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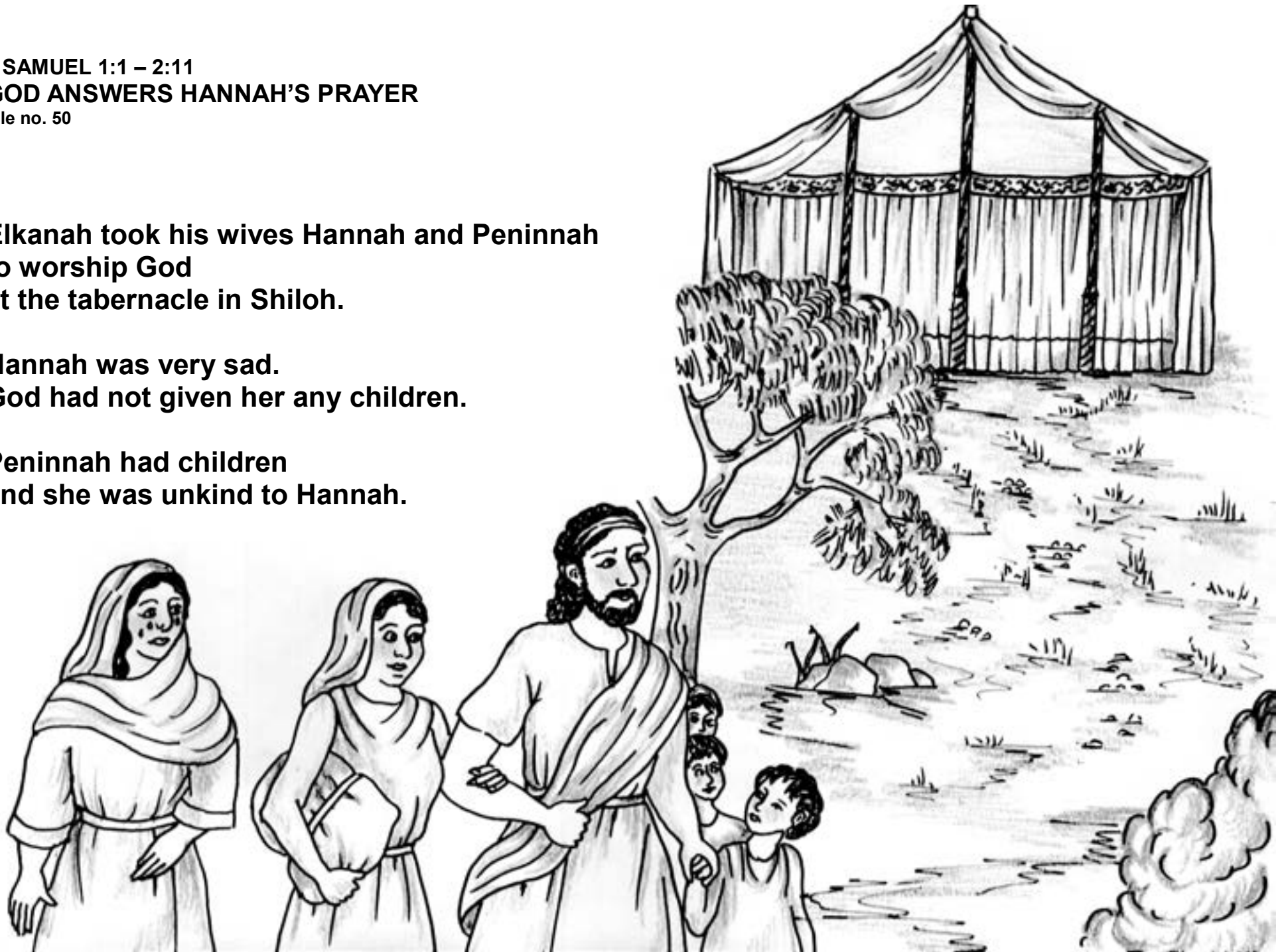
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**GOD ANSWERS HANNAH'S PRAYER**  
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**Elkanah took his wives Hannah and Peninnah  
to worship God  
at the tabernacle in Shiloh.**

**Hannah was very sad.  
God had not given her any children.**

**Peninnah had children  
and she was unkind to Hannah.**



**That night Hannah could not eat her dinner.  
She was sad.**

**Elkanah asked her,  
'Why are you crying?  
Why are you not eating?  
Don't you know that I love you?'**



**Hannah got up from the table  
and went to the tabernacle.**

**She stood there and prayed,  
'O Lord God,  
please look at me in my trouble.  
If you will give me a son,  
I will give him back to you.  
As long as he lives,  
he will be Yours.'**

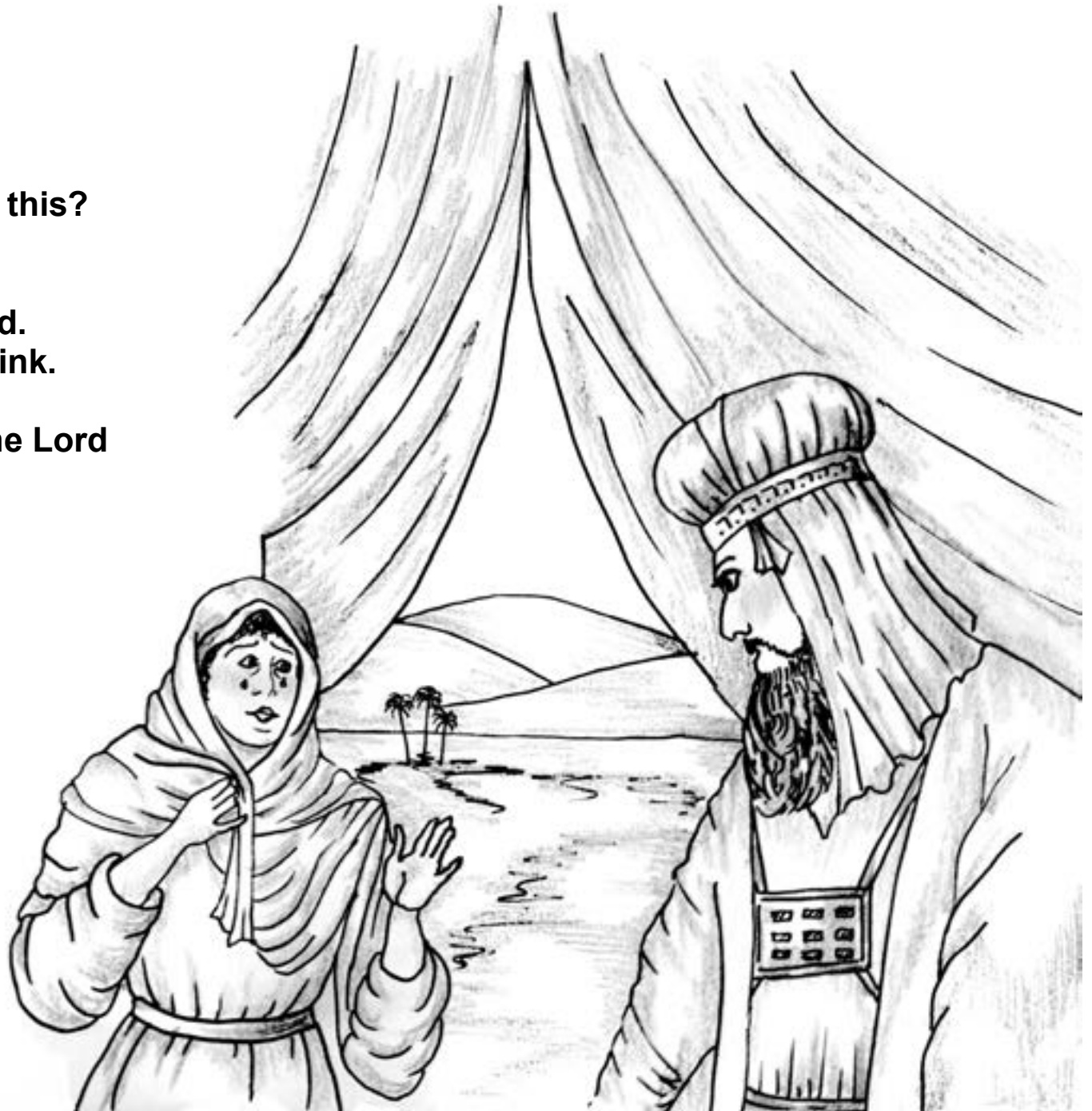
**Eli the priest  
was watching Hannah.  
He could see  
her mouth moving,  
but he could not  
hear anything.  
He thought  
she must be drunk.**



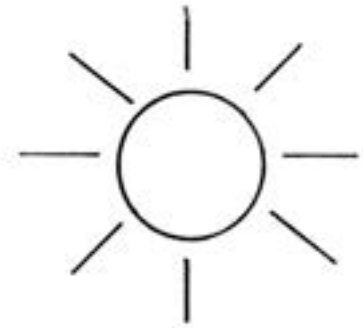
**Eli asked Hannah,  
'How long will you go on like this?  
Put away your strong drink!'**

**'Oh no, sir,' Hannah answered.  
'I have not had any strong drink.  
I am very sad,  
and I have been praying to the Lord  
with all my heart.'**

**'Go in peace,' said Eli kindly.  
'May the Lord give you all  
that you have asked of Him.'**



**Hannah went back  
to eat her food with the others.  
She was not sad any more.**





**The Lord remembered Hannah.  
He gave her a son.  
She named him Samuel,  
because she had asked  
the Lord for him.**

**The next year when Elkanah  
went to the tabernacle  
Hannah stayed home.**

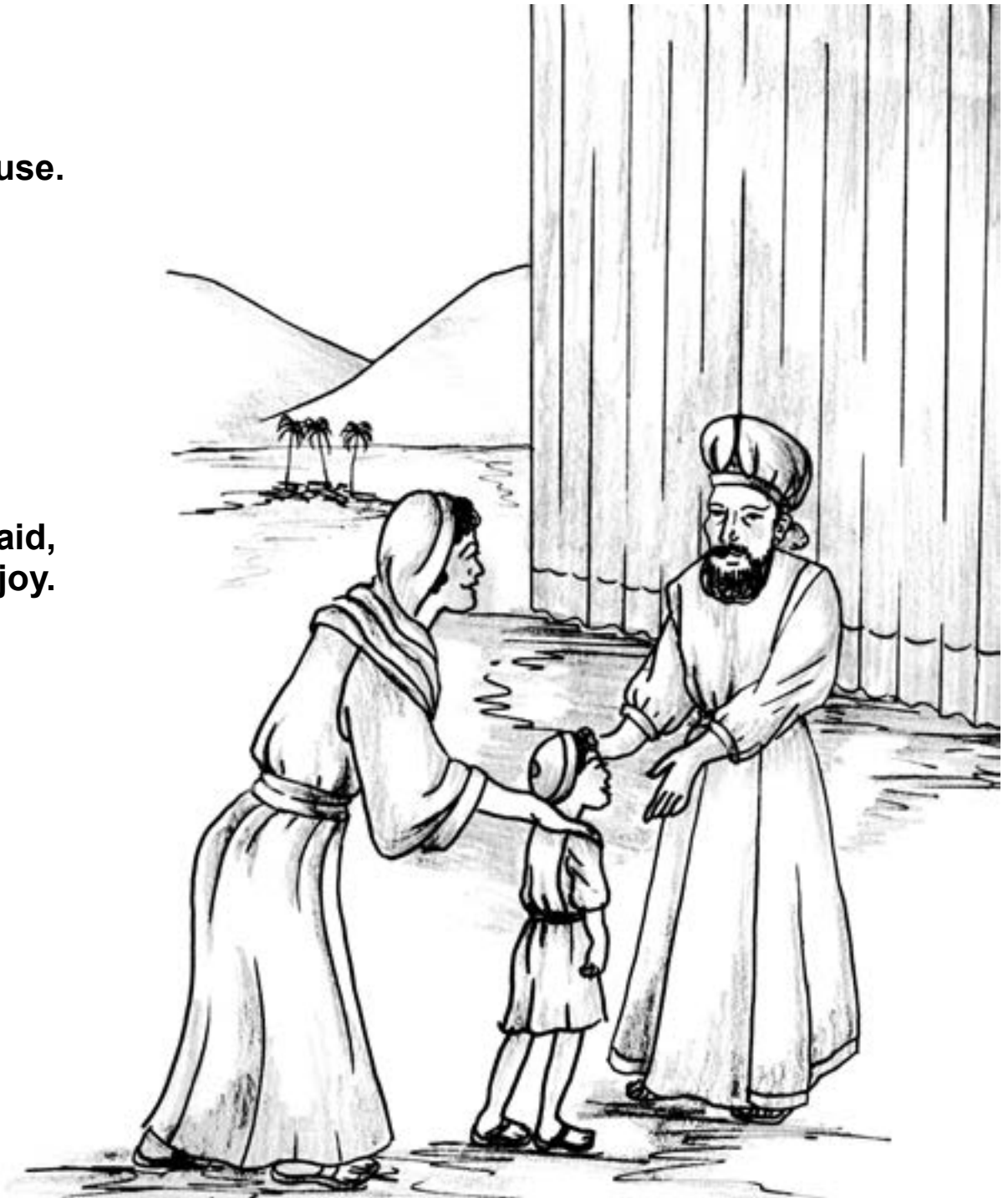
**She said,  
'When Samuel is old enough,  
I will take him to the tabernacle  
and give him to the Lord.  
He will live for God  
in God's house.'**



**A few years later Samuel  
was old enough to go to God's house.**

**Hannah said to Eli the priest,  
'I asked the Lord for this child  
and He answered my prayer.  
I am giving my son back to God.  
As long as he lives,  
he will belong to the Lord.'**

**Hannah gave thanks to God and said,  
'The Lord has filled my heart with joy.  
There is no God but you.  
The Lord is God  
and knows everything.  
He will judge the earth.'**





**Samuel grew up  
loving and serving the Lord.  
He lived in God's house  
with Eli the priest.**





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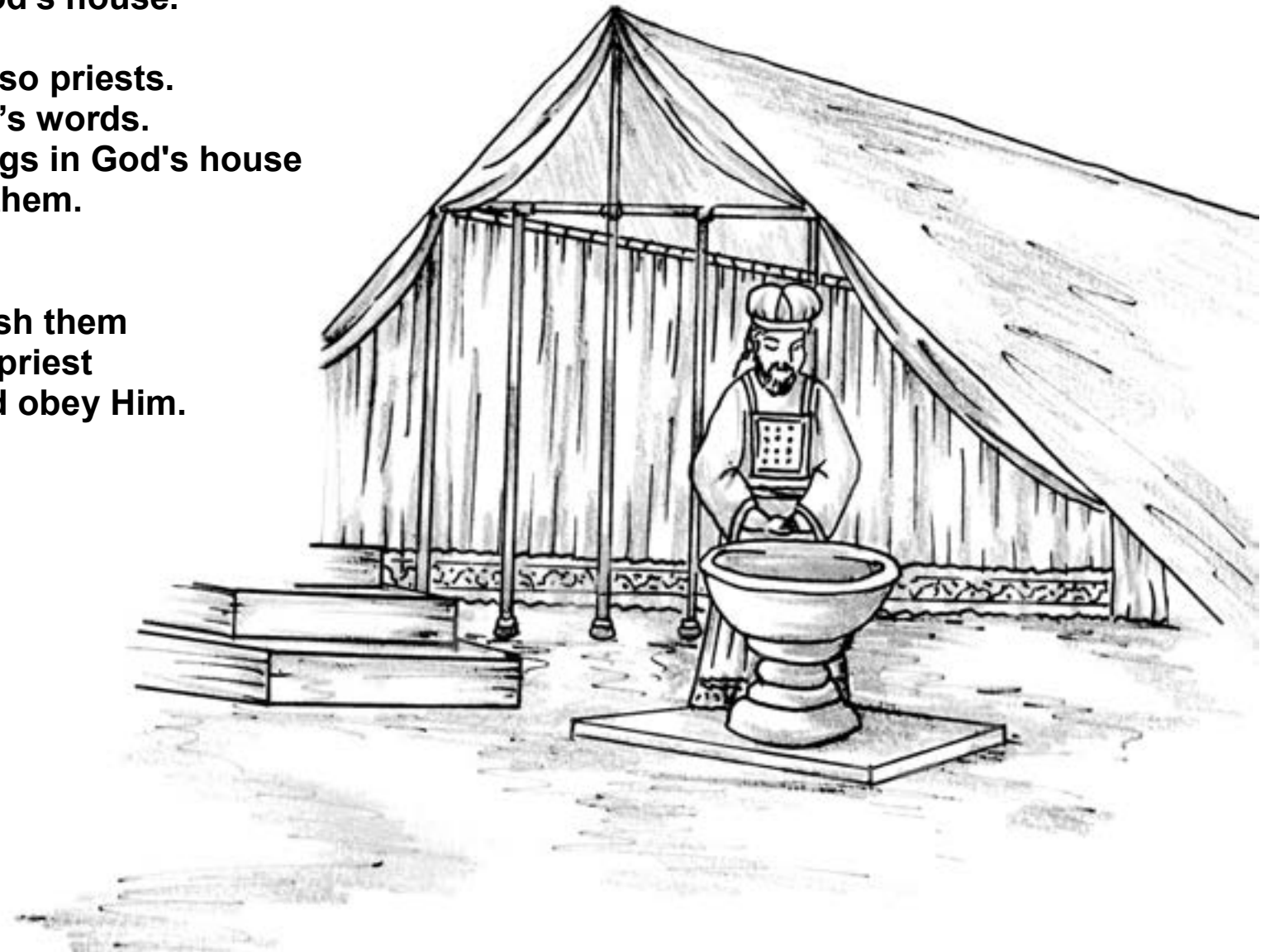
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**Eli was a priest in God's house.**

**His two sons were also priests.  
They disobeyed God's words.  
They did wicked things in God's house  
and Eli did not stop them.**

**A prophet told Eli  
that God would punish them  
and choose another priest  
who would listen and obey Him.**



**Samuel was now living with Eli,  
in God's house,  
and learning to be a priest.**

**Every year  
his mother came to God's house  
to bring her offering to the Lord.**

**She always had a new coat  
to give to Samuel.**

**The Lord was pleased with Samuel  
and the people loved him.**



**One night when Eli and Samuel  
had gone to bed,  
Samuel heard someone call him.**

**He ran into Eli saying,  
'Here I am. You called me.'**

**Eli said, 'No, I didn't call you.'**

**Samuel went back to bed  
and he heard the voice again.**

**He ran into Eli saying,  
'Here I am. You called me.'**

**'I didn't call you.  
Go back to bed,' said Eli.**

**Samuel didn't know the Lord  
and the Lord hadn't yet  
spoken to him.**



**Samuel had just got back into bed  
when he heard his name again,  
'Samuel! Samuel!'**

**Samuel ran to Eli and said,  
'Here I am. You called me.'**

**Eli realised that  
God was speaking to Samuel.**

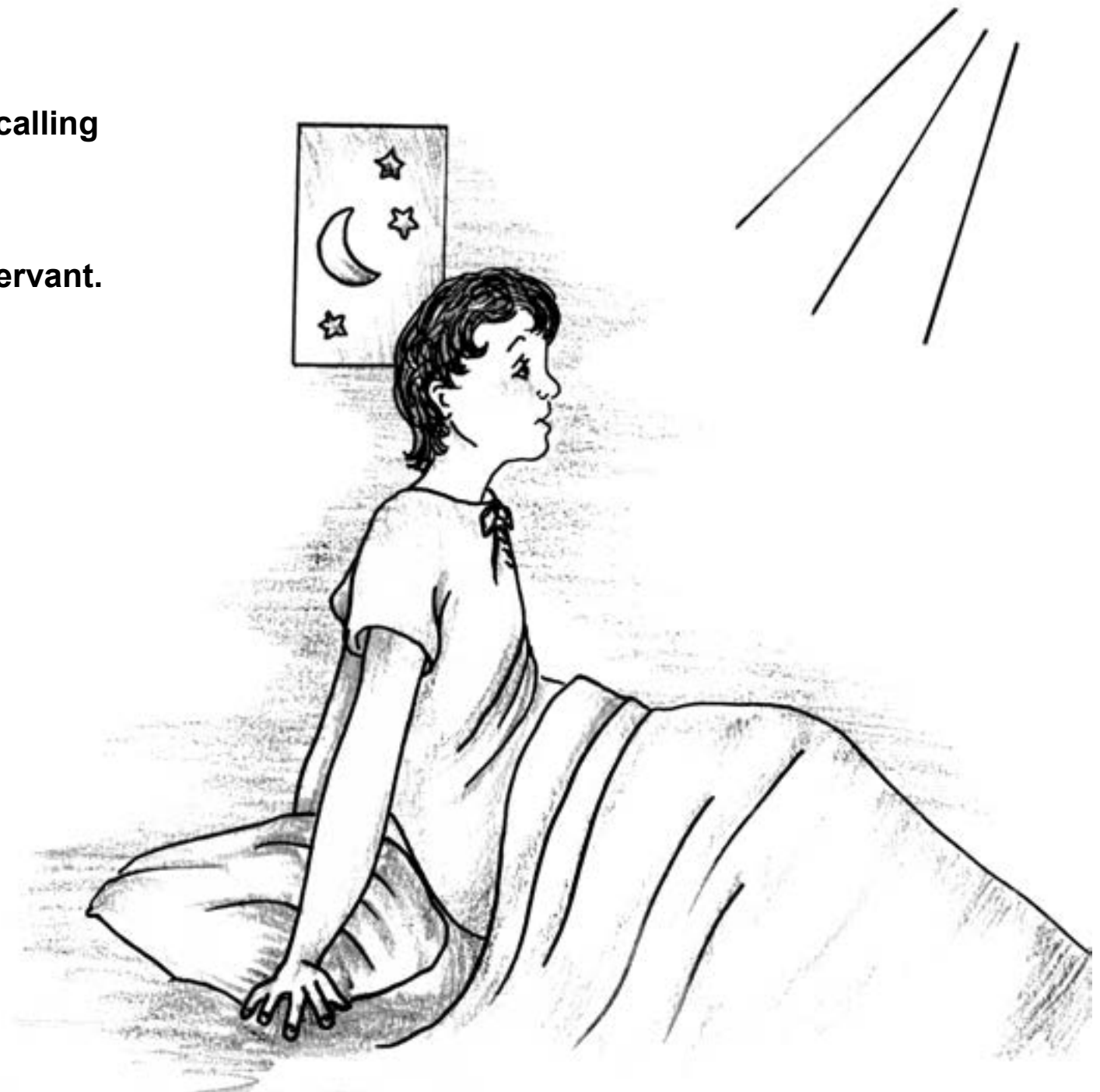
**He said,  
'Go back to bed  
and when you hear someone  
call you again, say,  
"Speak Lord, I am your servant.  
I'm listening."'**



**Samuel waited in bed.  
Then he heard someone calling  
his name again.**

**Samuel answered,  
'Speak, Lord, I am your servant.  
I'm listening.'**

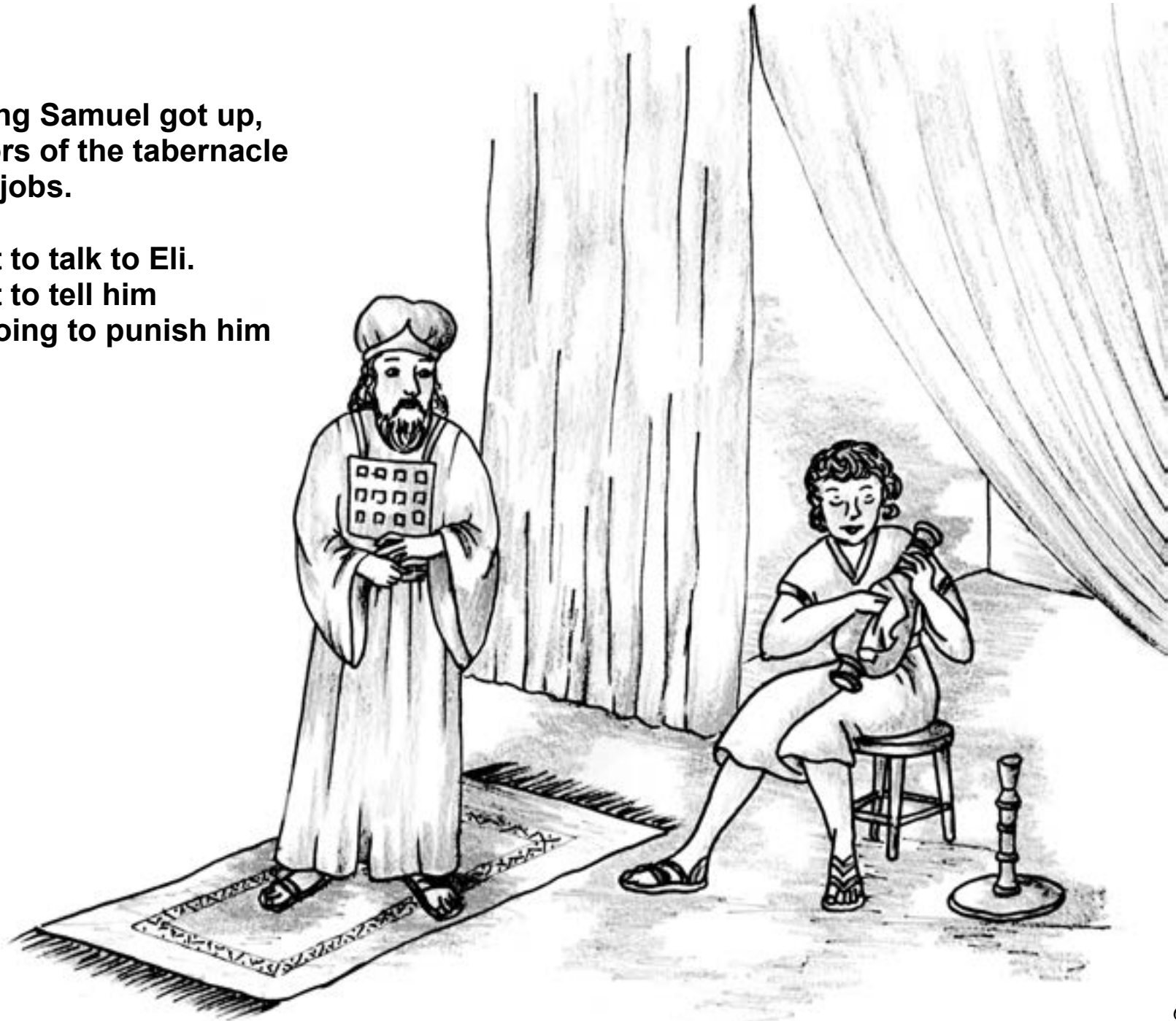
**The Lord told Samuel  
about Eli's wicked sons  
and that Eli  
had not stopped them.  
The Lord was going to  
punish them.**





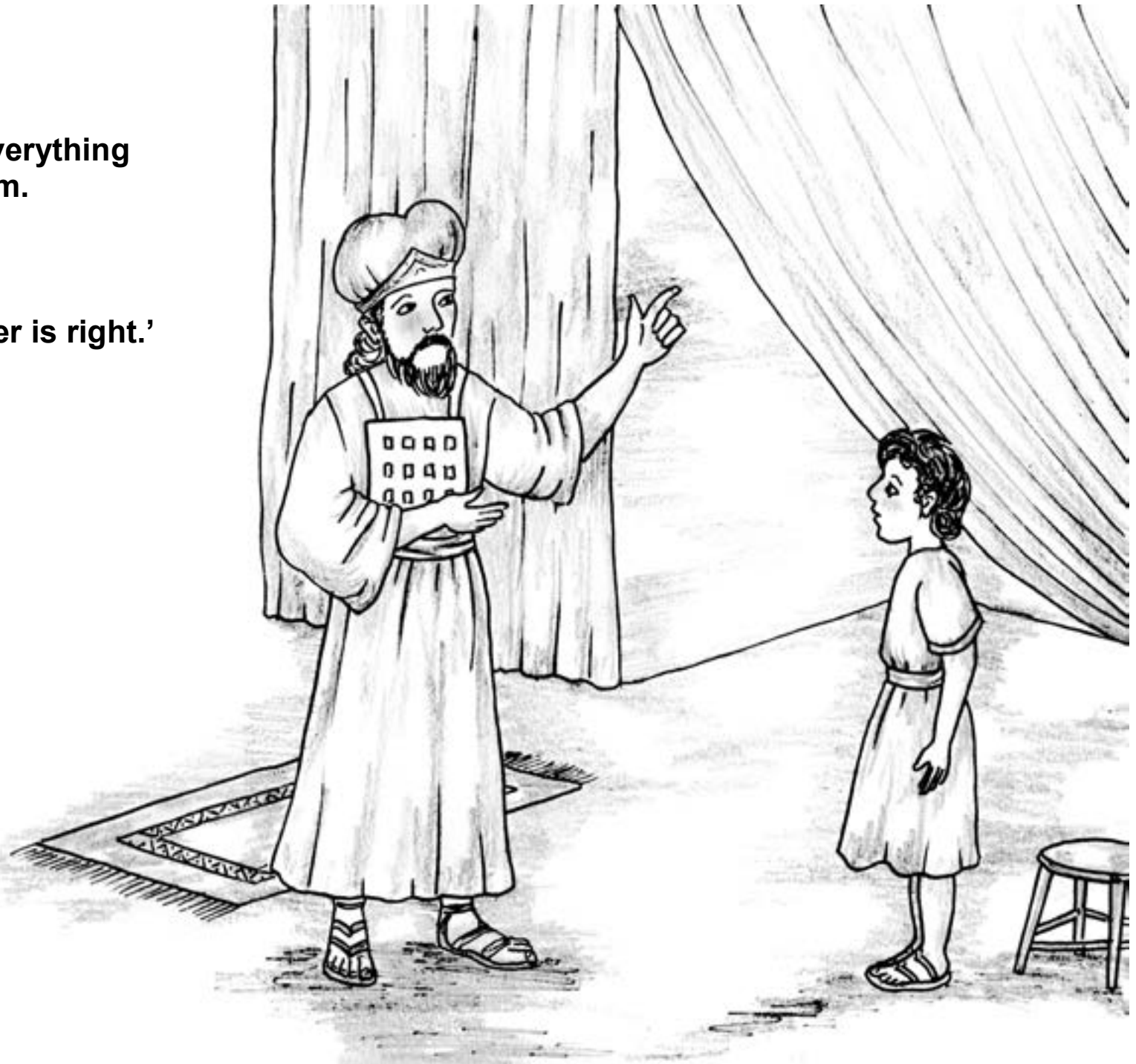
**The next morning Samuel got up,  
opened the doors of the tabernacle  
and started his jobs.**

**He did not want to talk to Eli.  
He did not want to tell him  
that God was going to punish him  
and his sons.**



**But Eli asked him.  
Samuel told him everything  
God had said to him.**

**Eli replied,  
'He is the Lord.  
Let him do whatever is right.'**



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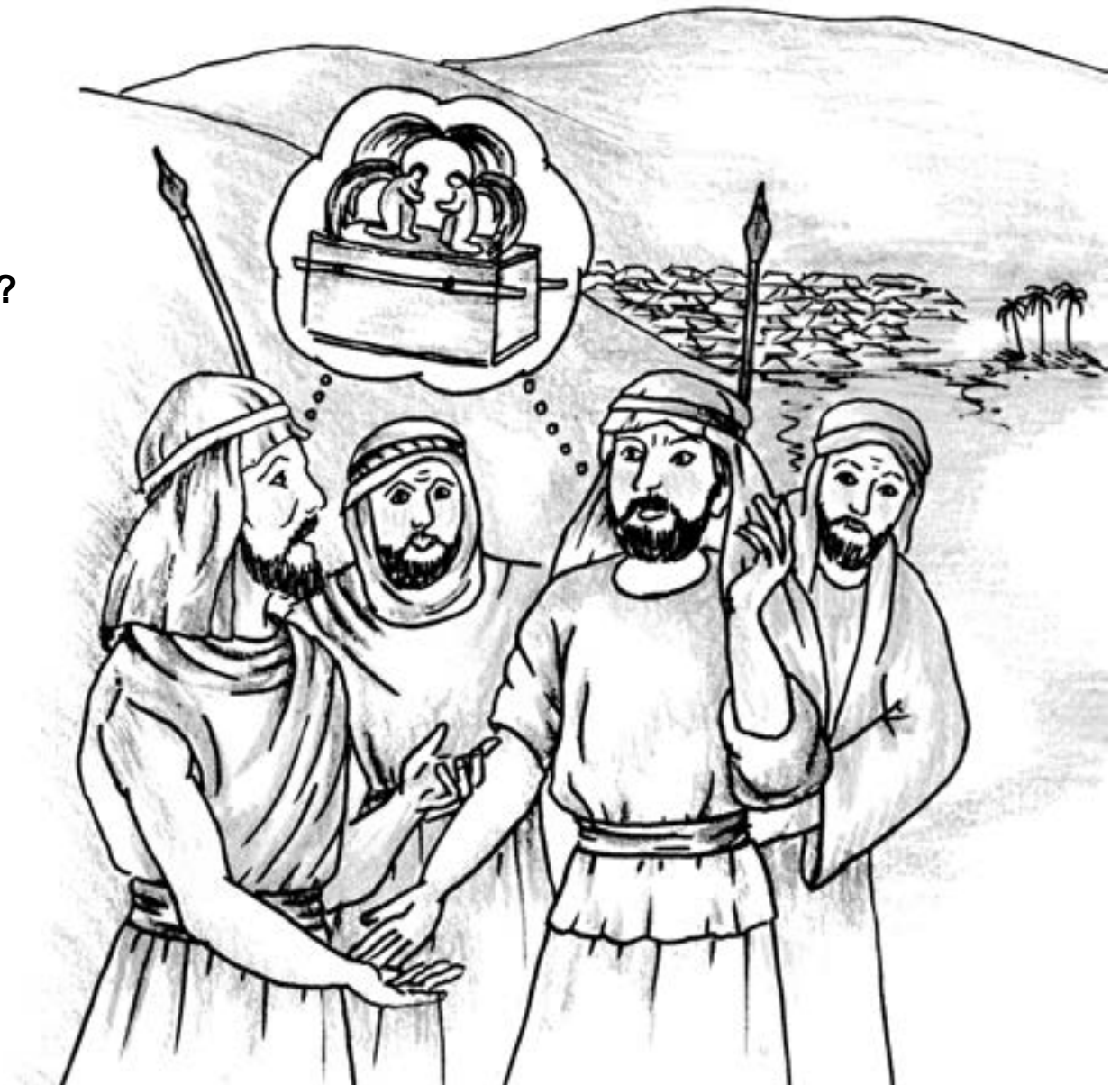
**THE CAPTURE AND RETURN OF THE ARK**

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**God's people fought against  
the Philistines and lost.**

**Their leaders asked,  
'Why did God let us lose this battle?  
Next time, we will take  
God's Covenant box with us.  
Then God will help us.'**

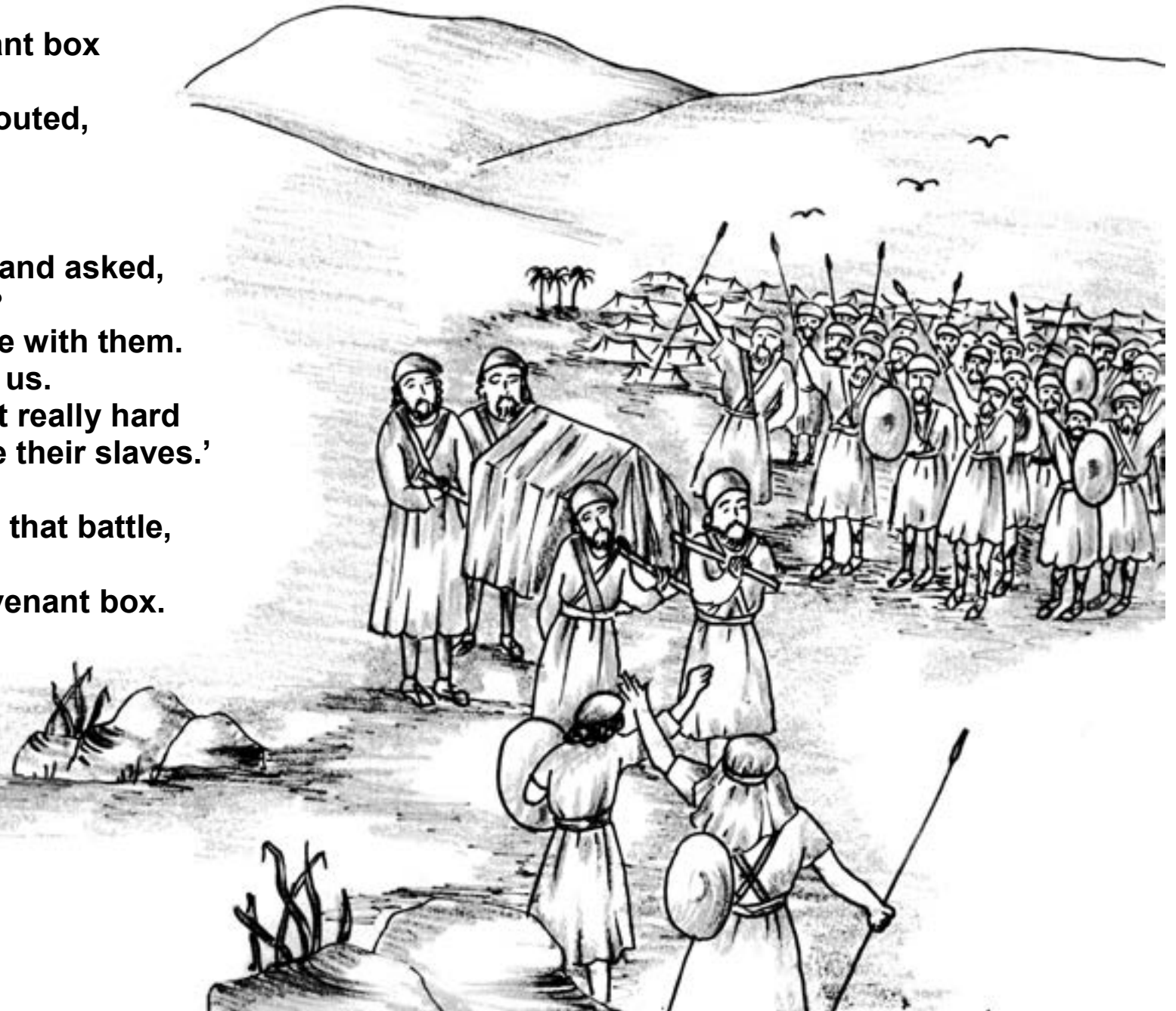
**Instead of trusting God  
they were trusting  
His Covenant box.**



**Eli's two sons  
brought the Covenant box  
into their camp  
and the soldiers shouted,  
'Hoorah, Hoorah.'**

**The Philistines  
heard the shouting and asked,  
'What is that noise?  
Israel's God must be with them.  
He is too strong for us.  
We will have to fight really hard  
so we don't become their slaves.'**

**The Philistines won that battle,  
and they also  
captured God's Covenant box.**



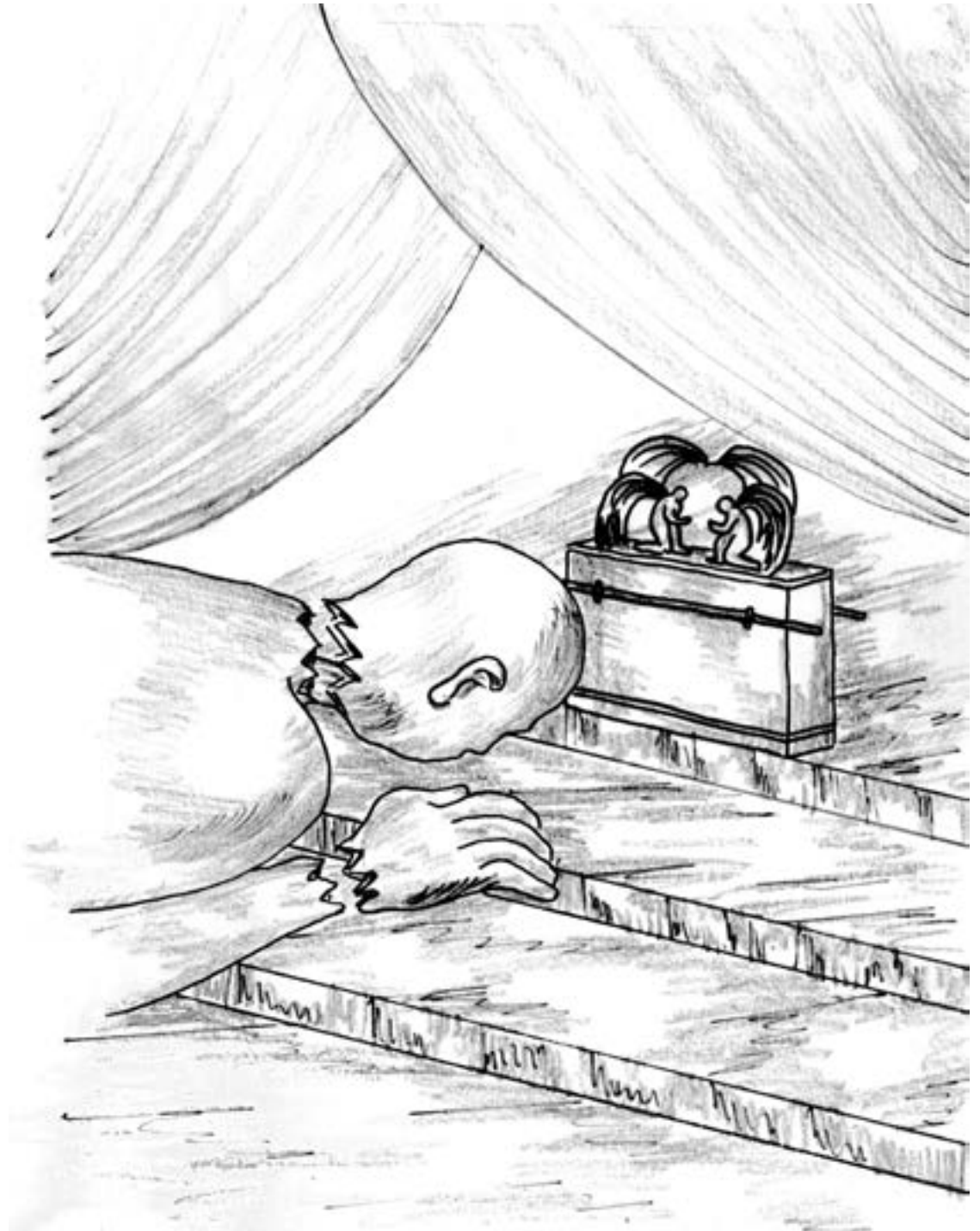
**They took the Covenant box  
to their temple  
and put it next to their god, Dagon.**

**During the night  
Dagon fell on his face,  
right in front of God's Covenant box.**

**In the morning  
someone saw that  
Dagon had fallen.  
They stood him up.**

**During the next night  
Dagon fell again.  
This time his head and hands  
had broken off.**

**God was showing the Philistines  
that He was not pleased  
with what they had done.**





**Then there was more trouble.  
The Philistines became sick.**

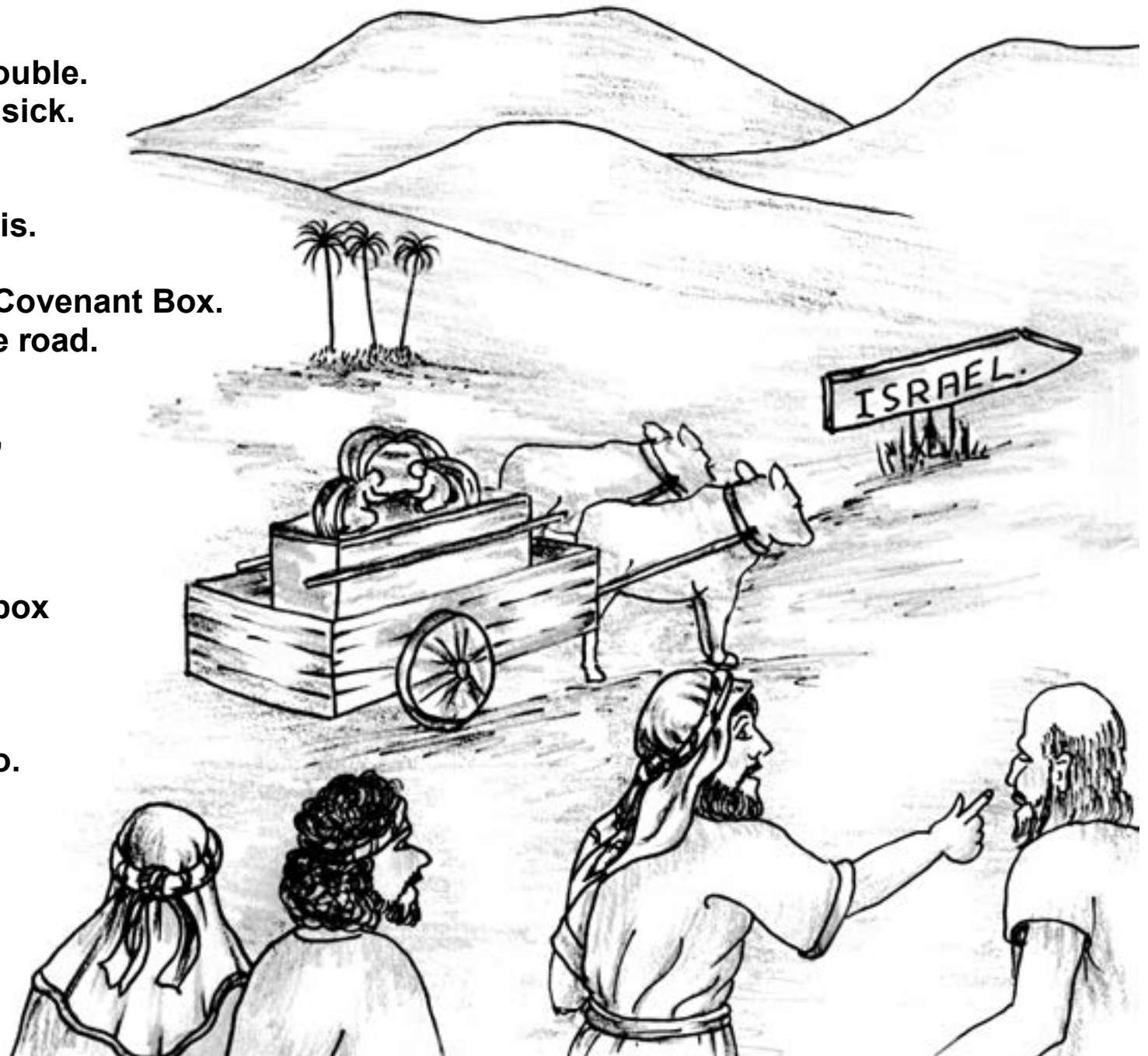
**They said,  
'Israel's God is doing this.'**

**'We must get rid of the Covenant Box.  
We will send it down the road.  
If it goes to Israel,  
we know that God  
has been punishing us.'**

**They made a new cart.  
Attached two cows to it  
and sent the Covenant box  
on its way.**

**They all watched  
to see where it would go.**

**It went towards Israel.**



**God's people were busy  
harvesting their wheat.  
They looked up  
and saw the cart carrying  
God's Covenant Box  
coming down the road.**

**They were so happy  
they shouted for joy.**

**The Levites took the Box  
off the cart,  
made a fire  
from the wood of the cart,  
killed the cows  
and sacrificed them to the Lord.**

**Some careless men  
looked into the Box, and they died.  
This frightened everyone.**

**They were learning  
that God was a holy God.**

**The box was then taken  
to Abinadab's house.**

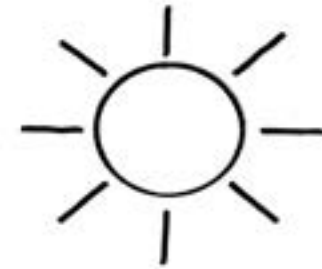




**Samuel was now the Priest  
and he said to God's people,  
'If you put away your idols  
and worship only the Lord,  
He will save you from the Philistines.  
Go to Mizpah and I will pray for you.'**

**The people met at Mizpah  
and Samuel prayed for them.**

**The people said,  
'We have sinned against the Lord.'**

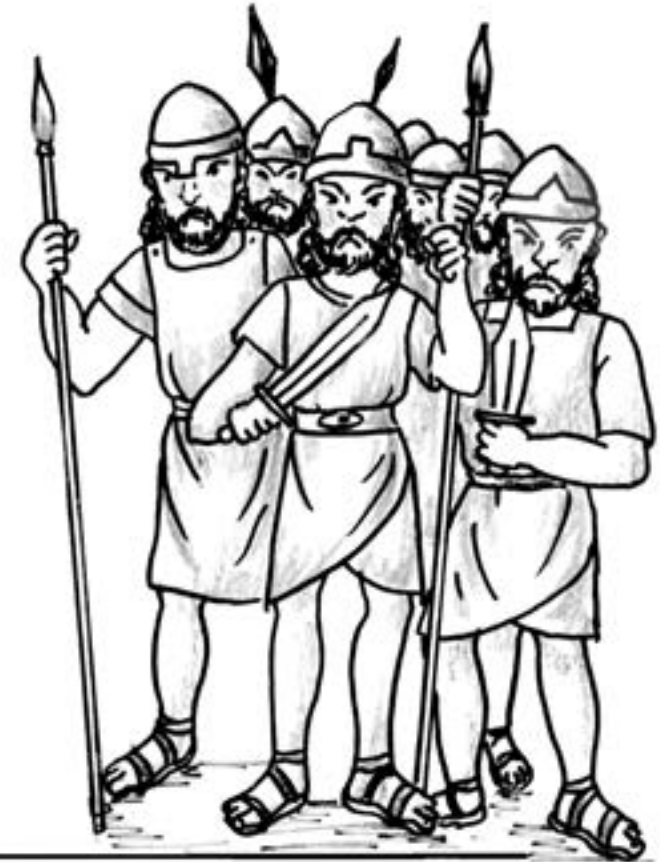


**The Philistines heard  
that God's people were at Mizpah,  
praying,  
and went there to attack them.**

**God's people saw the soldiers coming  
and were afraid.**

**They said to Samuel,  
'Don't stop praying to the Lord.  
Ask Him to save us.'**

**Samuel offered a burnt offering  
to the Lord  
and cried out to Him  
to save His people.**

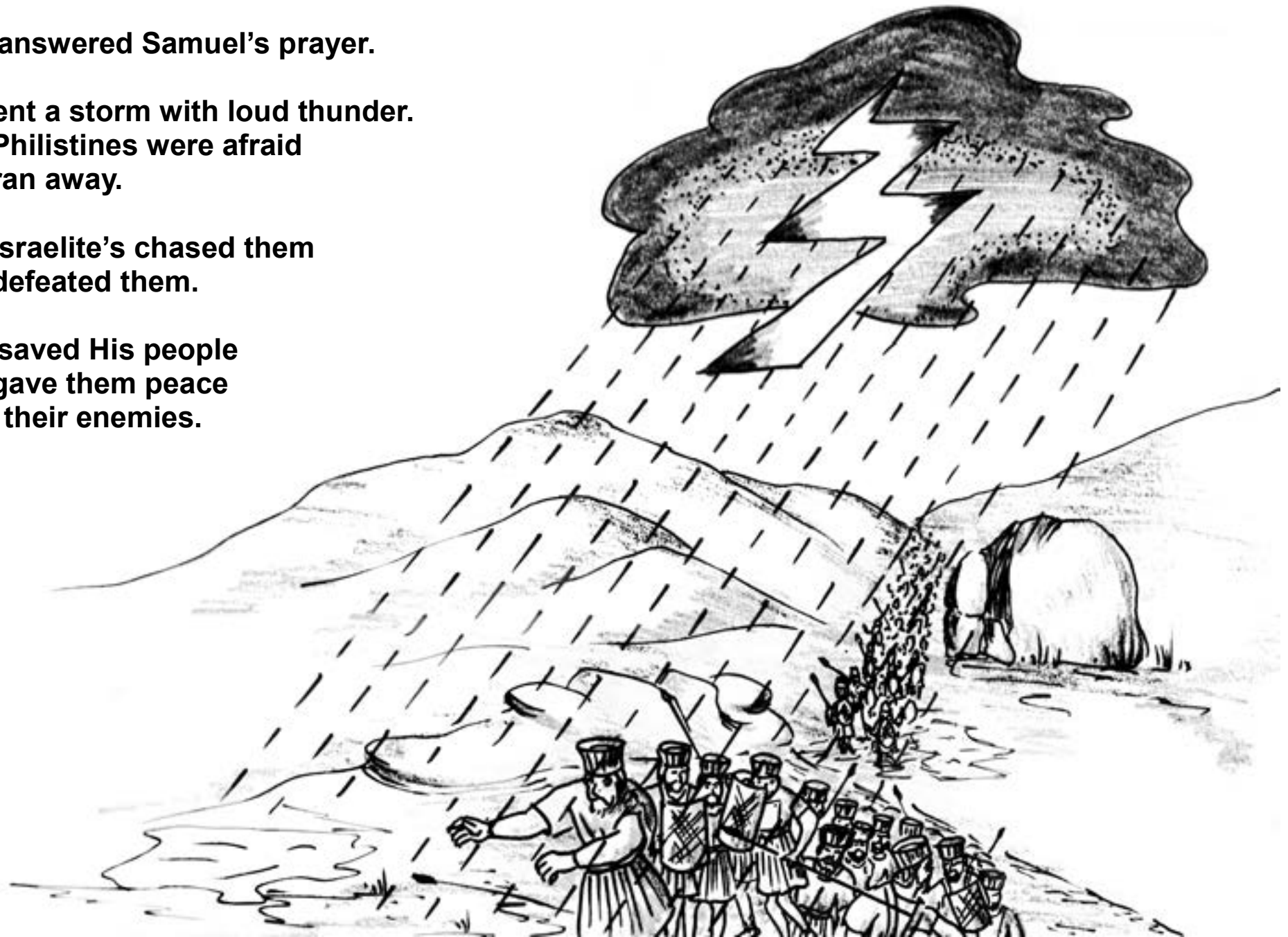


**God answered Samuel's prayer.**

**He sent a storm with loud thunder.  
The Philistines were afraid  
and ran away.**

**The Israelite's chased them  
and defeated them.**

**God saved His people  
and gave them peace  
from their enemies.**





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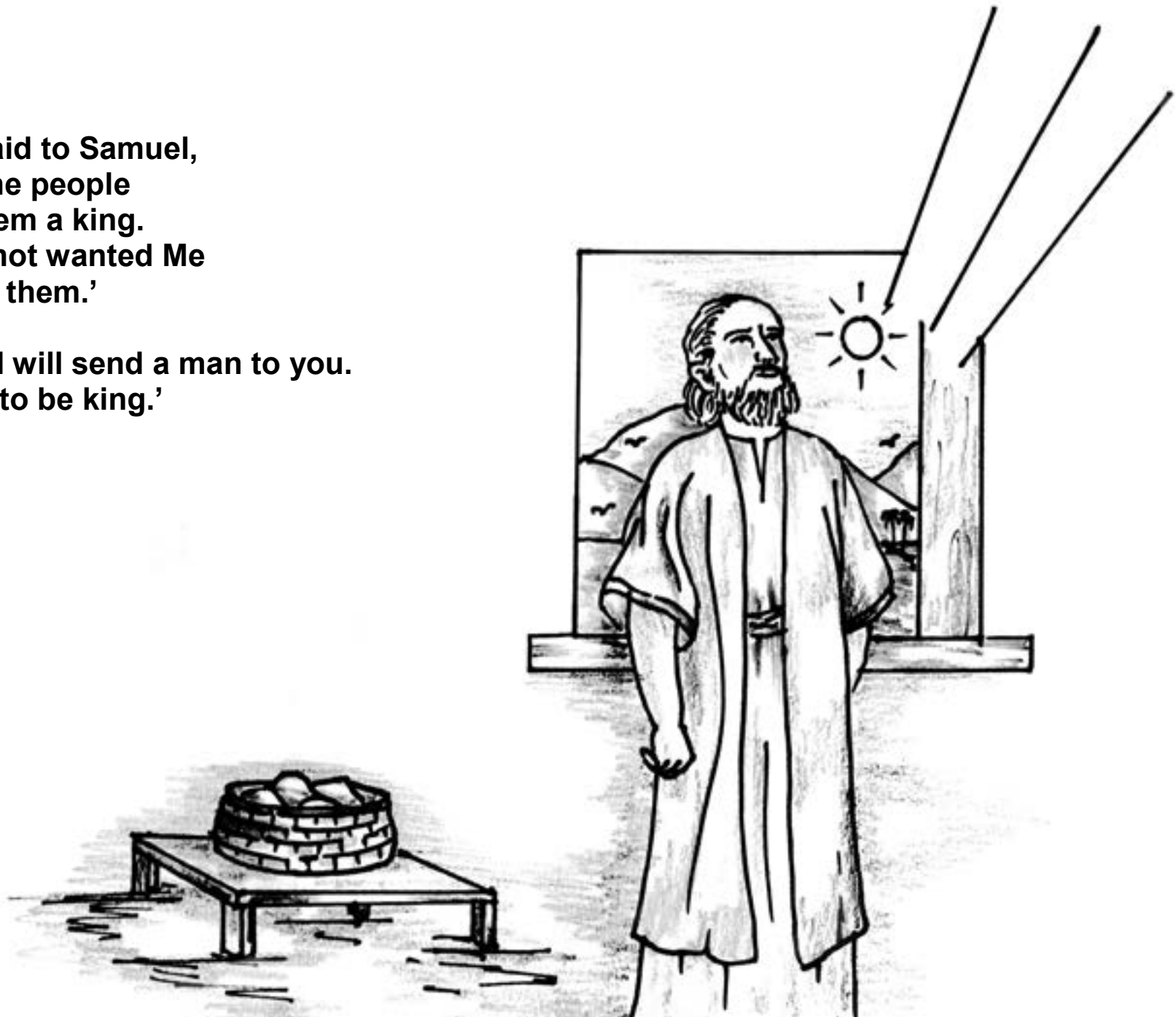
**'Samuel, you are getting old,'  
said Israel's leaders.  
'Give us a king.  
We want to be like other nations.'**

**This made Samuel sad.  
He knew that only  
God could help them,  
so he prayed to the Lord.**



**The Lord said to Samuel,  
'Listen to the people  
and give them a king.  
They have not wanted Me  
to rule over them.'**

**'Tomorrow I will send a man to you.  
Anoint him to be king.'**



**The next day a man called Saul  
was looking for his father's donkeys.  
He and his servant  
couldn't find them anywhere.**

**'Let's go home,' said Saul.  
'My father will be worried about us.'**

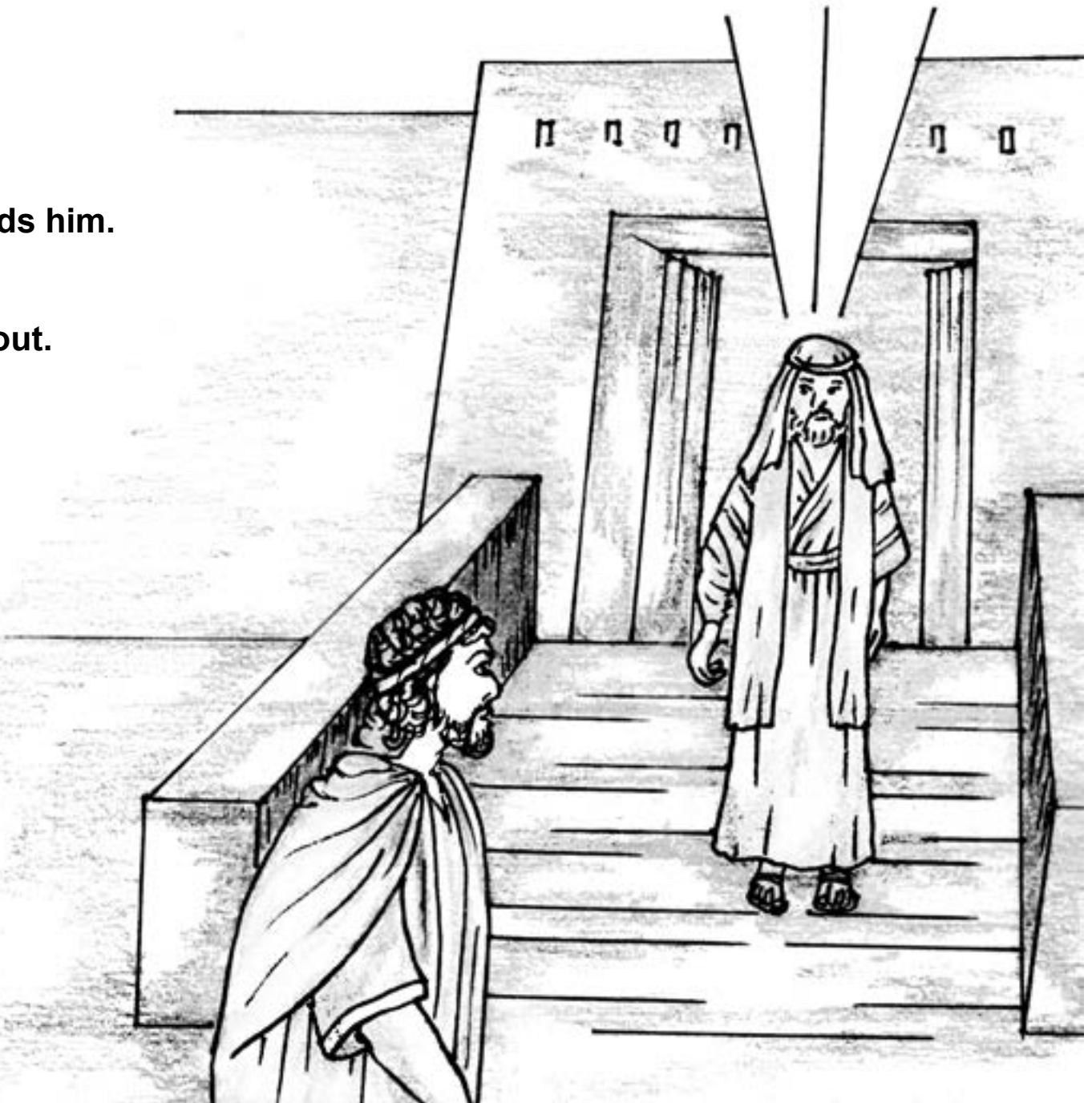
**The servant said,  
'A man of God lives here.  
Everything he says comes true.  
He can tell us what to do.  
Let's go and find him.'**





**Samuel was on his way  
to the place of worship  
when Saul was coming towards him.**

**God said to Samuel,  
'This is the man I told you about.  
Anoint him to be king.  
I have heard My people.  
This is the man  
who will save them  
from their enemies.'**

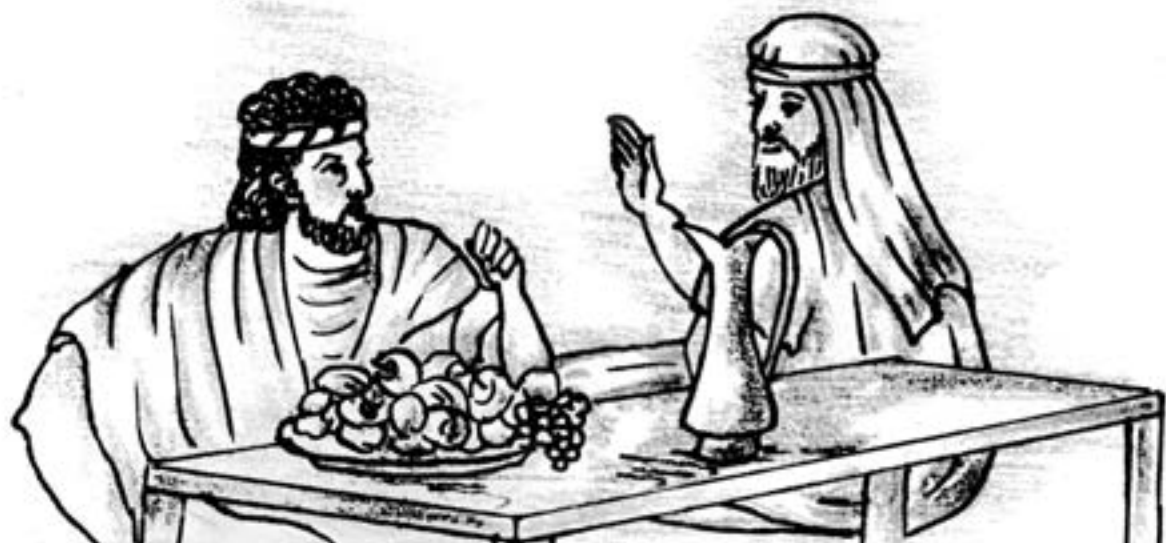
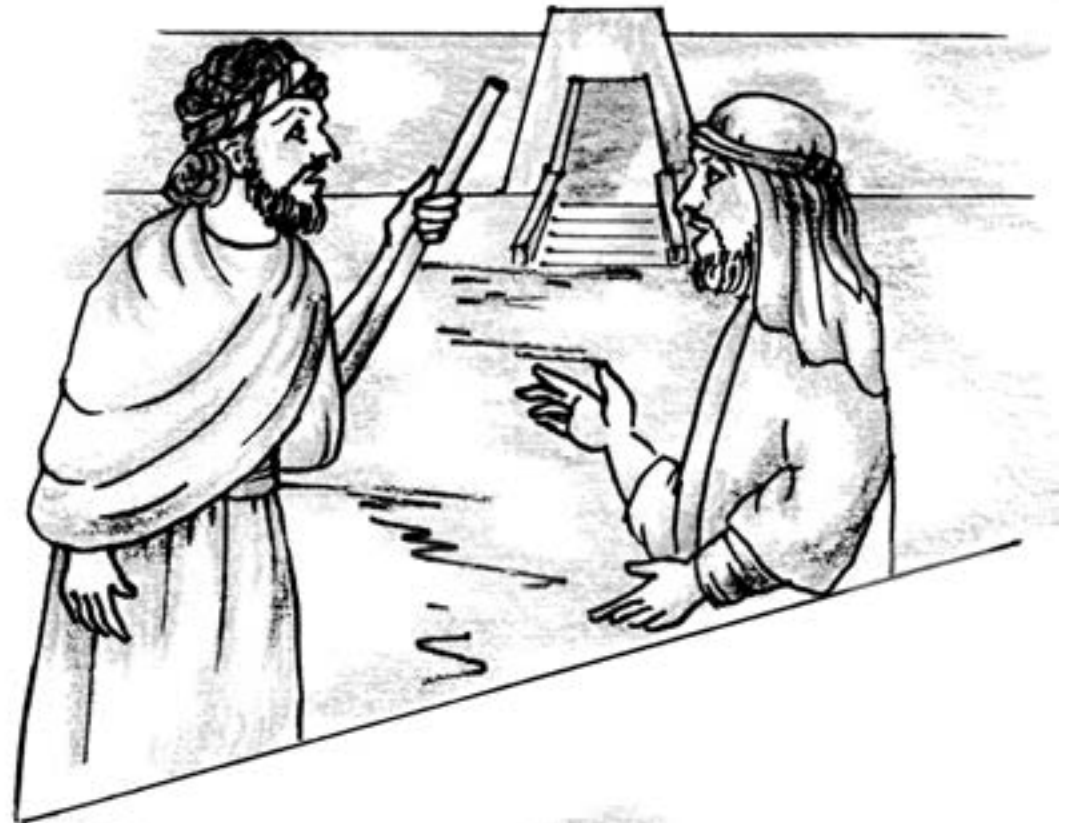


**Saul went up to Samuel and asked,  
'Where do I find the man of God?'**

**Samuel said,  
'I am the man of God.  
Come to the place of worship.  
You and your servant  
are to eat with me.  
Don't worry about your donkeys.  
They have been found.  
You are the man for Israel.'**

**Saul was surprised and asked,  
'I am no one special.  
Why do you say these things to me?'**

**Saul went with Samuel.  
They ate a meal together  
and worshipped God.**

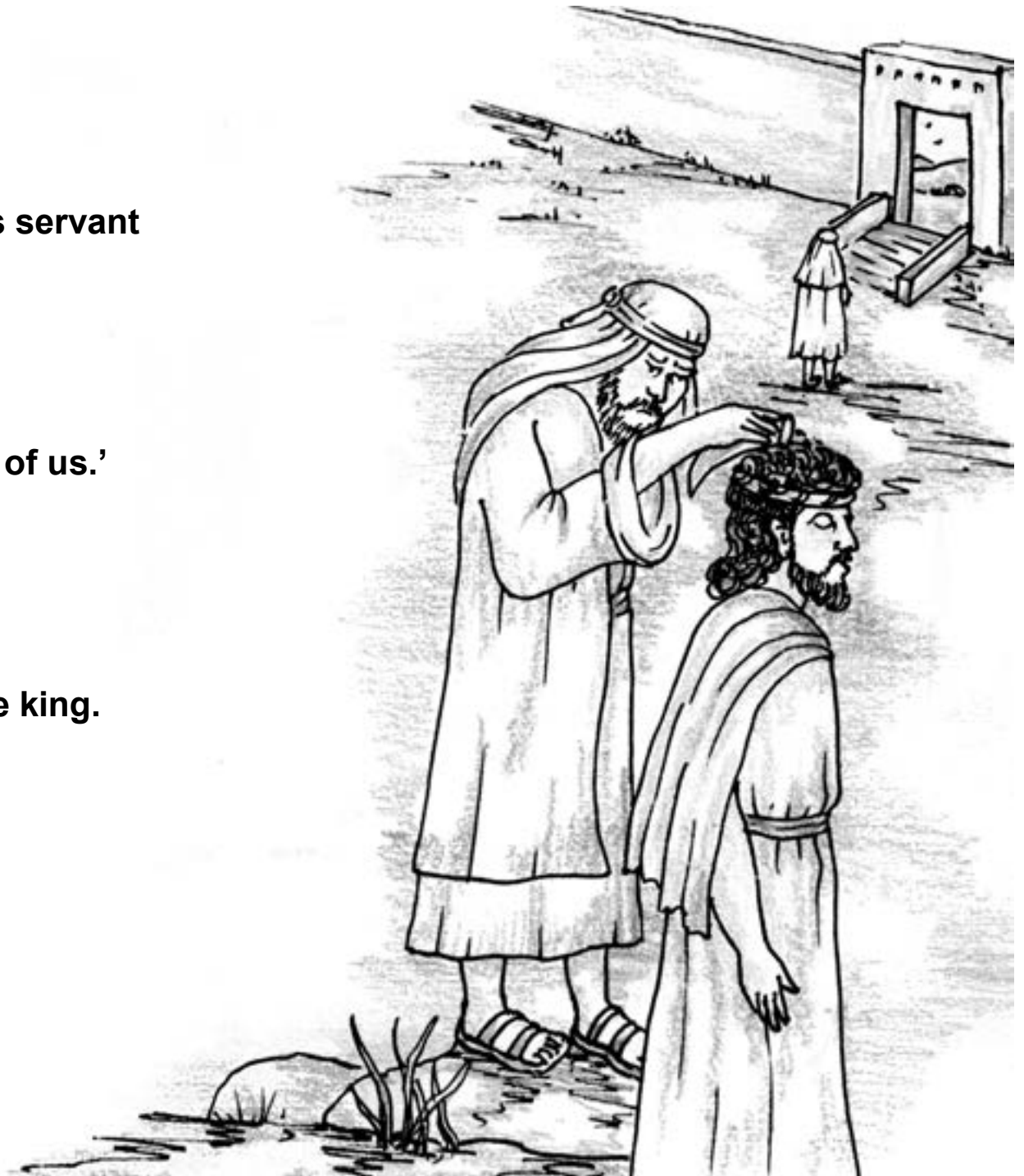


**The next morning  
Samuel walked with Saul and his servant  
to the edge of the city  
to send them on their way.**

**Samuel said to Saul,  
'I want to show you something.  
Tell your servant to go on ahead of us.'**

**Samuel took out a bottle of oil.  
He poured oil on Saul's head.**

**He kissed him and said,  
'The Lord has anointed you to be king.  
You will save God's people  
from their enemies.'**



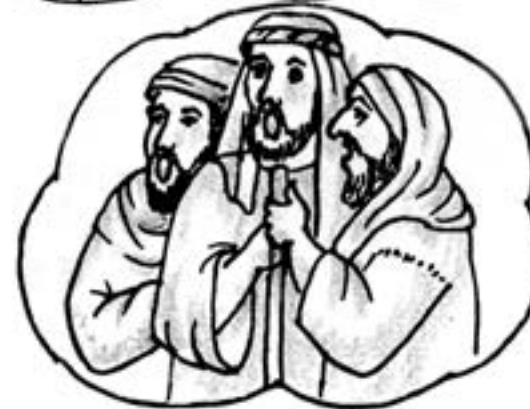
**‘You will know that this is true because,  
three things will happen to you  
on your way home.**

**‘Firstly, two people will tell you  
that the donkeys are found.**

**‘Secondly, three men will give you  
some bread.**

**‘Thirdly, some prophets will be singing.  
You will be filled  
with the Spirit of the Lord  
and will prophesy.**

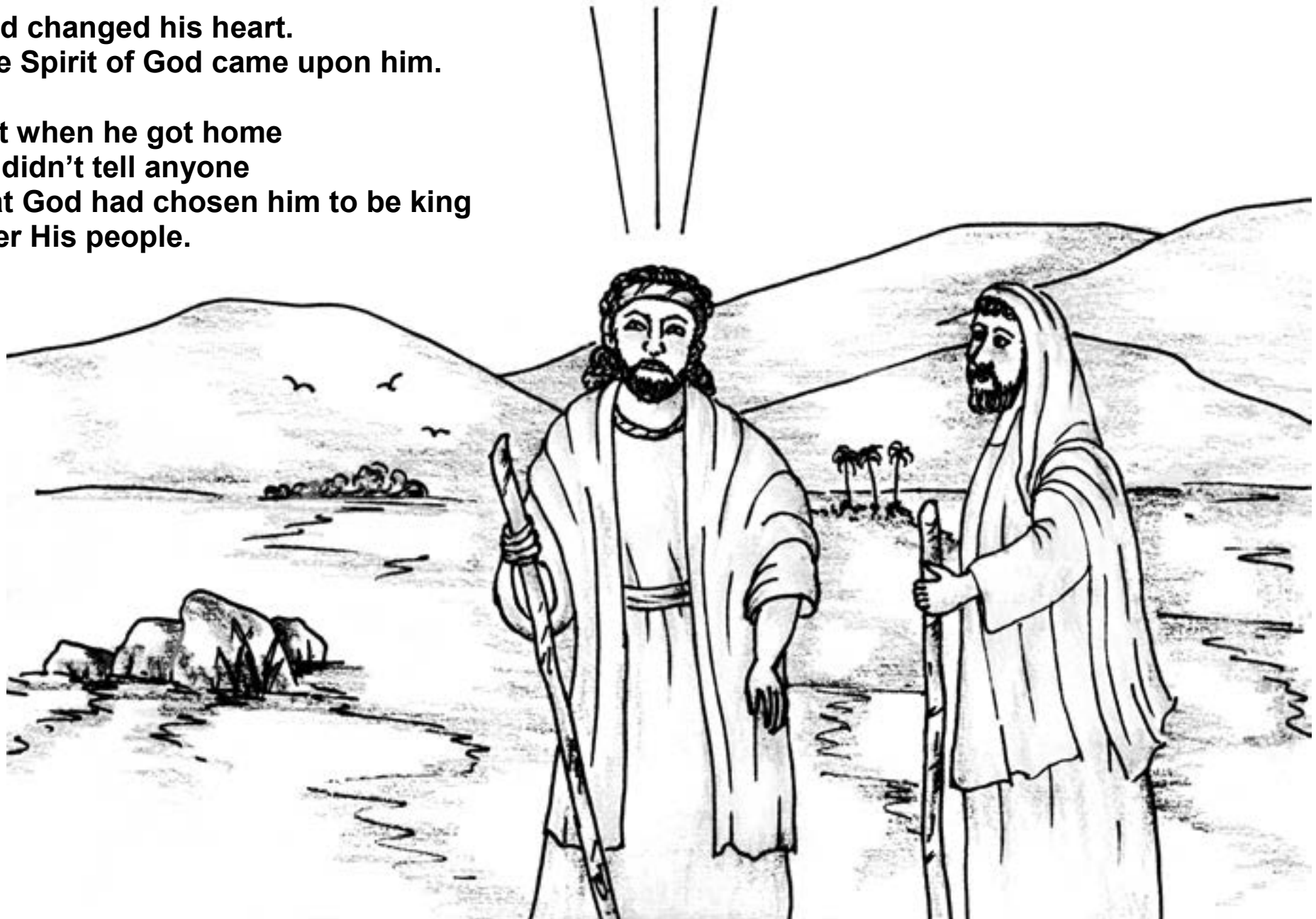
**‘Go to Gilgal and wait for me.  
There I will offer sacrifices with you.’**



**Saul left Samuel.**

**God changed his heart.  
The Spirit of God came upon him.**

**But when he got home  
he didn't tell anyone  
that God had chosen him to be king  
over His people.**





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**SAUL DISOBEYS THE LORD /**  
**JONATHAN'S DARING DEED**

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**King Saul, his son Jonathan  
and their armies  
went out to fight the Philistines.**

**Jonathan and his soldiers  
attacked and defeated  
the Philistines at Geba.**

**This made the Philistines angry.  
They called for more soldiers  
and soon there was a huge army  
ready to fight back.**





**When King Saul's men saw  
how big the Philistine's army was,  
they were afraid.  
Some of them ran away.**

**Saul was waiting at Gilgal  
for Samuel to come.  
Samuel was to offer  
a sacrifice to the Lord  
and ask for God's help.**



**Seven days went by.  
Samuel had not come  
and Saul could not wait any longer.  
He disobeyed God  
and offered the sacrifice,  
which only the priest was to do.**

**Just as he was finishing  
Samuel came.**

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

**Saul replied,  
'You did not come,  
so I offered the sacrifice.'**

**'You have been very foolish  
to disobey God,'  
Samuel said.  
'God will find someone else  
whom He can trust  
and will make him king  
over His people forever.'**



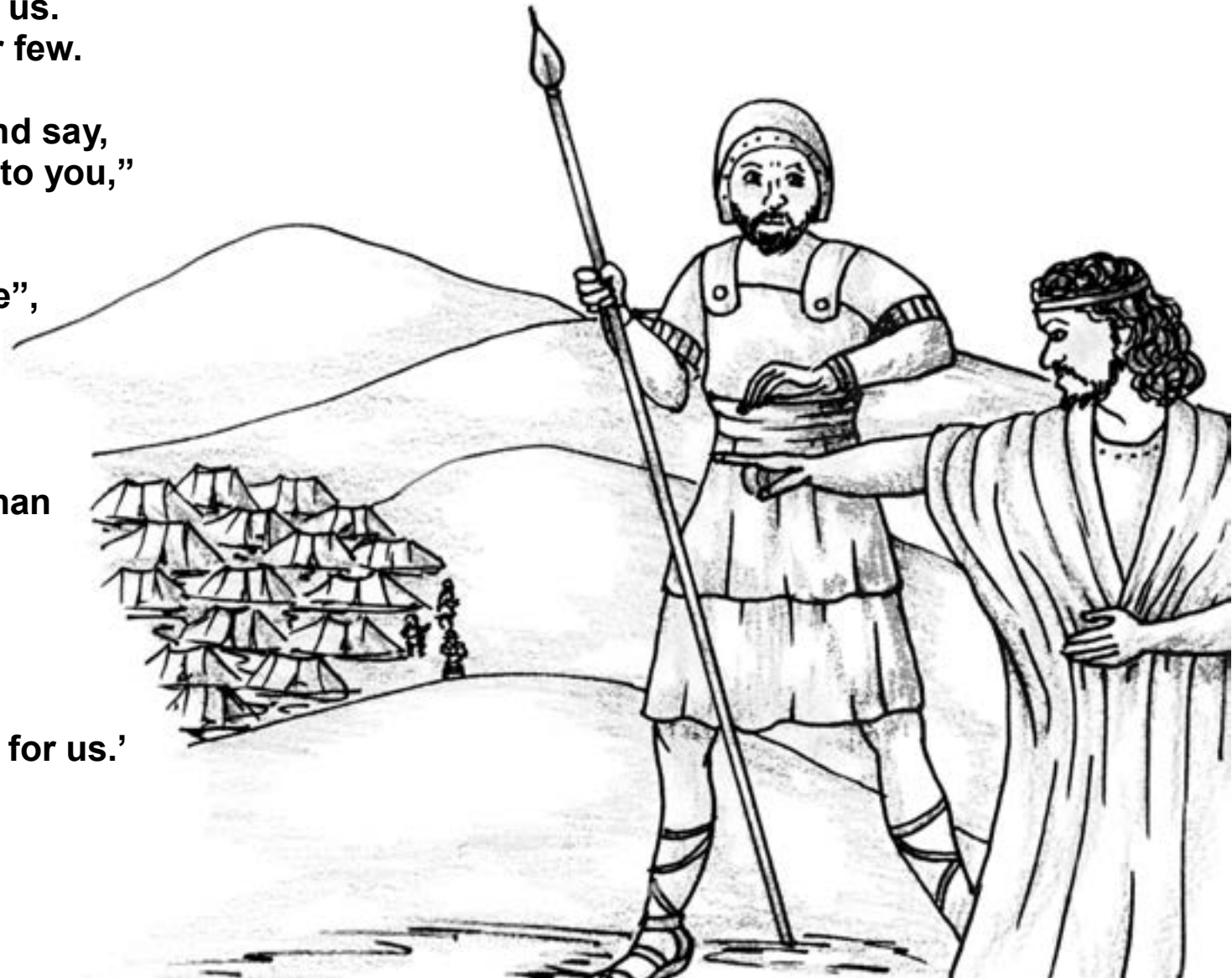
**While this was happening  
Jonathan said to his armour bearer,  
'Let us go over to the Philistine camp.  
Perhaps the Lord will help us.  
He can work with many or few.**

**'If the Philistines see us and say,  
"Stay there until we come to you,"  
we will stay.**

**'If they say, "Come up here",  
we will go to them.  
This will be the sign  
that God will fight for us.'**

**The Philistines saw Jonathan  
and called out,  
'Come up here.'**

**'Come on!'  
said Jonathan.  
'That means God will fight for us.'**



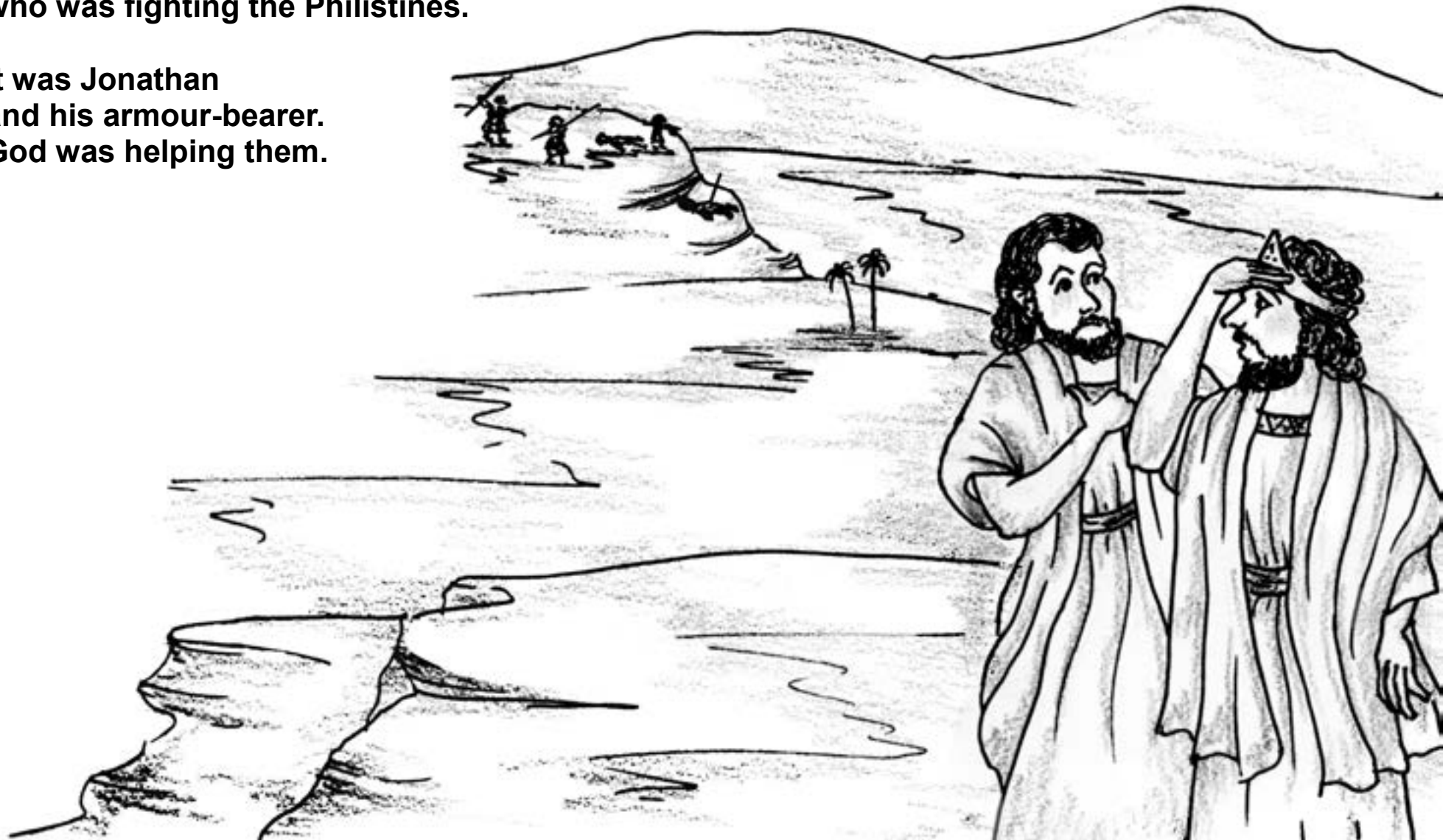
**They climbed the cliff  
and killed about twenty Philistines.**

**Then God sent an earthquake  
to help Jonathan.**



**Someone from Saul's camp looked out  
and saw fighting among the Philistines.  
Saul also looked  
and wondered  
who was fighting the Philistines.**

**It was Jonathan  
and his armour-bearer.  
God was helping them.**



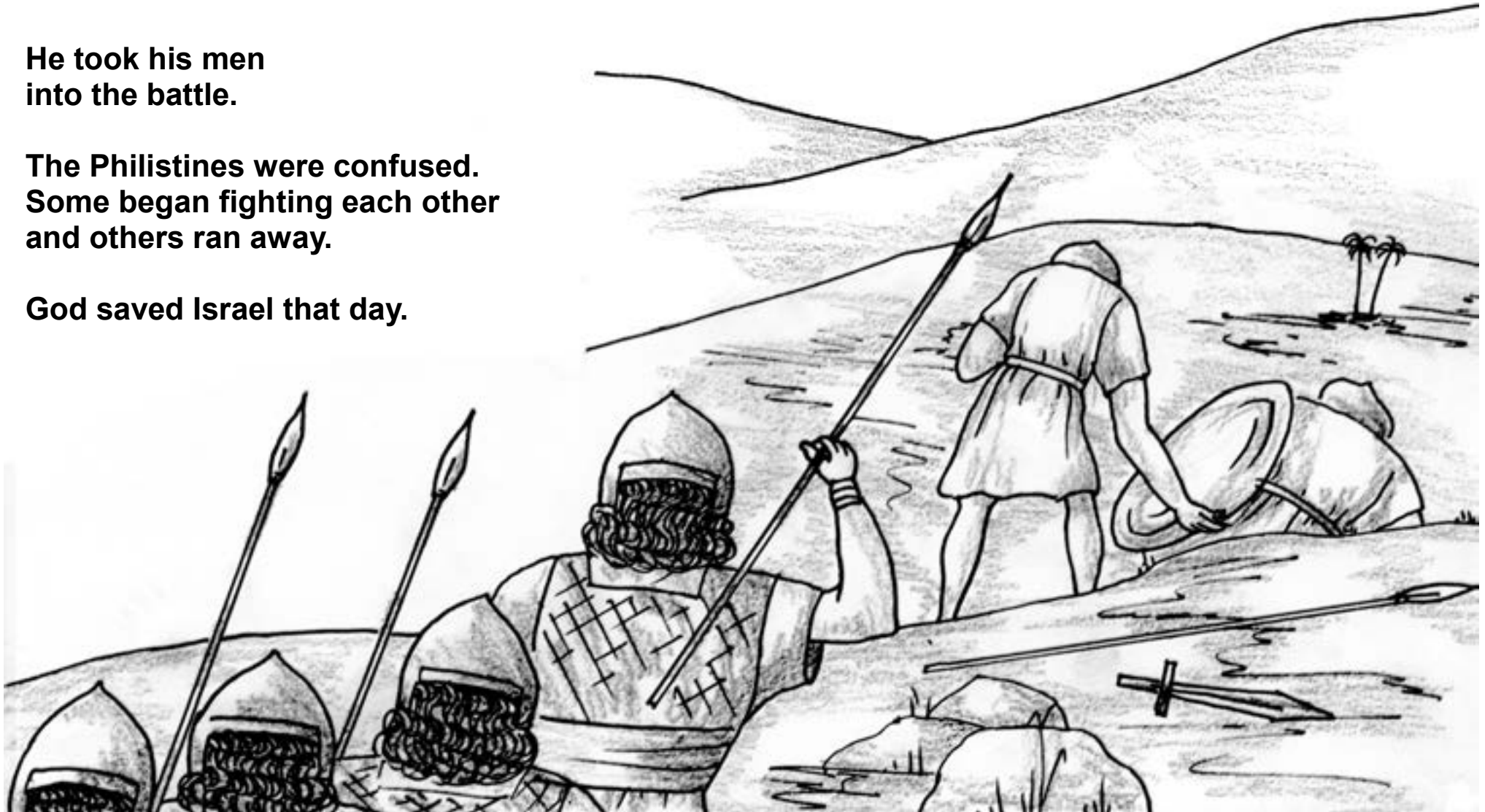
**The noise from the Philistines  
grew louder and louder.**

**Saul couldn't wait  
to ask the Lord what he should do.**

**He took his men  
into the battle.**

**The Philistines were confused.  
Some began fighting each other  
and others ran away.**

**God saved Israel that day.**





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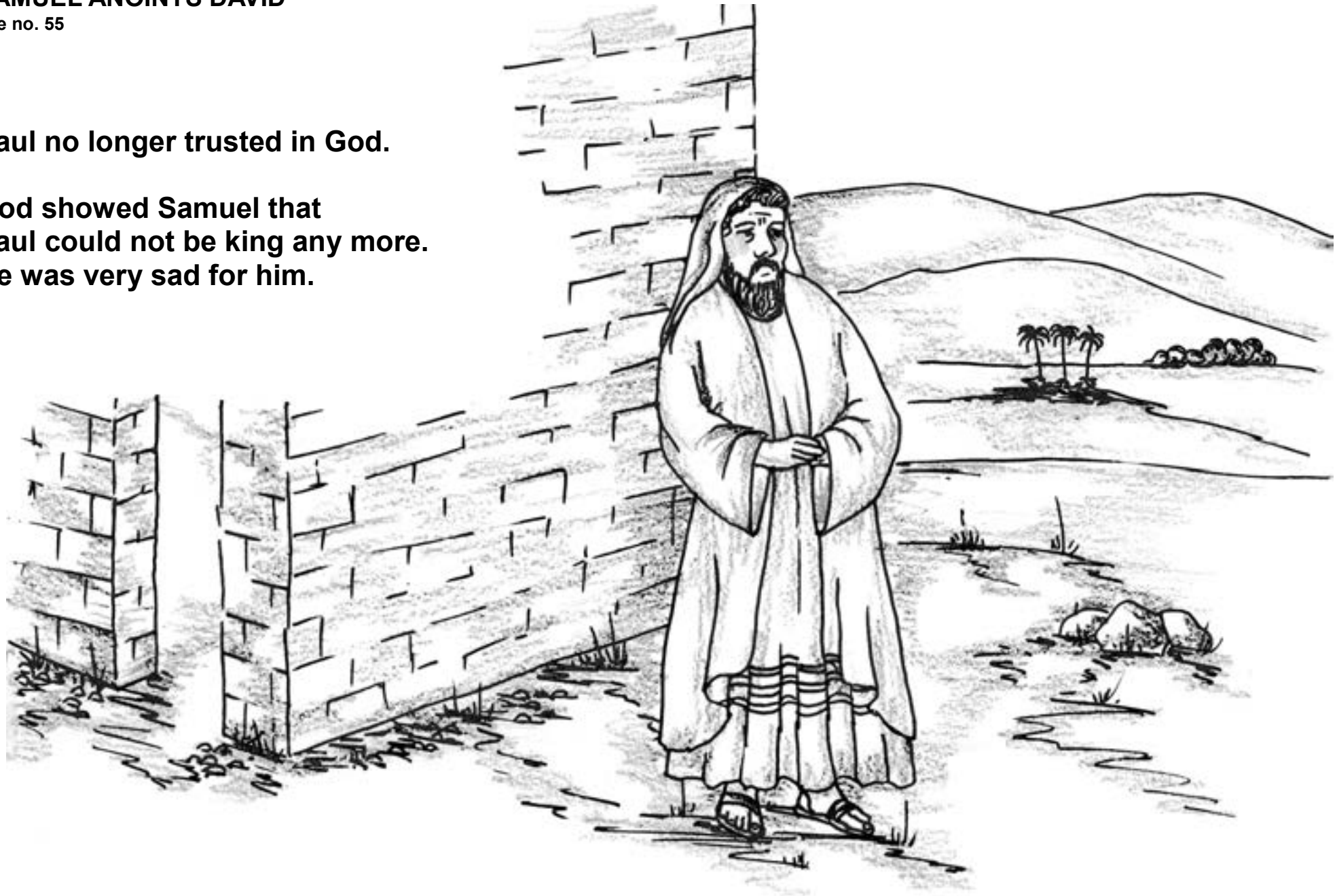
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**SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID**  
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**Saul no longer trusted in God.**

**God showed Samuel that  
Saul could not be king any more.  
He was very sad for him.**

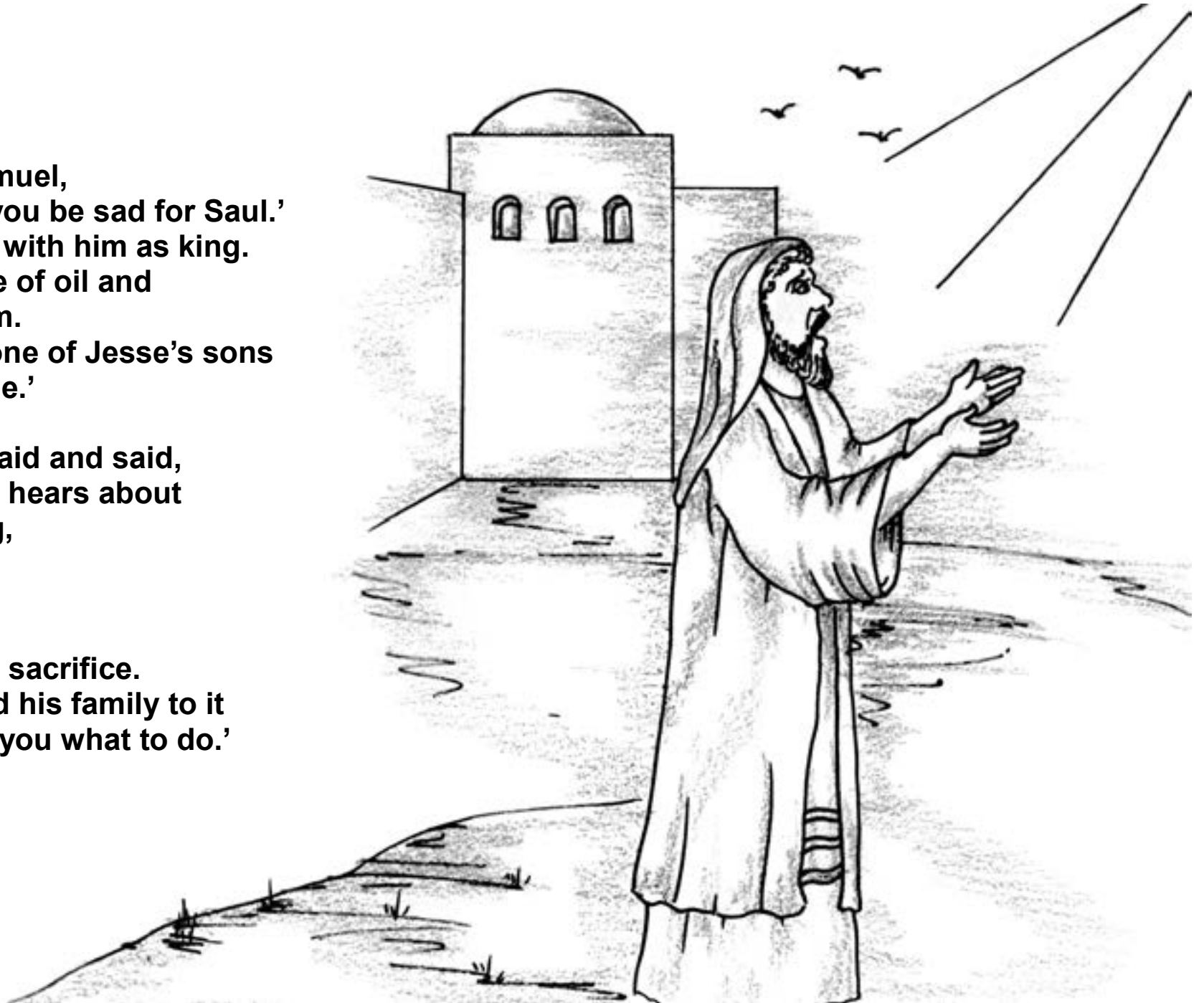




**God said to Samuel,  
'How long will you be sad for Saul.'  
'I have finished with him as king.  
Take your bottle of oil and  
go to Bethlehem.  
I have chosen one of Jesse's sons  
to be king for Me.'**

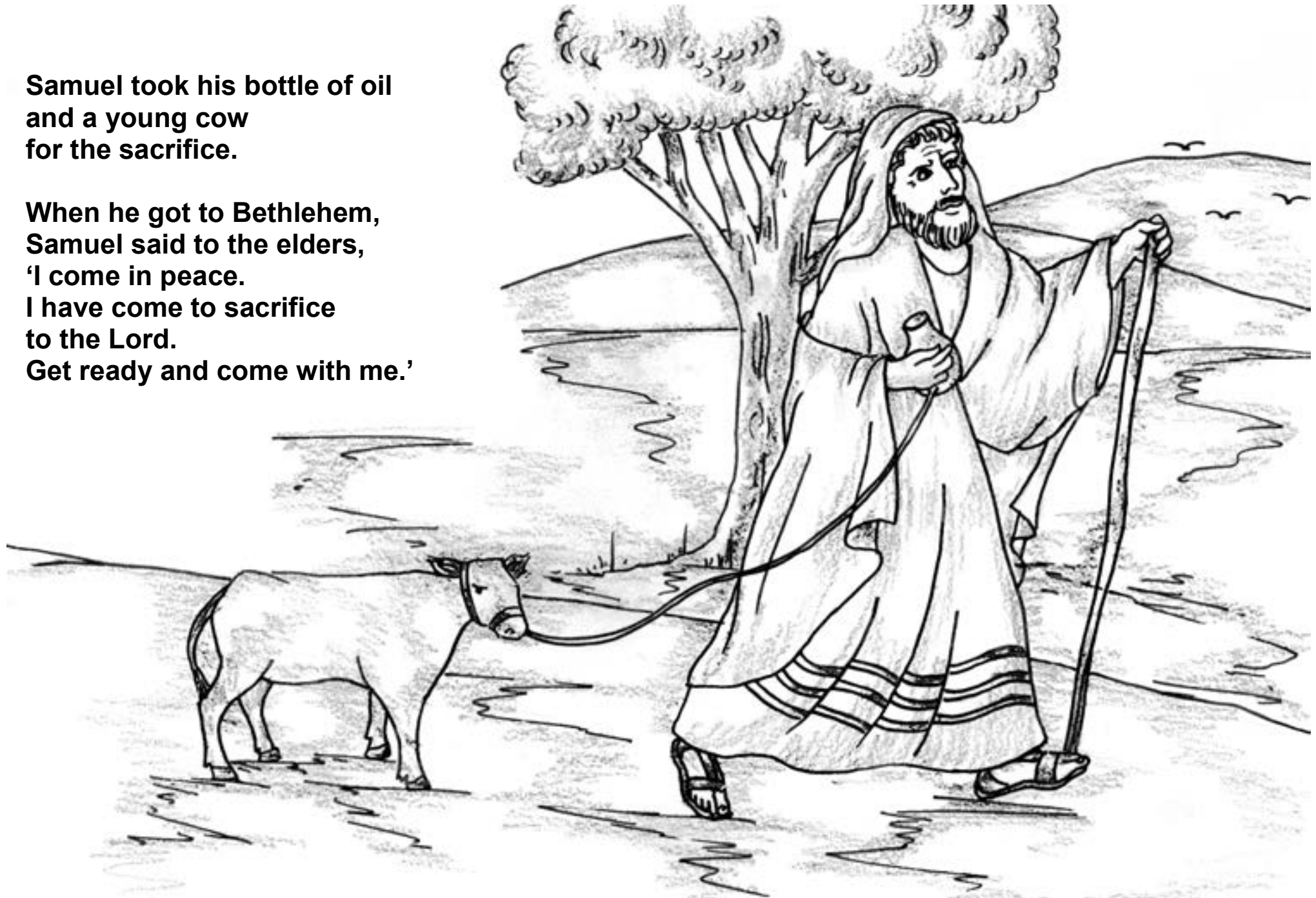
**Samuel was afraid and said,  
'If I go and Saul hears about  
what I am doing,  
he will kill me.'**

**The Lord said,  
'Go and make a sacrifice.  
Invite Jesse and his family to it  
and I will show you what to do.'**



**Samuel took his bottle of oil  
and a young cow  
for the sacrifice.**

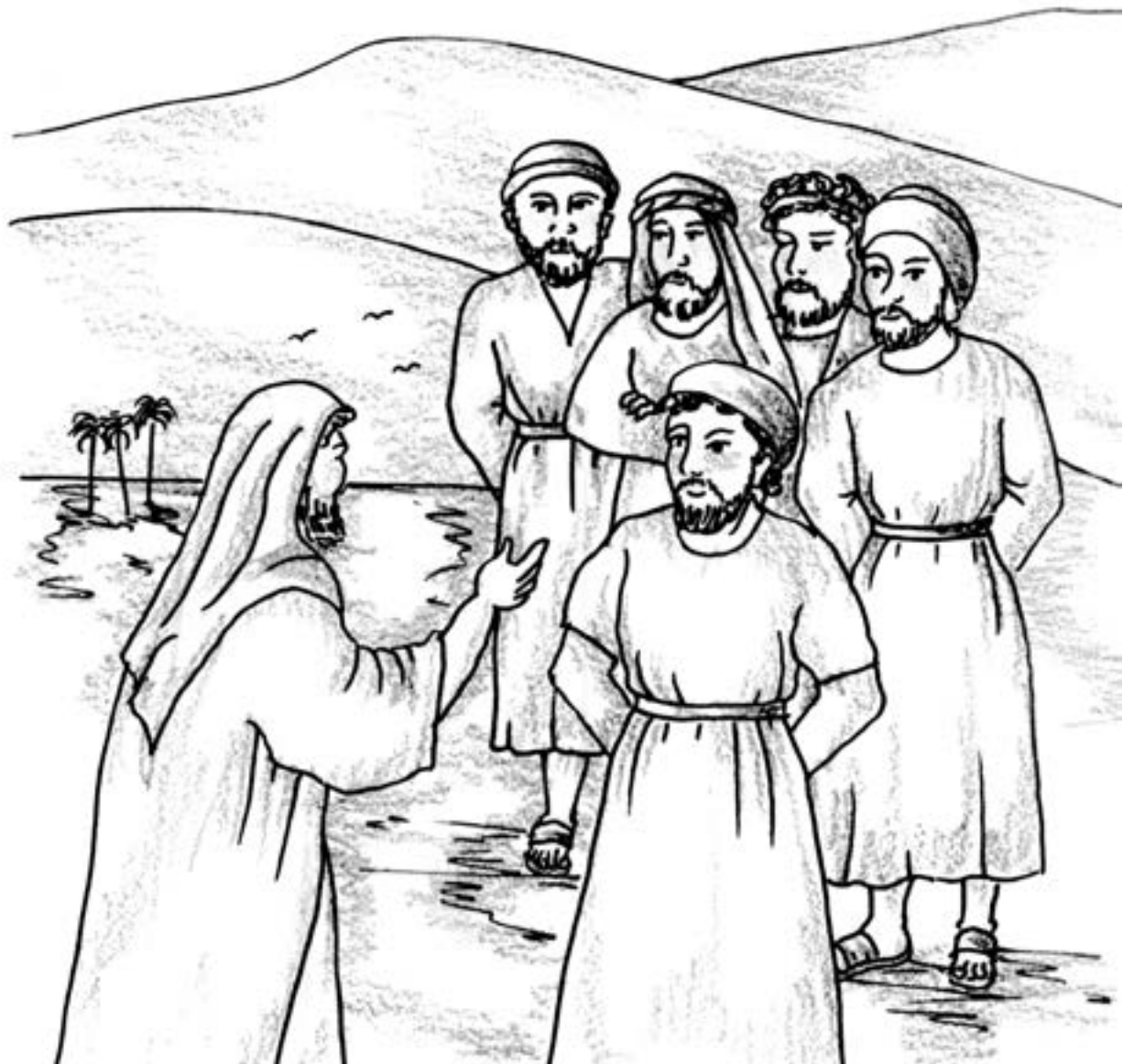
**When he got to Bethlehem,  
Samuel said to the elders,  
'I come in peace.  
I have come to sacrifice  
to the Lord.  
Get ready and come with me.'**



**At the sacrifice Samuel asked  
to see all of Jesse's sons.  
Eliab, who was the oldest son,  
stood before Samuel.  
Samuel thought,  
'This man must be the one  
God has chosen.'**

**But God said,  
'No, he is not the one  
I have chosen.  
You look at the outside of him,  
but the Lord looks at the heart.'**

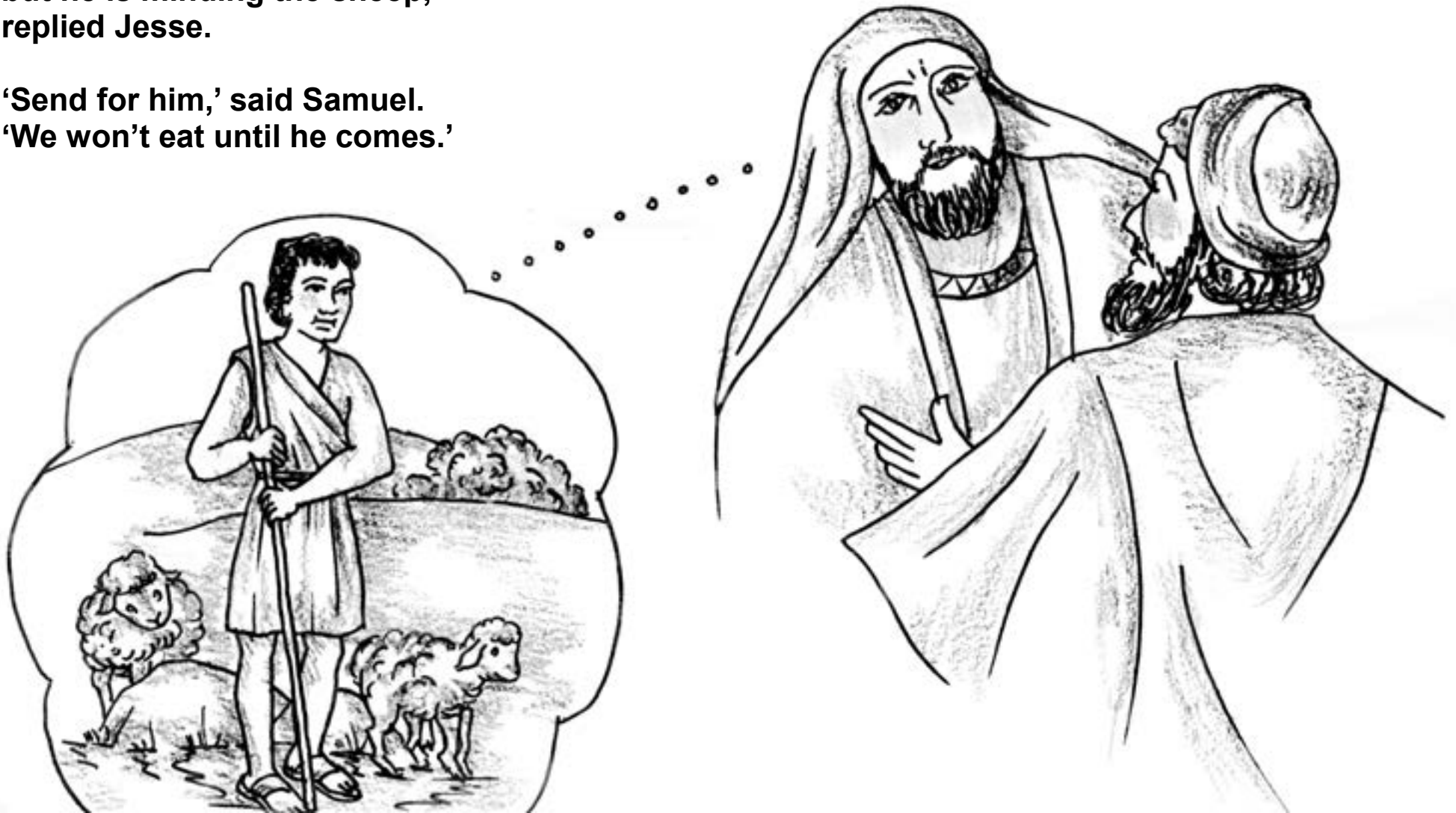
**Abinadab was next.  
He stood before Samuel.  
The Lord had not chosen him either.  
Then Shammah came in.  
The rest of Jesse's seven sons  
came in one by one.  
The Lord had not chosen  
any of them.**



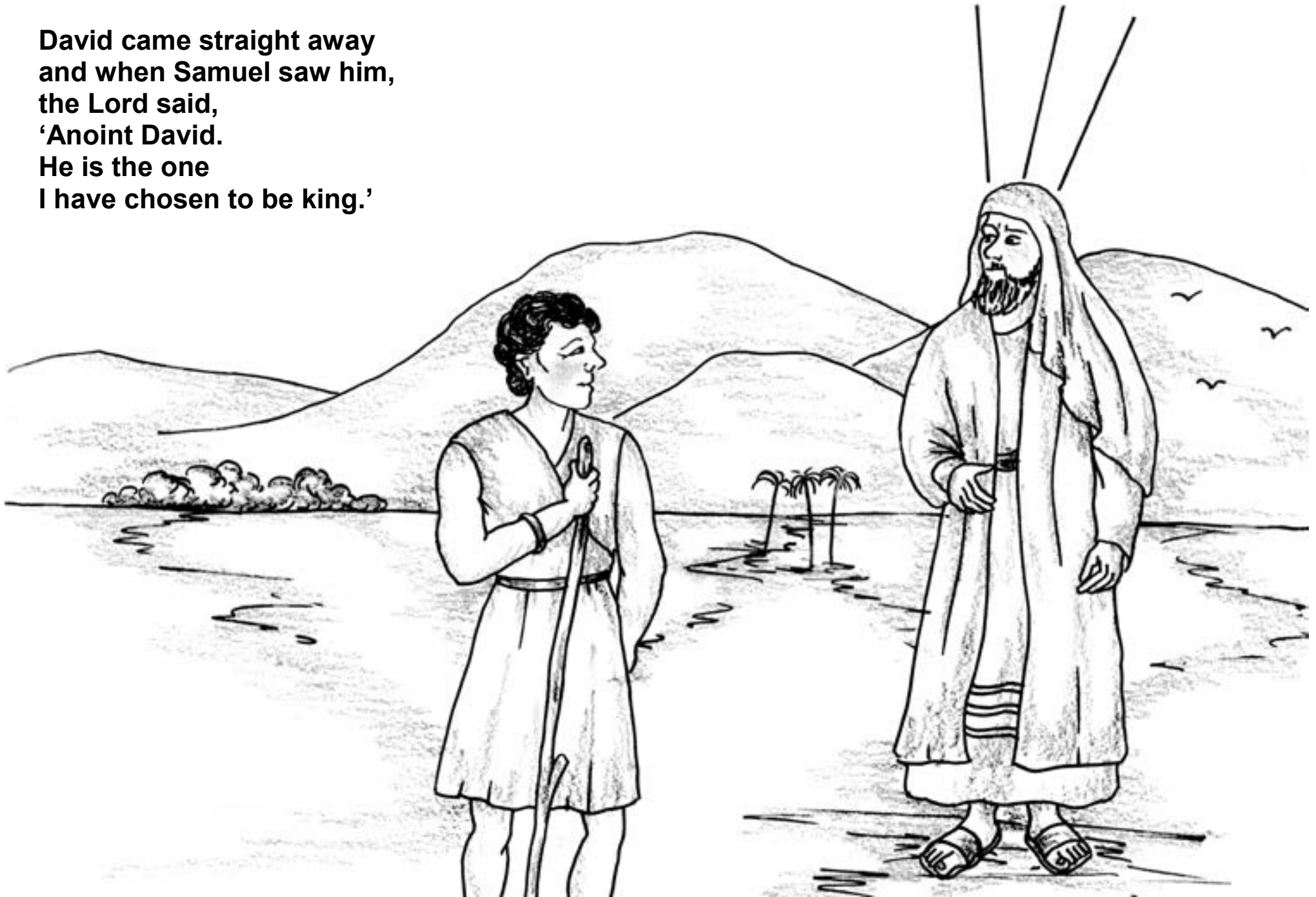
**Samuel asked Jesse,  
'Do you have any more sons?'**

**'There is the youngest one,  
but he is minding the sheep,'  
replied Jesse.**

**'Send for him,' said Samuel.  
'We won't eat until he comes.'**



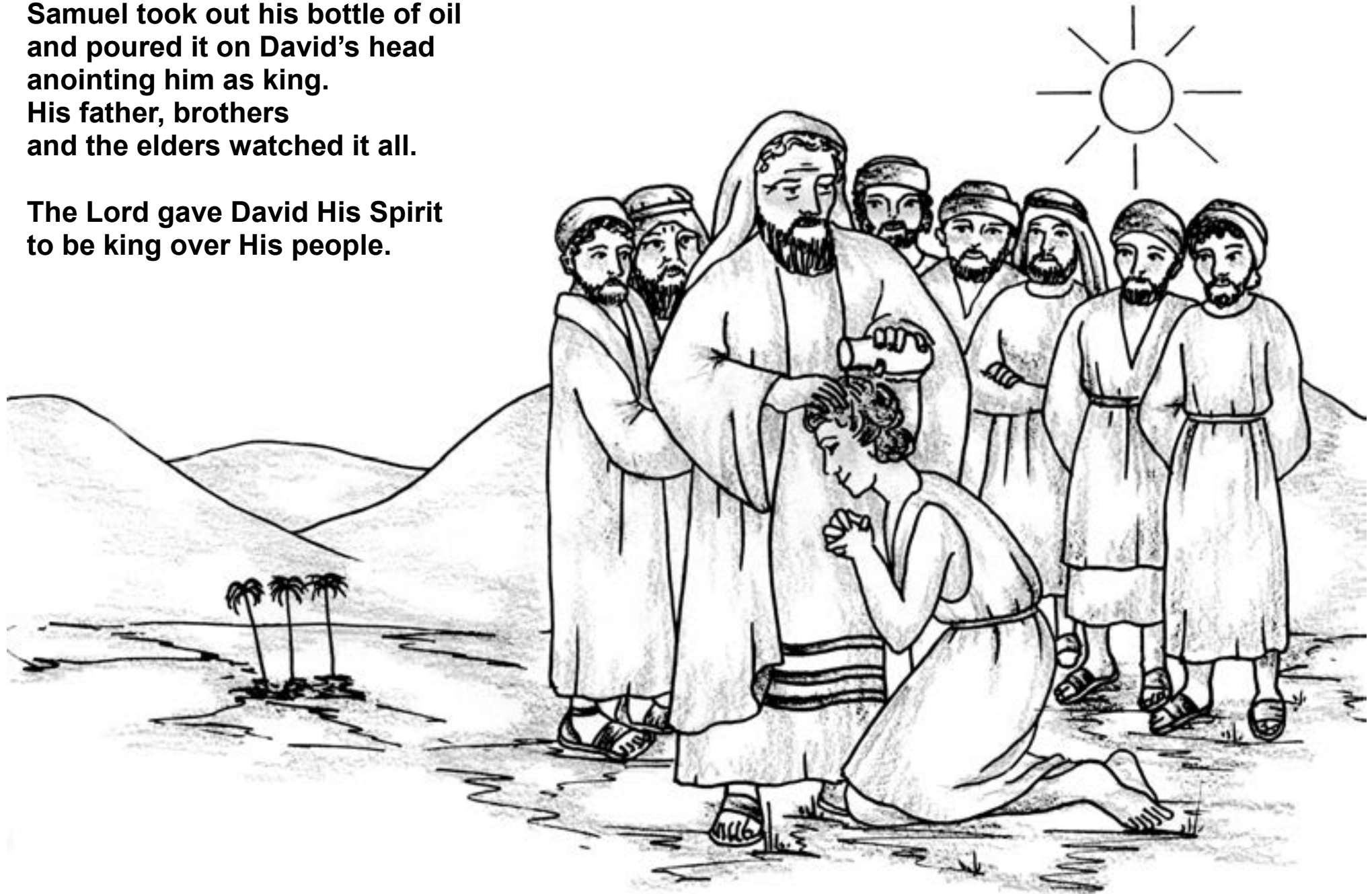
**David came straight away  
and when Samuel saw him,  
the Lord said,  
'Anoint David.  
He is the one  
I have chosen to be king.'**





**Samuel took out his bottle of oil  
and poured it on David's head  
anointing him as king.  
His father, brothers  
and the elders watched it all.**

**The Lord gave David His Spirit  
to be king over His people.**



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The Philistines had a giant,  
who was tall, strong and fierce.  
His name was Goliath.  
He wore a helmet,  
a brass coat and brass shoes.  
His armour bearer  
carried his shield.

Goliath shouted to the Israelites.  
'Send a man to fight me.  
If he kills me,  
we will be your slaves.  
If I kill him,  
you will be our slaves.'

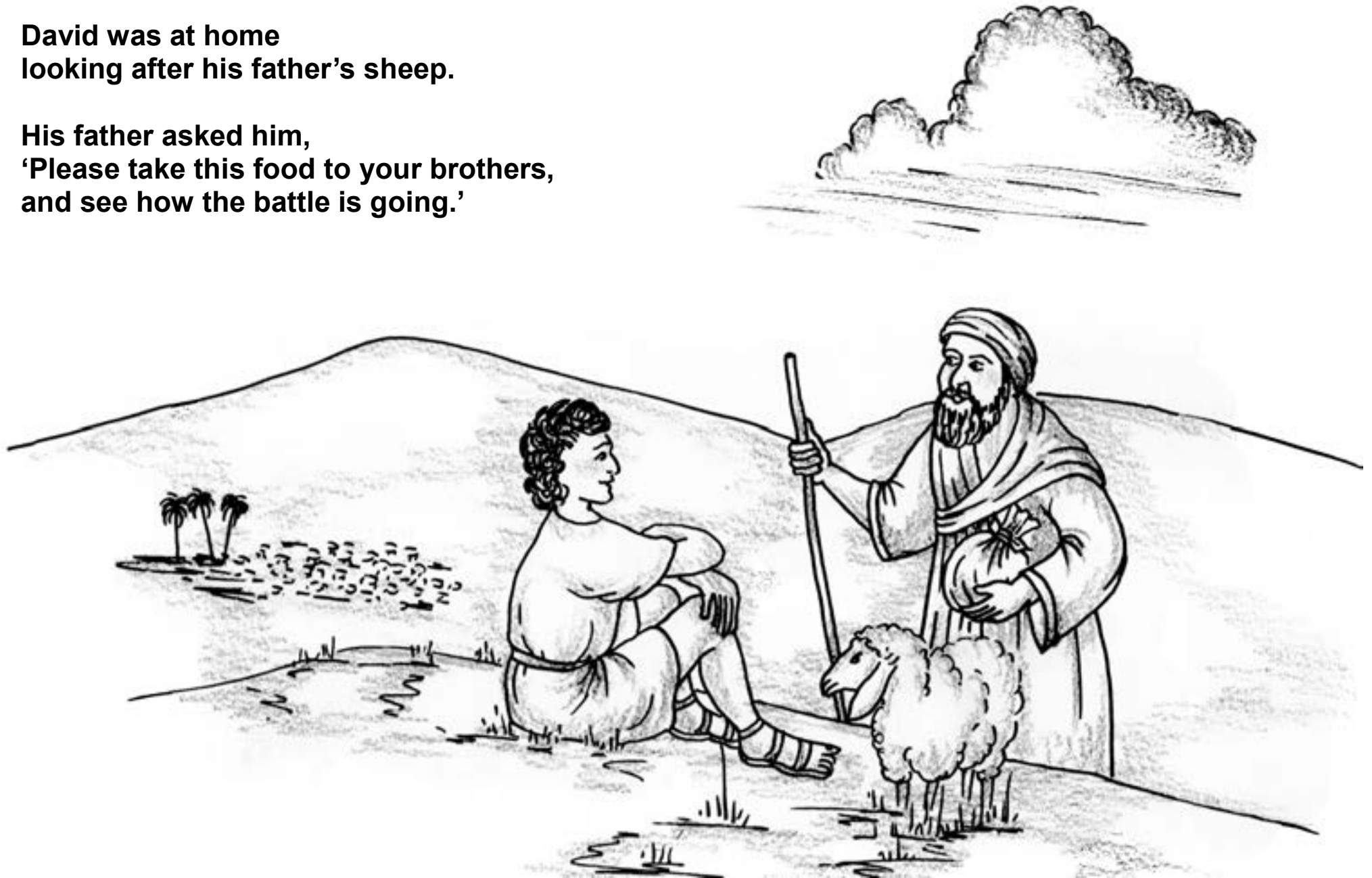
This made the Israelites afraid.  
No one wanted to fight him.  
David's brothers were afraid.  
King Saul was afraid.





**David was at home  
looking after his father's sheep.**

**His father asked him,  
'Please take this food to your brothers,  
and see how the battle is going.'**



**Another shepherd looked after the sheep  
while David went and found his brothers.**

**He saw the armies ready to fight  
and heard Goliath shouting at God's people.  
God's people were afraid  
and some ran away.**

**David said to his brothers,  
'Goliath hates God.  
Who is he  
to speak against God's armies?  
Why doesn't someone fight him?'**



**King Saul sent for David.**

**David said to him,  
'Don't let anyone be afraid.  
I'll go out and fight the Philistine.'**

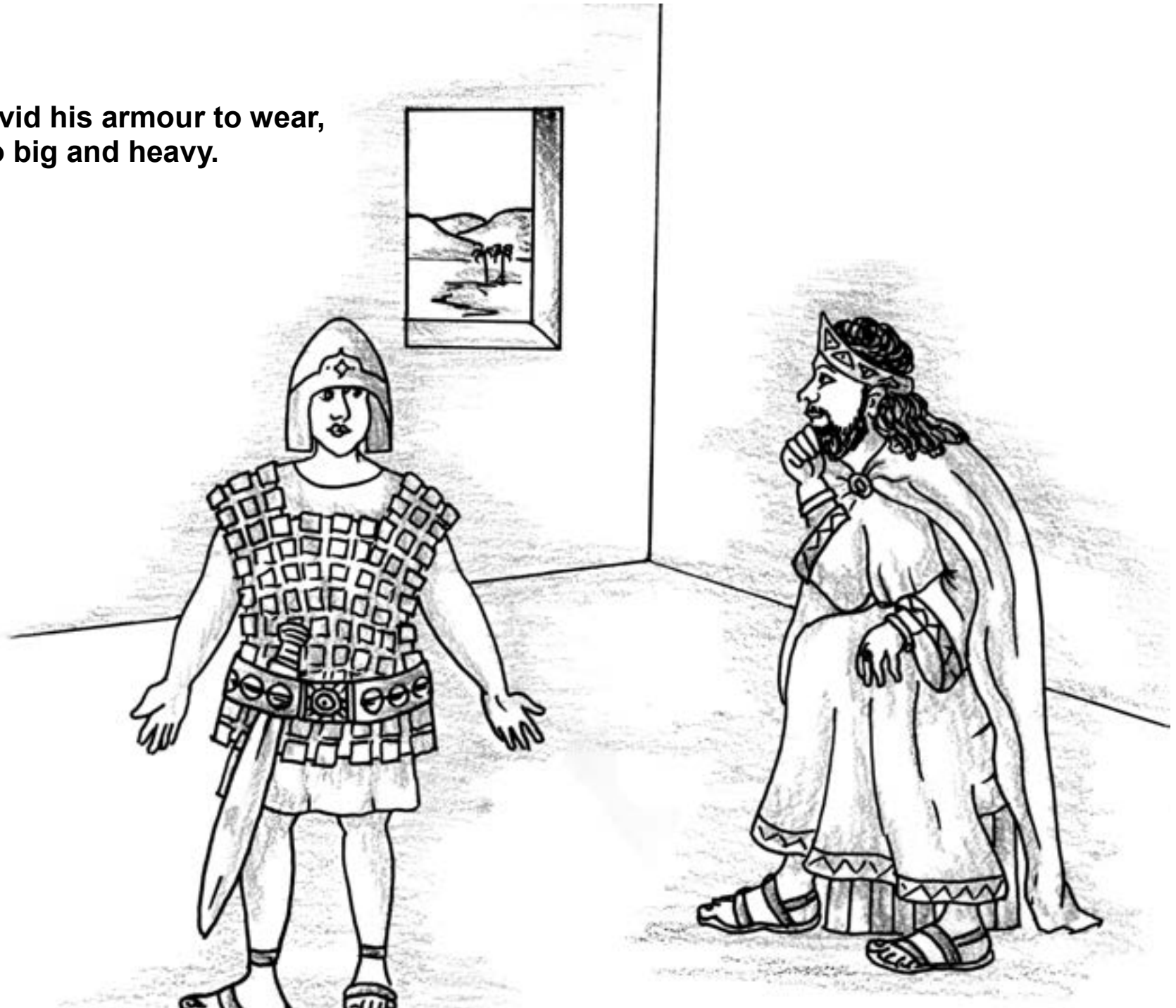
**Saul looked at David and said,  
'You can't fight him.  
You are only a boy.'**

**David replied,  
'The Lord saved me  
when a lion and a bear came  
to take one of my sheep.  
I attacked and killed it.  
Goliath will die  
because he is against God.  
God will save me  
from this Philistine.'**

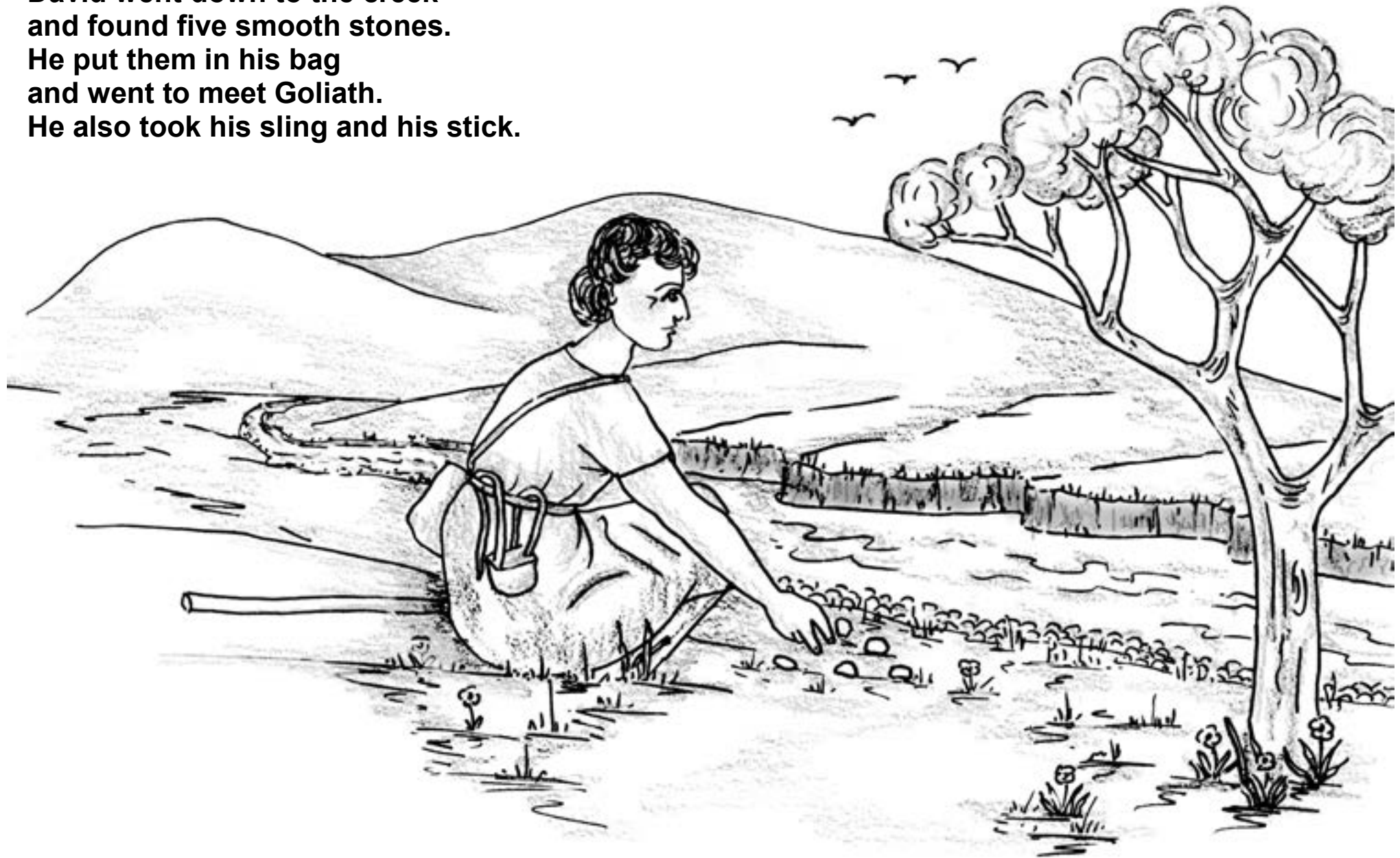
**'Go and the Lord be with you,'  
said King Saul.**



**Saul gave David his armour to wear,  
but it was too big and heavy.**



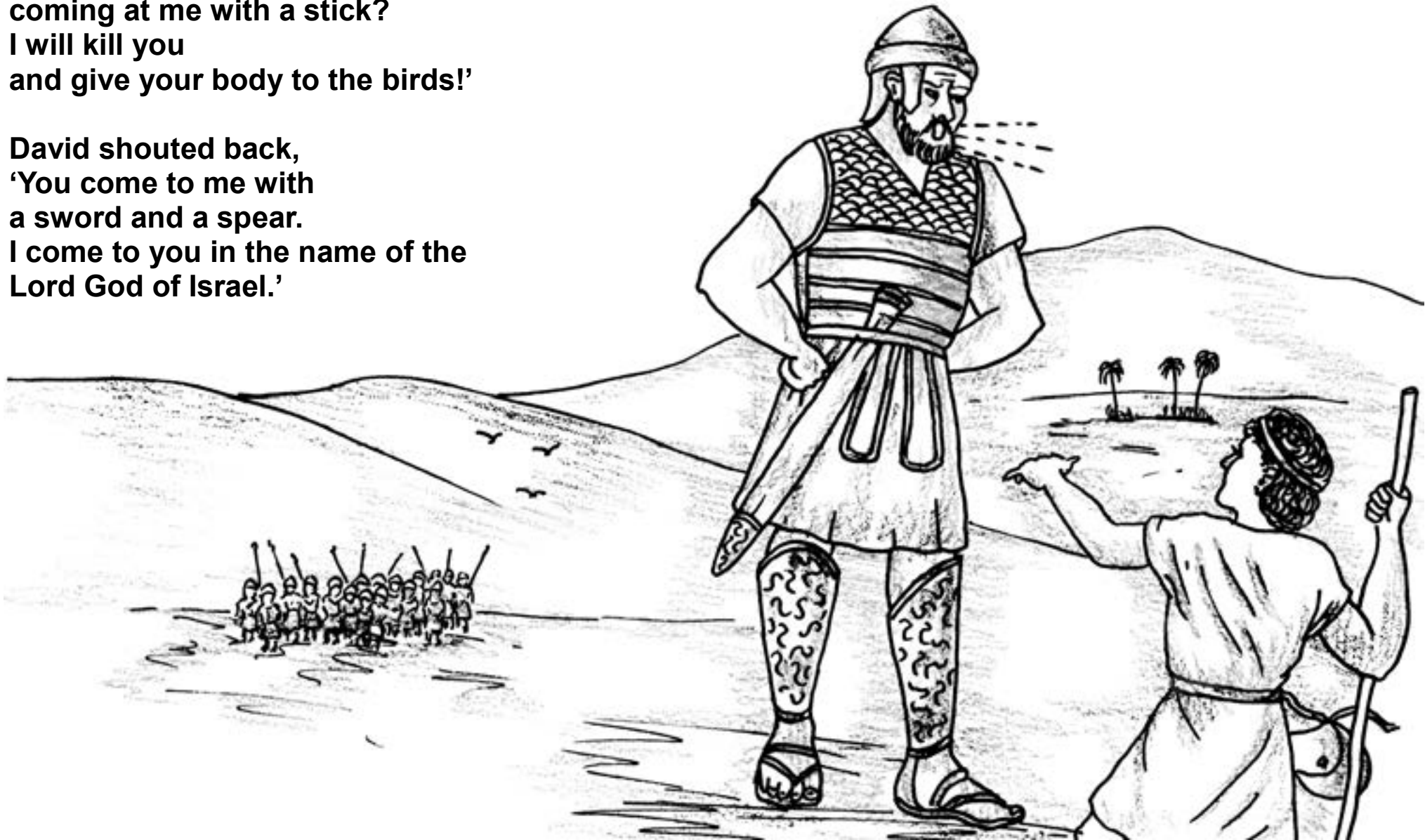
**David went down to the creek  
and found five smooth stones.  
He put them in his bag  
and went to meet Goliath.  
He also took his sling and his stick.**





**Goliath looked at David with scorn  
and shouted,  
'Do you think I'm a dog  
coming at me with a stick?  
I will kill you  
and give your body to the birds!'**

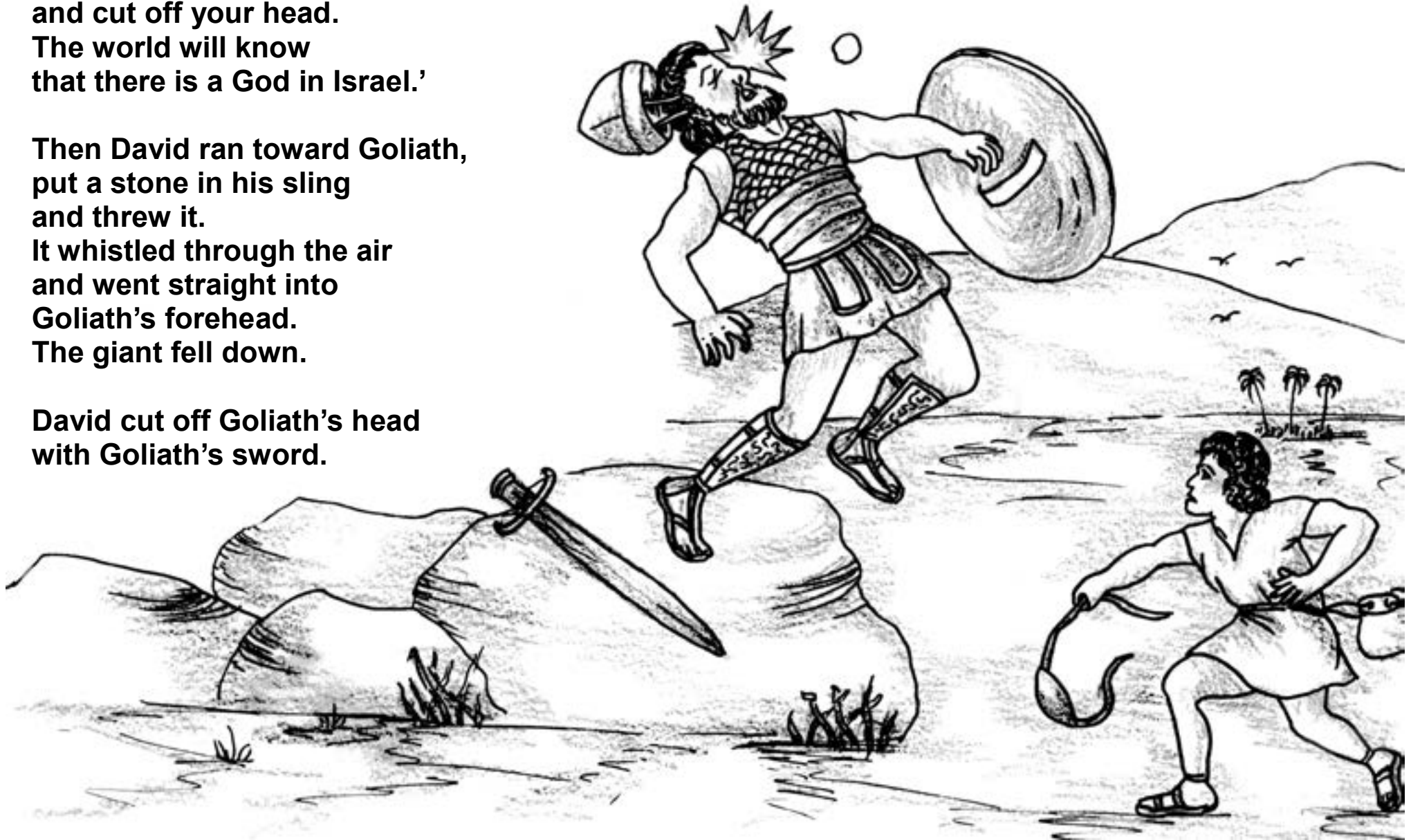
**David shouted back,  
'You come to me with  
a sword and a spear.  
I come to you in the name of the  
Lord God of Israel.'**



**'You have spoken against God.  
The Lord will give you to me.  
I'll kill you  
and cut off your head.  
The world will know  
that there is a God in Israel.'**

**Then David ran toward Goliath,  
put a stone in his sling  
and threw it.  
It whistled through the air  
and went straight into  
Goliath's forehead.  
The giant fell down.**

**David cut off Goliath's head  
with Goliath's sword.**



**When the Philistines saw that  
Goliath was dead,  
they were afraid.  
They ran away.  
The Israelites chased them  
back to their own cities.**

**That day,  
God saved His people  
from Goliath  
and the Philistines.**





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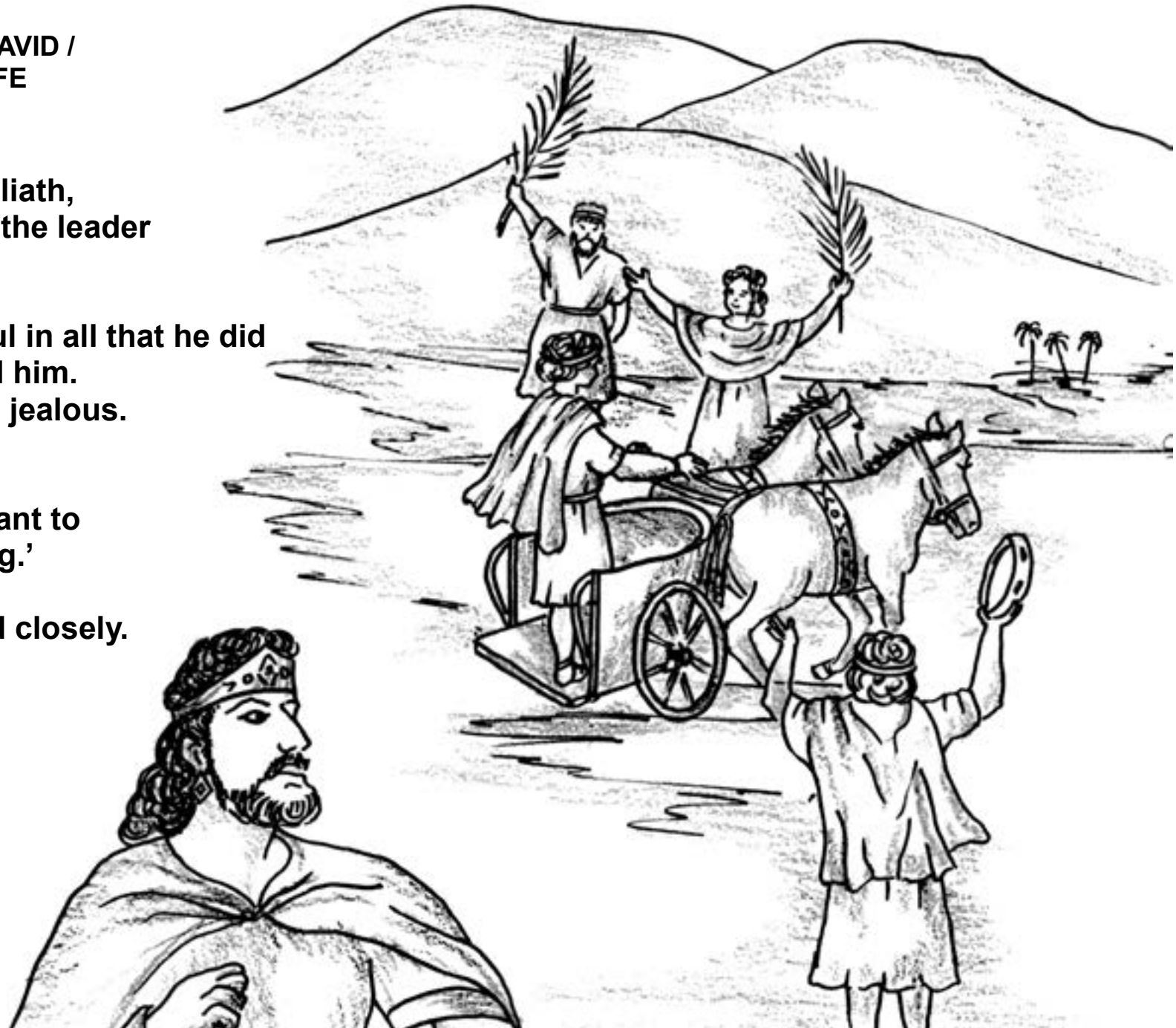
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**After David killed Goliath,  
King Saul made him the leader  
of an army.**

**David was successful in all that he did  
and the people loved him.  
This made King Saul jealous.**

**Saul thought,  
'The people might want to  
make David their king.'**

**So he watched David closely.**

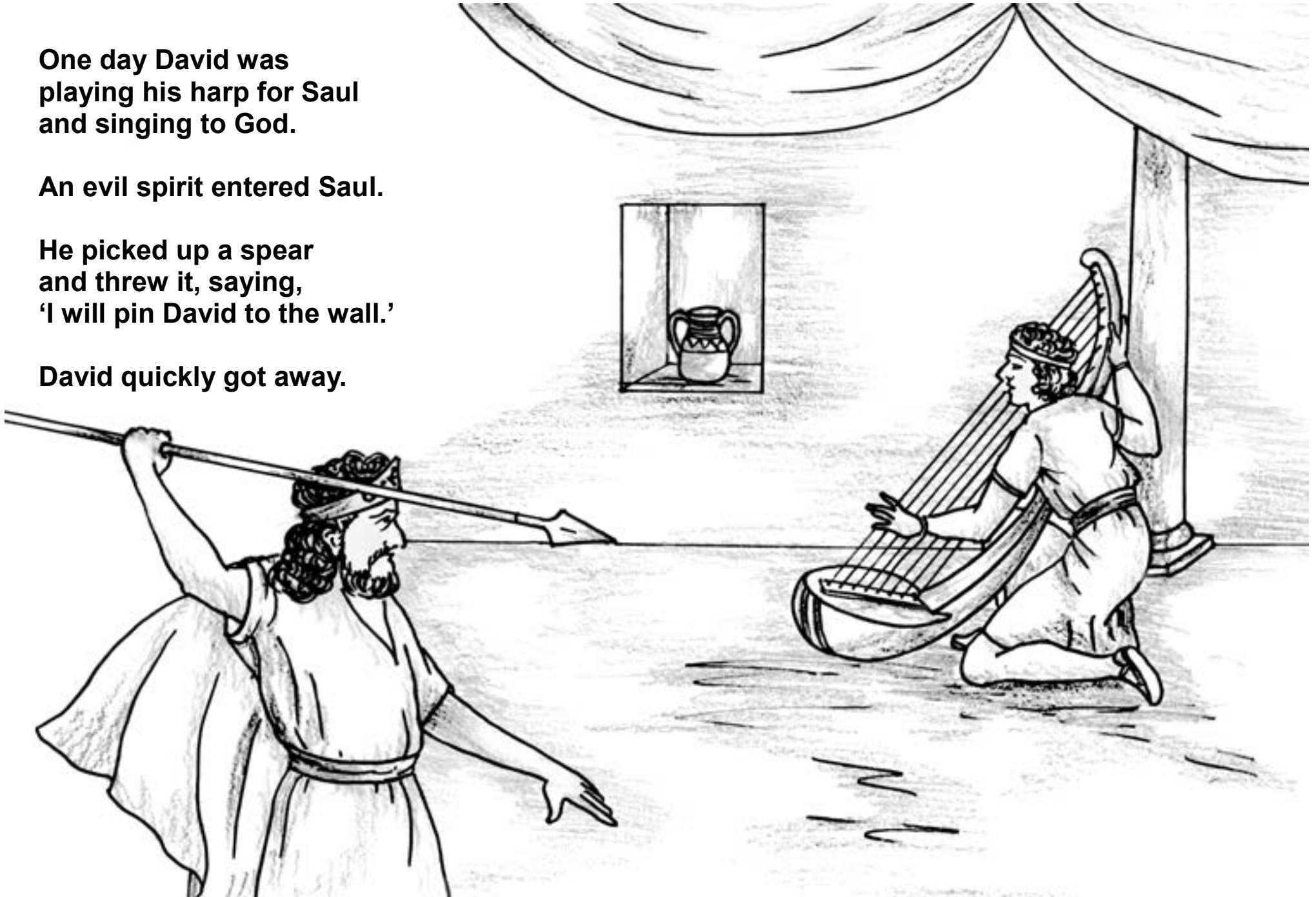


**One day David was playing his harp for Saul and singing to God.**

**An evil spirit entered Saul.**

**He picked up a spear and threw it, saying, 'I will pin David to the wall.'**

**David quickly got away.**



**He ran to his home.  
It was not safe to stay there.  
Men had been sent to catch him.**

**Michal, David's wife loved David.  
She helped him escape  
and let him out  
through the window.**

**David ran to Samuel.  
He stayed with the young prophets.**

**Saul heard that David  
was with the prophets.  
He tried to catch him,  
but God stopped him.**



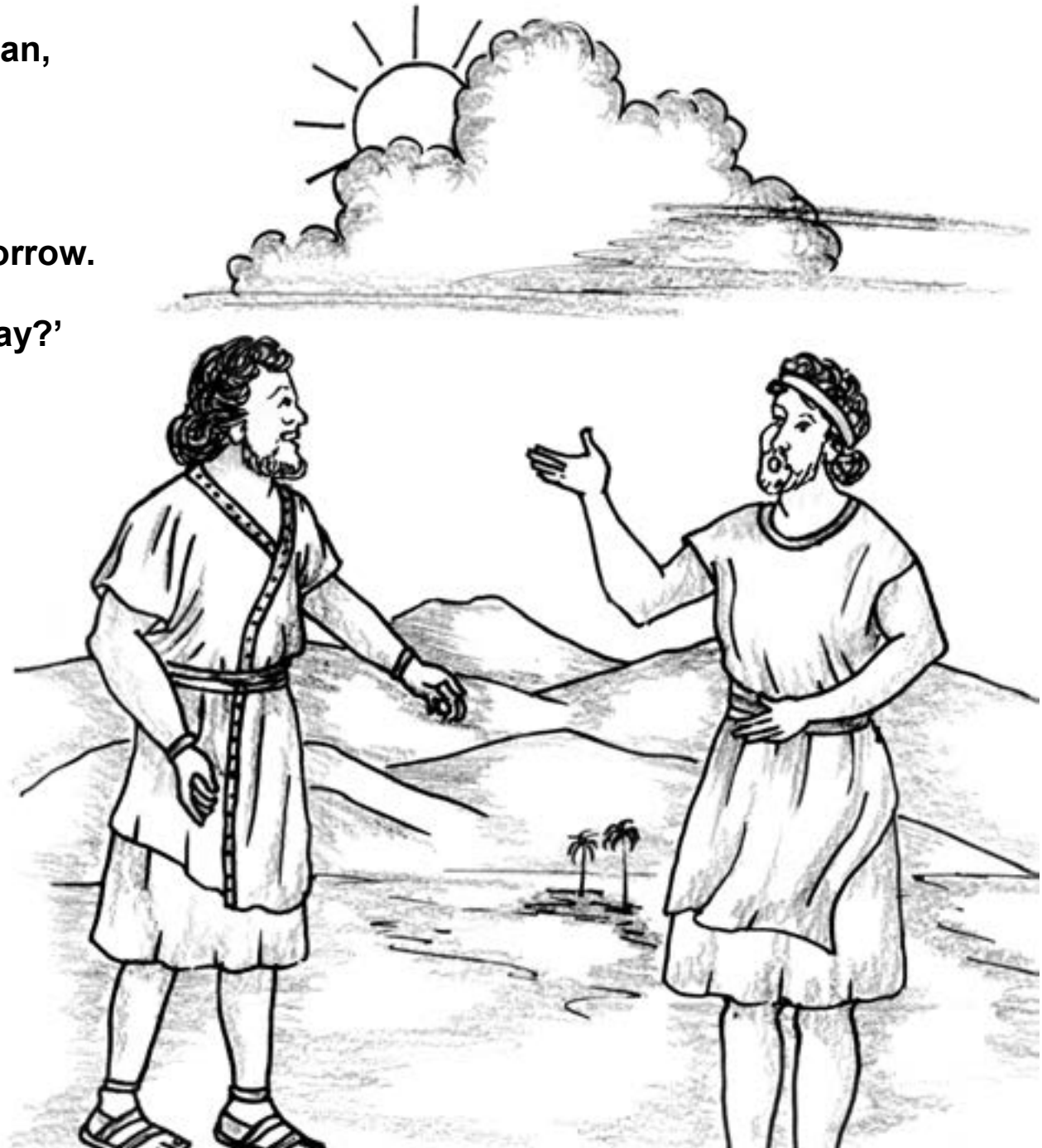
**Then David went to his friend Jonathan,  
who was Saul's son.**

**He said, 'Please help me.'  
'Your father wants to kill me.  
I am not going to be at the feast tomorrow.  
If Saul is angry with me,  
will you let me know and I will go away?'**

**Jonathan said to David,  
'Hide by that big stone over there.  
I will find out whether my father  
is really angry with you.  
In the morning  
I'll come out with a boy  
and will shoot three arrows.**

**I will send him to get them  
and if I say,  
"The arrows are on this side,"  
that means that you can come home.**

**'But if I say,  
"The arrows are beyond you,  
then go,  
for the Lord is sending you away.'"**



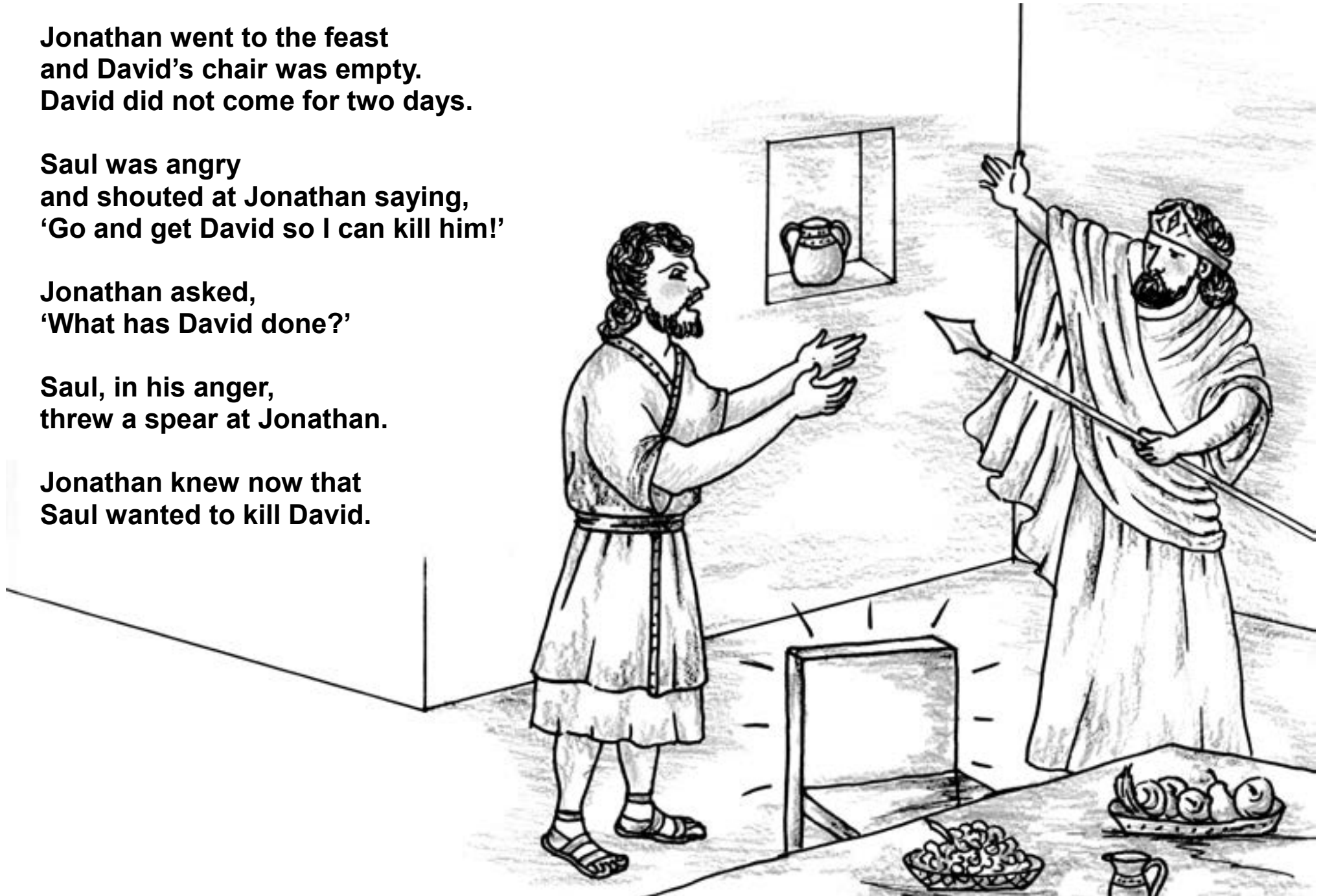
**Jonathan went to the feast  
and David's chair was empty.  
David did not come for two days.**

**Saul was angry  
and shouted at Jonathan saying,  
'Go and get David so I can kill him!'**

**Jonathan asked,  
'What has David done?'**

**Saul, in his anger,  
threw a spear at Jonathan.**

**Jonathan knew now that  
Saul wanted to kill David.**

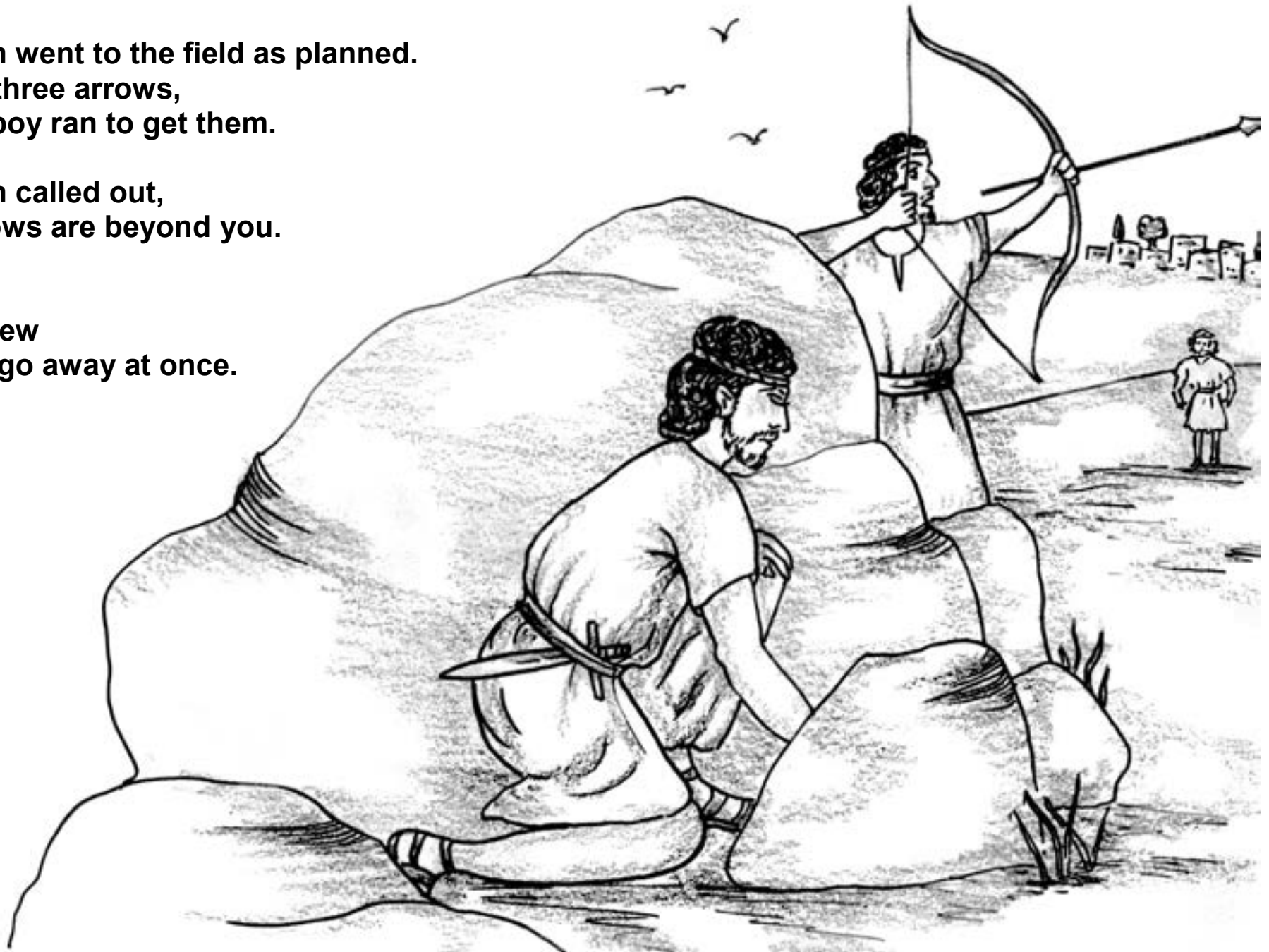




**Jonathan went to the field as planned.  
He shot three arrows,  
and the boy ran to get them.**

**Jonathan called out,  
'The arrows are beyond you.  
Hurry!'**

**David knew  
he must go away at once.**

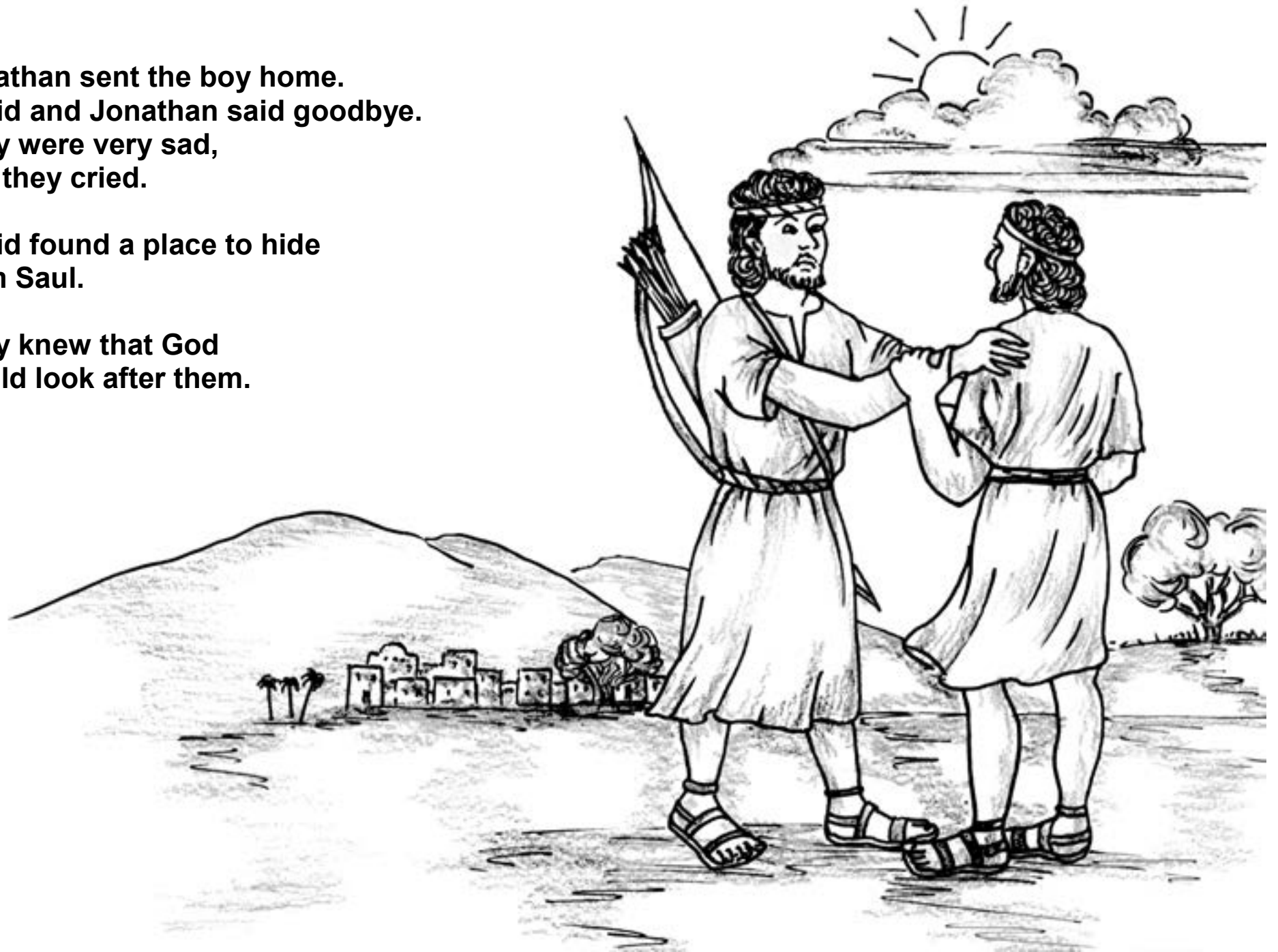




**Jonathan sent the boy home.  
David and Jonathan said goodbye.  
They were very sad,  
and they cried.**

**David found a place to hide  
from Saul.**

**They knew that God  
would look after them.**



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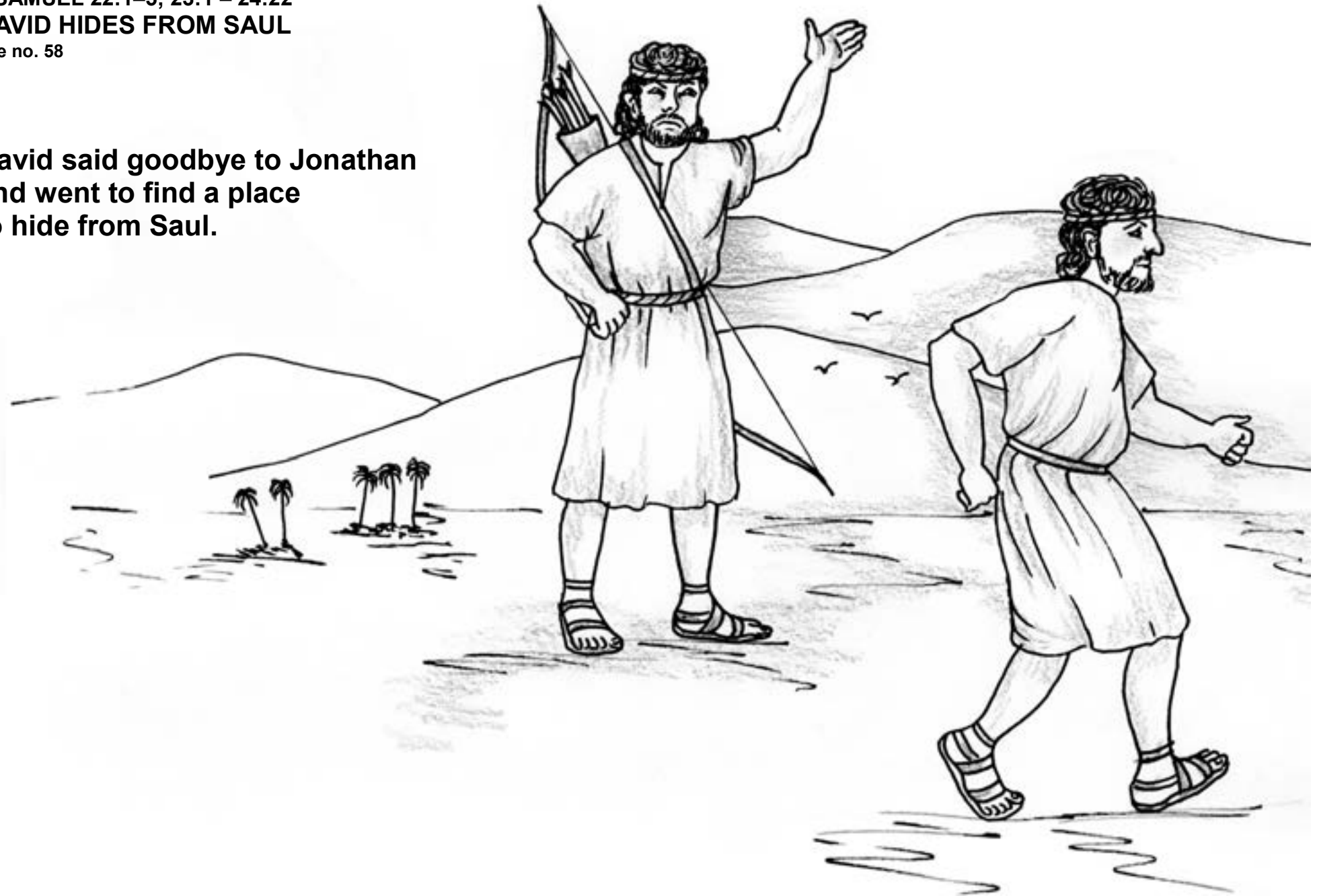
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**David said goodbye to Jonathan  
and went to find a place  
to hide from Saul.**



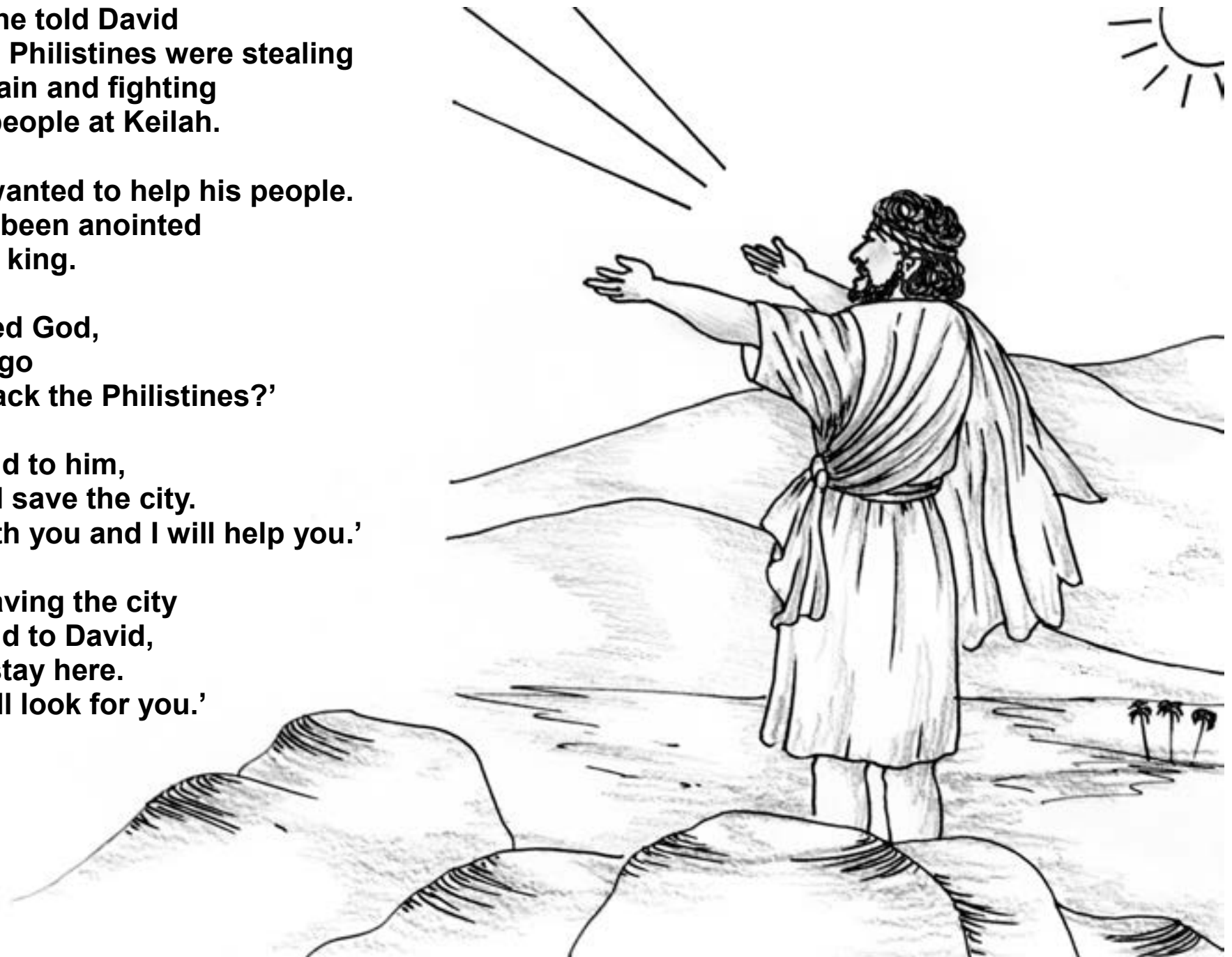
**Someone told David  
that the Philistines were stealing  
their grain and fighting  
God's people at Keilah.**

**David wanted to help his people.  
He had been anointed  
as their king.**

**He asked God,  
'Shall I go  
and attack the Philistines?'**

**God said to him,  
'Go and save the city.  
I am with you and I will help you.'**

**After saving the city  
God said to David,  
'Don't stay here.  
Saul will look for you.'**

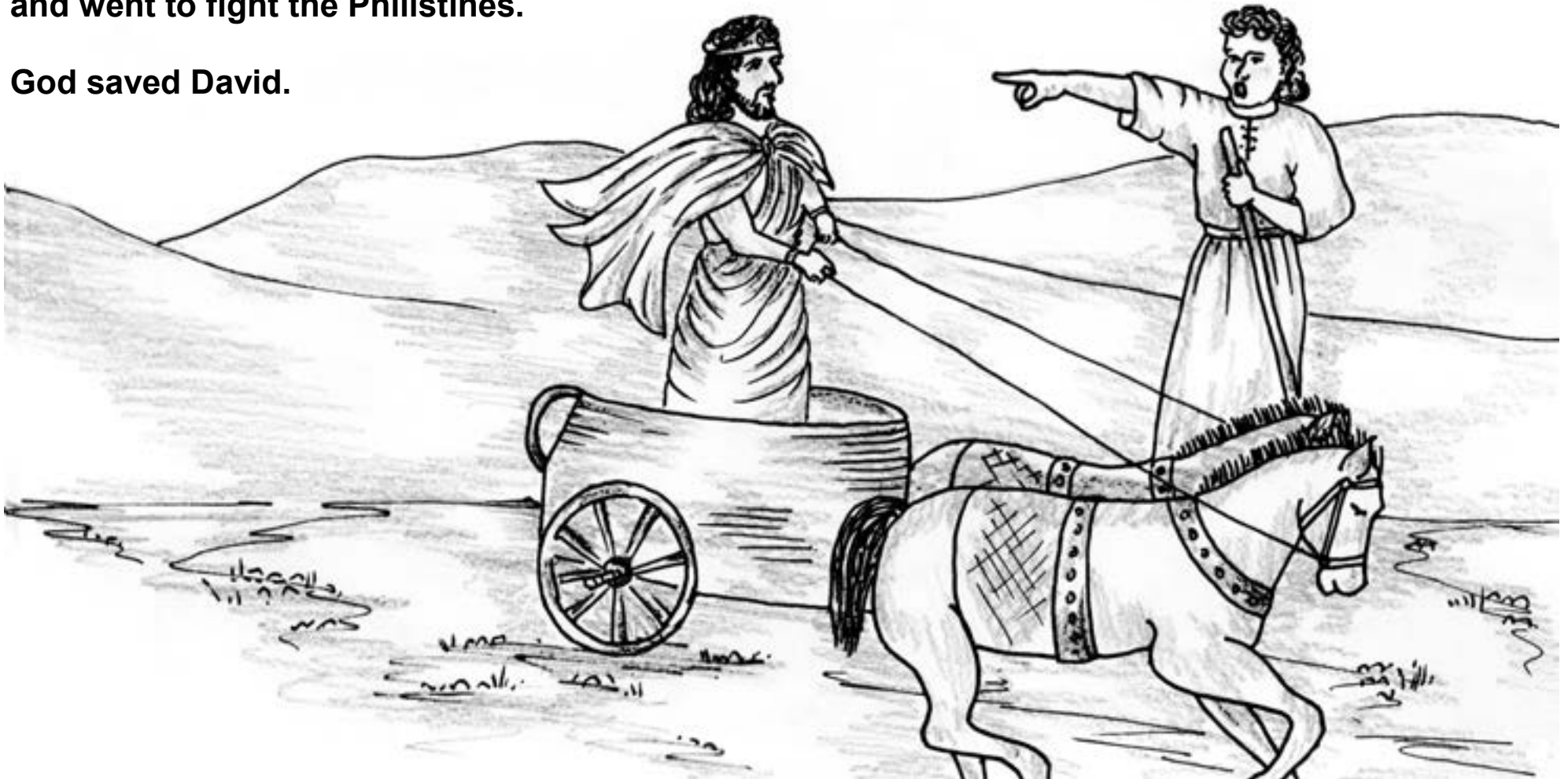


**Sure enough,  
King Saul was on his way to get rid of David.**

**But a messenger stopped him and said,  
'The Philistines are going to attack us.'**

**Saul stopped chasing David  
and went to fight the Philistines.**

**God saved David.**



**Then Saul went looking for David again.  
He stopped at a cave to relieve himself.**

**But in that big dark cave  
David and his men were hiding.**

**Saul did not see them.**

**David's men said,  
'Look! The Lord has given  
your enemy into our hands.  
Let us kill him.'**

**But David said,  
'No, he is the Lord's anointed king.'**

**However, David crept up to Saul  
and cut off a piece of his coat.**

**Saul did not hear or see him.**





**Then David waited until Saul had gone far away from the cave before calling out, 'My master and king!'**

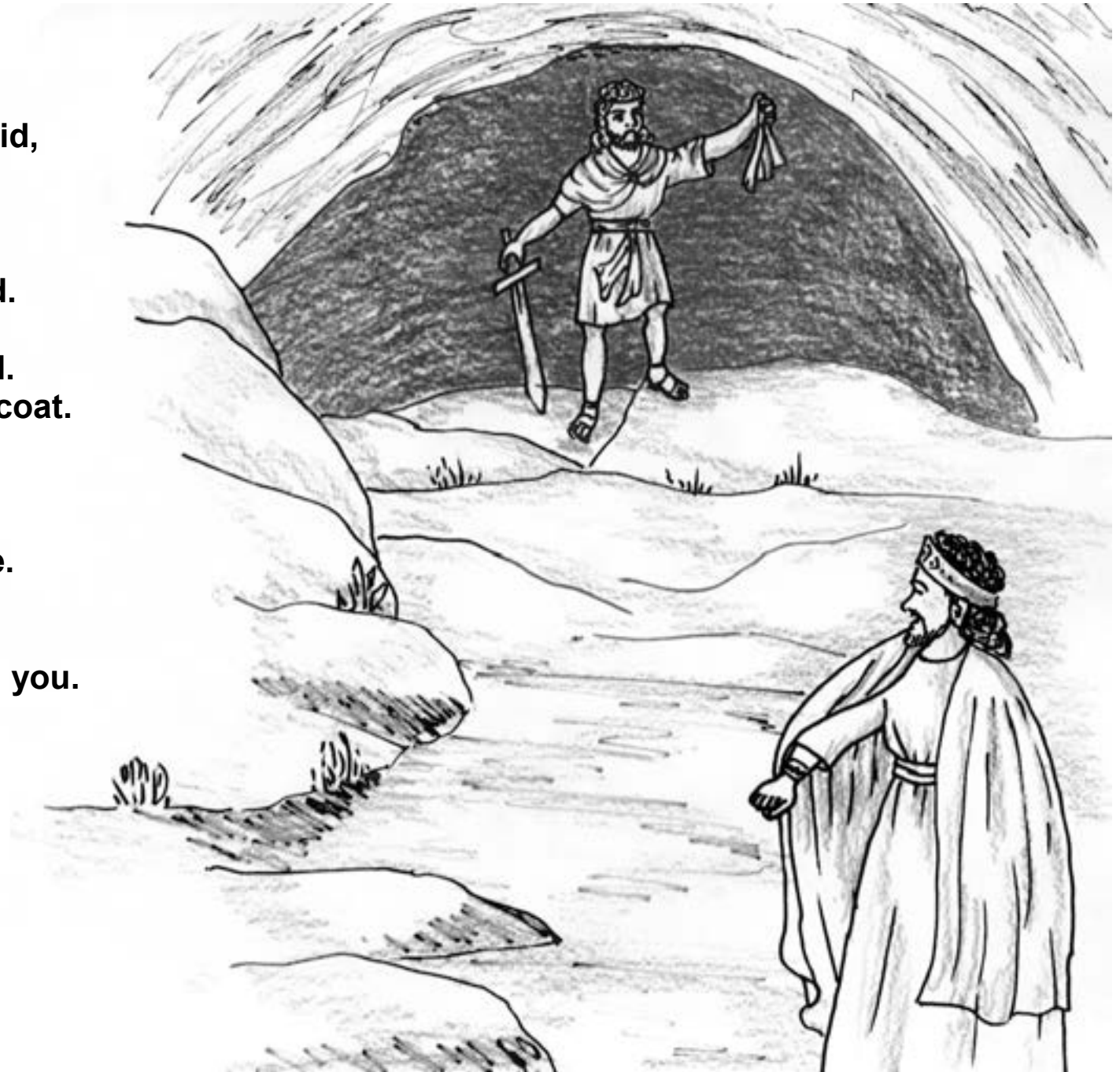
**Saul was surprised when he turned around and saw David.**





**David bowed to him and said,  
'Why do you think I want  
to kill you?  
I don't.  
You are the Lord's anointed.**

**'Look at what is in my hand.  
I cut off the corner of your coat.  
Today the Lord put you  
in my power.  
I did not hurt you  
but you are trying to kill me.  
The Lord punish you  
for what you have done.  
May the Lord save me from you.  
I will not harm you.'**



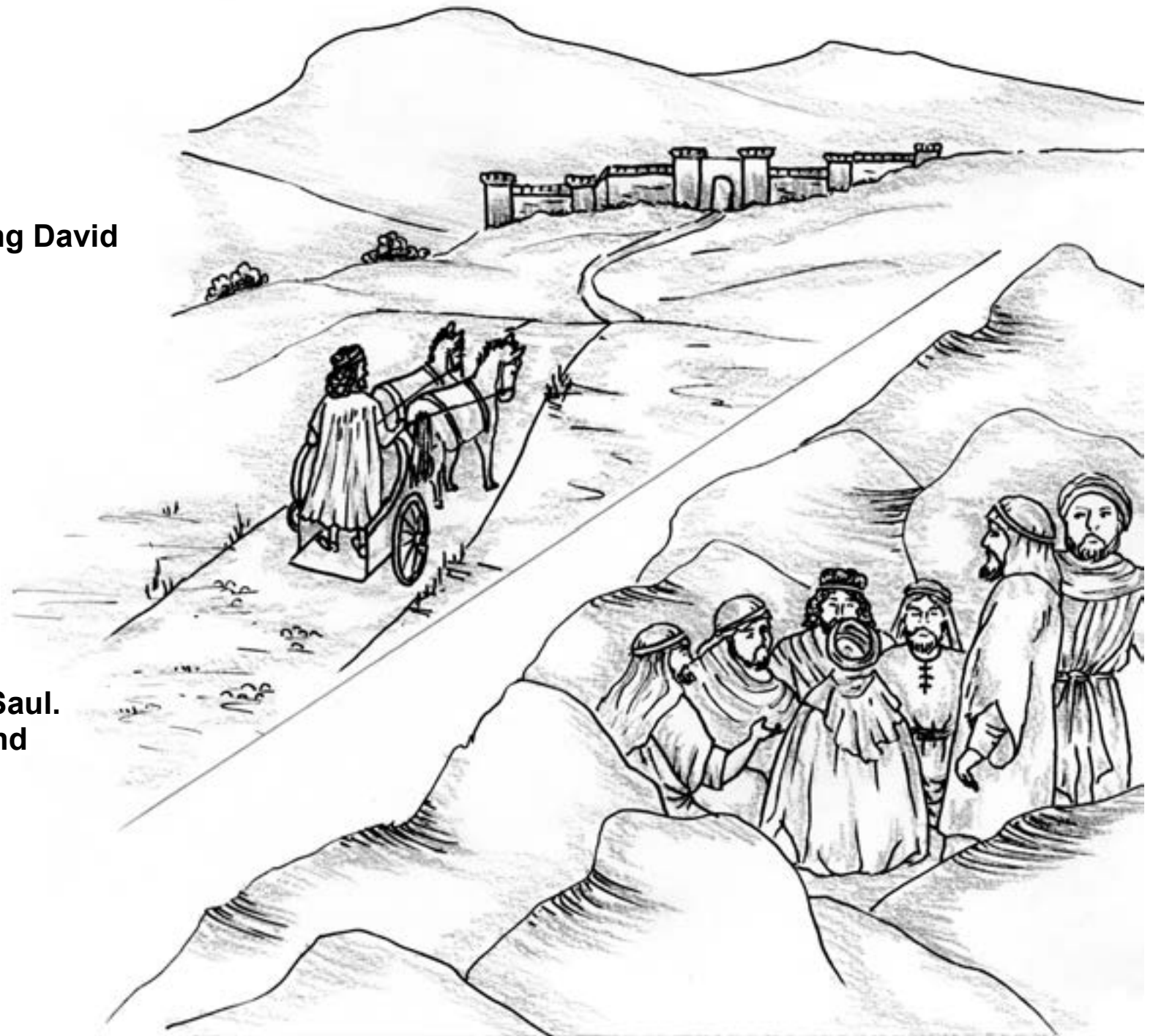
**Saul listened to David and cried,  
'David, my son.  
You are better than I am,  
for you let me live.  
I have wanted to kill you.  
You will be ruler over Israel after me.  
Please be kind to my family  
when you are king.'**

**David promised  
to be kind to Saul's family.**



**Saul stopped chasing David  
and went home.**

**David did not trust Saul.  
He and his men found  
a safe place to stay.  
He trusted God.**





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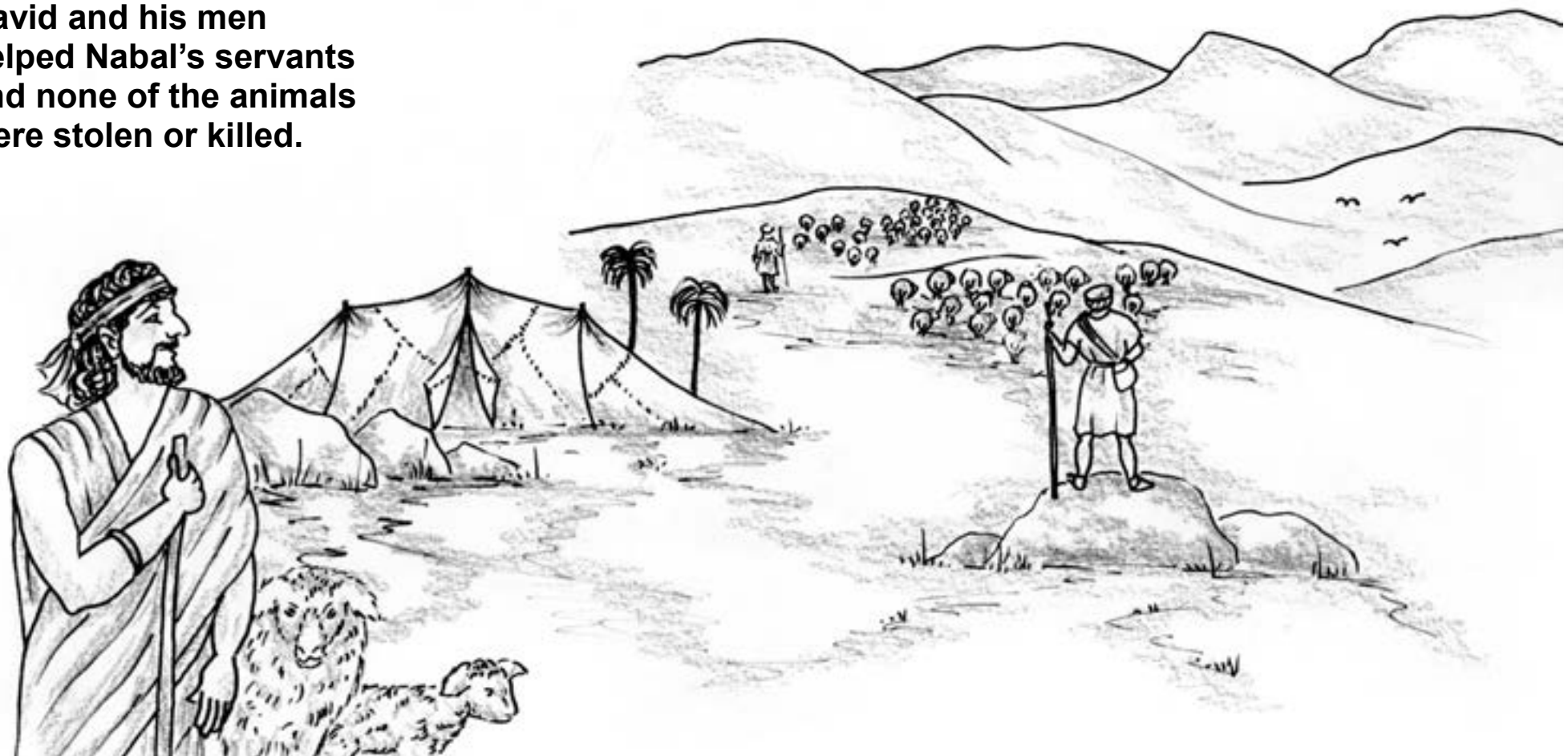
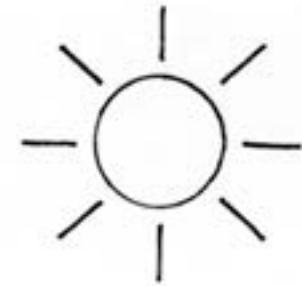
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**David was hiding in the wilderness from Saul.  
Nabal, a very rich farmer,  
had servants looking after his sheep and goats  
in the same wilderness.**

**David and his men  
helped Nabal's servants  
and none of the animals  
were stolen or killed.**

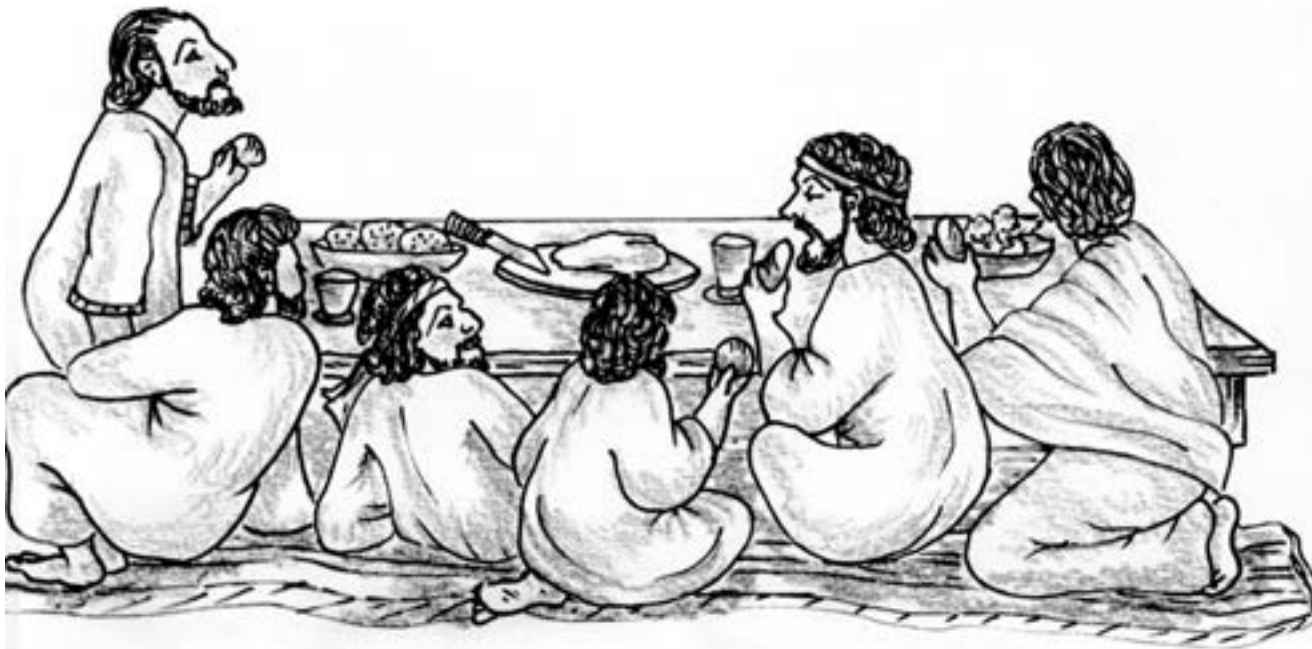


**Then Nabal sheared his sheep  
and gave his men a big feast.**

**David sent ten of his men  
to ask Nabal for some food,  
for they had also looked after his animals.**

**Nabal replied,  
'No, you can't have any food.  
Anyway, who is David?'**

**Nabal was pretending that he didn't know David.**

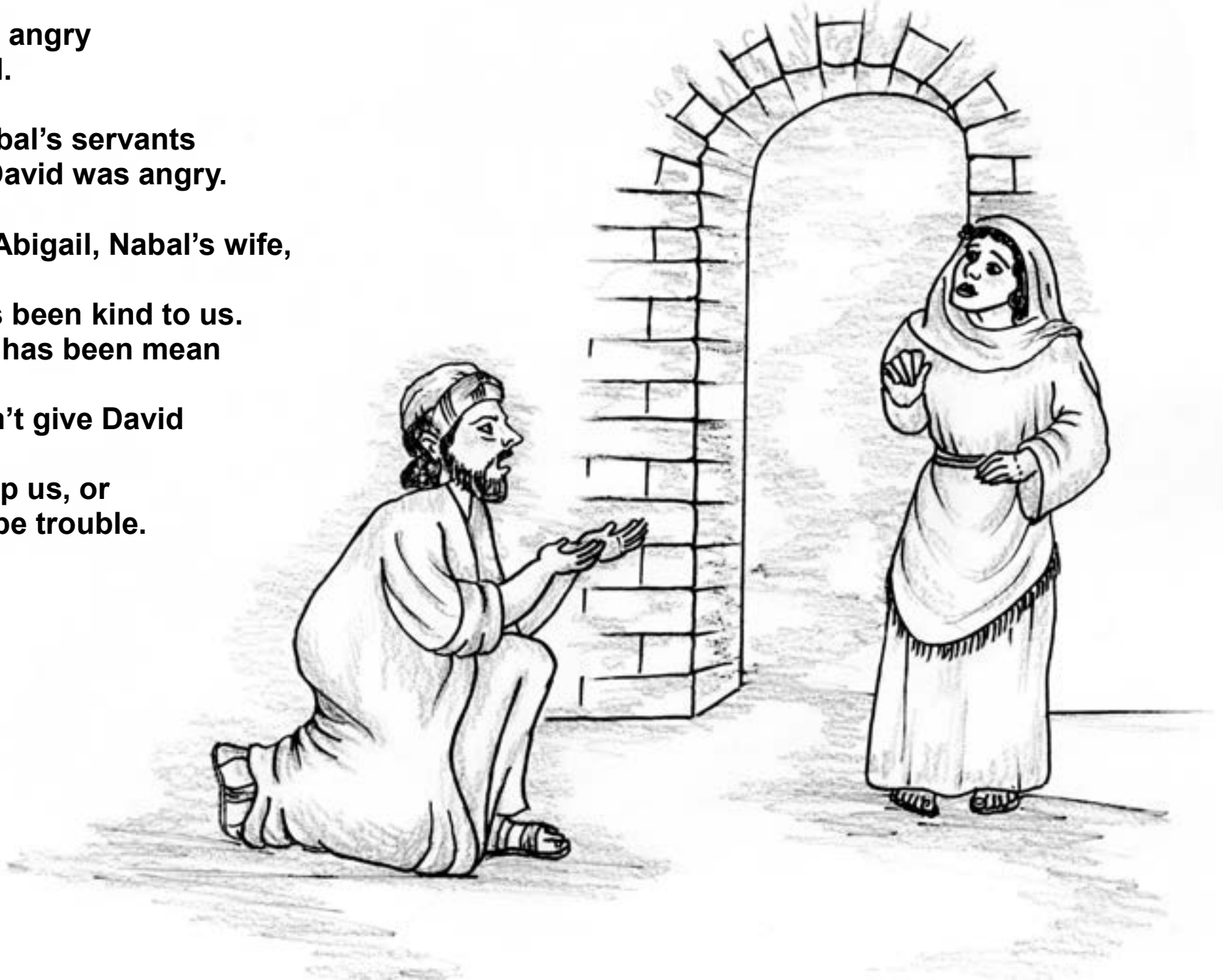




**David was angry  
with Nabal.**

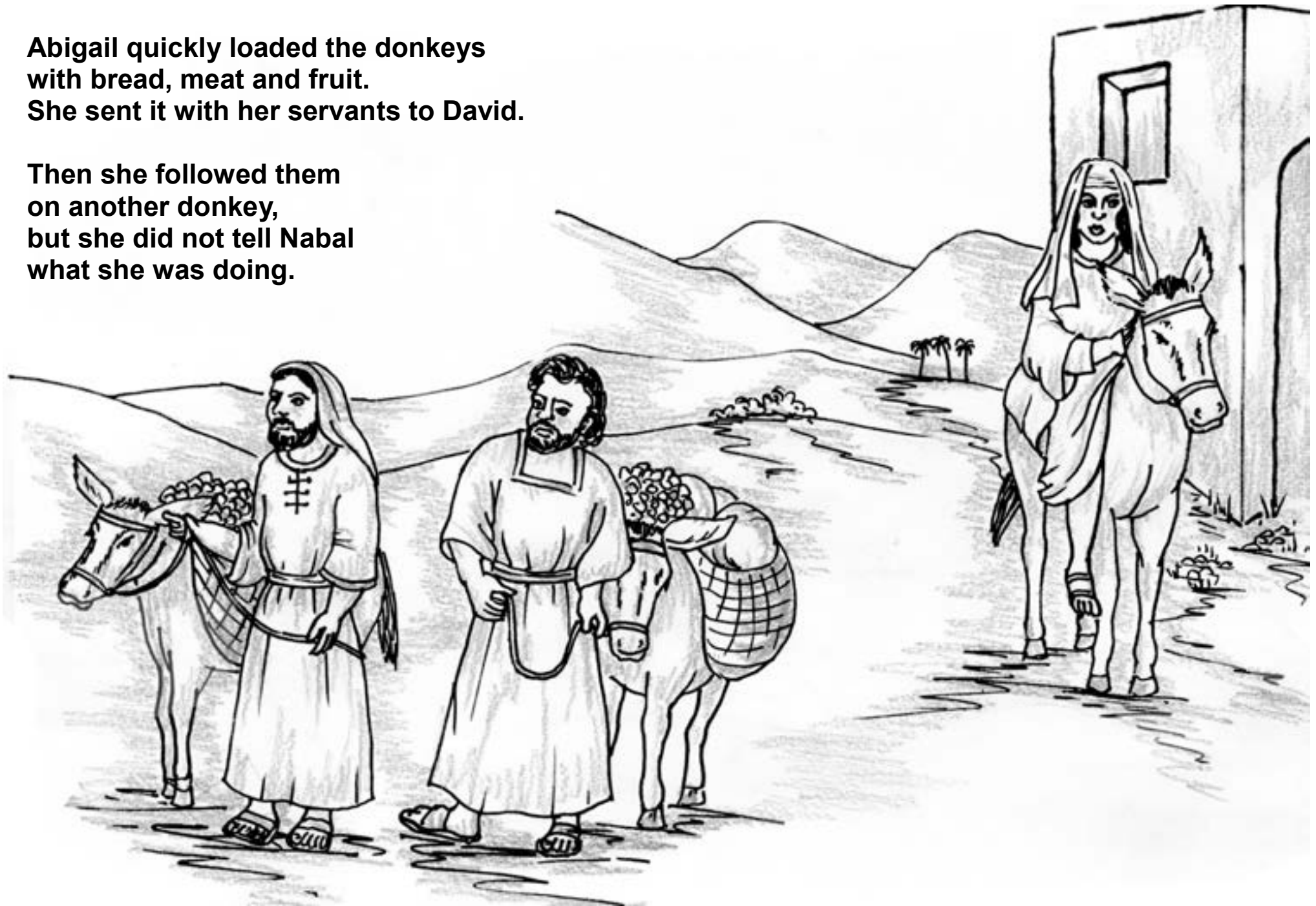
**One of Nabal's servants  
saw that David was angry.**

**He ran to Abigail, Nabal's wife,  
and said,  
'David has been kind to us.  
But Nabal has been mean  
to David.  
He wouldn't give David  
any food.  
Please help us, or  
there will be trouble.**



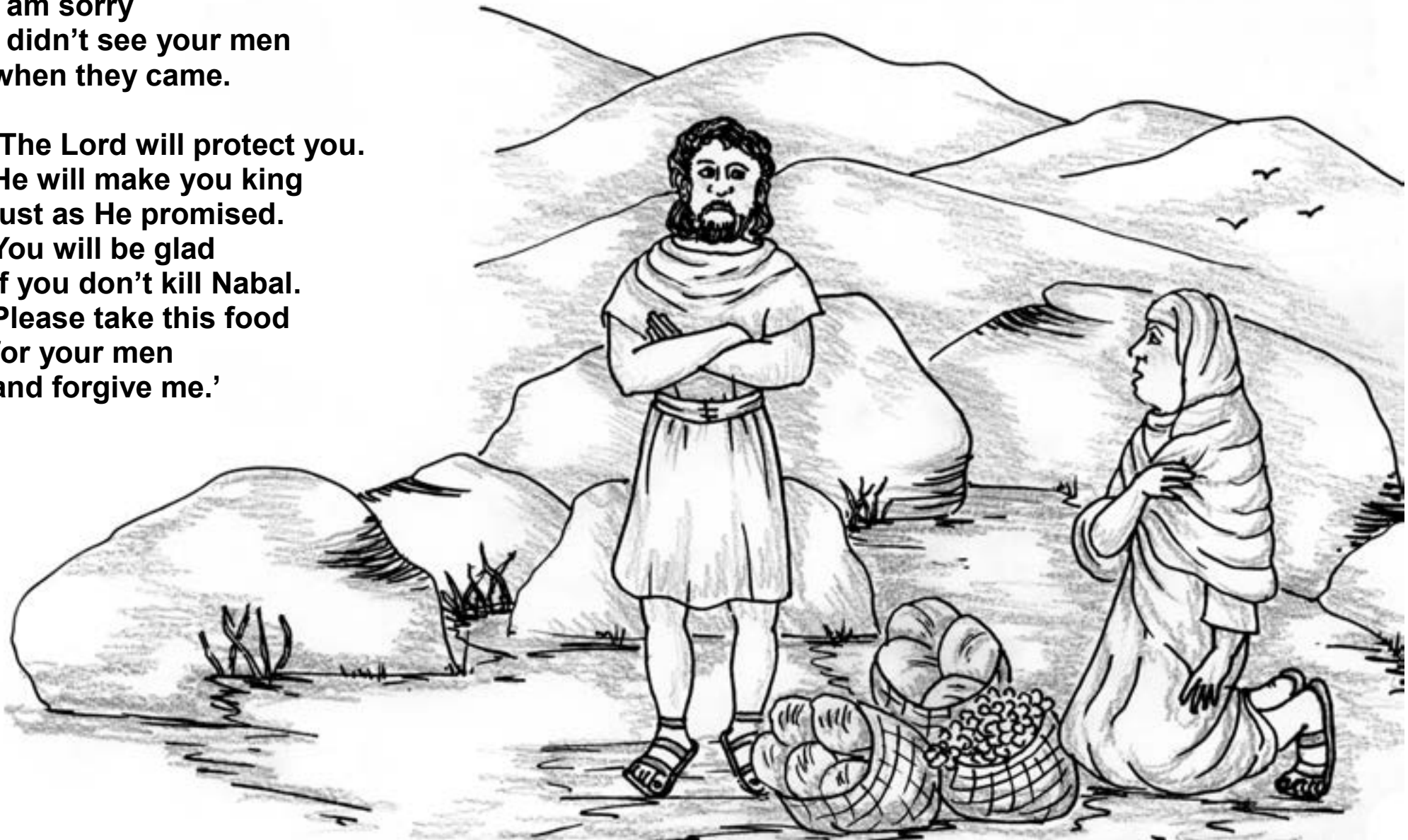
**Abigail quickly loaded the donkeys  
with bread, meat and fruit.  
She sent it with her servants to David.**

**Then she followed them  
on another donkey,  
but she did not tell Nabal  
what she was doing.**



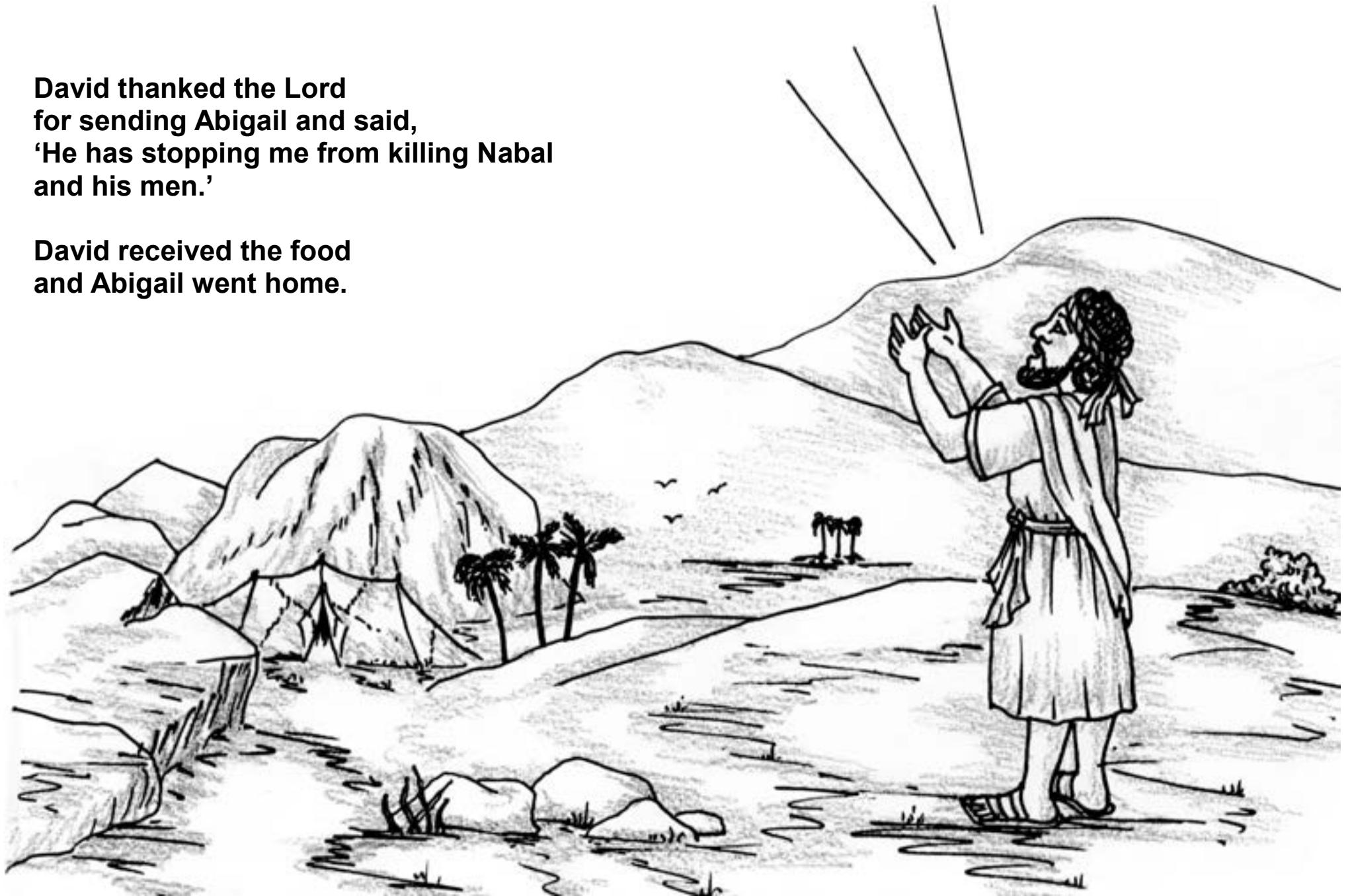
**When she saw David  
she bowed at his feet saying,  
'Nabal is a foolish man.  
I am sorry  
I didn't see your men  
when they came.'**

**'The Lord will protect you.  
He will make you king  
just as He promised.  
You will be glad  
if you don't kill Nabal.  
Please take this food  
for your men  
and forgive me.'**



**David thanked the Lord  
for sending Abigail and said,  
'He has stopping me from killing Nabal  
and his men.'**

**David received the food  
and Abigail went home.**



**When Abigail arrived home she found Nabal still feasting and he was drunk.**

**In the morning she told Nabal she had given David some food.**

**This made Nabal very angry.  
His heart became sick  
and he could not move or speak.  
Ten days later,  
the Lord caused him to die.**

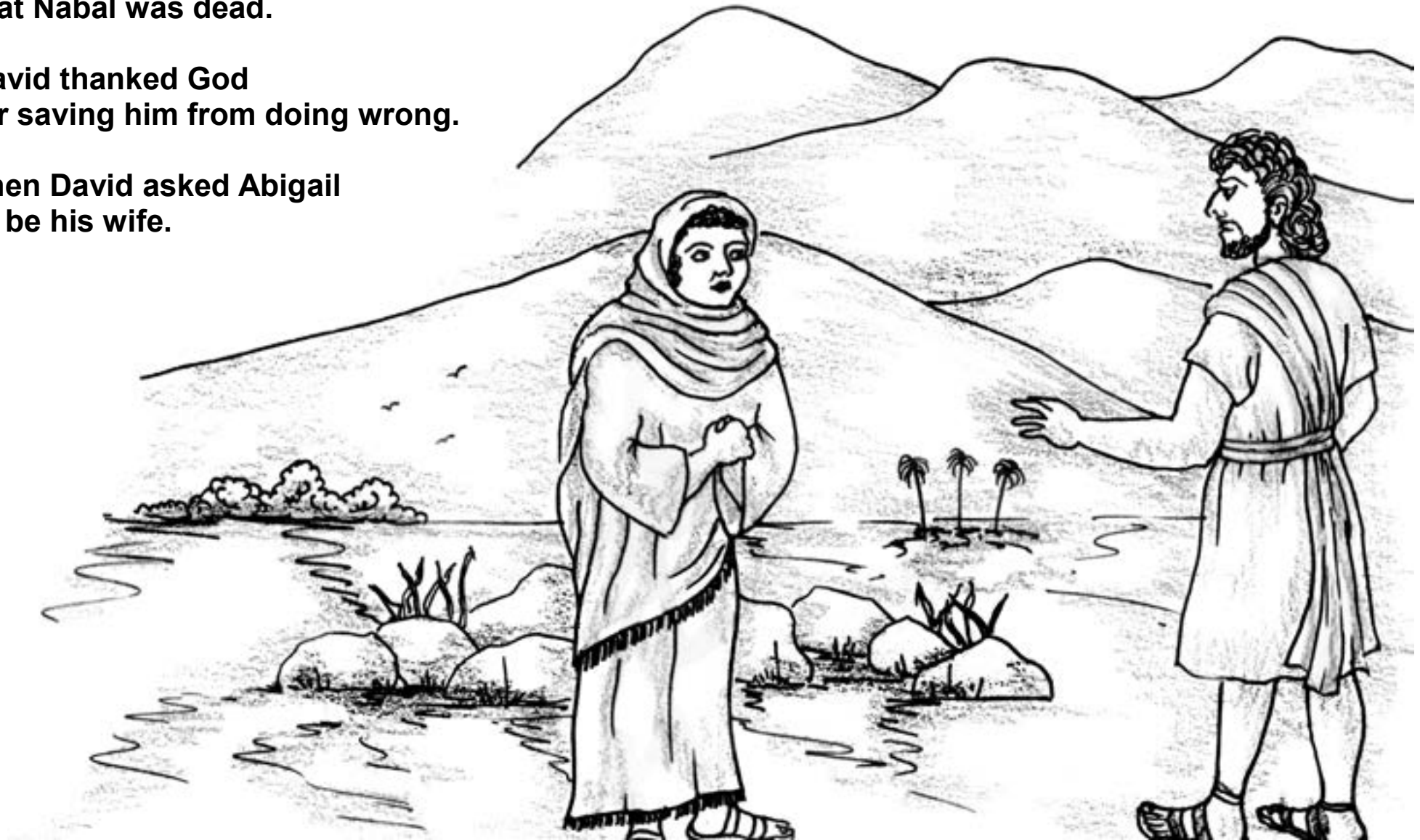




**Abigail's servant found David  
and told him  
that Nabal was dead.**

**David thanked God  
for saving him from doing wrong.**

**Then David asked Abigail  
to be his wife.**







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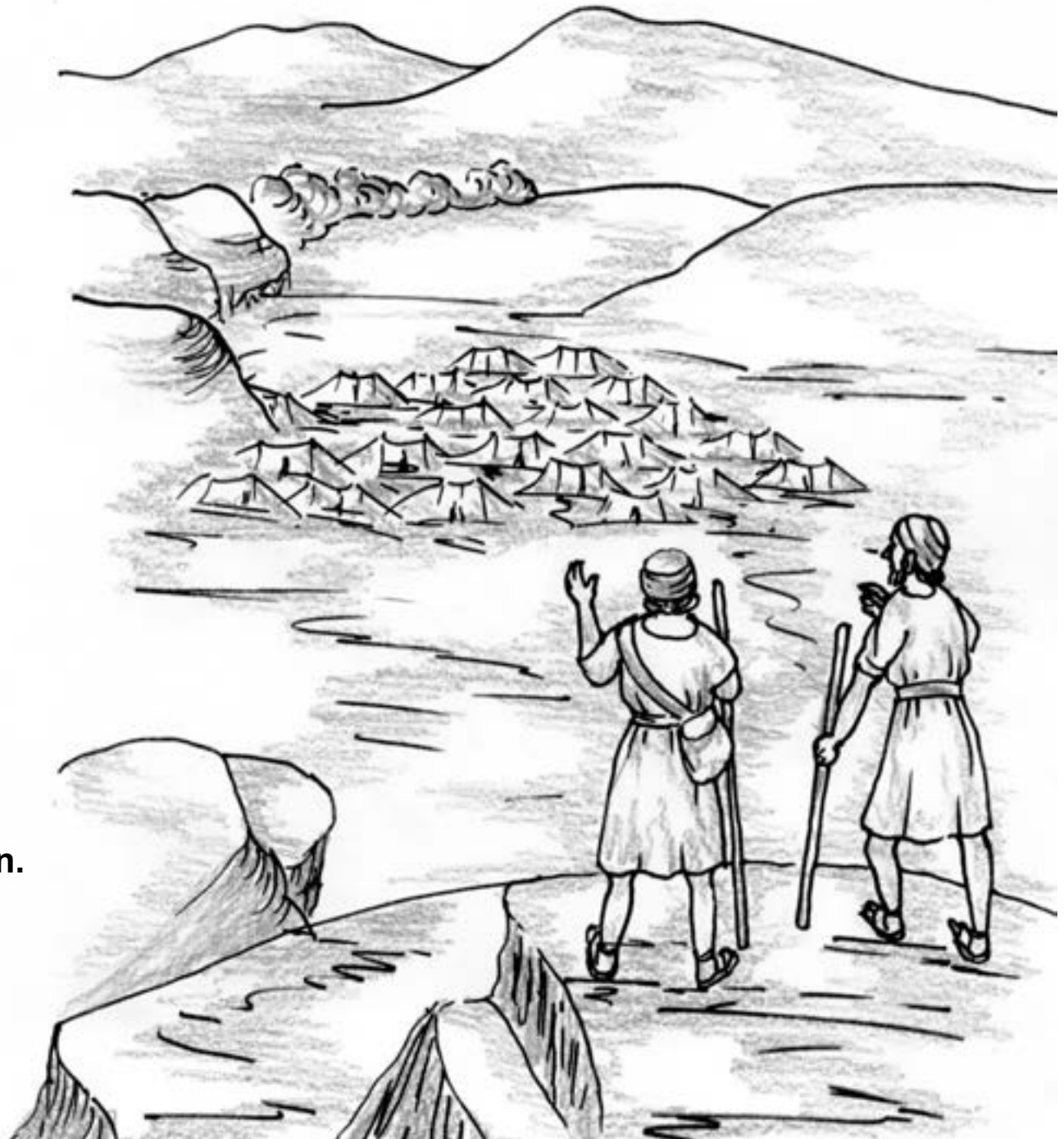
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**King Saul was still angry and wanted to kill David. He and his soldiers went to the wilderness to look for him.**

**David heard that Saul was looking for him. He told his spies to find out where Saul was.**

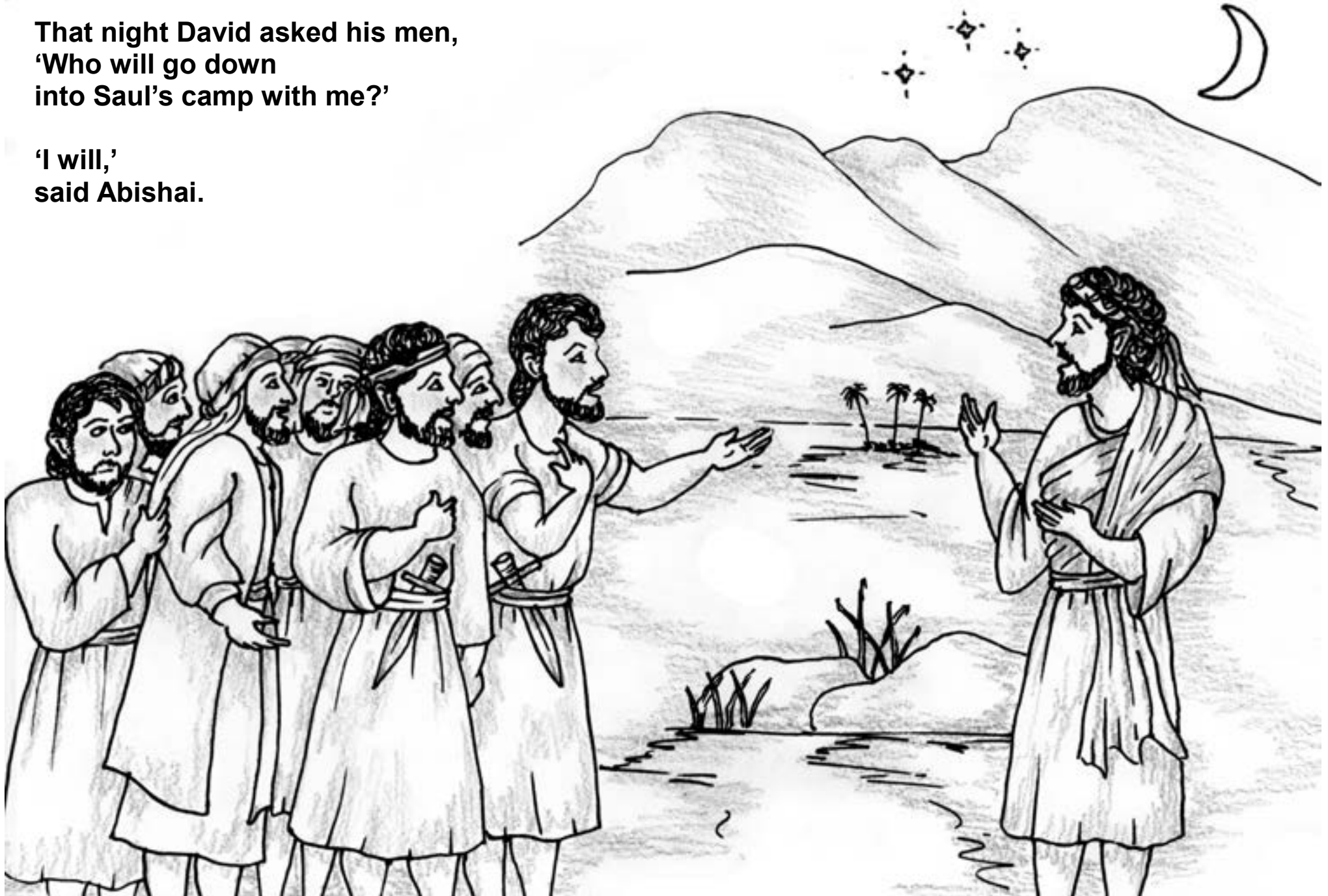
**They found Saul guarded by three thousand soldiers.**

**The spies hurried back to tell David what they had seen.**



That night David asked his men,  
'Who will go down  
into Saul's camp with me?'

'I will,'  
said Abishai.



**David and Abishai went into Saul's camp.  
They found everyone asleep,  
even Saul's body guard.**

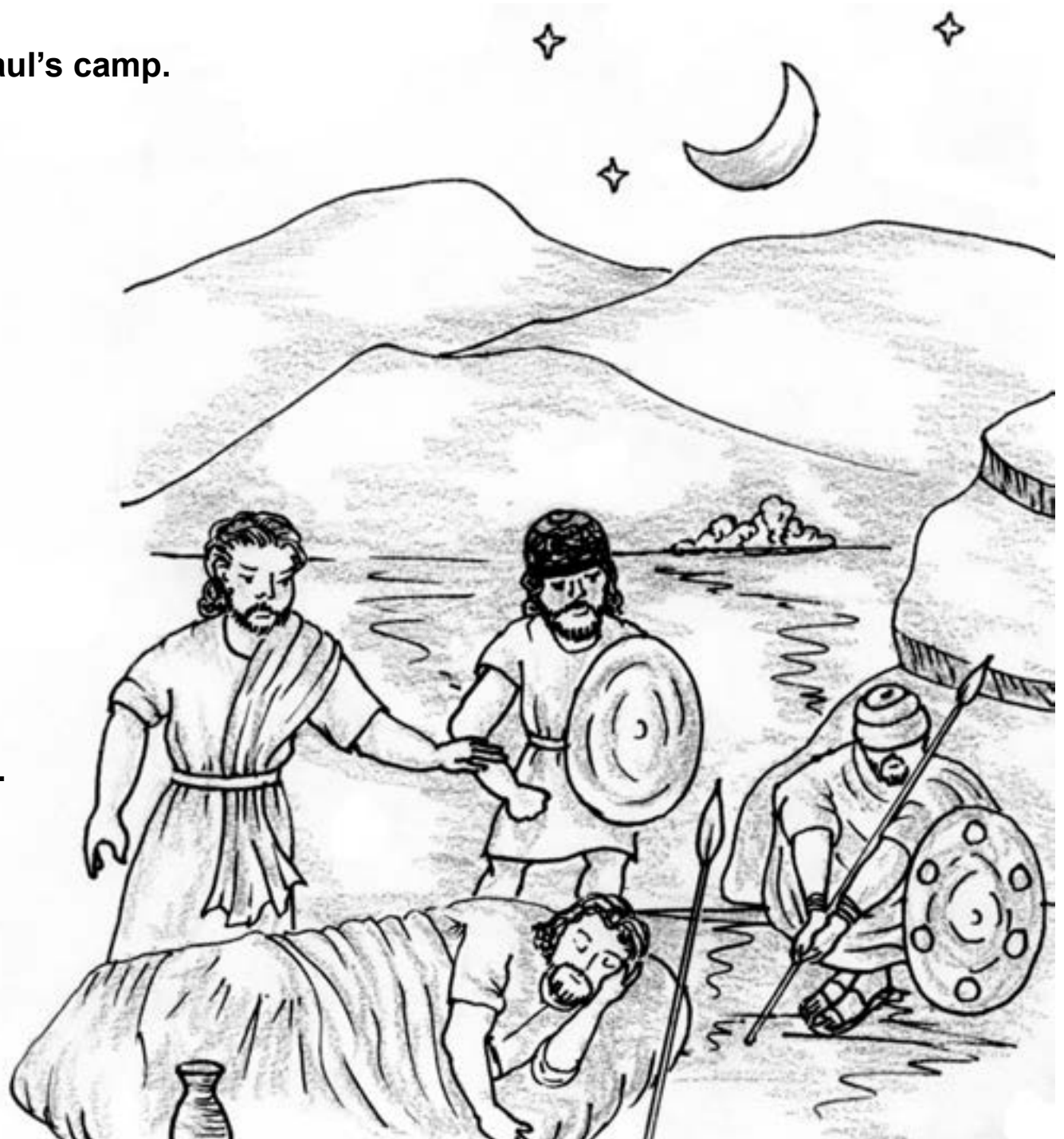
**They crept past the soldiers  
until they came to Saul.**

**No one woke up.  
The Lord  
was keeping them asleep.**

**Abishai whispered,  
'God is letting you  
get rid of your enemy.  
Let me kill him with his spear.'**

**'Don't kill Saul,'  
said David.  
'He is the Lord's anointed king.  
It is not for me to hurt Saul.  
The Lord will punish him.'**

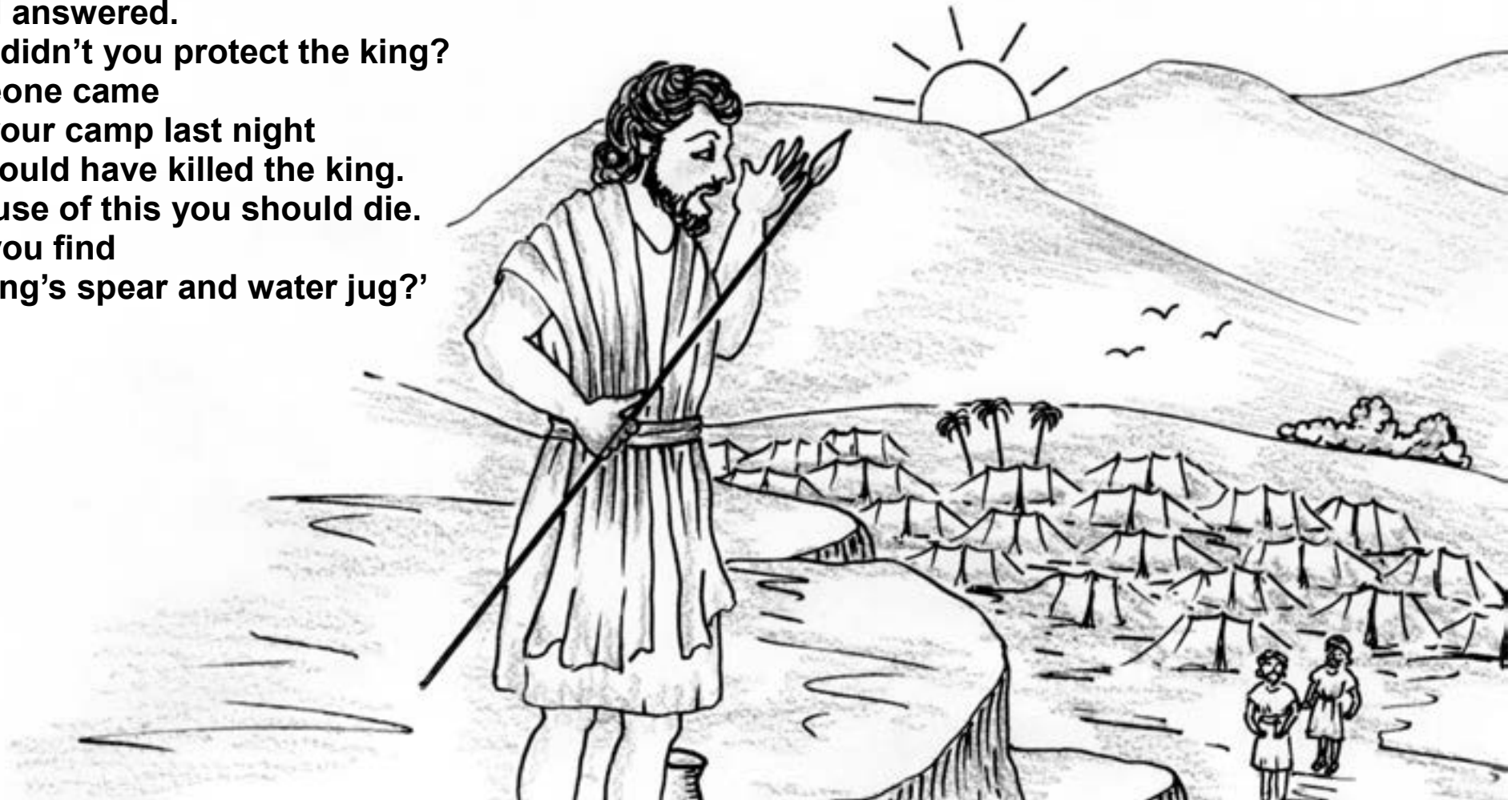
**'Pick up his spear  
and water jug  
and let's get out of here.'**



**David climbed to the top of the hill  
and shouted to Saul's captain,  
'Abner! Abner! Wake up.'**

**Abner woke up and asked,  
'Who is calling me?'**

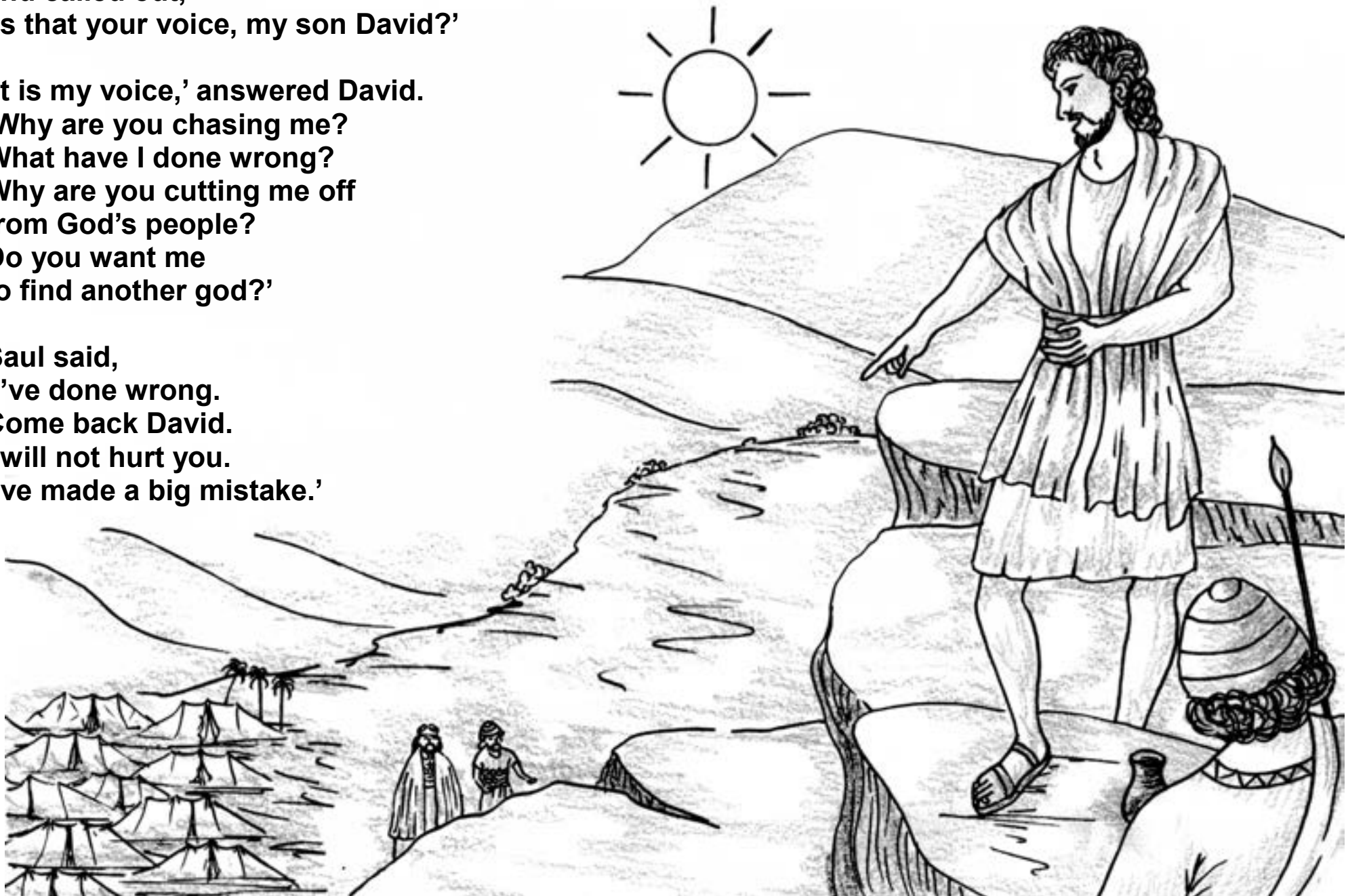
**David answered.  
'Why didn't you protect the king?  
Someone came  
into your camp last night  
and could have killed the king.  
Because of this you should die.  
Can you find  
the king's spear and water jug?'**



**Saul heard David and woke up  
and called out,  
'Is that your voice, my son David?'**

**'It is my voice,' answered David.  
'Why are you chasing me?  
What have I done wrong?  
Why are you cutting me off  
from God's people?  
Do you want me  
to find another god?'**

**Saul said,  
'I've done wrong.  
Come back David.  
I will not hurt you.  
I've made a big mistake.'**

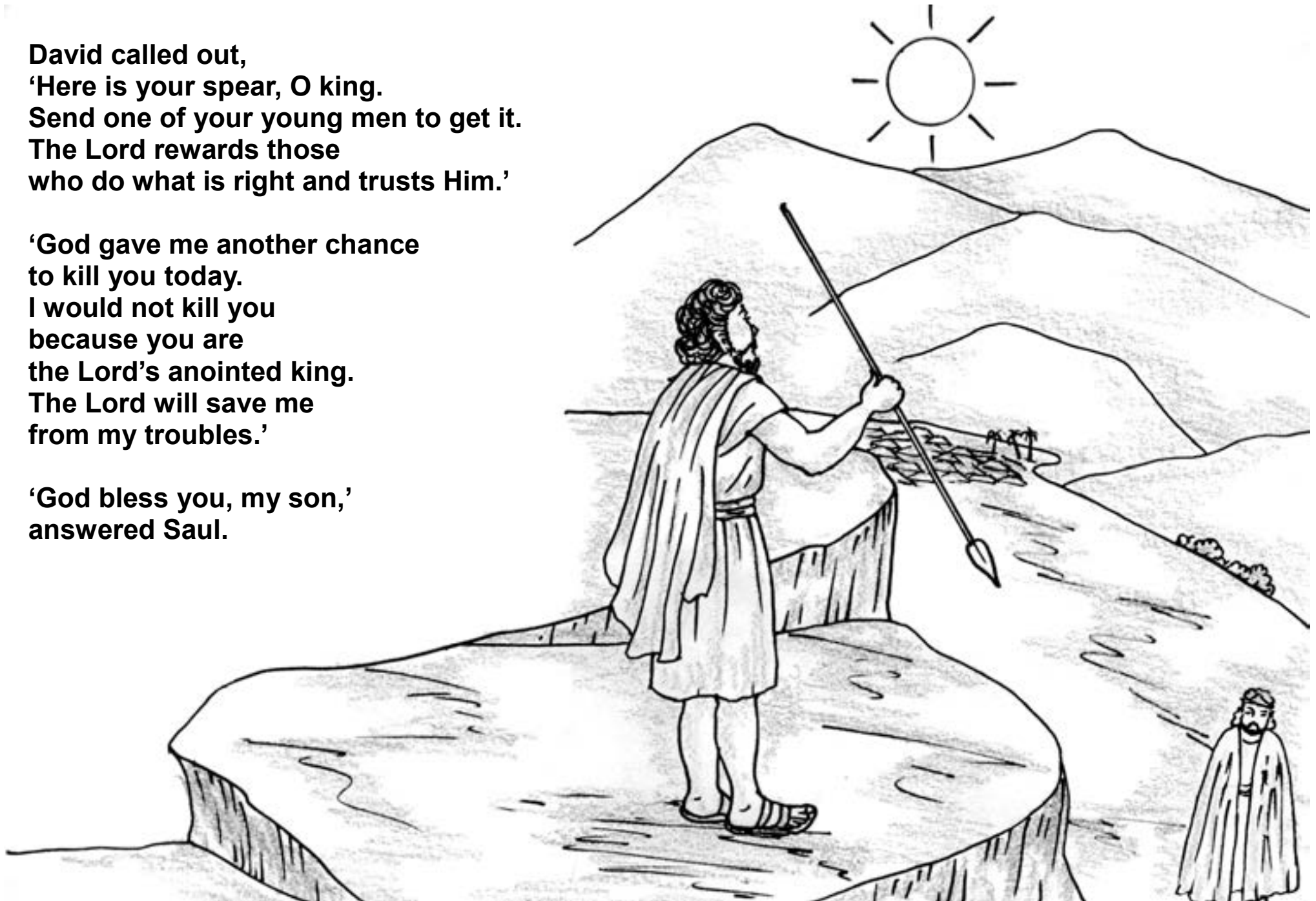




**David called out,  
'Here is your spear, O king.  
Send one of your young men to get it.  
The Lord rewards those  
who do what is right and trusts Him.'**

**'God gave me another chance  
to kill you today.  
I would not kill you  
because you are  
the Lord's anointed king.  
The Lord will save me  
from my troubles.'**

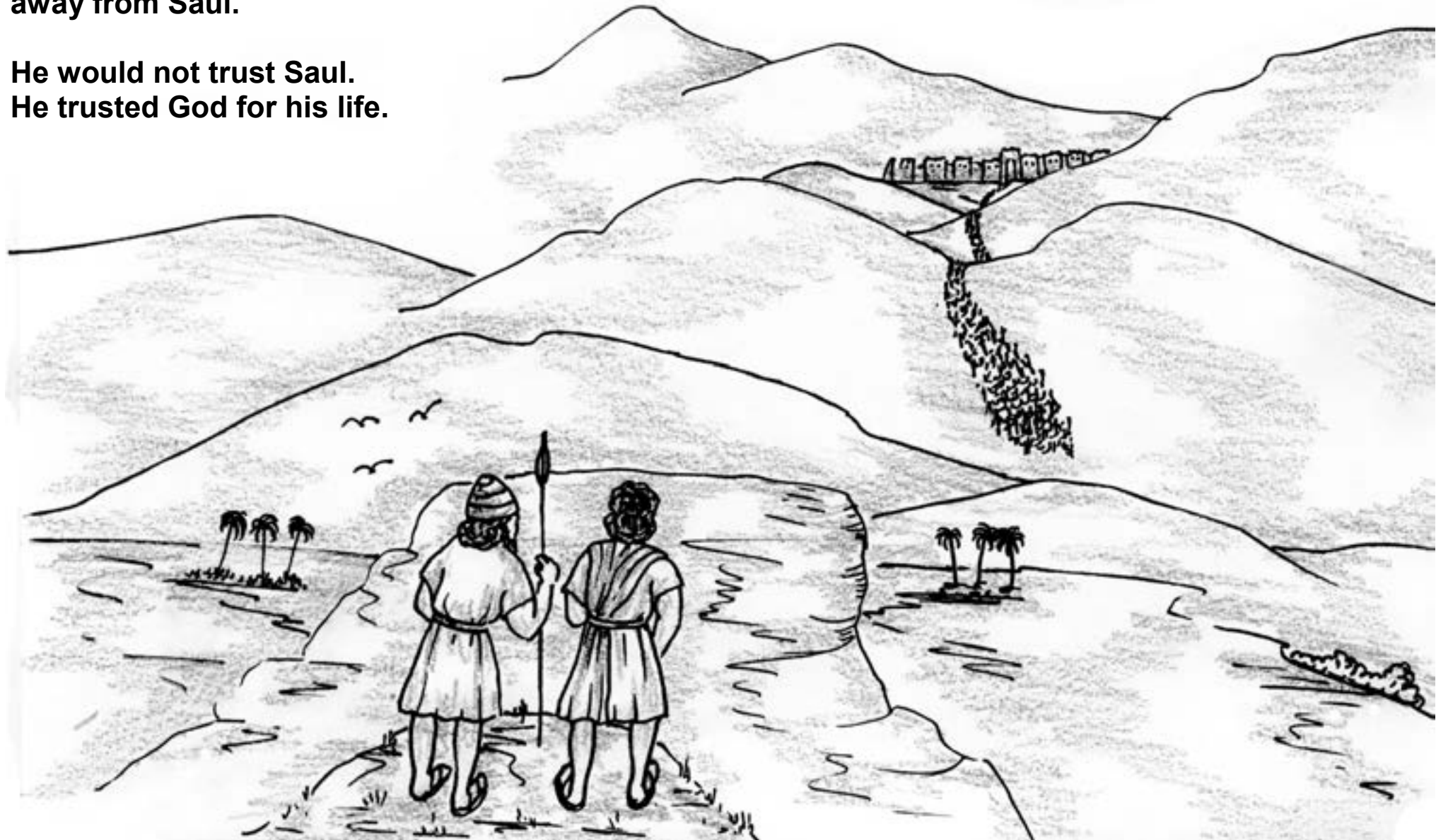
**'God bless you, my son,'  
answered Saul.**





**Saul went home  
but David stayed in the wilderness  
away from Saul.**

**He would not trust Saul.  
He trusted God for his life.**



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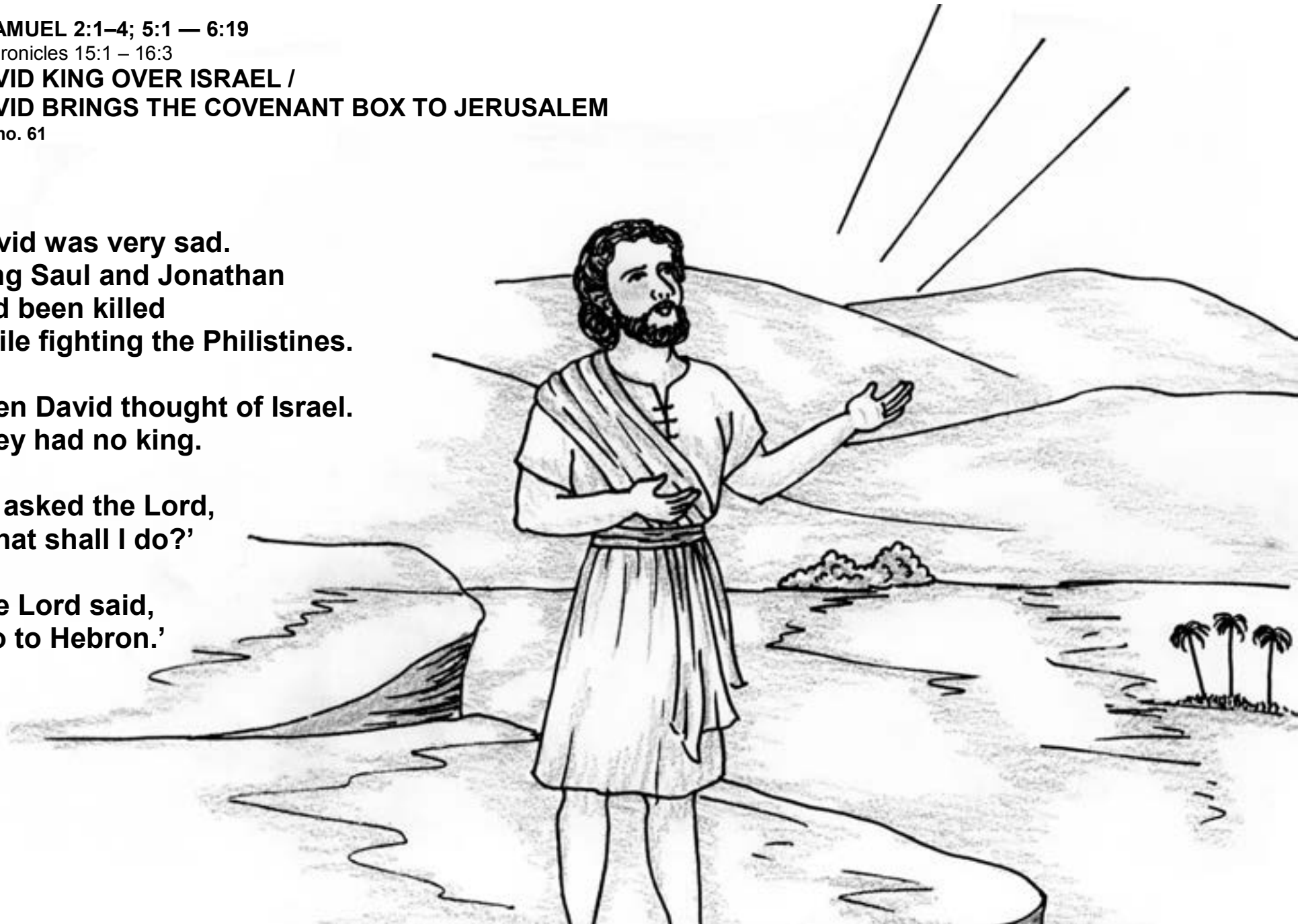
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**David was very sad.  
King Saul and Jonathan  
had been killed  
while fighting the Philistines.**

**Then David thought of Israel.  
They had no king.**

**He asked the Lord,  
‘What shall I do?’**

**The Lord said,  
‘Go to Hebron.’**



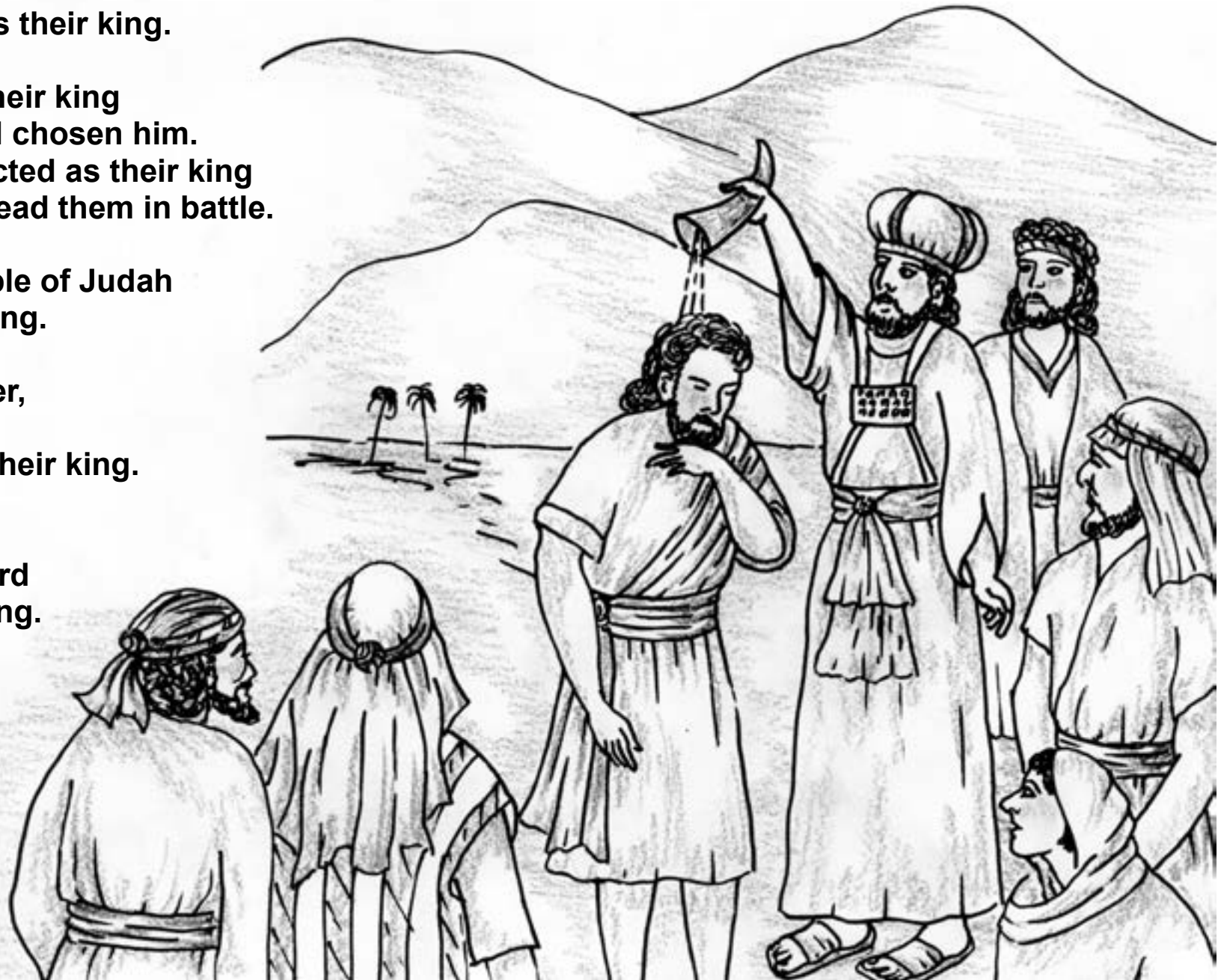
**The people of Hebron  
anointed David as their king.**

**He was already their king  
because God had chosen him.  
He had already acted as their king  
because he had lead them in battle.**

**But now the people of Judah  
made him their king.**

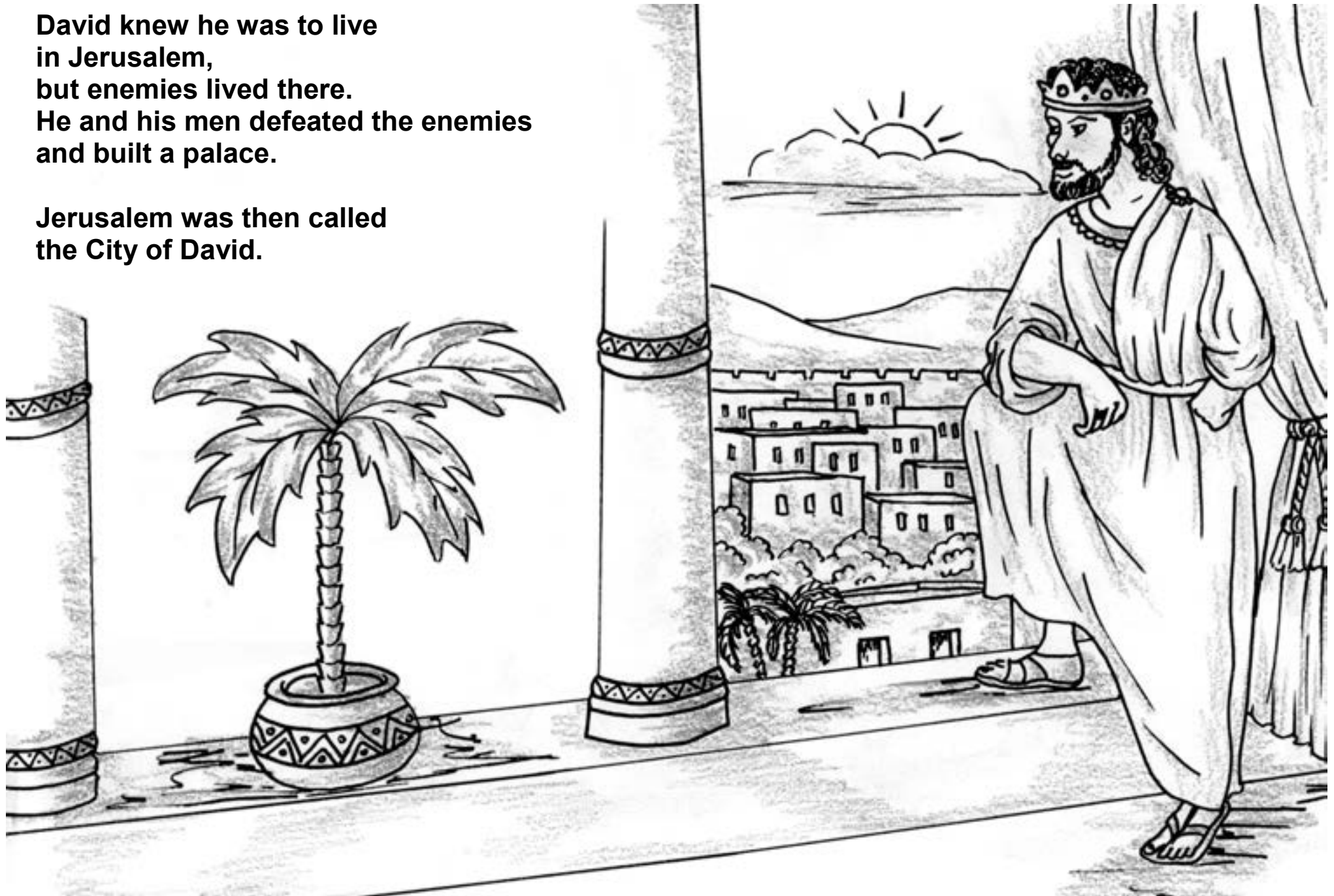
**Several years later,  
all of Israel  
crowned him as their king.**

**David knew  
that it was the Lord  
who made him king.**



**David knew he was to live  
in Jerusalem,  
but enemies lived there.  
He and his men defeated the enemies  
and built a palace.**

**Jerusalem was then called  
the City of David.**



**The Philistines heard that David had been made king.  
Their armies were coming to get rid of him.**

**At first David hid.  
Then he asked God,  
'Shall I go up and fight them?'**

**God said,  
'Yes. I will help you.'**

**David defeated the Philistines.**



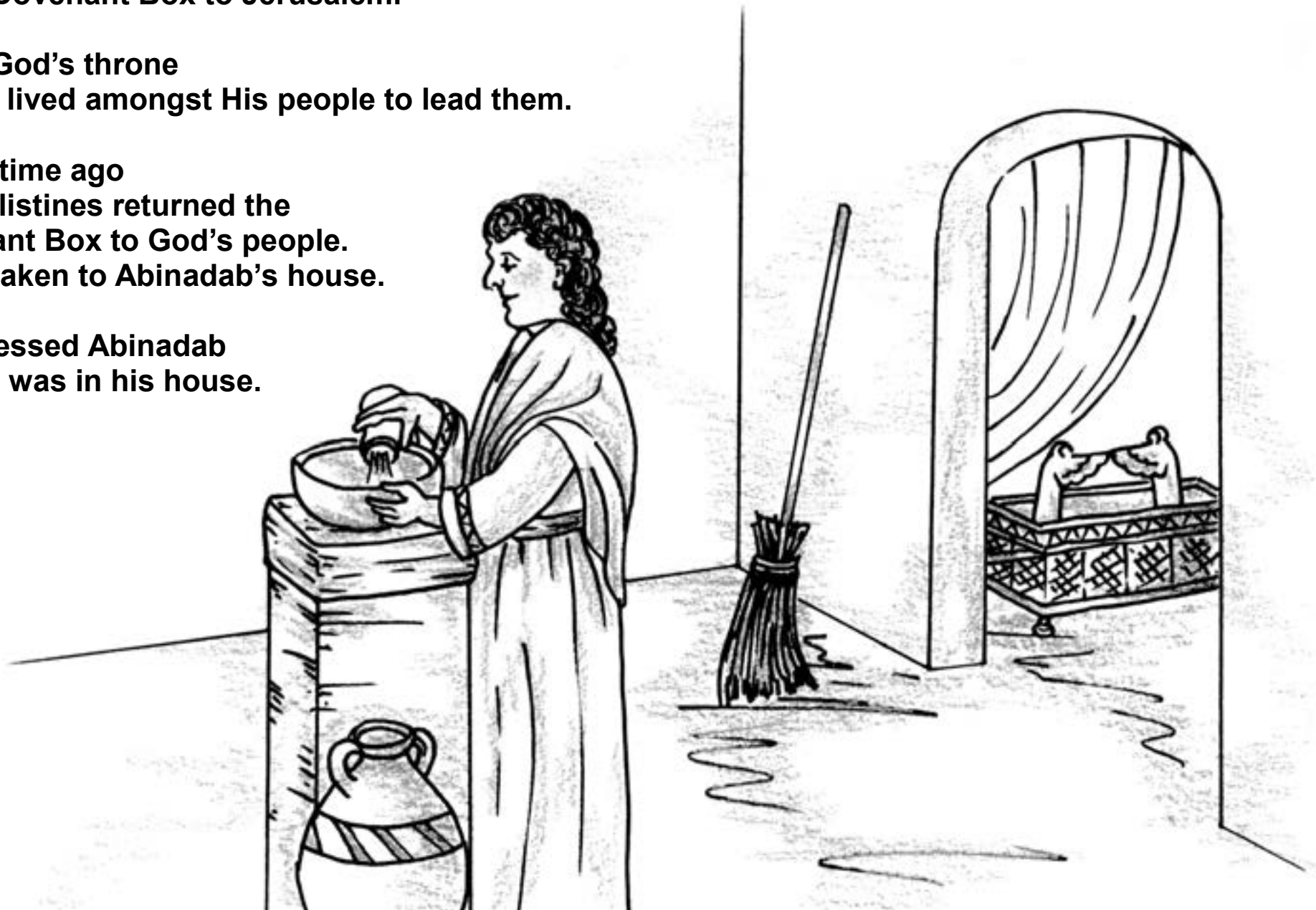


**Then David wanted to bring  
God's Covenant Box to Jerusalem.**

**It was God's throne  
and He lived amongst His people to lead them.**

**A long time ago  
the Philistines returned the  
Covenant Box to God's people.  
It was taken to Abinadab's house.**

**God blessed Abinadab  
while it was in his house.**





**David and all God's people  
went to get the Covenant Box  
and bring it to Jerusalem.**

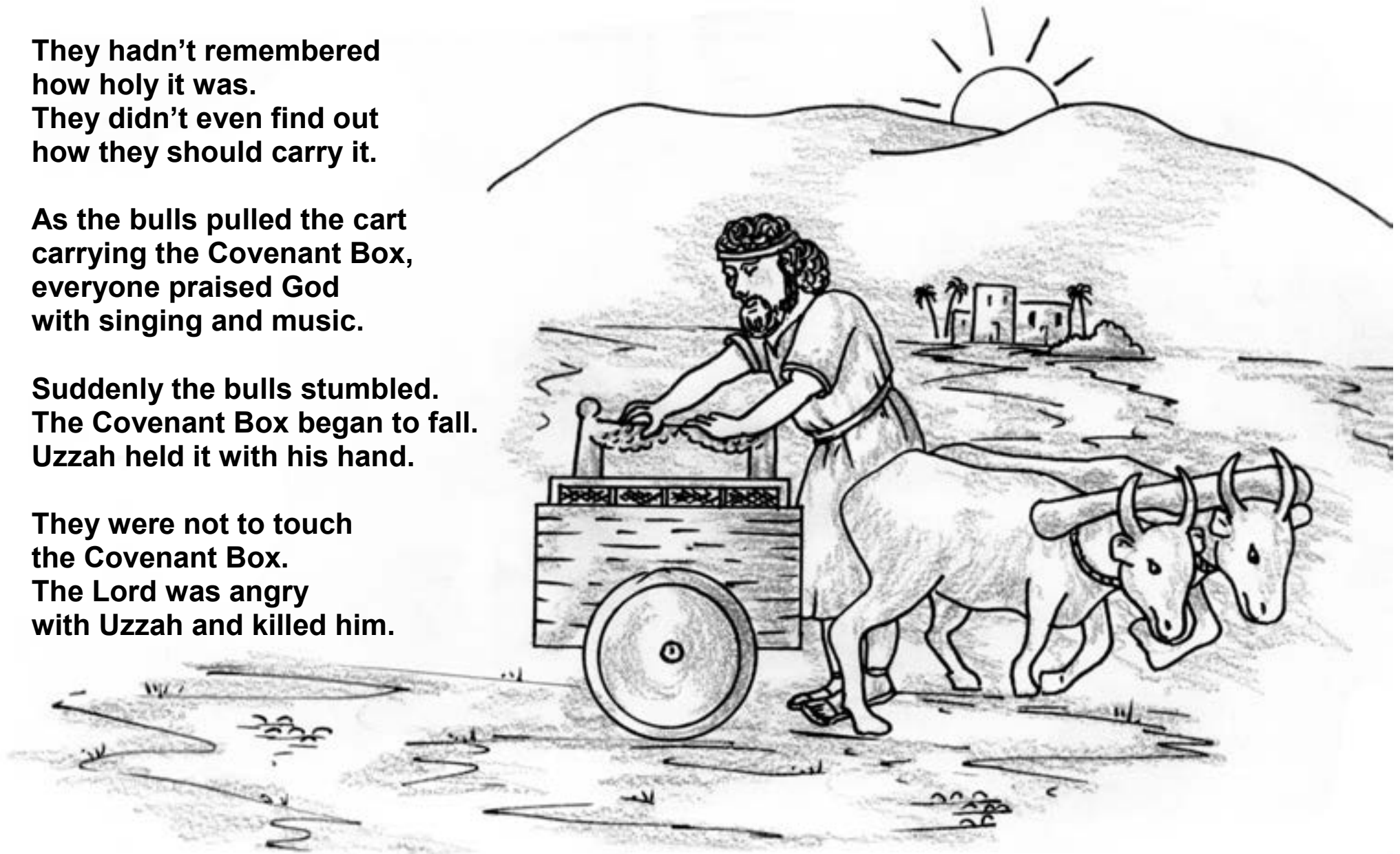
**They hadn't remembered  
how holy it was.**

**They didn't even find out  
how they should carry it.**

**As the bulls pulled the cart  
carrying the Covenant Box,  
everyone praised God  
with singing and music.**

**Suddenly the bulls stumbled.  
The Covenant Box began to fall.  
Uzzah held it with his hand.**

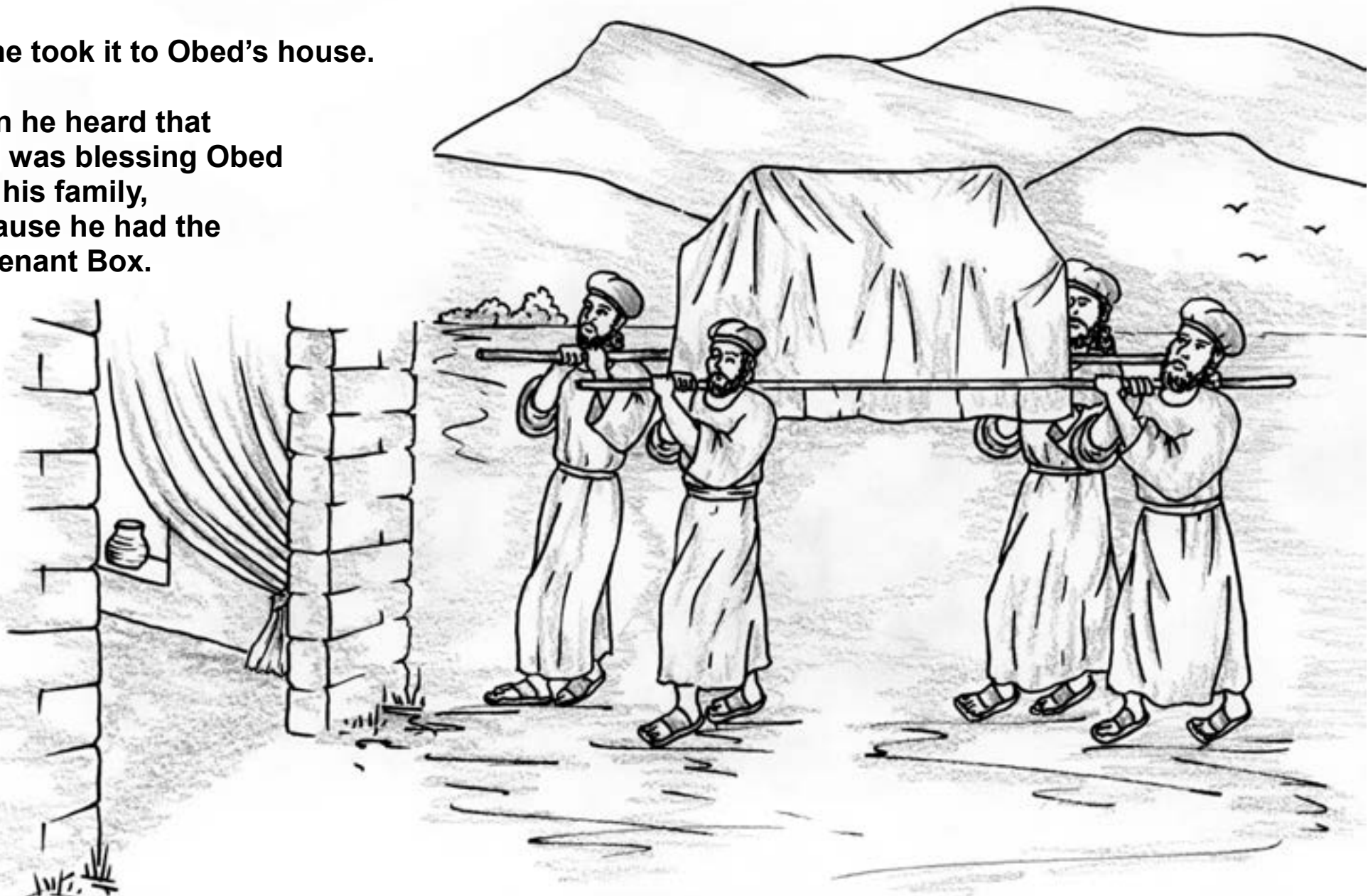
**They were not to touch  
the Covenant Box.  
The Lord was angry  
with Uzzah and killed him.**



**This made David afraid.  
He could not take the Covenant Box  
with him to Jerusalem.**

**So he took it to Obed's house.**

**Then he heard that  
God was blessing Obed  
and his family,  
because he had the  
Covenant Box.**



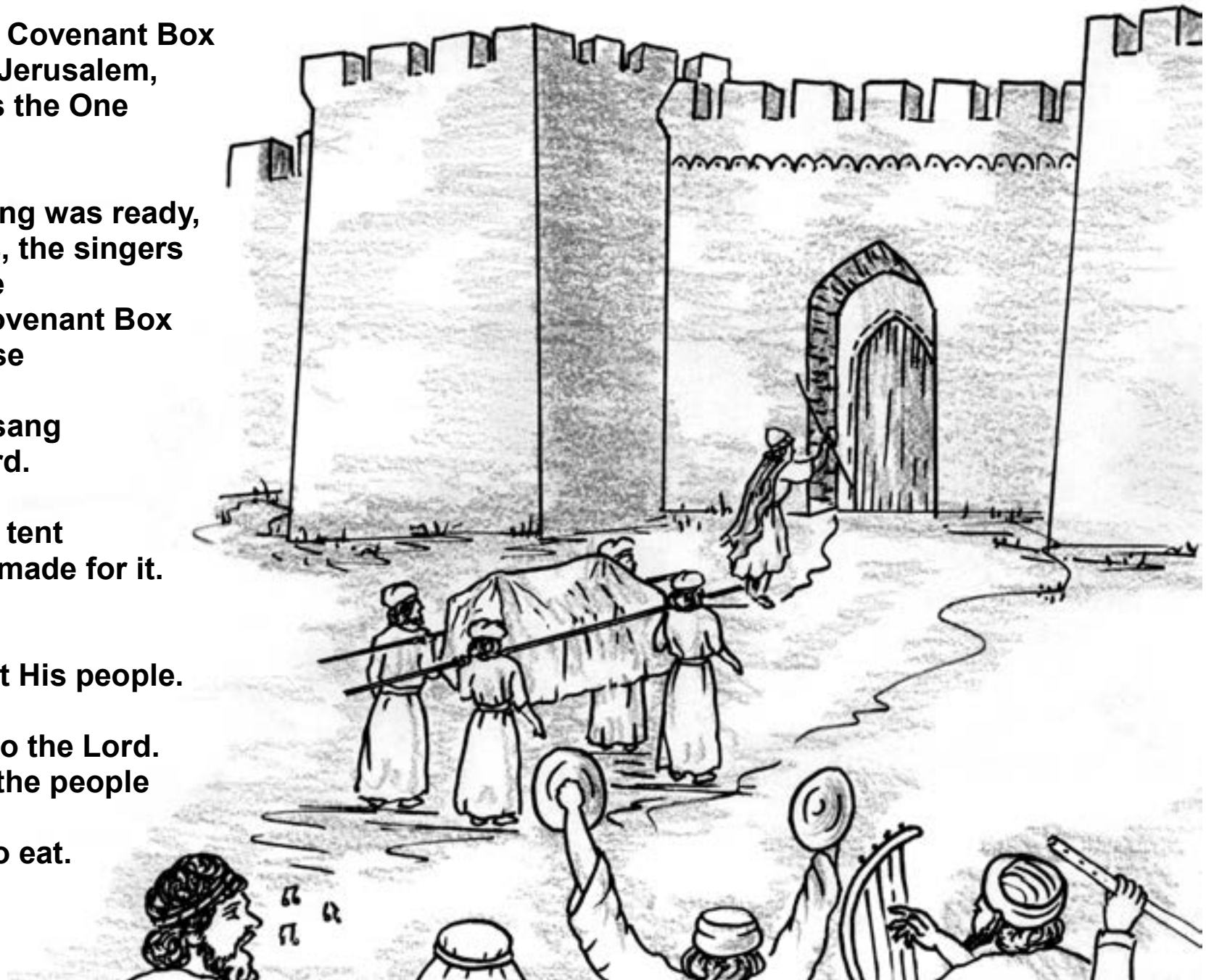
**David wanted the Covenant Box to be with him in Jerusalem, because God was the One leading them.**

**So when everything was ready, David, the priests, the singers and all the people brought God's Covenant Box from Obed's house to Jerusalem. On the way they sang praises to the Lord.**

**It was placed in a tent which David had made for it.**

**David was happy. God was amongst His people.**

**David sacrificed to the Lord. Then he blessed the people and gave them meat and bread to eat.**





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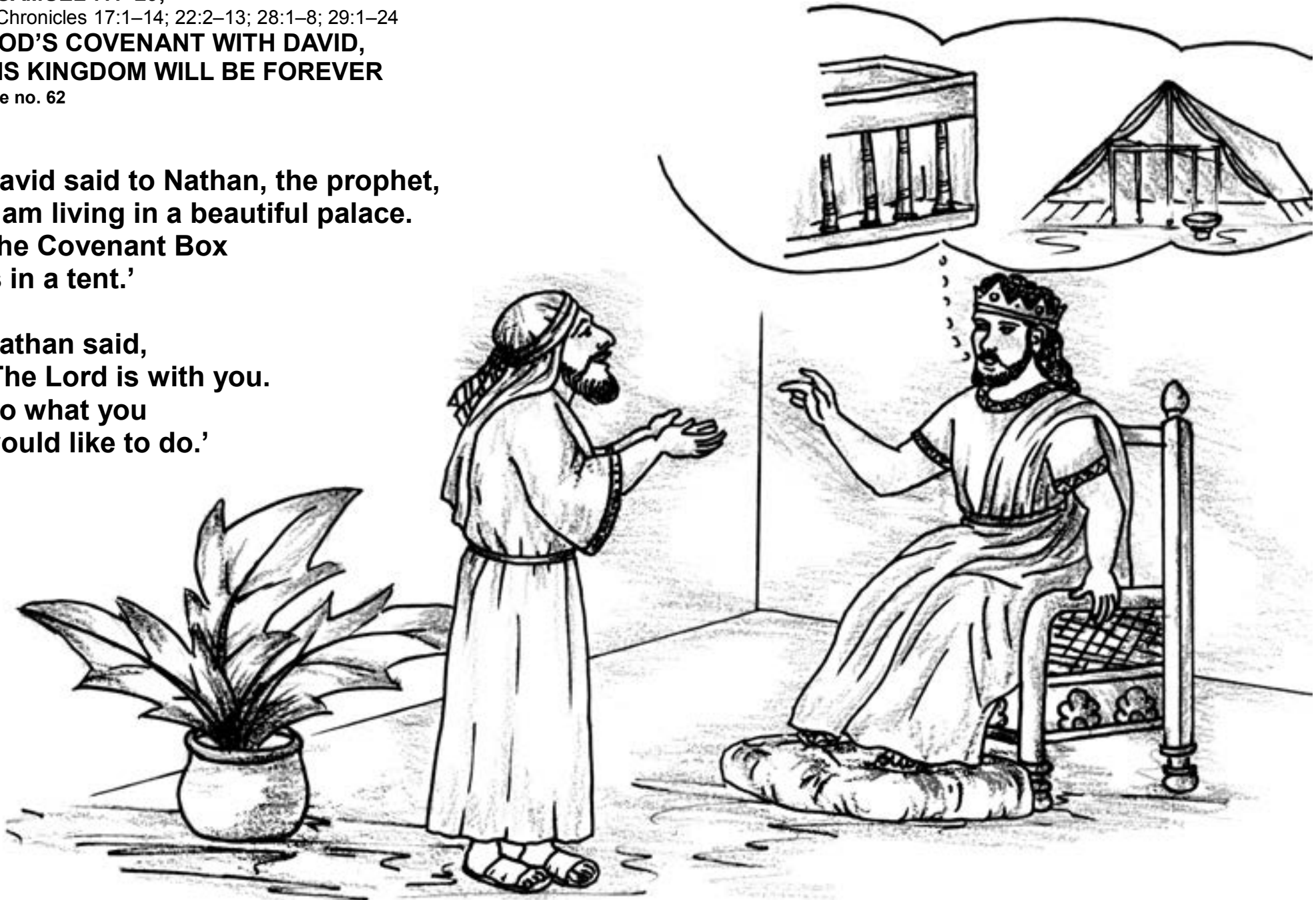
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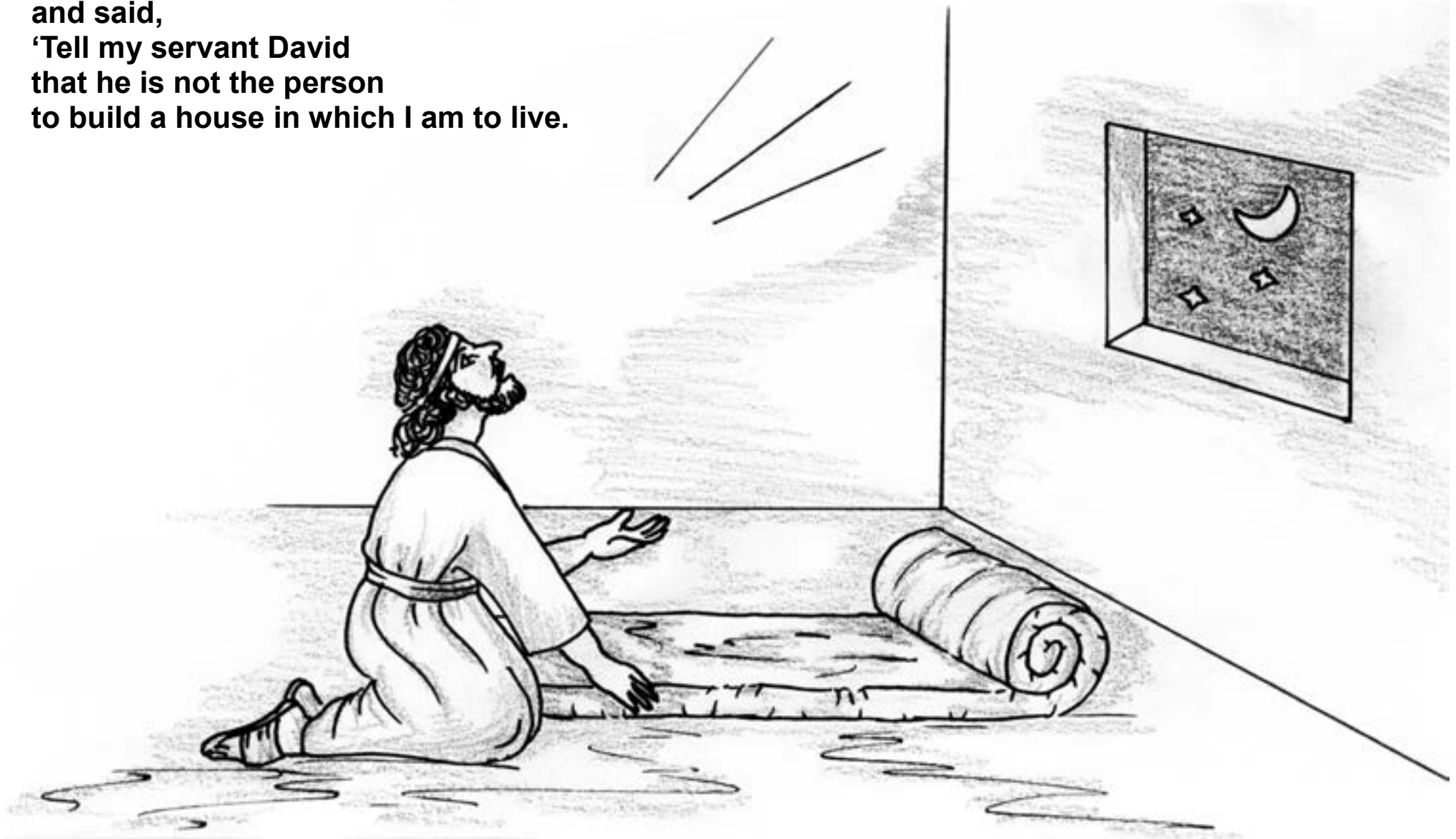
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**David said to Nathan, the prophet,  
‘I am living in a beautiful palace.  
The Covenant Box  
is in a tent.’**

**Nathan said,  
‘The Lord is with you.  
Do what you  
would like to do.’**



**That night the Lord spoke to Nathan  
and said,  
'Tell my servant David  
that he is not the person  
to build a house in which I am to live.**





**'Tell David that  
I took him from looking after sheep.  
I made him king.  
I defeated his enemies for him.  
I will make him famous.**

**'I will make his children  
kings of Israel forever.  
In this way  
I will build a house for him.**



**‘David will die  
and one of his sons will be king.  
That son is the one  
who will build a temple for Me.**

**‘When he sins I will punish him.  
But I will not stop loving him.  
His family and his kingdom  
will live forever in My presence.’**



**Nathan told David  
what God had said.**

**When David heard this  
he realised  
that God had promised  
far more than  
he could have imagined.**

**He went to the Lord's tent.**

**As he sat there he said to God,  
'Lord God, who am I  
that You should be  
so good to me?**

**'I am Your servant  
and You love me.  
There is no one like You.**



**'You chose Your people to be special.  
You wanted others to know You.  
You became Israel's God  
and said that my family will be great.  
Do what You have promised.'**

**'Your name will be great  
in all the earth.'**

**'Bless my family,  
so that we will  
live before You forever.'**





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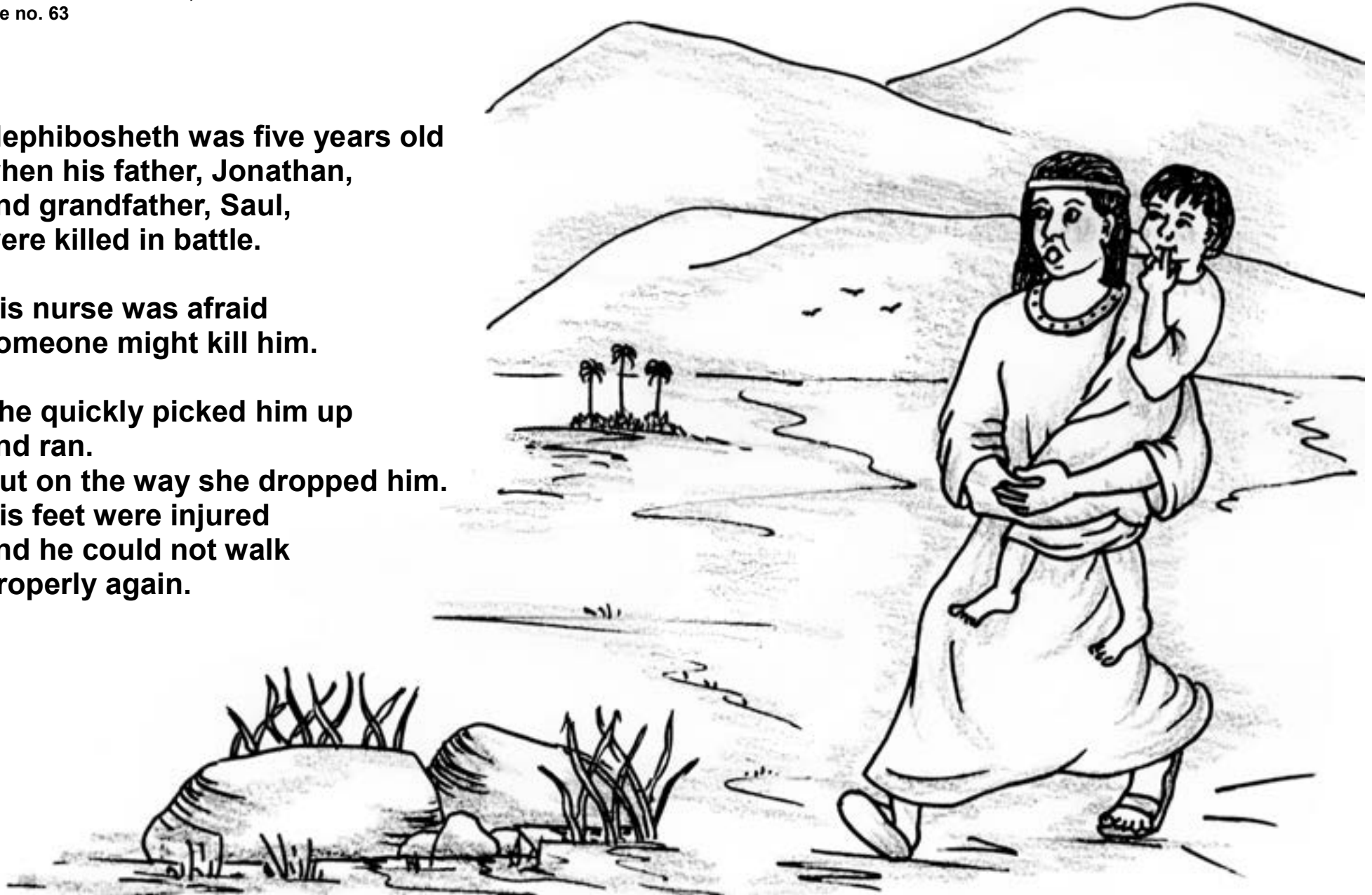
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**Mephibosheth was five years old when his father, Jonathan, and grandfather, Saul, were killed in battle.**

**His nurse was afraid someone might kill him.**

**She quickly picked him up and ran.**

**But on the way she dropped him. His feet were injured and he could not walk properly again.**





**When David became king,  
Mephibosheth, the lame prince,  
was taken to a safe place  
to live.**



**Then David  
remembered his promise to Jonathan.  
He wanted to be kind  
to his family.**

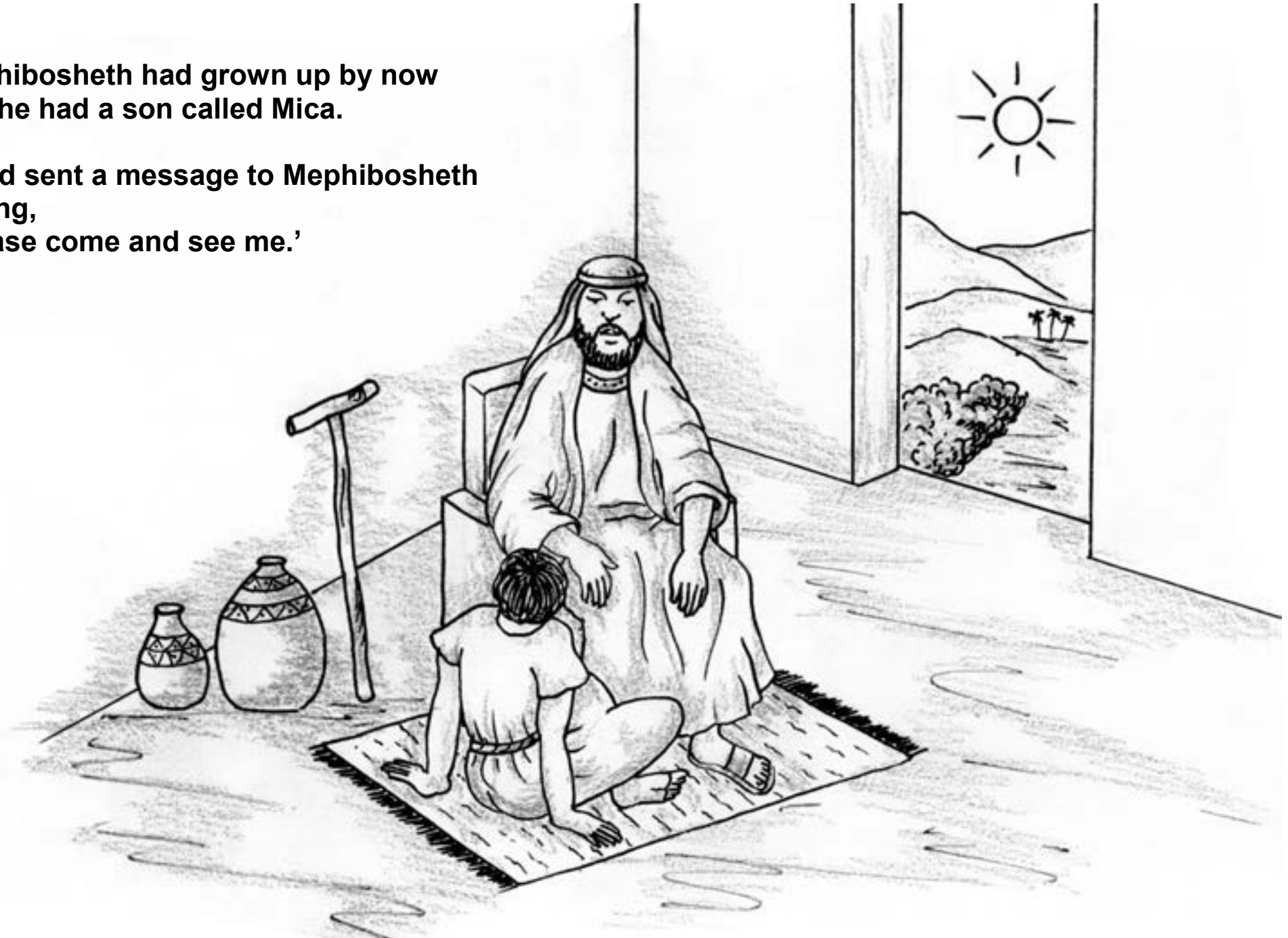
**He asked Ziba,  
who had been a servant of Saul's,  
'Is there anyone still alive in Saul's family?  
I would like to be kind to them  
for Jonathan's sake.'**

**Ziba answered,  
'There is Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son.  
He can't walk properly  
and he lives with friends.'**



**Mephibosheth had grown up by now  
and he had a son called Mica.**

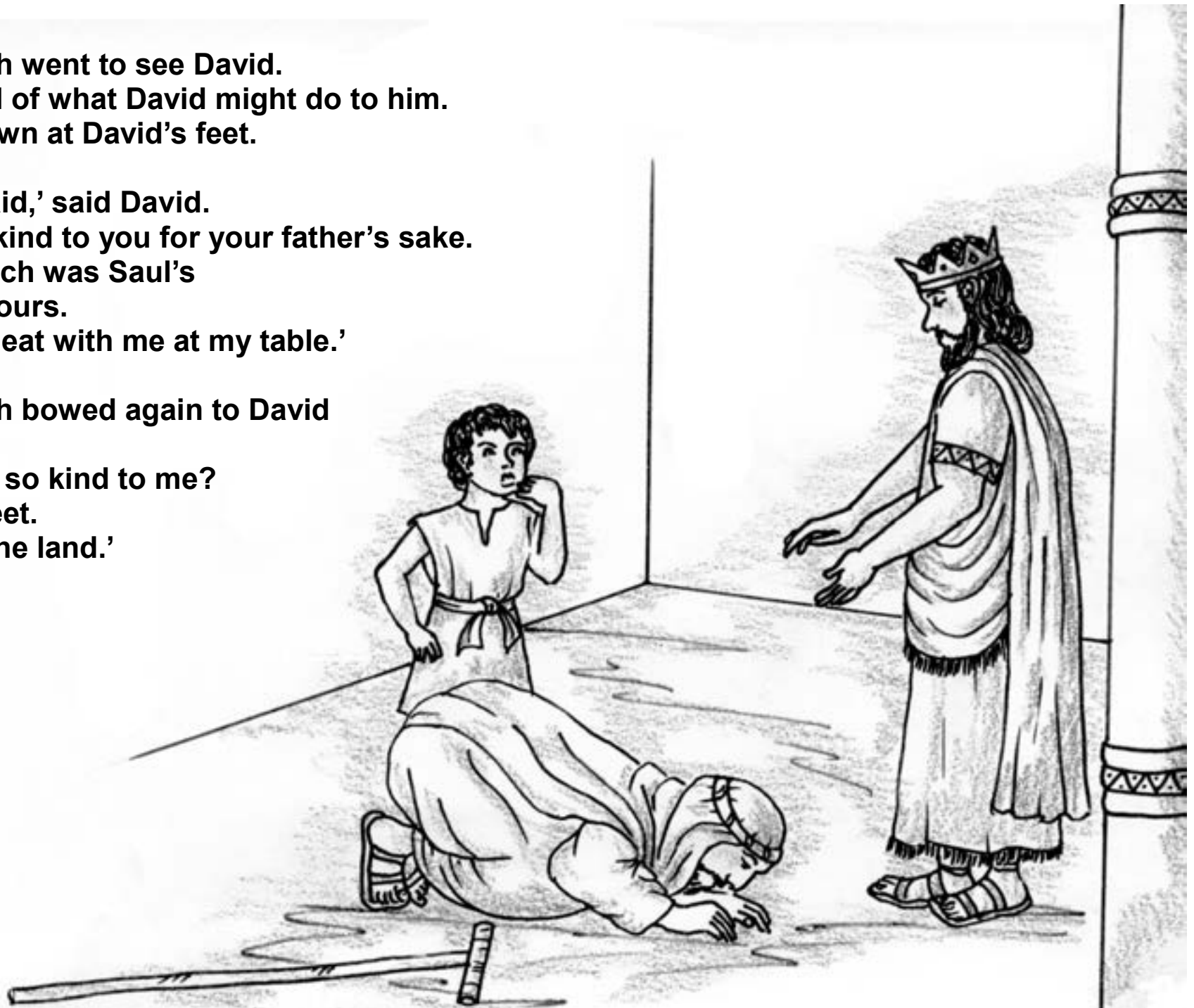
**David sent a message to Mephibosheth  
saying,  
'Please come and see me.'**



**Mephibosheth went to see David.  
He was afraid of what David might do to him.  
He bowed down at David's feet.**

**'Don't be afraid,' said David.  
'I want to be kind to you for your father's sake.  
The land, which was Saul's  
will now be yours.  
I want you to eat with me at my table.'**

**Mephibosheth bowed again to David  
and asked,  
'Why are you so kind to me?  
Look at my feet.  
I can't work the land.'**



**David turned to Ziba and said,  
'You, your sons and your servants  
shall work the land for Mephibosheth.  
Mephibosheth will always eat  
at my table.'**

**So Ziba, his sons and his servants  
worked the land for Mephibosheth.**

**Mephibosheth, his wife and young son  
ate with David every day,  
just like he was one of the  
king's own sons.**

**This way David kept his promise  
to his friend Jonathan.**





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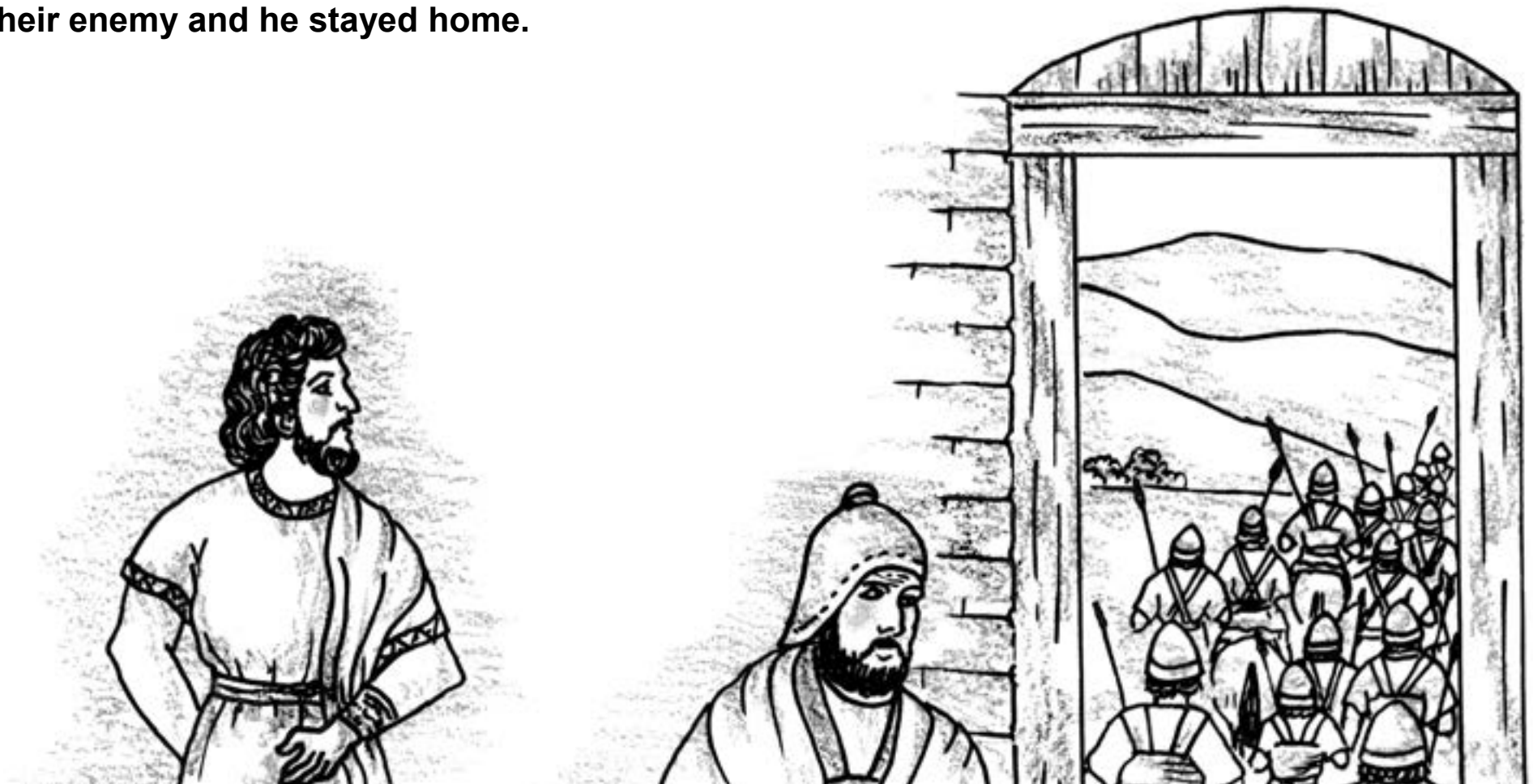
**2 SAMUEL 11:1 — 12:14**

Psalm 51: 1–19

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**David sent Joab and his soldiers out to fight their enemy and he stayed home.**

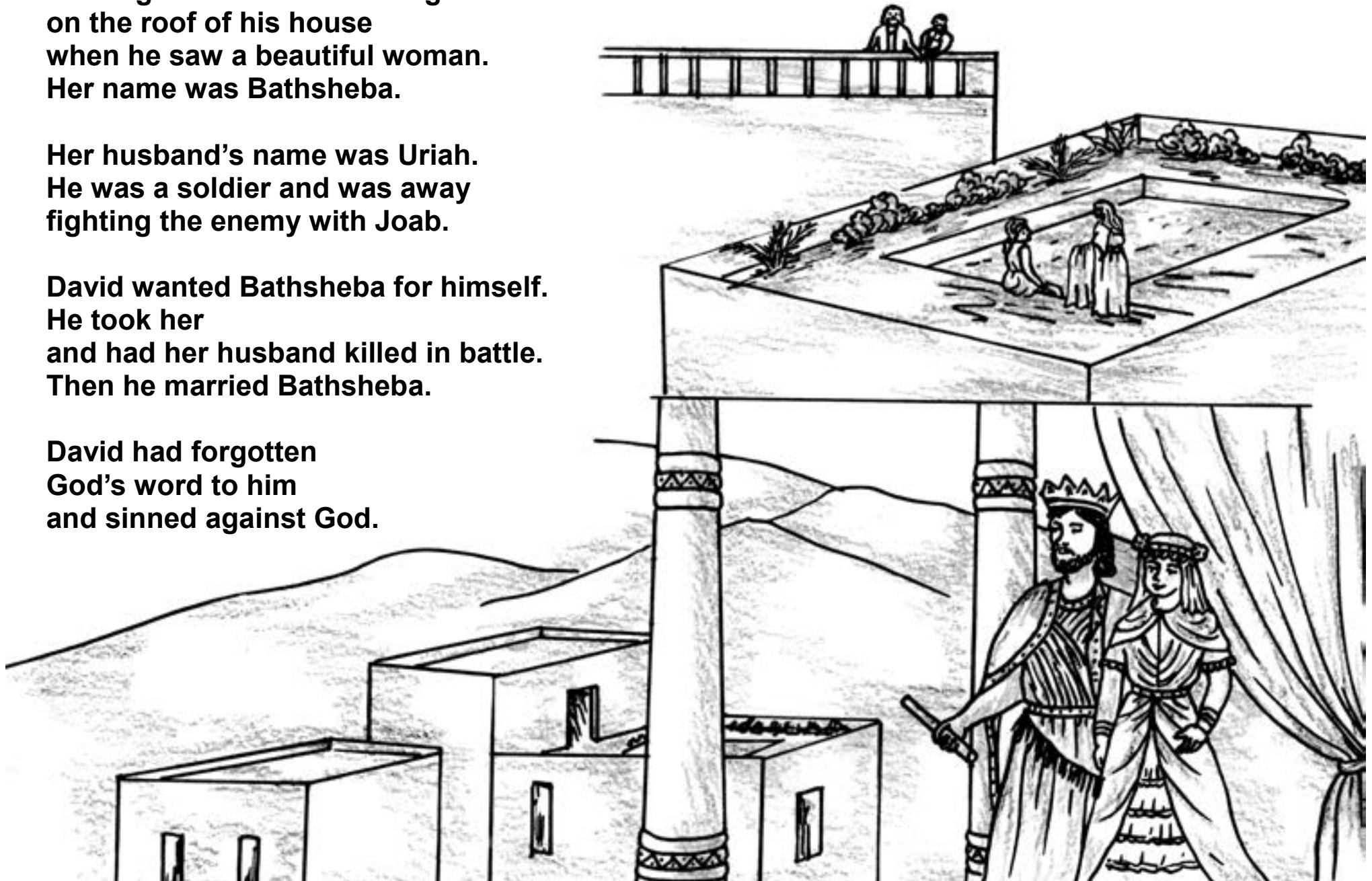


One night David was walking  
on the roof of his house  
when he saw a beautiful woman.  
Her name was Bathsheba.

Her husband's name was Uriah.  
He was a soldier and was away  
fighting the enemy with Joab.

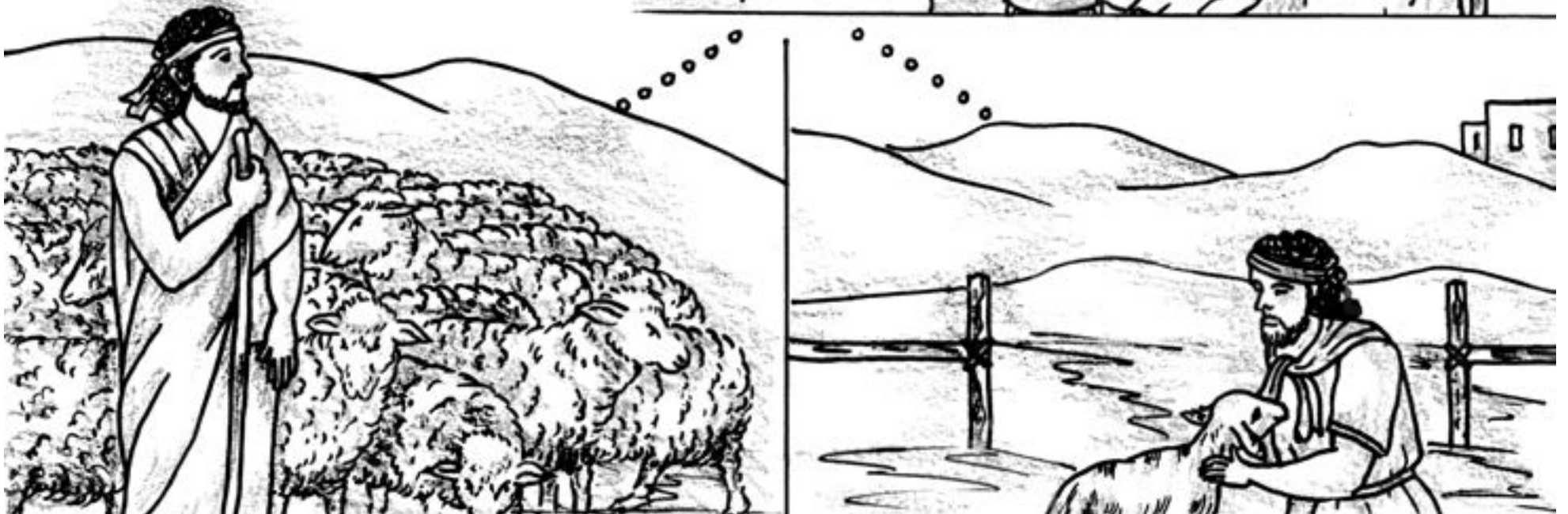
David wanted Bathsheba for himself.  
He took her  
and had her husband killed in battle.  
Then he married Bathsheba.

David had forgotten  
God's word to him  
and sinned against God.



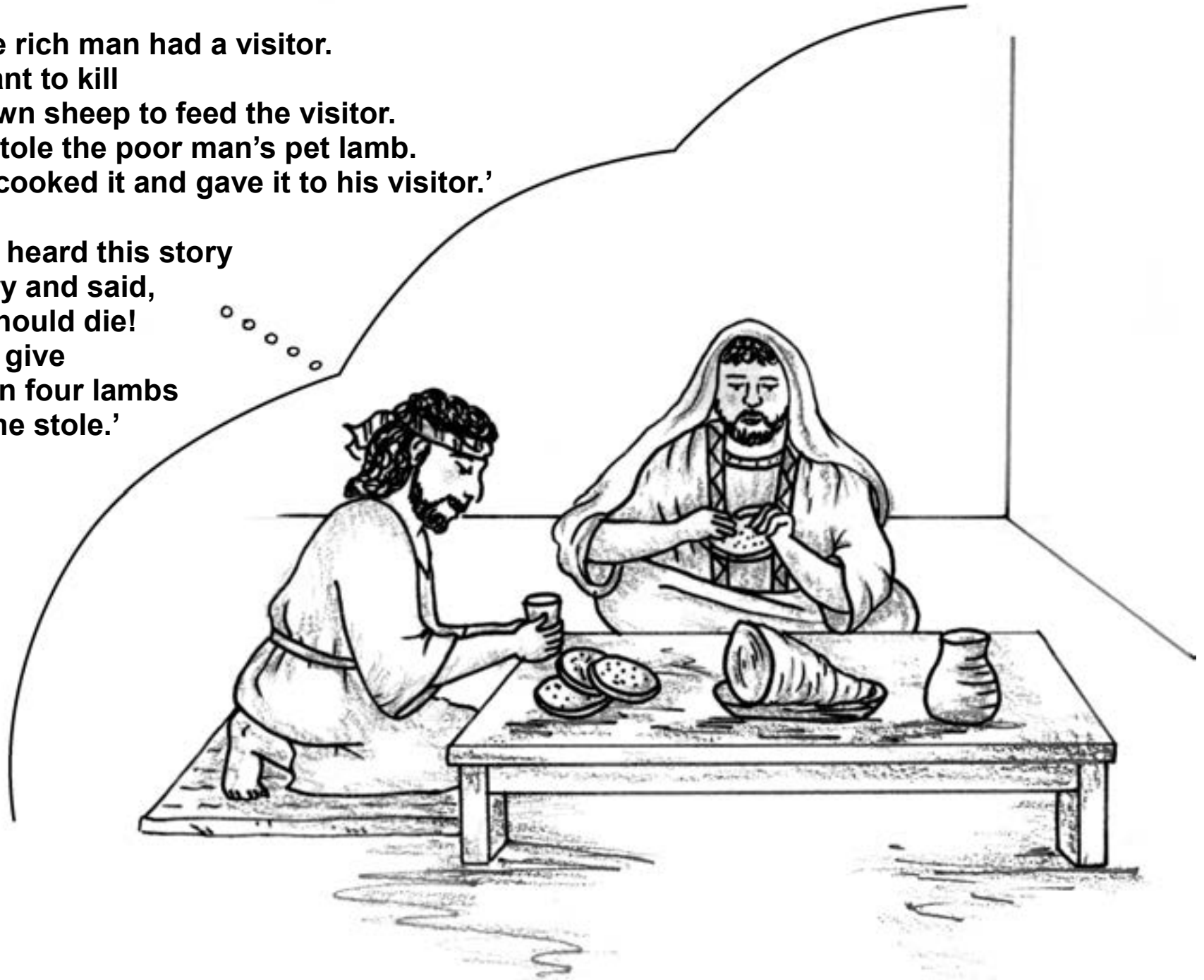
**God was angry with David  
and sent the prophet Nathan to him.**

**Nathan told David this story:  
'A rich man and a poor man  
lived in the same town.  
The rich man had lots of sheep.  
The poor man had one pet lamb.  
He loved his pet lamb.'**



**‘One day the rich man had a visitor.  
He didn’t want to kill  
any of his own sheep to feed the visitor.  
Instead he stole the poor man’s pet lamb.  
He killed it, cooked it and gave it to his visitor.’**

**When David heard this story  
he was angry and said,  
‘That man should die!  
He needs to give  
the poor man four lambs  
for the one he stole.’**



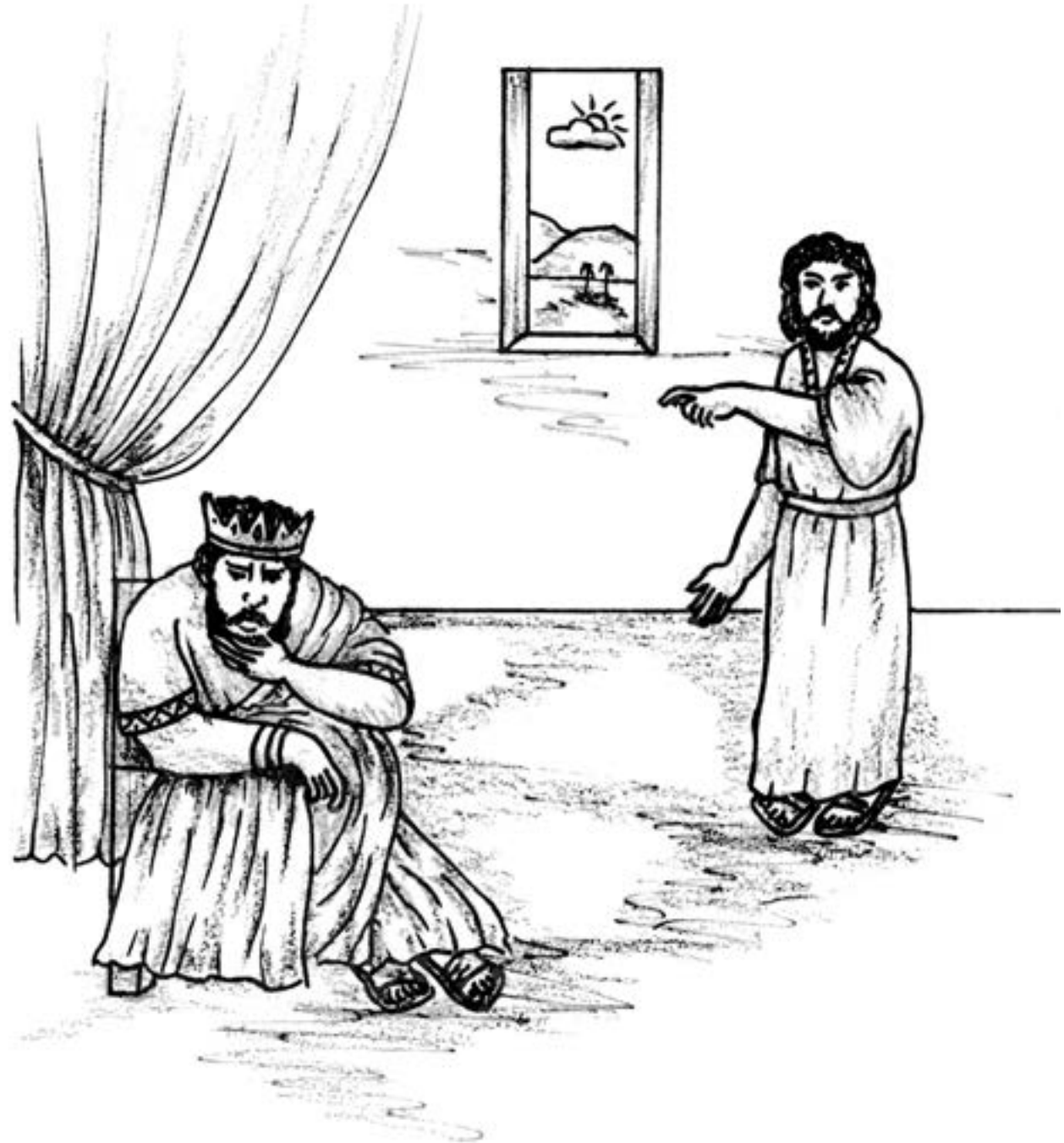
**'You are that man,'  
Nathan said.  
'This is what God says to you.  
I saved you from Saul,  
I gave you everything.  
Why did you disobey me?**

**'Now the Lord says,  
You will always have trouble  
in your family.'**

**David saw  
that he had done wrong.**

**He was sorry and said,  
'I have sinned  
against the Lord!'**

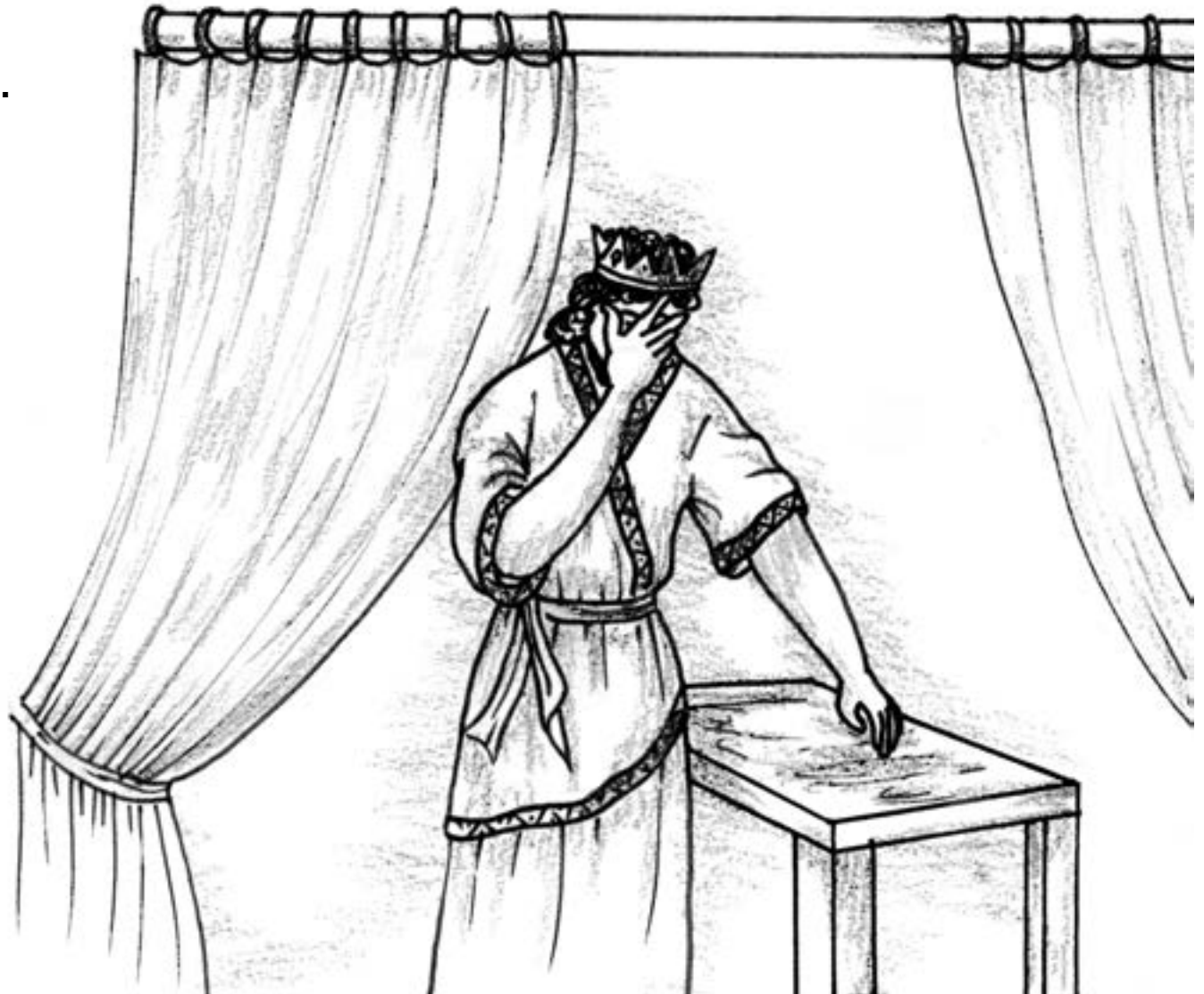
**Nathan answered,  
'The Lord has taken away  
your sin.  
You will not die.  
However, you have  
brought shame to God  
by doing this.  
Your baby will die.'**



**After the baby had died, David went to the temple and prayed.**

**'God have mercy on me,  
You are a merciful God.  
I have done wrong towards you.  
You are right to judge me.  
Take away my sin,  
and I will be clean.  
Wash me,  
and I will be whiter than snow.  
Please make my heart clean,  
O God.  
Do not take your Holy Spirit  
from me.'**

**God made David's heart clean.**







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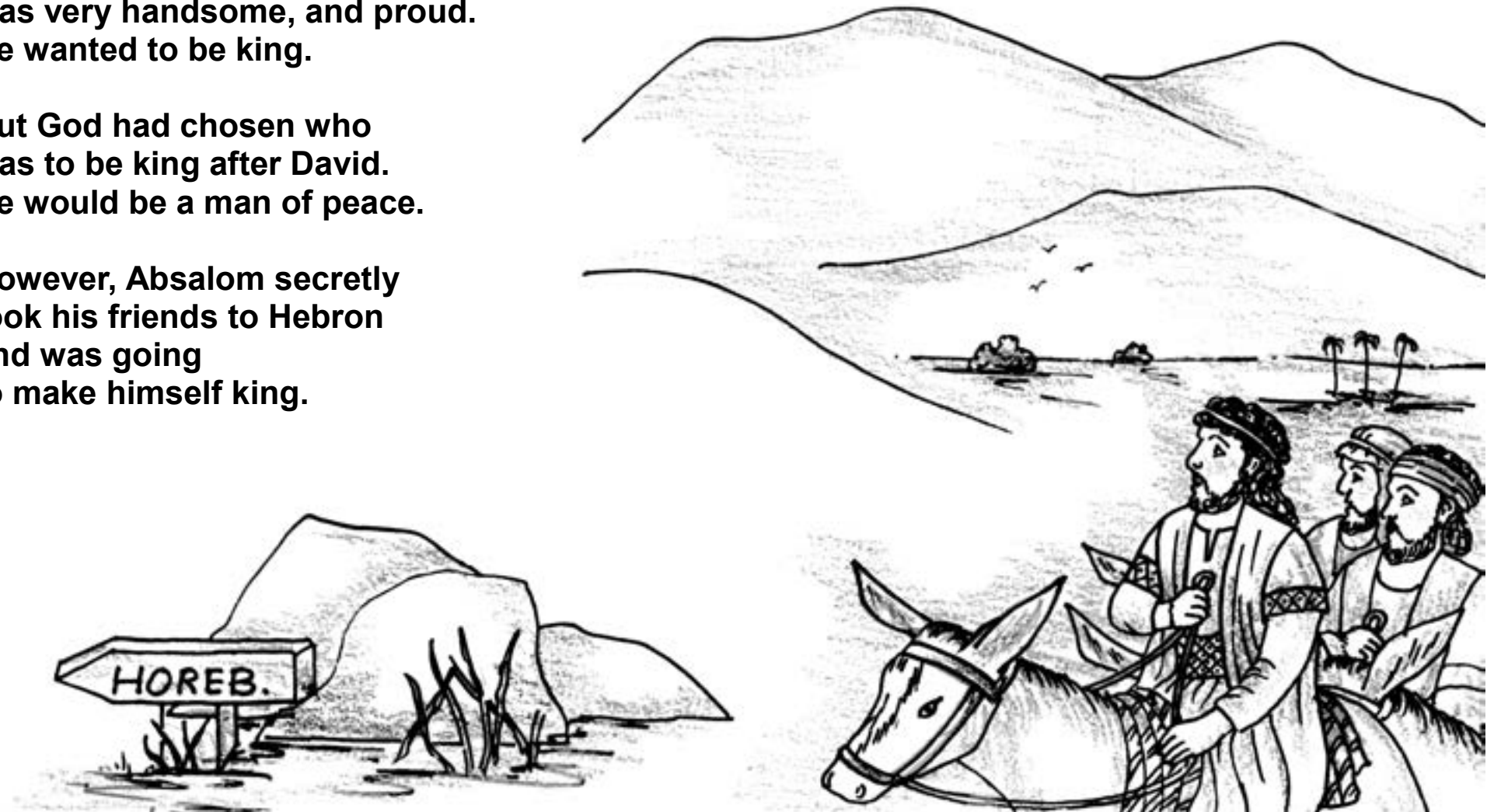
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**2 SAMUEL 15:1–30; 17:1 – 20:3**  
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**THE END OF THE PROUD PRINCE**  
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**Absalom, one of David's sons,  
was very handsome, and proud.  
He wanted to be king.**

**But God had chosen who  
was to be king after David.  
He would be a man of peace.**

**However, Absalom secretly  
took his friends to Hebron  
and was going  
to make himself king.**



**Someone ran to David and told him what Absalom was doing.**

**‘This means danger,’ said David. ‘I must get away from Jerusalem. Absalom will come and kill me.’**

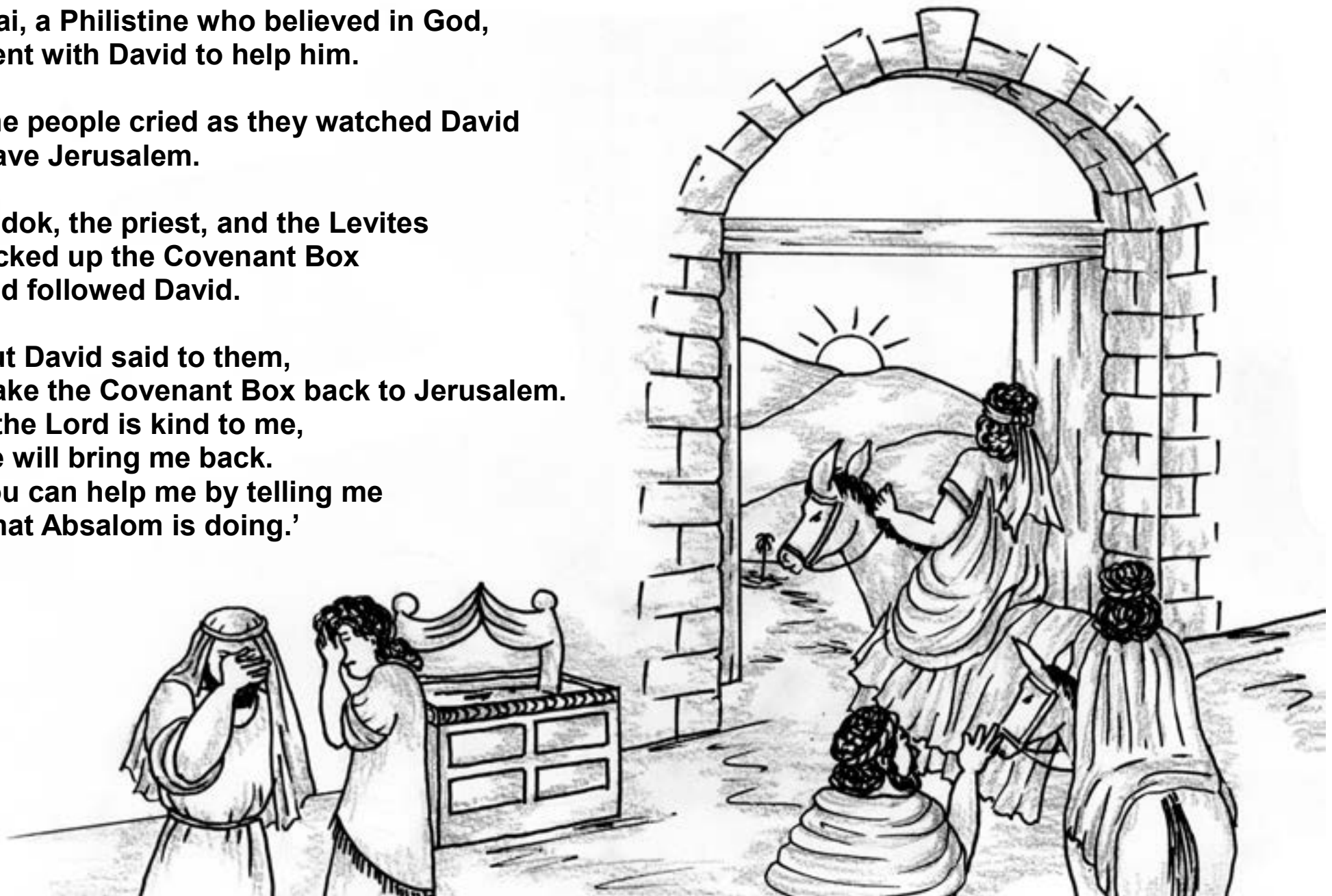


**David and his servants left Jerusalem.  
Ittai, a Philistine who believed in God,  
went with David to help him.**

**The people cried as they watched David  
leave Jerusalem.**

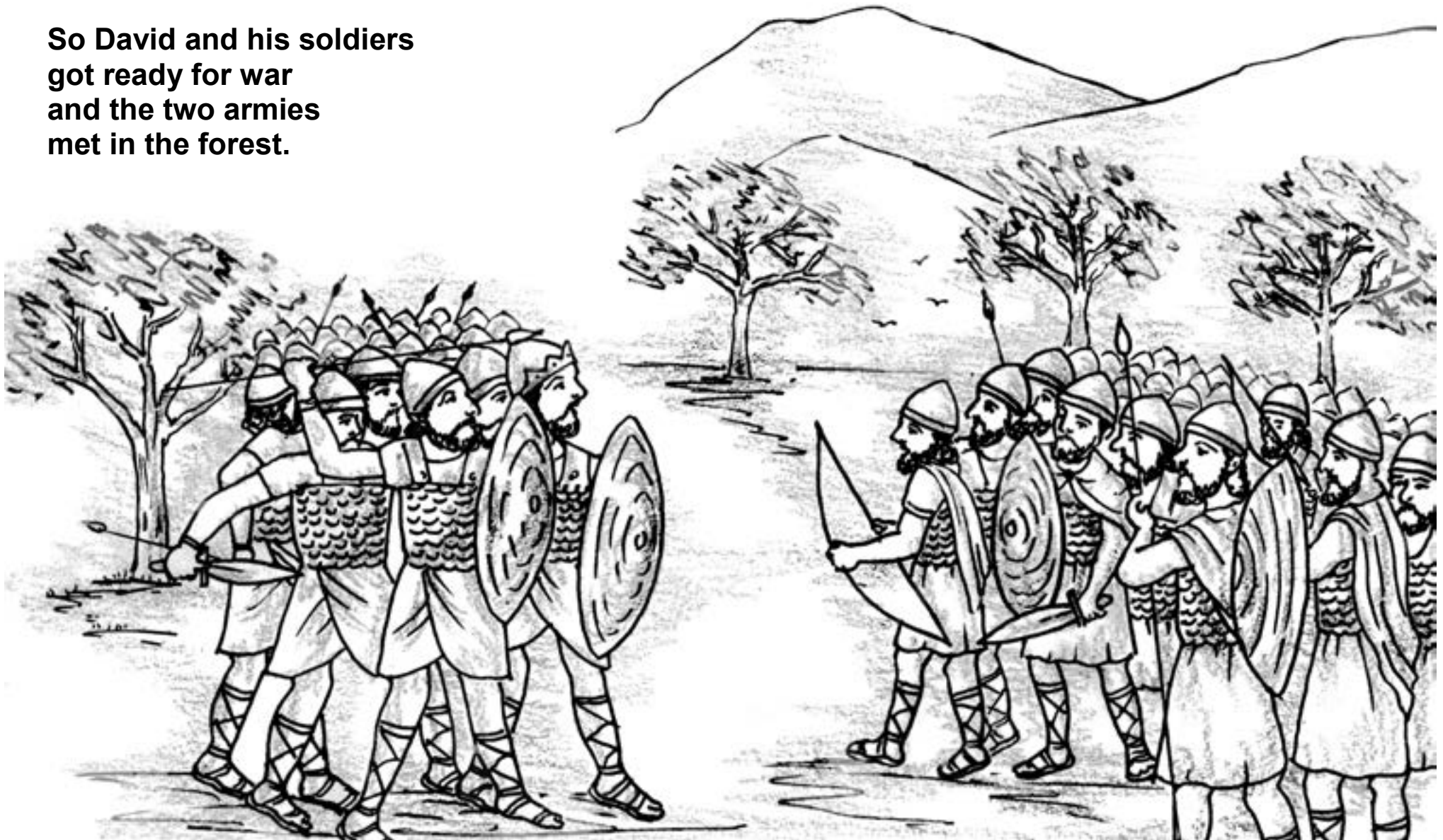
**Zadok, the priest, and the Levites  
picked up the Covenant Box  
and followed David.**

**But David said to them,  
'Take the Covenant Box back to Jerusalem.  
If the Lord is kind to me,  
He will bring me back.  
You can help me by telling me  
what Absalom is doing.'**



**Absalom made plans to get rid of his father.  
The priests found out about these plans  
and told David.**

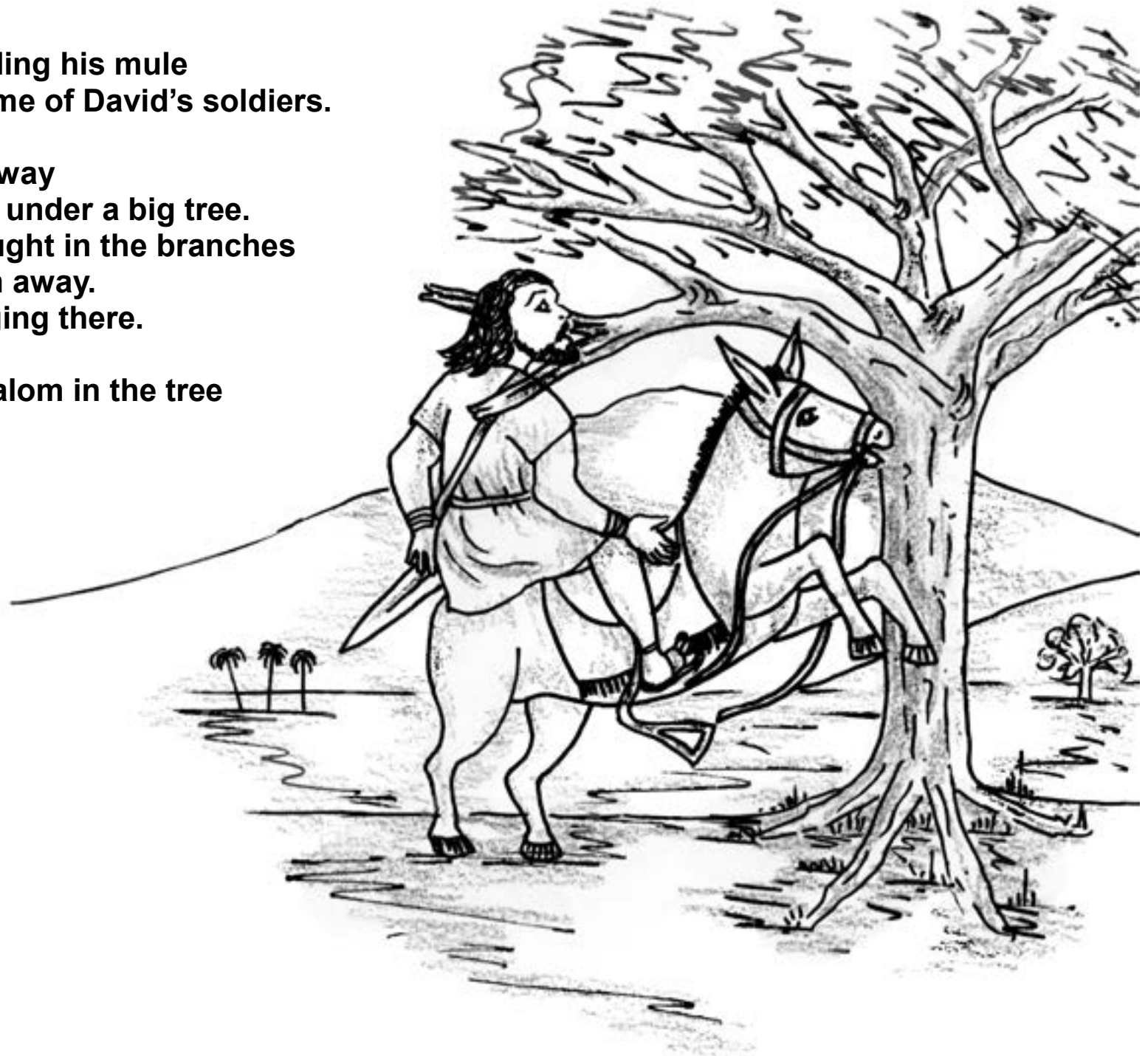
**So David and his soldiers  
got ready for war  
and the two armies  
met in the forest.**



**Absalom was riding his mule  
when he met some of David's soldiers.**

**He tried to run away  
but his mule ran under a big tree.  
His head got caught in the branches  
and his mule ran away.  
He was left hanging there.**

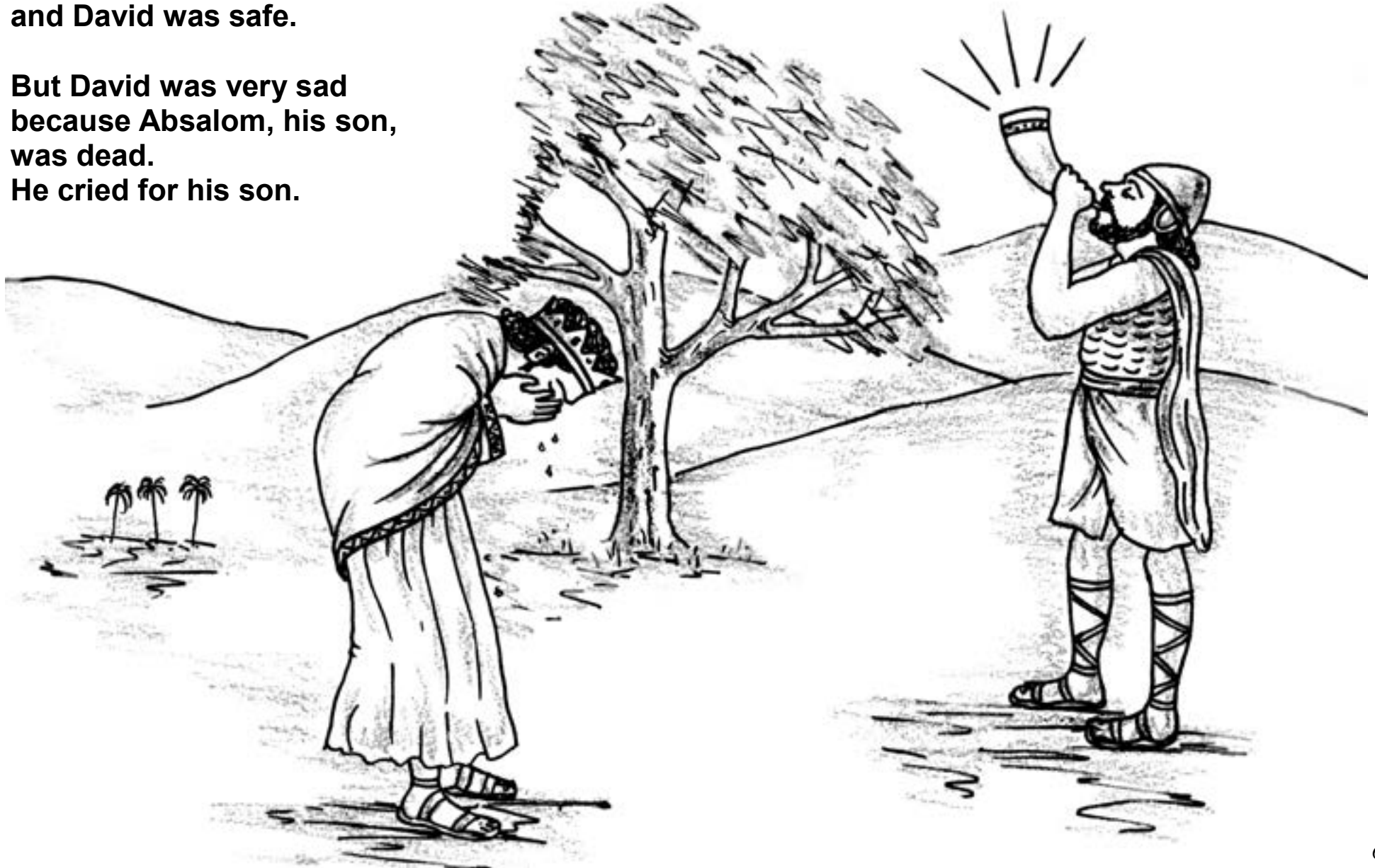
**Joab found Absalom in the tree  
and killed him.**





**Joab blew his trumpet  
to let everyone know  
that the battle was over  
and David was safe.**

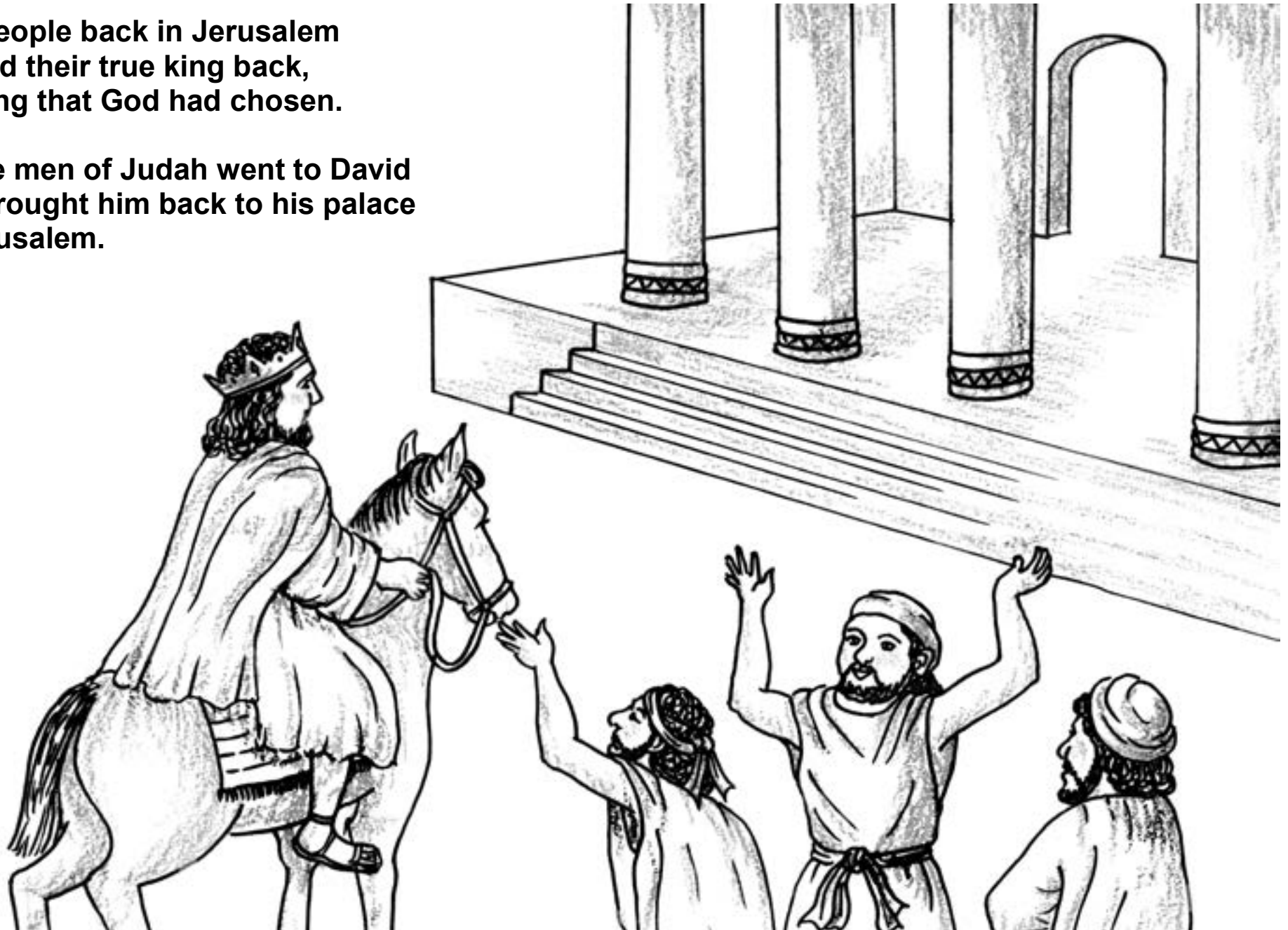
**But David was very sad  
because Absalom, his son,  
was dead.  
He cried for his son.**





**The people back in Jerusalem  
wanted their true king back,  
the king that God had chosen.**

**So the men of Judah went to David  
and brought him back to his palace  
in Jerusalem.**



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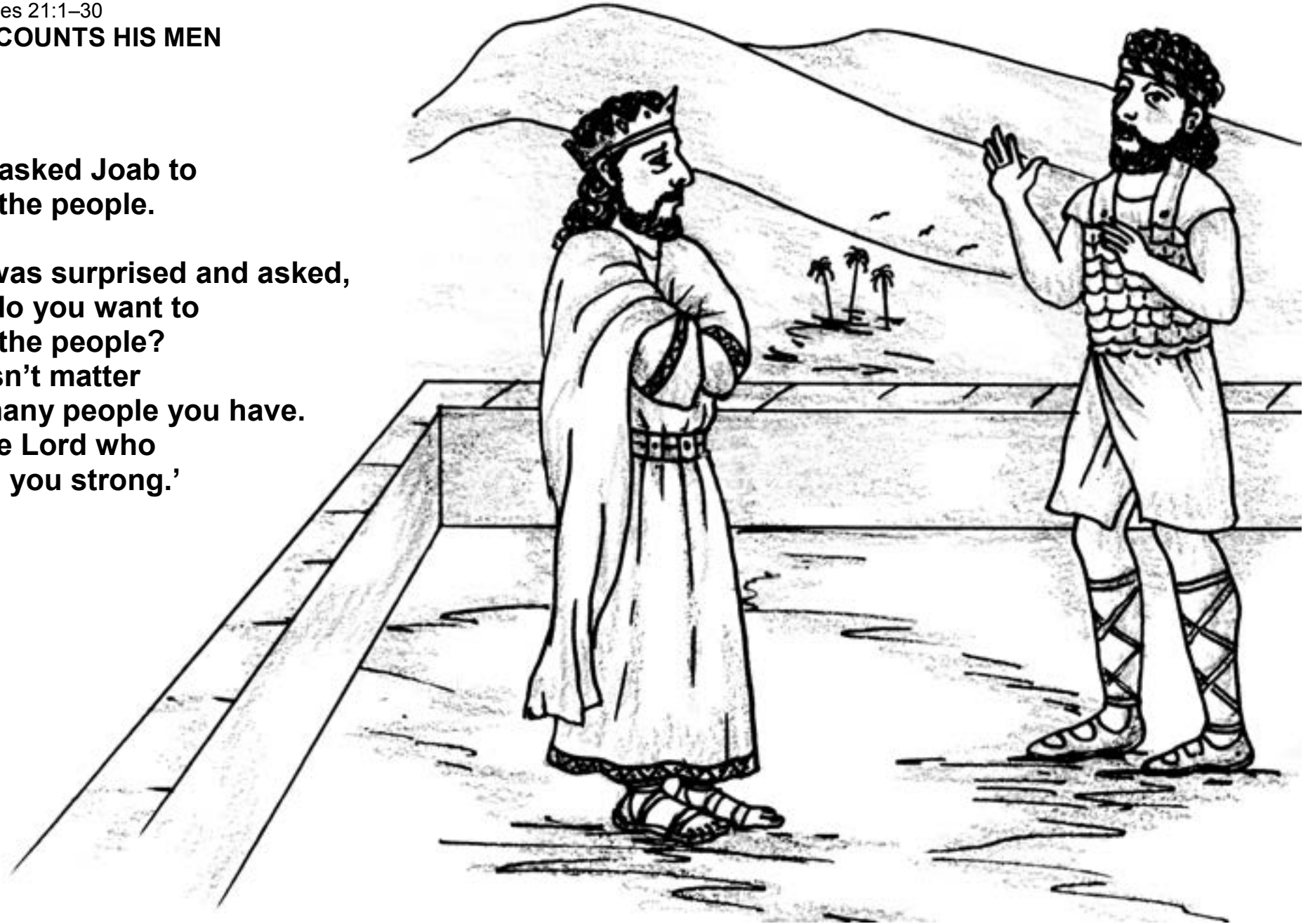
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**David asked Joab to  
count the people.**

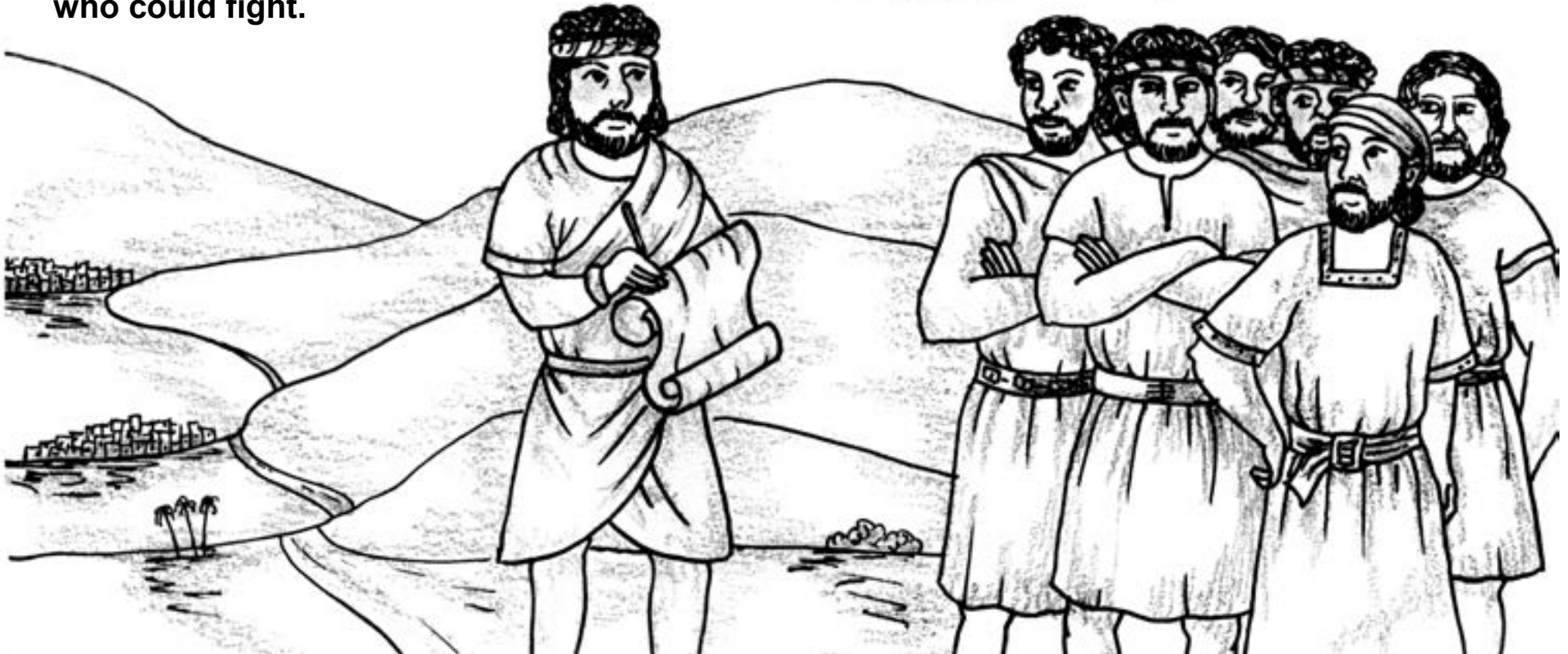
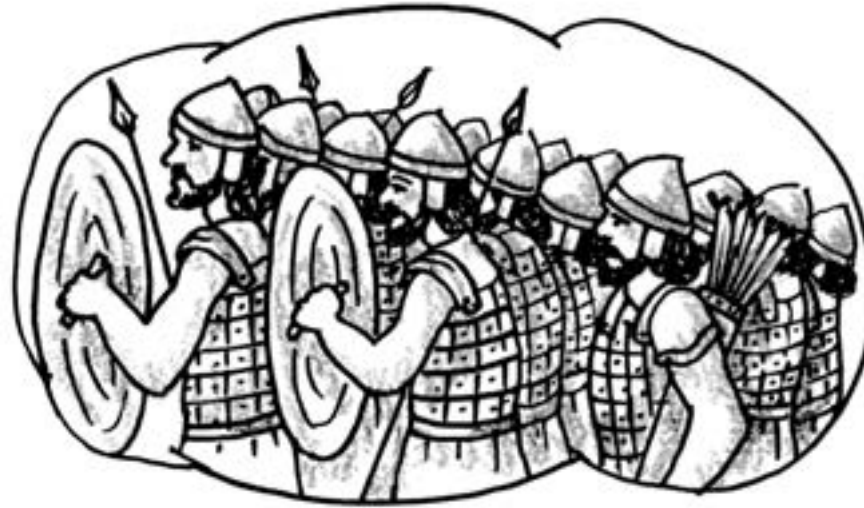
**Joab was surprised and asked,  
'Why do you want to  
count the people?  
It doesn't matter  
how many people you have.  
It is the Lord who  
makes you strong.'**



David wouldn't listen to Joab  
and he didn't listen to the Lord.

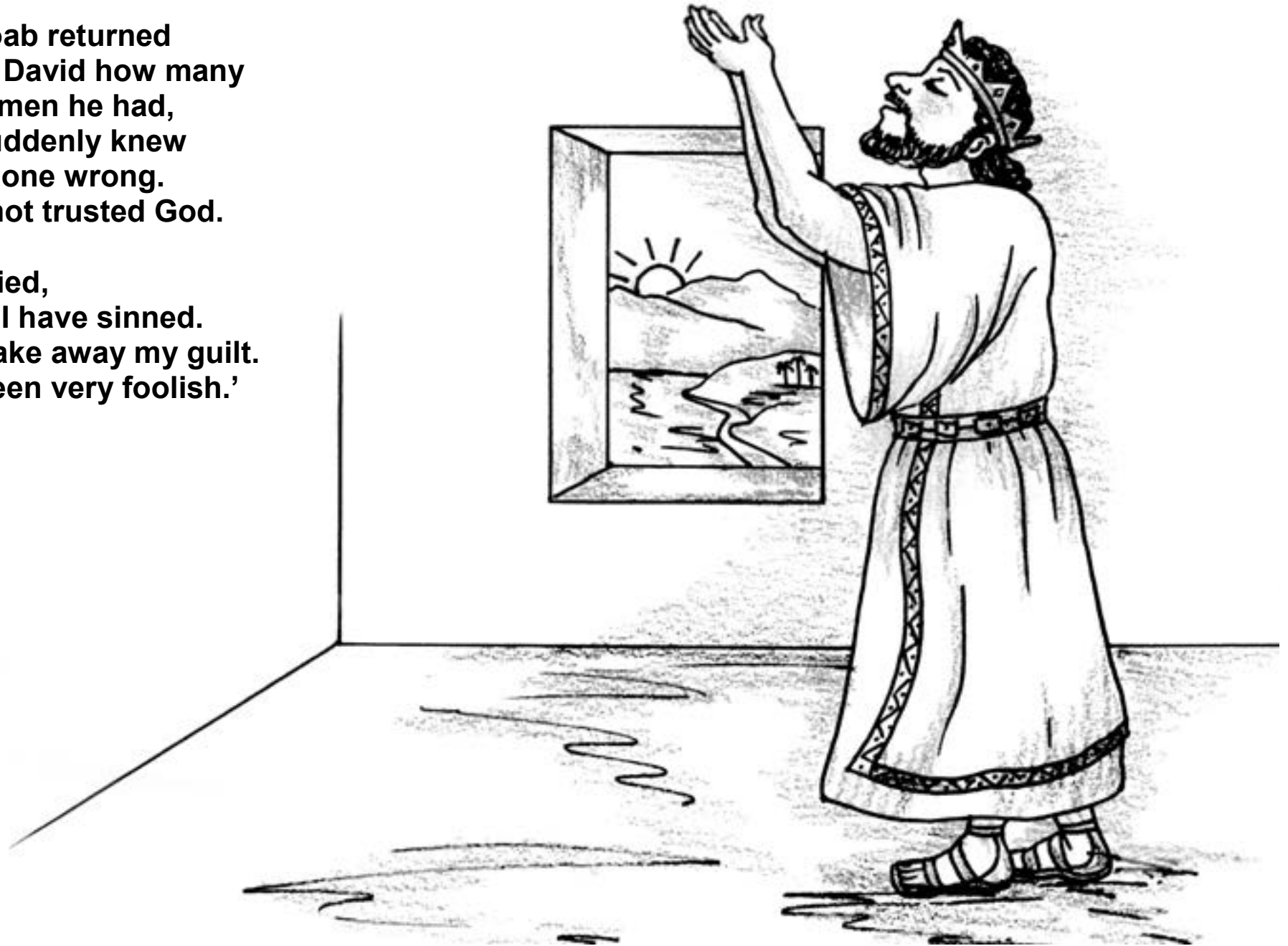
So Joab and his men  
went throughout the land  
and counted the people.

He made a list of  
800,000 men in Israel  
and 500,000 men in Judah  
who could fight.



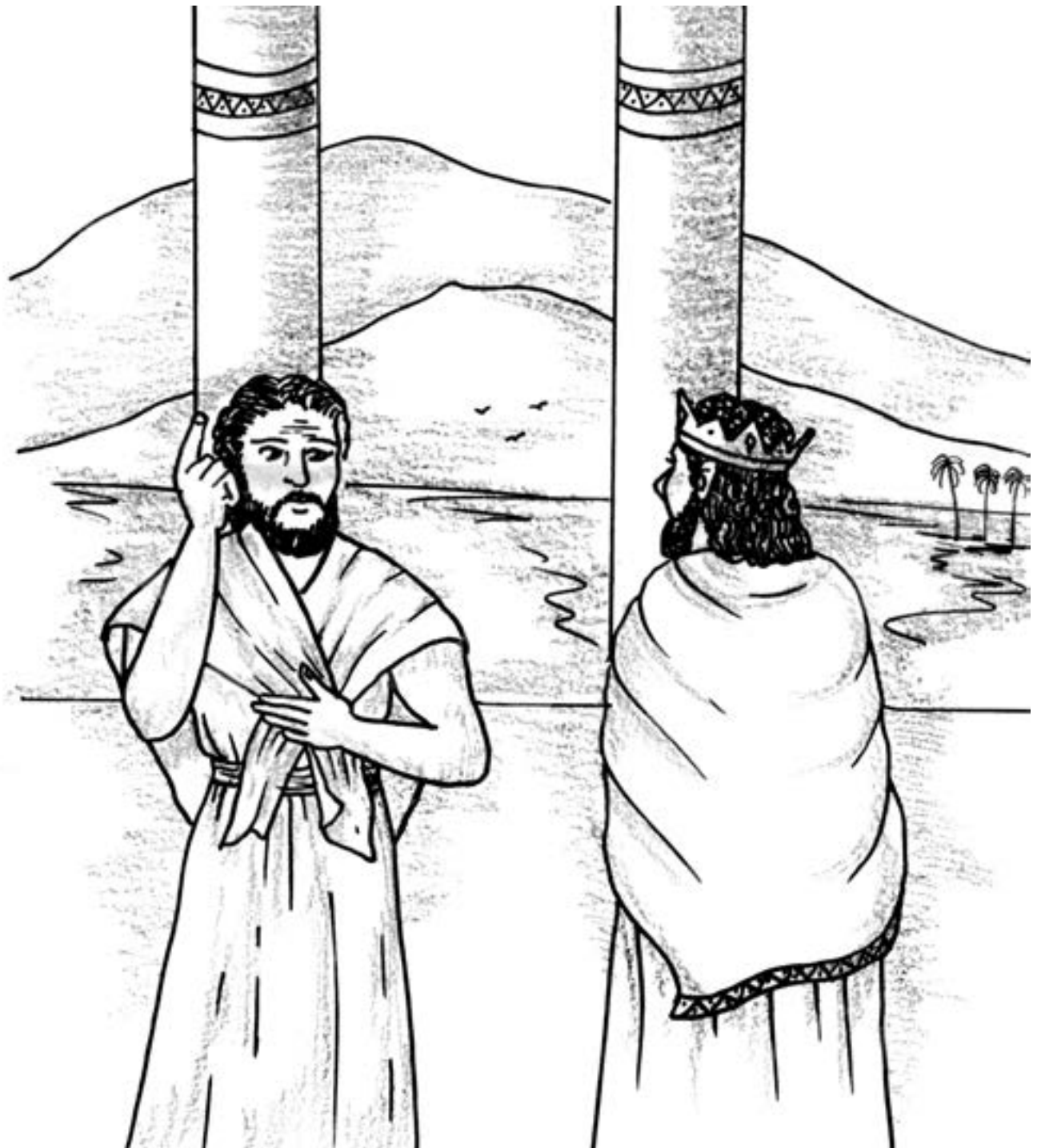
**When Joab returned  
and told David how many  
fighting men he had,  
David suddenly knew  
he had done wrong.  
He had not trusted God.**

**David cried,  
'O Lord, I have sinned.  
Please take away my guilt.  
I have been very foolish.'**



**God visited Gad, the prophet,  
and said,  
'Go and tell David,  
that I am going to punish him.  
He can choose the punishment.  
It will be either  
famine, enemies chasing him,  
or three days of  
disease in the land!''**

**When David heard this  
he replied.  
'All of these punishments  
are awful.  
But let it be God  
that punishes me  
and not the people,  
because He is merciful.'**





**God sent sickness on the people and lots of people died.**

**Then David saw the angel of death,  
standing by Araunah's threshing-floor,  
ready to destroy Jerusalem.**

**David cried out,  
'I have sinned.  
I am the one who has done wrong.  
Punish me and my family.'**





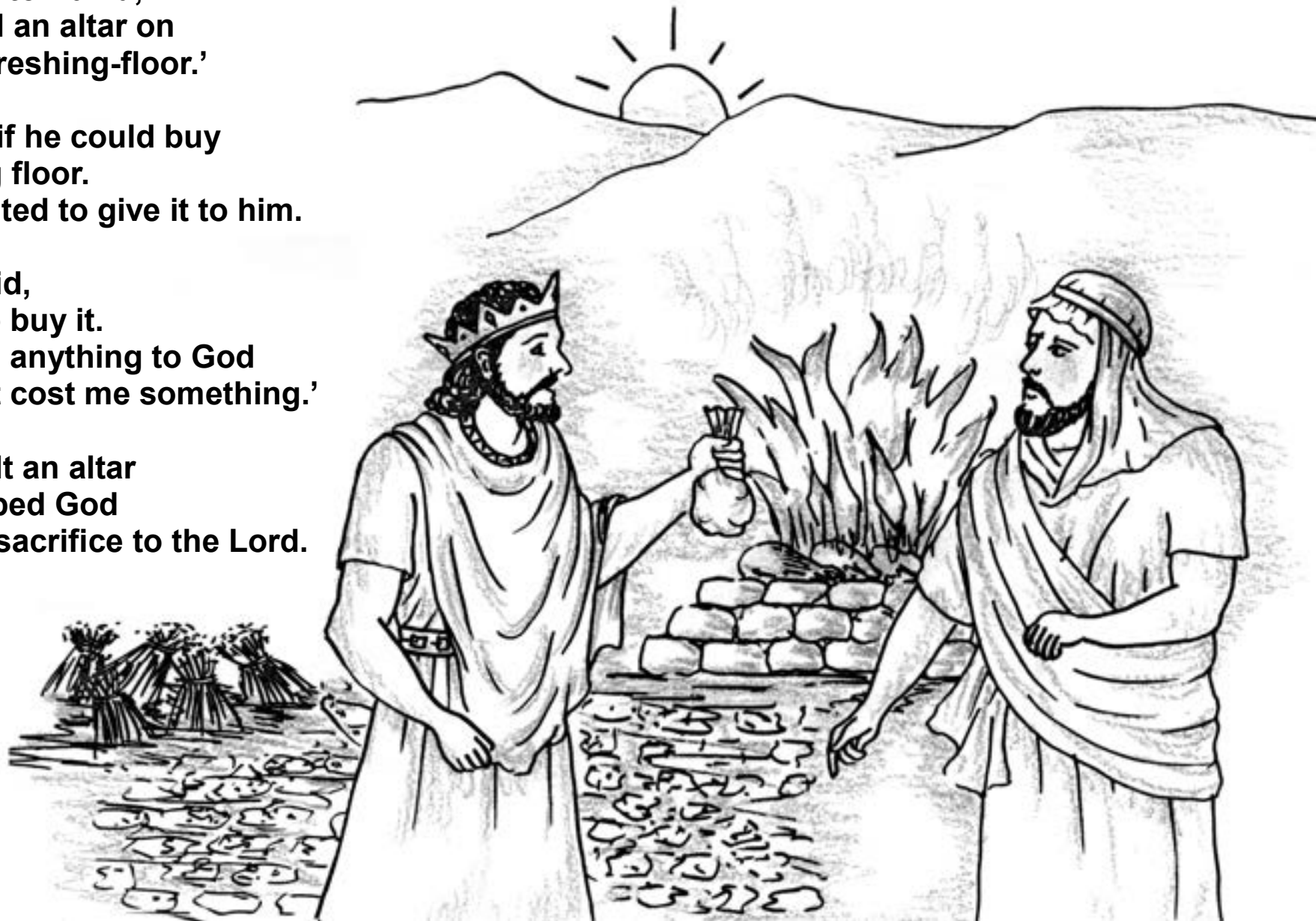
**God heard David's prayer and stopped the angel.**

**Then He said to David,  
'Go and build an altar on  
Araunah's threshing-floor.'**

**David asked if he could buy  
the threshing floor.  
Araunah wanted to give it to him.**

**But David said,  
'No. I need to buy it.  
I will not give anything to God  
that does not cost me something.'**

**So David built an altar  
and worshipped God  
by making a sacrifice to the Lord.**



**David saw that God had been merciful to him.**

**He said,  
'This is the place  
where God's house is to be built,  
the place for the burnt sacrifices,  
a place to give thanks to God  
for His mercy.'**

