

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE BIRTH OF ISAAC

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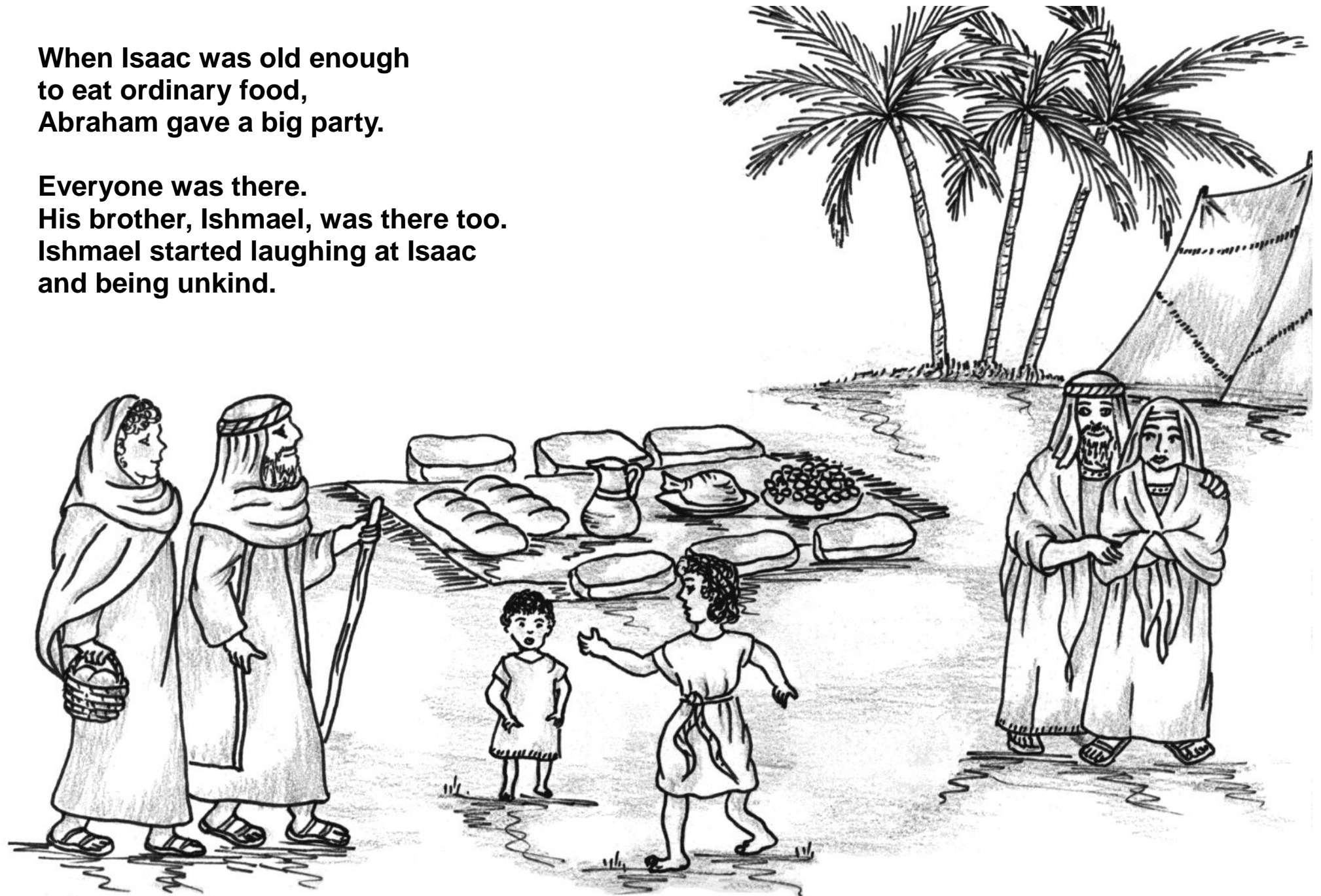
**The day had come.
Isaac was born.
This was the son
God had promised to Abraham.
This was the family into which
Jesus would be born,
many years later.**

**Abraham named their baby Isaac,
because God had made them laugh.**



When Isaac was old enough to eat ordinary food, Abraham gave a big party.

Everyone was there. His brother, Ishmael, was there too. Ishmael started laughing at Isaac and being unkind.

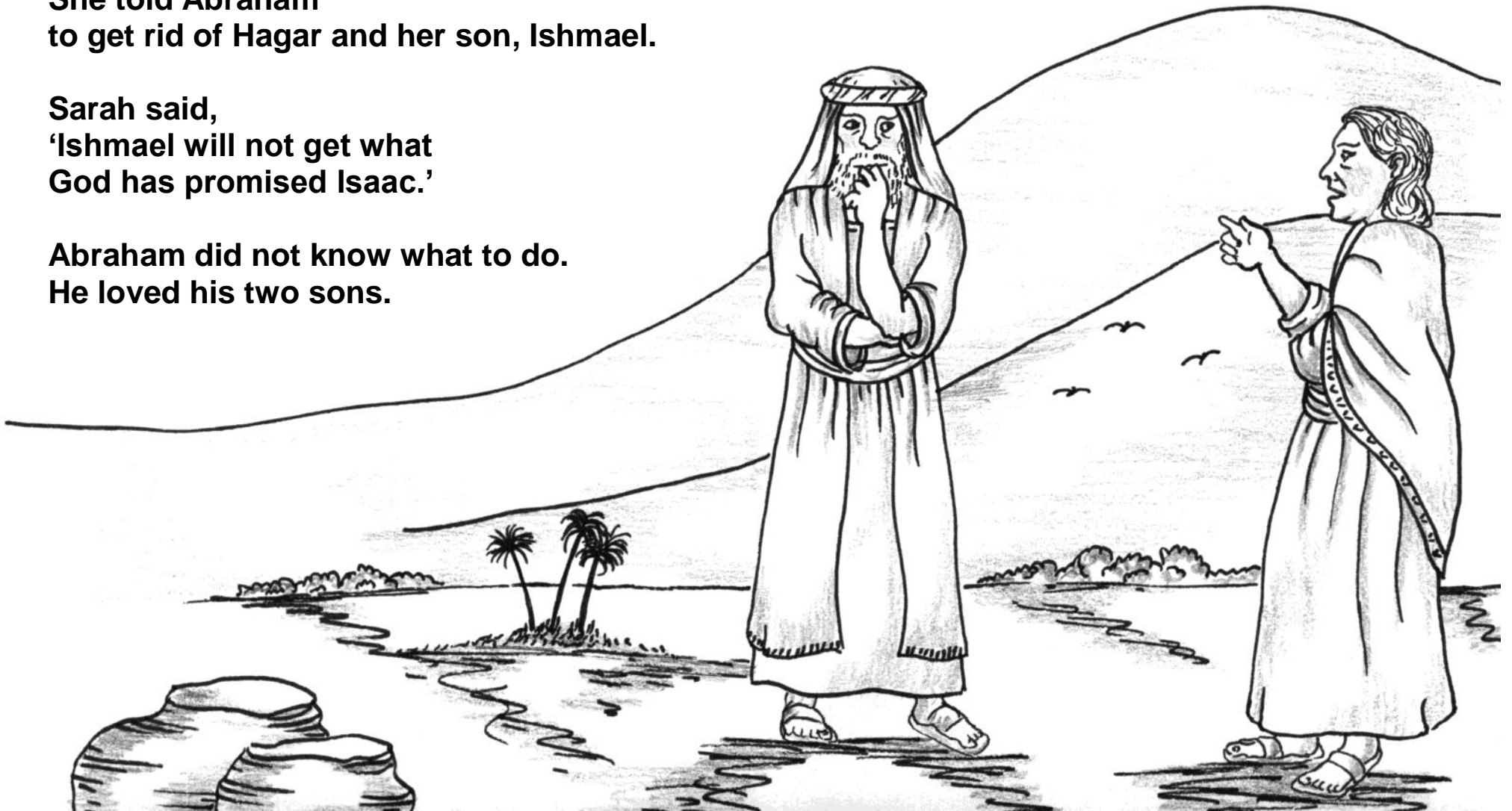


**Sarah saw Ishmael
being unkind to Isaac
and she was cross.**

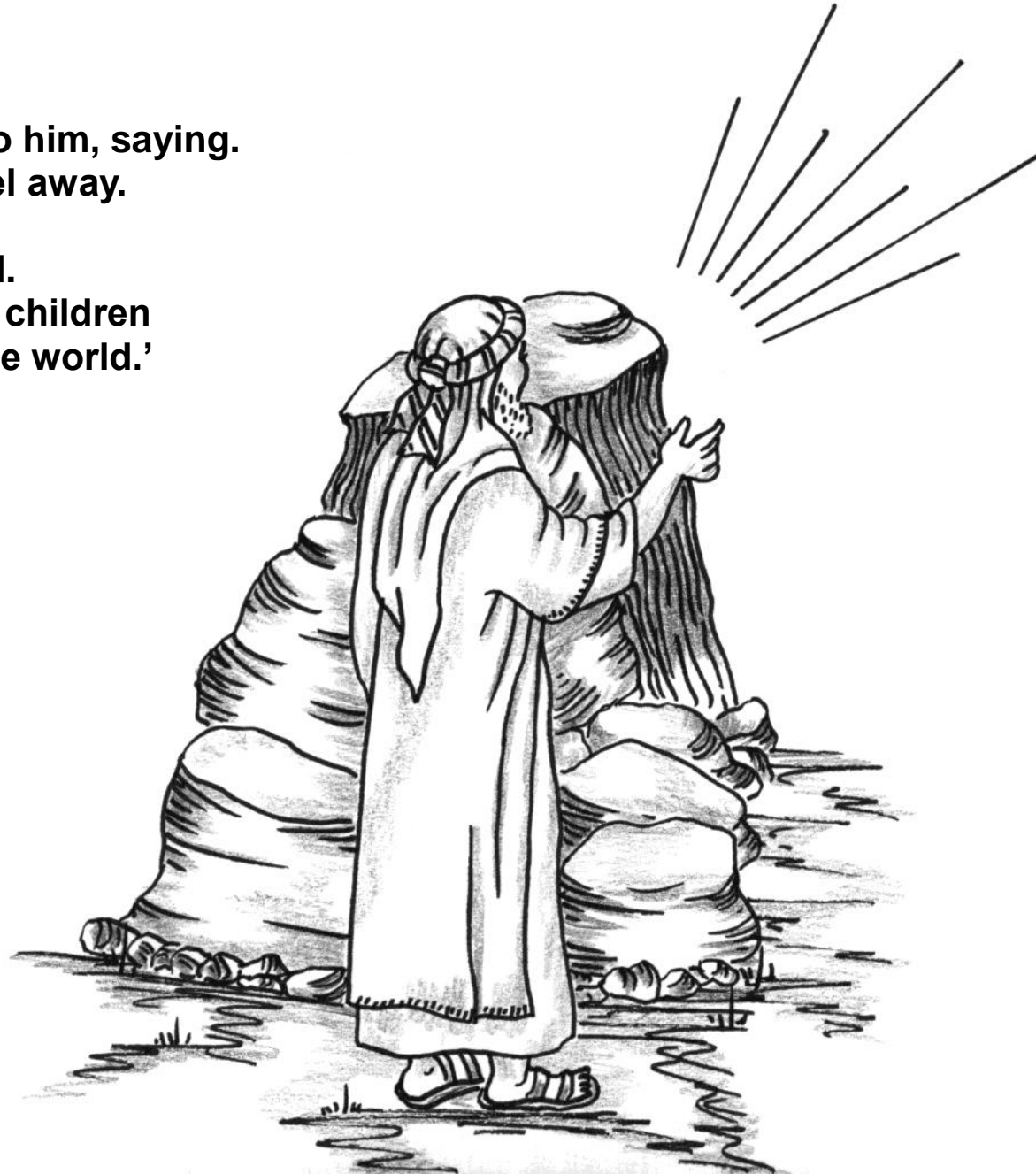
**She told Abraham
to get rid of Hagar and her son, Ishmael.**

**Sarah said,
'Ishmael will not get what
God has promised Isaac.'**

**Abraham did not know what to do.
He loved his two sons.**



**That night, God spoke to him, saying.
'Send Hagar and Ishmael away.
I will look after Ishmael
because he is your child.
But it is through Isaac's children
that I will bless the whole world.'**



**The next morning
Abraham called Hagar.
He gave her some
bread and water,
and sent her
and her son away.**

**They walked a long way,
until Ishmael couldn't walk
any more.
He was crying.**

**God heard Ishmael crying,
and sent an angel to Hagar
saying,
'God has heard your boy's cry.
Go and lift him up.
I will care for him.'**

**He showed her
a well of water.
Hagar gave Ishmael
a drink
and he felt strong again.**



**They made their home in the desert,
and God took care of them.**

