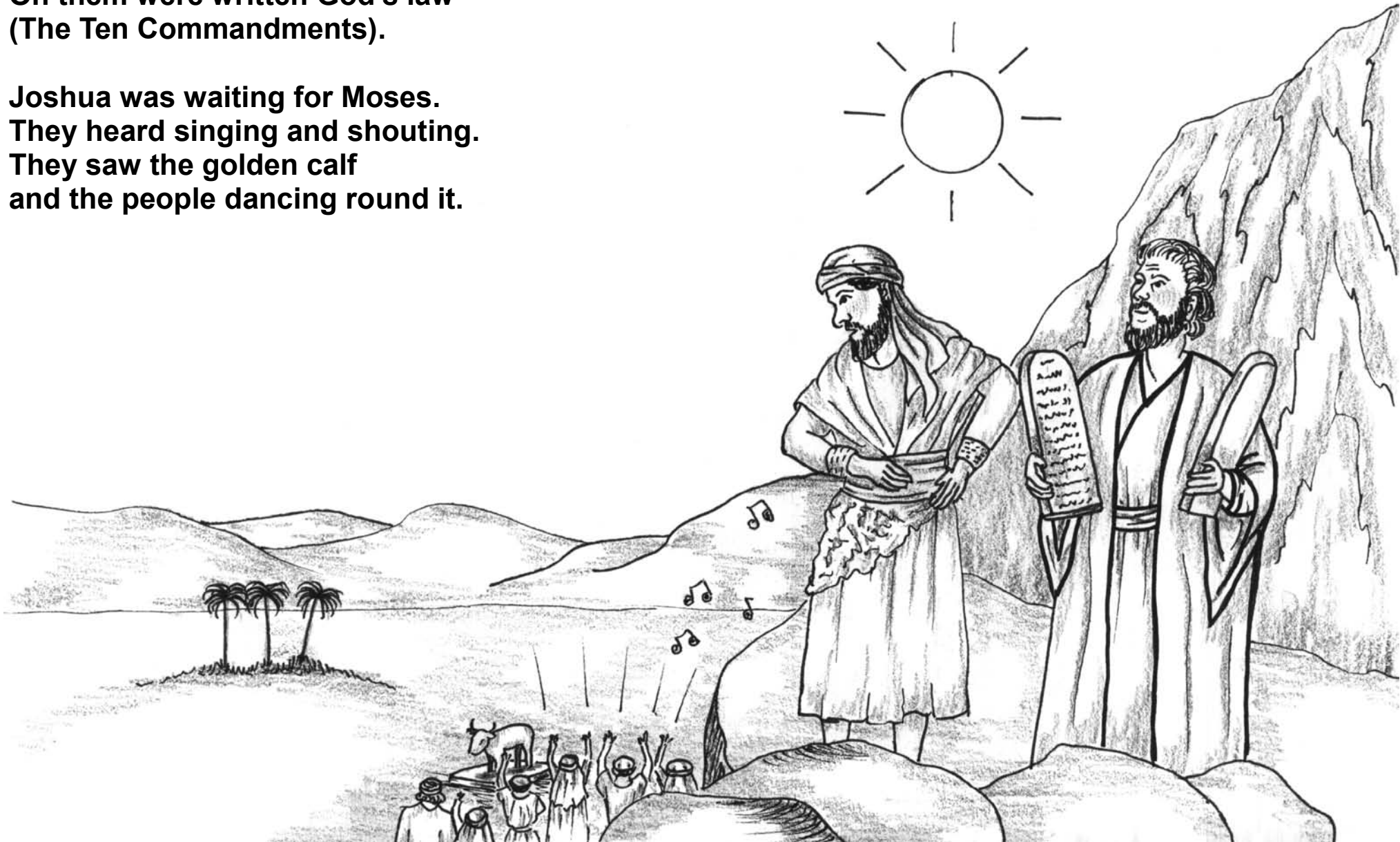
**Moses prayed saying,
'O Lord, don't destroy Your people.
You saved them.
You made a promise to Abraham,
Isaac and Jacob to give them
many children and this land, forever.'**

**The Lord listened to Moses
and changed His mind.**



**Moses went down from the mountain
carrying two slabs of stone.
On them were written God's law
(The Ten Commandments).**

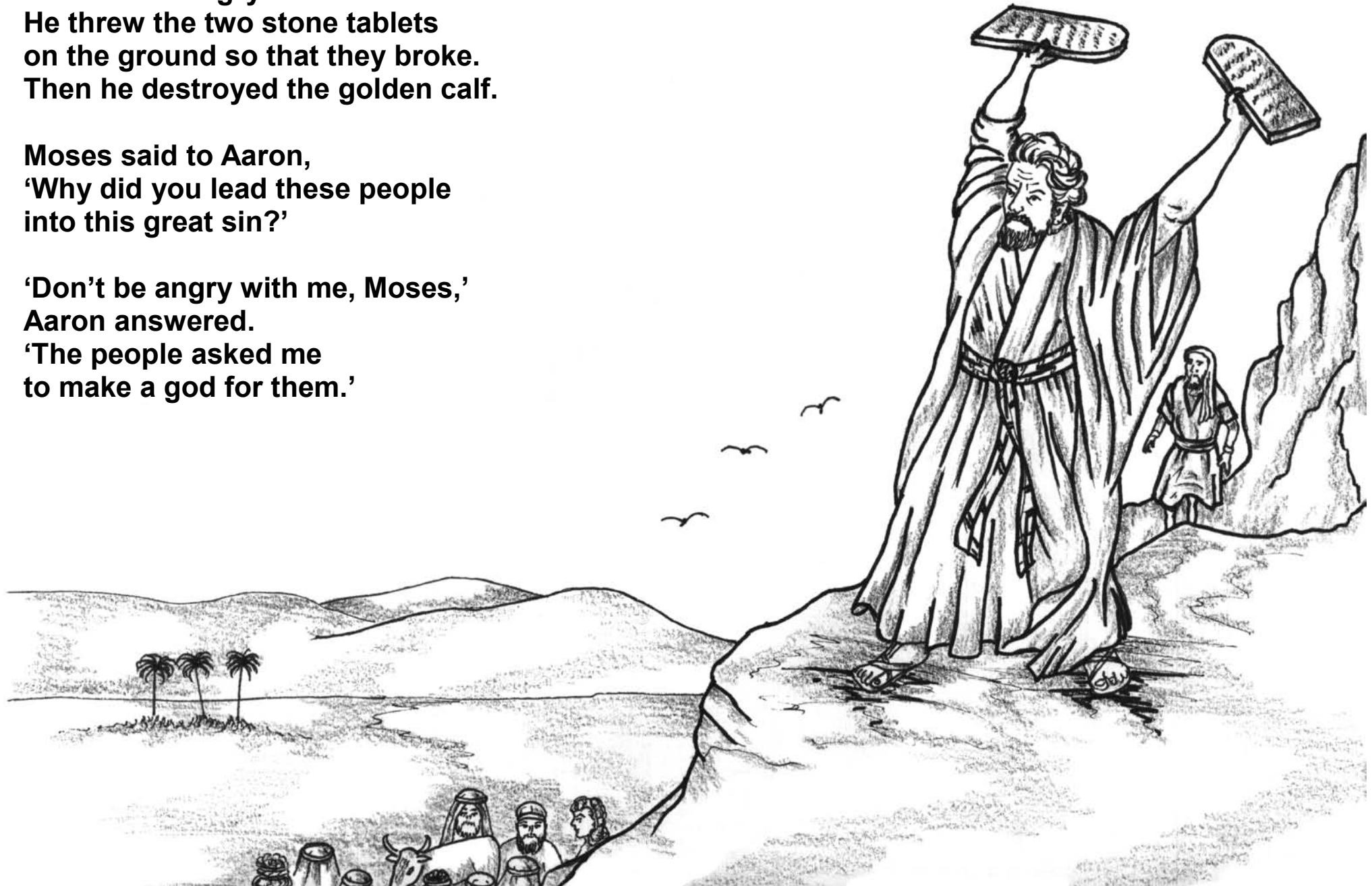
**Joshua was waiting for Moses.
They heard singing and shouting.
They saw the golden calf
and the people dancing round it.**



**Moses was angry.
He threw the two stone tablets
on the ground so that they broke.
Then he destroyed the golden calf.**

**Moses said to Aaron,
'Why did you lead these people
into this great sin?'**

**'Don't be angry with me, Moses,'
Aaron answered.
'The people asked me
to make a god for them.'**

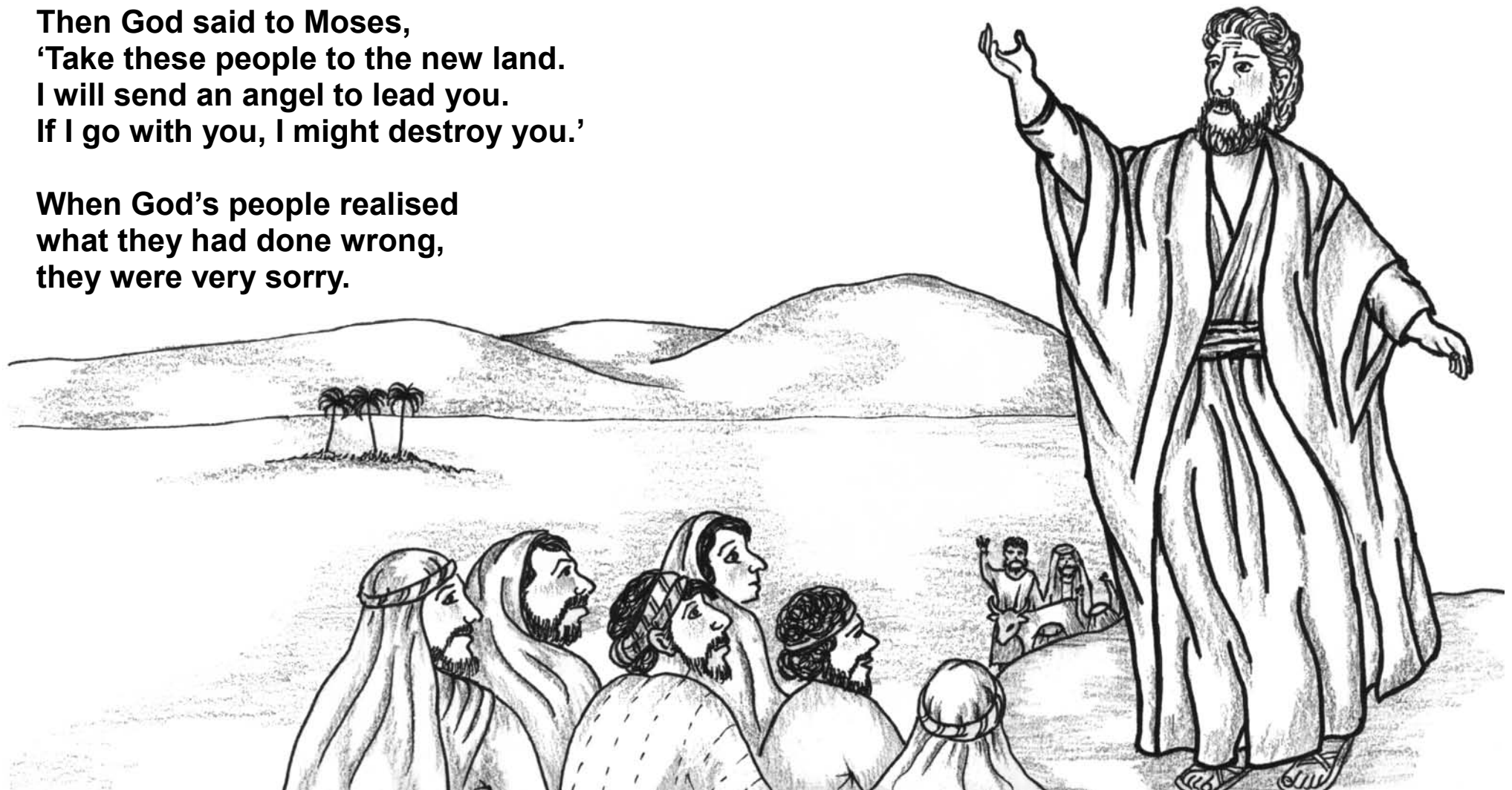


**Moses called out,
'Those who are on the Lord's side come to me.'**

**He told them to kill those who
were still worshipping the golden calf.**

**Then God said to Moses,
'Take these people to the new land.
I will send an angel to lead you.
If I go with you, I might destroy you.'**

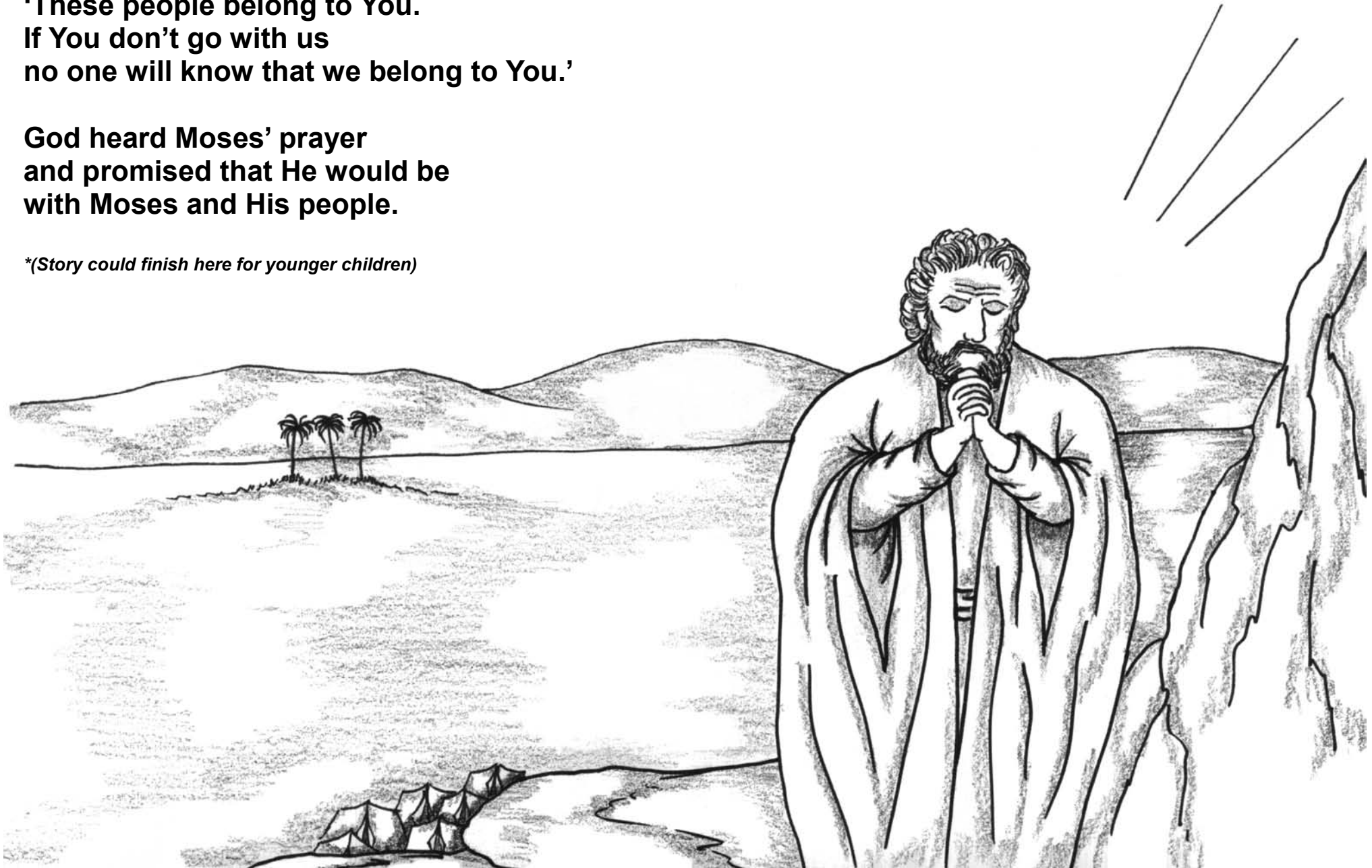
**When God's people realised
what they had done wrong,
they were very sorry.**



**Moses said to the Lord,
'These people belong to You.
If You don't go with us
no one will know that we belong to You.'**

**God heard Moses' prayer
and promised that He would be
with Moses and His people.**

**(Story could finish here for younger children)*



**Moses asked the Lord,
'Please show me Your glory.'**

**Moses returned to the mountain.
There he saw the back of God.
Moses was not allowed
to see God's face
or he would die.**

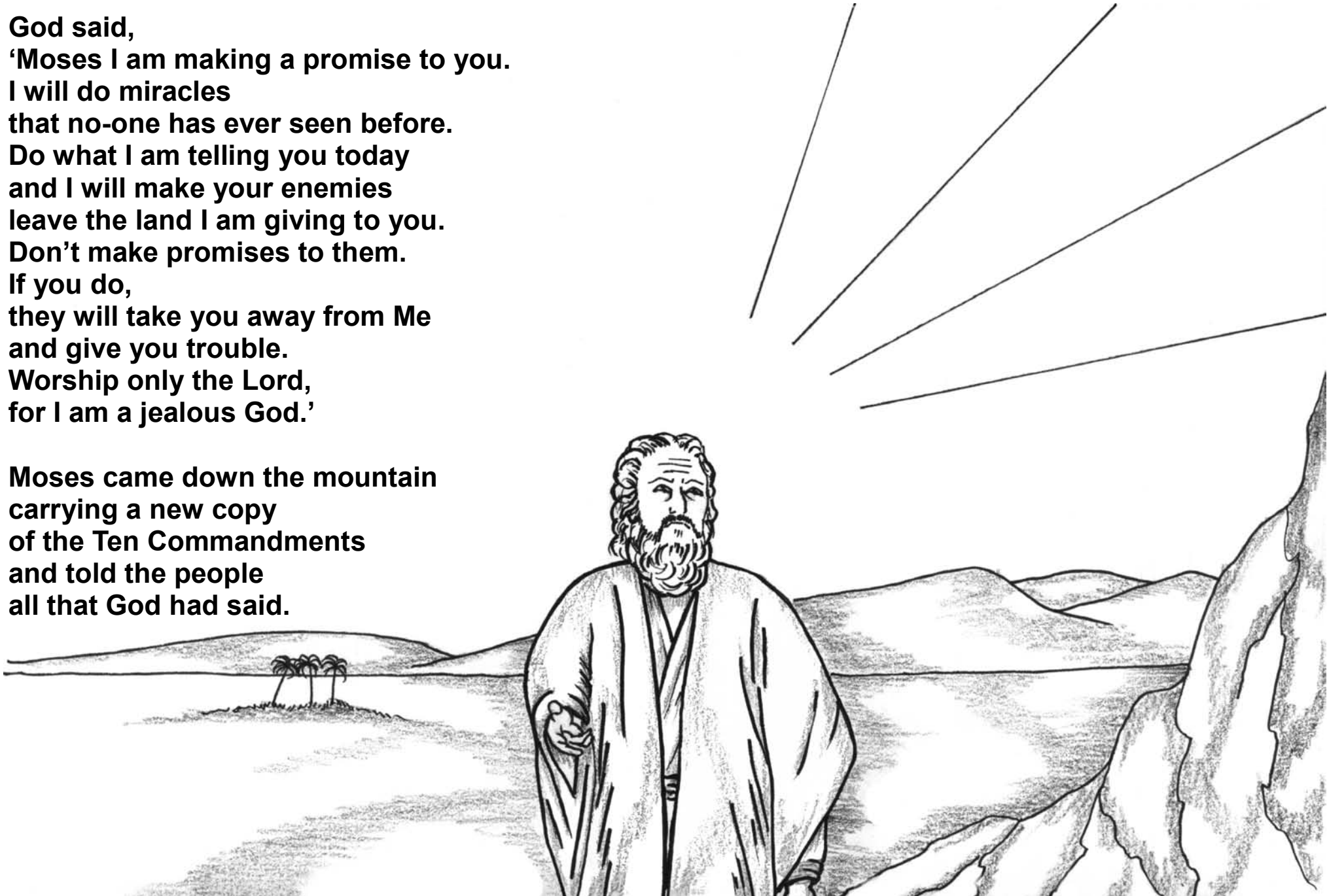
**He heard God say,
'The Lord, the Lord.
A God of mercy and grace,
who does not get angry quickly,
is faithful and has great love,
is kind to thousands of people,
who forgives sin and rebellion,
but will punish those
who are guilty.'**

**Moses bowed before the Lord
and said,
'Lord, Your people are stubborn.
Please forgive our evil and our sin
and take us as Your people.'**



**God said,
'Moses I am making a promise to you.
I will do miracles
that no-one has ever seen before.
Do what I am telling you today
and I will make your enemies
leave the land I am giving to you.
Don't make promises to them.
If you do,
they will take you away from Me
and give you trouble.
Worship only the Lord,
for I am a jealous God.'**

**Moses came down the mountain
carrying a new copy
of the Ten Commandments
and told the people
all that God had said.**



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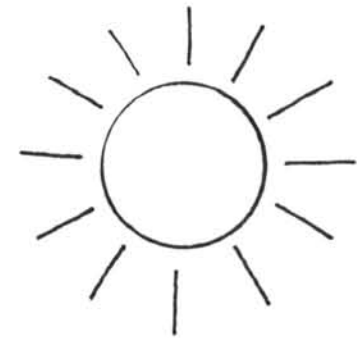
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**While Moses was on Mt Sinai
God showed him what the
glorious worship in heaven
was like.
It was the heavenly temple.**

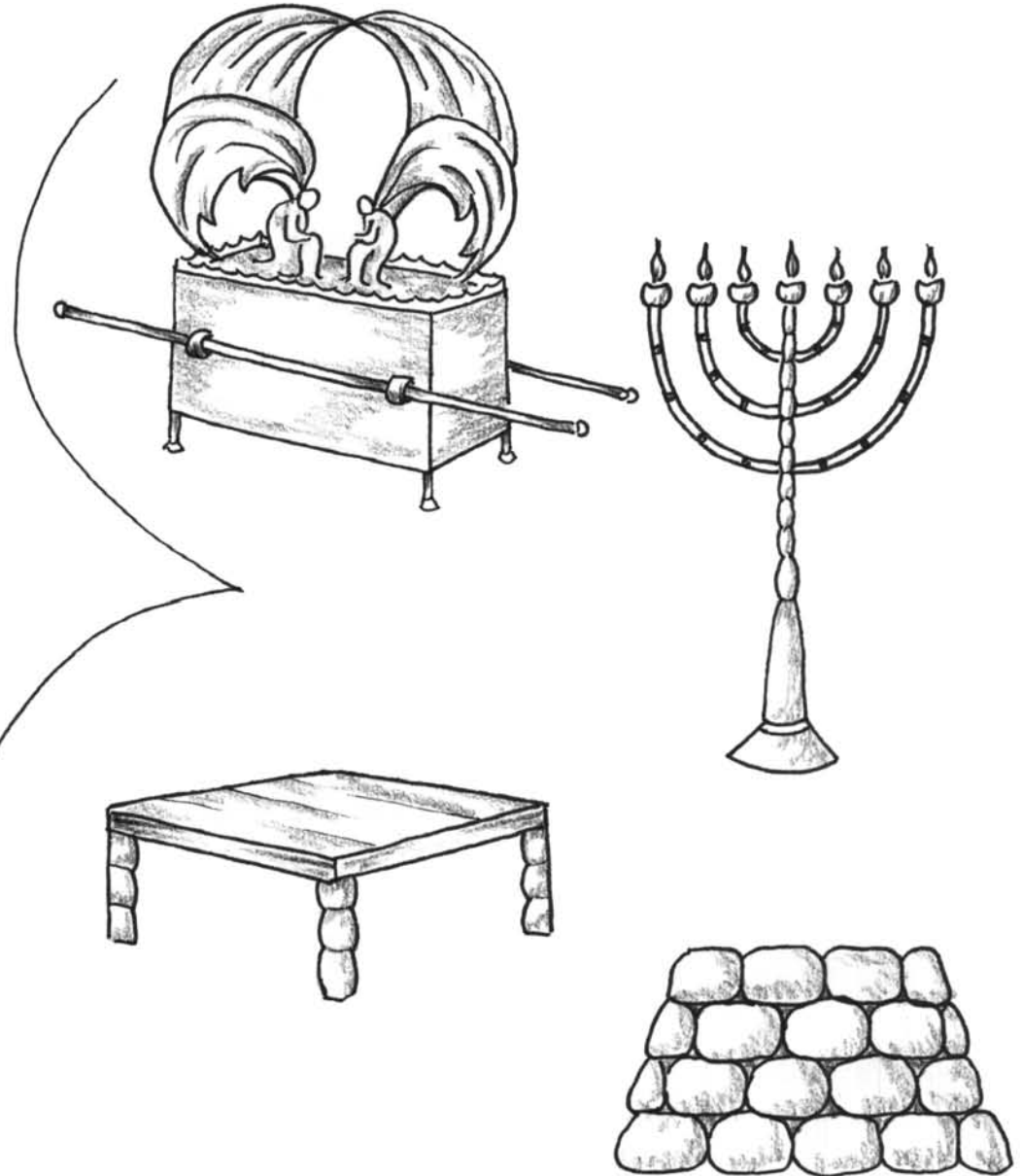


**Moses came down from the mountain
and said to the people,
'God wants you to bring
an offering to Him.
He wants you to make a tent,
a place where we can worship Him
and where He will reign as king.**

**'Bring gold, silver, bronze,
blue, purple and red material,
goat's hair, leather,
wood, oil and spices,
sweet smelling incense
and precious stones.**



**‘Come and make the place for worship,
just as God has shown us:
curtains with pictures of cherubims
on them,
a cover for the tent,
a covenant box,
its poles, and mercy seat,
a table,
a lampstand,
an altar of incense,
an altar for burnt offerings,
a wash basin
and special garments for the priests
to wear before God in the Holy Place.’**



The people had seen
that God had forgiven them.
Their hearts were full of thankfulness
and they brought
what was needed for God's tent.

Soon Moses had to say,
'Stop. We have too much.'

Many people helped to
make the things for the tent.

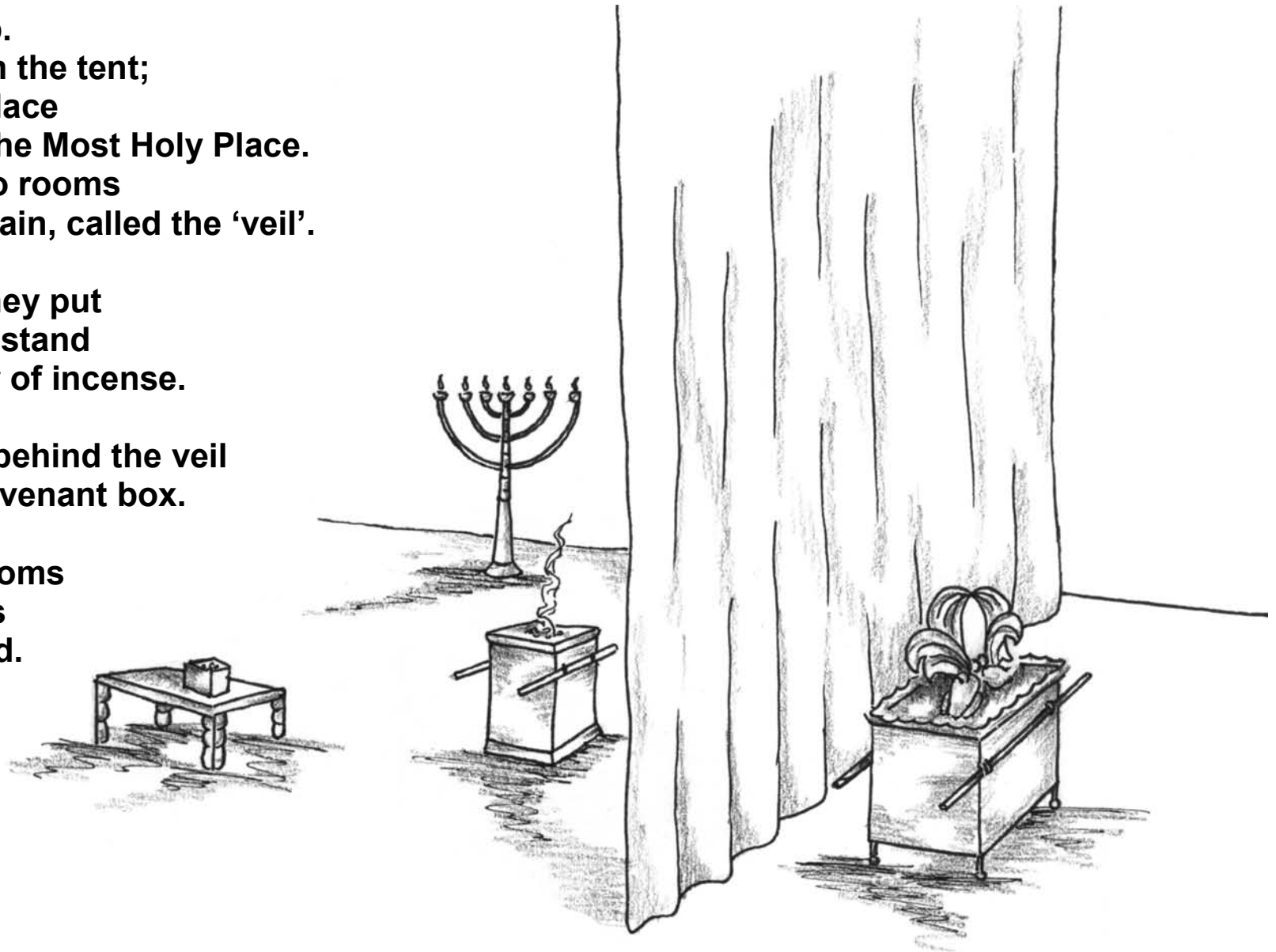


**Then they set it up.
Two rooms were in the tent;
one for the Holy Place
and the other for the Most Holy Place.
Between these two rooms
they hung the curtain, called the 'veil'.**

**In the first room they put
the table, the lampstand
and the small altar of incense.**

**In the other room behind the veil
they placed the covenant box.**

**Around the two rooms
they hung curtains
to form a courtyard.
This is where
they put the altar.**



The tabernacle was finished.

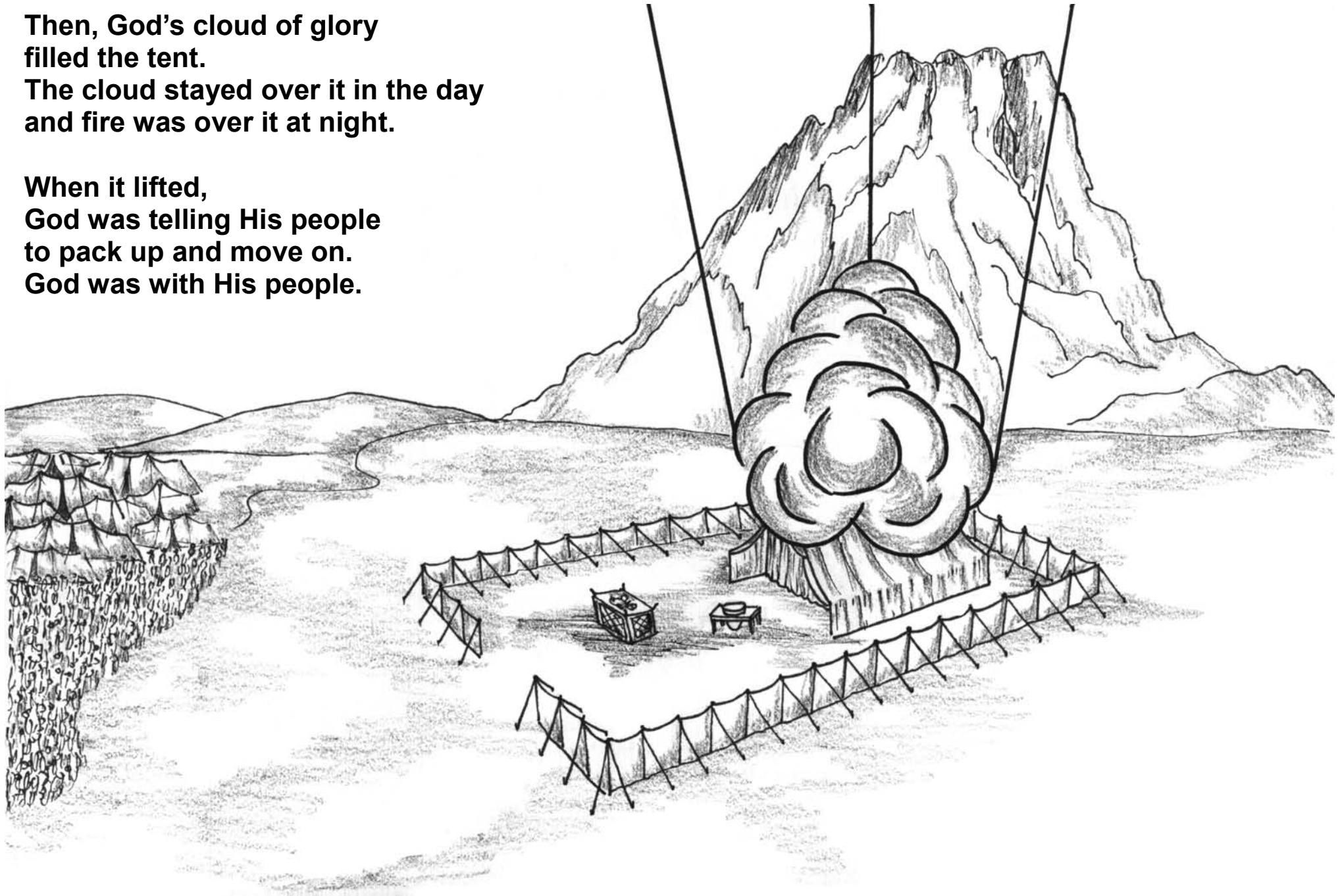
**Moses anointed everything with oil,
and made it holy for God.**

**He washed the priests' hands and feet,
put special clothes on them
and anointed them.**



**Then, God's cloud of glory
filled the tent.
The cloud stayed over it in the day
and fire was over it at night.**

**When it lifted,
God was telling His people
to pack up and move on.
God was with His people.**



***God is building a home
for Himself right now.
It is we, ourselves, who
trust in His Son Jesus.
We are the home
God will live in forever.***

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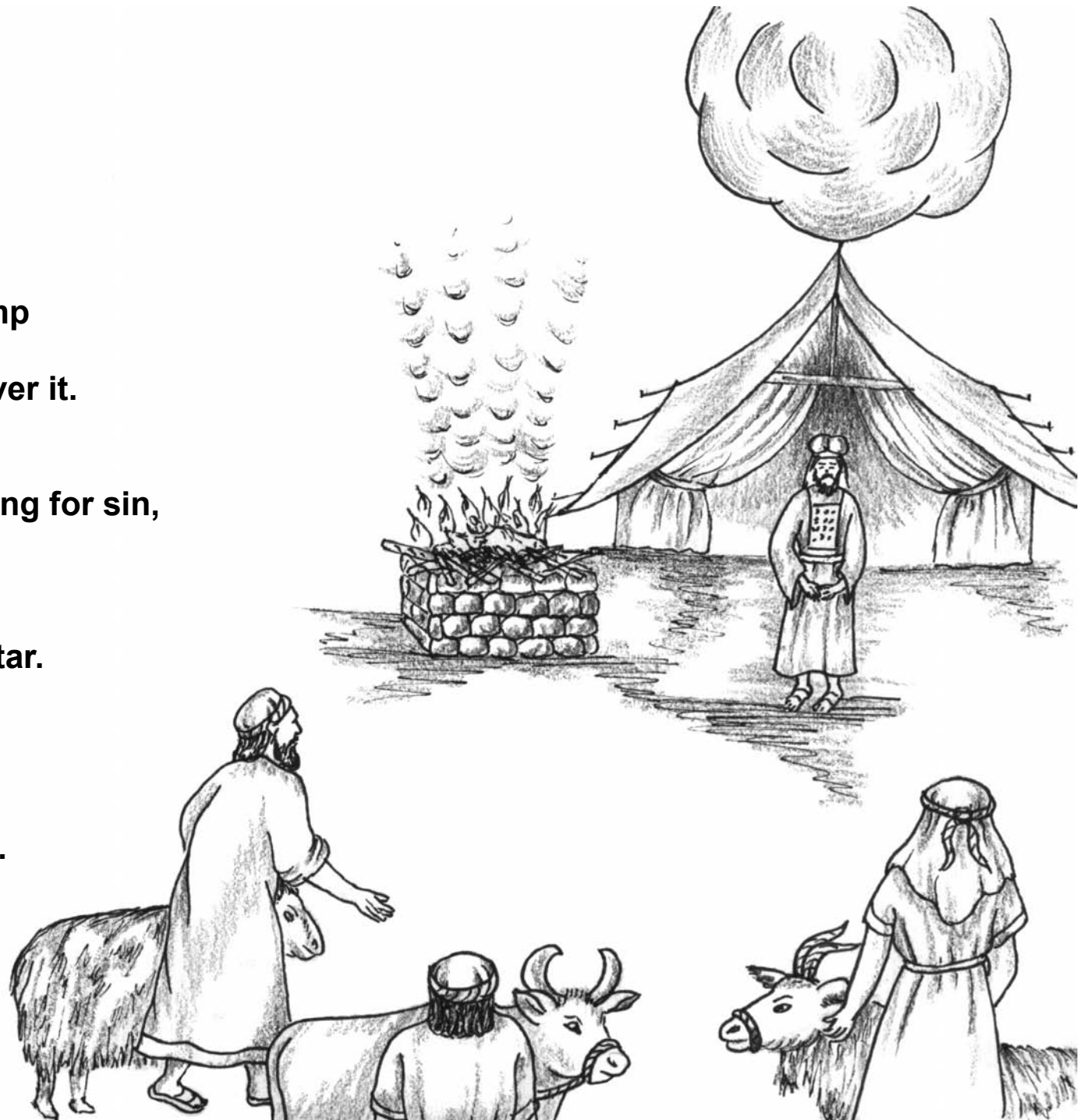
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**In the middle of Israel's camp
stood the tabernacle.
God's cloud of glory was over it.**

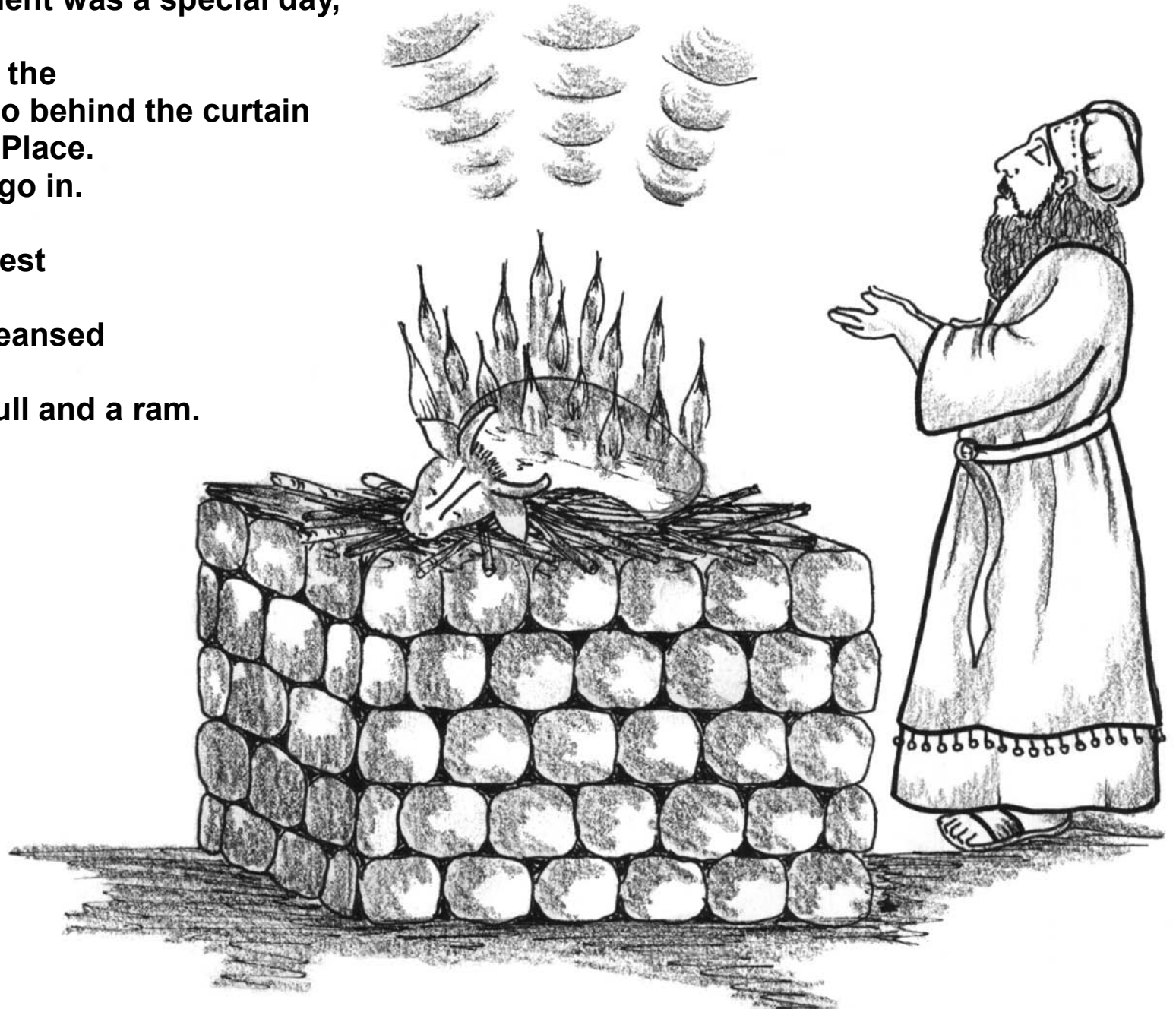
**God said,
'When you bring your offering for sin,
of a bull, sheep, goat, or
pigeon,
give it to the priest
and he will burn it on the altar.
I will smell your offering
and be pleased.'**

**This sacrifice was made
every morning and evening.**



The Day of Atonement was a special day,
held once a year.
It was the only day the
high priest could go behind the curtain
into the Most Holy Place.
No one else could go in.

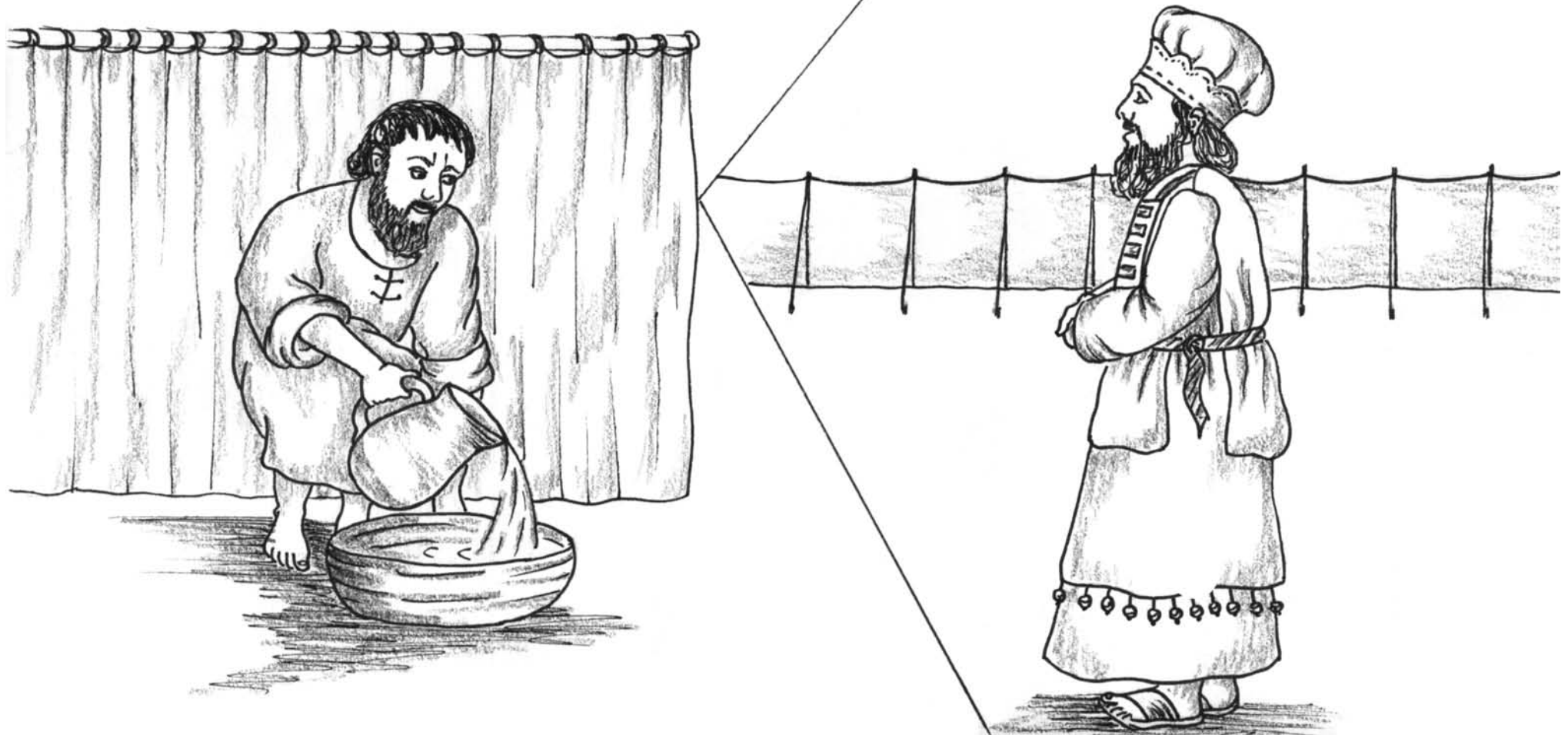
Before the high priest
could go there,
he needed to be cleansed
from his sin.
He would offer a bull and a ram.



**Then the people would bring him
two goats
which he would bring to God.
He would choose one of them
and offer it as a sin offering
for all the people.**



**The high priest would wash himself
and put on special clothes.
He would then be ready to go into
the Most Holy Place.**



**He would take with him some blood,
coals from the altar
and two handfuls of incense.
The smoke of the incense from the
fire would cover the covenant box.
He would sprinkle the blood
on the covenant box
as an offering for his sin.**

**Then he would take some blood
from the goat
into the Most Holy Place,
as an offering for the sins
of the people.**

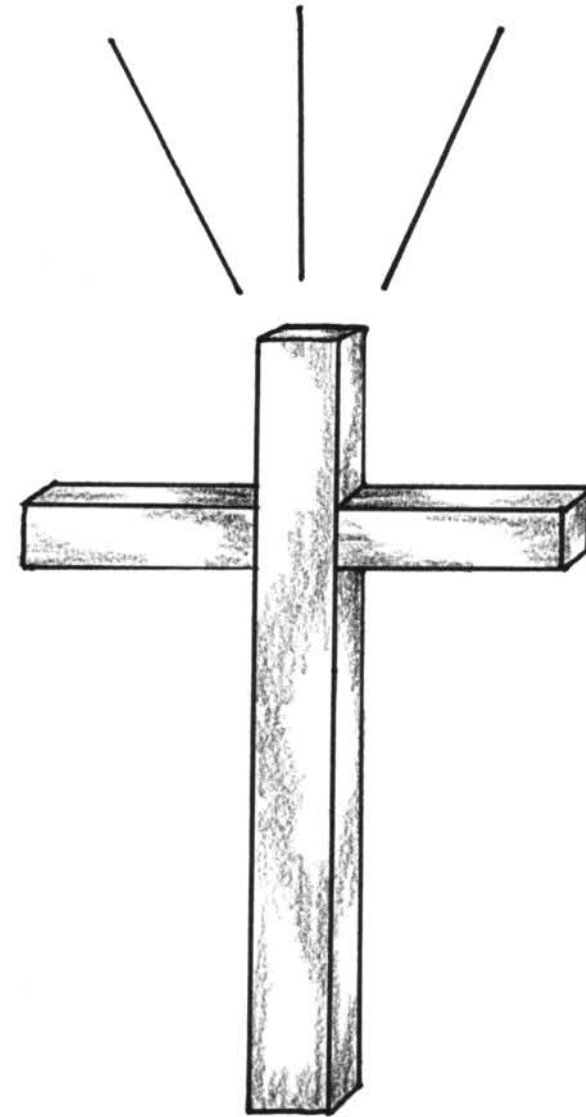
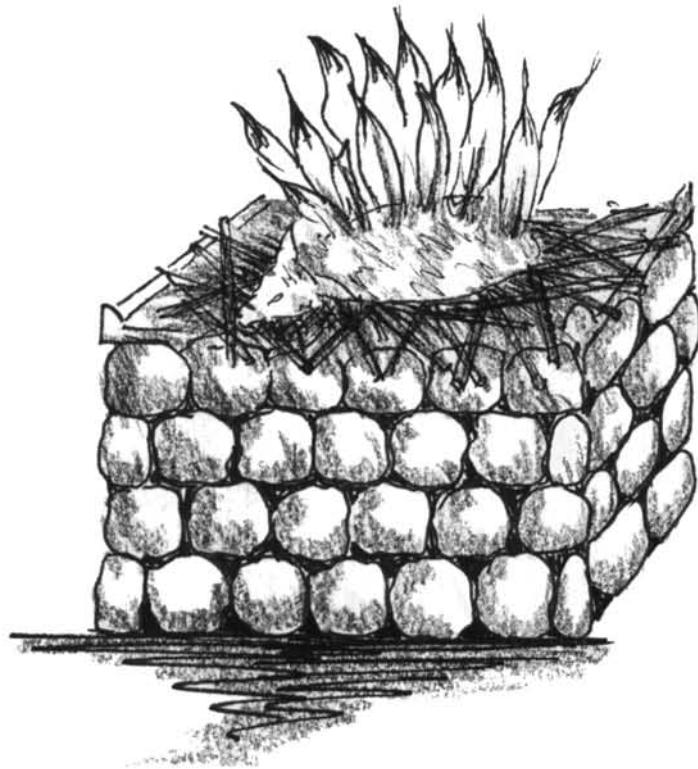


**After this was finished
he would come out and
take the second goat,
put his hands on it
and confess the sins of the people.
He would give the goat to a man
to take to the wilderness
to let go free.**



***By these sacrifices,
God was showing us that we need
an offering for our sins,
an offering to die instead of us.***

***Jesus has now come to be that offering
and to open up the way
for us to come to God.***



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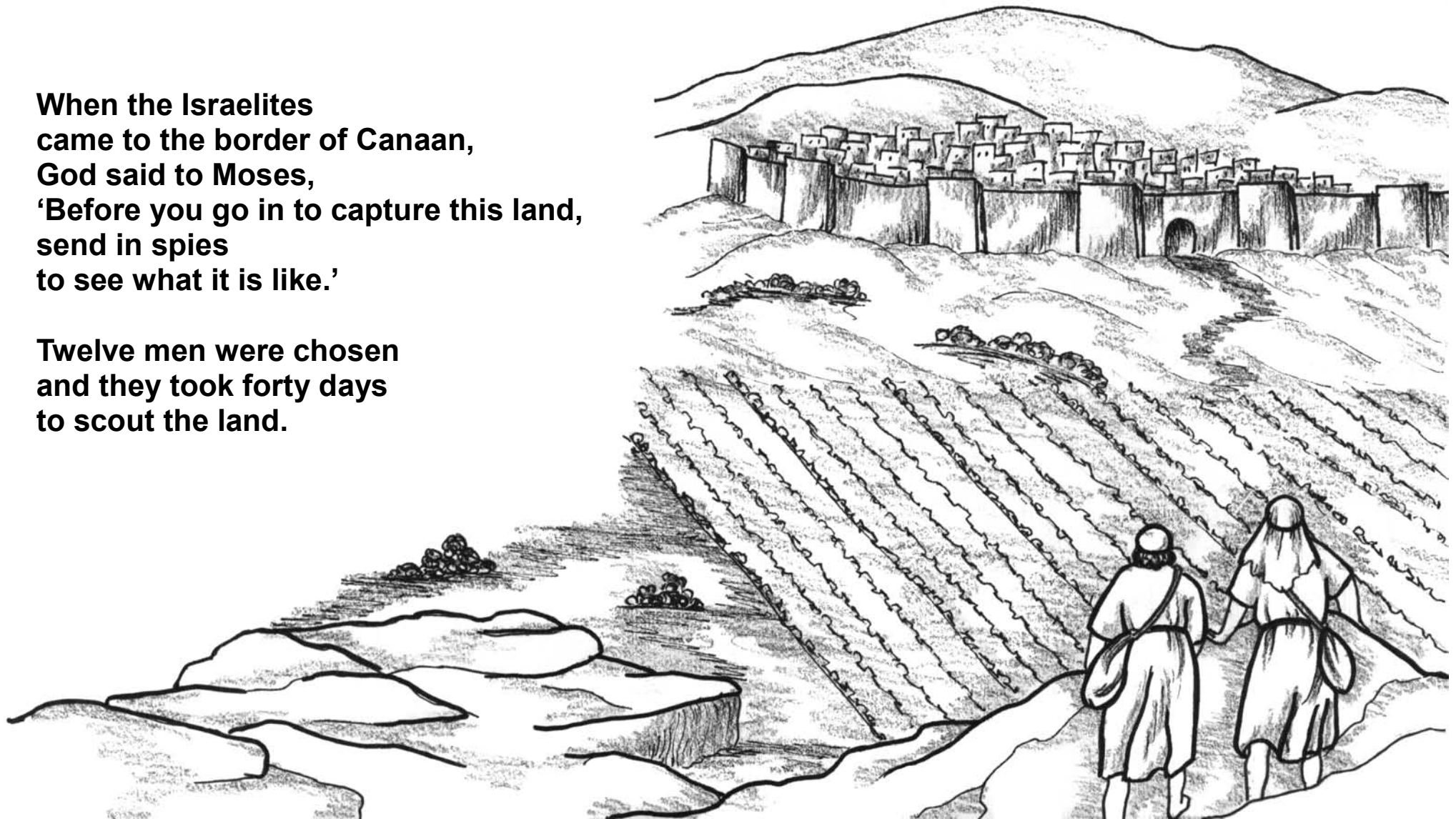
Deuteronomy 1:19–45

THE TWELVE SPIES

File no. 34

**When the Israelites
came to the border of Canaan,
God said to Moses,
'Before you go in to capture this land,
send in spies
to see what it is like.'**

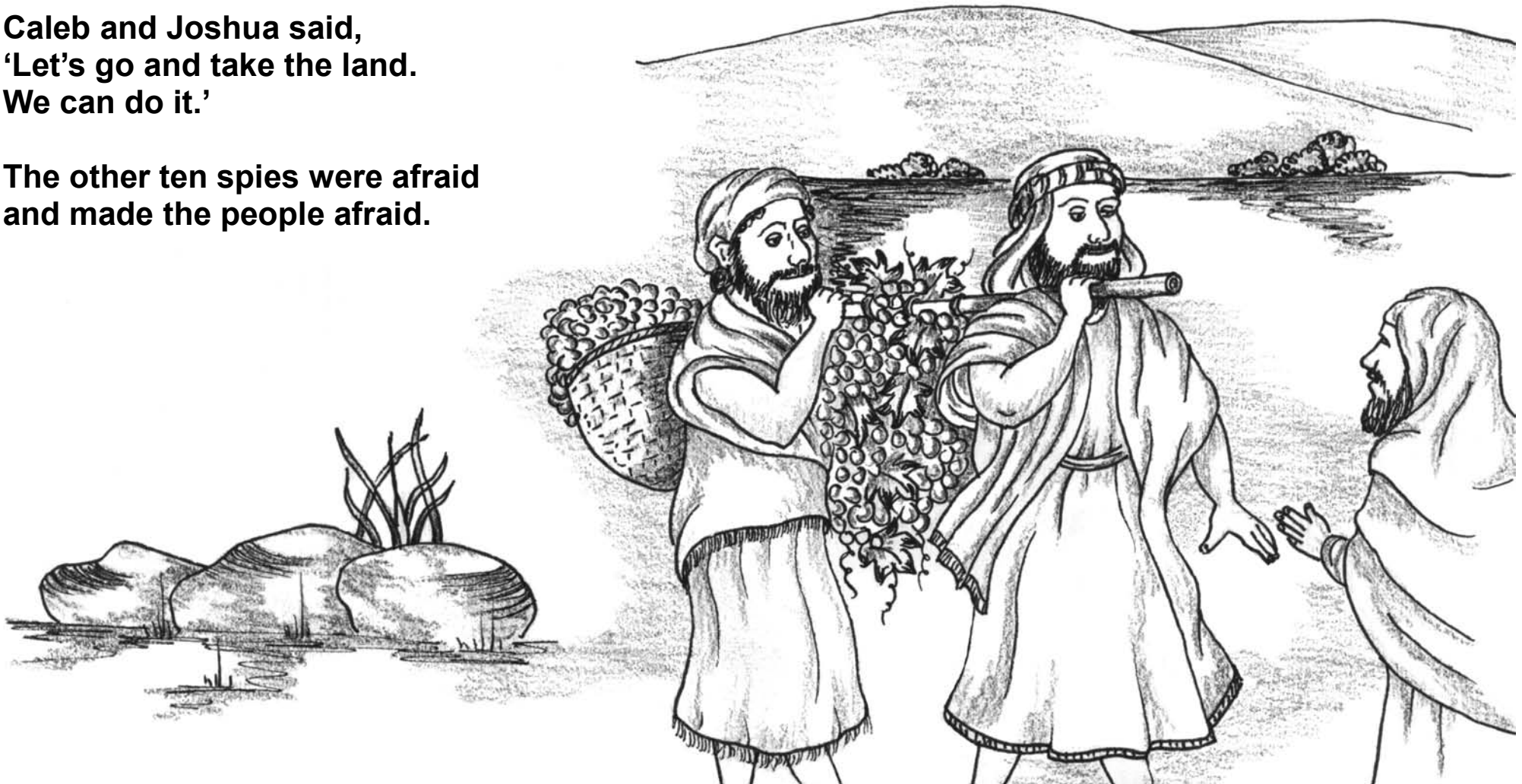
**Twelve men were chosen
and they took forty days
to scout the land.**



**When they returned they said,
'The land is good.
Here is some of its fruit.
But the people are very big and strong
and their cities have high walls.'**

**Caleb and Joshua said,
'Let's go and take the land.
We can do it.'**

**The other ten spies were afraid
and made the people afraid.**

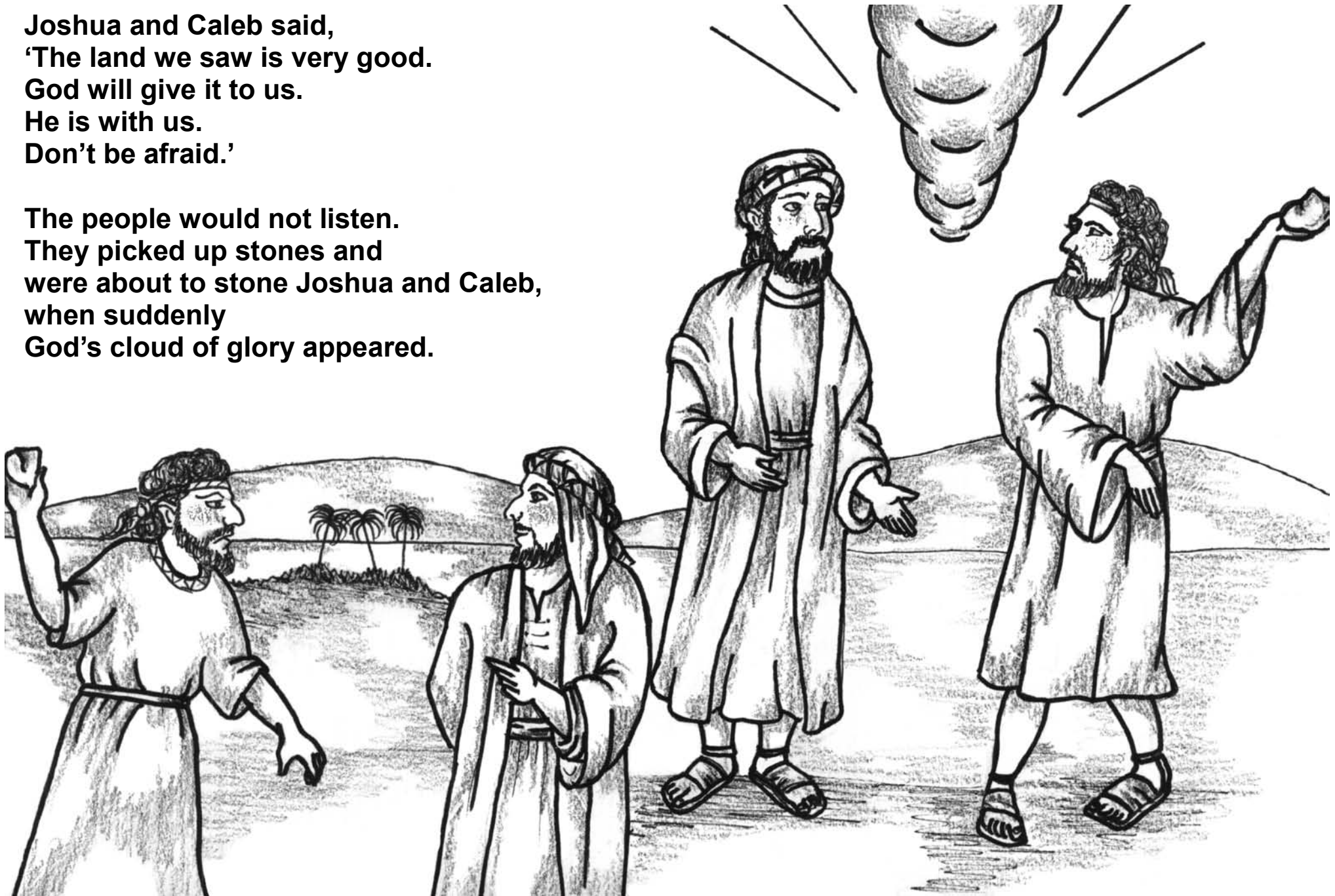


**That night they cried and
grumbled against Moses saying,
'Why has the Lord brought us here?
We will all die.
Let us go back to Egypt.'**



**Joshua and Caleb said,
'The land we saw is very good.
God will give it to us.
He is with us.
Don't be afraid.'**

**The people would not listen.
They picked up stones and
were about to stone Joshua and Caleb,
when suddenly
God's cloud of glory appeared.**



**God said to Moses,
'These people have seen My miracles.
When will they believe Me?
I am going to destroy them
and make a great nation from you.'**

**Moses said,
'Don't do that.
Everyone knows that You are
bringing Your people to this land.
If You destroy them
they will say You couldn't do it.**

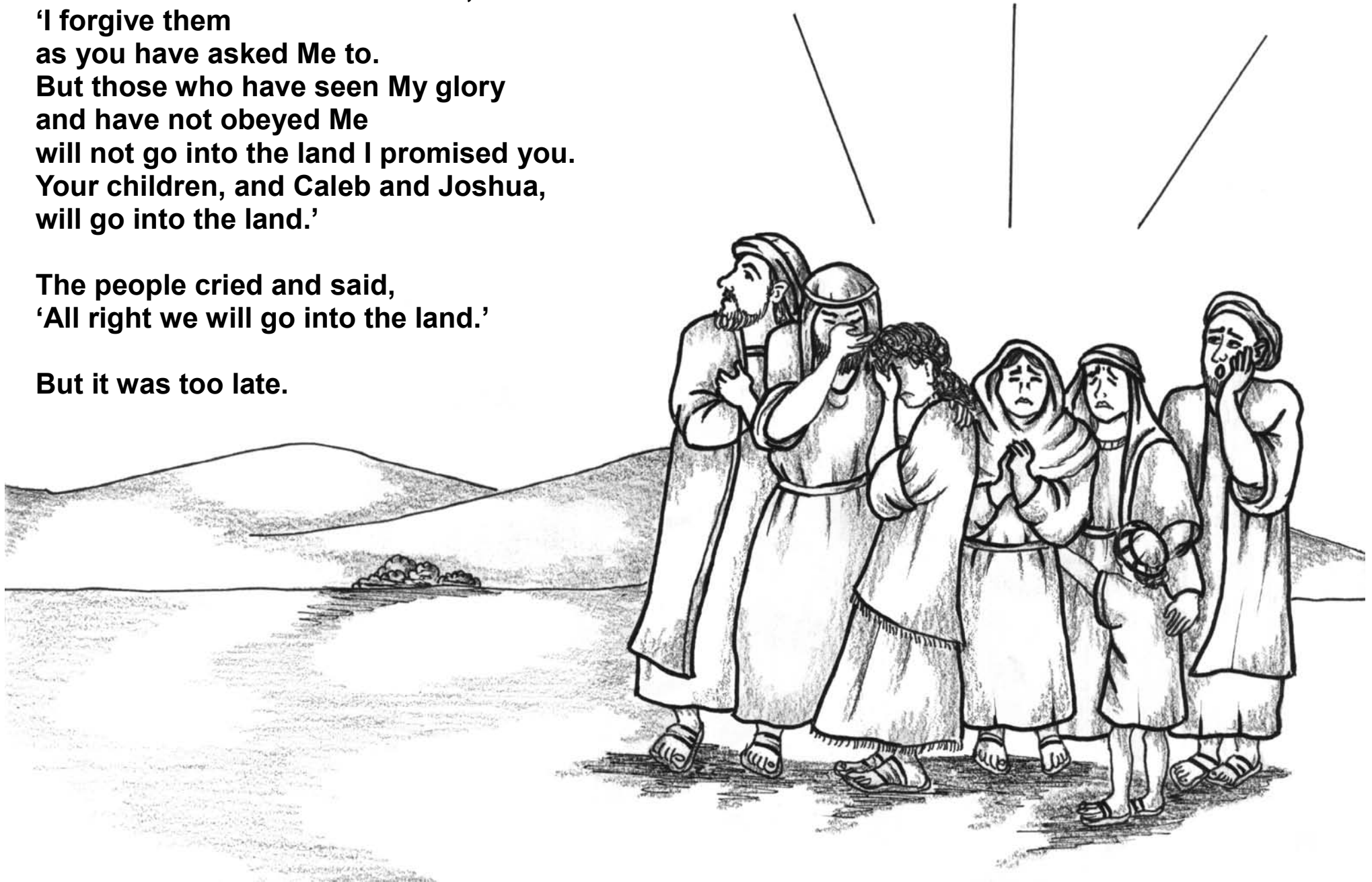
**'You told us,
that the Lord is slow to get angry
and He loves.
He forgives sin and rebellion,
but will punish those
who are guilty.
Let the nations see
that this is who You are.'**



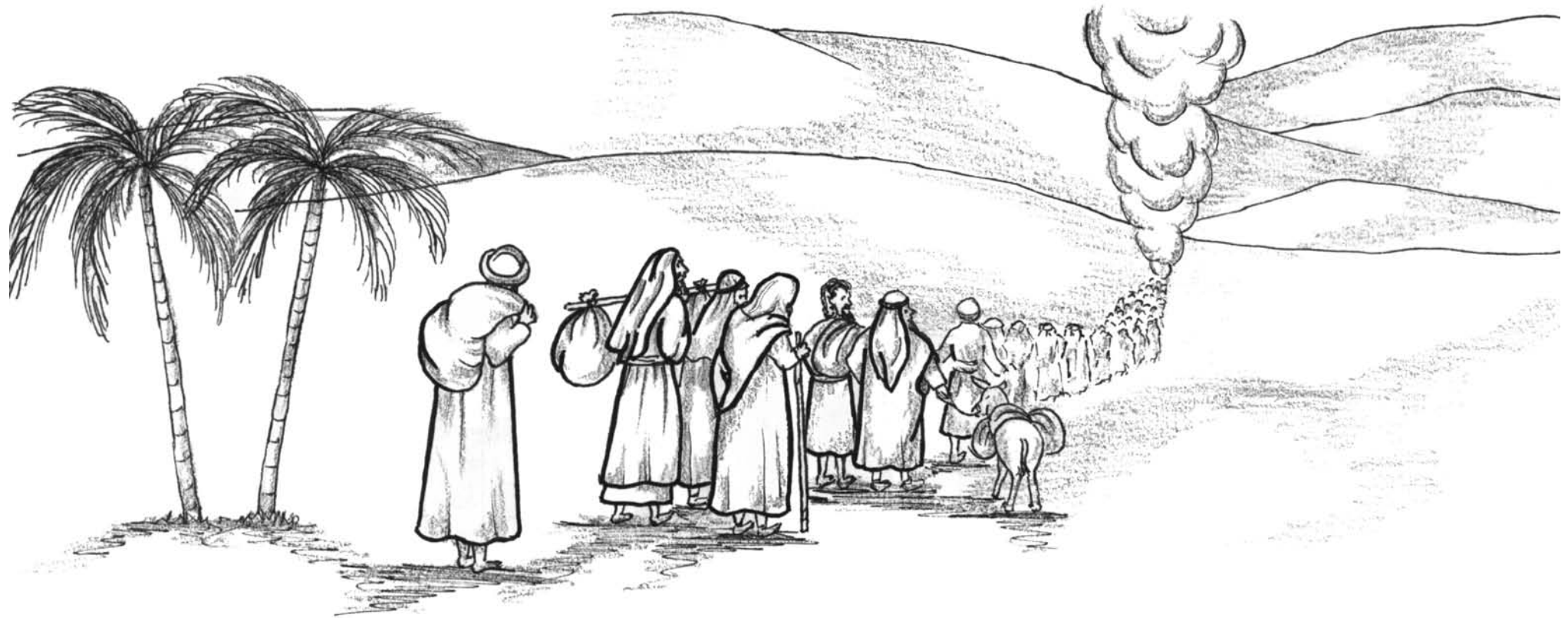
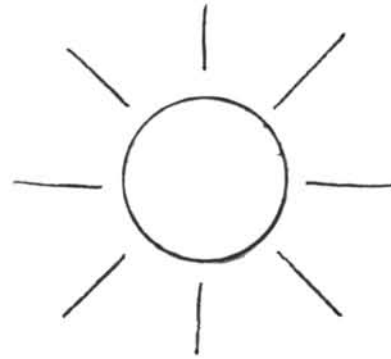
**God listened to Moses and said,
'I forgive them
as you have asked Me to.
But those who have seen My glory
and have not obeyed Me
will not go into the land I promised you.
Your children, and Caleb and Joshua,
will go into the land.'**

**The people cried and said,
'All right we will go into the land.'**

But it was too late.



**God led His people
into the wilderness.
They knew He was still with them,
because they could see
His cloud of glory by day
and fire by night.**



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**God was leading His people
through the wilderness
and they came
to the edge of Edom.**

**‘Please can we go through
your land?’
Moses asked the king.**



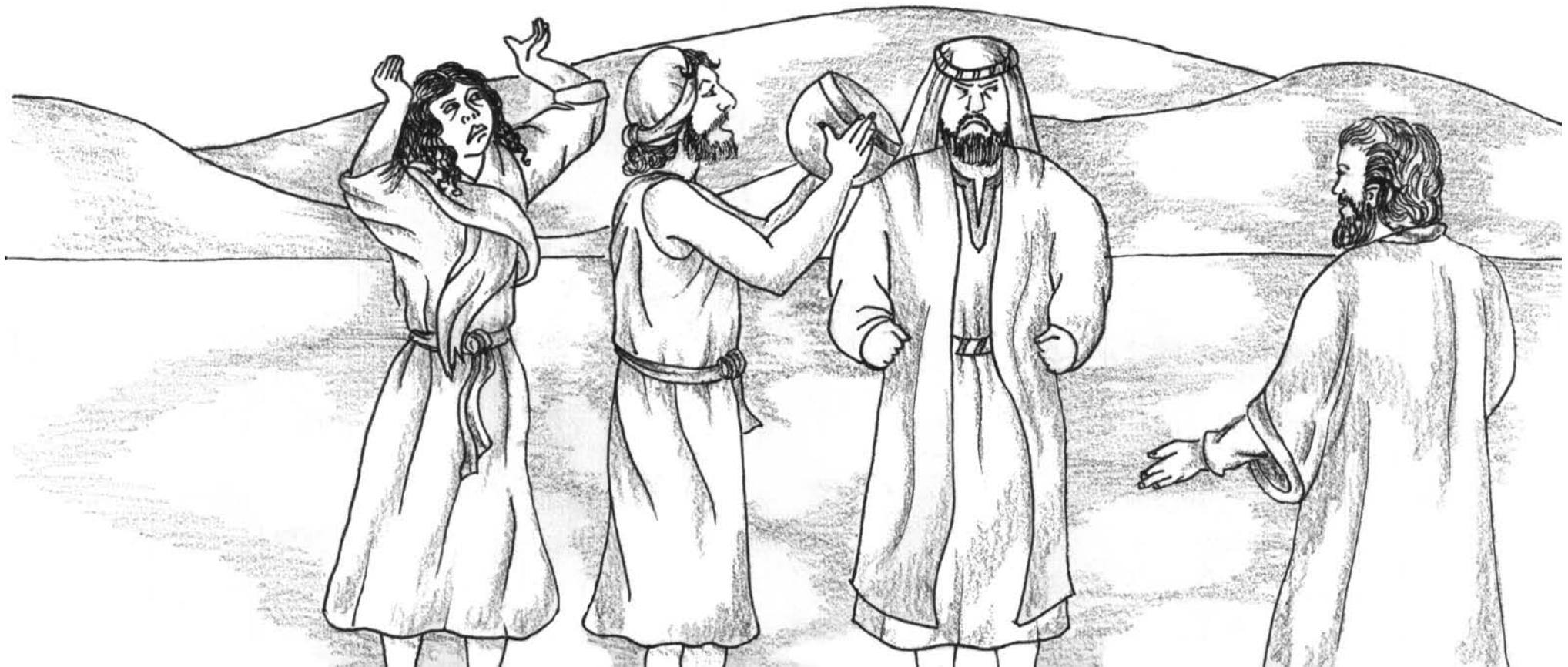
**'No,' said the king.
'If you come through our land
we will fight you.'**

He sent out his army to stop them.

**So God's people started walking
the long way around.**



**Several days later,
God's people started grumbling
against God and Moses, saying,
'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?
We are going to die here.
There is no food.
There is no water
and we don't like the manna any more.'**

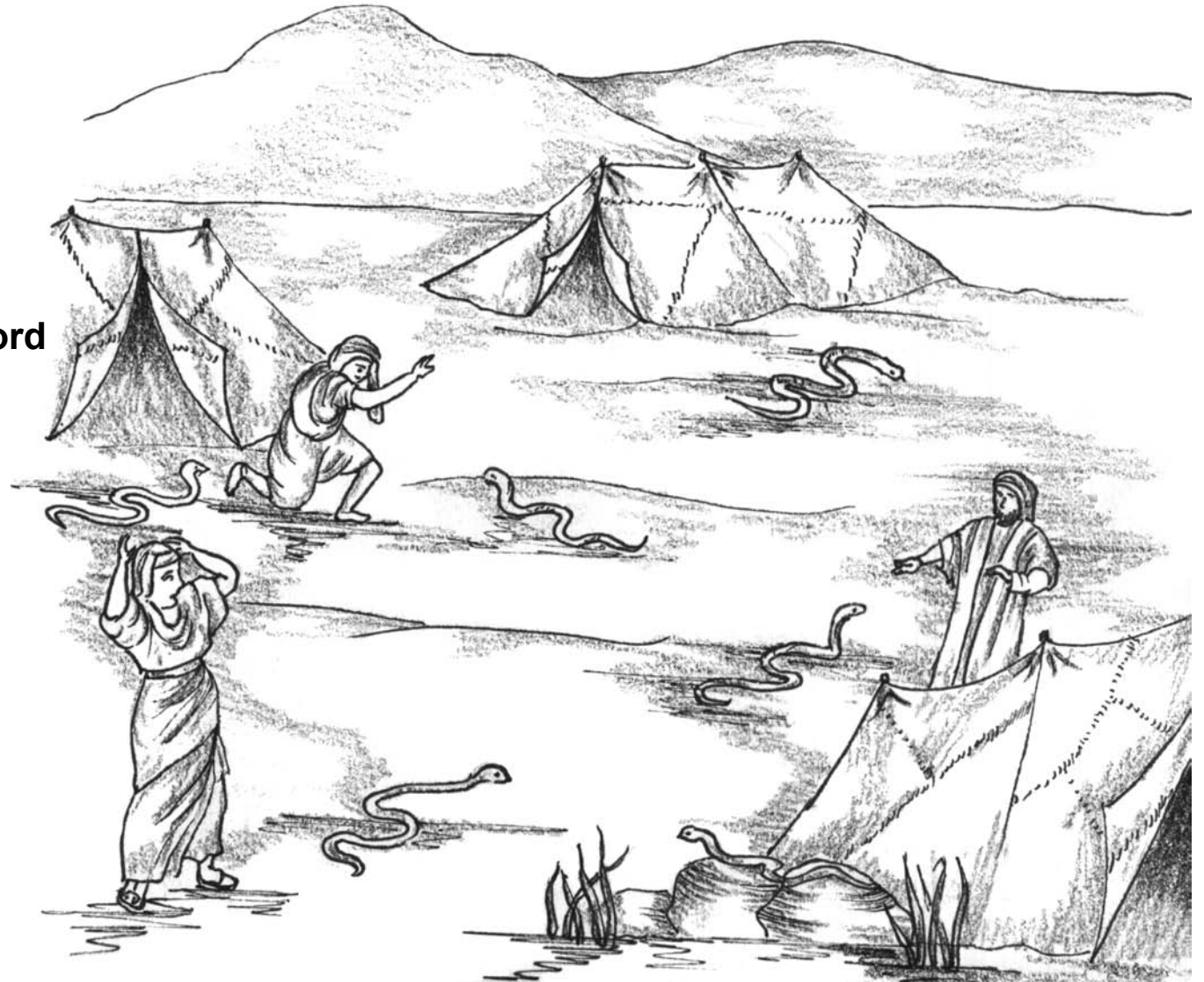


**The Lord sent poisonous snakes
into the camp.
They bit the people and
some of them died.**

**At once, the people knew
that God was punishing them
for grumbling against Moses.**

**They said to Moses,
'We have sinned.
We have spoken against the Lord
and against you.
Please pray to the Lord.
Ask Him to take away
these snakes.'**

Moses prayed for the people.

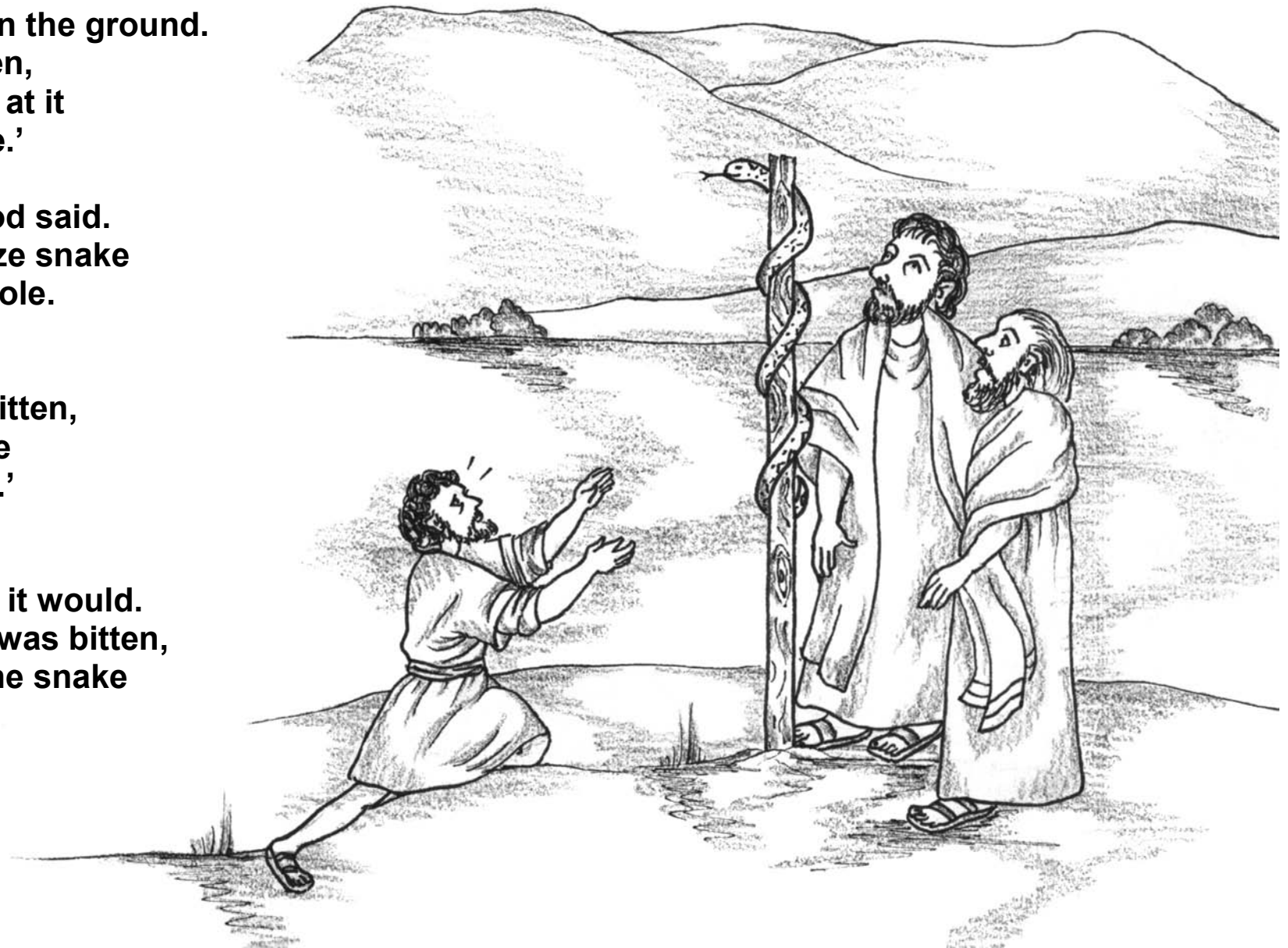


**God said to Moses,
'Make a snake out of bronze.
Put it on a pole
and stand it up in the ground.
If anyone is bitten,
tell them to look at it
and they will live.'**

**Moses did as God said.
He made a bronze snake
and put it on a pole.**

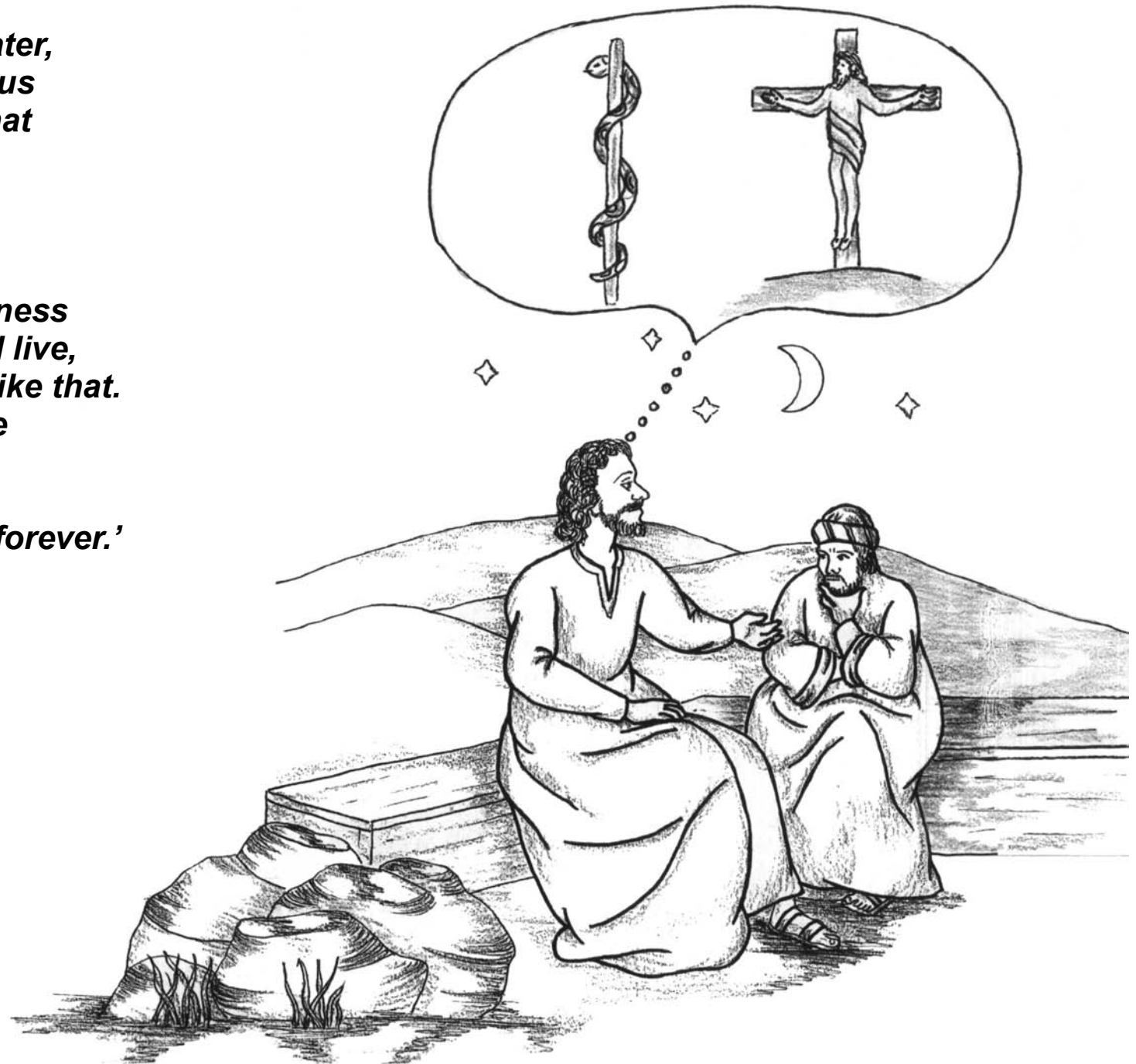
**'Look!' he said.
'When you are bitten,
look at the snake
and you will live.'**

**It happened
just as God said it would.
When someone was bitten,
they looked at the snake
and they lived.**



***One night, a long time later,
Nicodemus came to Jesus
because he could see that
God was with Him.***

***Jesus said,
'Just like Moses stood
a snake up in the wilderness
for people to look at and live,
I must also be lifted up like that.
Anyone who looks to Me
and believes in Me
will be forgiven
and live in My kingdom forever.'***



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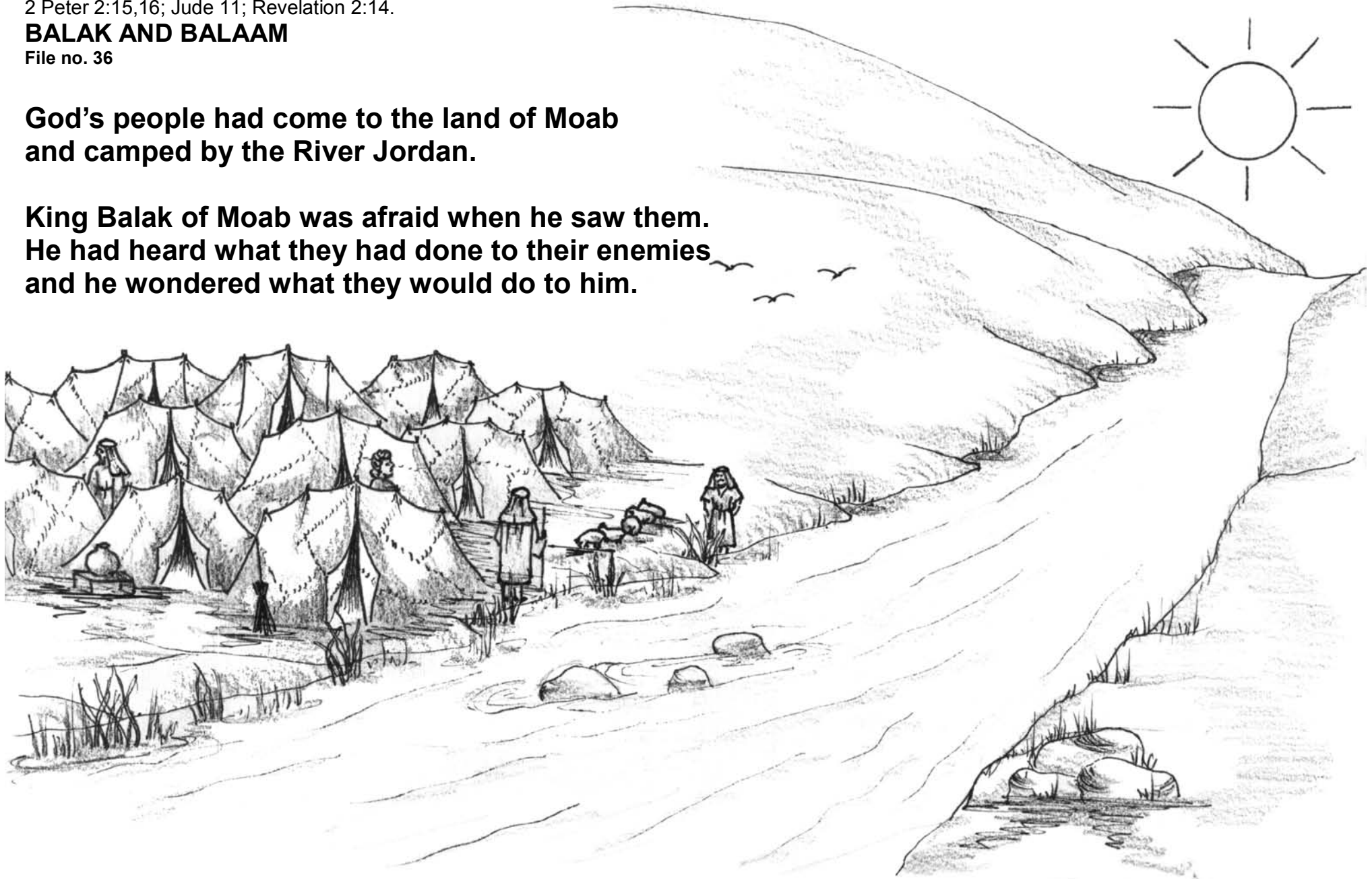
2 Peter 2:15,16; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14.

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**God's people had come to the land of Moab
and camped by the River Jordan.**

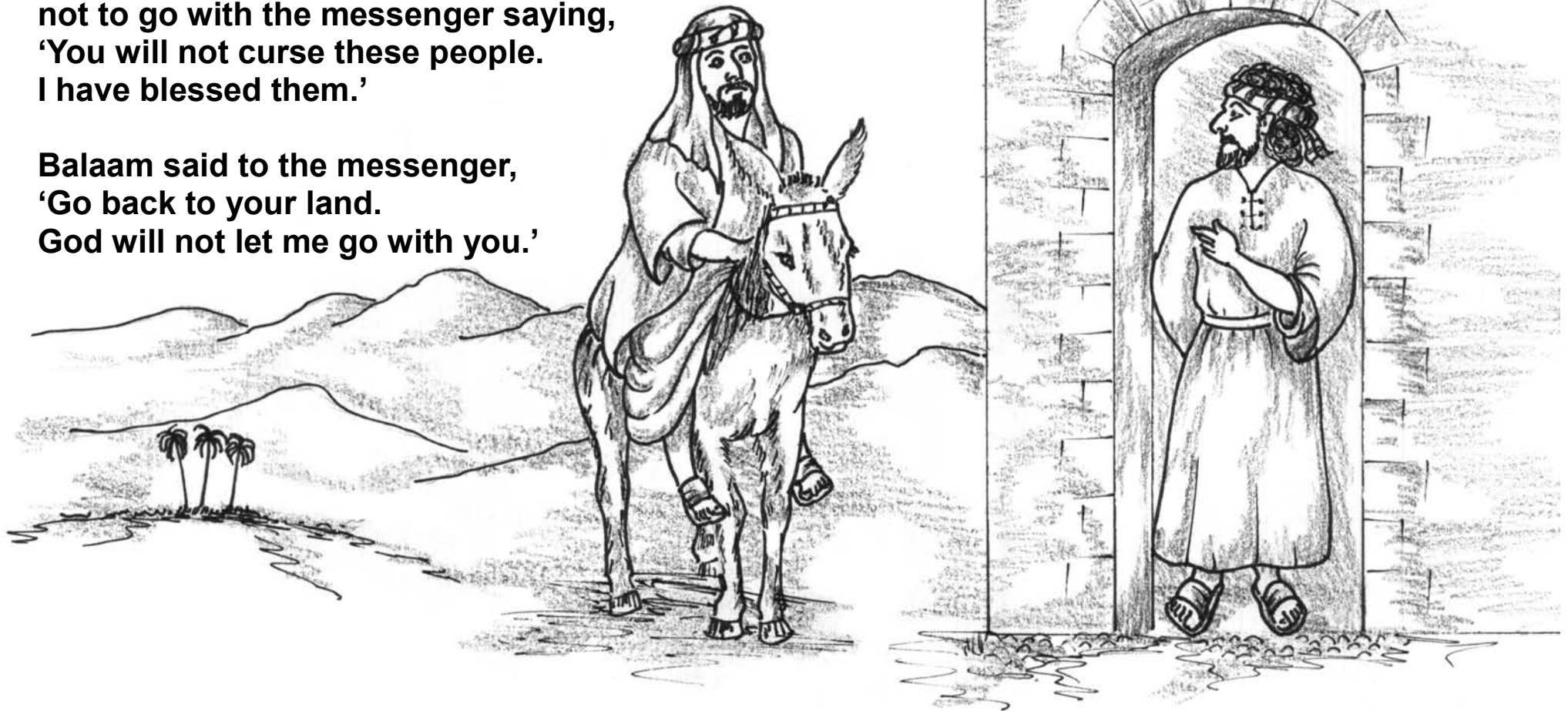
**King Balak of Moab was afraid when he saw them.
He had heard what they had done to their enemies
and he wondered what they would do to him.**



**So Balak sent a messenger
to the prophet Balaam saying,
'A people from Egypt are in my land
and will ruin us.
Come and curse them,
so I can get rid of them.'**

**That night God told Balaam
not to go with the messenger saying,
'You will not curse these people.
I have blessed them.'**

**Balaam said to the messenger,
'Go back to your land.
God will not let me go with you.'**



**Balak asked Balaam a second time saying,
'Come and curse the people on my land.
I will give you lots of money
for doing it.'**

**Balaam wanted the money.
He saddled his donkey
and went with the messenger.**



**On the way
the angel of the Lord stood in the
middle of the road to stop Balaam.
The donkey saw the angel
with a sword in his hand.
It went off the road into a ditch.
Balaam was angry and hit his donkey.
He had not seen the angel.**



Further along the way
the angel of the Lord stood in the
middle of a narrow path.
The donkey saw the angel
with a sword in his hand.
He tried to get past
and crushed Balaam's foot on the wall.
Balaam was angry
and hit his donkey.
He still hadn't seen the angel.



The angel of the Lord
went further along the way
and stood in the middle
of a very narrow path.
The donkey saw the angel
with a sword in his hand.
It couldn't go left or right,
so it lay down on the road.
Balaam was so angry
he hit his donkey
again and again.

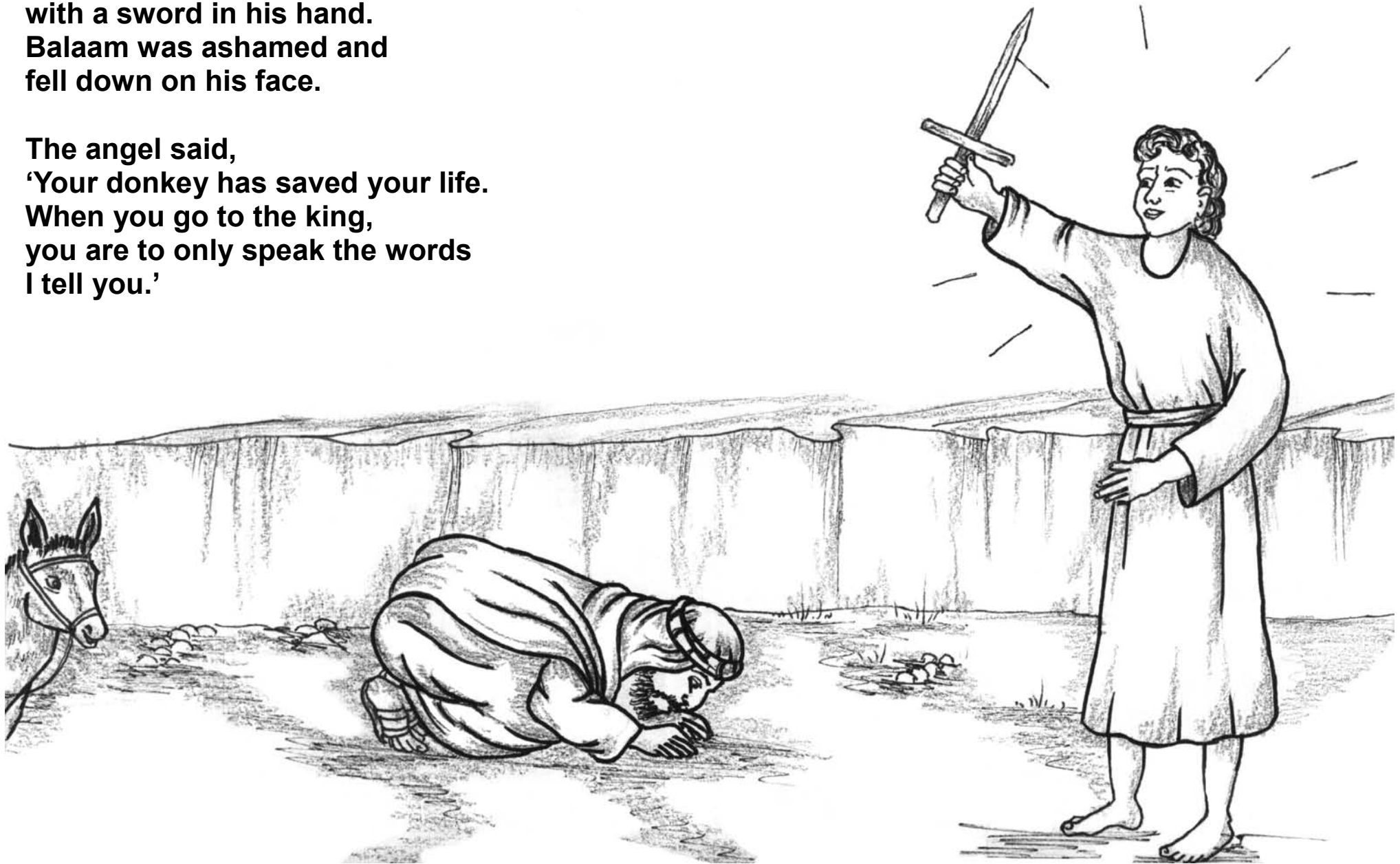
God then made
the donkey talk.

He said,
'Why have you hit me?
I have been a good
donkey to you.'



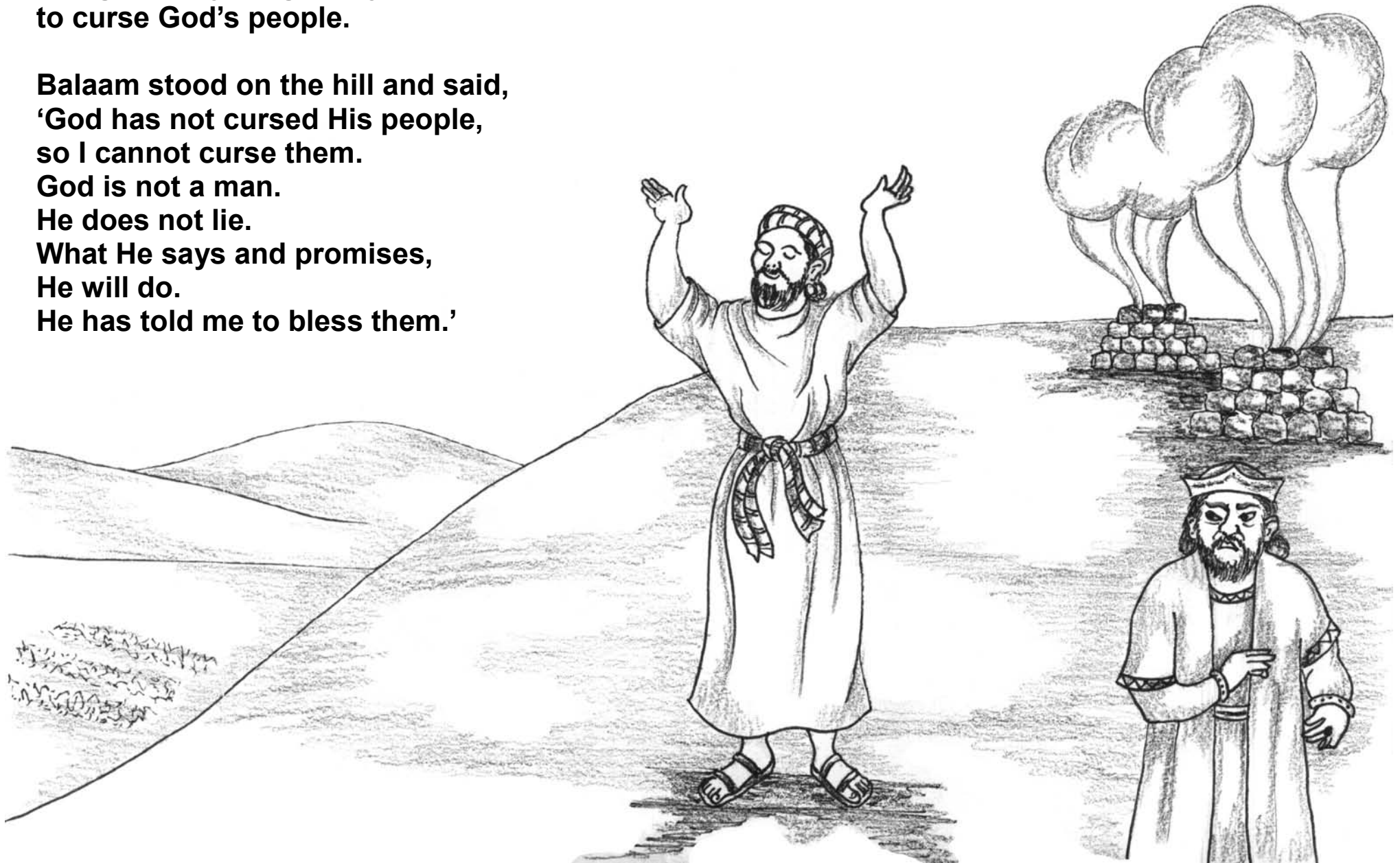
**God opened Balaam's eyes
and he saw the angel of the Lord
with a sword in his hand.
Balaam was ashamed and
fell down on his face.**

**The angel said,
'Your donkey has saved your life.
When you go to the king,
you are to only speak the words
I tell you.'**



**King Balak of Moab built altars
and got everything ready for Balaam
to curse God's people.**

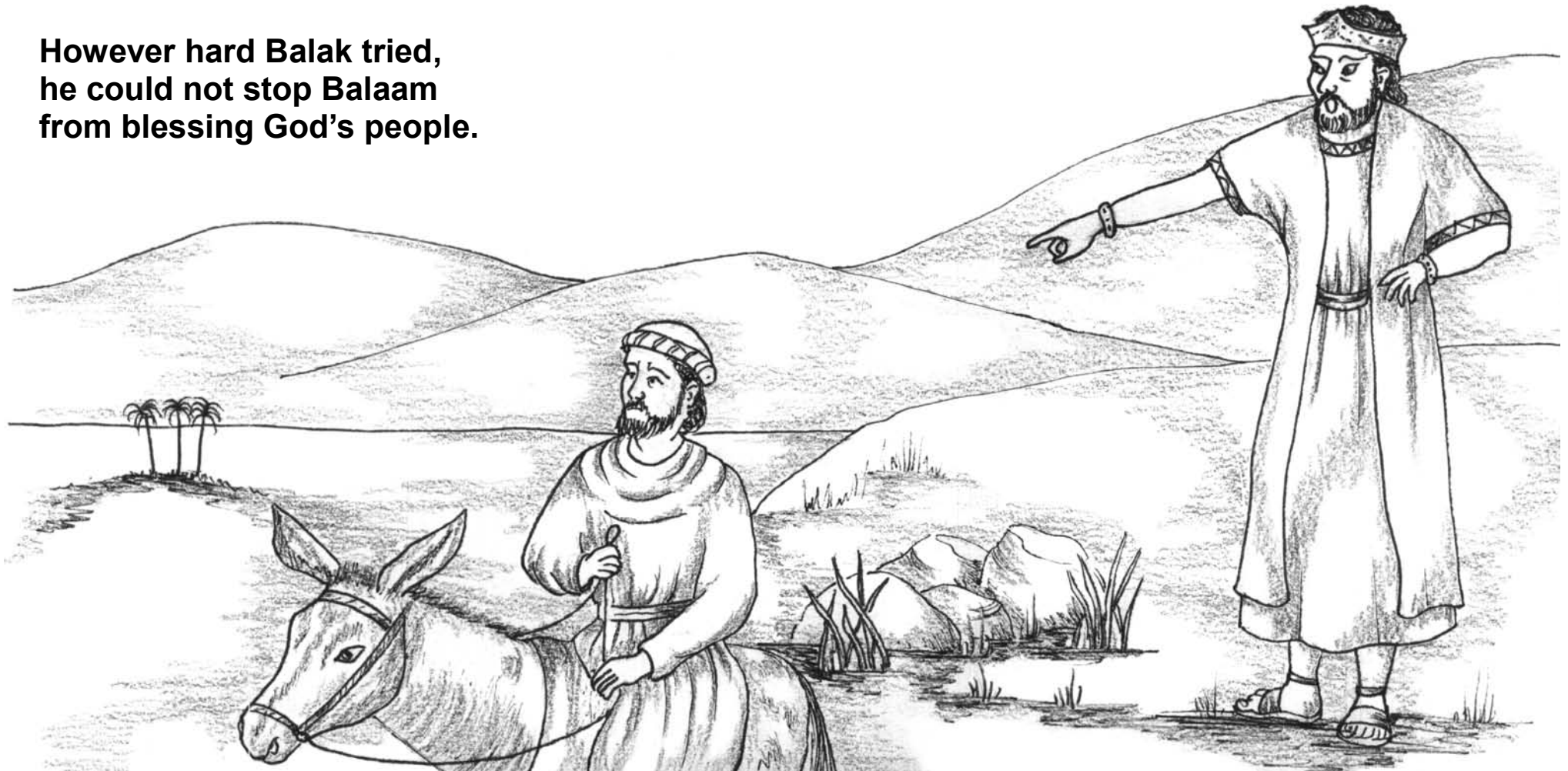
**Balaam stood on the hill and said,
'God has not cursed His people,
so I cannot curse them.
God is not a man.
He does not lie.
What He says and promises,
He will do.
He has told me to bless them.'**



**Balak was so angry he said,
'I asked you to curse these people
and you have blessed them.
Go home.'**

**God was blessing His people,
and taking them to their land.**

**However hard Balak tried,
he could not stop Balaam
from blessing God's people.**



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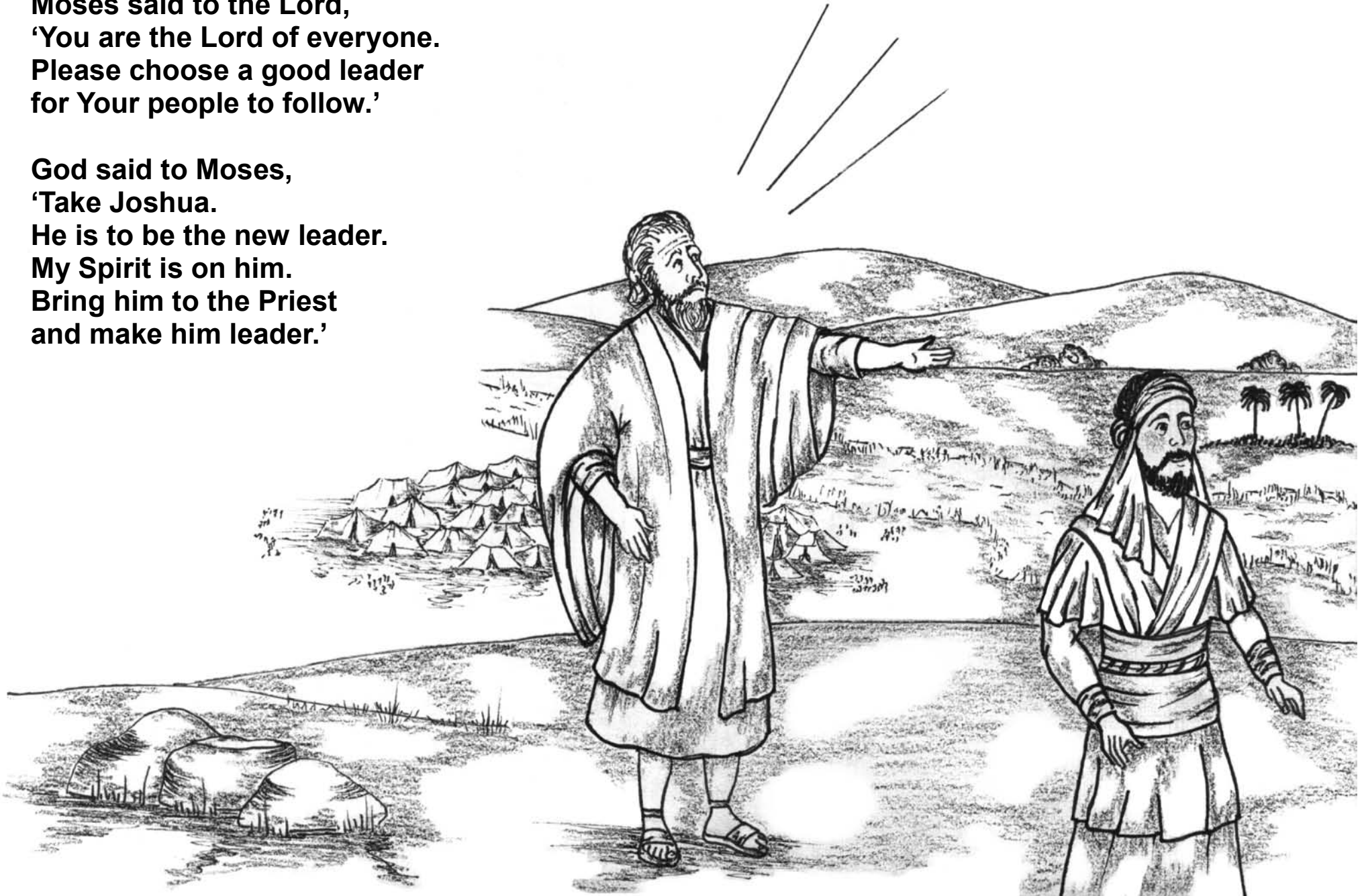
**After leaving Egypt,
God's people wandered in the
wilderness for forty years.
Now they were camped by
the River Jordan
and could see the land
God had promised them
across the river.**

**God said to Moses,
'You will not go into the land,
because you and Aaron
did not honour Me at Meribah.
Go up the mountain
and I will show you the land
I am giving to My people.
When you have seen it,
you will die.'**



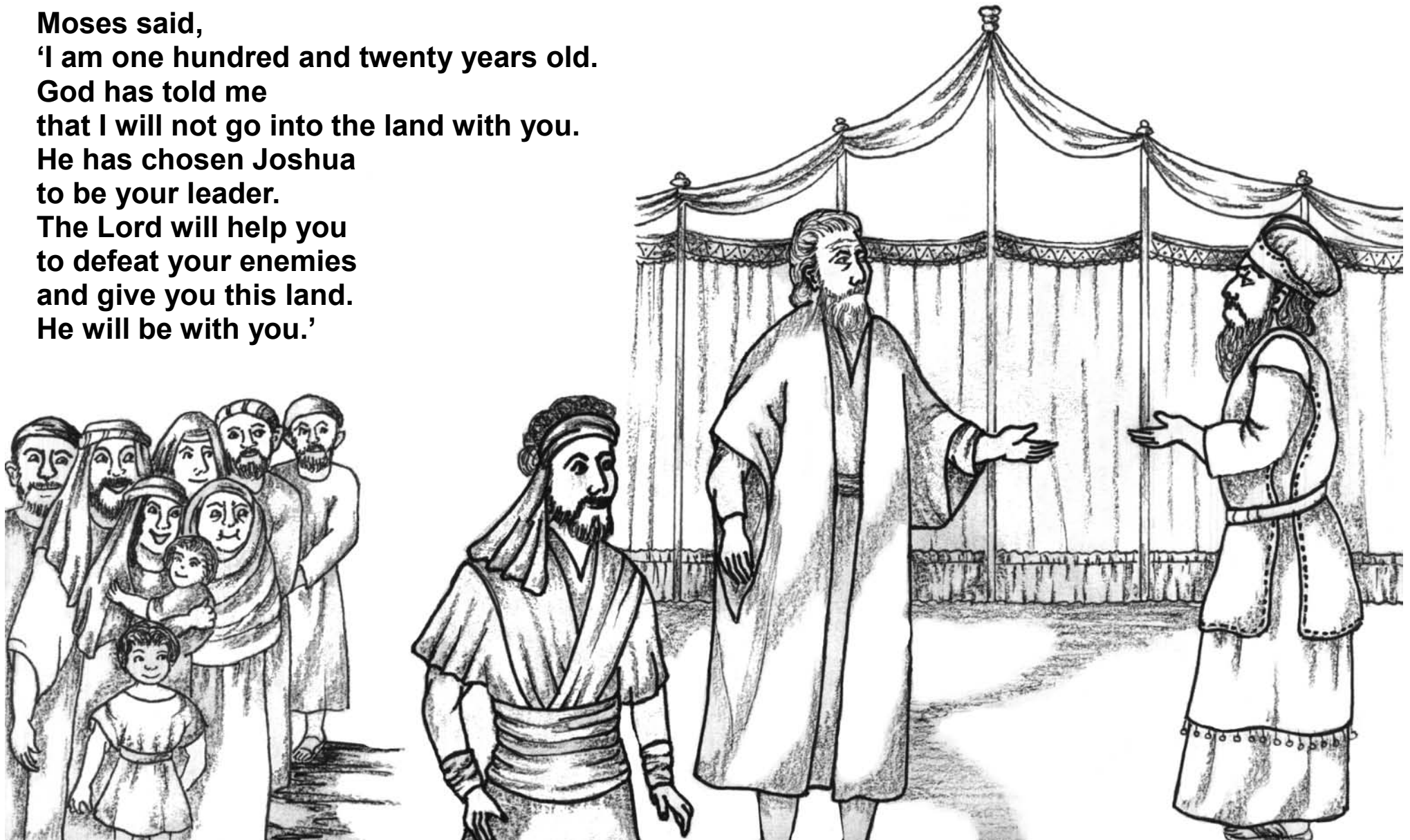
**Moses said to the Lord,
'You are the Lord of everyone.
Please choose a good leader
for Your people to follow.'**

**God said to Moses,
'Take Joshua.
He is to be the new leader.
My Spirit is on him.
Bring him to the Priest
and make him leader.'**

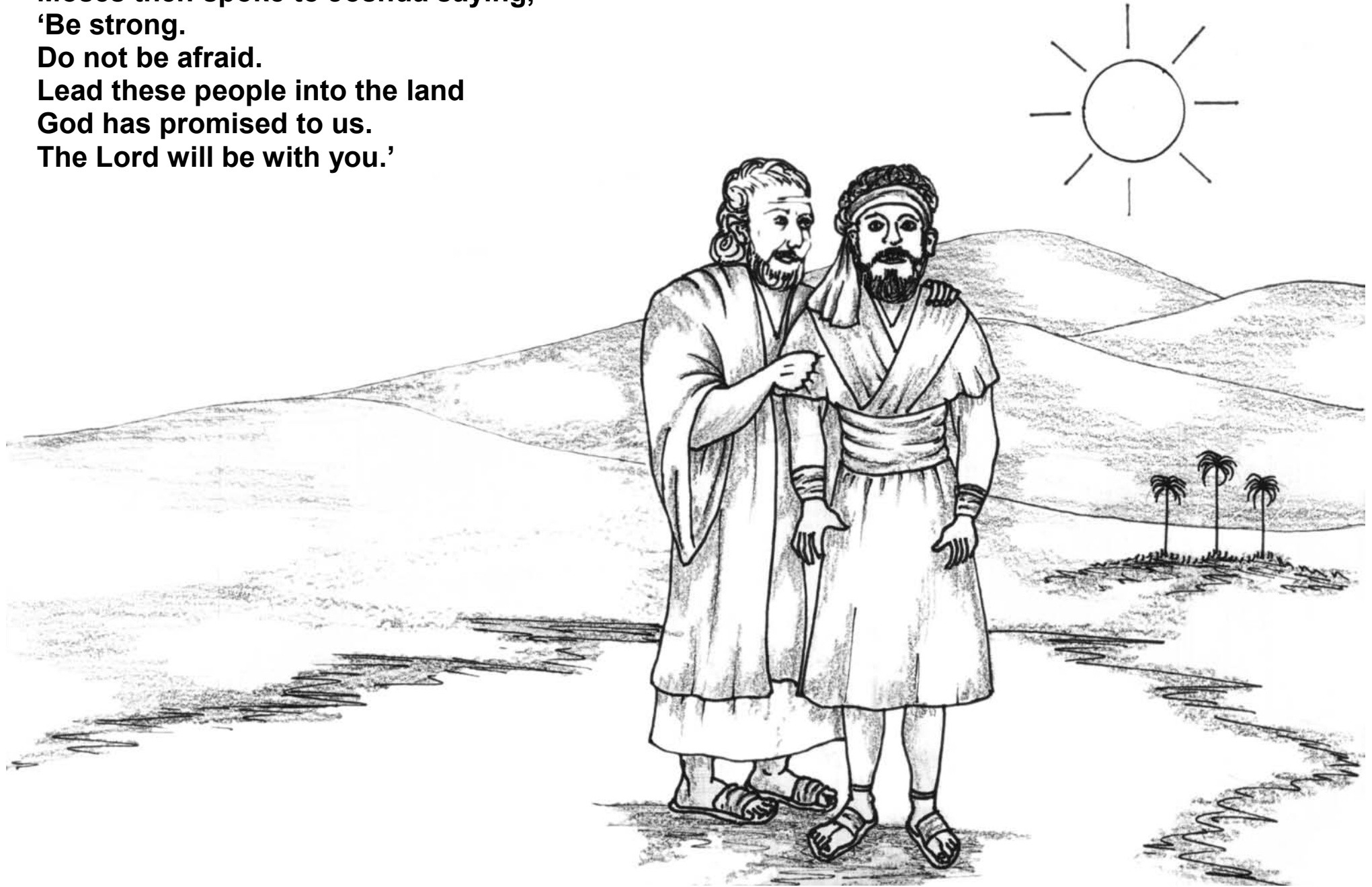


Moses, the people and Joshua came before Eleazar the Priest.

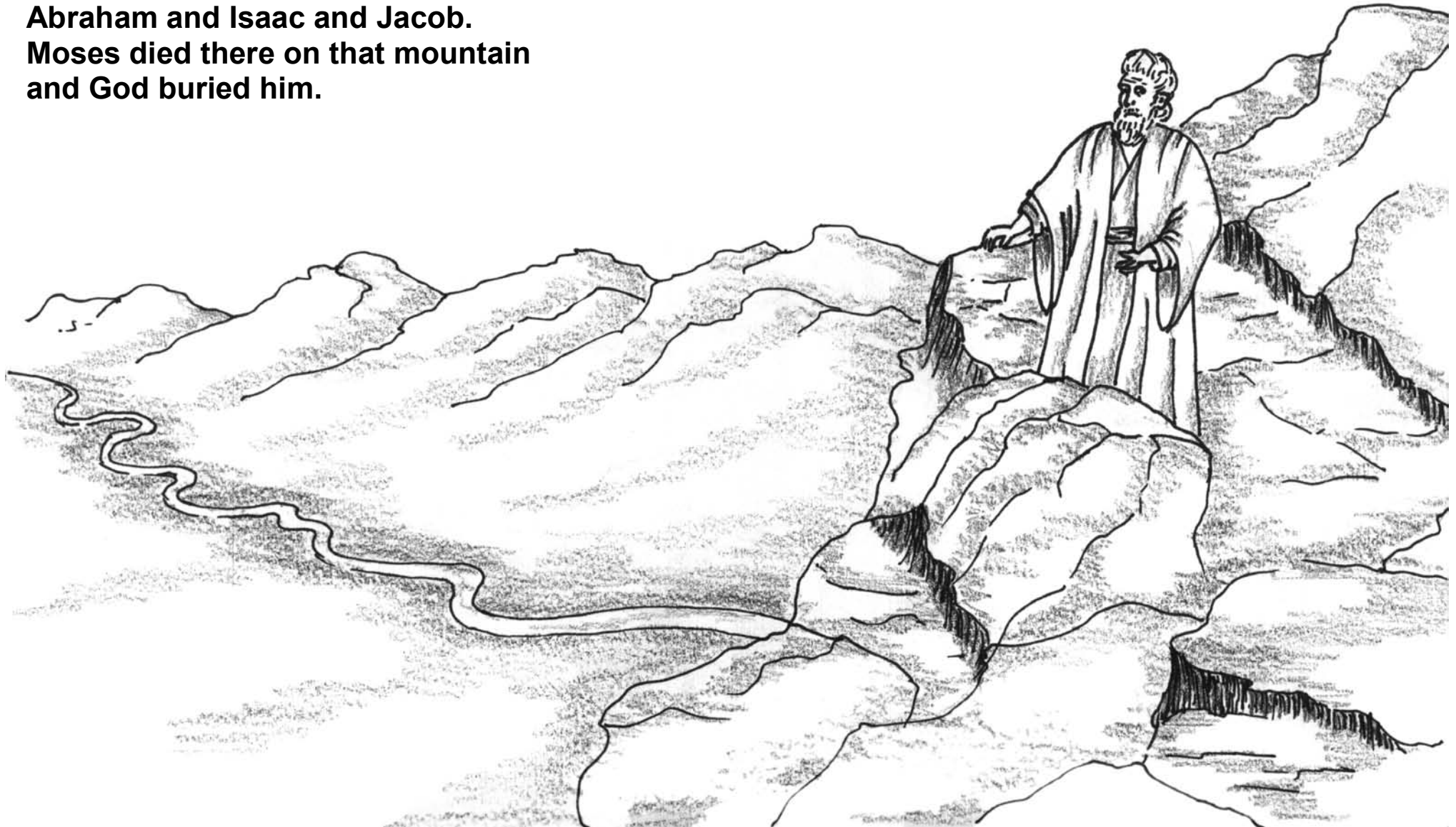
**Moses said,
'I am one hundred and twenty years old.
God has told me
that I will not go into the land with you.
He has chosen Joshua
to be your leader.
The Lord will help you
to defeat your enemies
and give you this land.
He will be with you.'**



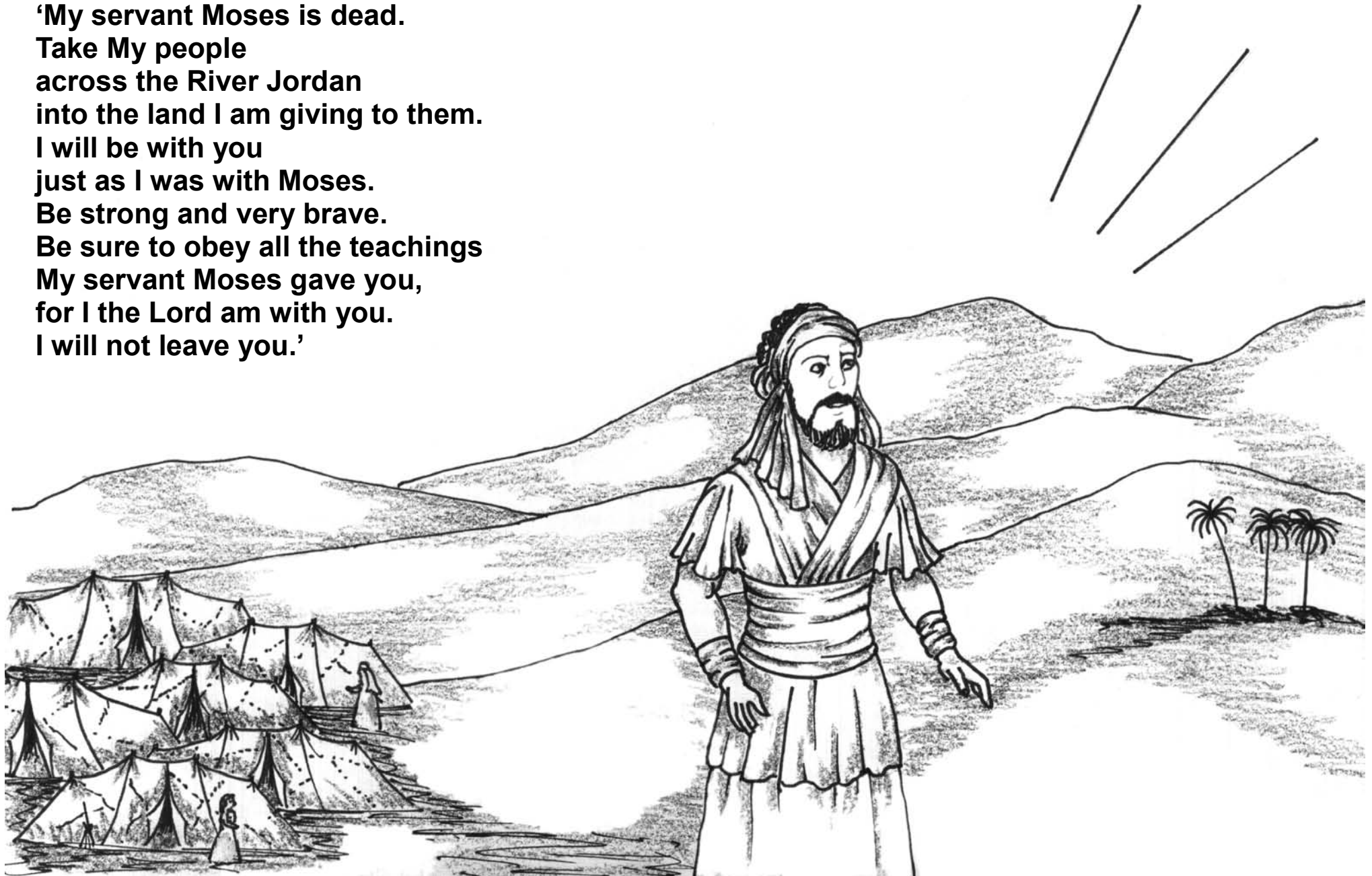
**Moses then spoke to Joshua saying,
'Be strong.
Do not be afraid.
Lead these people into the land
God has promised to us.
The Lord will be with you.'**



**Then Moses climbed to the top
of the mountain and
God showed him the land
He had promised to
Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.
Moses died there on that mountain
and God buried him.**



**After this God said to Joshua,
'My servant Moses is dead.
Take My people
across the River Jordan
into the land I am giving to them.
I will be with you
just as I was with Moses.
Be strong and very brave.
Be sure to obey all the teachings
My servant Moses gave you,
for I the Lord am with you.
I will not leave you.'**



**Joshua spoke to the people saying,
'Get ready, pack up some food and
all your belongings.
In three days we will be
crossing the river into the land
God is giving to you.'**

**The people answered,
'We will follow you and obey you
as we obeyed Moses.
May God be with you.'**

