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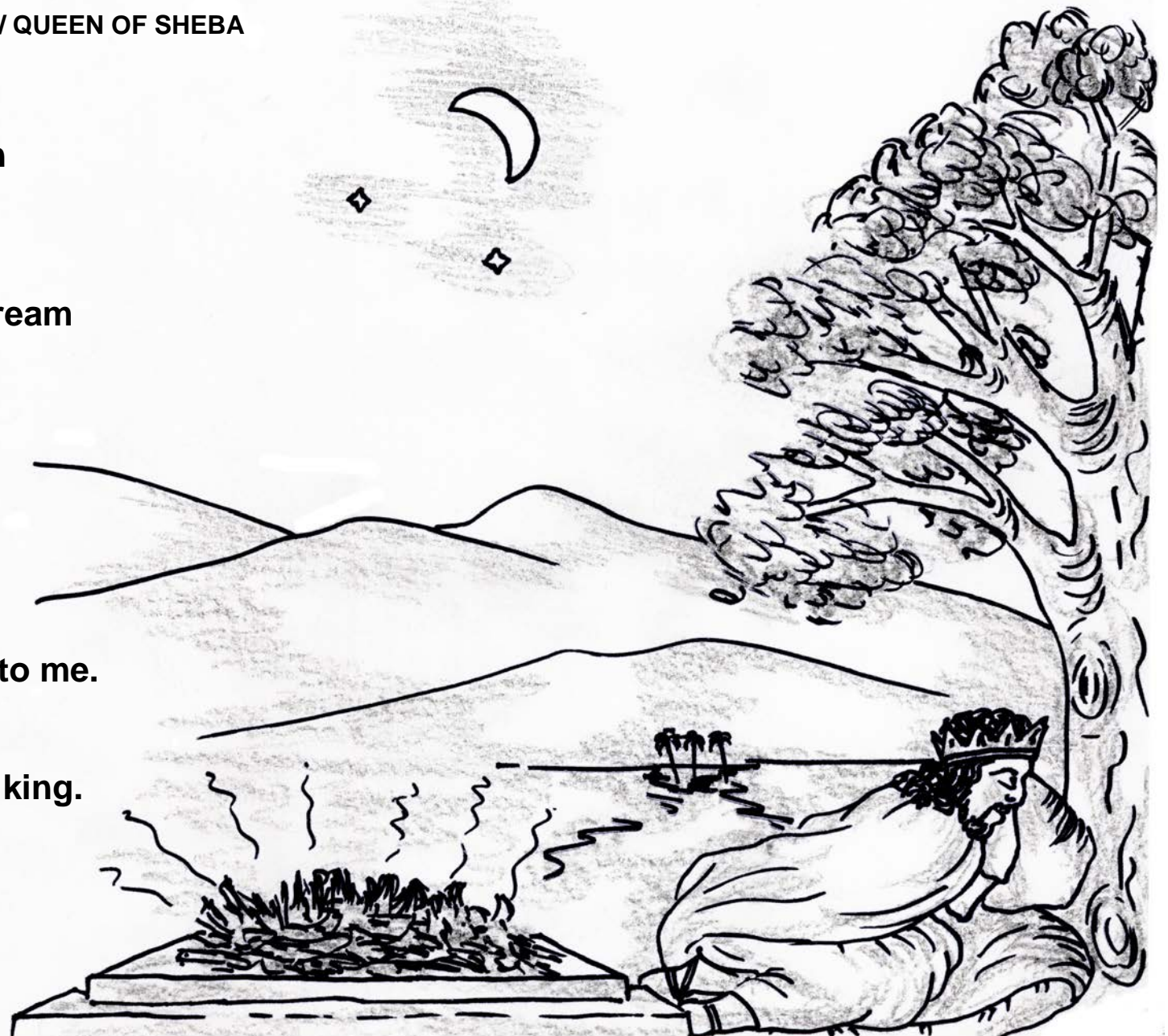
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**Solomon went to Gibeon
to sacrifice to the Lord.**

**While he was there
God spoke to him in a dream
saying,
'Ask Me for anything
and I will give it to you.'**

**Solomon answered,
'O Lord God,
You were kind
to my father, David.
Now You are being kind to me.
You have let me be king
over Your people.
I do not know how to be king.
Please give me wisdom
to rule in the right way.'**



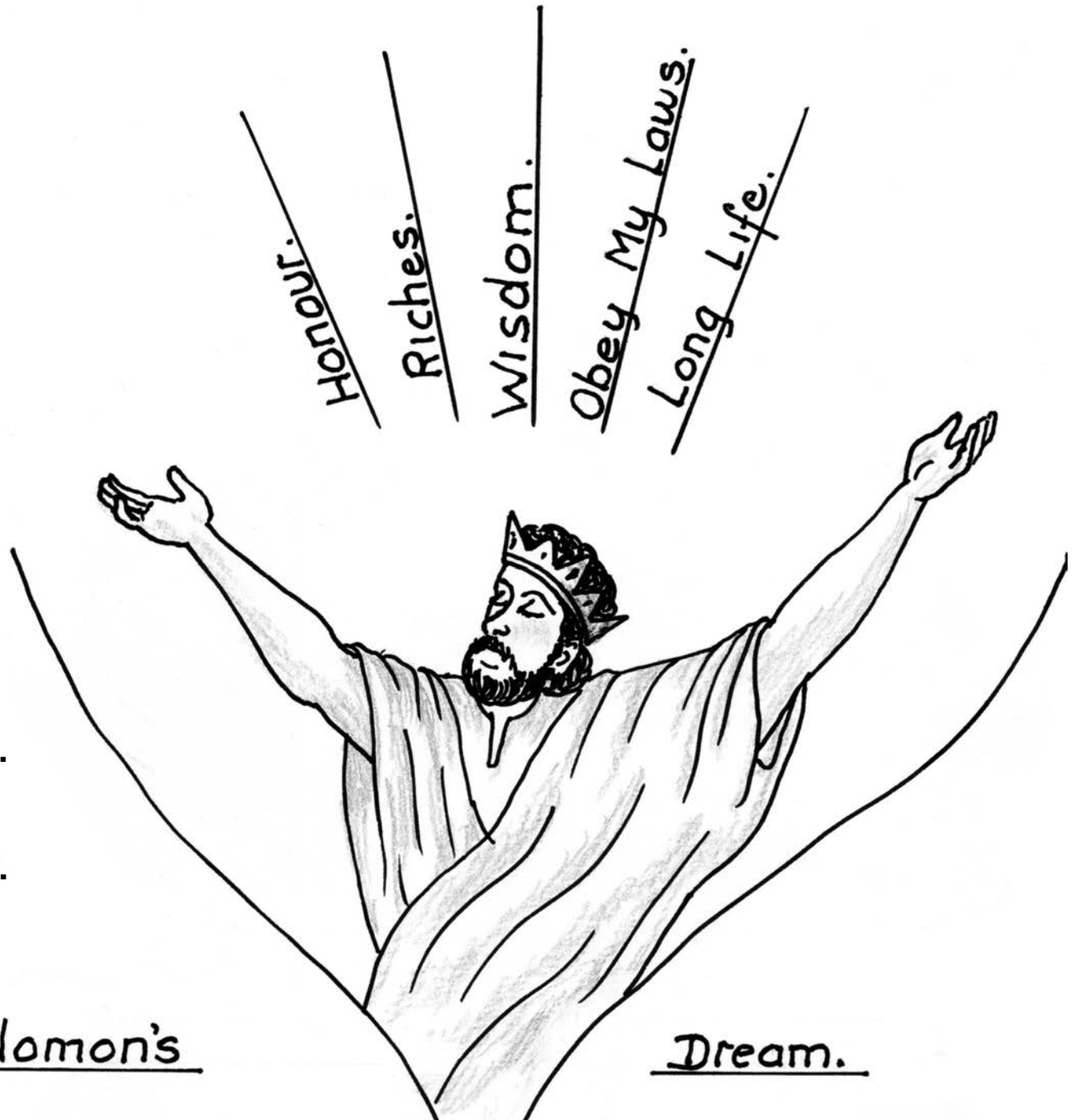
The Lord answered Solomon saying,
'You did not ask for riches
or to live a long time.
You did not ask Me
to get rid of your enemies.
You have asked for wisdom.

'Wisdom and understanding
is what I will give you.
No-one will ever be
as wise as you.

'I will also give you
what you did not ask for,
that is, riches and
great honour.
No other king will be like you.
What I ask of you
is that you follow Me
and obey My words and laws.
Do this and
I will also give you long life.'

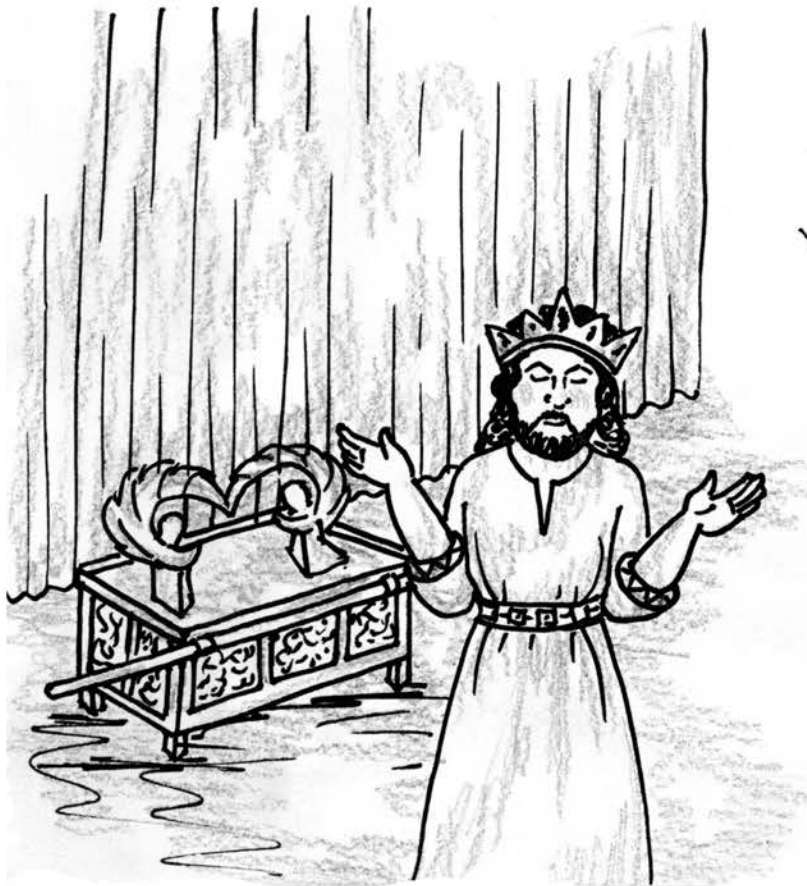
Solomon's

Dream.



**When Solomon woke up
he knew that God had spoken to him.**

**Immediately he went to Jerusalem,
stood before God's Covenant Box,
made a sacrifice
and worshipped the Lord.**



Later, two mothers came to Solomon.
They were arguing over a baby,
each saying it was her own
and not the others.

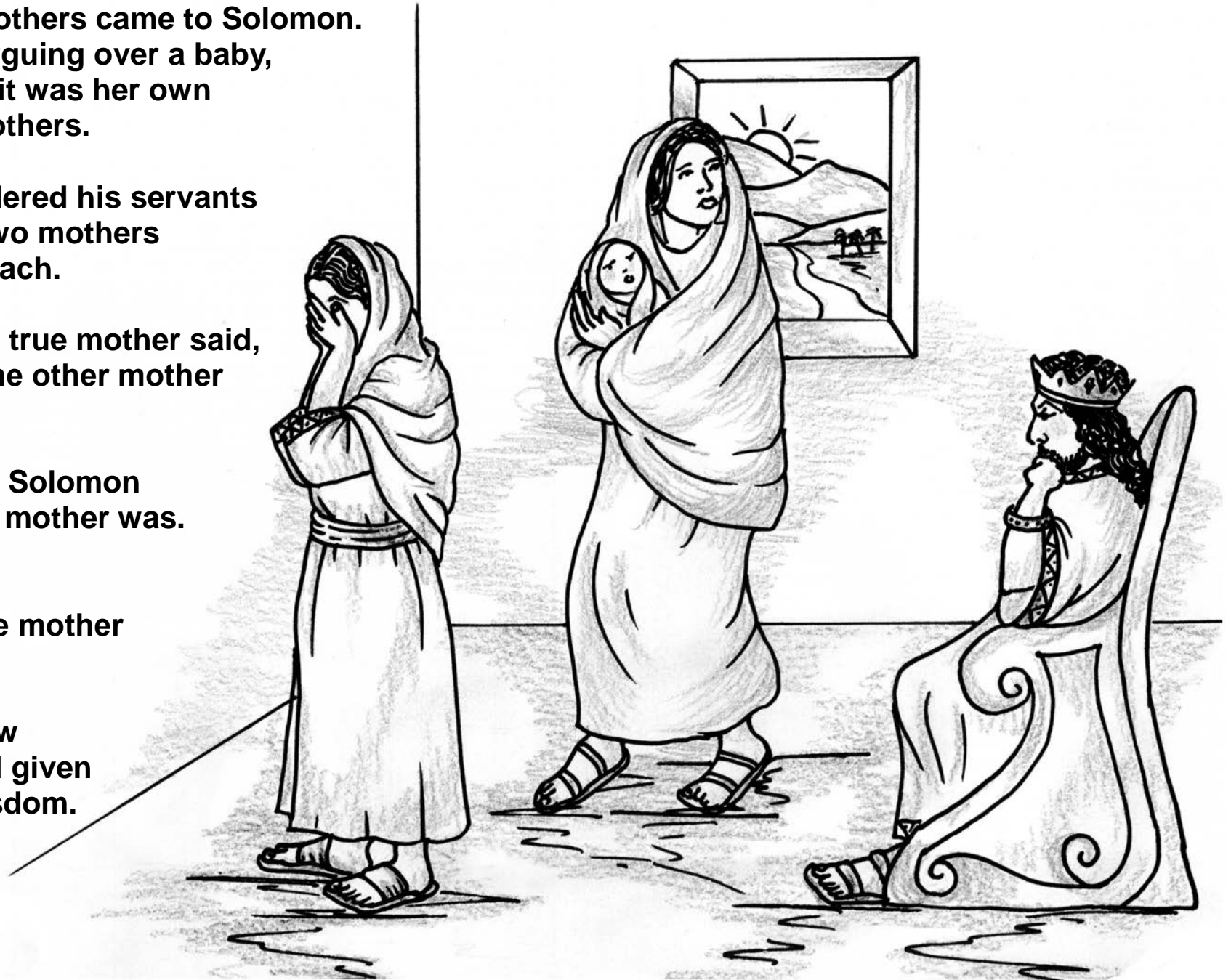
Solomon ordered his servants
to give the two mothers
half a baby each.

Instantly, the true mother said,
'Stop, give the other mother
the baby.'

This showed Solomon
who the true mother was.

He said,
'Give the true mother
her baby.'

Everyone saw
that God had given
Solomon wisdom.



**Kings from other lands
heard about Solomon
and came to hear his wisdom.**

**The Queen of Sheba also came.
She asked Solomon
many questions,
and he answered them all.**

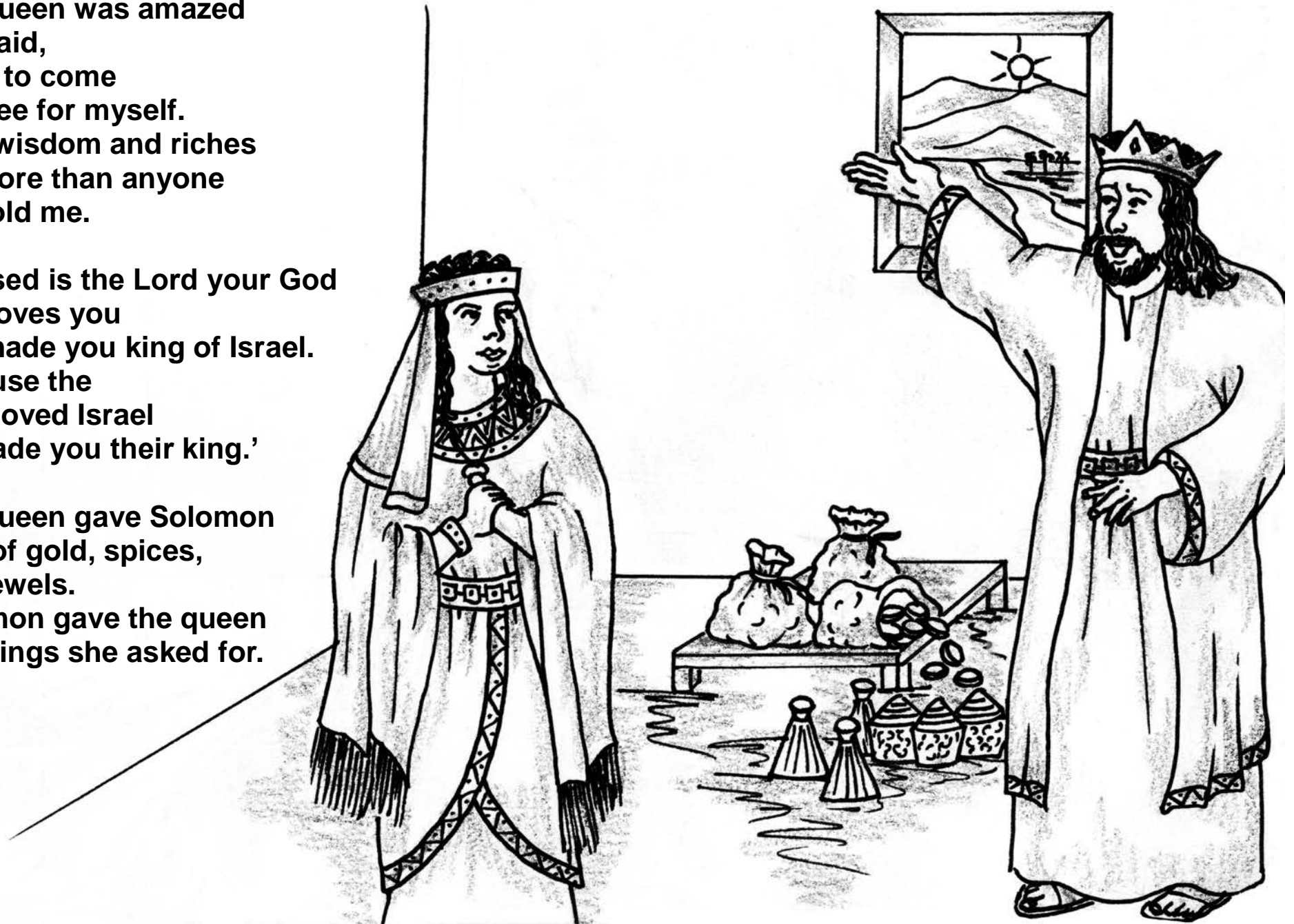
**Solomon showed the queen
his beautiful palace,
his servants in fine clothes,
the Temple of the Lord
and the offerings
he gave to God.**



The queen was amazed
and said,
'I had to come
and see for myself.
Your wisdom and riches
are more than anyone
has told me.

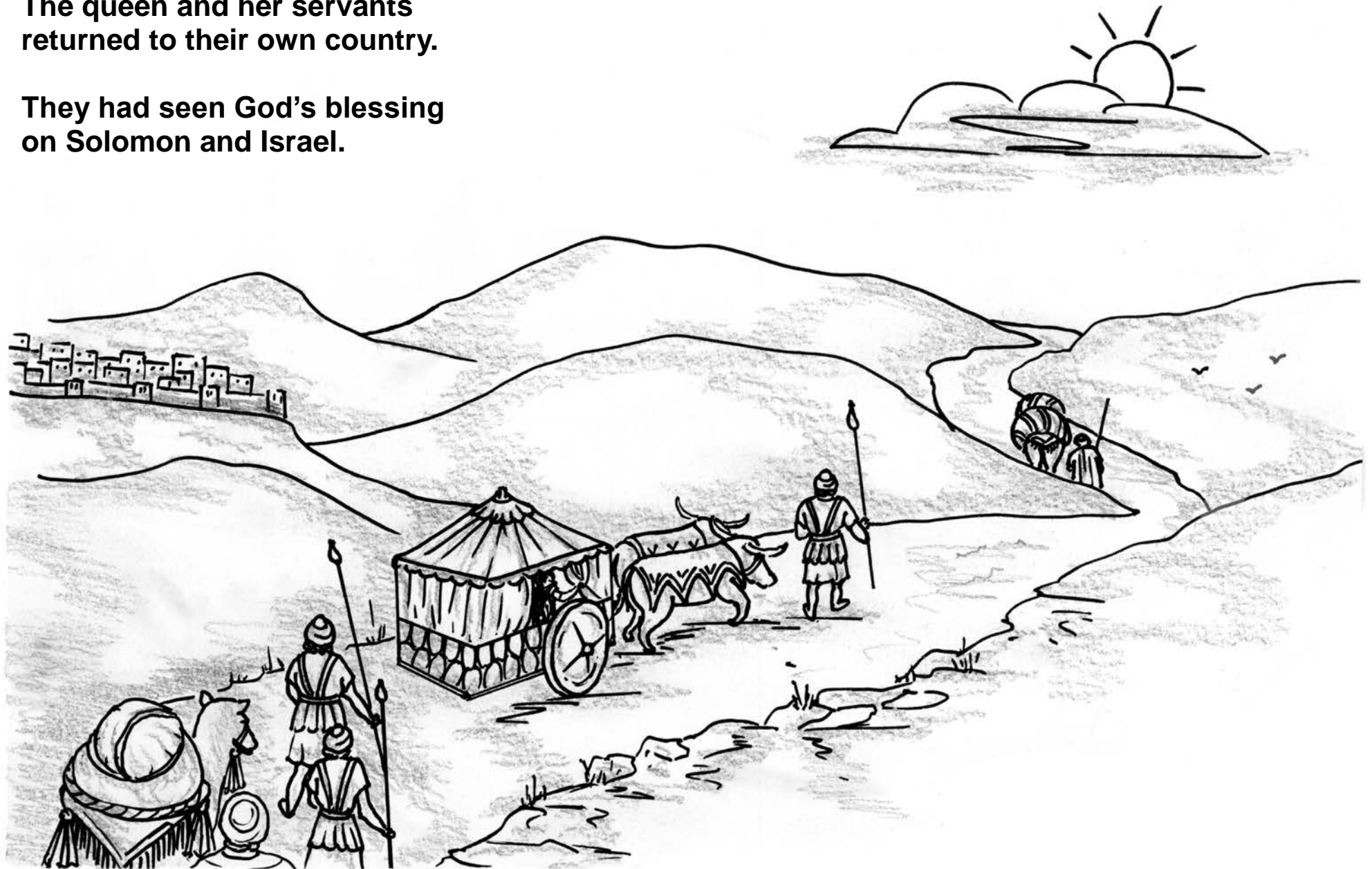
'Blessed is the Lord your God
who loves you
and made you king of Israel.
Because the
Lord loved Israel
He made you their king.'

The queen gave Solomon
gifts of gold, spices,
and jewels.
Solomon gave the queen
the things she asked for.



**The queen and her servants
returned to their own country.**

**They had seen God's blessing
on Solomon and Israel.**



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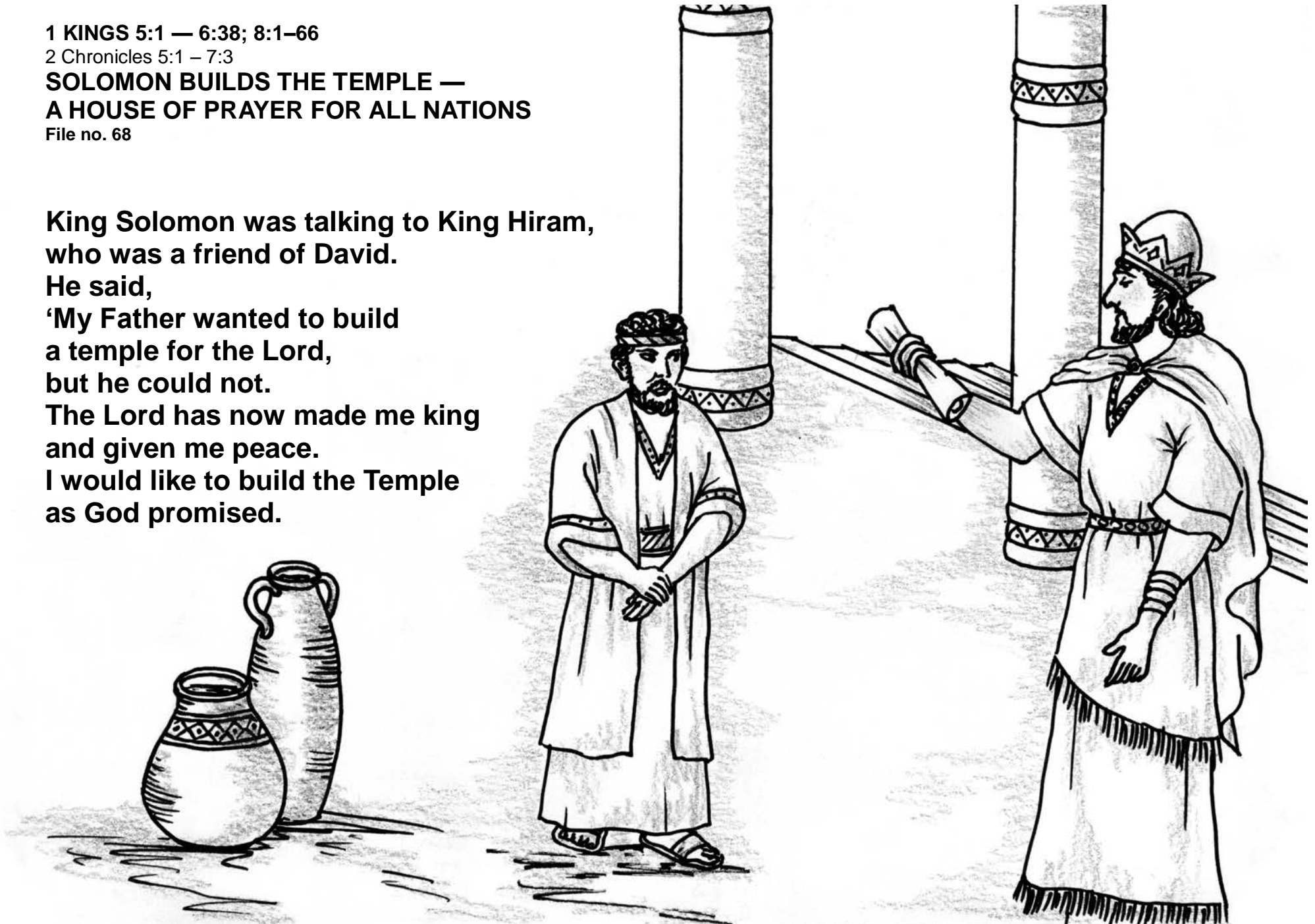
**King Solomon was talking to King Hiram,
who was a friend of David.**

He said,

**‘My Father wanted to build
a temple for the Lord,
but he could not.**

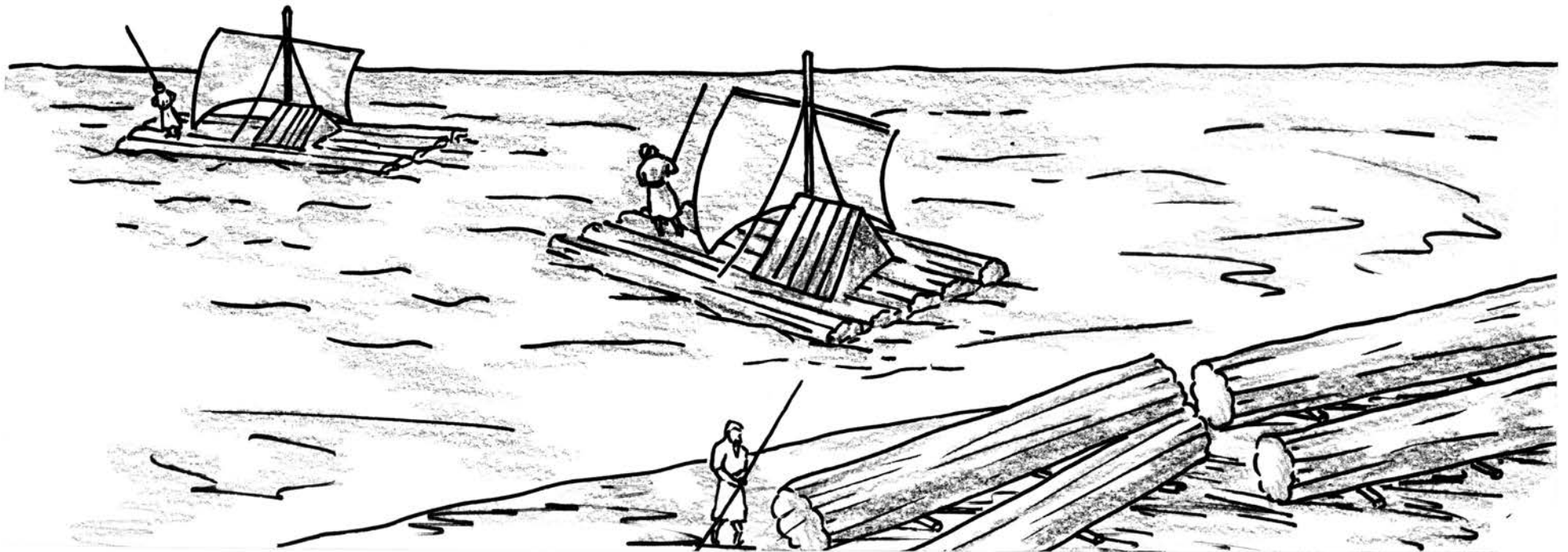
**The Lord has now made me king
and given me peace.**

**I would like to build the Temple
as God promised.**

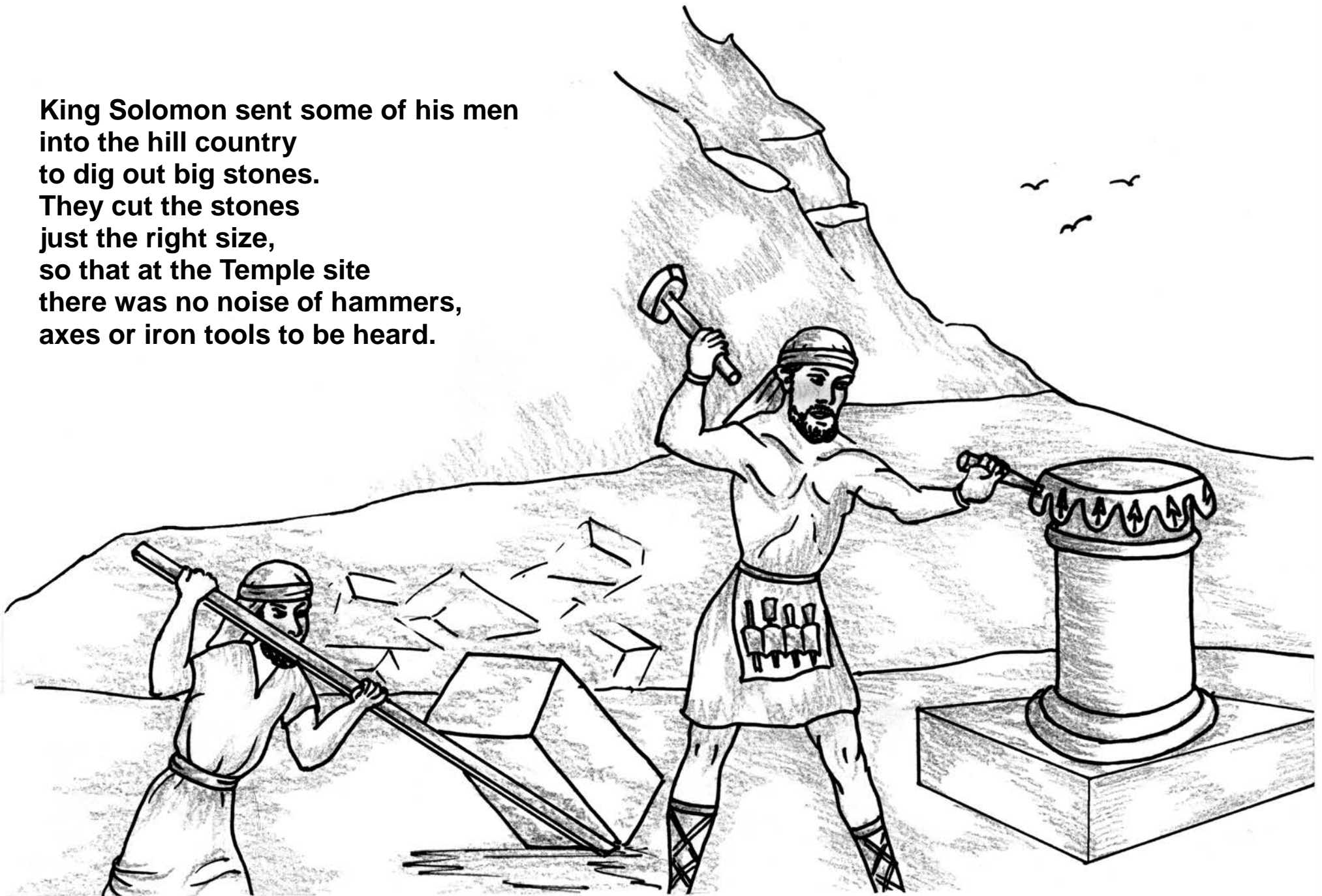


**'Will you sell me
some of your cedar and cyprus trees?'**

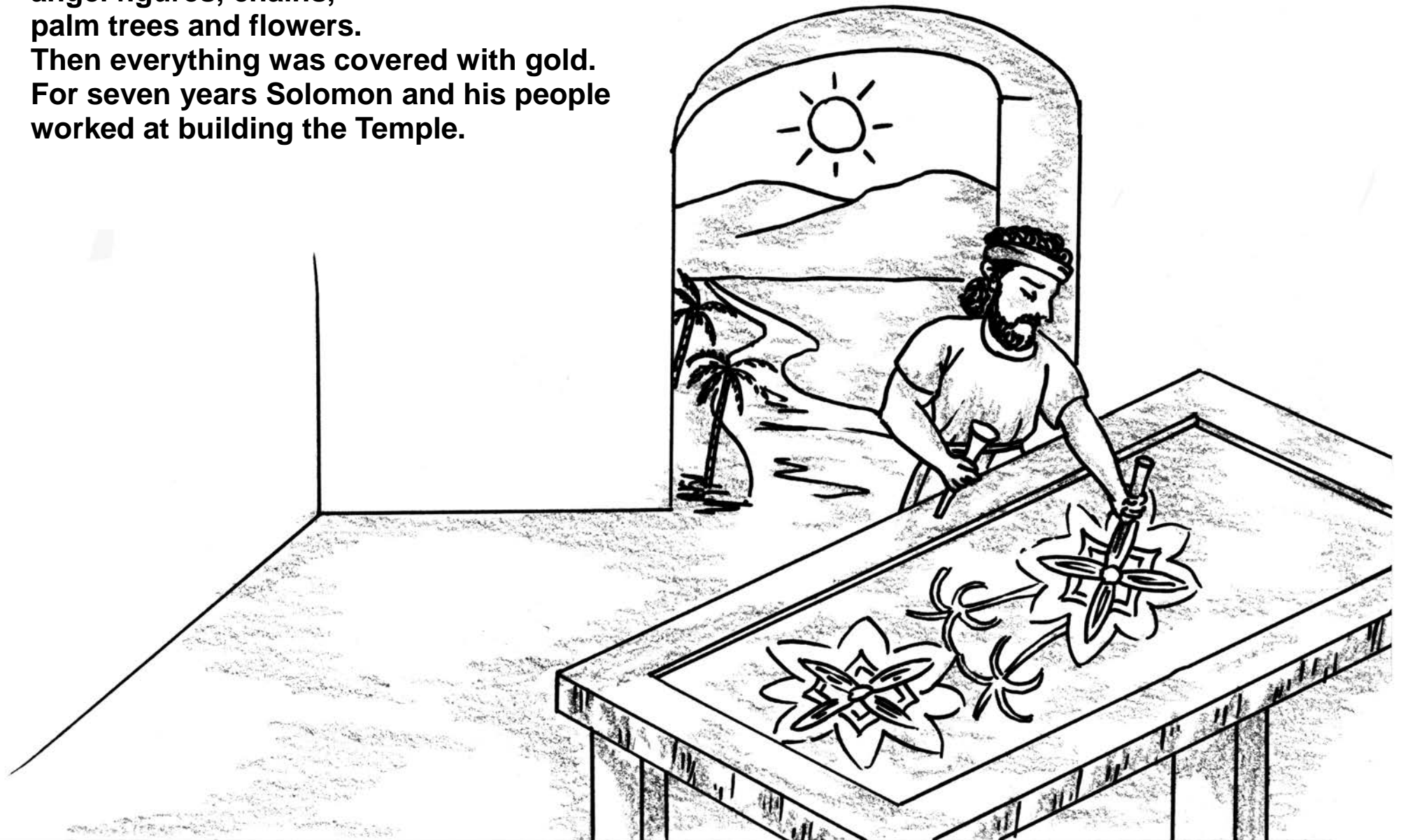
**King Hiram was very glad to help Solomon.
He had his men cut down the trees,
tie the big logs together
and float them down the sea to Israel.
Then they sawed up the logs
and carried them to Jerusalem.**



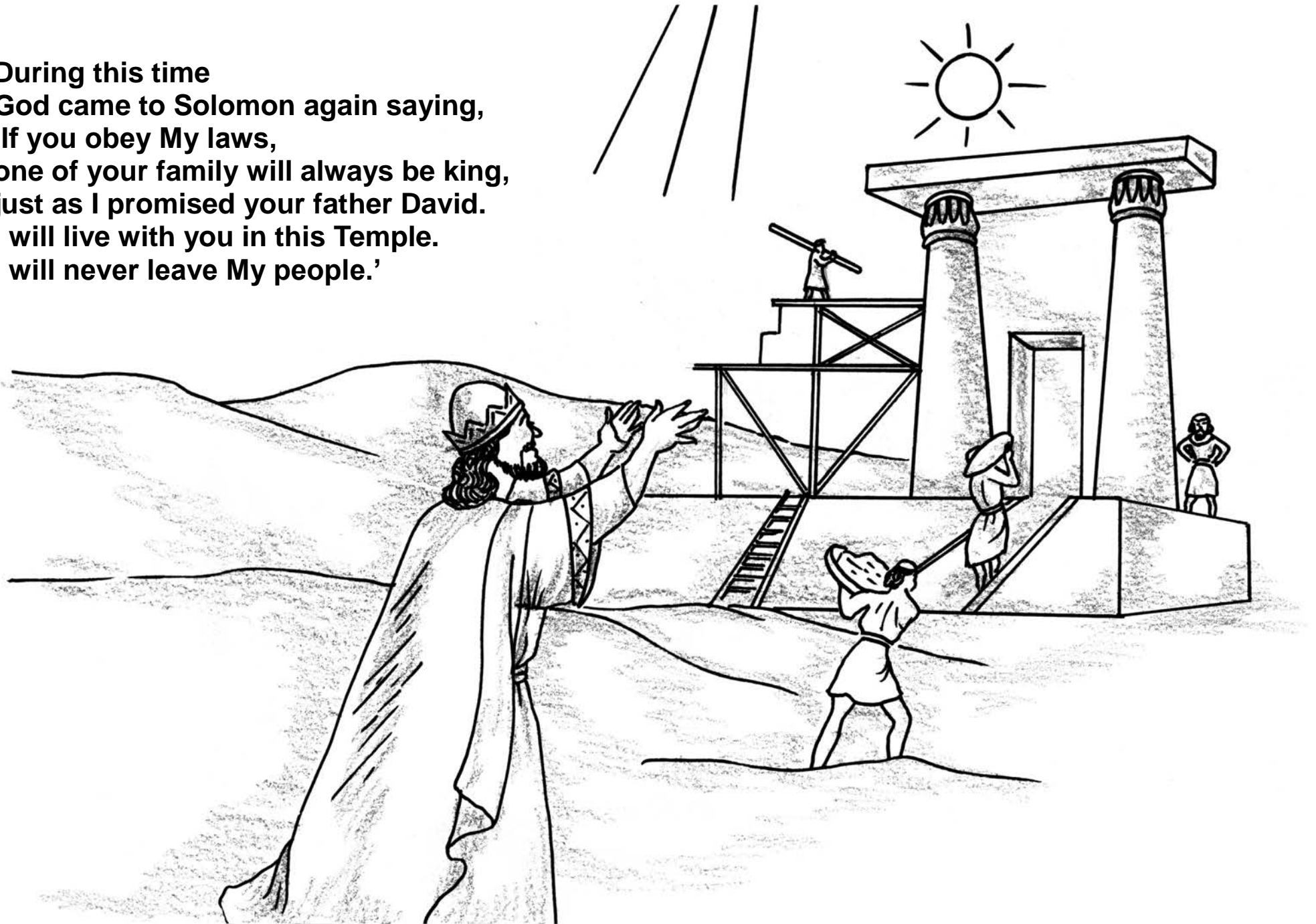
**King Solomon sent some of his men
into the hill country
to dig out big stones.
They cut the stones
just the right size,
so that at the Temple site
there was no noise of hammers,
axes or iron tools to be heard.**



**Some clever people carved the
angel figures, chains,
palm trees and flowers.
Then everything was covered with gold.
For seven years Solomon and his people
worked at building the Temple.**



**During this time
God came to Solomon again saying,
'If you obey My laws,
one of your family will always be king,
just as I promised your father David.
I will live with you in this Temple.
I will never leave My people.'**



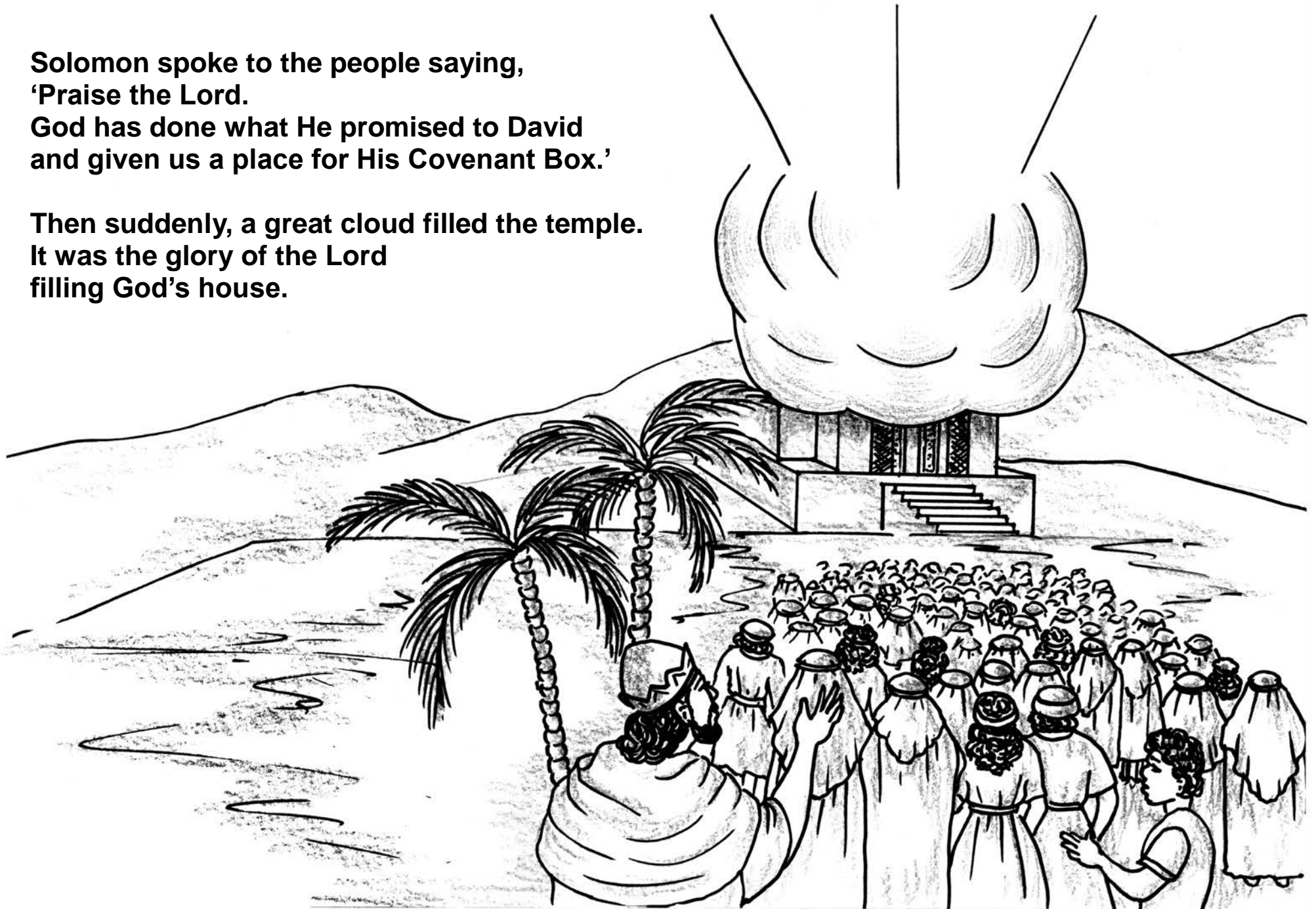
When the temple was finished
Solomon gathered the people together.
He had the priests carry
the Covenant Box,
the old Tent of Meeting and
the holy things
to the new Temple.
While this was happening
Solomon offered sacrifices
to the Lord.

At the same time the trumpets,
cymbals, harps and lyres,
were played while others sang,
'The Lord is good,
His love continues for ever.'



**Solomon spoke to the people saying,
'Praise the Lord.
God has done what He promised to David
and given us a place for His Covenant Box.'**

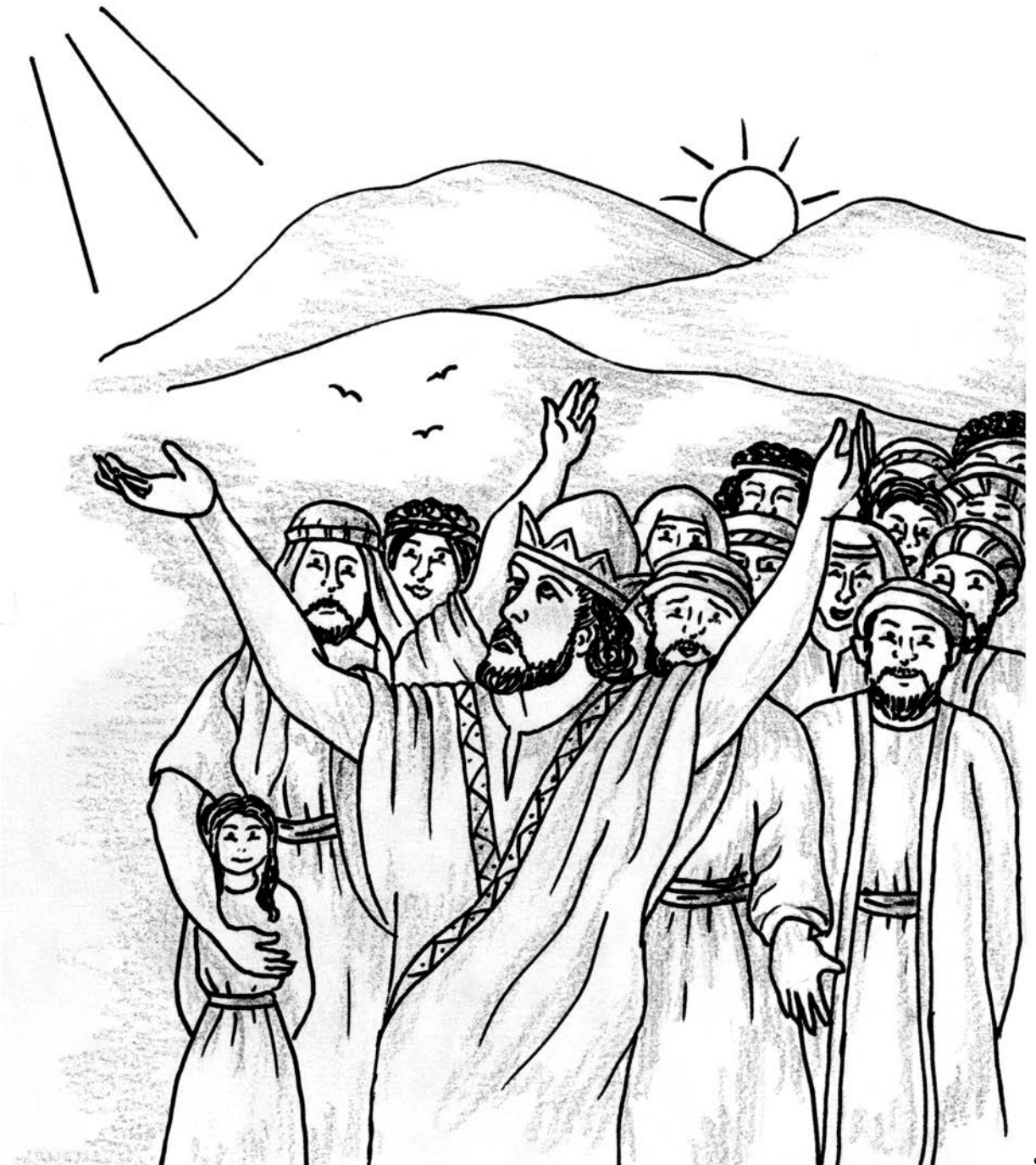
**Then suddenly, a great cloud filled the temple.
It was the glory of the Lord
filling God's house.**



**Then Solomon prayed,
'Praise the Lord, the God of Israel.
There is no god like You.
Hear my prayers and
the prayers of Your people.
When You hear us, forgive us.**

**'This temple is so small and
you fill more than all the heavens,
but you promised we
could meet you here.**

**'People from other lands
will come and pray to You.
Please hear their prayer.
Help us to keep your commands,
so that everyone on earth
may know that the Lord is God.'**



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**King Solomon ruled over the
twelve tribes of Israel.**

**God had said to him,
'If you obey Me,
and do not worship other gods,
I will let your family rule forever.'**

**But Solomon did not obey God.
He made God angry
by worshipping other gods.**

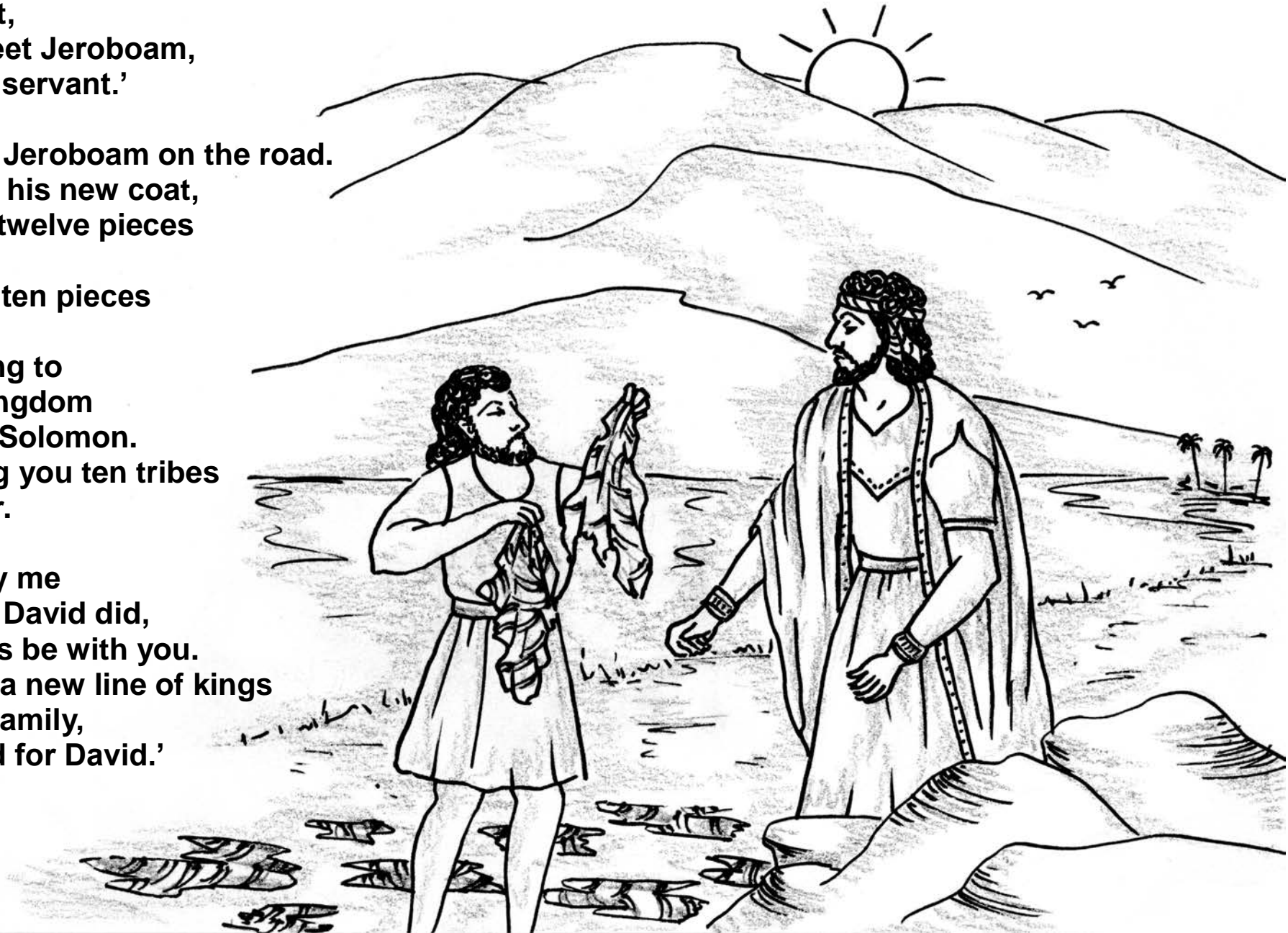
**God said to Solomon,
'When your son becomes king
I will divide Israel into two parts.
I will give one part to
your servant,
but because of My promise to
your father David
I will let your son rule over
the other part.'**



**Then God said to Ahijah,
the prophet,
'Go and meet Jeroboam,
Solomon's servant.'**

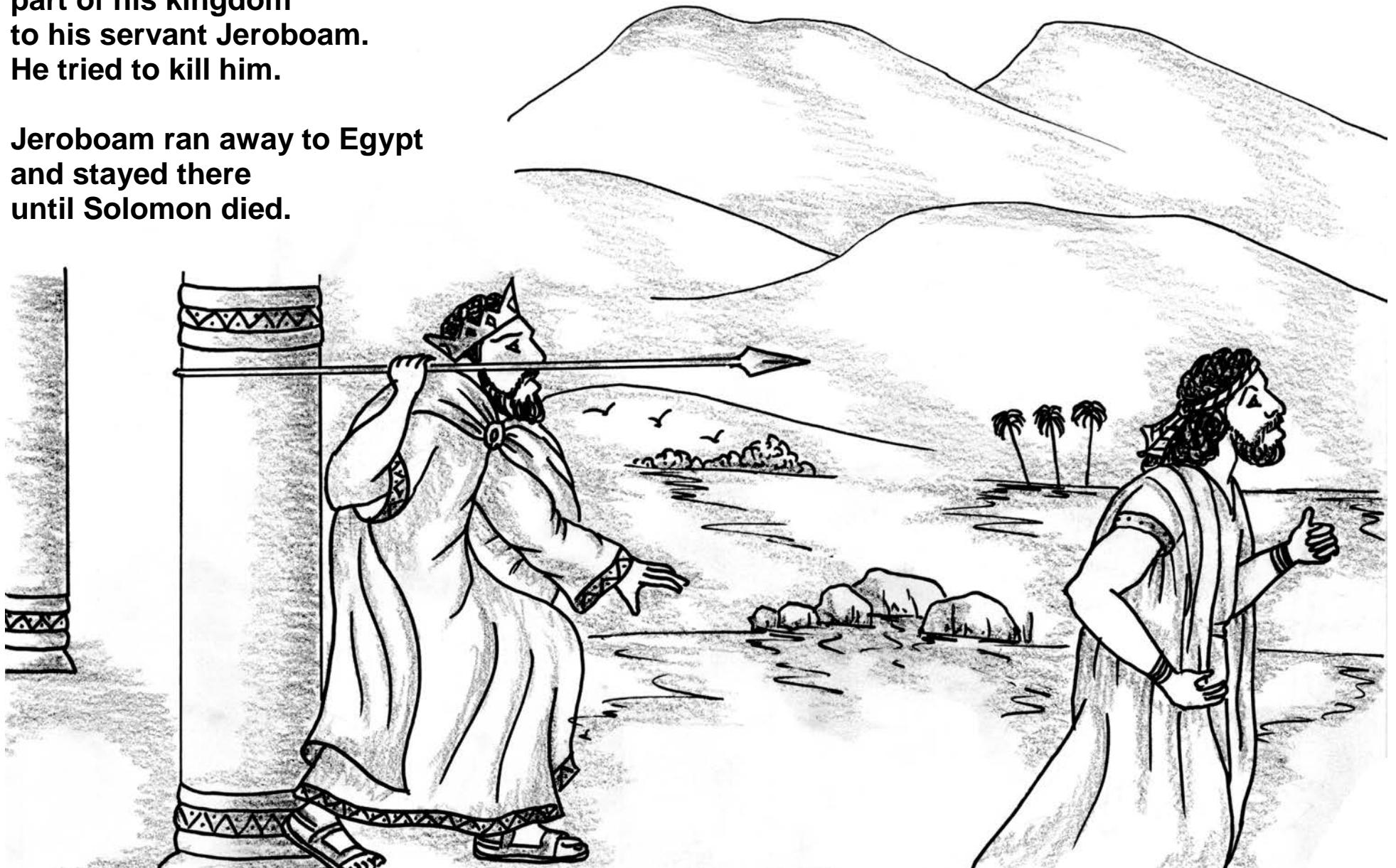
**Ahijah met Jeroboam on the road.
He took off his new coat,
tore it into twelve pieces
and said,
'Here, take ten pieces
of my coat.
God is going to
tear this kingdom
away from Solomon.
He is giving you ten tribes
to rule over.**

**'If you obey me
and live as David did,
I will always be with you.
I will make a new line of kings
from your family,
just as I did for David.'**



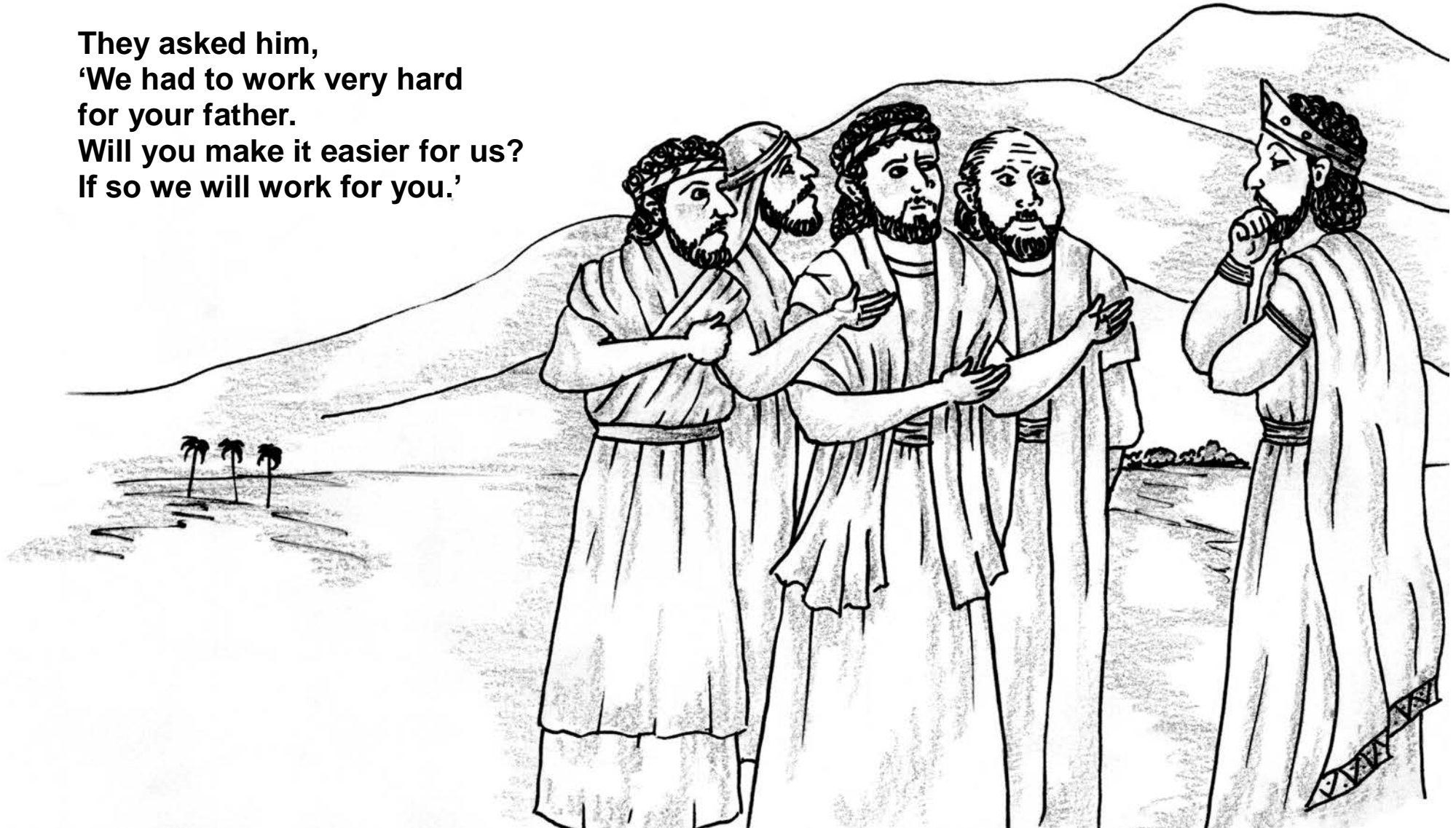
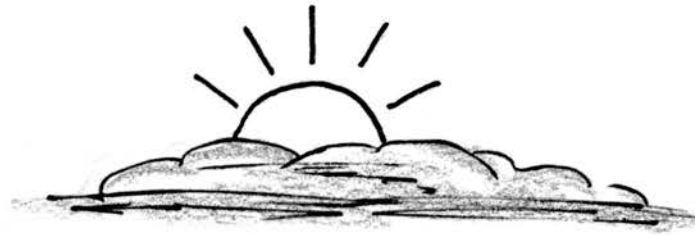
Solomon was angry when he heard that God was going to give part of his kingdom to his servant Jeroboam. He tried to kill him.

Jeroboam ran away to Egypt and stayed there until Solomon died.



After Solomon died
Jereboam returned home.
He and his friends
visited the new king,
King Rehoboam.

They asked him,
'We had to work very hard
for your father.
Will you make it easier for us?
If so we will work for you.'

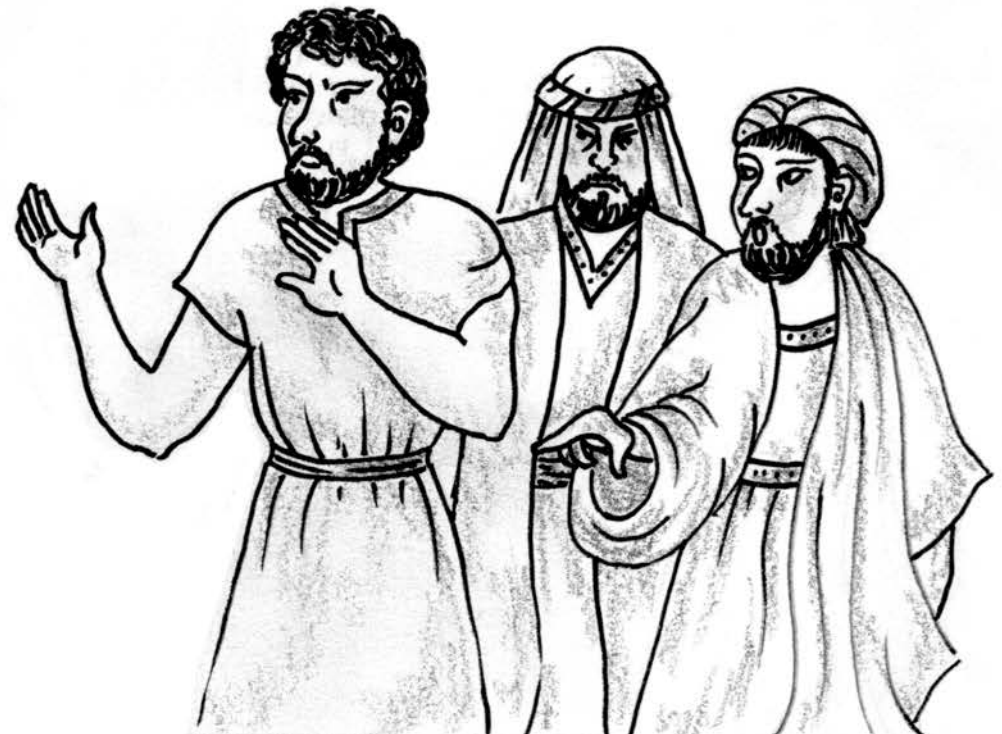
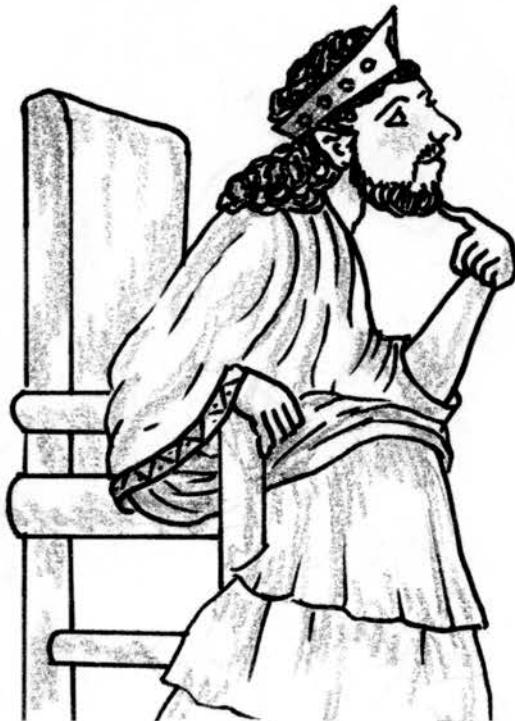
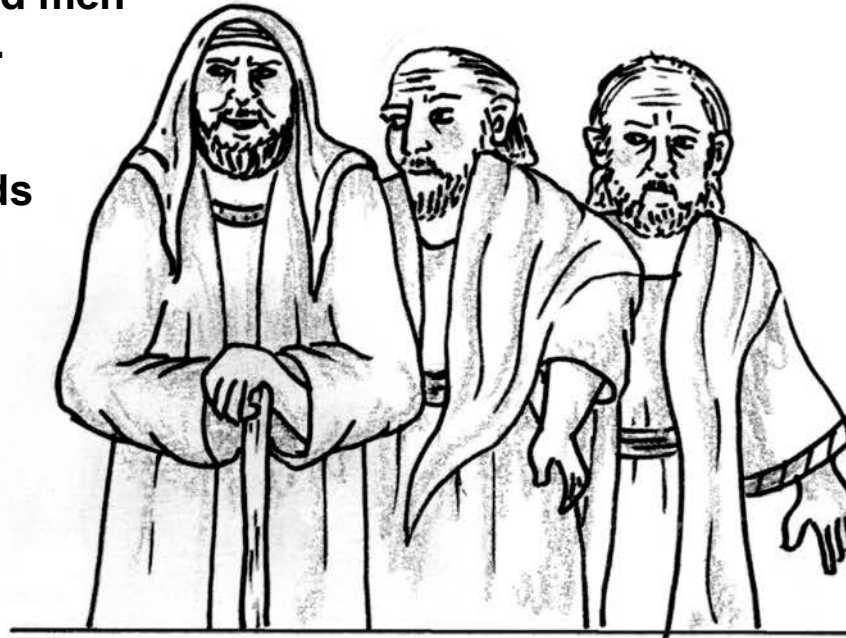


**King Rehoboam went to his wise old men
and asked them what he should do.**

**They said to him,
'Be kind to Jeroboam and his friends
and they will work for you.'**

**Then King Rehoboam went to his
young friends and asked them
what he should do.**

**They said,
'Be rough with them
and make their work harder.'**



King Rehoboam liked what his young friends said, so when he saw Jeroboam he spoke roughly to him.

When Jeroboam saw that they had not been listened to, he and his friends went away from the king.

Jeroboam's friends then made Jeroboam king over the ten tribes in the north, just as God had said.

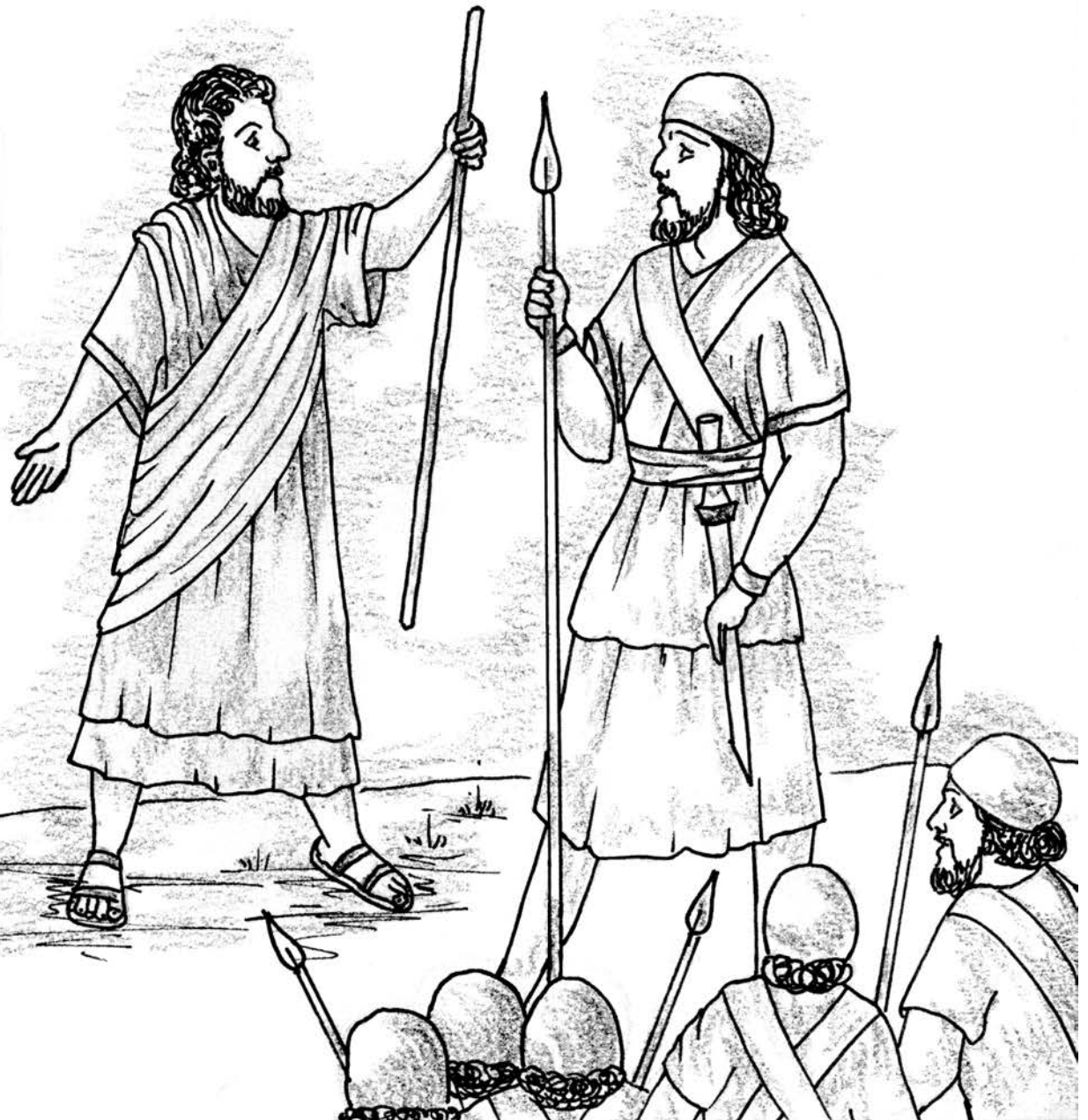


King Rehoboam was angry
with Jeroboam.
He did not want him
to be king of the north.
Rehoboam and his soldiers
set out to fight them.

But a prophet of God
stopped him saying,
'Do not fight. Go home!
God has made this happen.'

Rehoboam went home
and was king over two tribes.

*God's promise to David
did not stop.
His blessing was for
the whole world
and would come
through his family.*



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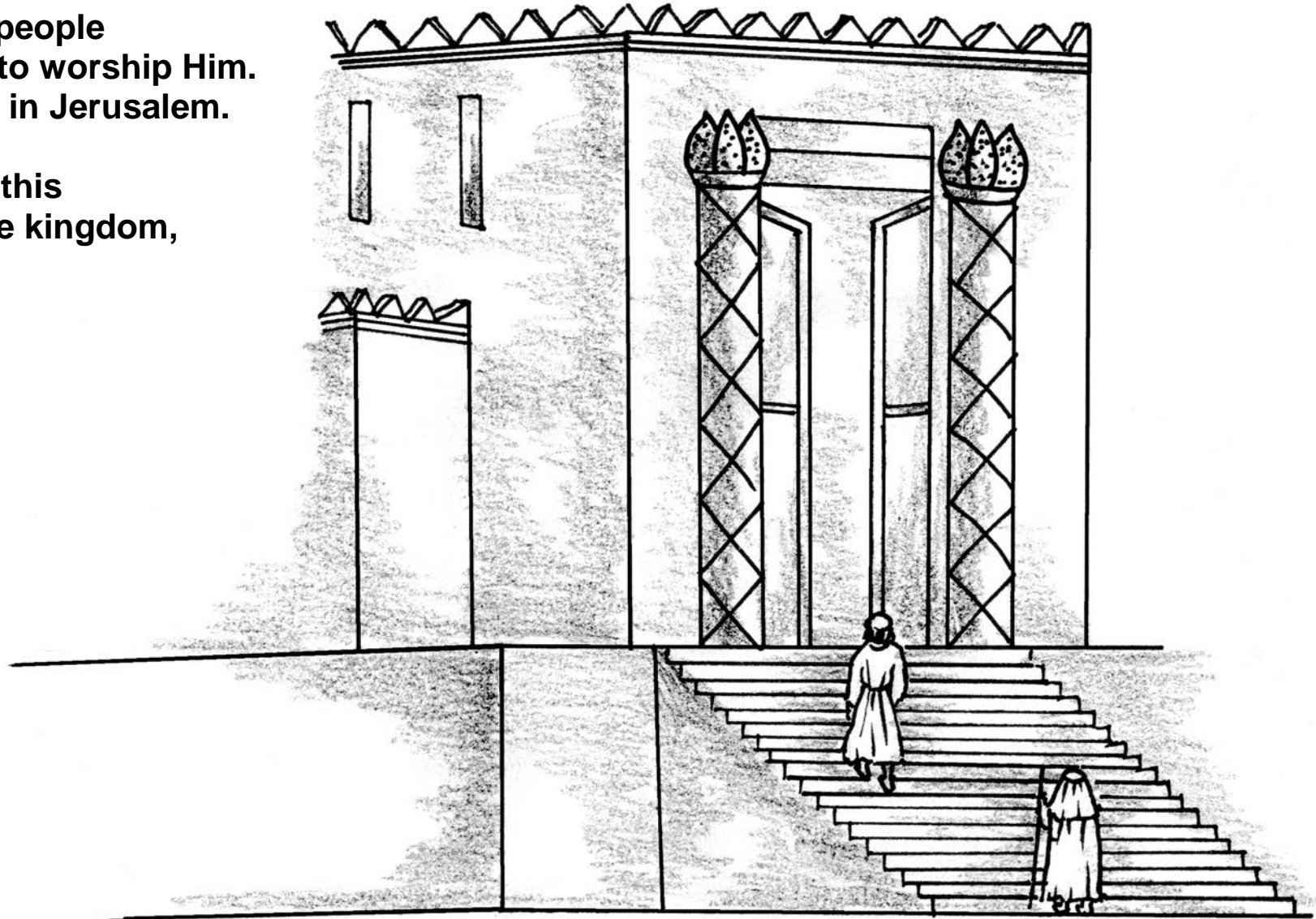
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THE MAN OF GOD WHO DISOBEYED THE LORD

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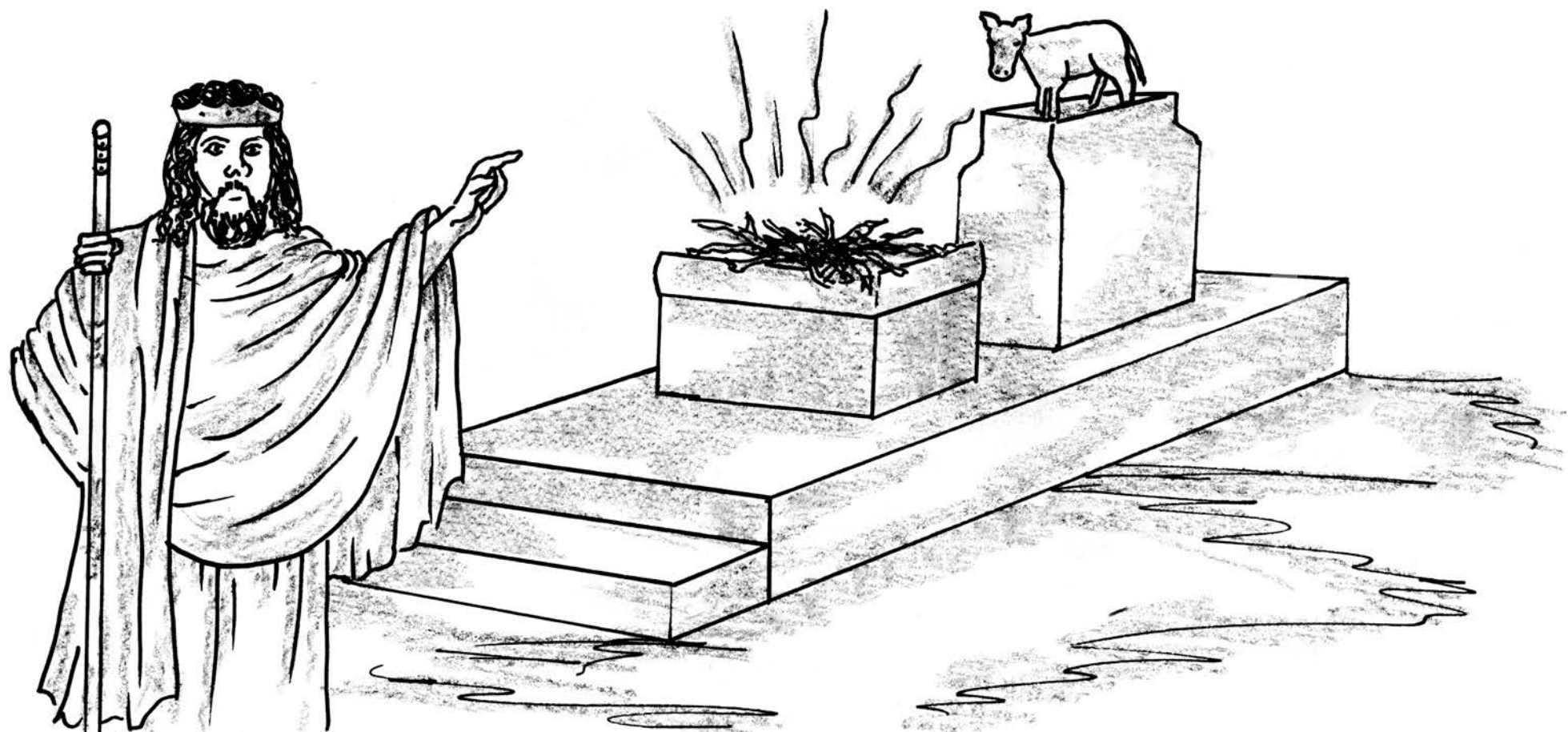
**God had given His people
one place for them to worship Him.
It was at the temple in Jerusalem.**

**No one questioned this
when Israel was one kingdom,
but now it was two.**



**King Jeroboam, who was king of the north,
did not want his people going to Jerusalem.
He was afraid they might stay there
and become part of the southern kingdom.**

**So he built other places of worship,
but God's presence was not there.**



One day when Jeroboam was sacrificing at one of his temples, a man of God said to him, 'A King from David's line will come and get rid of this altar and its priests.'

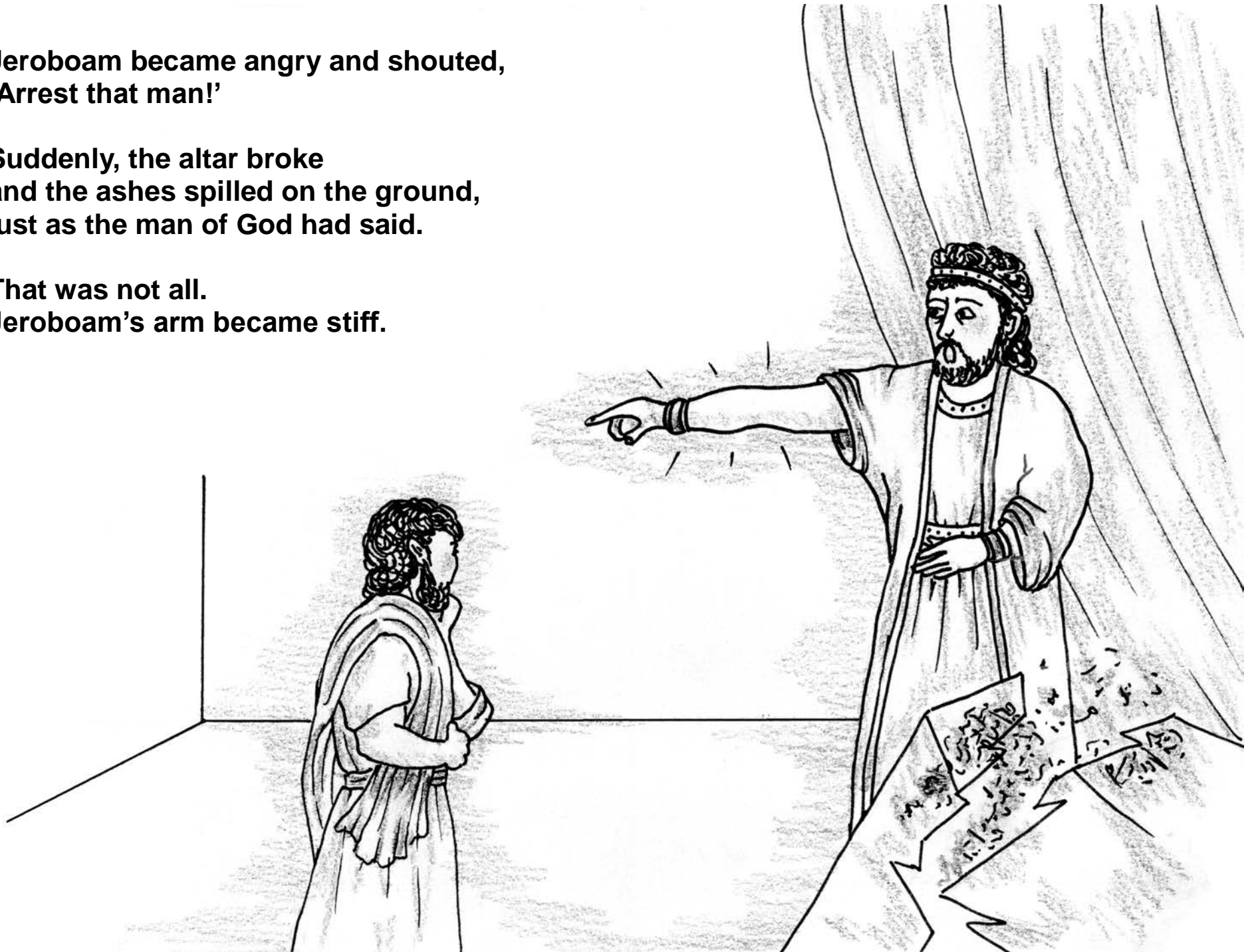
'You will know that this message is from God, because the altar will break and the ashes will spill on the ground.'



**Jeroboam became angry and shouted,
'Arrest that man!'**

**Suddenly, the altar broke
and the ashes spilled on the ground,
just as the man of God had said.**

**That was not all.
Jeroboam's arm became stiff.**



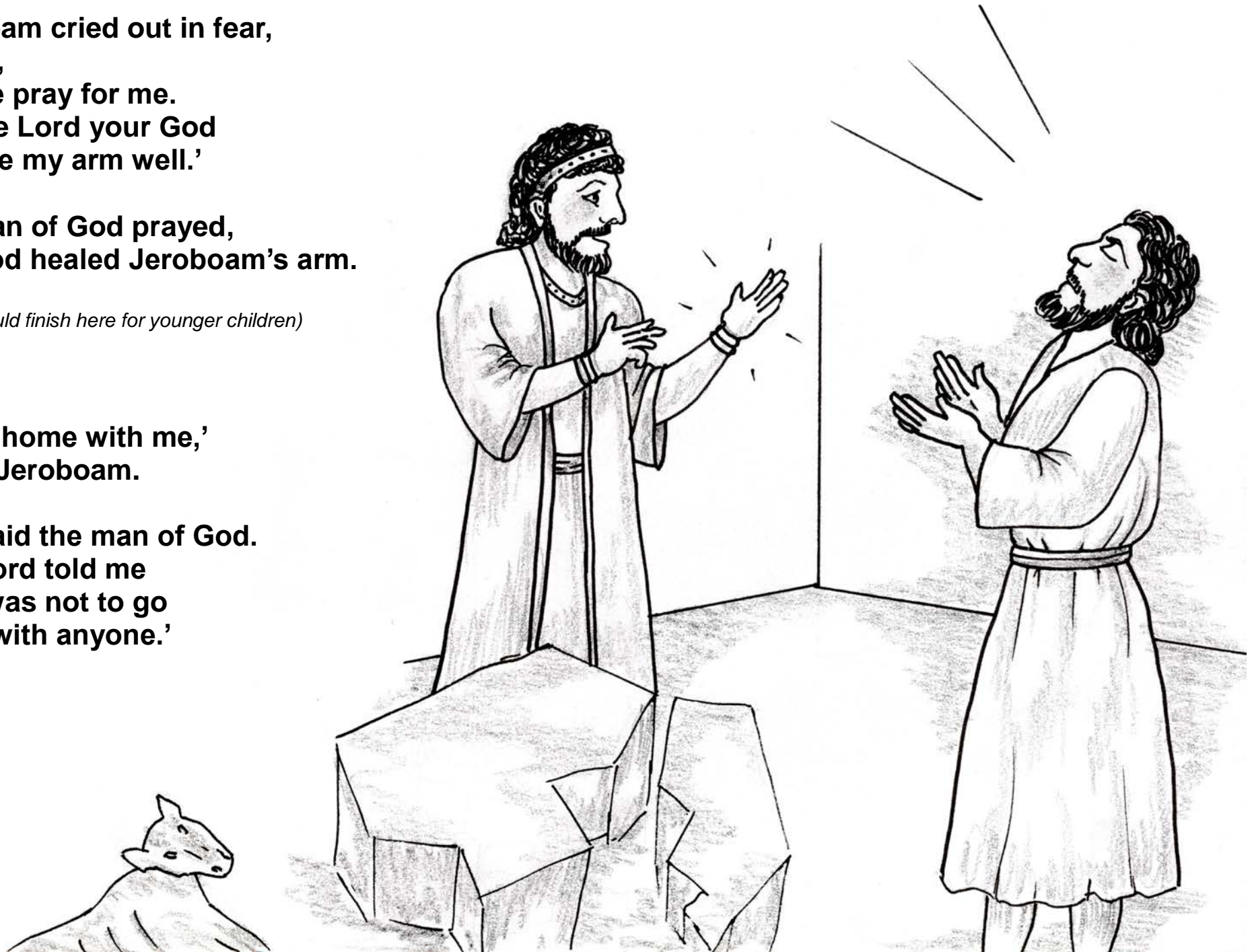
**Jeroboam cried out in fear,
saying,
'Please pray for me.
Ask the Lord your God
to make my arm well.'**

**The man of God prayed,
and God healed Jeroboam's arm.**

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

**'Come home with me,'
asked Jeroboam.**

**'No,' said the man of God.
'The Lord told me
that I was not to go
home with anyone.'**

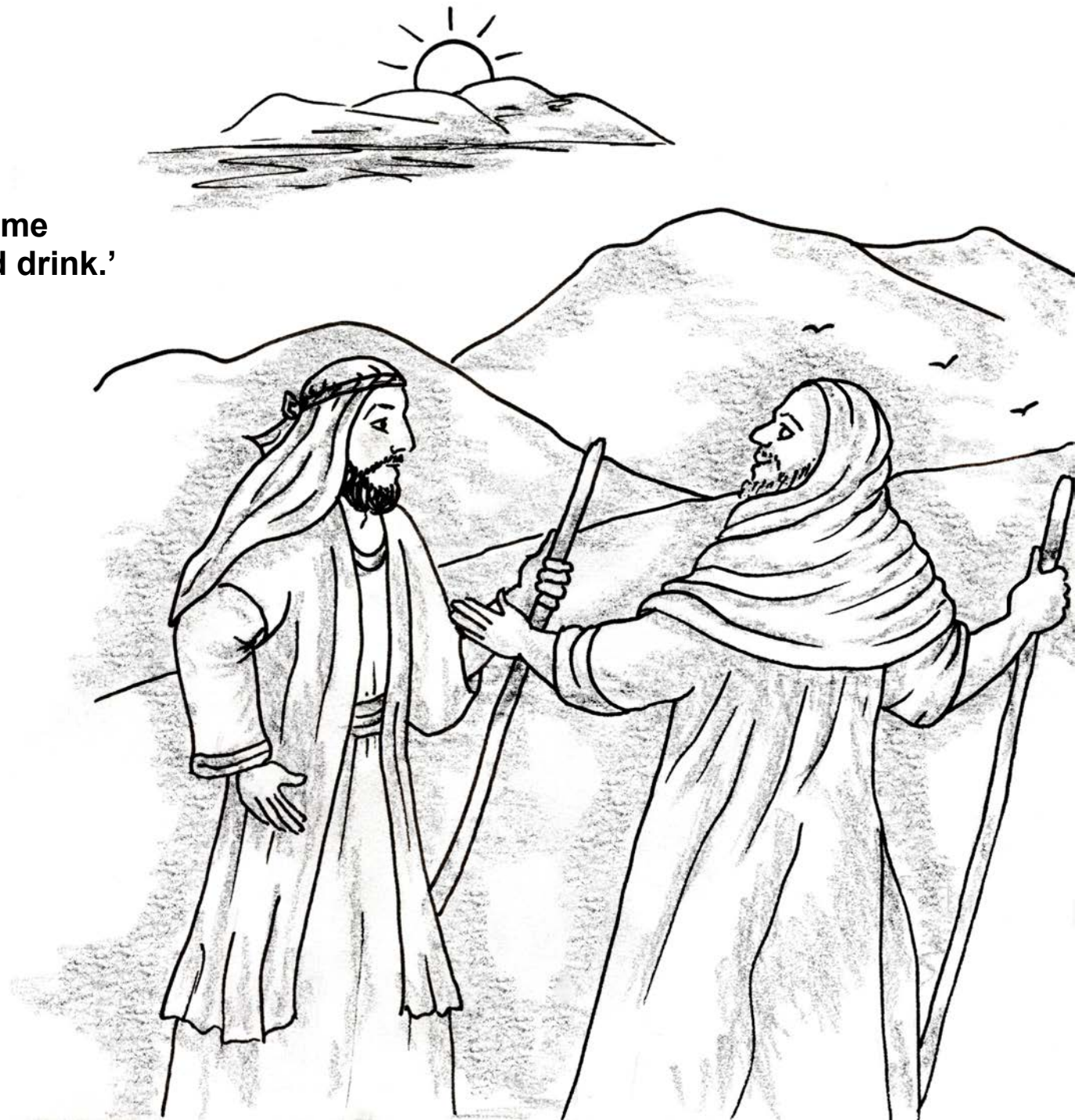


On his way home,
an old prophet met him
and said,
'Man of God, come home with me
and have something to eat and drink.'

'I cannot go home with you,'
said the man of God.
'The Lord told me that
I was not to go home
with anyone.'

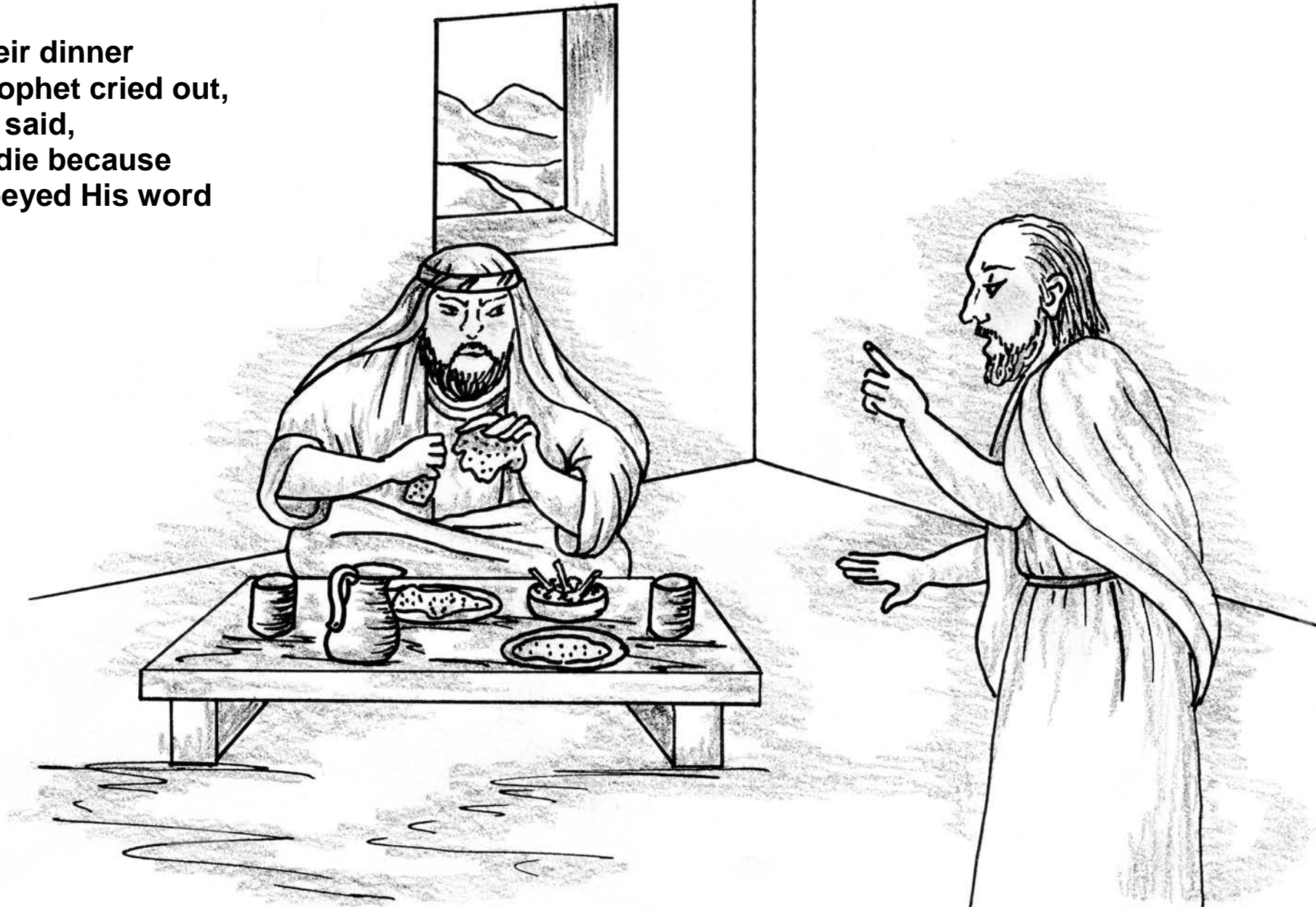
'I am a man of God too,'
said the old prophet.
'An angel of the Lord
told me to take you
to my home
and give you something
to eat and drink.'

But, the old prophet
was lying.



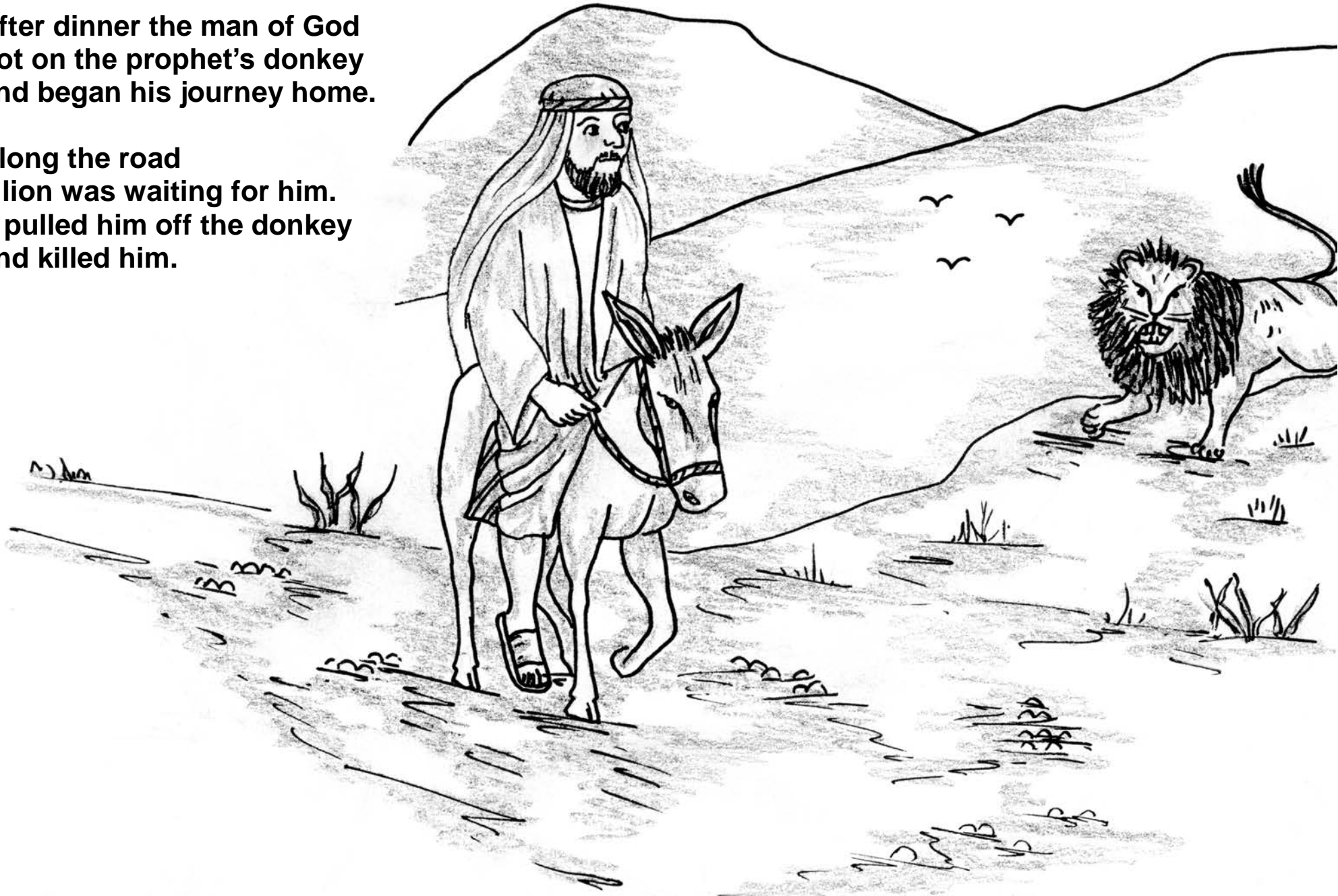
**The man of God
went home with the old prophet
and disobeyed the Lord.**

**During their dinner
the old prophet cried out,
'The Lord said,
"You will die because
you disobeyed His word
to you."'**



**After dinner the man of God
got on the prophet's donkey
and began his journey home.**

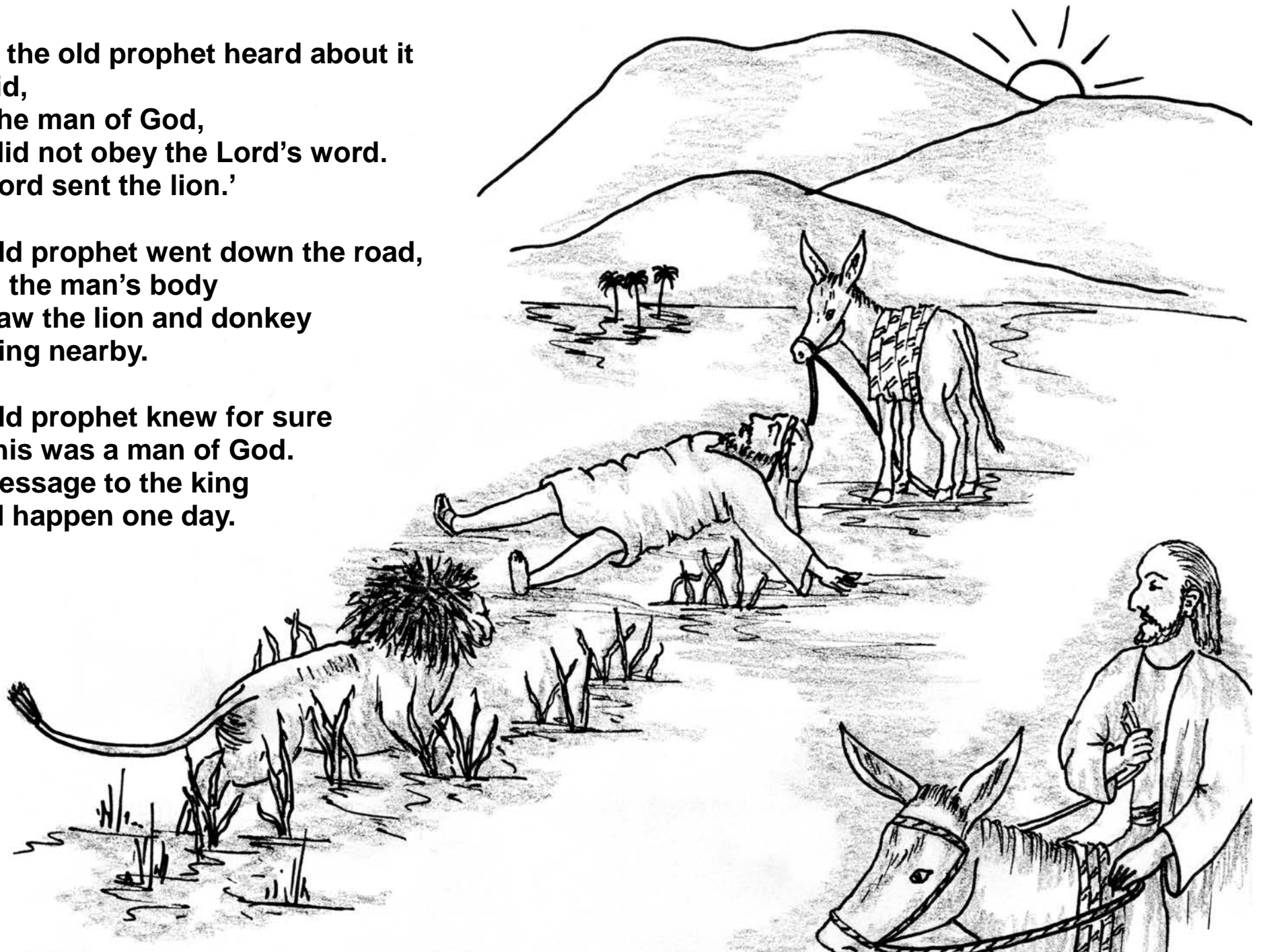
**Along the road
a lion was waiting for him.
It pulled him off the donkey
and killed him.**



**When the old prophet heard about it
he said,
'It is the man of God,
who did not obey the Lord's word.
The Lord sent the lion.'**

**The old prophet went down the road,
found the man's body
and saw the lion and donkey
standing nearby.**

**The old prophet knew for sure
that this was a man of God.
His message to the king
would happen one day.**



***King Jeroboam went on doing things
his way and not God's way.
This is the way he led his people
to sin against God
and bring his country to ruin.***

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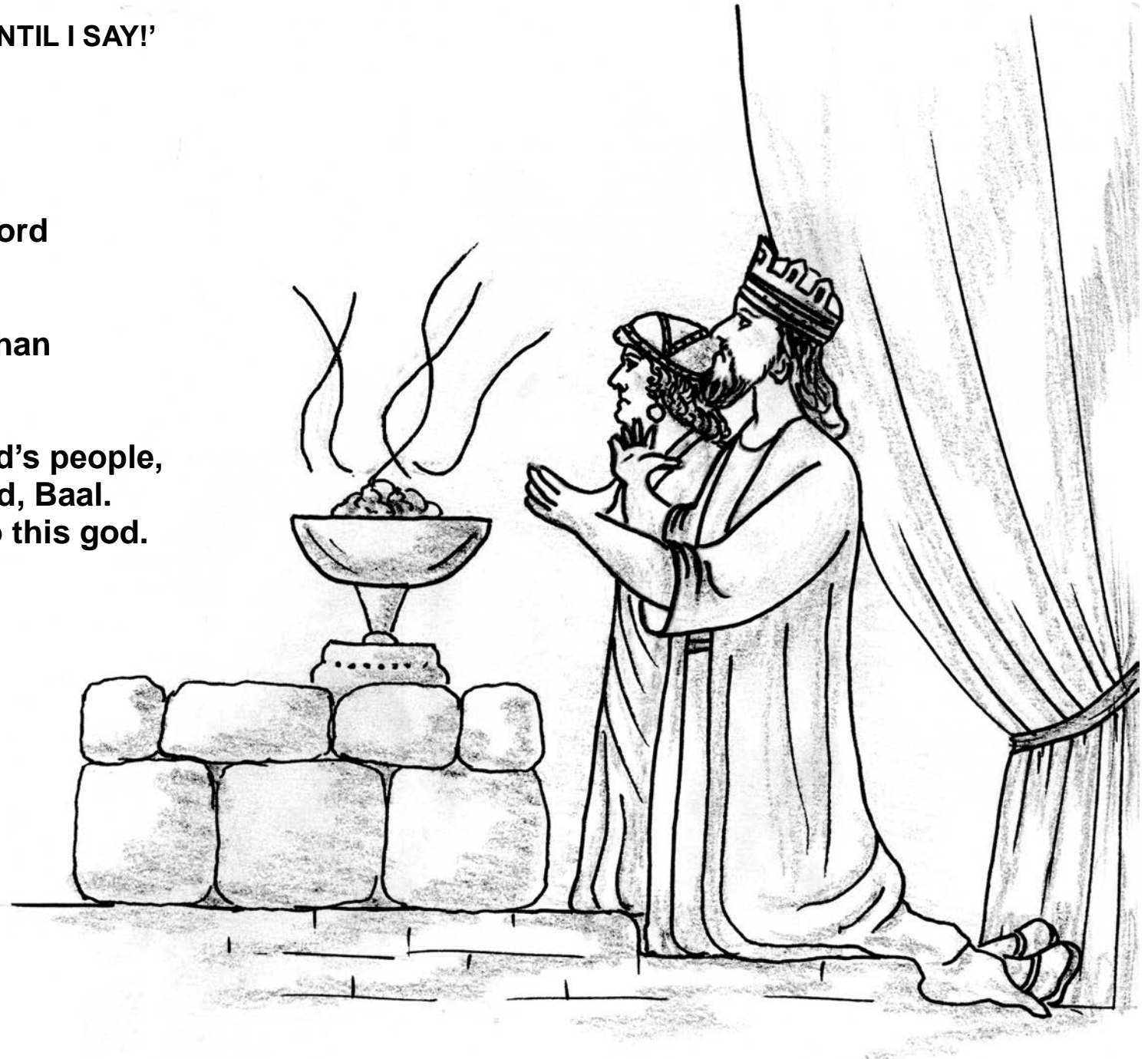
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ELIJAH SAYS: 'NO RAIN UNTIL I SAY!'

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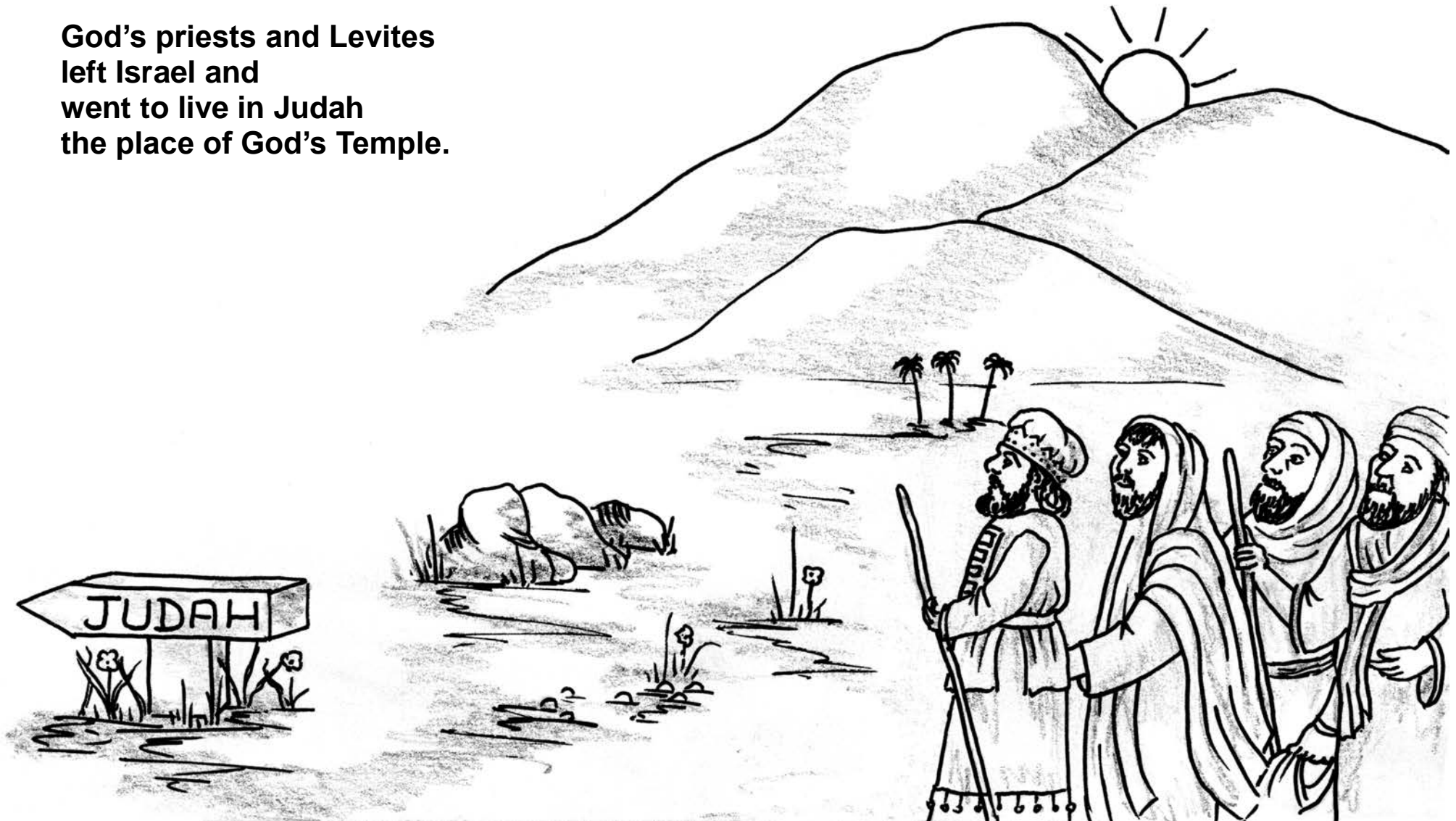
**Many of Israel's kings
turned away from the Lord
and made him angry.**

**King Ahab was worse than
all of them.
He married Jezebel,
who was not one of God's people,
and worshipped her god, Baal.
He also built temples to this god.**



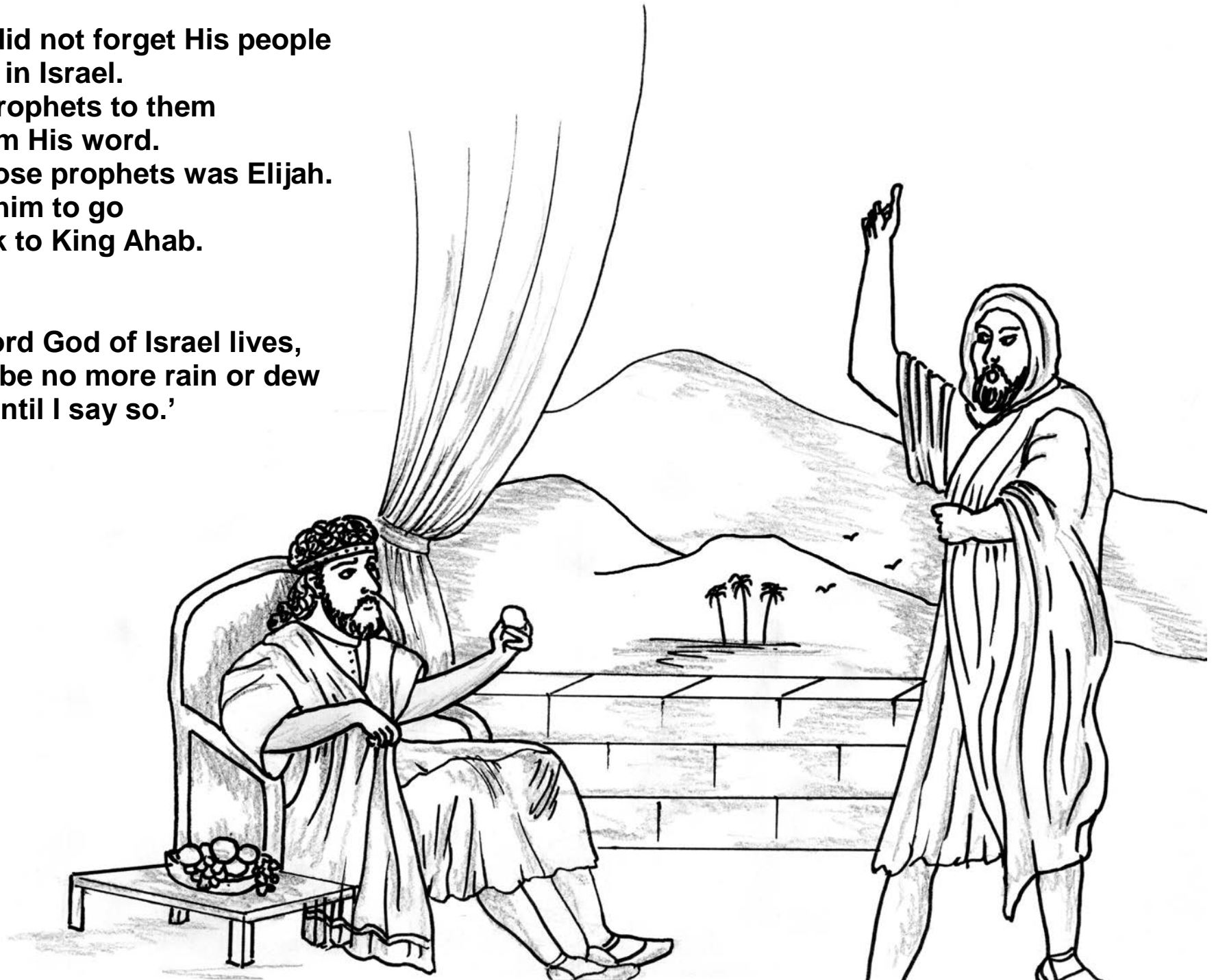
**Jezebel hated God
and killed some of the Lord's prophets.
This made everyone afraid of her
and the king.**

**God's priests and Levites
left Israel and
went to live in Judah
the place of God's Temple.**



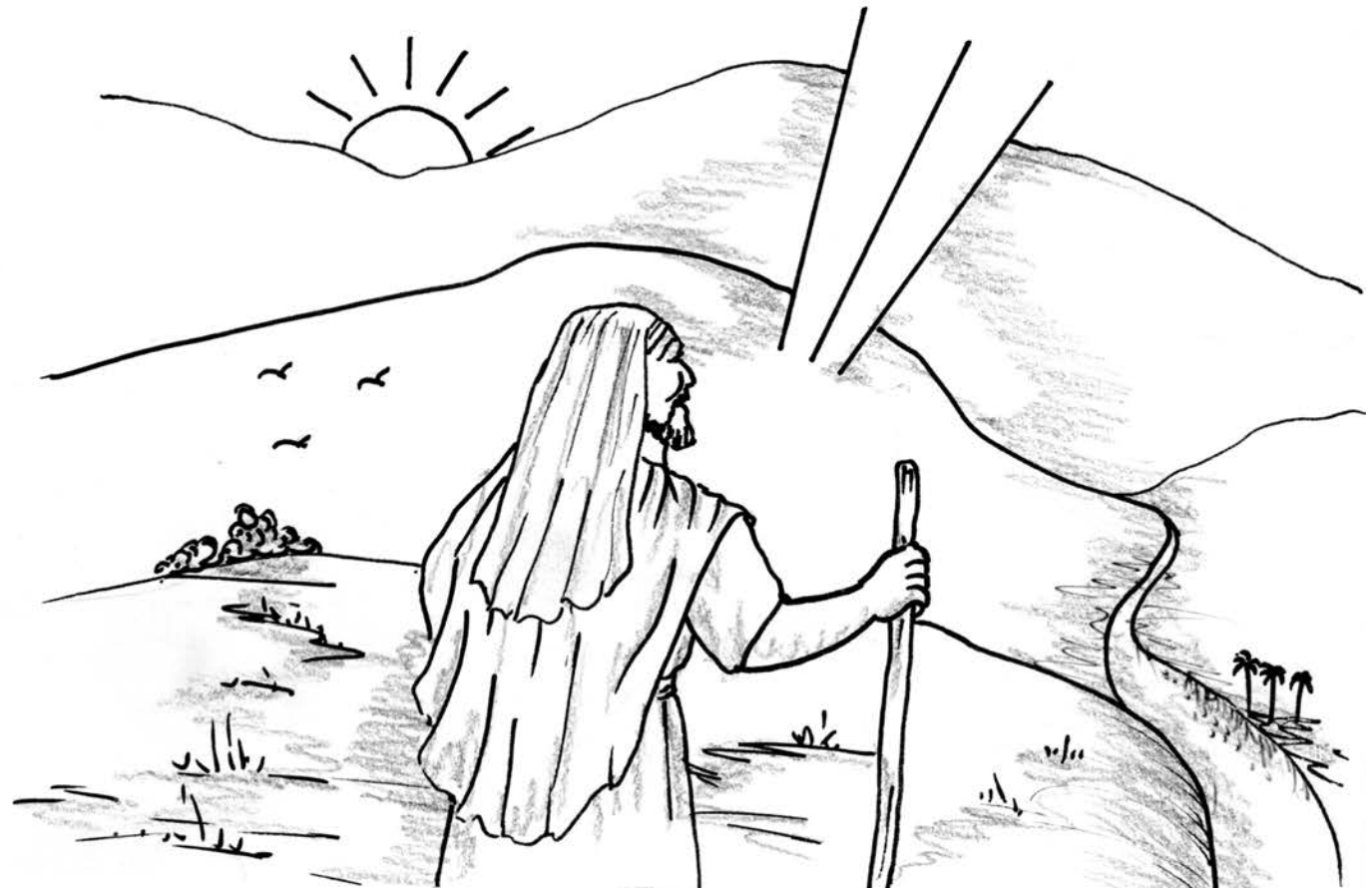
**But God did not forget His people
who lived in Israel.
He sent prophets to them
to tell them His word.
One of those prophets was Elijah.
God told him to go
and speak to King Ahab.**

**He said,
'As the Lord God of Israel lives,
there will be no more rain or dew
in Israel until I say so.'**

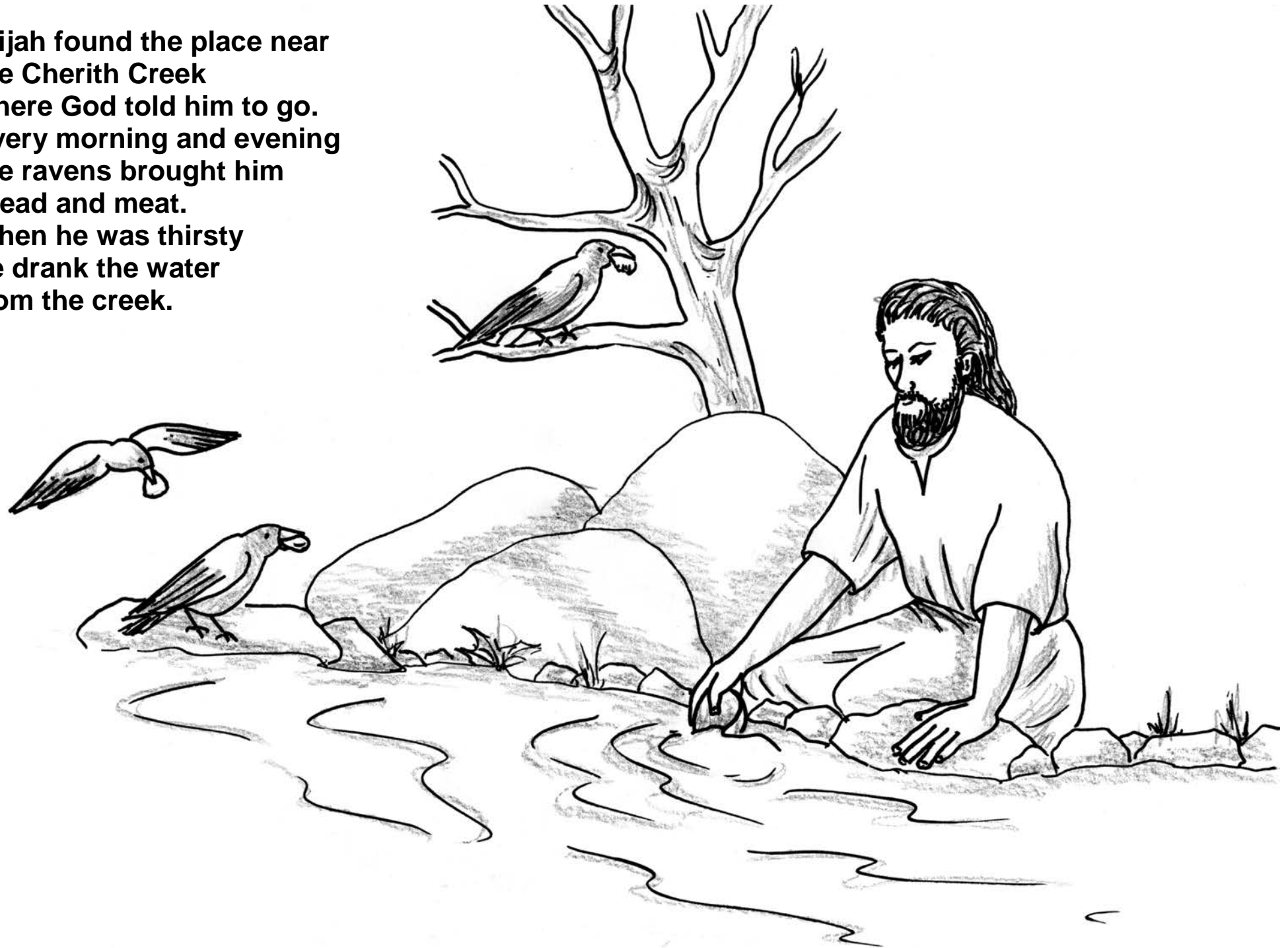


**As Elijah was leaving King Ahab,
God said to him,
'Get away from here immediately.
Go to the Cherith Creek and hide.
You will find it on the other side
of the River Jordan.'**

**'There you will have water to drink
and I have told the ravens
to bring you food.'**



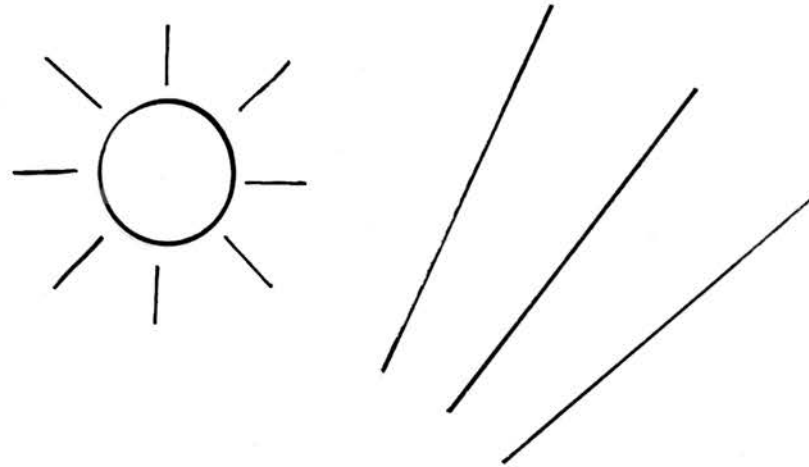
**Elijah found the place near
the Cherith Creek
where God told him to go.
Every morning and evening
the ravens brought him
bread and meat.
When he was thirsty
he drank the water
from the creek.**



After some time the creek dried up.

The Lord again came to Elijah
and said,
'Go to another place
and I will look after you there.'

*God was protecting Elijah
from the evil king.
Elijah had spoken God's word to him
so God was protecting His word.*



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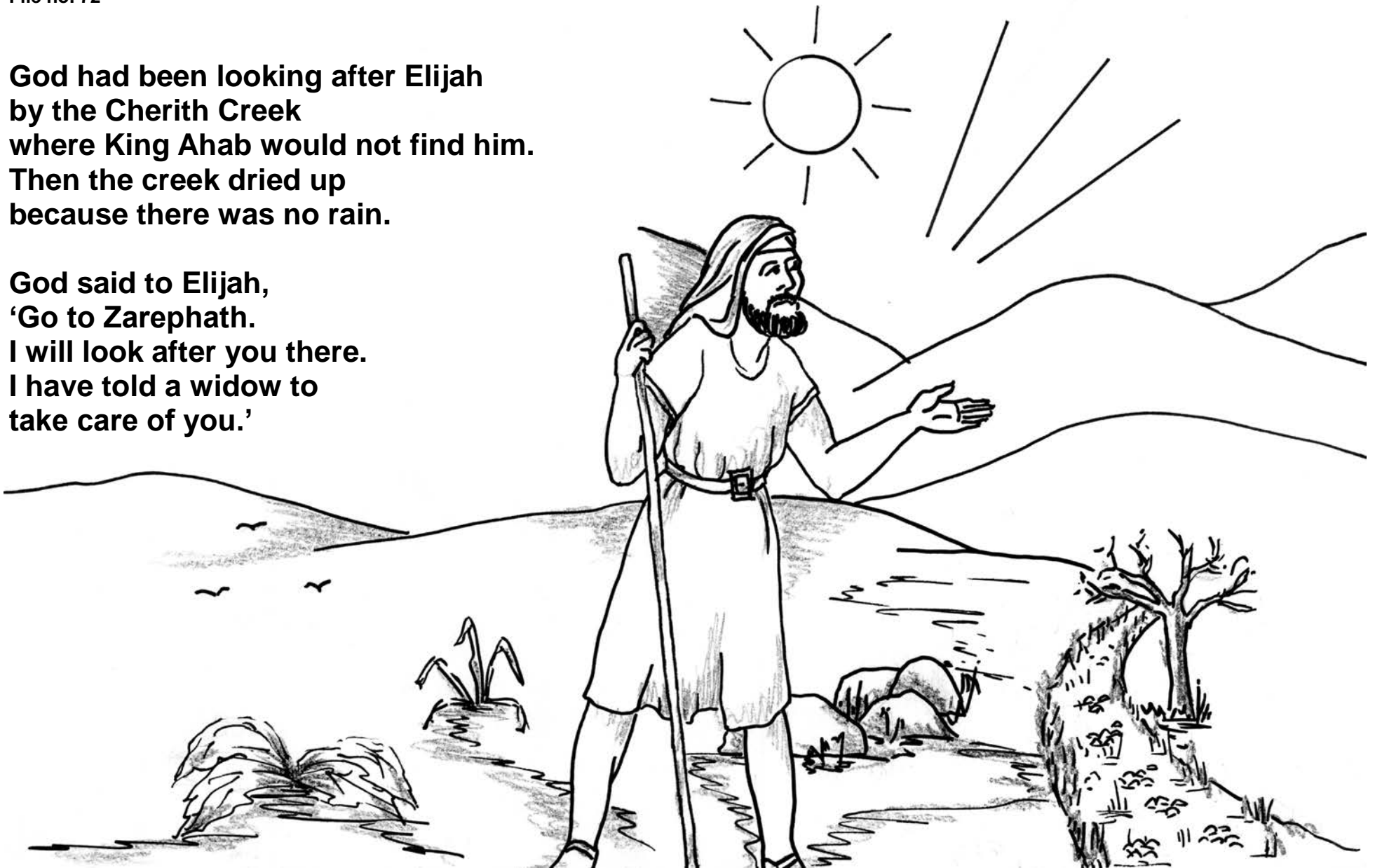
1 KINGS 17:8-24

ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH

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**God had been looking after Elijah
by the Cherith Creek
where King Ahab would not find him.
Then the creek dried up
because there was no rain.**

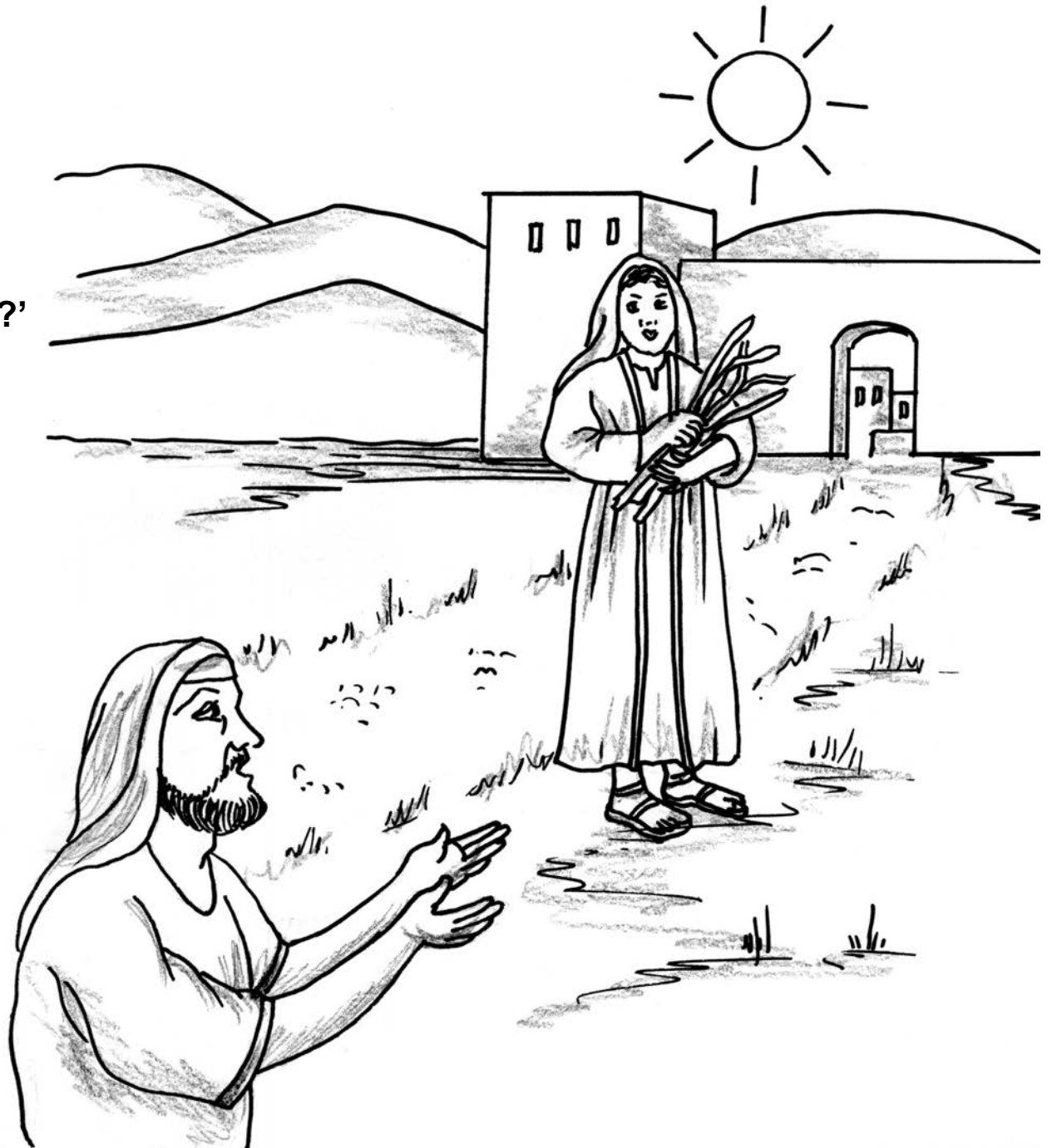
**God said to Elijah,
'Go to Zarephath.
I will look after you there.
I have told a widow to
take care of you.'**



**As Elijah came near to Zarephath
he saw a widow gathering sticks.**

**He asked her,
'Would you give me a drink?'
and
'Please, bring me a piece of bread?'**

**The lady answered,
'As the Lord lives,
I have no bread.
I only have a handful of flour
and a little bit of oil left.
I was gathering sticks
to cook our last meal.
After that my son and I
will die of hunger.'**



**‘Don’t worry,’ said Elijah.
‘Cook a little loaf
and bring it to me first.
Then go
and cook something
for yourself and your son.’**

**‘The Lord God of Israel says,
“The jar of flour
will not run out
and there will be oil
in your jug
until the Lord sends rain.”’**

**So the widow went
and made
her last loaf of bread
and gave it to Elijah.**



**She believed Elijah.
And when she went back to her jar
she found there was flour in it.
In her jug she found oil.
She cooked a meal
for herself and her son.**

**Every day she looked into
the jar and the jug
and found enough flour and oil
to make bread,
just as the Lord had said.**



Some time later the widow's son became very sick and died.

**The widow found Elijah and said,
'You are a man of God.
Did you come to remind me
that I am a sinner
and to kill my son?'**

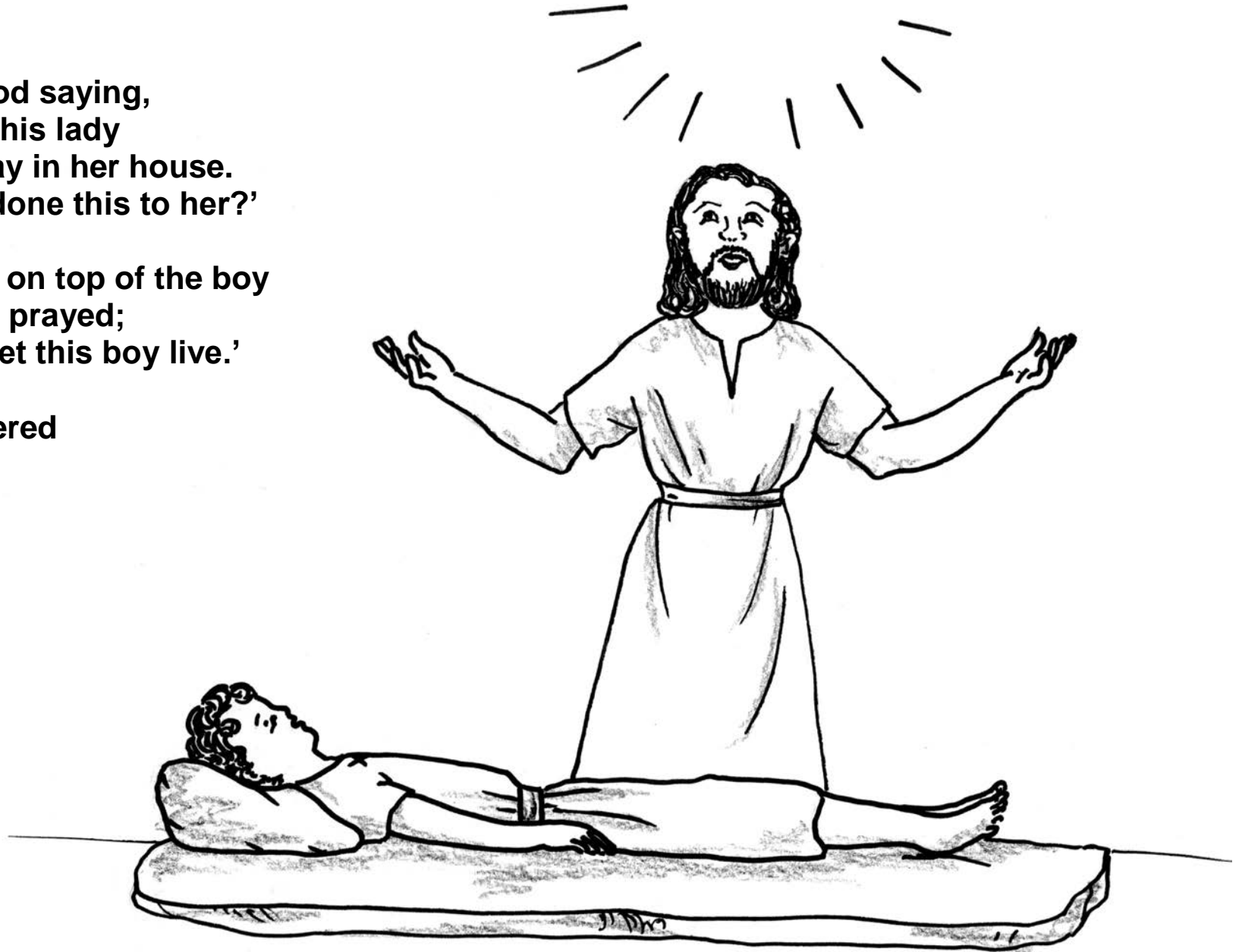
**Elijah took her dead son upstairs
to his own bed.**



He prayed to God saying,
'Lord my God, this lady
is letting me stay in her house.
Why have you done this to her?'

Then Elijah laid on top of the boy
three times and prayed;
'Lord my God, let this boy live.'

The Lord answered
Elijah's prayer.



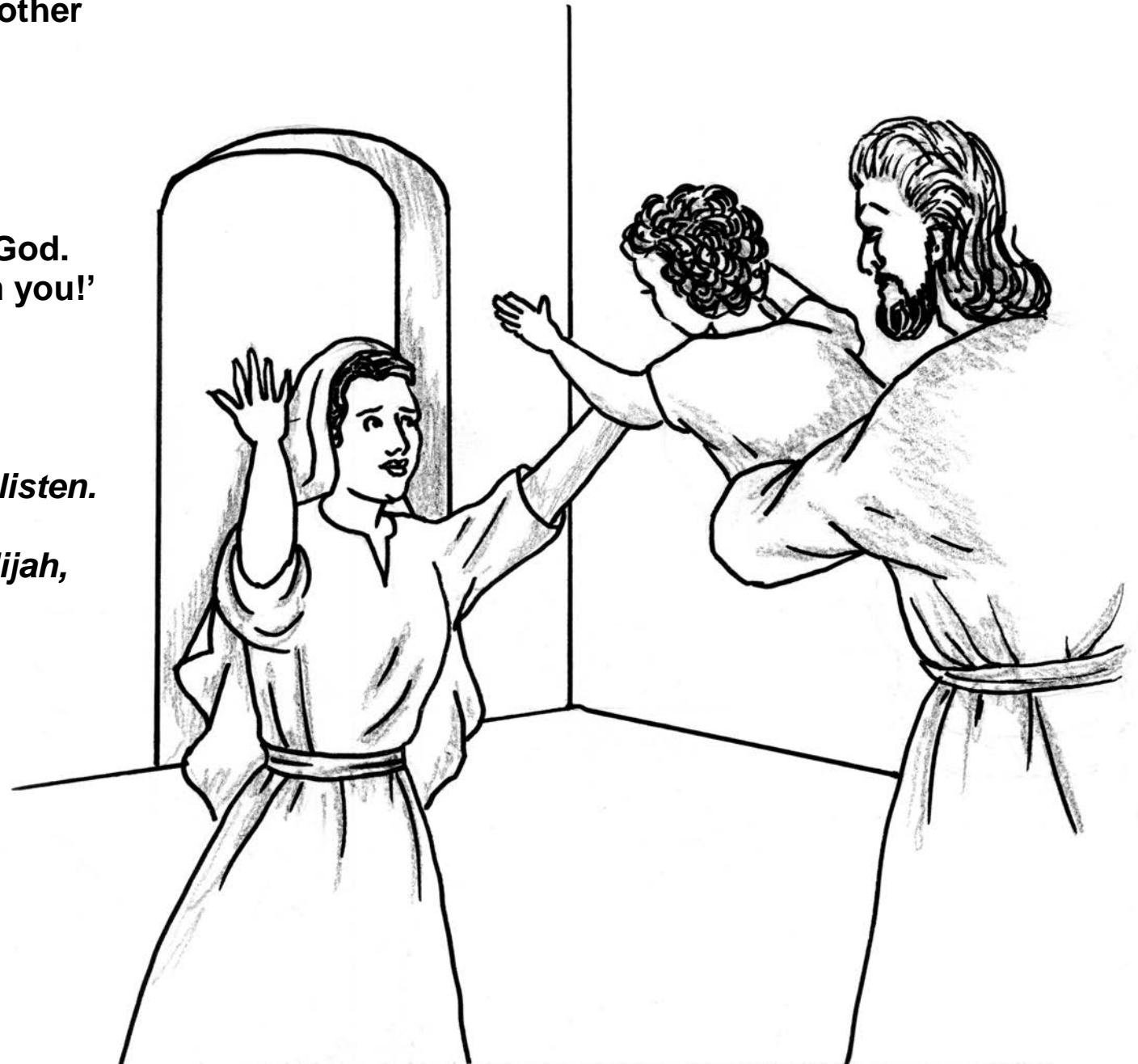
He gave the son to his mother
and said.

‘See! Your son is alive!’

The widow answered,
‘Now I know
that you are a man from God.
The Lord speaks through you!’

*Elijah had been sent
to speak God’s word
to the king.
The king did not want to listen.*

*But God also spoke to Elijah,
to care for him
and for those
who believed His word.*



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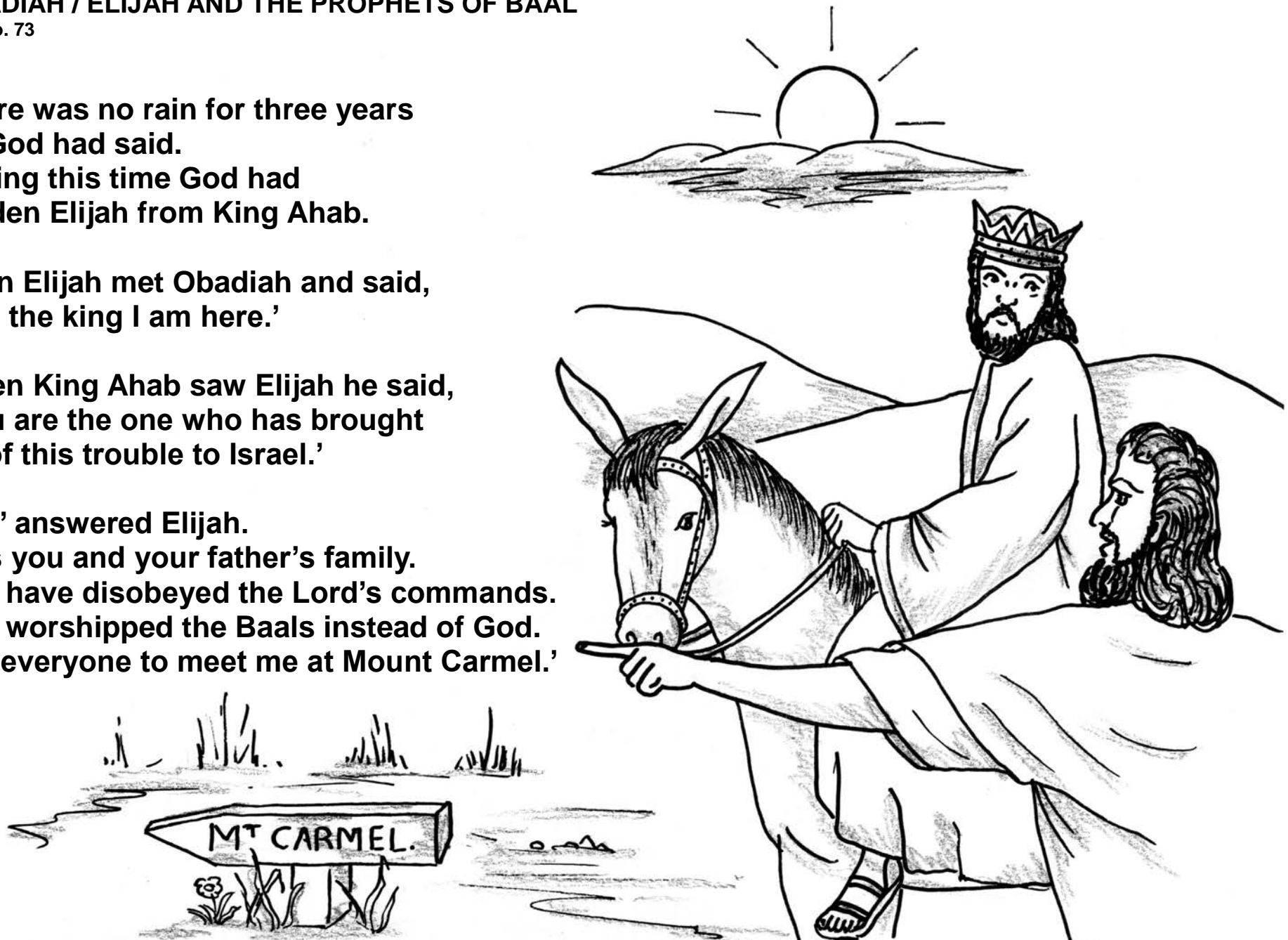
There was no rain for three years
as God had said.

During this time God had
hidden Elijah from King Ahab.

Then Elijah met Obadiah and said,
'Tell the king I am here.'

When King Ahab saw Elijah he said,
'You are the one who has brought
all of this trouble to Israel.'

'No,' answered Elijah.
'It is you and your father's family.
You have disobeyed the Lord's commands.
You worshipped the Baals instead of God.
Tell everyone to meet me at Mount Carmel.'



**At Mt Carmel Elijah said,
'How long will you serve Baal and God?
If the Lord is the true God, follow Him.
If Baal is the true God, follow him!'**

**Then Elijah said,
'Bring two bulls.
Let the prophets of Baal
get a sacrifice ready.
I will do the same.
We will not set fire to our sacrifices.'**

**'Then you pray to your god
and I will pray to the Lord.
The god who answers our prayer
by setting fire to the wood,
he is the true God.'**

**Everyone said,
'Yes, that is a good idea.'**

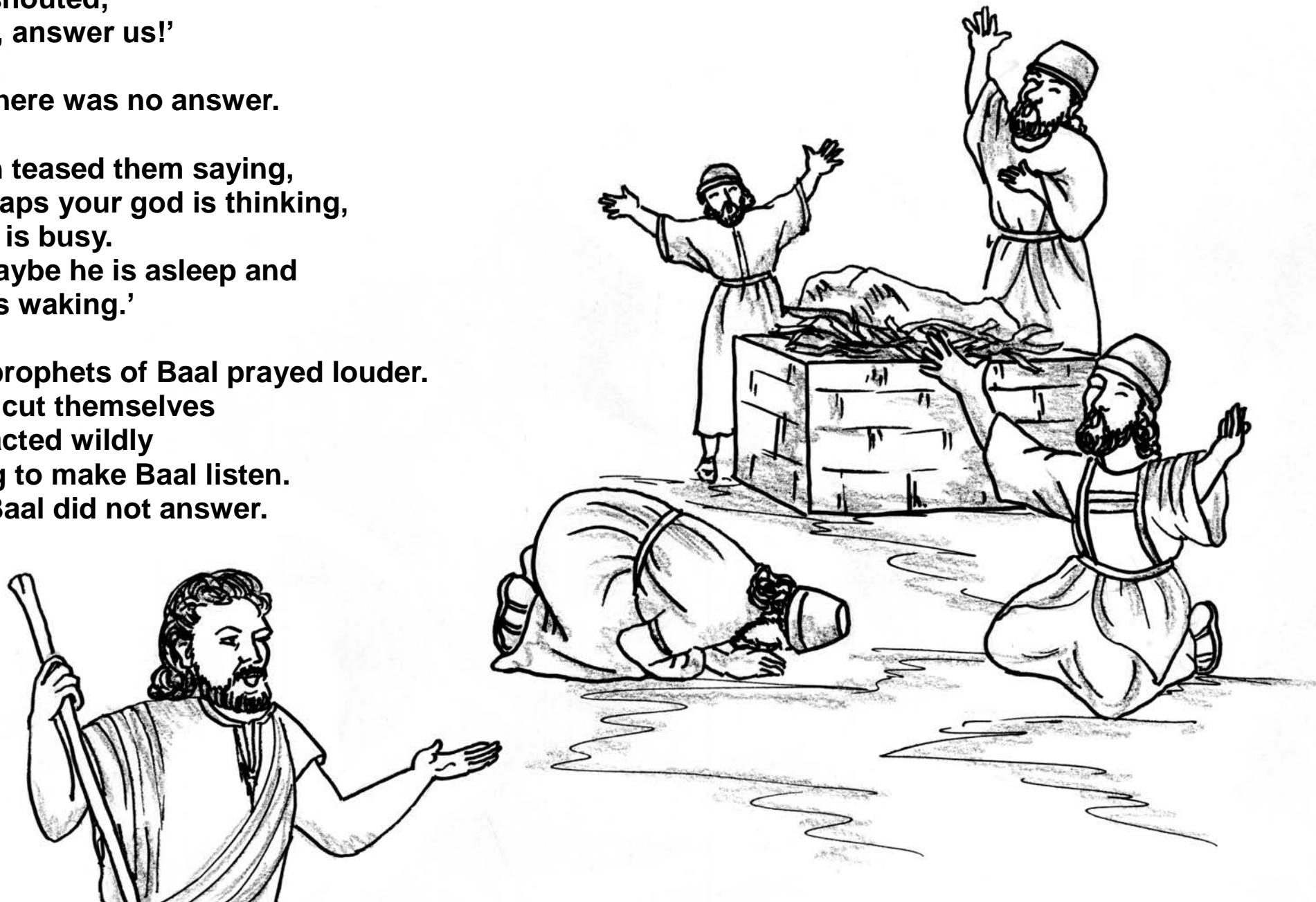


The prophets of Baal prayed all morning
and shouted,
'Baal, answer us!'

But there was no answer.

Elijah teased them saying,
'Perhaps your god is thinking,
or he is busy.
Or maybe he is asleep and
needs waking.'

The prophets of Baal prayed louder.
They cut themselves
and acted wildly
trying to make Baal listen.
But Baal did not answer.

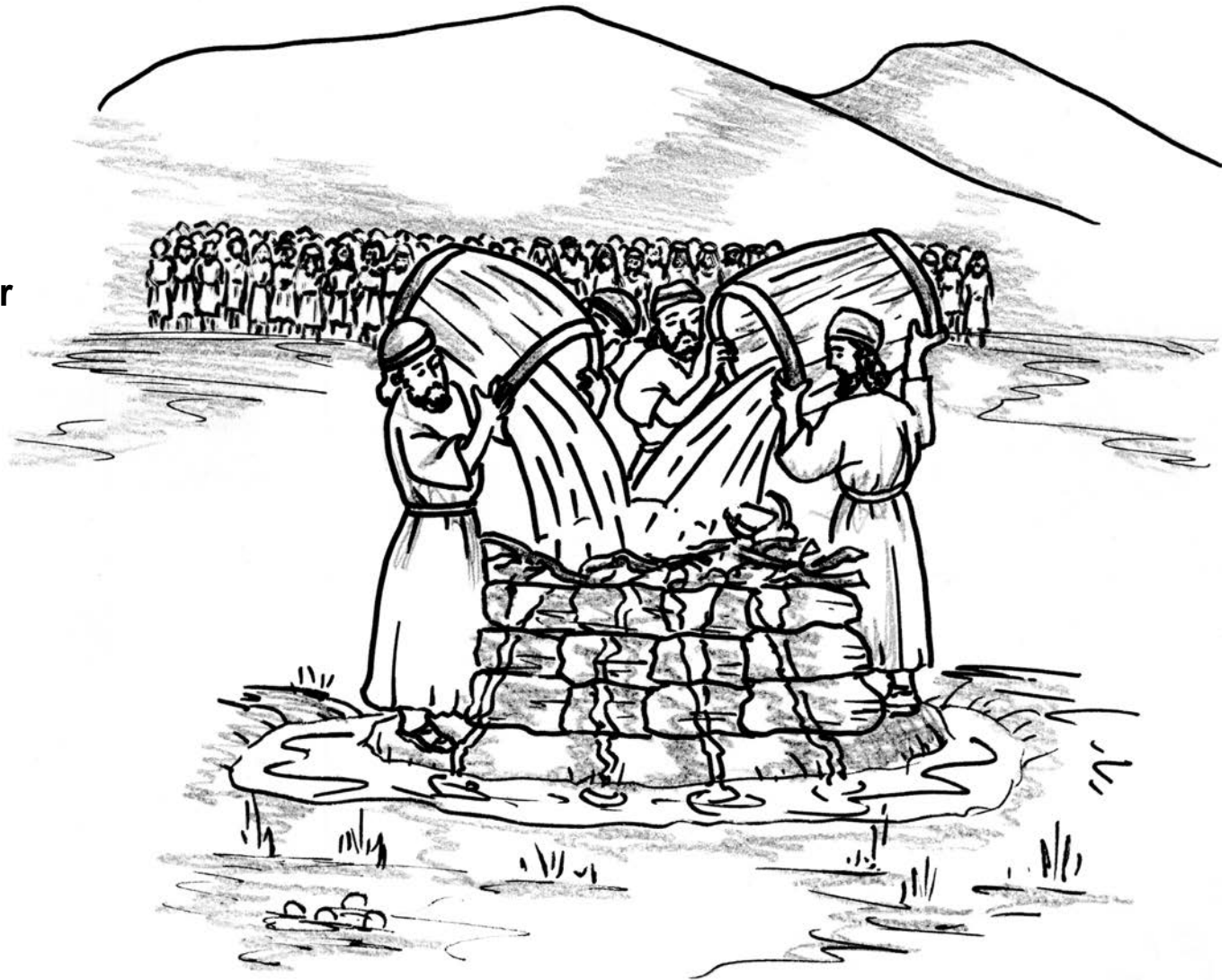


Then Elijah gathered everyone near to him.

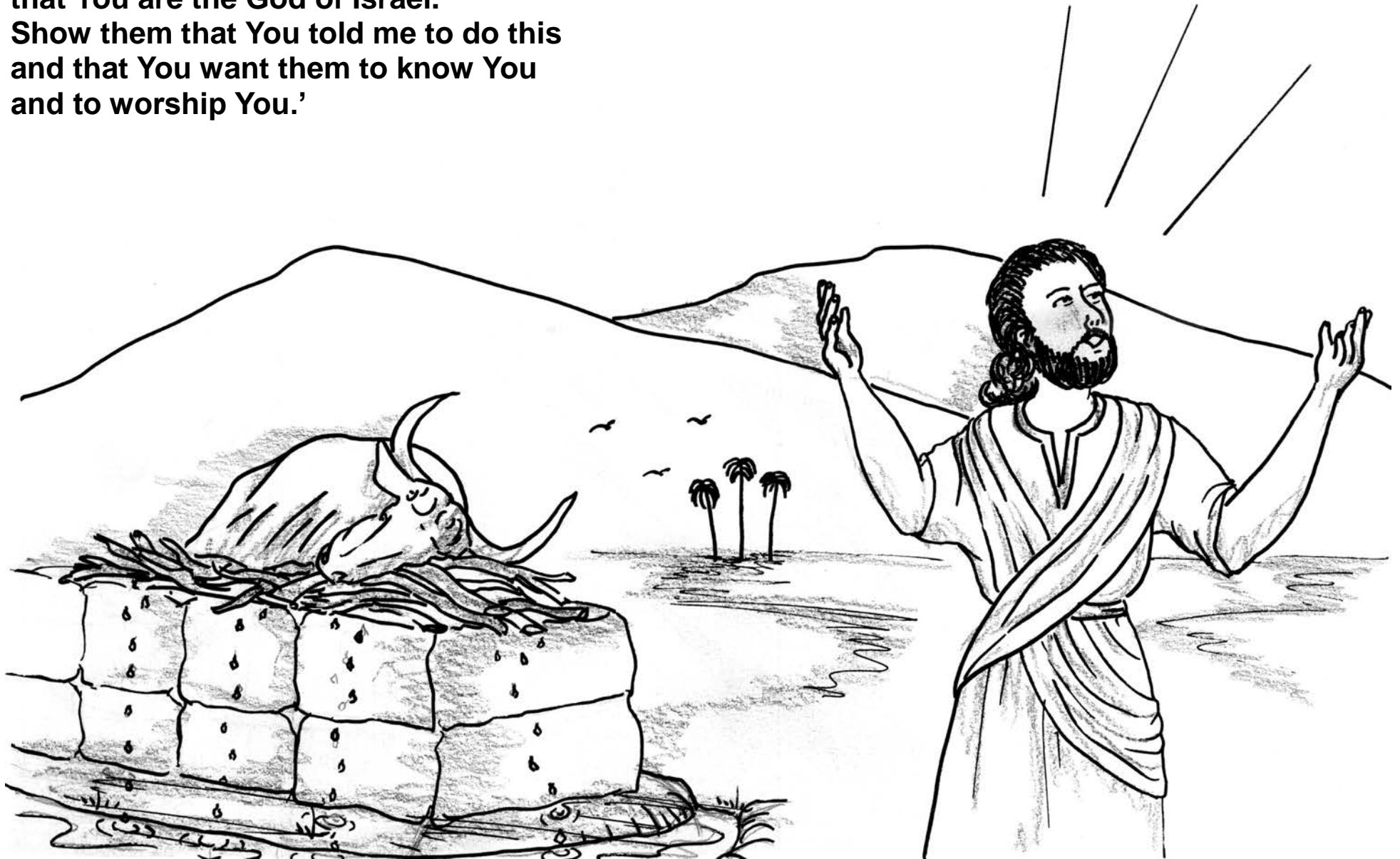
**He took twelve large stones
and built an altar.
Around it he dug a small ditch.
On the altar he laid the wood
and the bull.**

**He said to the men.
'Pour water on everything.'**

**Three times they poured water
over the altar.
Now everything was wet
and the ditch was full.**



**At the time for evening sacrifice Elijah prayed,
'Lord, let it be known
that You are the God of Israel.
Show them that You told me to do this
and that You want them to know You
and to worship You.'**



**Immediately, the Lord sent down fire.
It burned up the wood,
the bull,
the stones
and the water in the ditch.**

**When the people saw what was happening,
they fell to the ground
and cried,
'The Lord is God! The Lord is God!'**



**Elijah then told his servant to look for any clouds.
Six times the servant looked, but there was none.
On the seventh time he saw a tiny cloud coming up.**

**Elijah turned to Ahab and said,
'Get into your chariot and go home
before you are stopped by the rain.'**

**Soon big dark clouds covered the sky,
the wind blew and
God sent a heavy rain.**

***God did what He said He would do
showing that He was God
of the whole world.***



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**When the people saw God
set fire to Elijah's sacrifice
they cried out,
'The Lord is God! The Lord is God!'**

**But when King Ahab told Jezebel
what Elijah had done
and that her prophets had been killed,
she was angry.
She hated God.**

**She sent a message to Elijah
saying,
'I will get rid of you
before tomorrow is over.'**



**Elijah was frightened and ran away.
He kept on running until he got to the desert.**

**Then he lay down under a tree
and asked God to let him die.
He went off to sleep.**

**Then Elijah felt someone touch him.
It was an angel who said,
'Get up and eat.'**

**Elijah opened his eyes
and, by his head, he saw
a cake and a jar of water.
He sat up and ate and drank
then went back to sleep.**



The angel touched him again and said,
'Sit up and eat.'

Elijah got up and had something to eat and drink.
The food made him strong,
strong enough to walk on further .

He walked for forty days and forty nights
until he came to Mount Horeb.
This was the place
where God had spoken to Israel,
long, long ago.



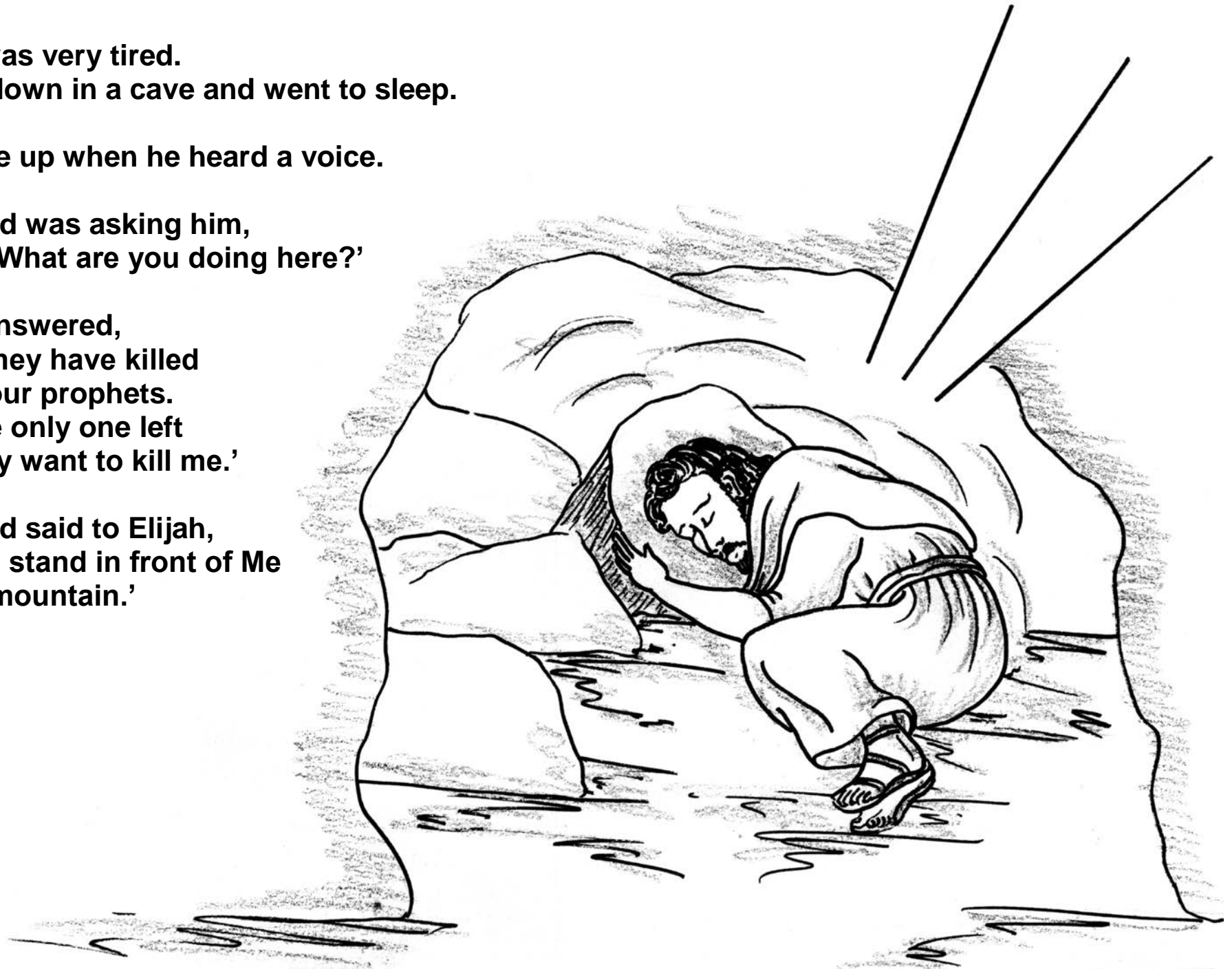
**Elijah was very tired.
He lay down in a cave and went to sleep.**

He woke up when he heard a voice.

**The Lord was asking him,
'Elijah! What are you doing here?'**

**Elijah answered,
'Lord, they have killed
all of Your prophets.
I am the only one left
and they want to kill me.'**

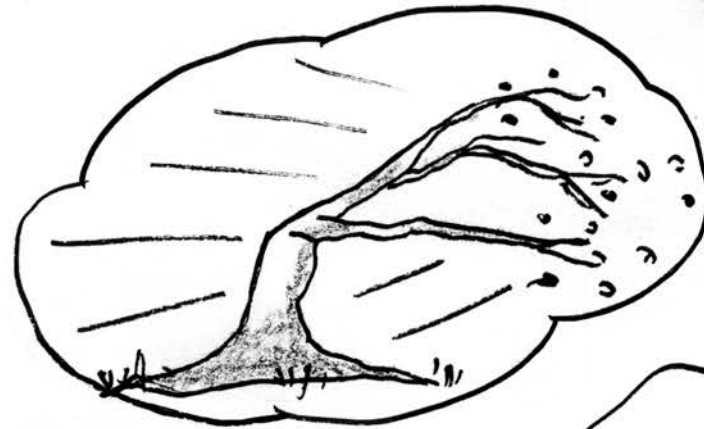
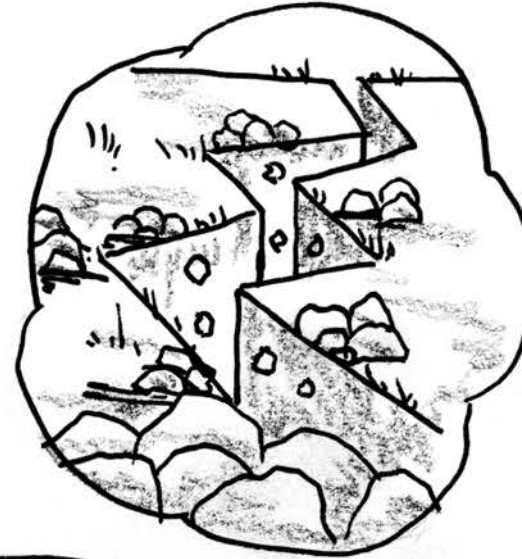
**The Lord said to Elijah,
'Go and stand in front of Me
on the mountain.'**



**Elijah stood on the mountain
and a very strong wind blew.
The Lord was not in the wind.**

**Then an earthquake shook the mountain.
The Lord was not in the
earthquake.**

**After that, a fire swept up the mountain.
But the Lord was
not in the fire.**

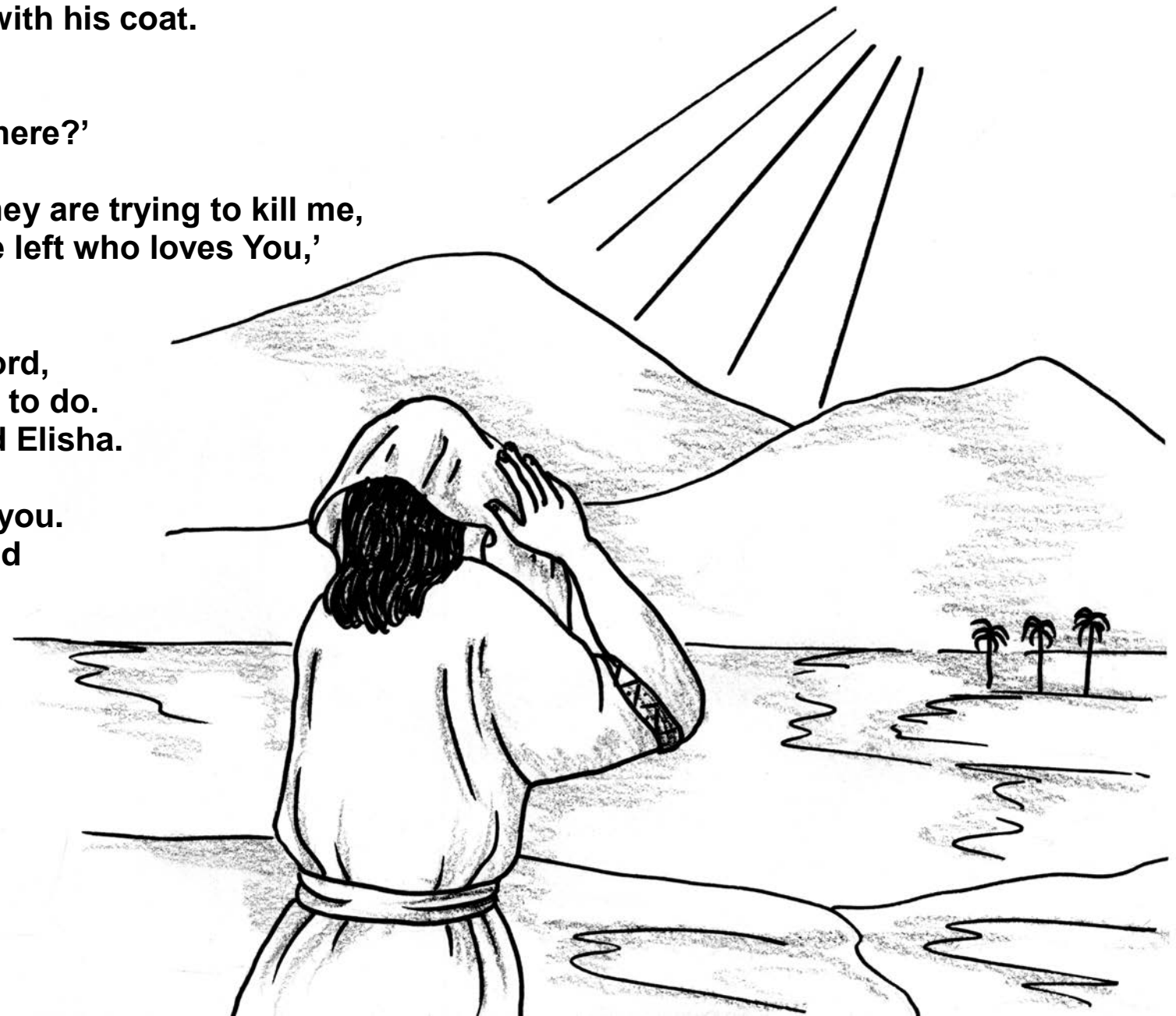


**Then, Elijah heard a quiet voice.
He covered his face with his coat.**

**The voice asked him,
'Elijah! Why are you here?'**

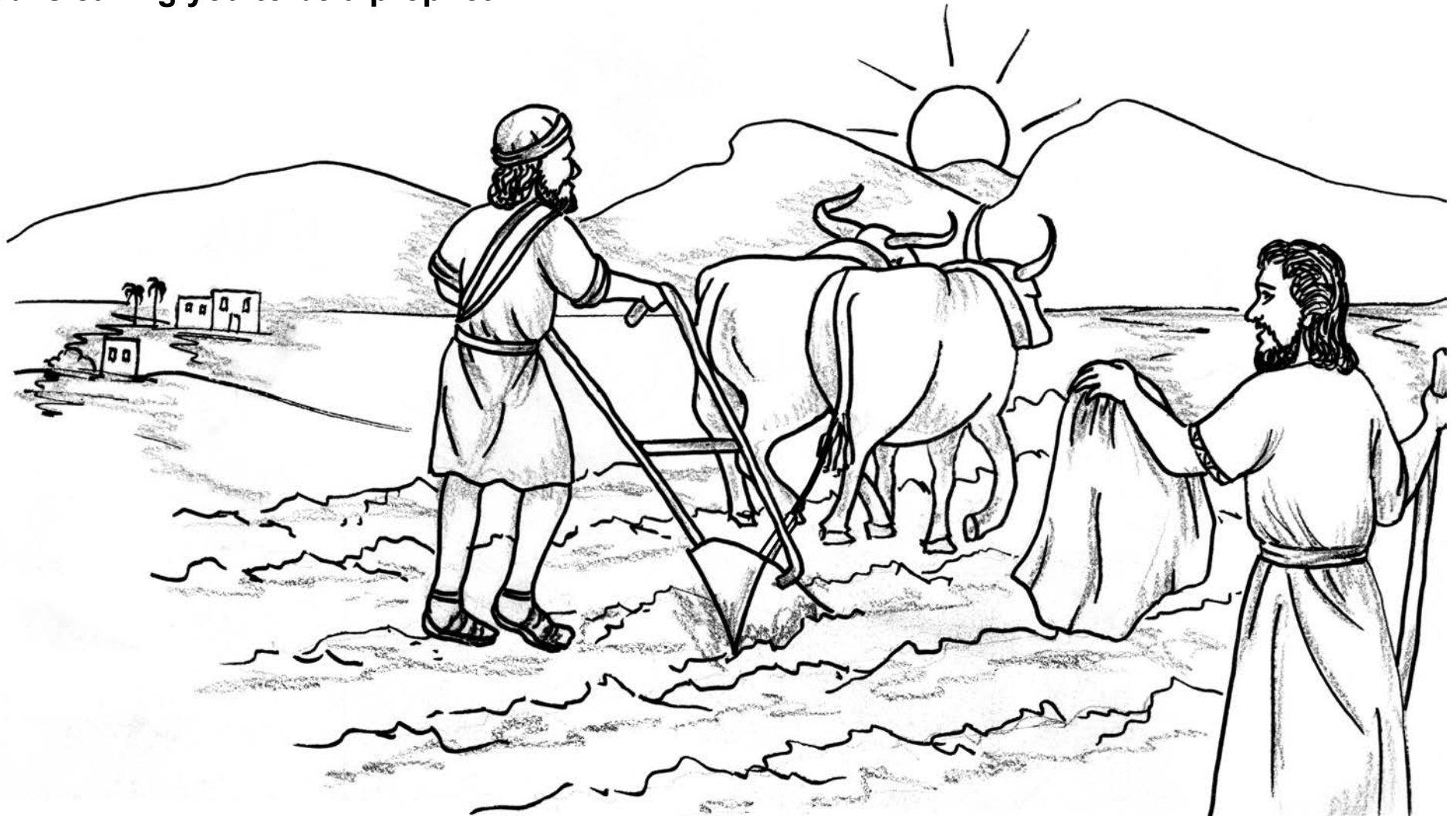
**'I am here because they are trying to kill me,
and I am the only one left who loves You,'
answered Elijah.**

**'Go back,' said the Lord,
'I have things for you to do.
One of them is to find Elisha.
Anoint him
to be a prophet after you.
I have seven thousand
people who love
and trust Me.**



Elijah found Elisha ploughing the ground with his team of oxen.

Elijah threw his coat over him saying, 'God is calling you to be a prophet.'



**Elisha said goodbye to his father and mother
and followed Elijah.
He learned to become a
prophet of God.**

***God's plan to have a people
who love Him is not stopped by evil.***

***By God's word,
He gathers people to Himself.***



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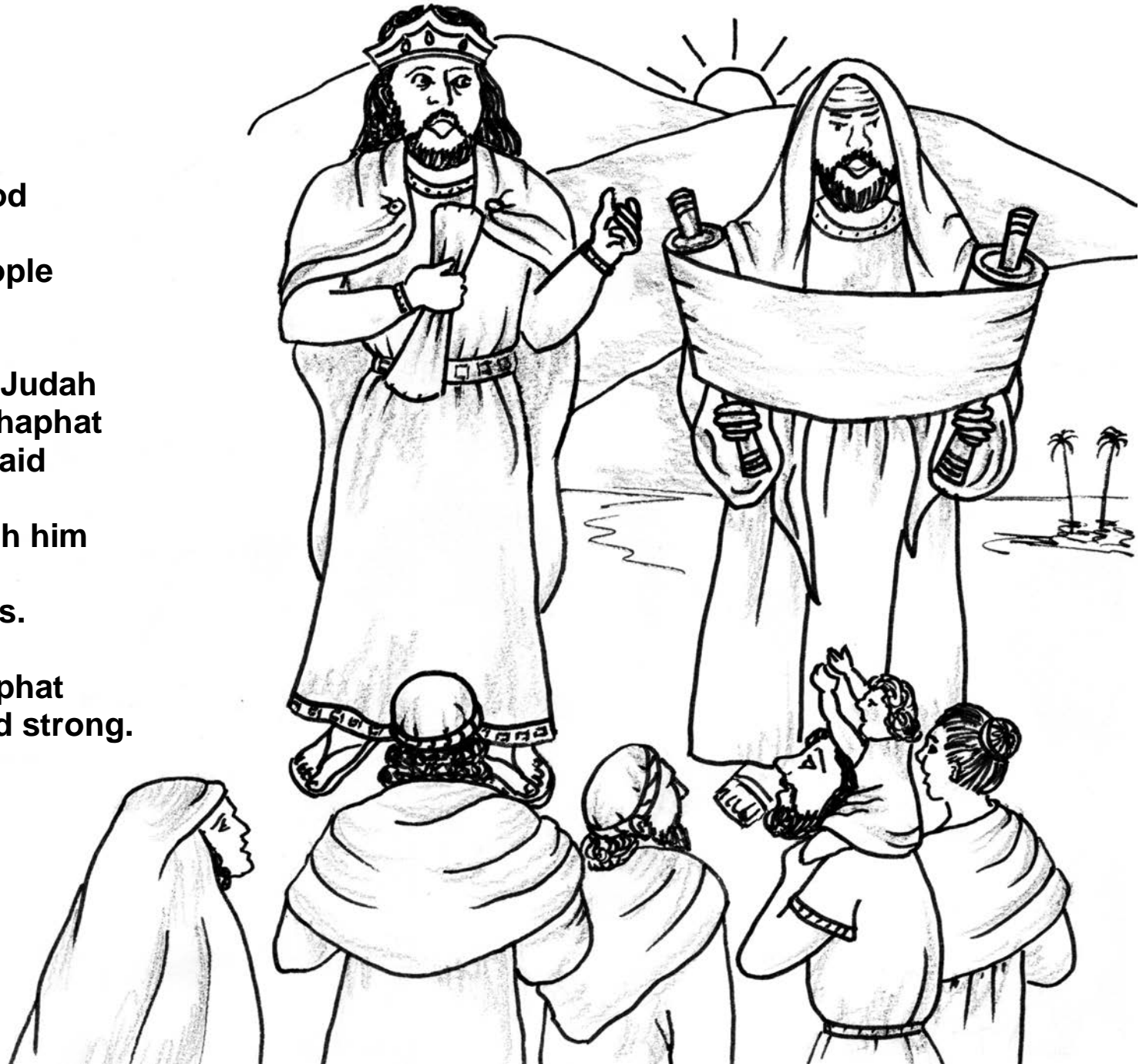
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2 CHRONICLES 17:1 — 18:34
1 Kings 22:1–40
GOOD KING JEHOSHAPHAT
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**Jehoshaphat loved God
and obeyed His word.
He also taught his people
God's word.**

**The countries around Judah
would not fight Jehoshaphat
because they were afraid
of the Lord.
They made friends with him
and gave gifts of
silver, sheep and goats.**

**God blessed Jehoshaphat
and made him rich and strong.**



One day, Jehoshaphat went to see King Ahab of Israel.
But Ahab was a man who hated God.

Together they sat around the table and feasted.

Ahab asked Jehoshaphat,
'Will you help me fight my enemy?'

'Yes, I will',
said Jehoshaphat,
'but first let us ask the Lord
to see if that is what we
should do.'

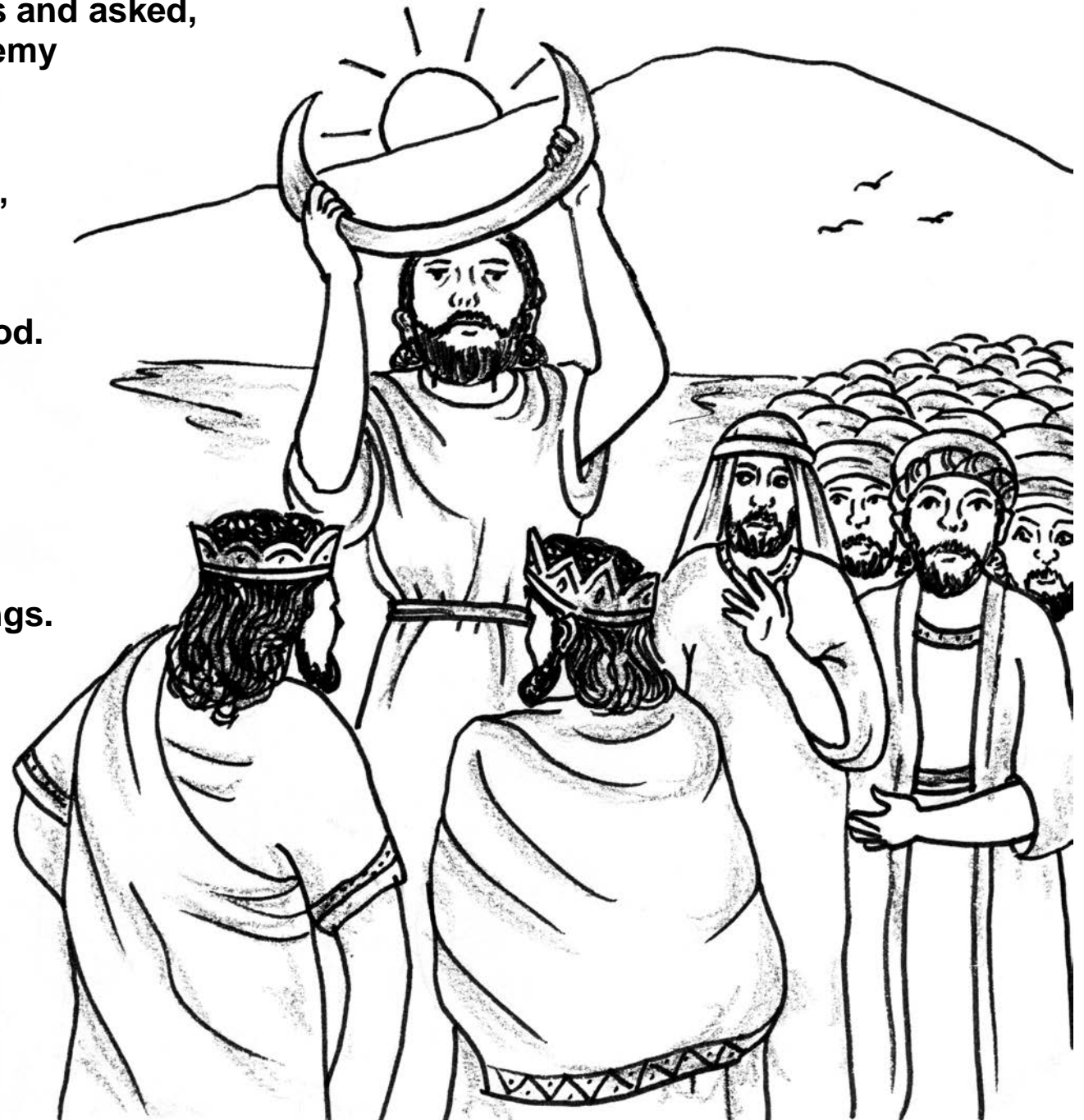


Ahab called in his 400 prophets and asked,
'Should we go and fight my enemy
or should we not?'

These prophets said,
'Go, and God will help you win.'

Jehoshaphat did not
think they were speaking for God.
So he asked Ahab,
'Is there one of God's prophets
we can ask?'

'Oh yes,' said Ahab,
'There is Micaiah.
But he never tells me good things.
I do not like him.'

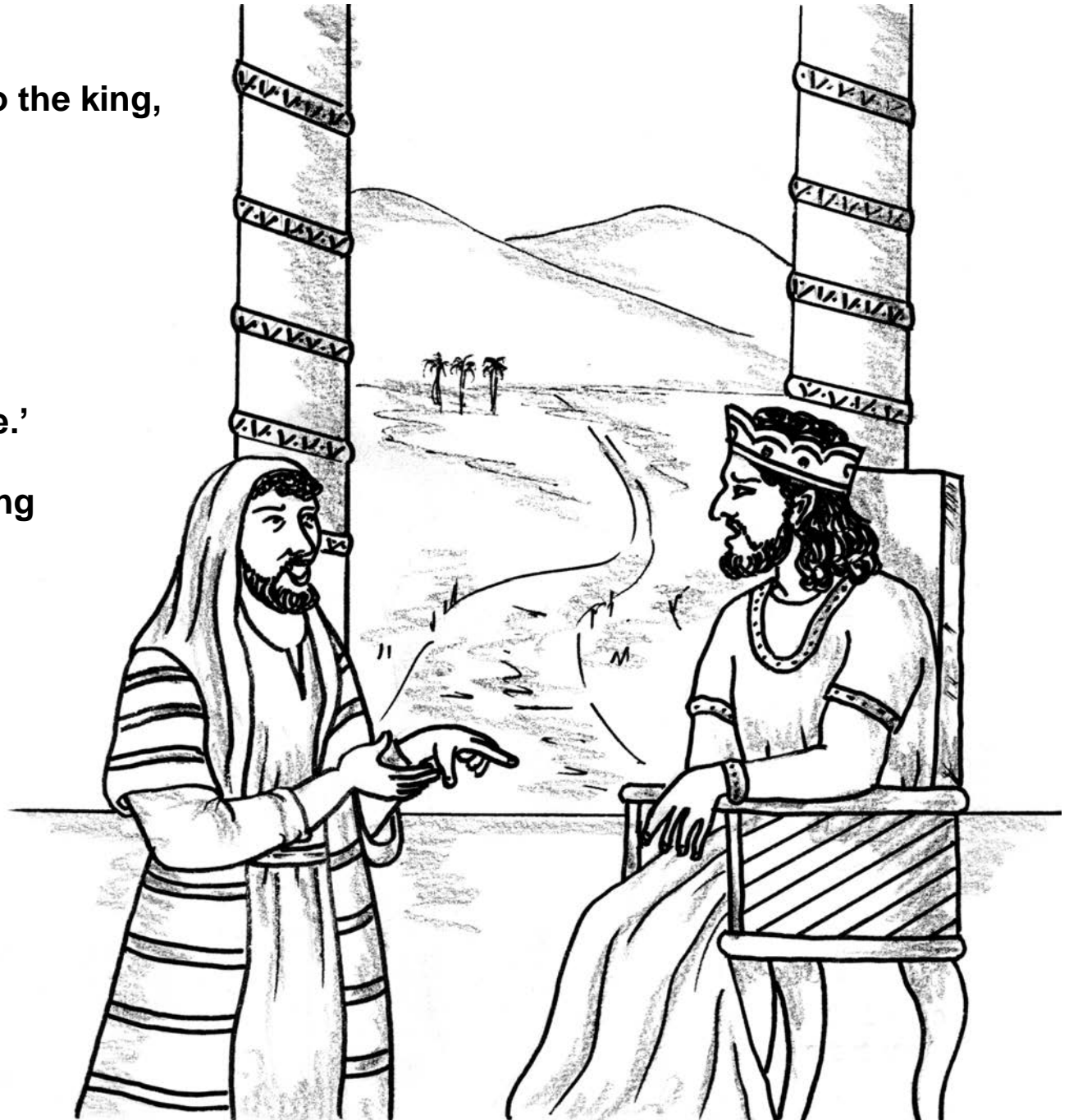


**As Micaiah was being brought to the king,
the messenger said to him,
'The other prophets have said
that the king will win
if he fights his enemy.
You should say the same.'**

**Micaiah answered,
'I can only say what God tells me.'**

**So when Micaiah came to the King
he began acting
like the other prophets and said,
'Go into battle and you will win.'**

**Immediately, King Ahab knew
that this was not God's word.**



‘Tell me the truth,’ said Ahab.

**So Micaiah answered,
‘Your prophets, King Ahab,
have been tricked into telling
lies.
You are going to be killed
in battle.’**

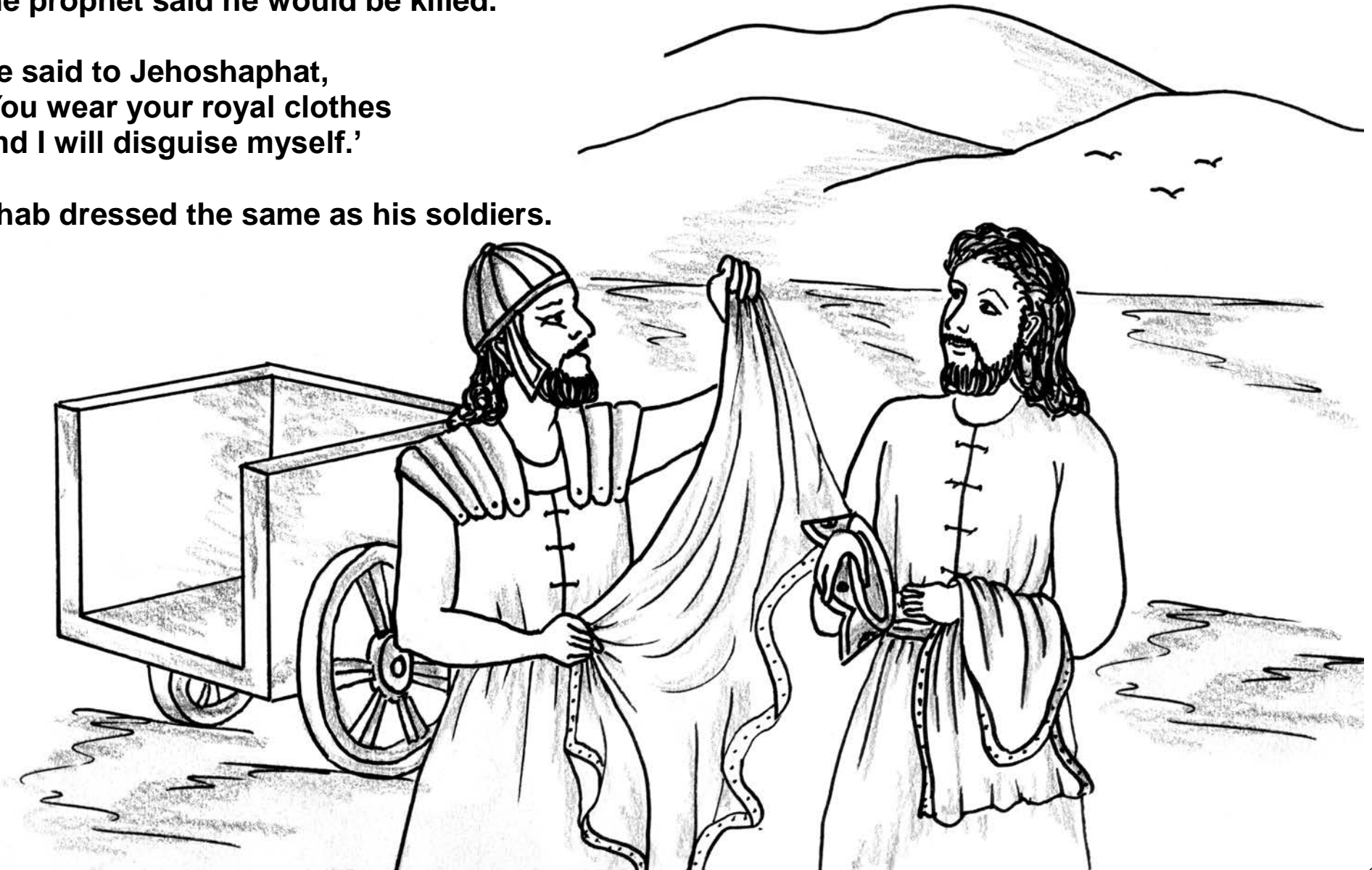
**This made Ahab so angry
that he shouted,
‘Take Micaiah away
and put him back in prison.’**



**Ahab was afraid
as he and Jehoshaphat prepared for battle.
He was afraid because
the prophet said he would be killed.**

**He said to Jehoshaphat,
'You wear your royal clothes
and I will disguise myself.'**

Ahab dressed the same as his soldiers.



Out on the battlefield
the enemy looked for Ahab.
When they saw Jehoshaphat
they thought it was Ahab and
chased him.

Jehoshaphat cried out
and the Lord helped him.
The enemy turned away.

Then one of the soldiers
pulled back his arrow and let it go.
That arrow hit King Ahab and
wounded him.

Later that day, he died,
just as God said he would.

God saved Jehoshaphat in the battle.



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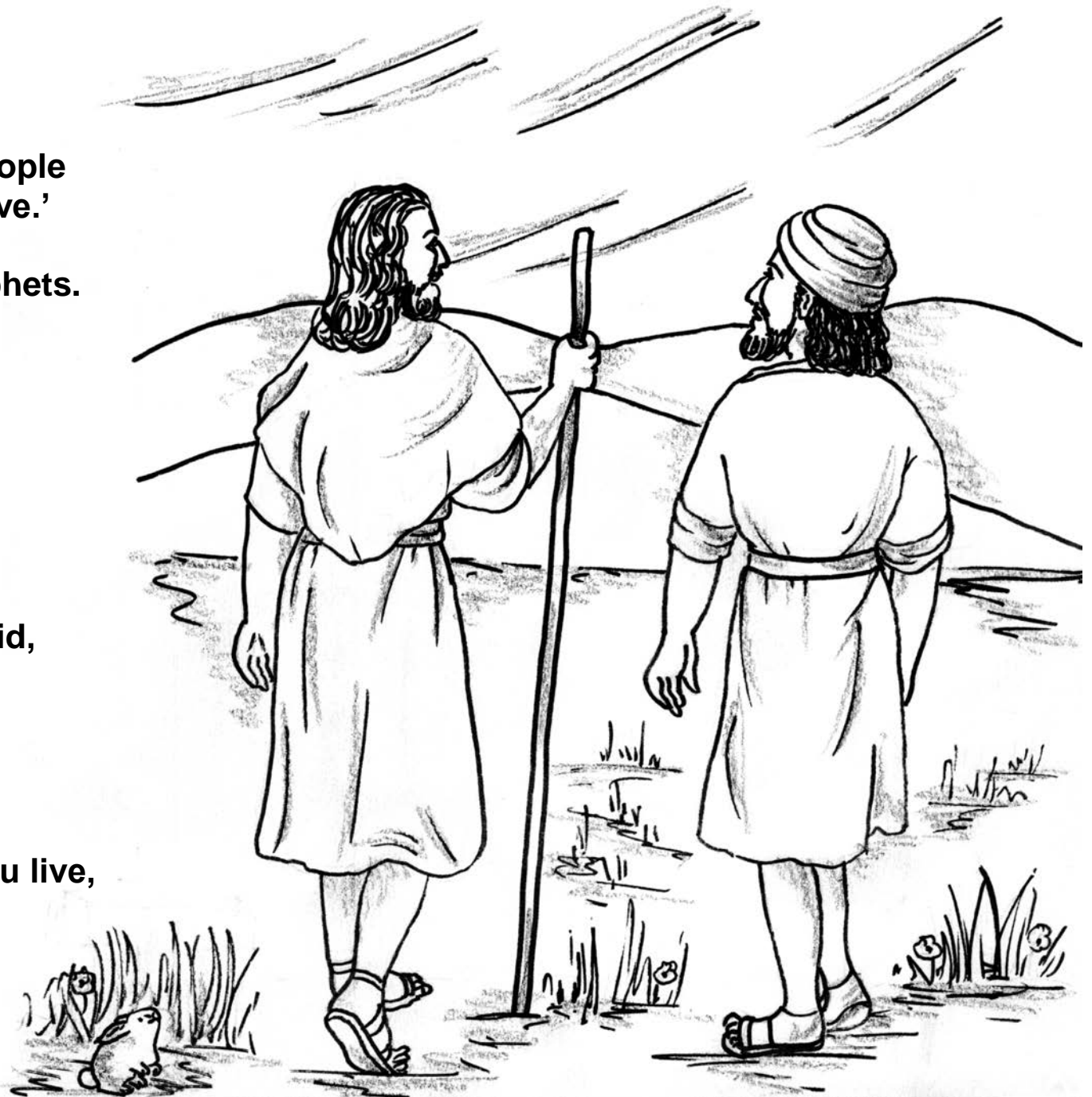
**God sent prophets to His people
saying, 'Listen to God and live.'**

Elijah was one of those prophets.

**He had done what God
had given him to do,
and he knew that today
the Lord was going
to take him to heaven.**

**As Elijah and Elisha
were leaving Gilgal Elijah said,
'Stay here.
The Lord has told me
to go to Bethel.'**

**Elisha said,
'As the Lord lives, and as you live,
I will not leave you.'**



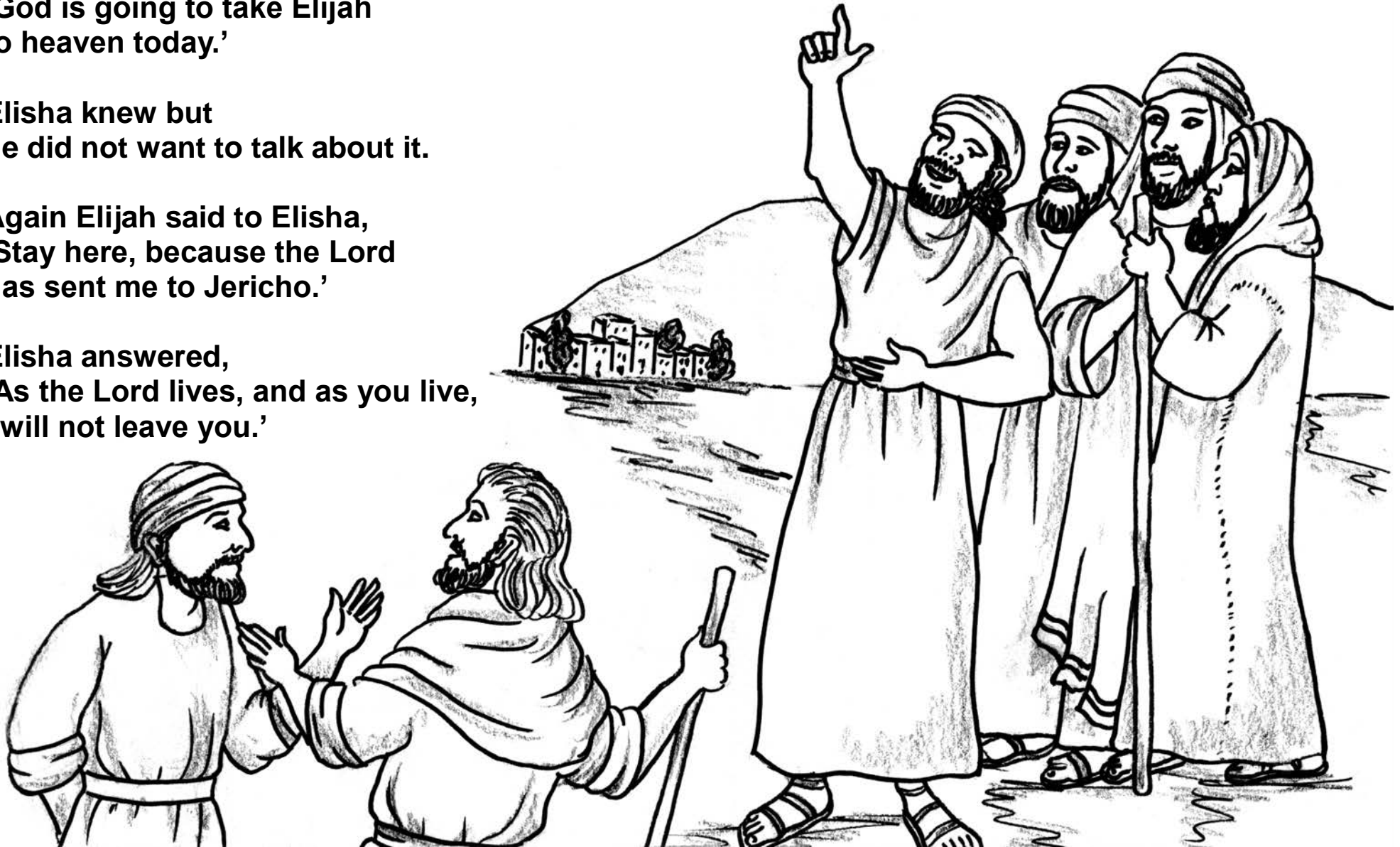
So they walked on to Bethel.

**They met other prophets who said to Elisha,
'God is going to take Elijah
to heaven today.'**

**Elisha knew but
he did not want to talk about it.**

**Again Elijah said to Elisha,
'Stay here, because the Lord
has sent me to Jericho.'**

**Elisha answered,
'As the Lord lives, and as you live,
I will not leave you.'**



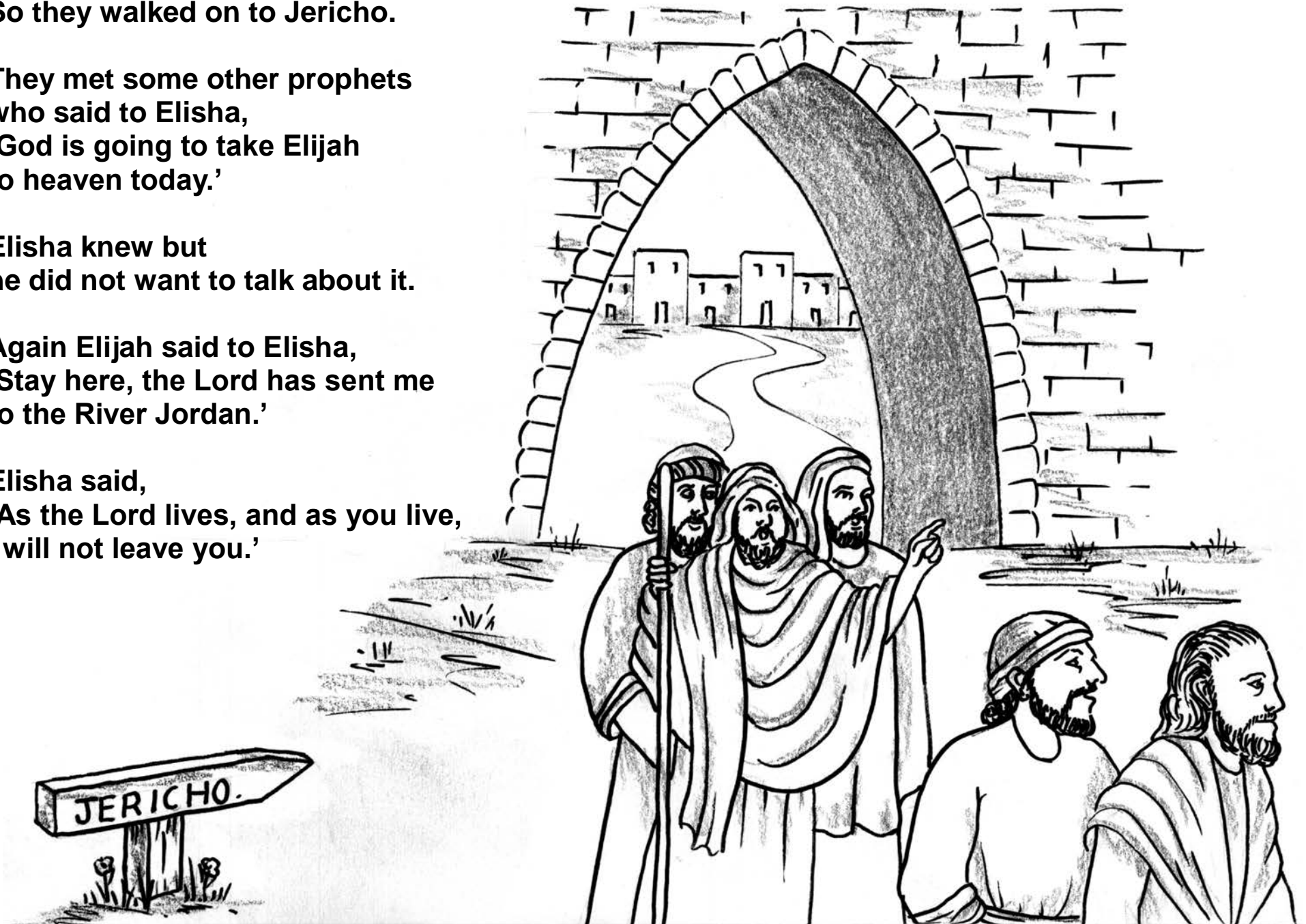
So they walked on to Jericho.

**They met some other prophets who said to Elisha,
'God is going to take Elijah
to heaven today.'**

**Elisha knew but
he did not want to talk about it.**

**Again Elijah said to Elisha,
'Stay here, the Lord has sent me
to the River Jordan.'**

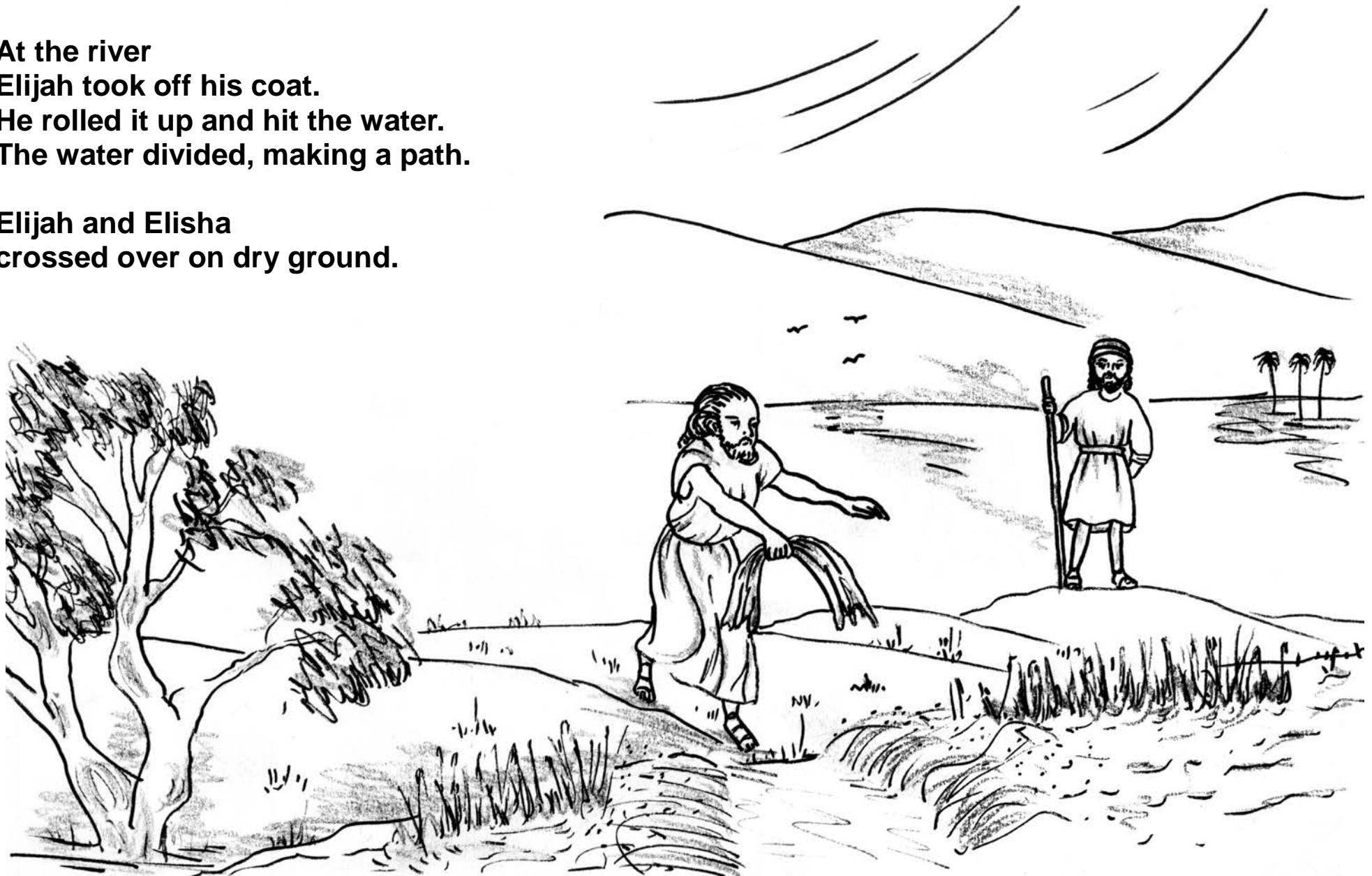
**Elisha said,
'As the Lord lives, and as you live,
I will not leave you.'**



**So they walked to the river Jordan
and the prophets watched them.**

**At the river
Elijah took off his coat.
He rolled it up and hit the water.
The water divided, making a path.**

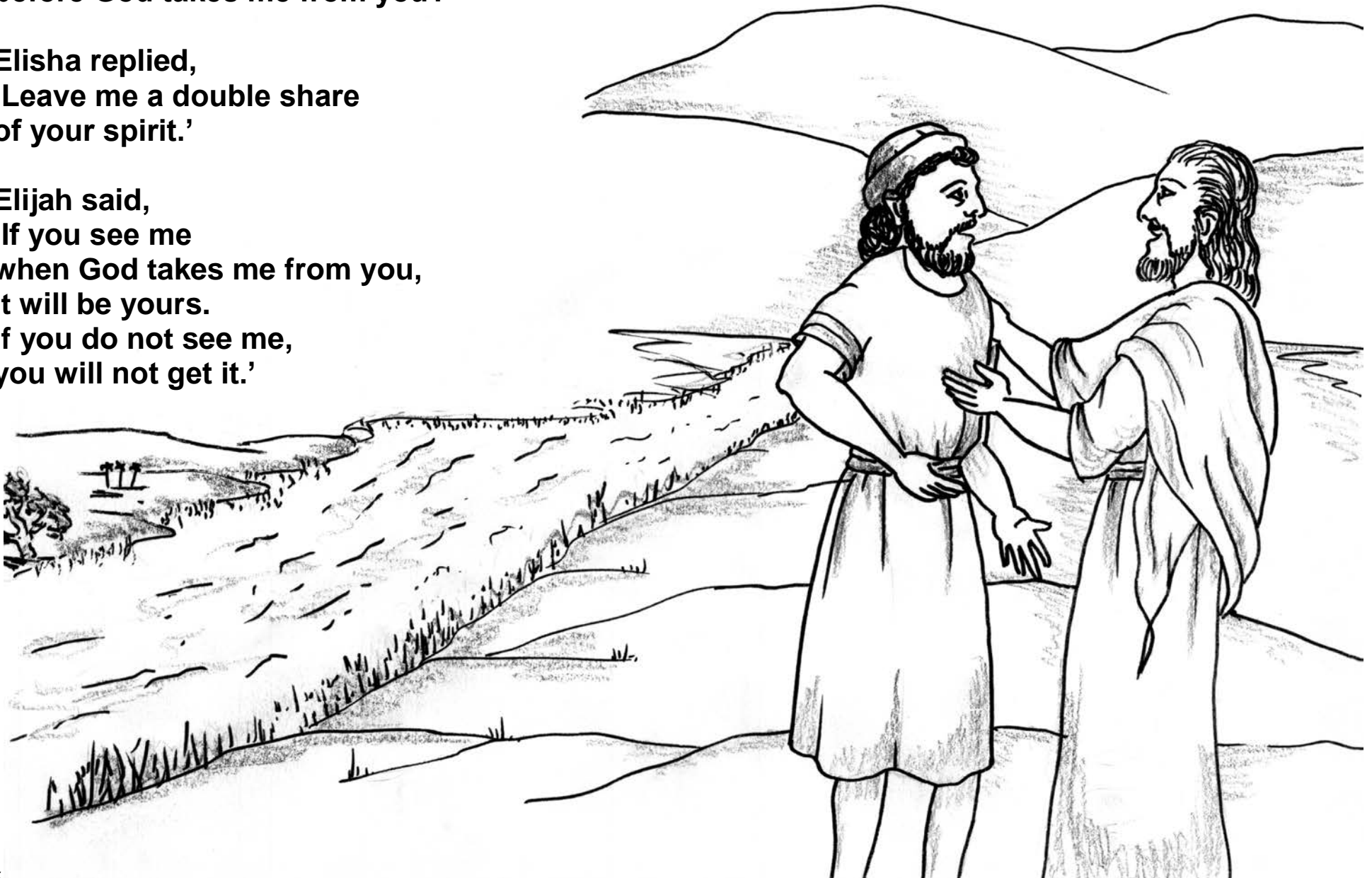
**Elijah and Elisha
crossed over on dry ground.**



**Elijah turned to Elisha and asked,
'What can I do for you
before God takes me from you?'**

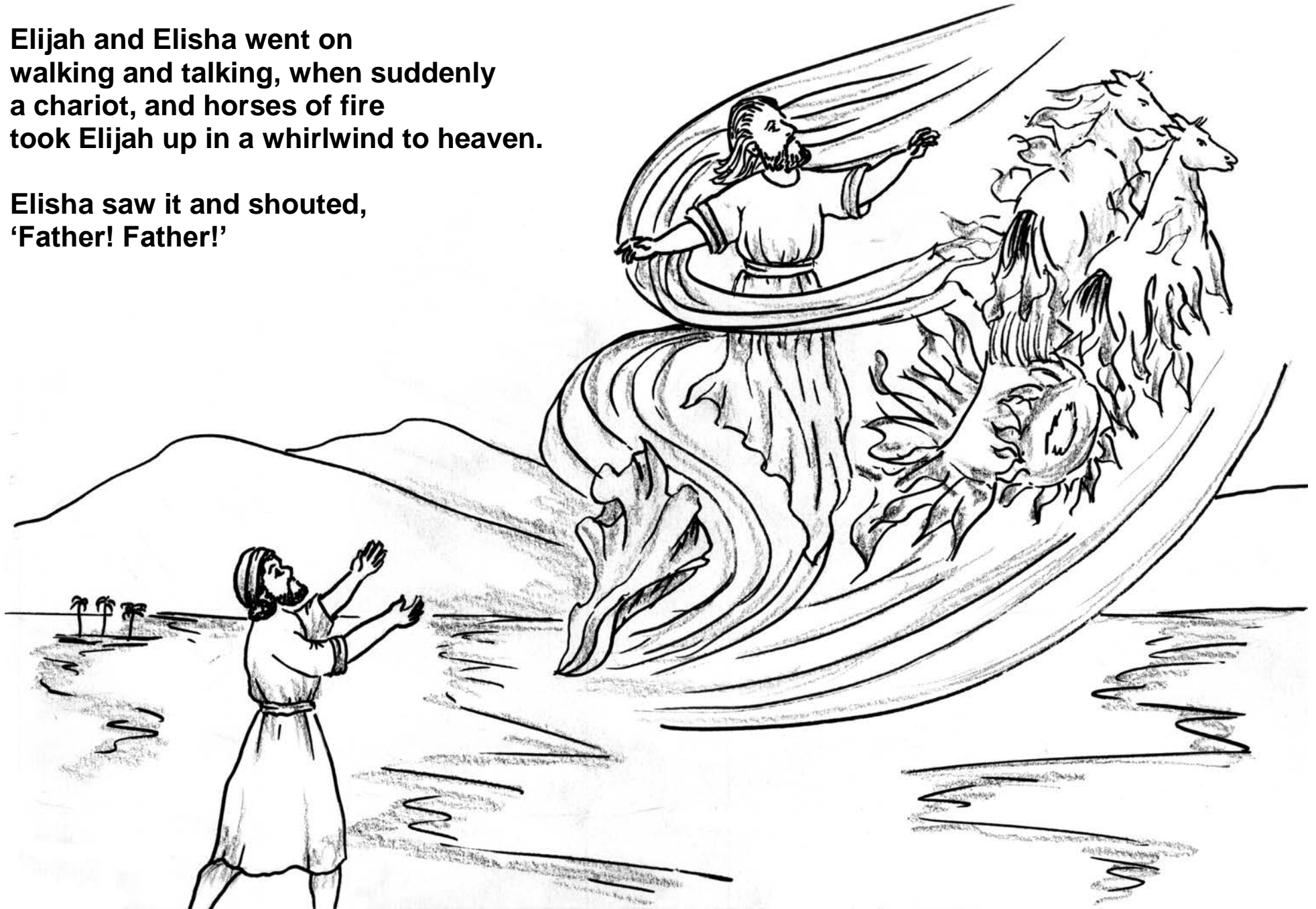
**Elisha replied,
'Leave me a double share
of your spirit.'**

**Elijah said,
'If you see me
when God takes me from you,
it will be yours.
If you do not see me,
you will not get it.'**



Elijah and Elisha went on walking and talking, when suddenly a chariot, and horses of fire took Elijah up in a whirlwind to heaven.

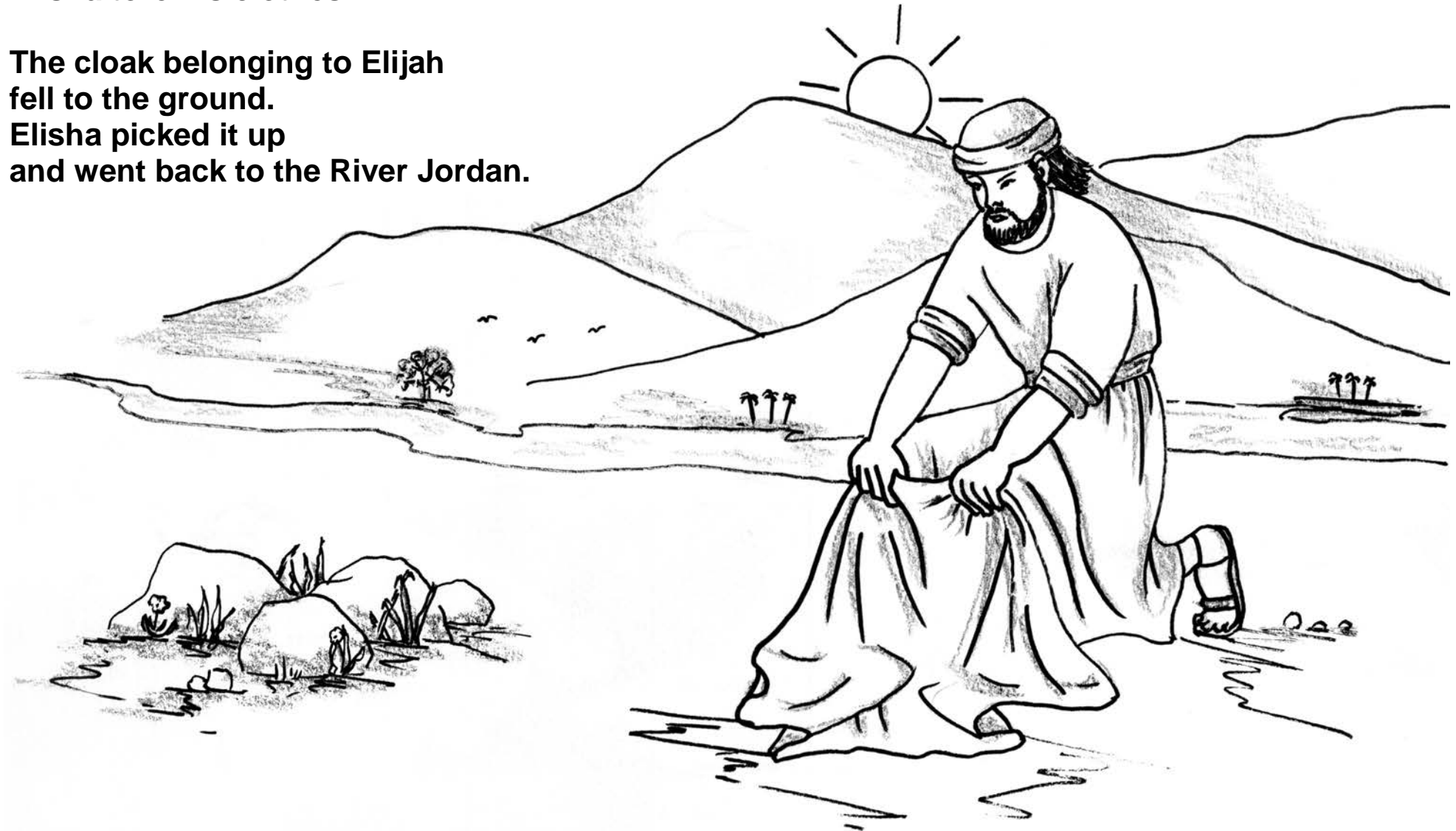
Elisha saw it and shouted, 'Father! Father!'



**Elijah was gone.
He had been taken to heaven.**

Elisha tore his clothes.

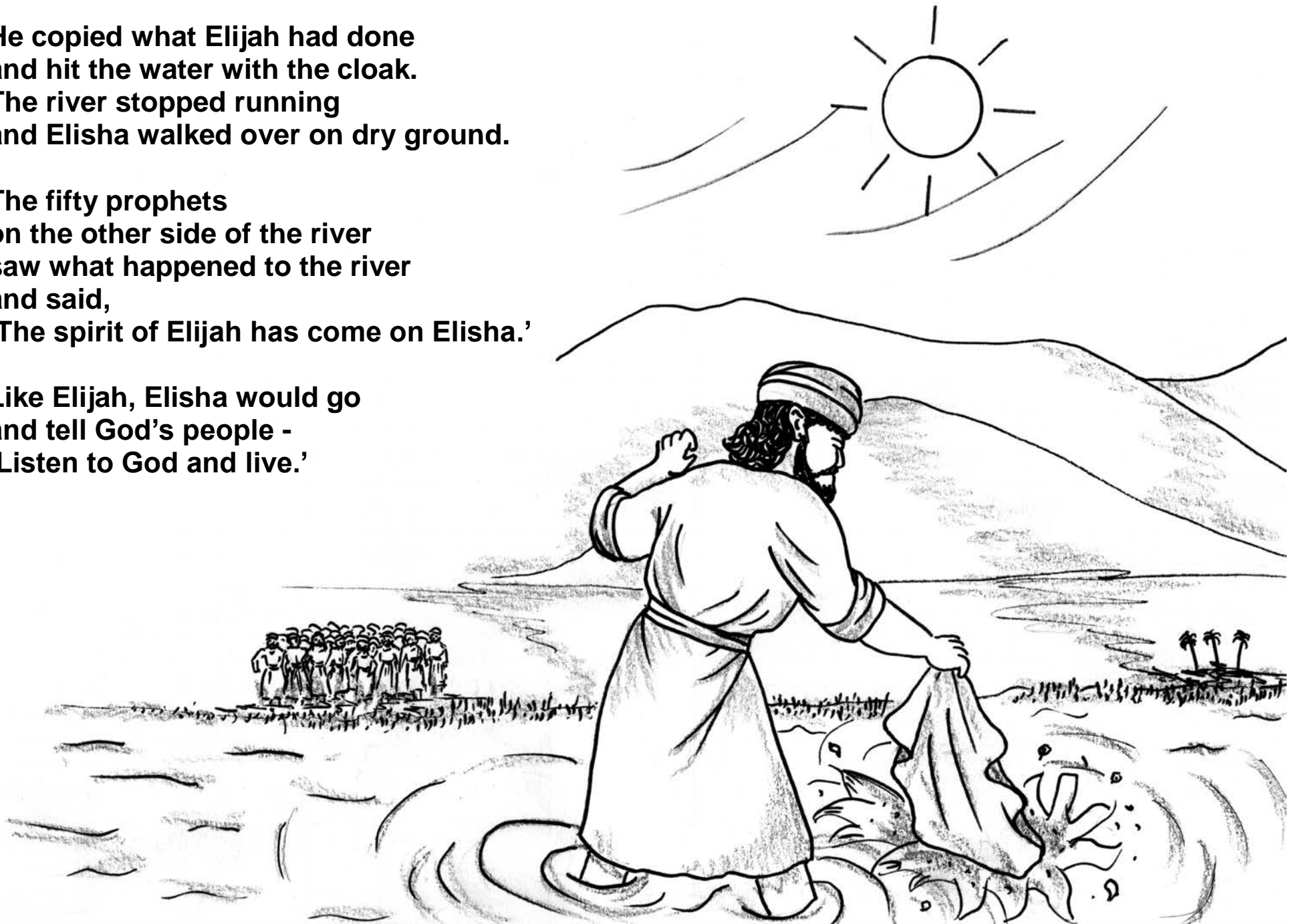
**The cloak belonging to Elijah
fell to the ground.
Elisha picked it up
and went back to the River Jordan.**



**He copied what Elijah had done
and hit the water with the cloak.
The river stopped running
and Elisha walked over on dry ground.**

**The fifty prophets
on the other side of the river
saw what happened to the river
and said,
'The spirit of Elijah has come on Elisha.'**

**Like Elijah, Elisha would go
and tell God's people -
'Listen to God and live.'**



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2 KINGS 4:1–7; 38–44; 6:1–7

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**A widow came to Elisha saying,
'My husband is dead.
He was a prophet like you,
he loved and obeyed the Lord.
Before he died,
he borrowed some money.**

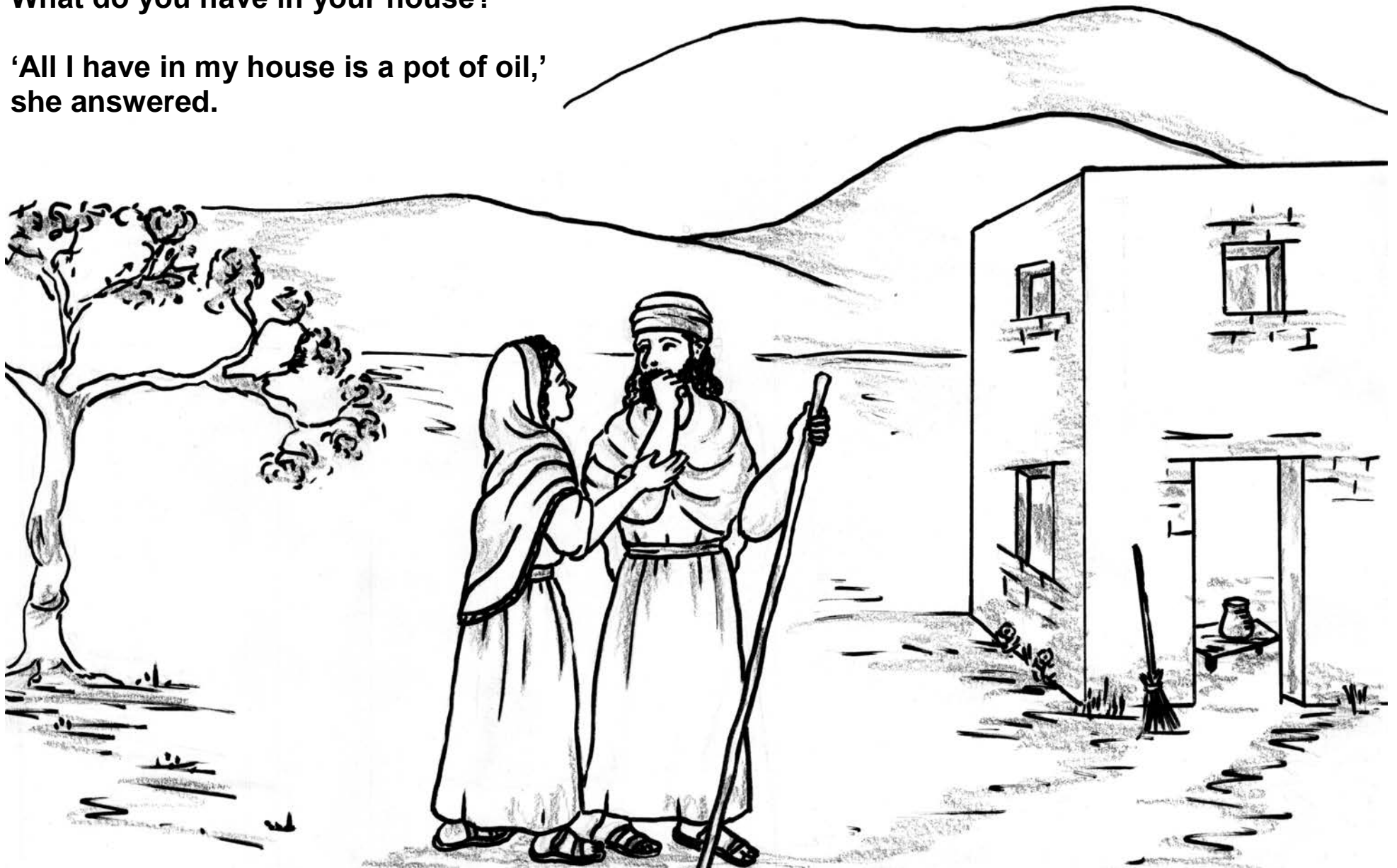
**'The man who lent my husband
the money wants it back,
but I do not have any.**

**'This man is coming
to take my two boys away.
He will make them his slaves.'**



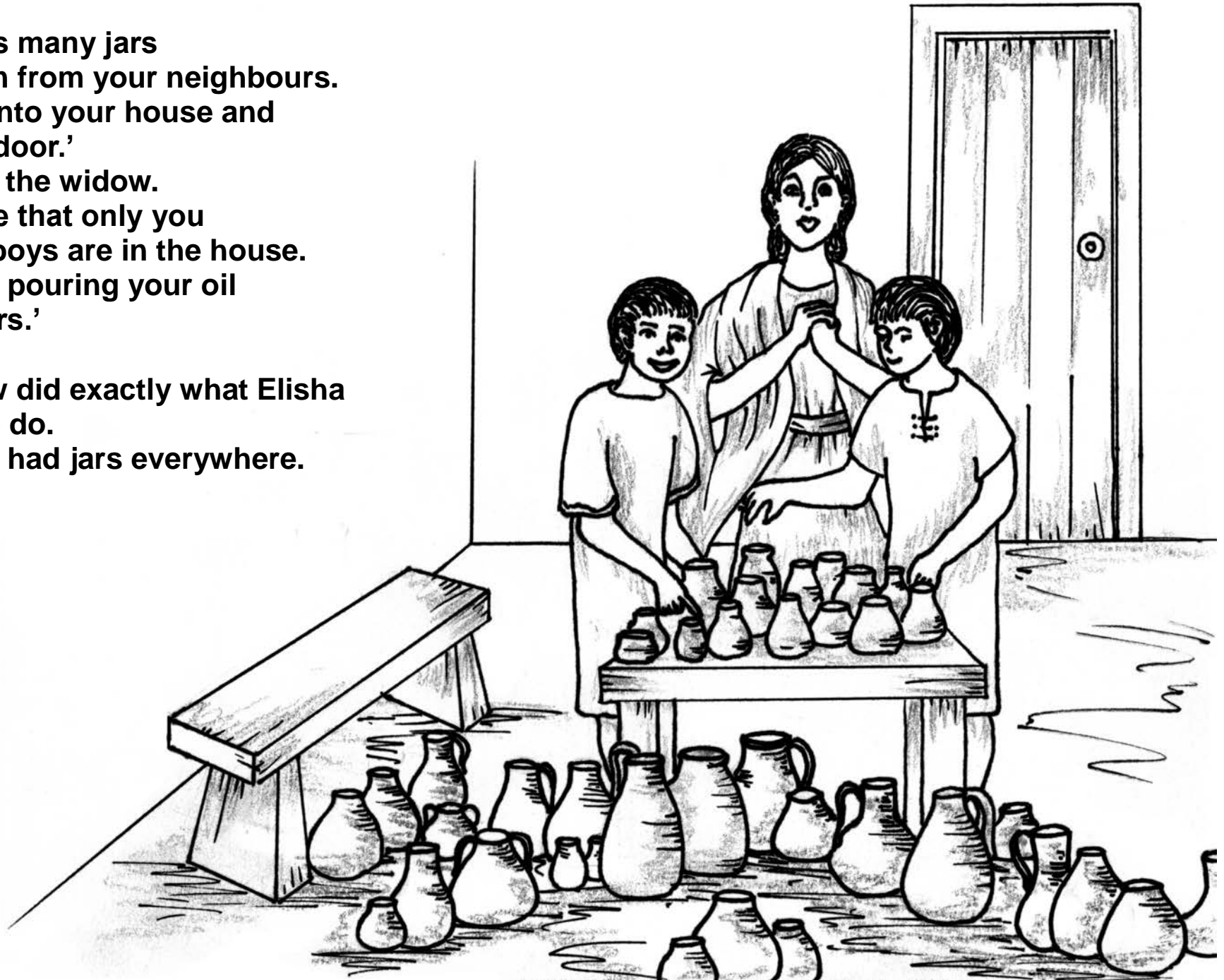
**‘How can I help you?
asked Elisha.
What do you have in your house?’**

**‘All I have in my house is a pot of oil,’
she answered.**



**'Borrow as many jars
as you can from your neighbours.
Then, go into your house and
close the door.'
Elijah told the widow.
'Make sure that only you
and your boys are in the house.
Then start pouring your oil
into the jars.'**

**The widow did exactly what Elisha
told her to do.
Soon they had jars everywhere.**



She shut the door
and began pouring her oil.
Her boys kept bringing the jars
to her and she filled them all
until there were no jars left.
Then, the oil stopped flowing.

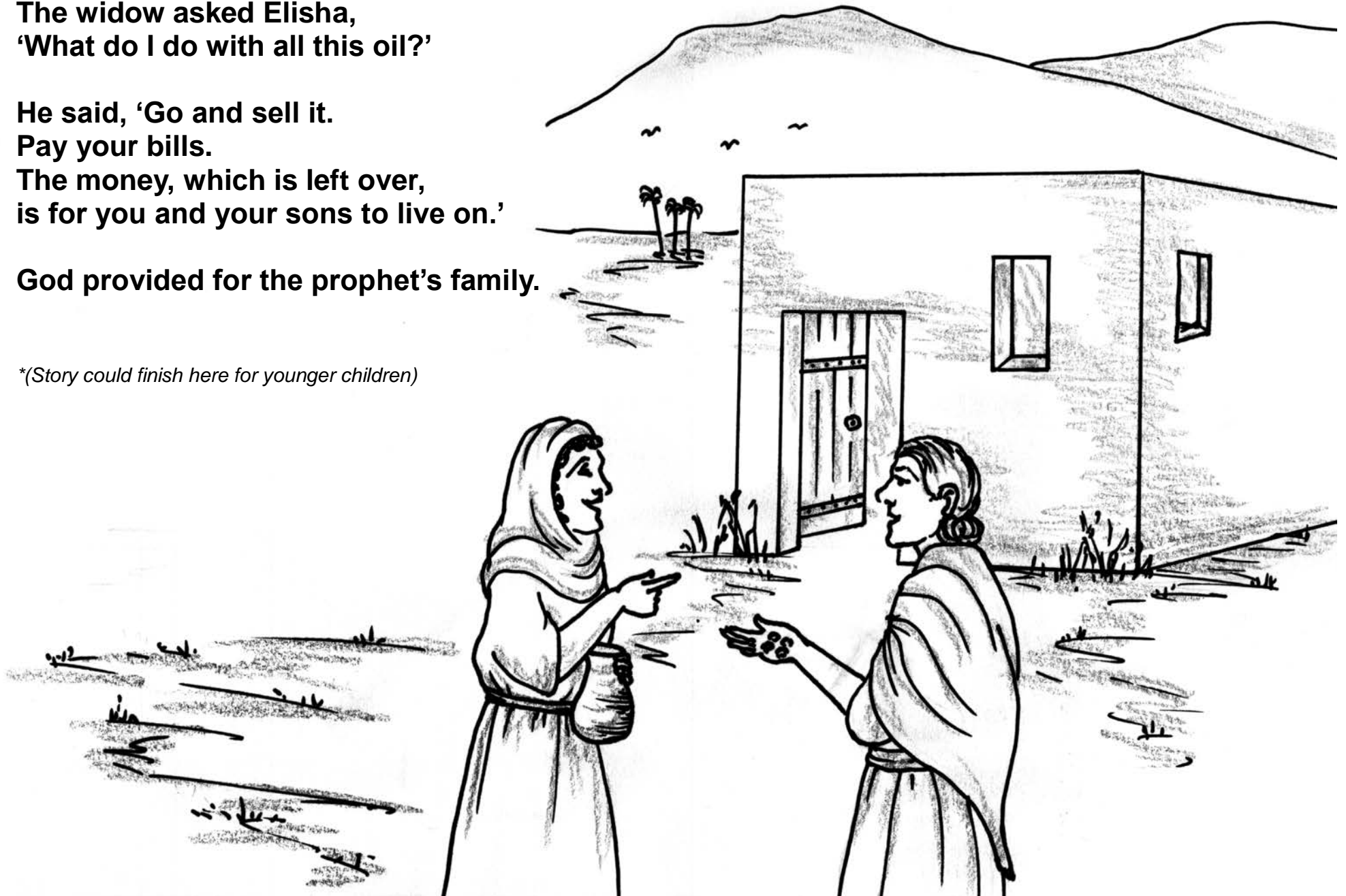


**The widow asked Elisha,
'What do I do with all this oil?'**

**He said, 'Go and sell it.
Pay your bills.
The money, which is left over,
is for you and your sons to live on.'**

God provided for the prophet's family.

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



Some time later Elisha was in Gilgal with a group of prophets.

He saw they were very hungry because of a terrible famine.

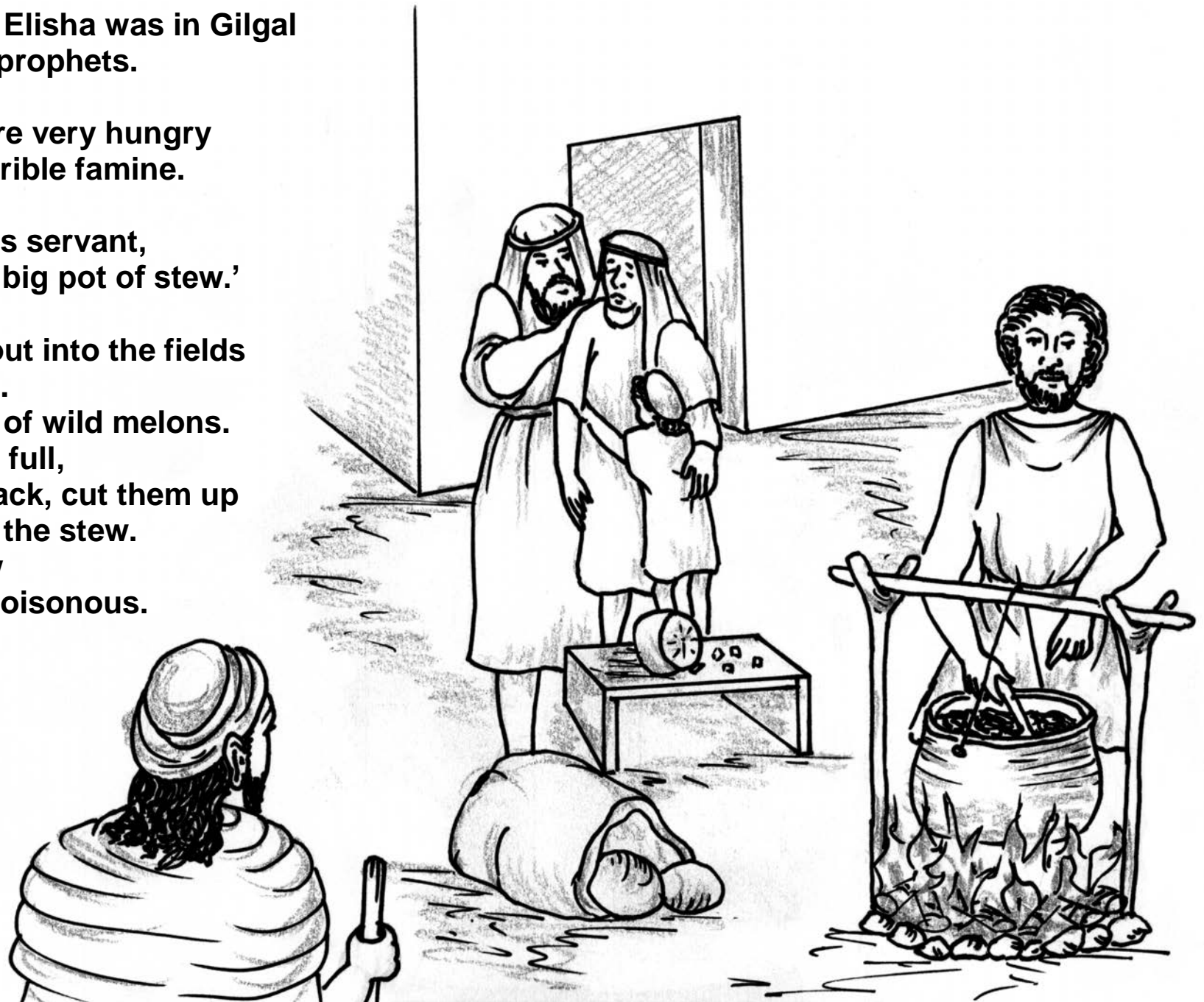
Elisha said to his servant, 'Go and make a big pot of stew.'

One man went out into the fields looking for food.

He found a vine of wild melons.

He picked a bag full, brought them back, cut them up and put them in the stew.

He did not know that they were poisonous.



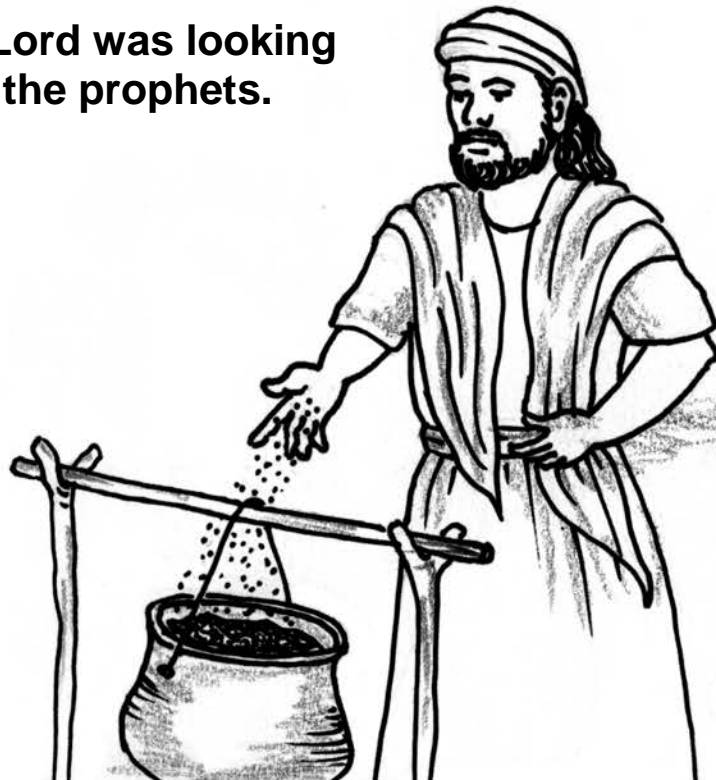
**When it was cooked the stew
was dished out and they began to eat.**

**Then they cried out,
'The food is poisonous and we will die!'**

'Bring me some flour,' ordered Elisha.

**He put the flour into the stew
and told them to serve it out.
This time it was good to eat.**

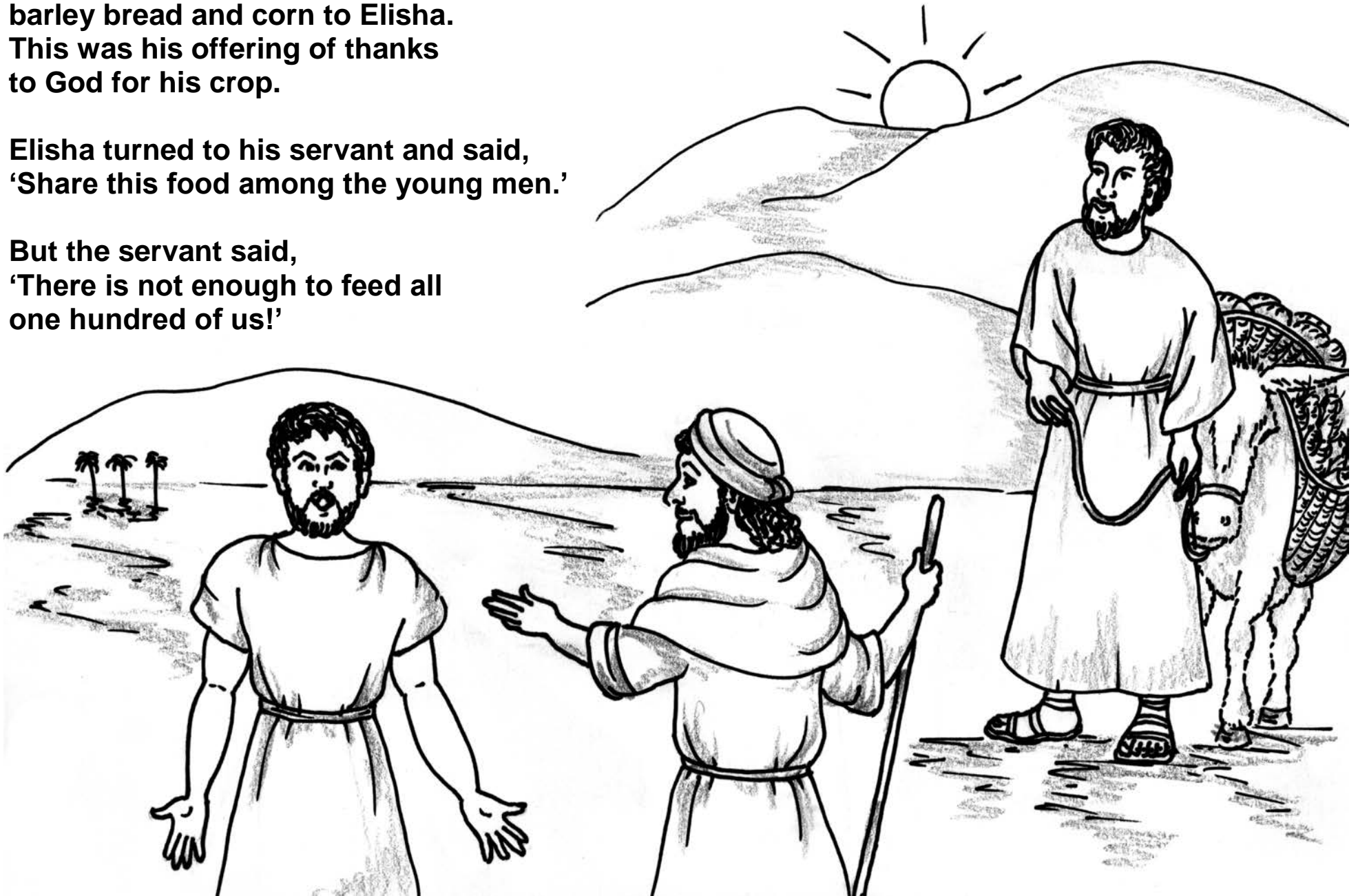
**The Lord was looking
after the prophets.**



On another day, a man brought some barley bread and corn to Elisha. This was his offering of thanks to God for his crop.

Elisha turned to his servant and said, 'Share this food among the young men.'

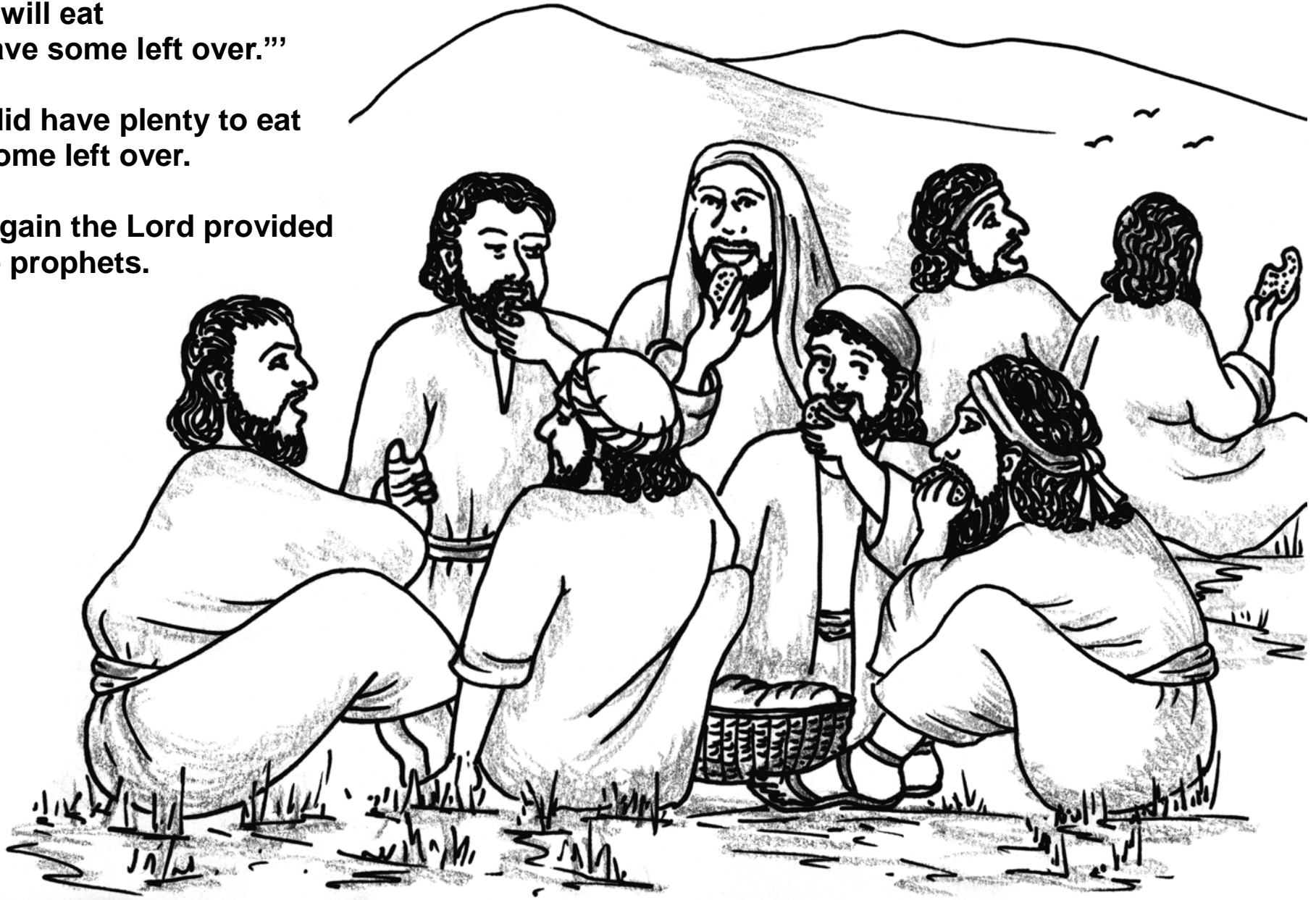
But the servant said, 'There is not enough to feed all one hundred of us!'



Elisha answered,
'Give it to them for the Lord says,
"They will eat
and have some left over."'

They did have plenty to eat
with some left over.

Here again the Lord provided
for the prophets.

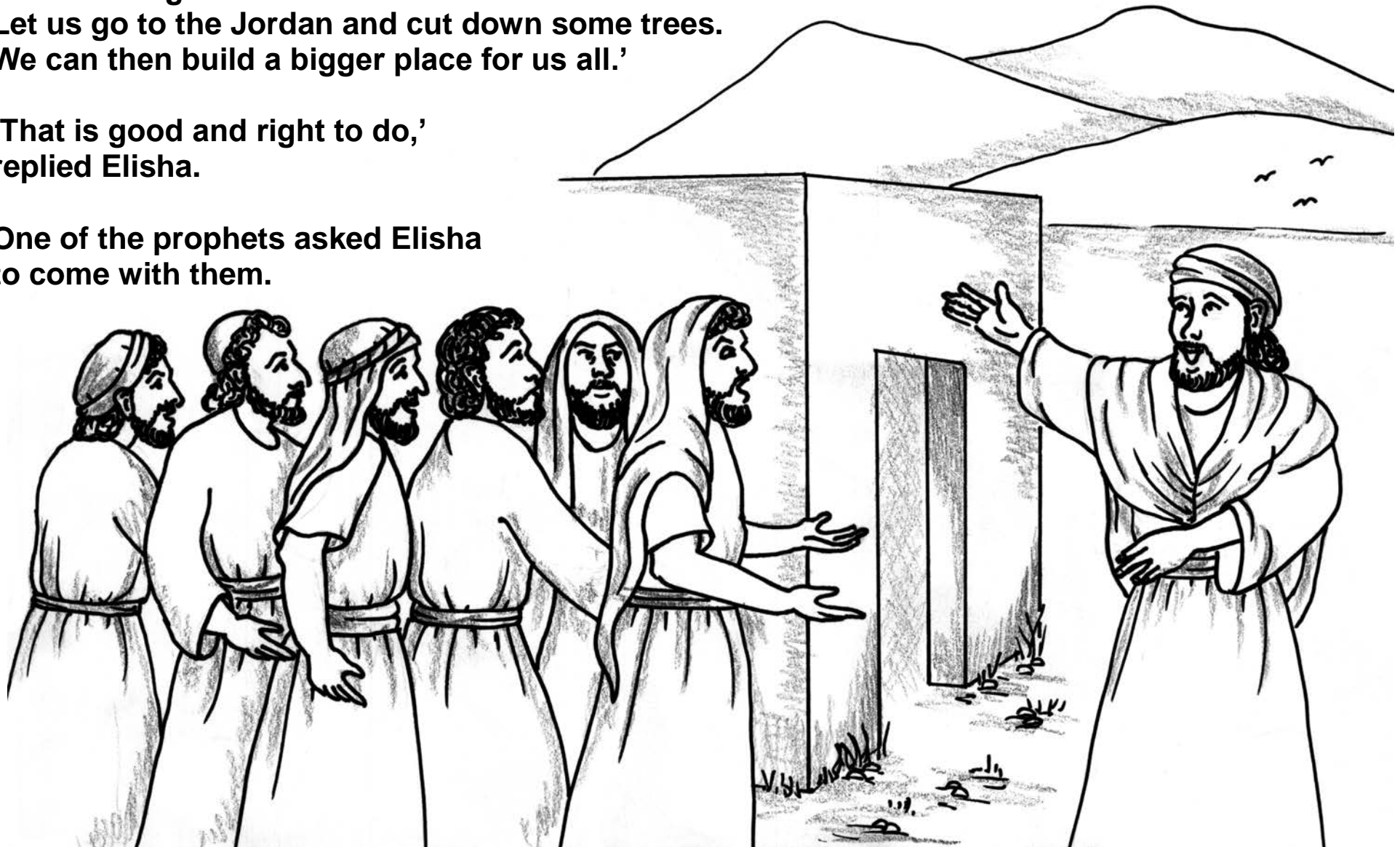


Here is another story of God providing for his prophets.

**The prophets at Gilgal said to Elisha,
'Our building is too small for us.
Let us go to the Jordan and cut down some trees.
We can then build a bigger place for us all.'**

**'That is good and right to do,'
replied Elisha.**

**One of the prophets asked Elisha
to come with them.**



While one man was chopping into a tree
his axe head fell into the water.
He could not see it.

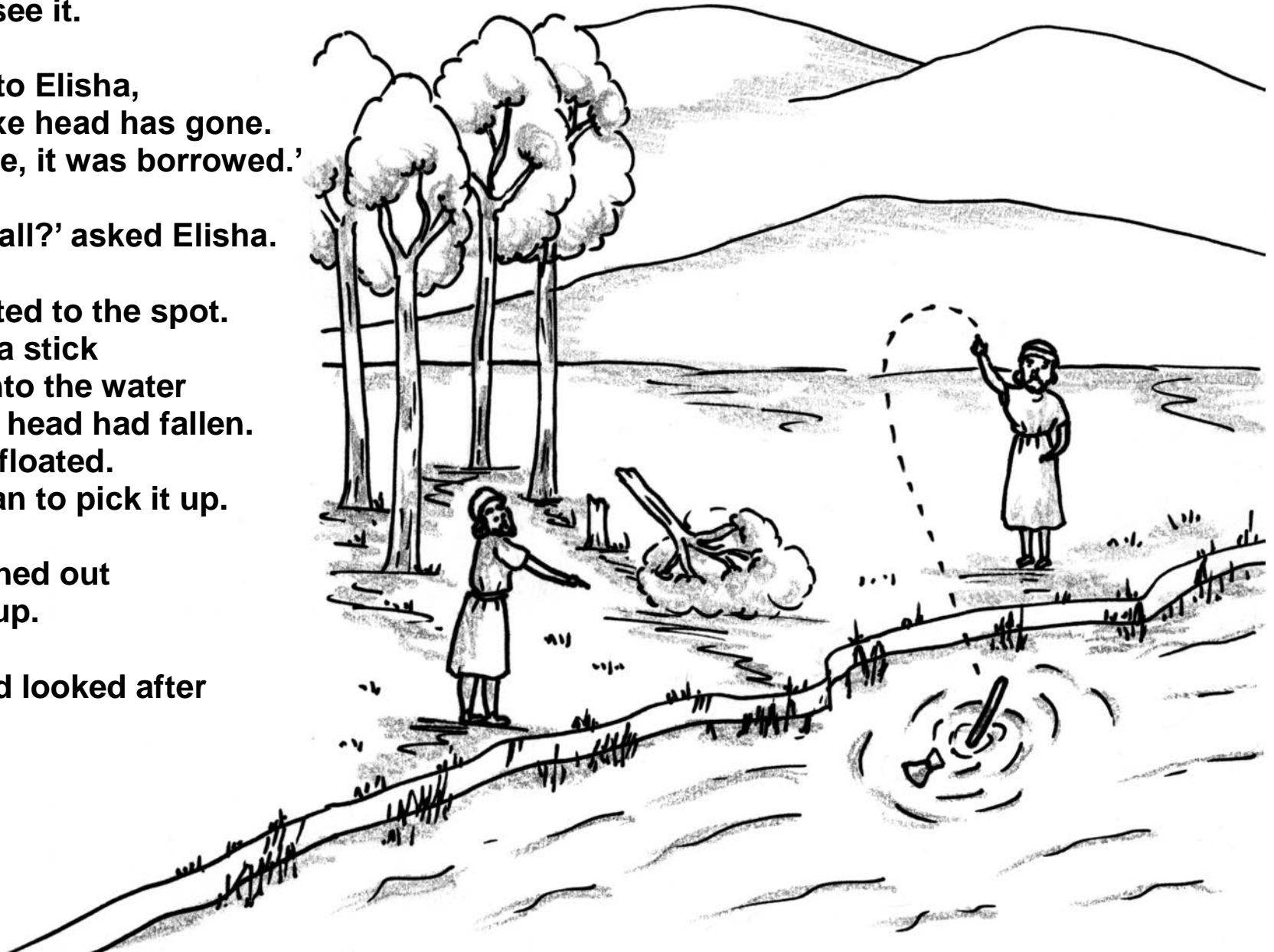
He called out to Elisha,
'Master, the axe head has gone.
It was not mine, it was borrowed.'

'Where did it fall?' asked Elisha.

The man pointed to the spot.
Elisha cut off a stick
and threw it into the water
where the axe head had fallen.
The axe head floated.
He told the man to pick it up.

The man reached out
and picked it up.

Again the Lord looked after
his prophets.



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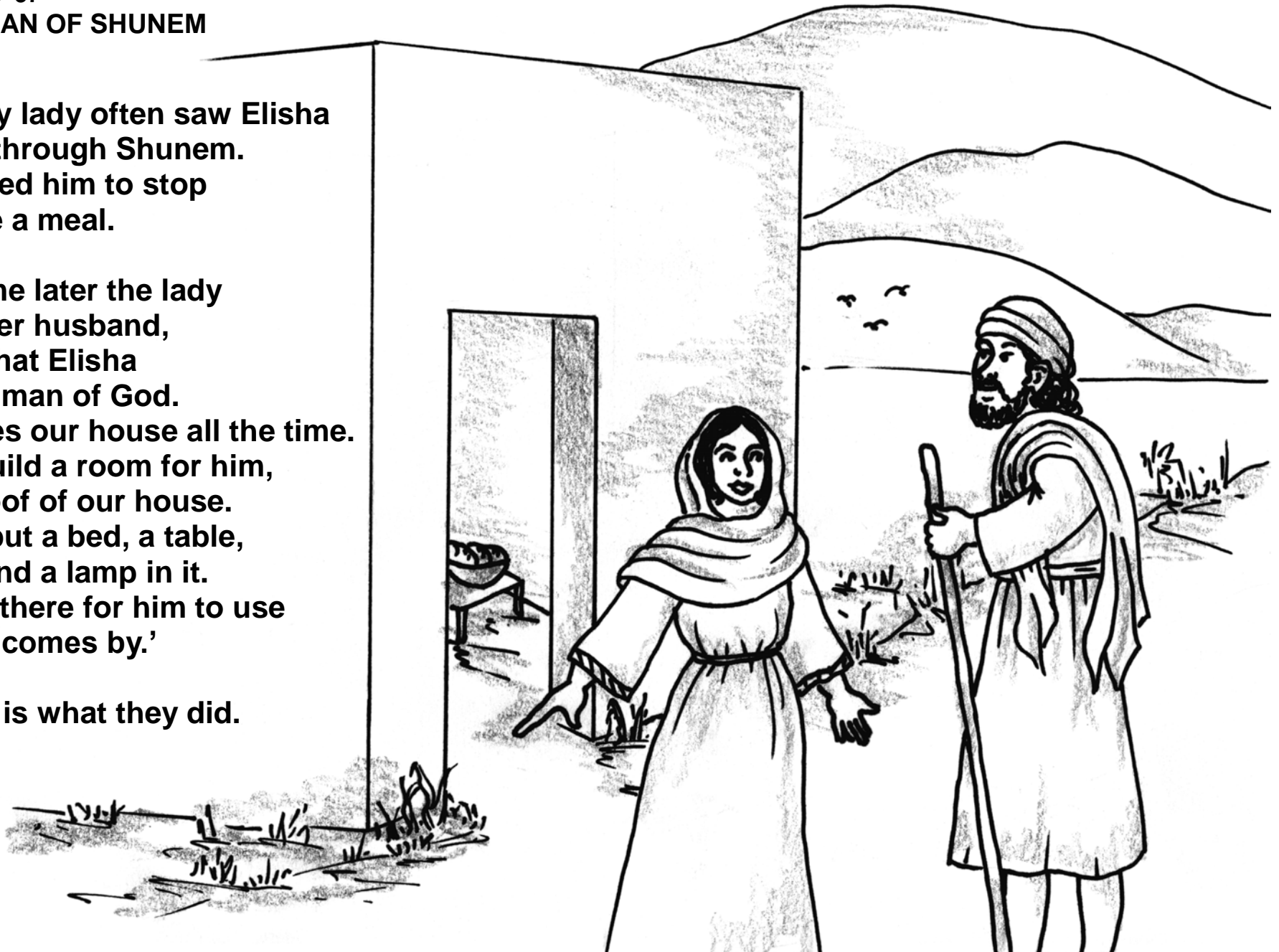
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THE WOMAN OF SHUNEM
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A wealthy lady often saw Elisha walking through Shunem. She invited him to stop and have a meal.

Some time later the lady said to her husband, 'I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. He passes our house all the time. Let us build a room for him, on the roof of our house. We can put a bed, a table, a chair and a lamp in it. It will be there for him to use when he comes by.'

And that is what they did.



One day when Elisha came there
he said to the lady,
'You have done all of this for me.
What can I do for you?

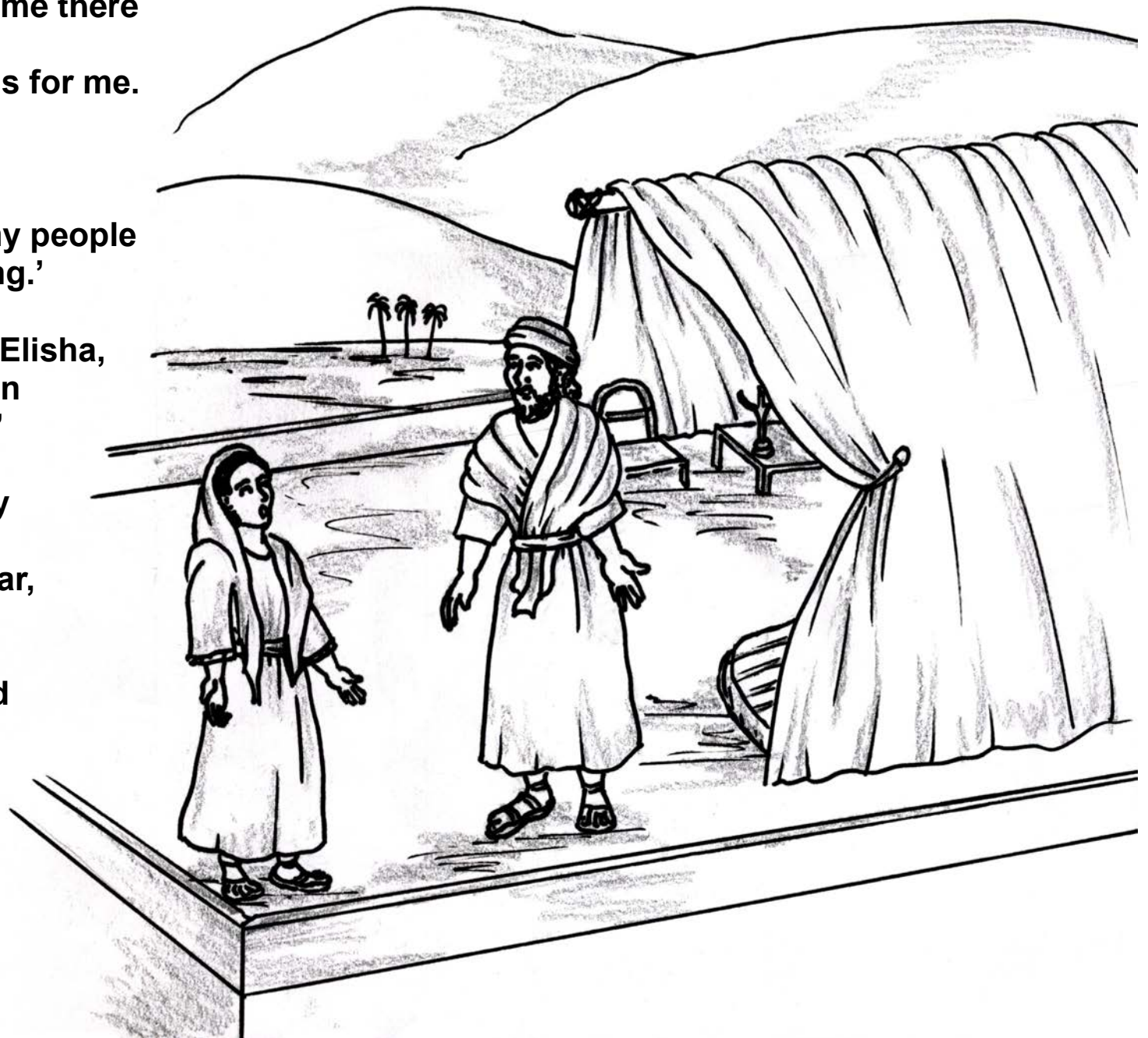
The lady said,
'I live safely here with my people
and do not need anything.'

Elisha's servant said to Elisha,
'She does not have a son
and her husband is old.'

So Elisha called the lady
and said,
'About this time next year,
you will have a son.'

'O man of God.' she said
'Do not lie to me!'

She did not want to be
disappointed.



**The next year the lady had a baby boy,
just as Elisha told her.**

**One day, a few years later,
when he had grown up
the boy went to see his father
in the fields.
He became very sick.**

**A servant carried him home
to his mother and he died.**



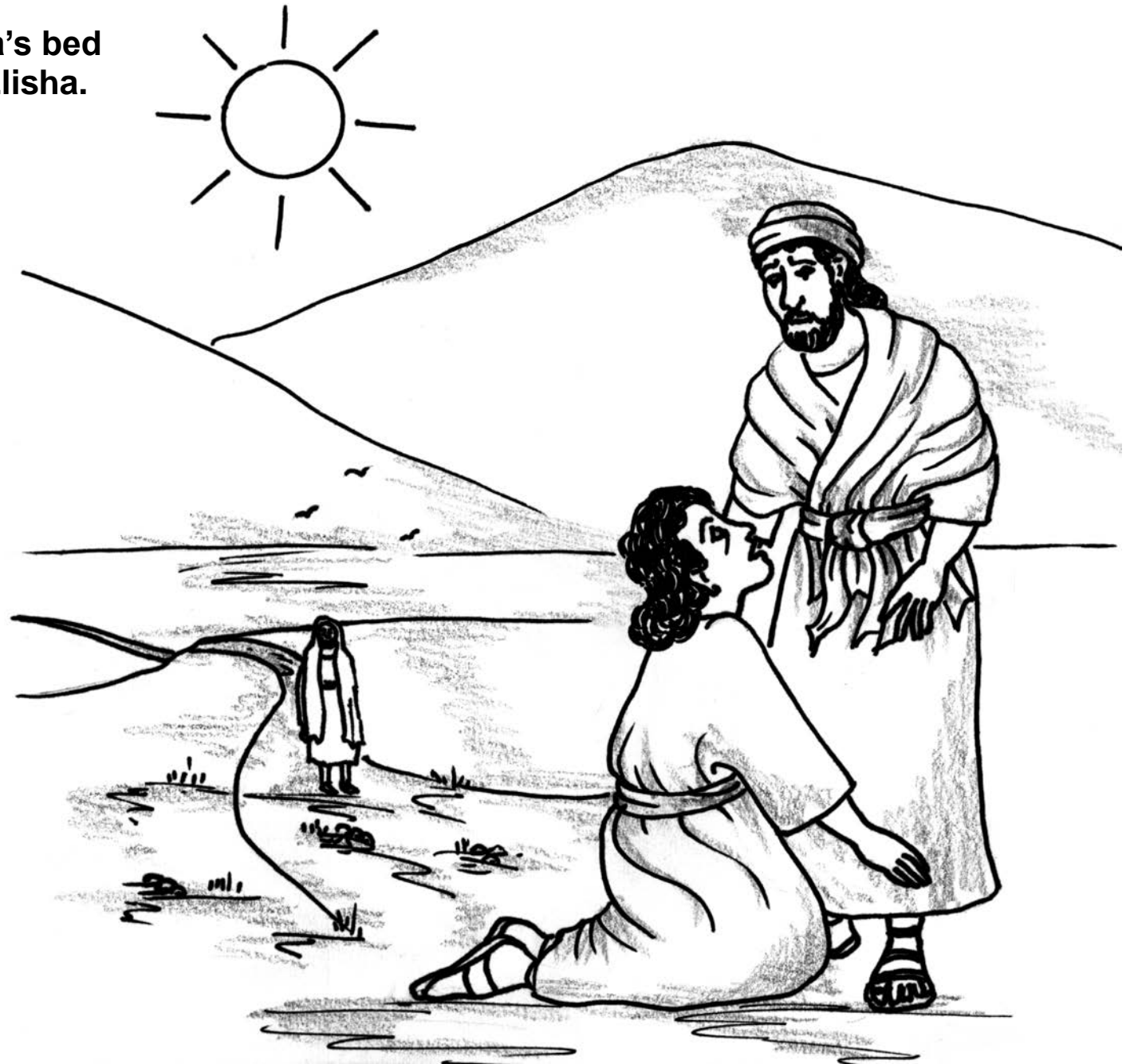
The lady was very sad.
She laid her son on Elisha's bed
and quickly went to find Elisha.

Elisha saw her coming
and told his servant
to run and meet her to
find out what was wrong.
But she would not stop.

When she got to Elisha,
she held on to his feet.

Elisha said,
'God has not told me
what has happened.'

She said,
'I did not ask for a son.
You raised my hopes,
but now he is dead.'

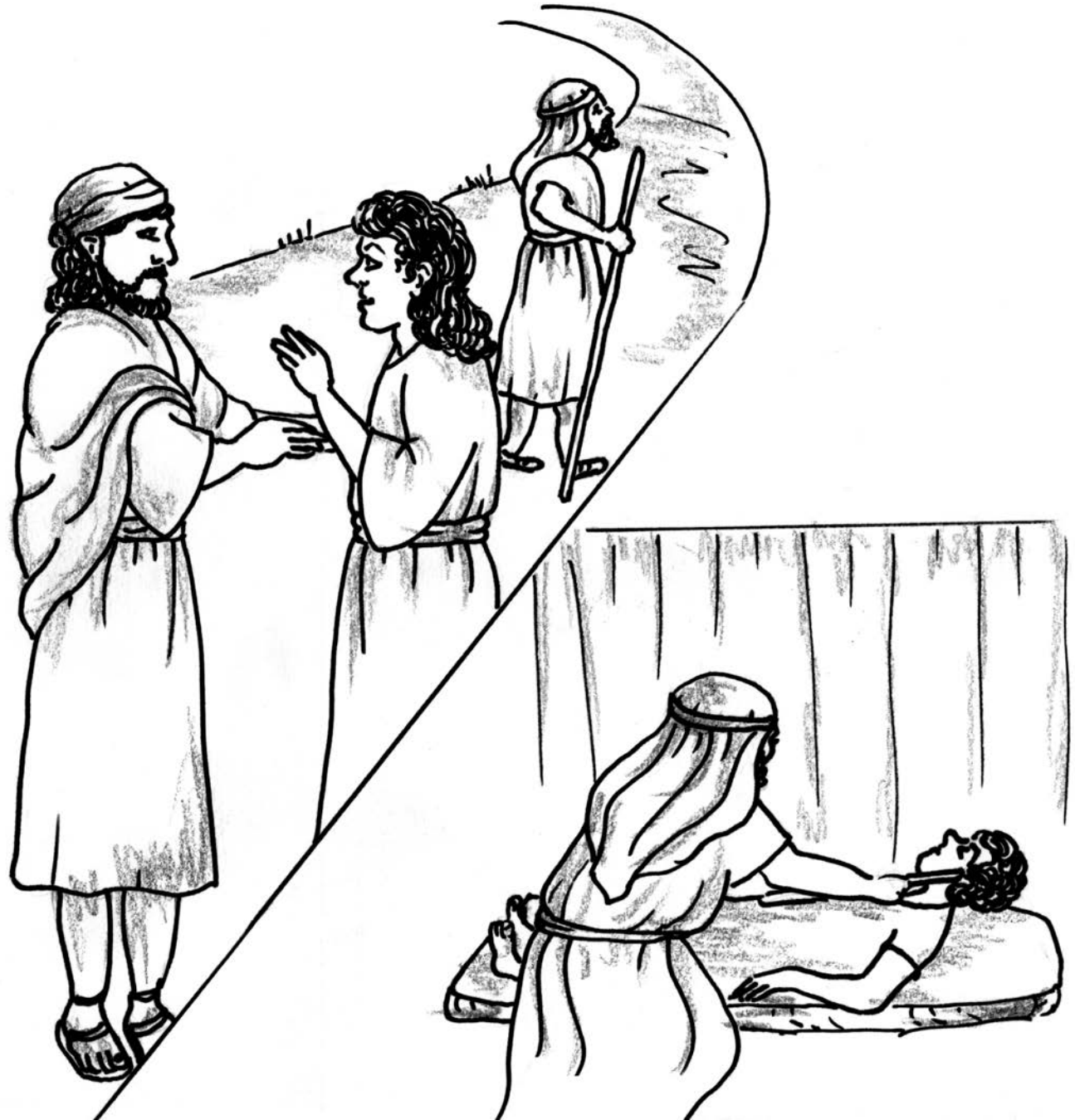


Elisha sent his servant immediately to lay his walking stick on the boy's face.

But the mother said, 'As the Lord lives, I will not leave you!'

So Elisha went with her to her home.

The servant did as Elisha told him and laid the walking stick on the boy's face. The boy did not move or talk.



**Elisha found the child
lying on his bed.**

**He closed the door
and prayed to the Lord.**

**Then he stretched himself
out on top of the child.
The child's skin became
warm.**

**Elisha stood up
and walked around the
room.**

**He stretched himself
out on the child again.
The child sneezed seven
times
and opened his eyes.**



Elisha called the
Shunammite woman
and said,
'Pick up your son.'

She came in,
fell at Elisha's feet
and thanked God.
Then she picked up
her son.

*God showed this woman
that he had power to
raise the dead to life,
and that He loved her.*



***One day,
when Jesus returns to this earth,
He will raise up everyone
who has trusted in Him.
Then there will be no more
dying or sadness.***



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2 KINGS 5:1–27
CAPTAIN NAAMAN AND THE PROPHET IN ISRAEL
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Naaman was a great leader.

**In an attack on God's people
he and his soldiers took
many slaves.**

**One of them was a young girl
who was given to Naaman's wife
as a servant.**

**However, Naaman was sick
with leprosy
and his skin
was covered with sores.**



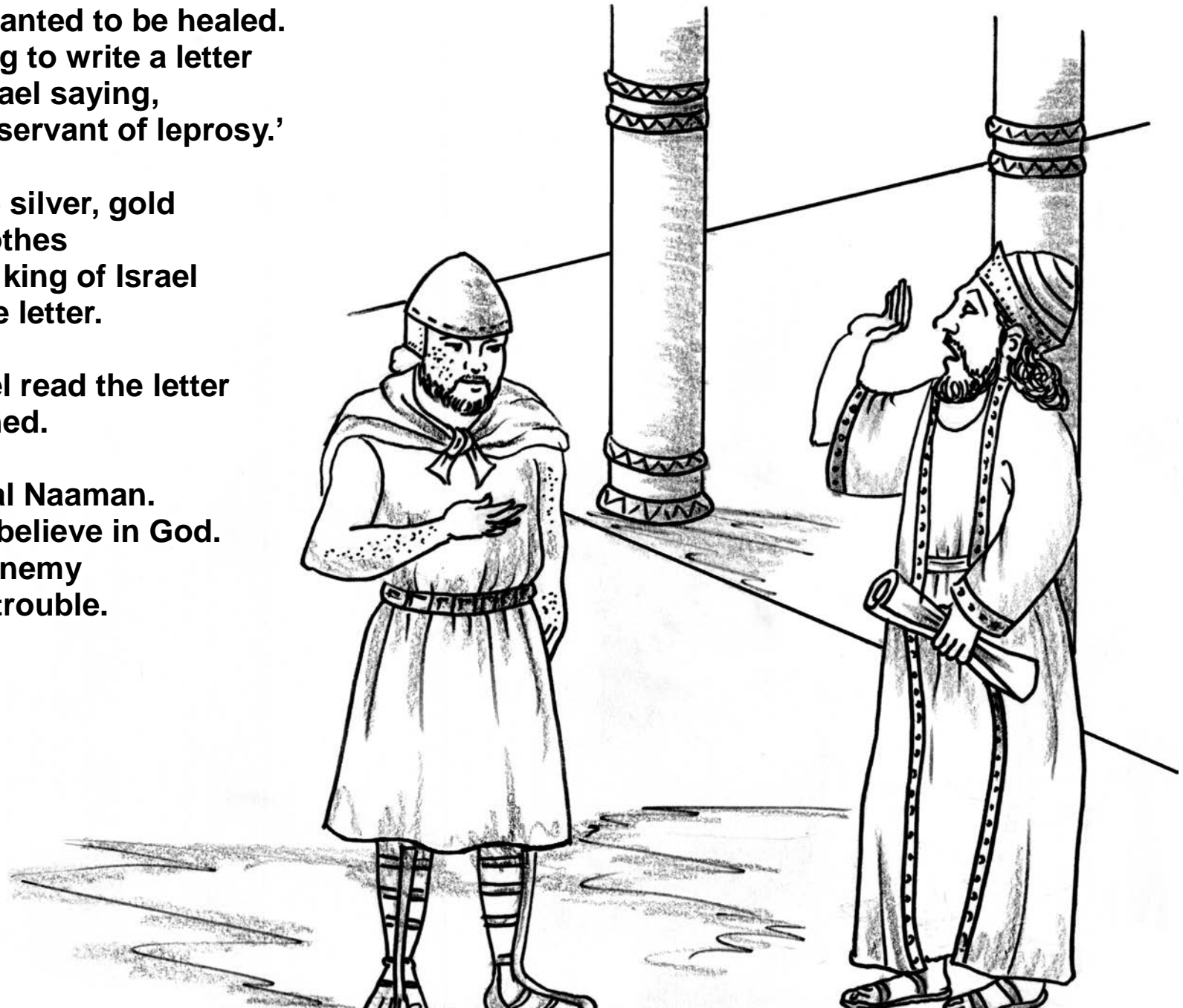
One day as the little girl
was helping her mistress
she said,
'I wish my master was with
the prophet in Samaria.
He would heal him.'



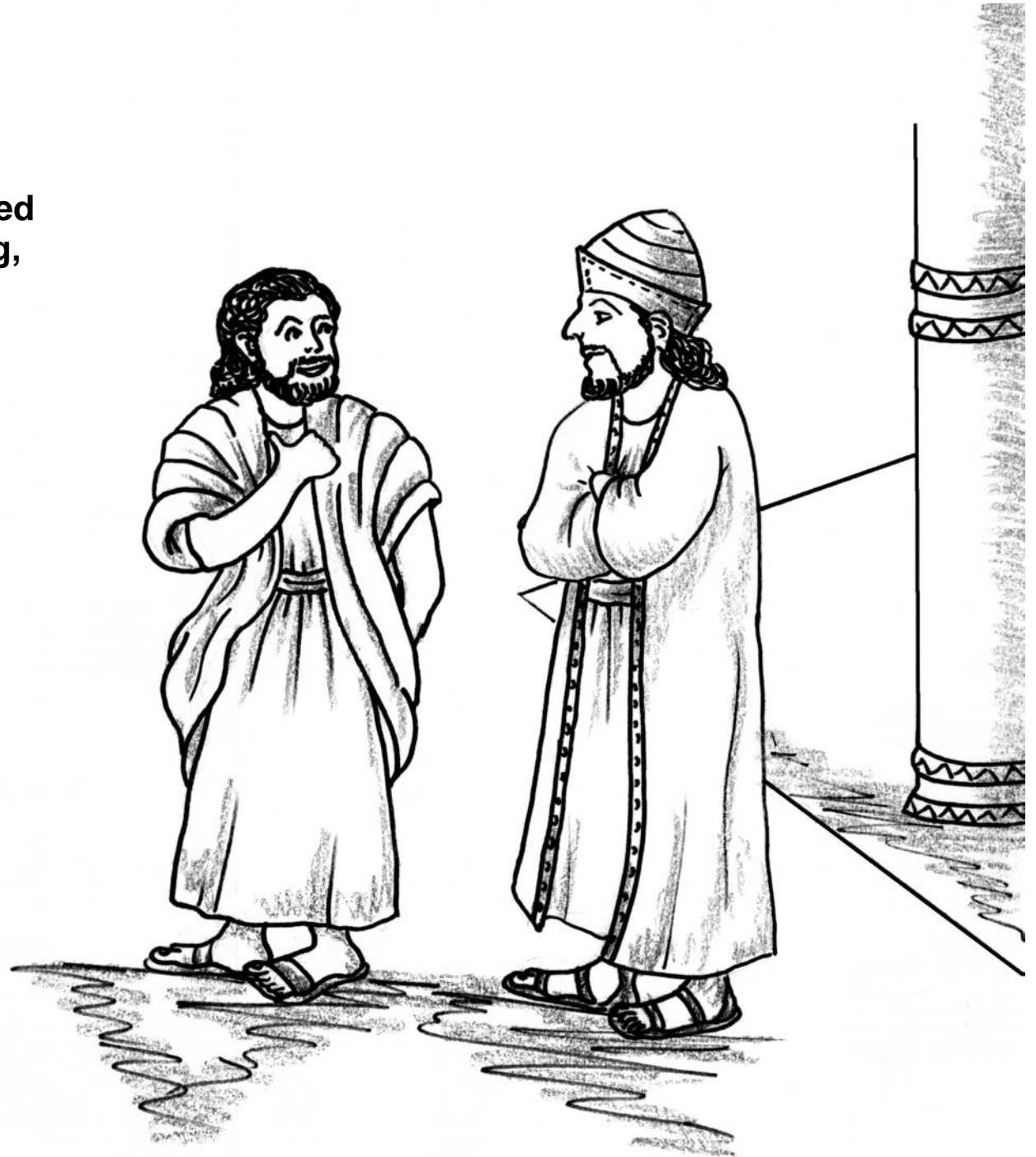
**Naaman really wanted to be healed.
He asked his king to write a letter
to the king of Israel saying,
'Please heal my servant of leprosy.'**

**He packed some silver, gold
and beautiful clothes
then went to the king of Israel
and gave him the letter.**

**The king of Israel read the letter
and was frightened.
He was not God.
He could not heal Naaman.
He did not even believe in God.
He thought his enemy
was looking for trouble.**

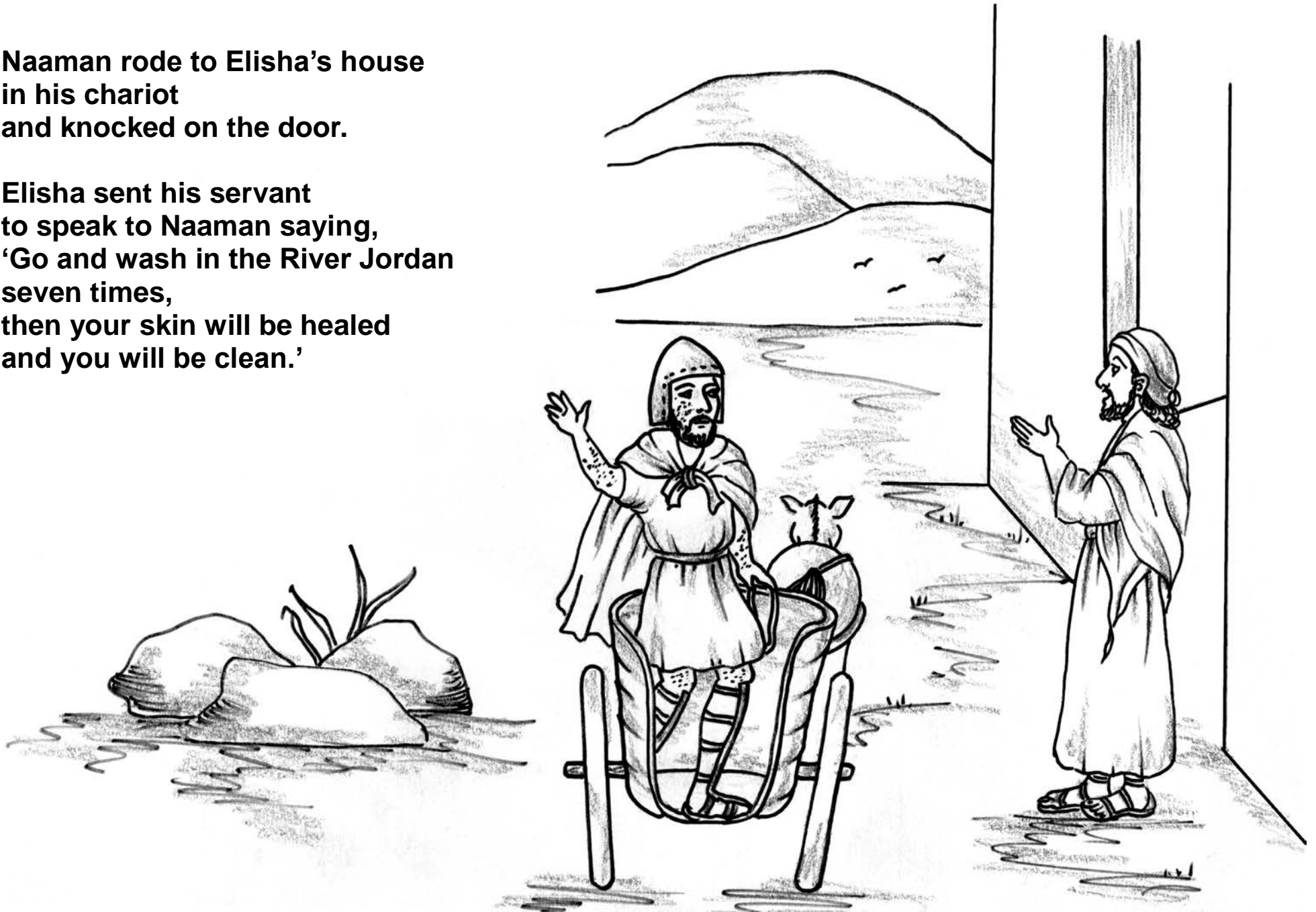


**When Elisha, the man of God,
heard that the king was frightened
he sent a message to him saying,
'Tell Naaman to come to me.
Then he will know
that there is a prophet in Israel!'**



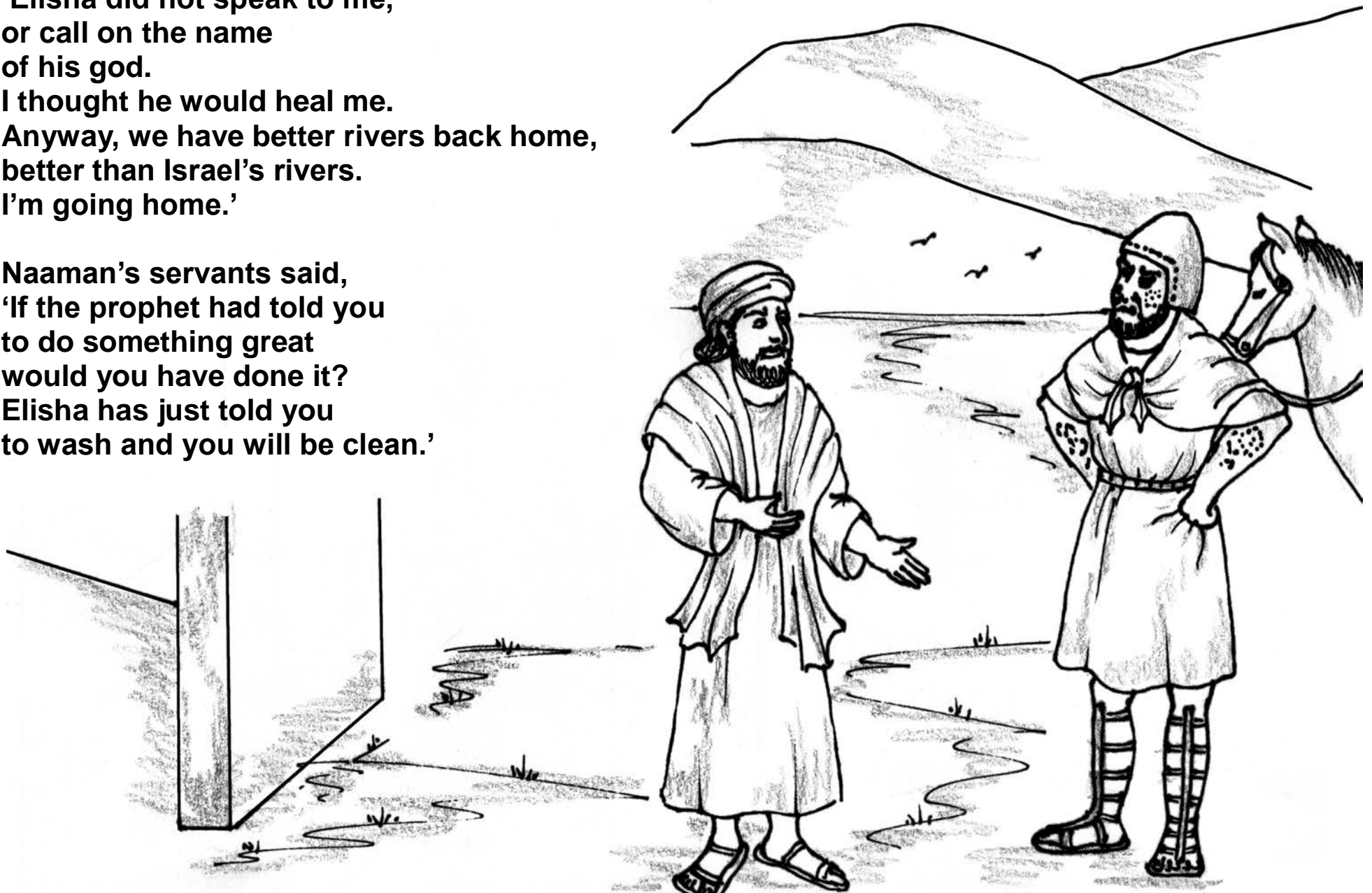
**Naaman rode to Elisha's house
in his chariot
and knocked on the door.**

**Elisha sent his servant
to speak to Naaman saying,
'Go and wash in the River Jordan
seven times,
then your skin will be healed
and you will be clean.'**



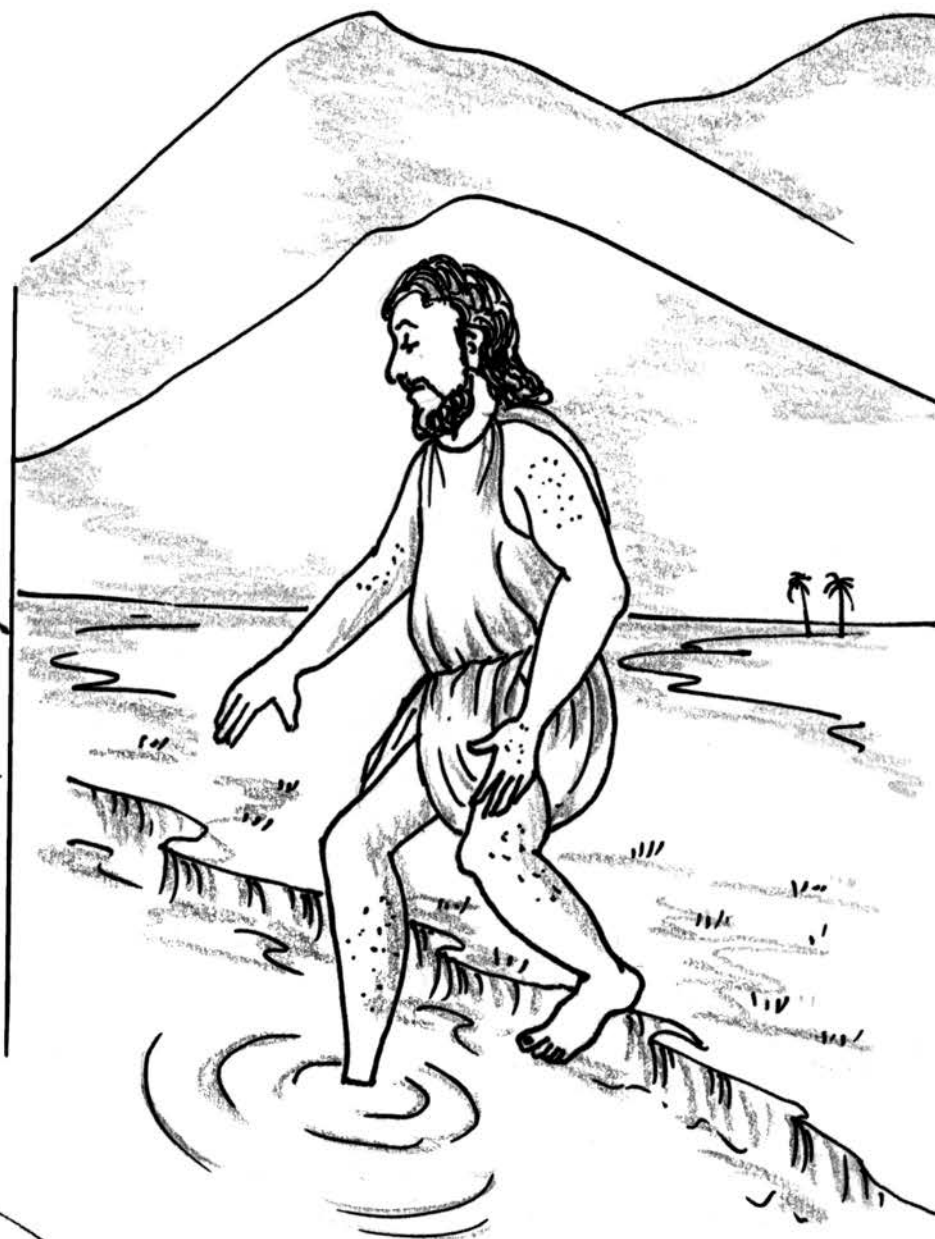
**Naaman was angry and said,
'Elisha did not speak to me,
or call on the name
of his god.
I thought he would heal me.
Anyway, we have better rivers back home,
better than Israel's rivers.
I'm going home.'**

**Naaman's servants said,
'If the prophet had told you
to do something great
would you have done it?
Elisha has just told you
to wash and you will be clean.'**



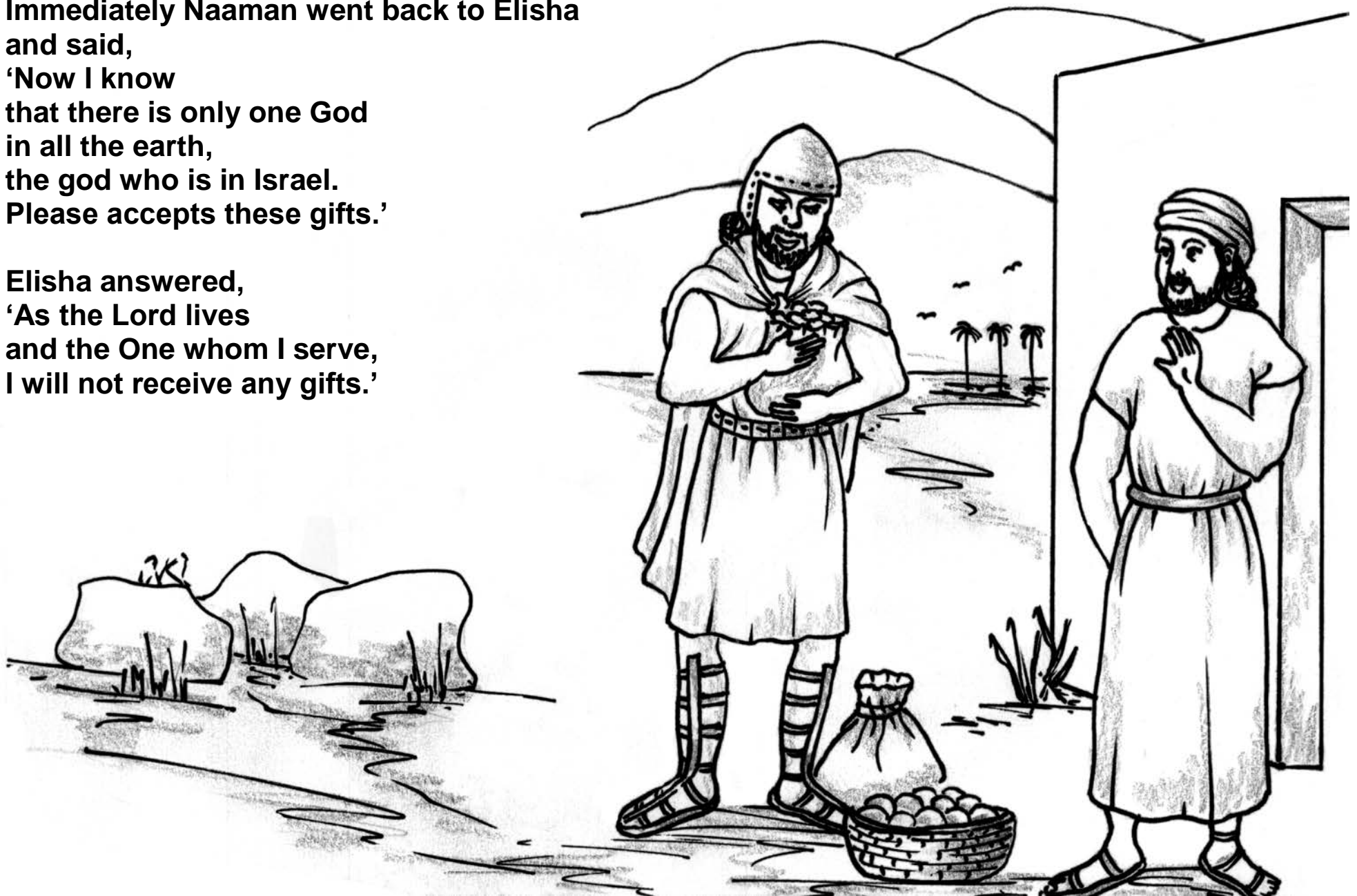
**Naaman changed his mind and went to the river.
He washed himself once,
twice, three times, again and again
until he had washed seven times.**

**He looked at his skin and it had become new.
He was healed. The leprosy was gone.**



Immediately Naaman went back to Elisha and said,
'Now I know
that there is only one God
in all the earth,
the god who is in Israel.
Please accepts these gifts.'

Elisha answered,
'As the Lord lives
and the One whom I serve,
I will not receive any gifts.'



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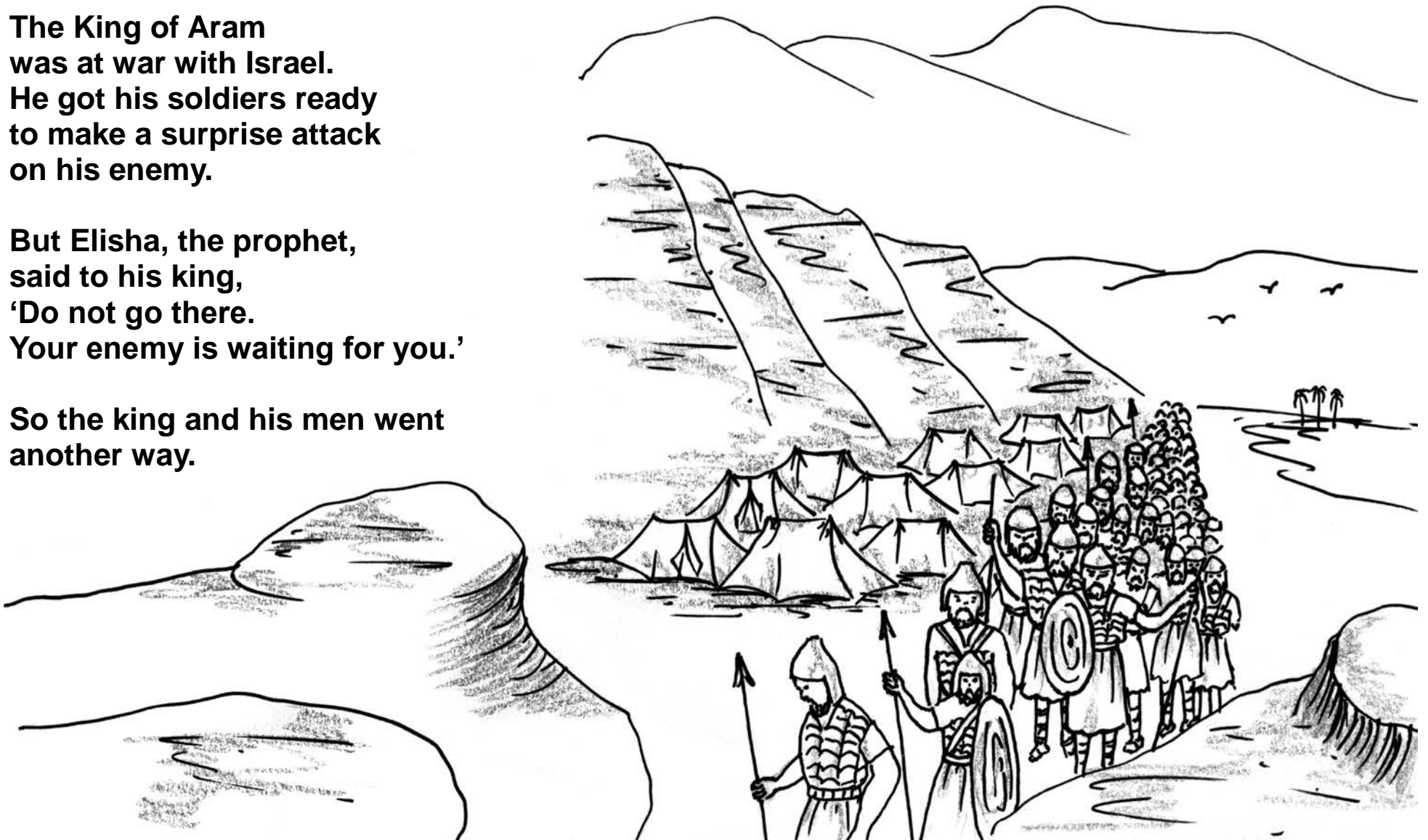
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2 KINGS 6:8-23
GOD'S ARMY OF ANGELS
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**The King of Aram
was at war with Israel.
He got his soldiers ready
to make a surprise attack
on his enemy.**

**But Elisha, the prophet,
said to his king,
'Do not go there.
Your enemy is waiting for you.'**

**So the king and his men went
another way.**



**The king of Aram
got his soldiers ready again
for a surprise attack.**

**Again God told Elisha
where the enemy was.
Elisha told his king
and God's people went
another way.**

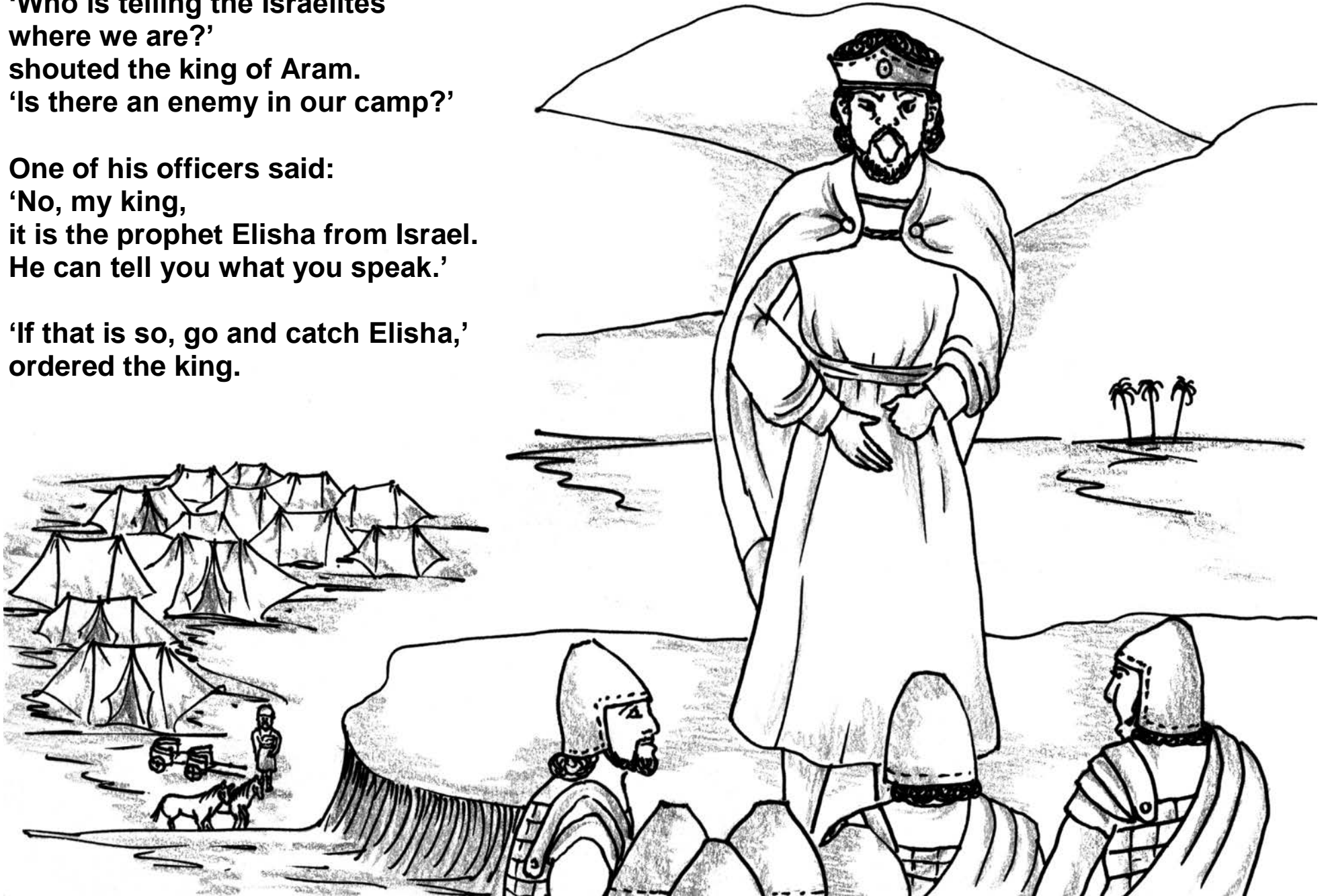
This happened many times.



**'Who is telling the Israelites
where we are?'
shouted the king of Aram.
'Is there an enemy in our camp?'**

**One of his officers said:
'No, my king,
it is the prophet Elisha from Israel.
He can tell you what you speak.'**

**'If that is so, go and catch Elisha,'
ordered the king.**

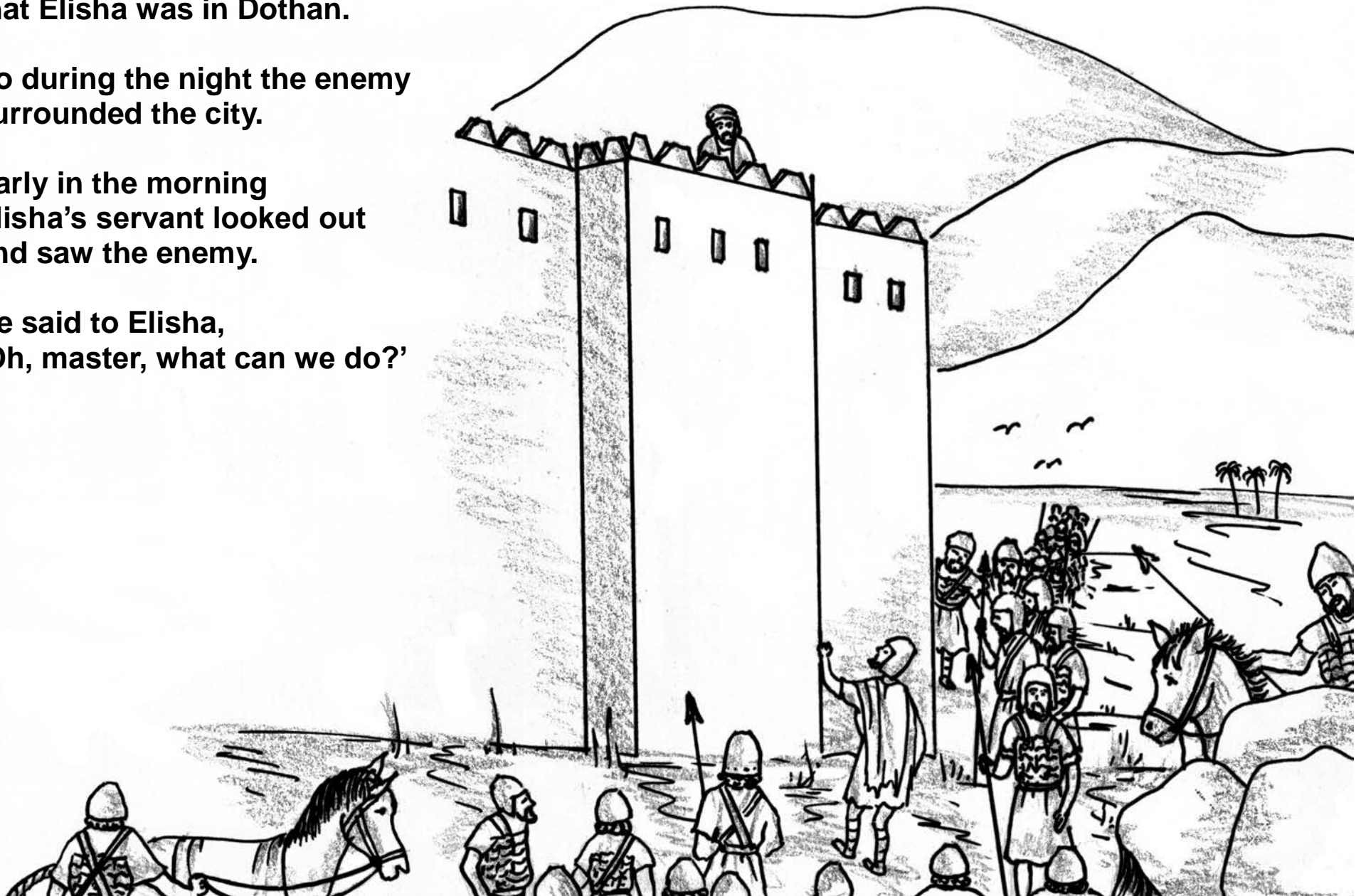


The spies found out
that Elisha was in Dothan.

So during the night the enemy
surrounded the city.

Early in the morning
Elisha's servant looked out
and saw the enemy.

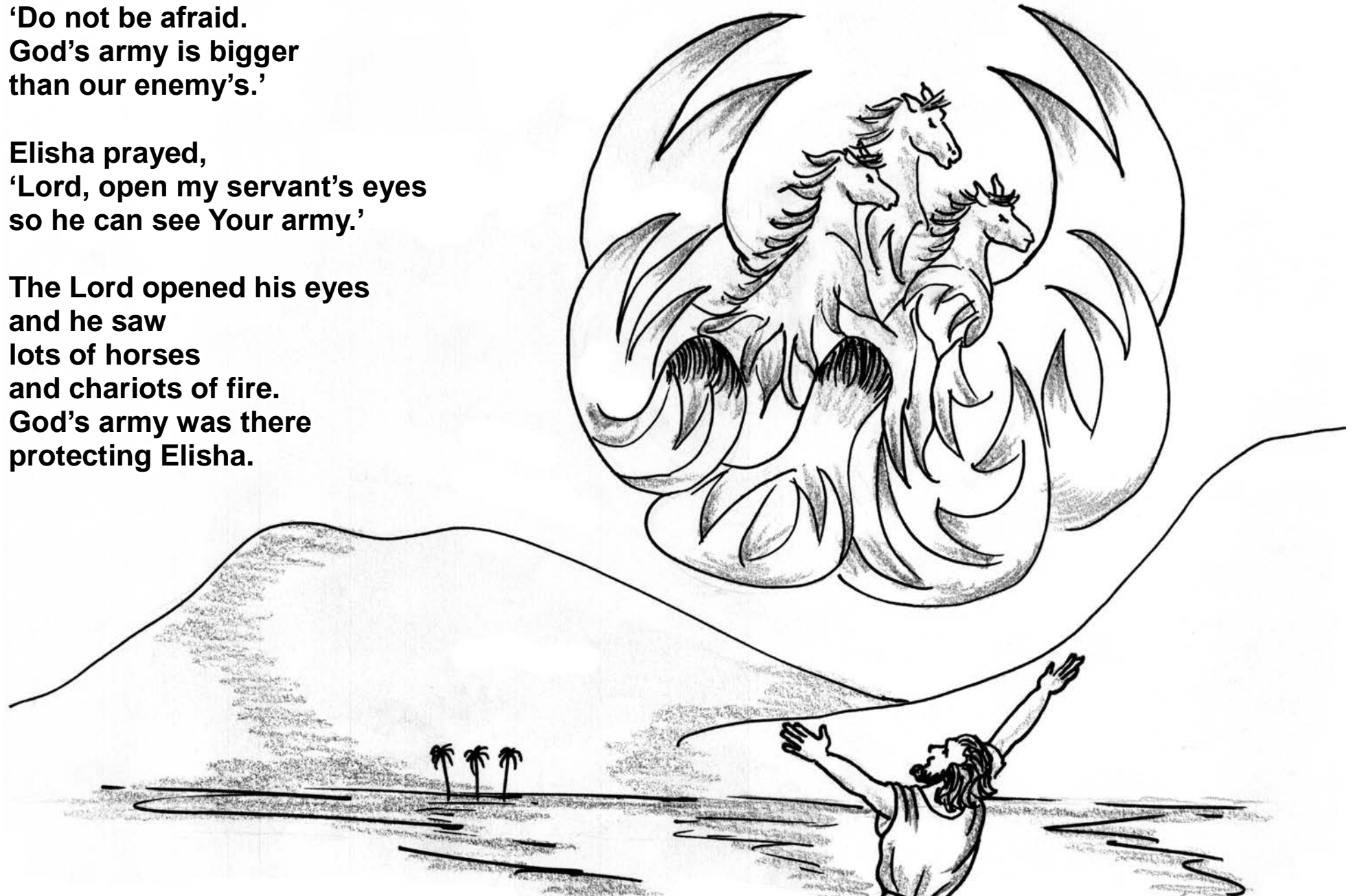
He said to Elisha,
'Oh, master, what can we do?'



**Elisha replied,
'Do not be afraid.
God's army is bigger
than our enemy's.'**

**Elisha prayed,
'Lord, open my servant's eyes
so he can see Your army.'**

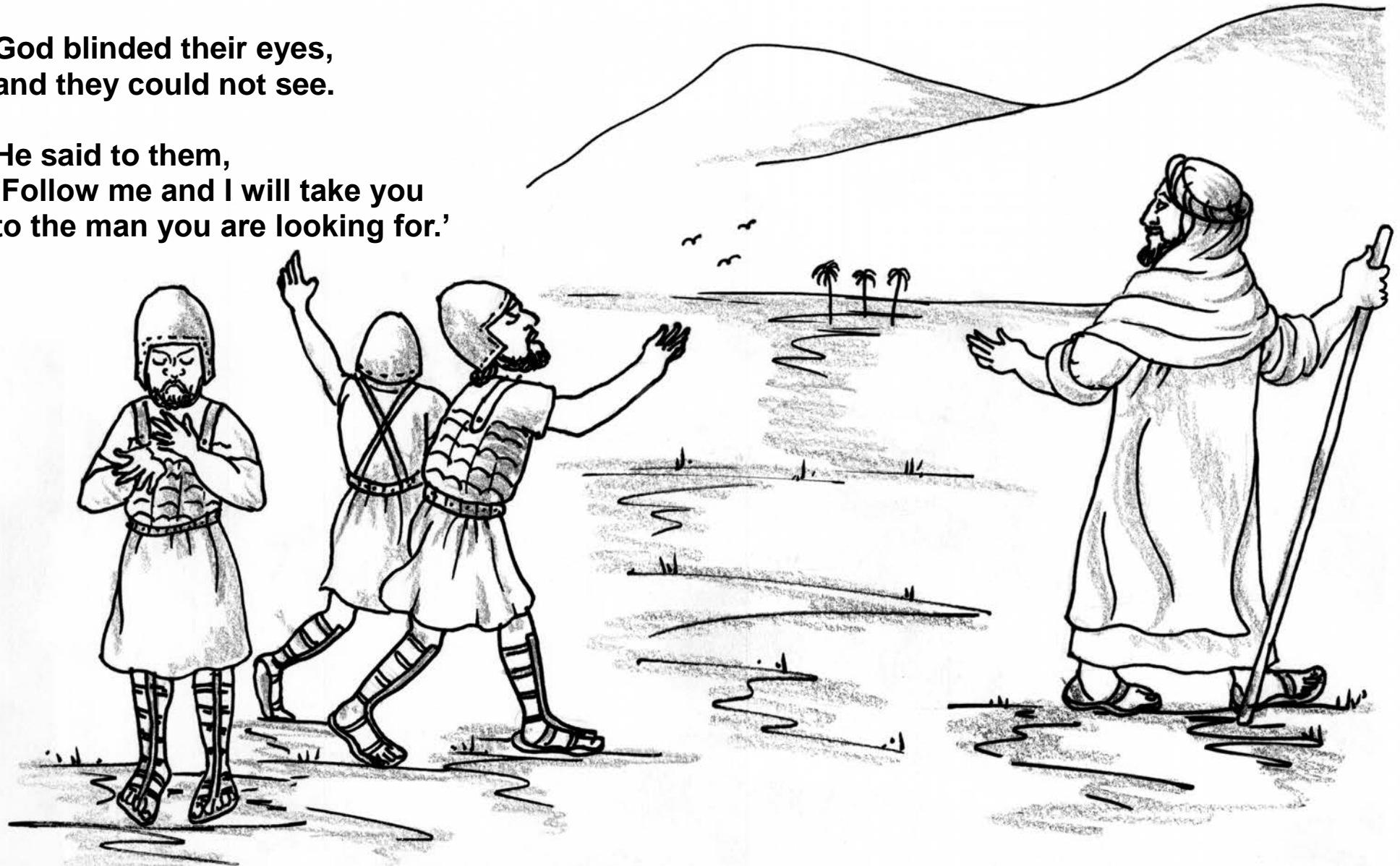
**The Lord opened his eyes
and he saw
lots of horses
and chariots of fire.
God's army was there
protecting Elisha.**



**When the enemy attacked,
Elisha prayed,
'Lord make these people blind.'**

**God blinded their eyes,
and they could not see.**

**He said to them,
'Follow me and I will take you
to the man you are looking for.'**

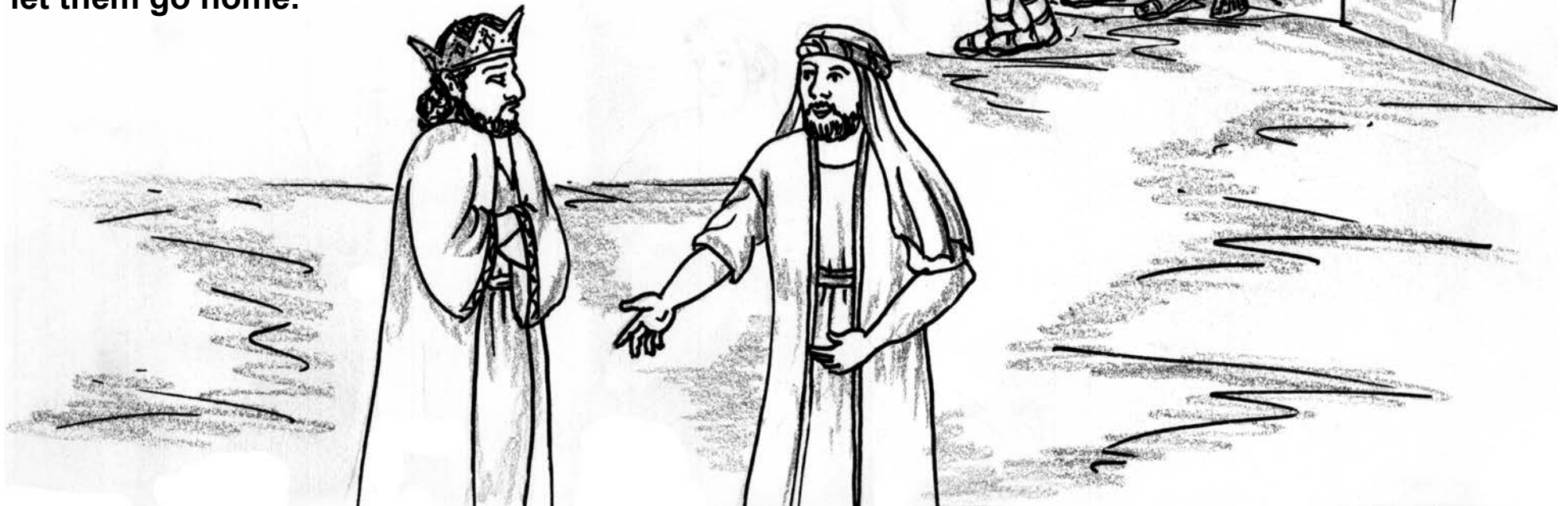


**Elisha lead the enemy to Samaria
where his king was.
Then he asked the Lord to
open their eyes.**

**When the enemy saw that
they had been taken into Samaria
they were afraid.**

Israel's king wondered what to do.

**Elisha said,
'Do not kill them.
Give them a feast and
let them go home.'**

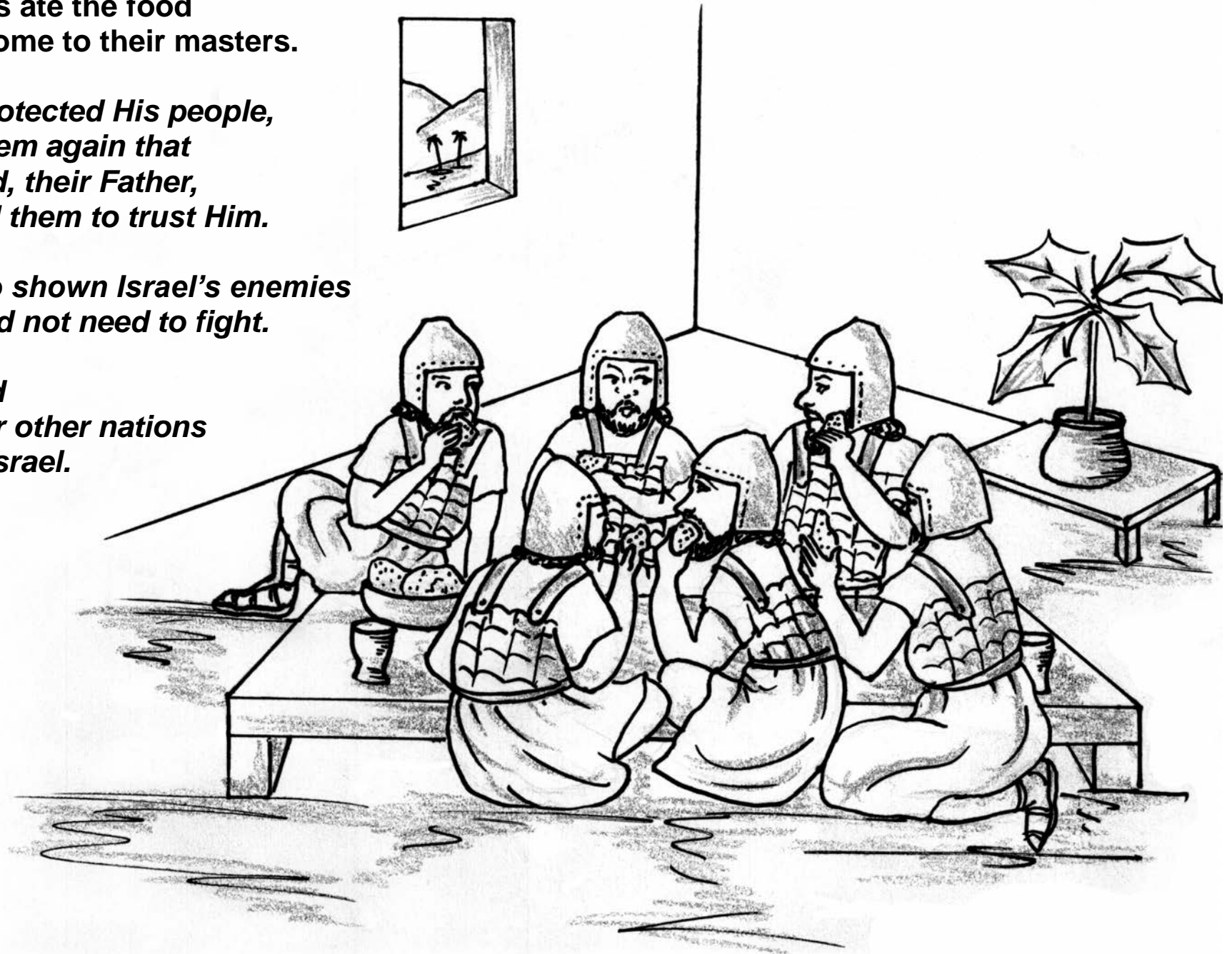


**The soldiers ate the food
and went home to their masters.**

***God had protected His people,
showing them again that
He was God, their Father,
and wanted them to trust Him.***

***He had also shown Israel's enemies
that they did not need to fight.***

***Israel's God
looked after other nations
as well as Israel.***



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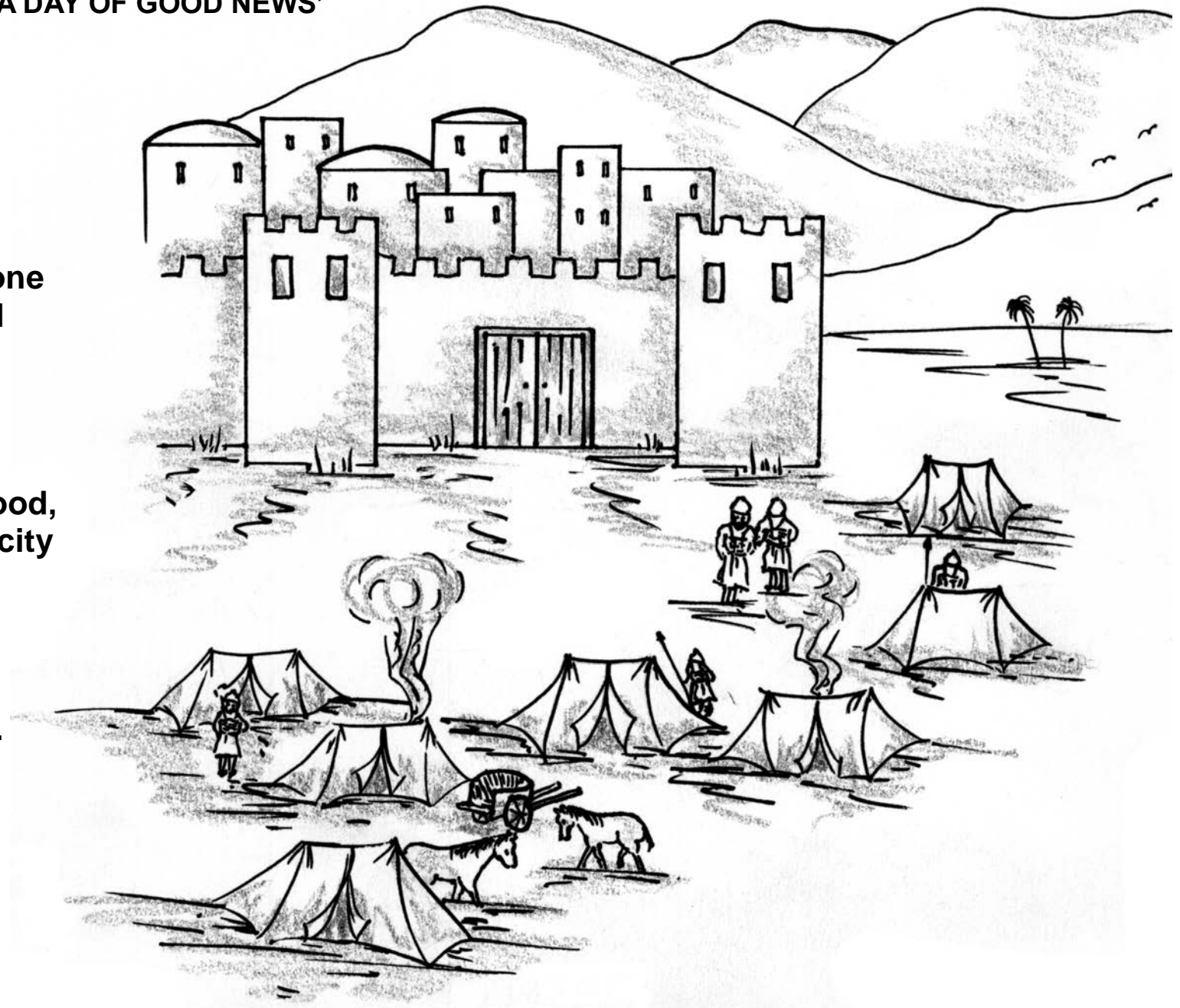
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The king of Aram
got his soldiers
to set up camp
around Samaria.
They stopped everyone
from coming out and
going into the city.

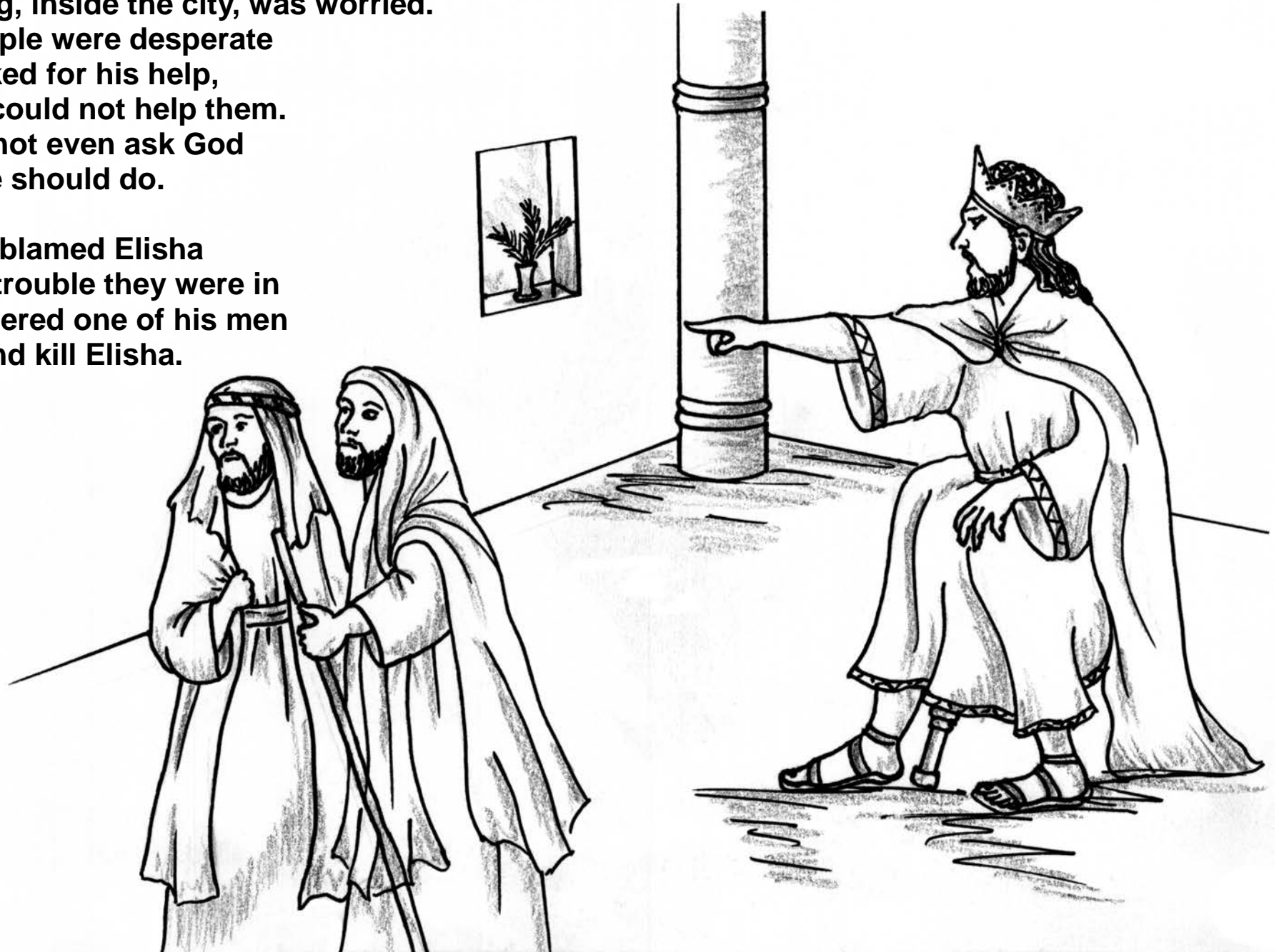
They stayed there
for a long time.
They had plenty of food,
but those inside the city
soon had none.

God's people
inside the city
became very hungry.



The king, inside the city, was worried.
His people were desperate
and asked for his help,
but he could not help them.
He did not even ask God
what he should do.

He just blamed Elisha
for the trouble they were in
and ordered one of his men
to go and kill Elisha.



**Elisha was sitting at home
with the leaders of the city.**

**He said,
'The King wants to kill me
and has sent someone to do it.
Do not let him in!'**

The leaders locked the door.

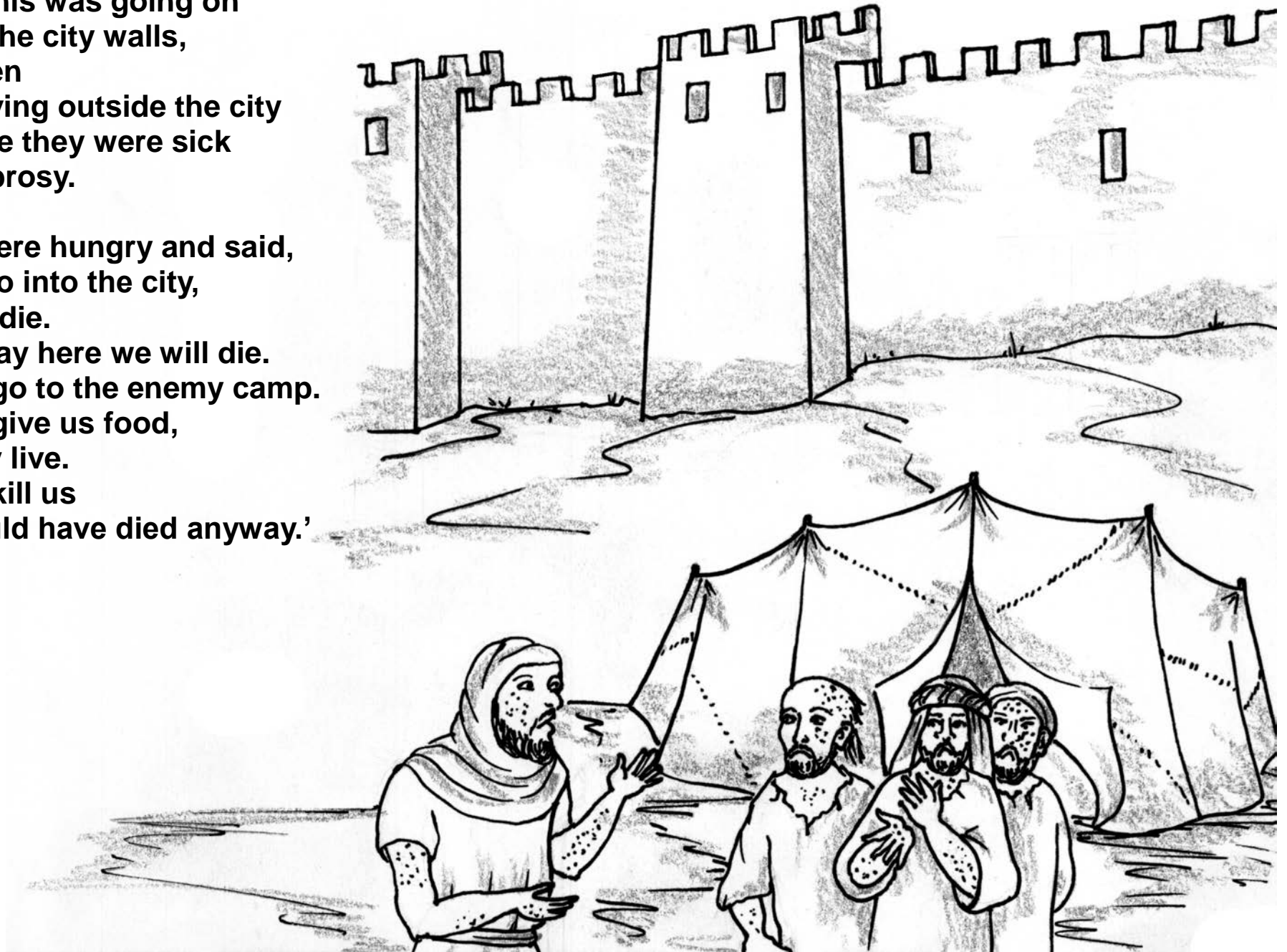
**The king came as well
and shouted,
'This trouble comes from God.
Why should I trust Him.'**

**'Listen,' said Elisha.
'Listen to God's word.
Tomorrow there will be
plenty of food.
It will not cost very much
like it does today.
It will be very cheap.'**



While this was going on
inside the city walls,
four men
were living outside the city
because they were sick
with leprosy.

They were hungry and said,
'If we go into the city,
we will die.
If we stay here we will die.
Let us go to the enemy camp.
If they give us food,
we may live.
If they kill us
we would have died anyway.'



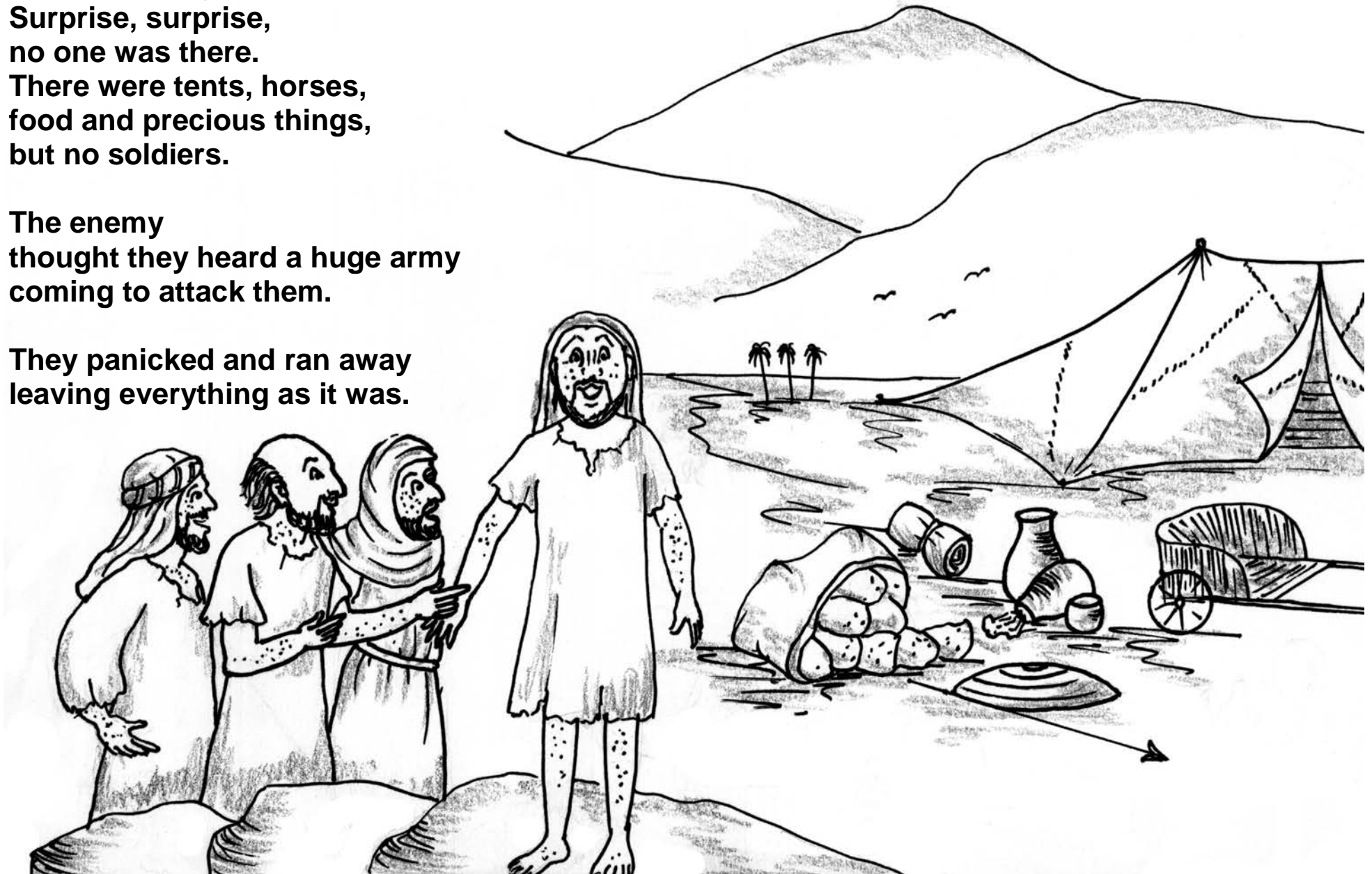
After the sun went down the lepers walked into the enemy camp.

Surprise, surprise, no one was there.

There were tents, horses, food and precious things, but no soldiers.

The enemy thought they heard a huge army coming to attack them.

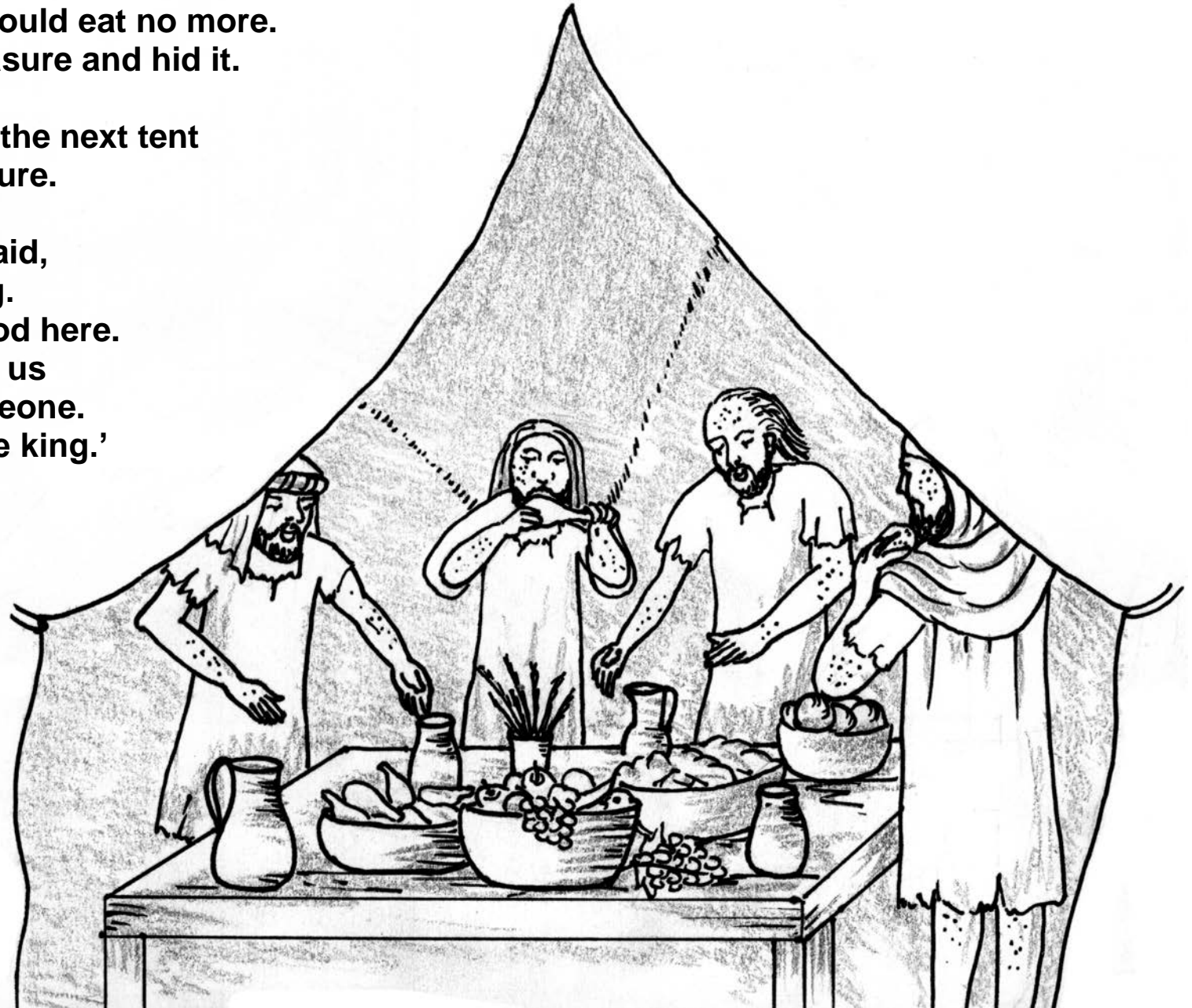
They panicked and ran away leaving everything as it was.



The four lepers went into the first tent.
They ate until they could eat no more.
They took some treasure and hid it.

Then they went into the next tent
and took more treasure.

They stopped and said,
'We are doing wrong.
We know there is food here.
Trouble will come to us
if we do not tell someone.
Let us go and tell the king.'



**At the city gate the lepers shouted
'The enemy has gone.
There is plenty of food in the tents.'**



**The king thought,
'The enemy might be trying to trick us.'**

**He checked it out by
sending some of his men
to chase the enemy.
It was true they had been frightened
and ran away.**

**It was now safe for God's people
to go out of their city.
When the gates were open
they rushed out to the tents
and gathered food,
silver, gold and clothes.
There was plenty for everyone.**

**God had saved His people
from their enemy.**

