

# ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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## ***ACHAN'S SIN***

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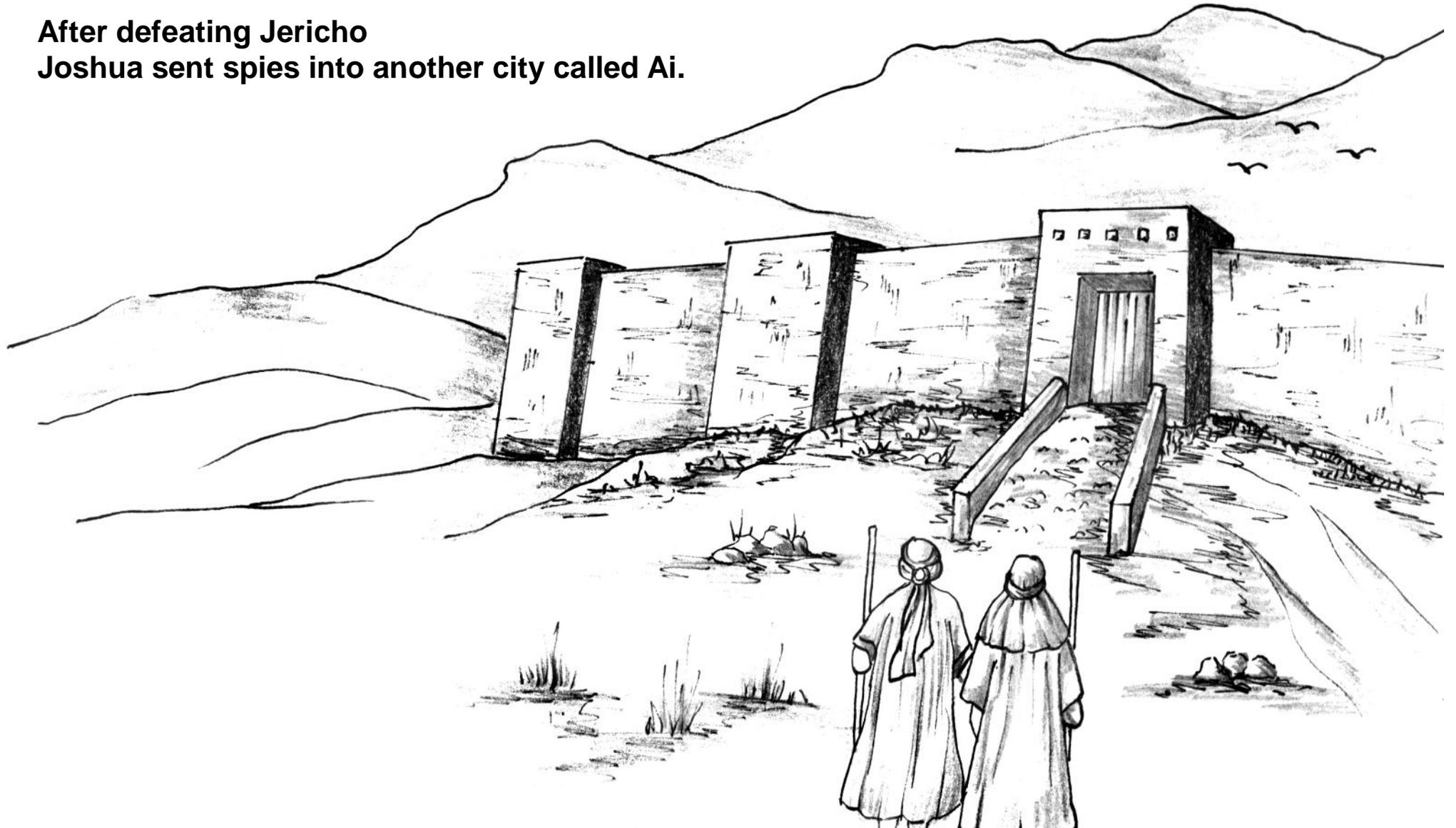
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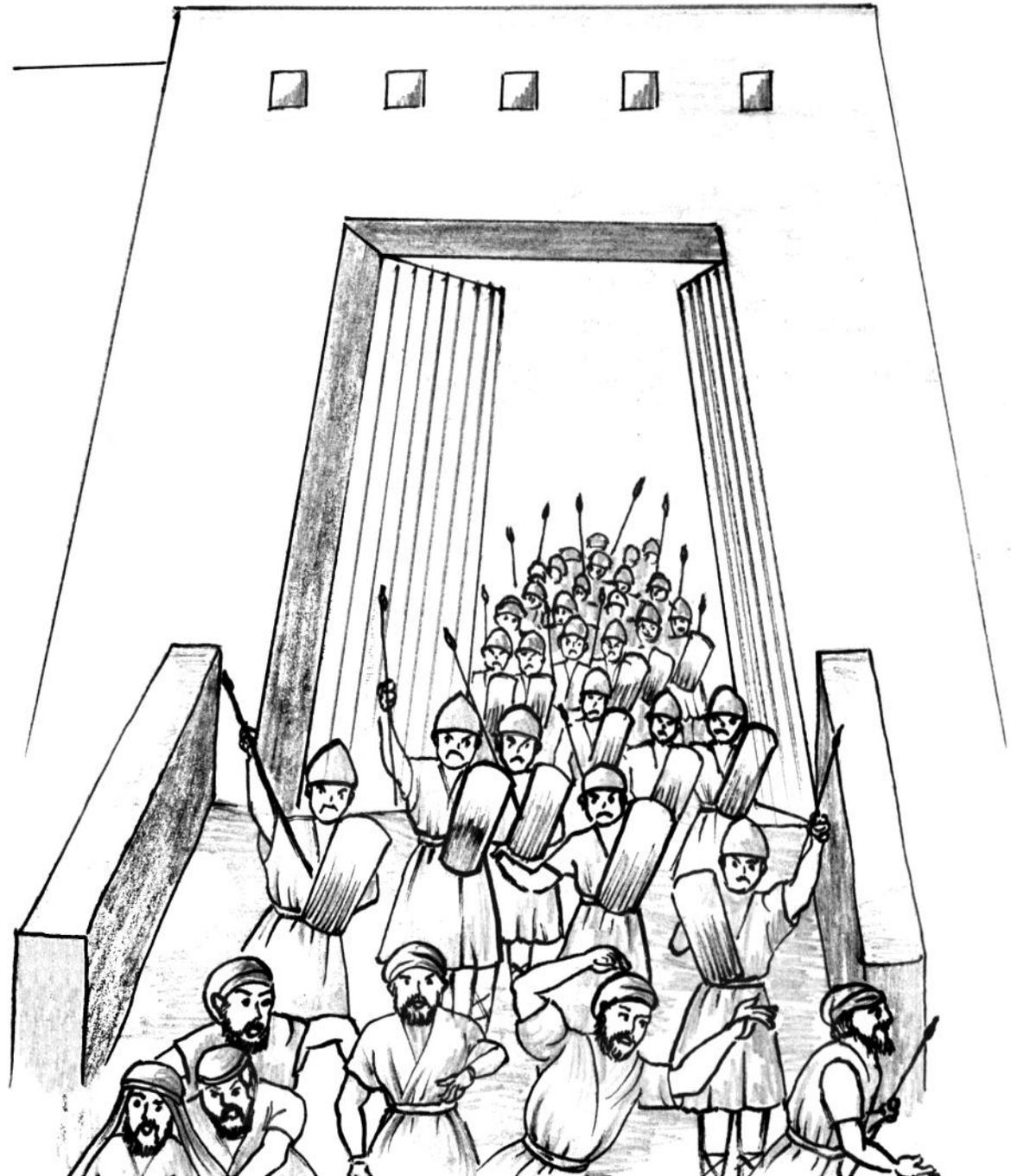
**JOSHUA 7:1 – 8:31**  
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**After defeating Jericho**  
**Joshua sent spies into another city called Ai.**



The spies came back saying,  
'Ai is only a little city.  
There's no need  
to send all of our soldiers to fight.'

So Joshua only sent 3000 soldiers  
to fight against Ai.  
But when the soldiers of Ai  
came out to fight,  
God's people ran away,  
and some of them were killed.



**This troubled Joshua.  
He fell down before the Lord  
and said,  
'Lord God, you brought us here,  
and now the enemy has defeated us.  
Everyone will hear about it  
and will not believe that  
You are the God  
of the heavens and the earth.  
What are You going to do?'**



**The Lord said to Joshua,  
'Stand up.  
My people have sinned.  
They have taken things from Jericho  
which I told them to destroy.  
They have stolen from Me.  
That is why they have lost this battle.  
Tell everyone to get ready  
and come before Me tomorrow.'**



Early the next morning  
Joshua brought each family before the Lord.  
The Lord showed him  
that Achan was the thief.

Joshua said to Achan,  
'Tell the Lord what you have done.'

Achan said,  
'It is true.  
I have sinned against the Lord.  
When I was in Jericho I saw  
a beautiful coat,  
and some silver and gold.  
I wanted them.  
I took them and buried them  
in the ground under my tent.'

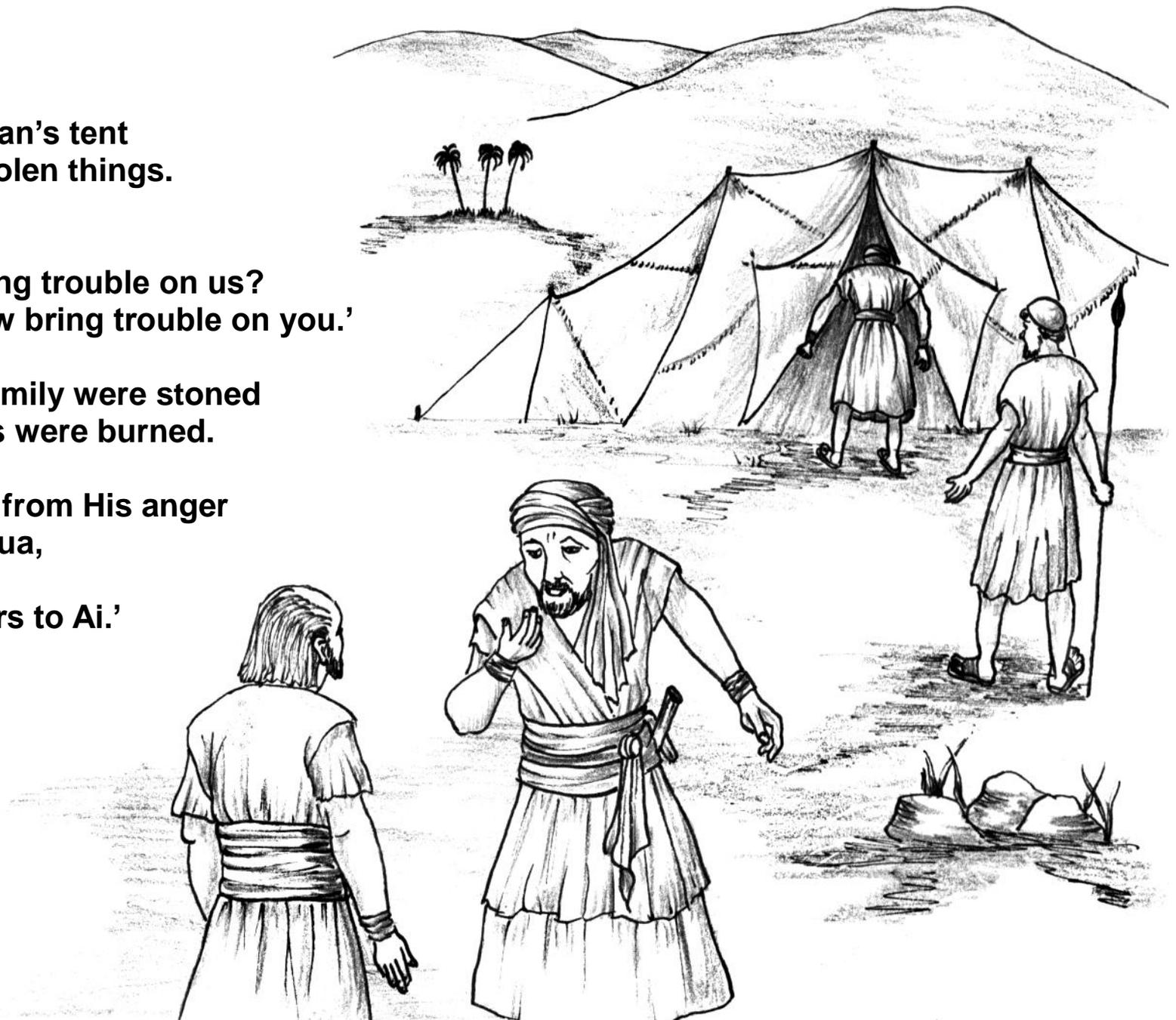


**Men went to Achan's tent  
and found the stolen things.**

**Joshua said,  
'Why did you bring trouble on us?  
The Lord will now bring trouble on you.'**

**Achan and his family were stoned  
and all his goods were burned.**

**God then turned from His anger  
and said to Joshua,  
'Don't be afraid.  
Take your soldiers to Ai.'**



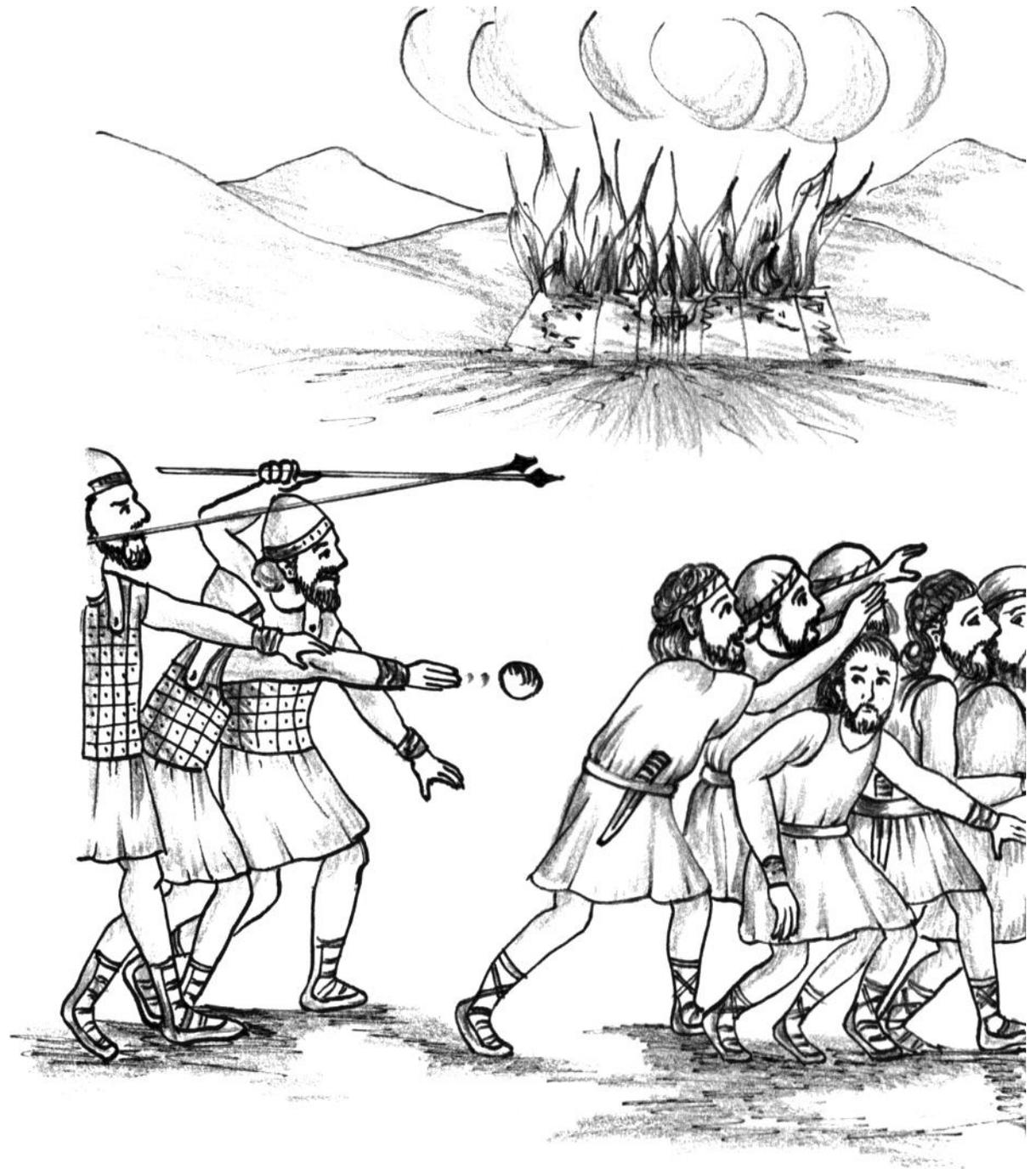
**That night,  
some of Joshua's men hid  
around and behind the city,  
just as God had told them to do.**

**When Joshua's other soldiers  
came in the morning,  
the soldiers of Ai chased them.**

**Joshua's men ran away  
just like they did before.  
This time it was  
to bring their enemy out of the city.**

**Then the men who had been hiding  
went into Ai and set it on fire.**

**The soldiers of Ai looked back  
and saw that their city  
was on fire.  
They were surrounded  
and defeated.**



**Joshua and his men went back to Gilgal,  
built an altar  
and worshipped the Lord,  
for God had given the city to His people.**

**Joshua read God's word to everyone,  
including those who had joined them.**

**They were learning to live  
by what God said.**

