

Bible Stories for Young Children

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GOD CHOOSES GIDEON

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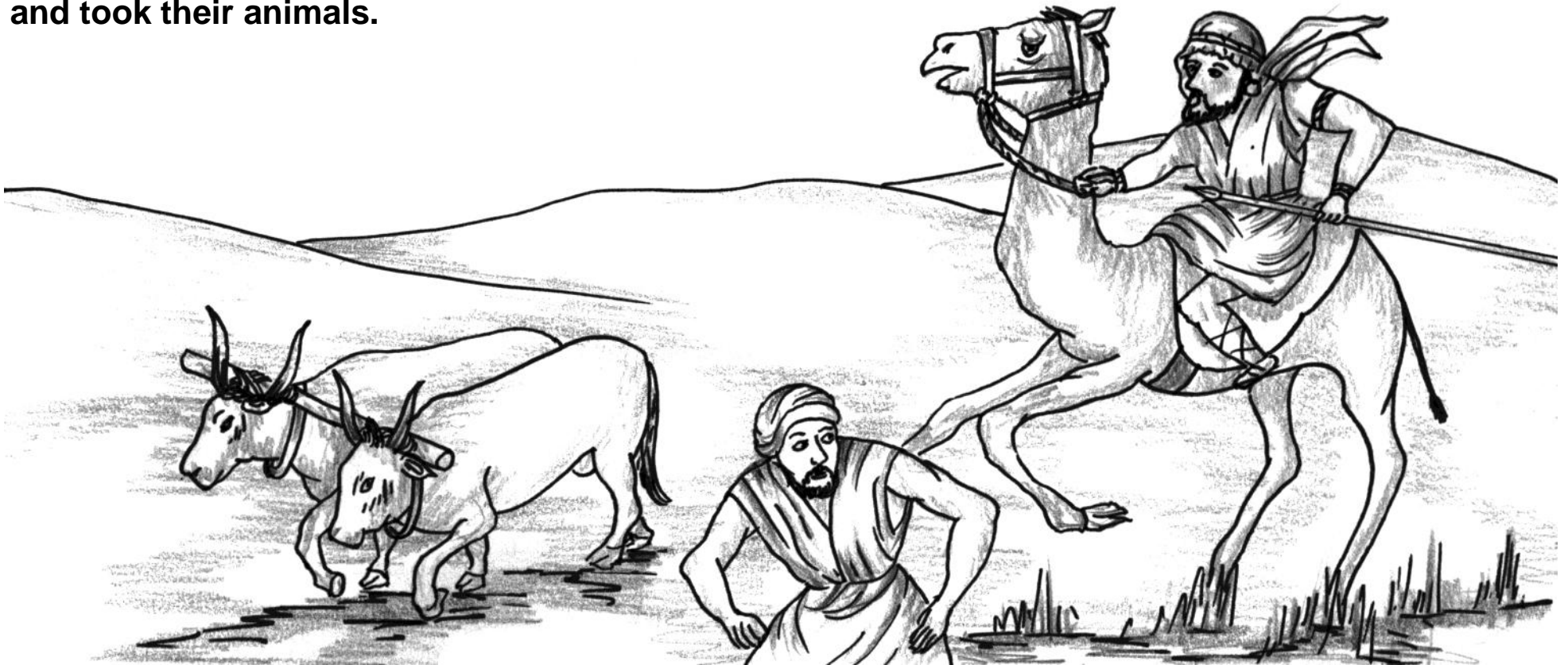
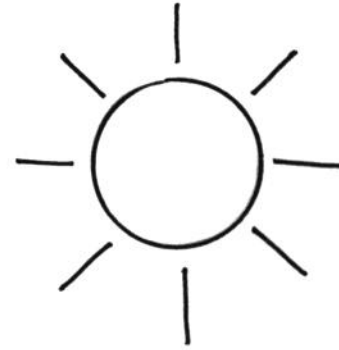
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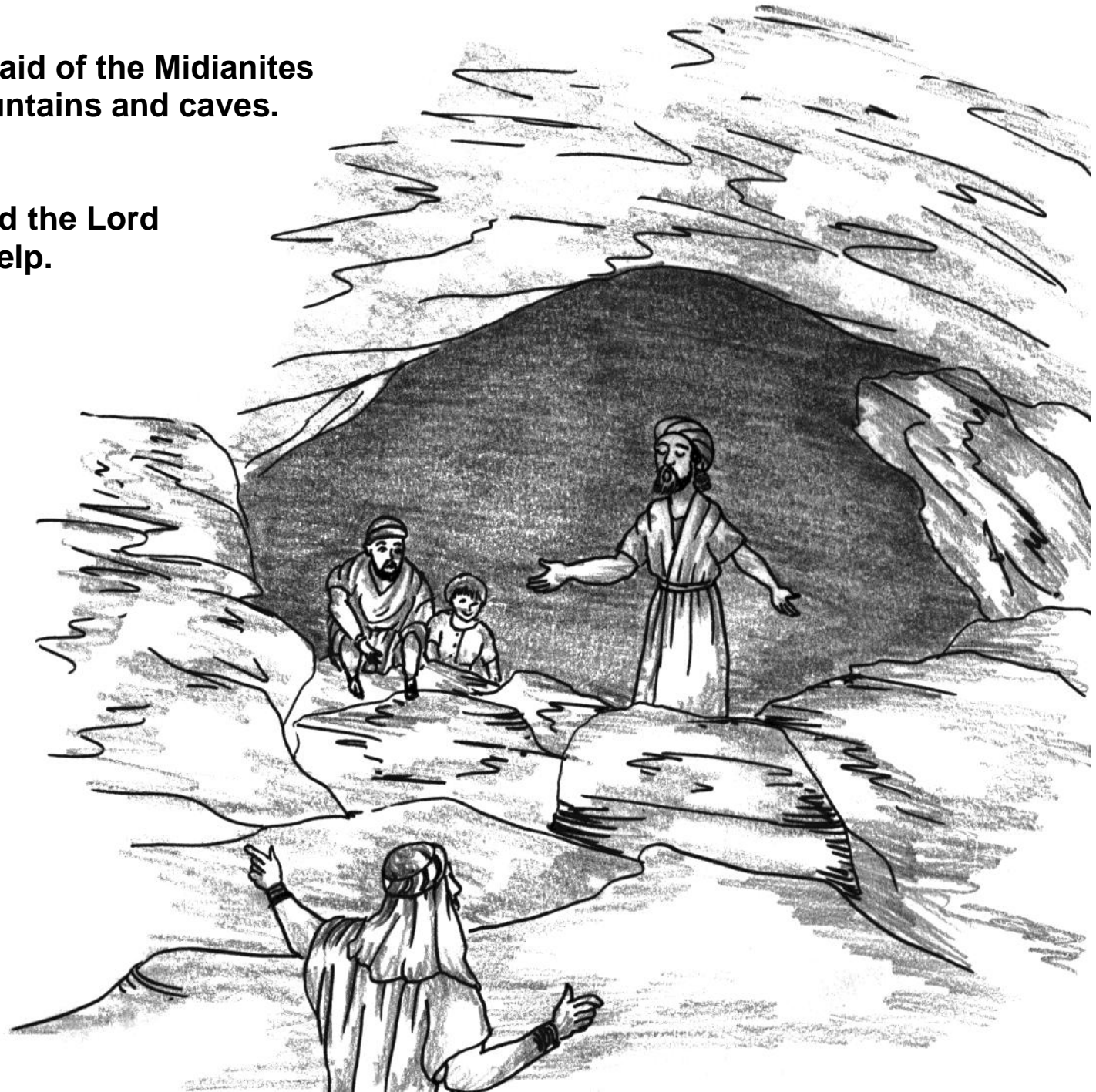
**God's people kept turning away from God
to worship the false god, Baal.**

**This time, God let the Midianites rule over them.
They destroyed their crops
and took their animals.**



**God's people were afraid of the Midianites
so they hid in the mountains and caves.**

**Then they remembered the Lord
and cried to Him for help.**



One day, while Gideon was secretly working with his wheat, an angel of the Lord came to him.

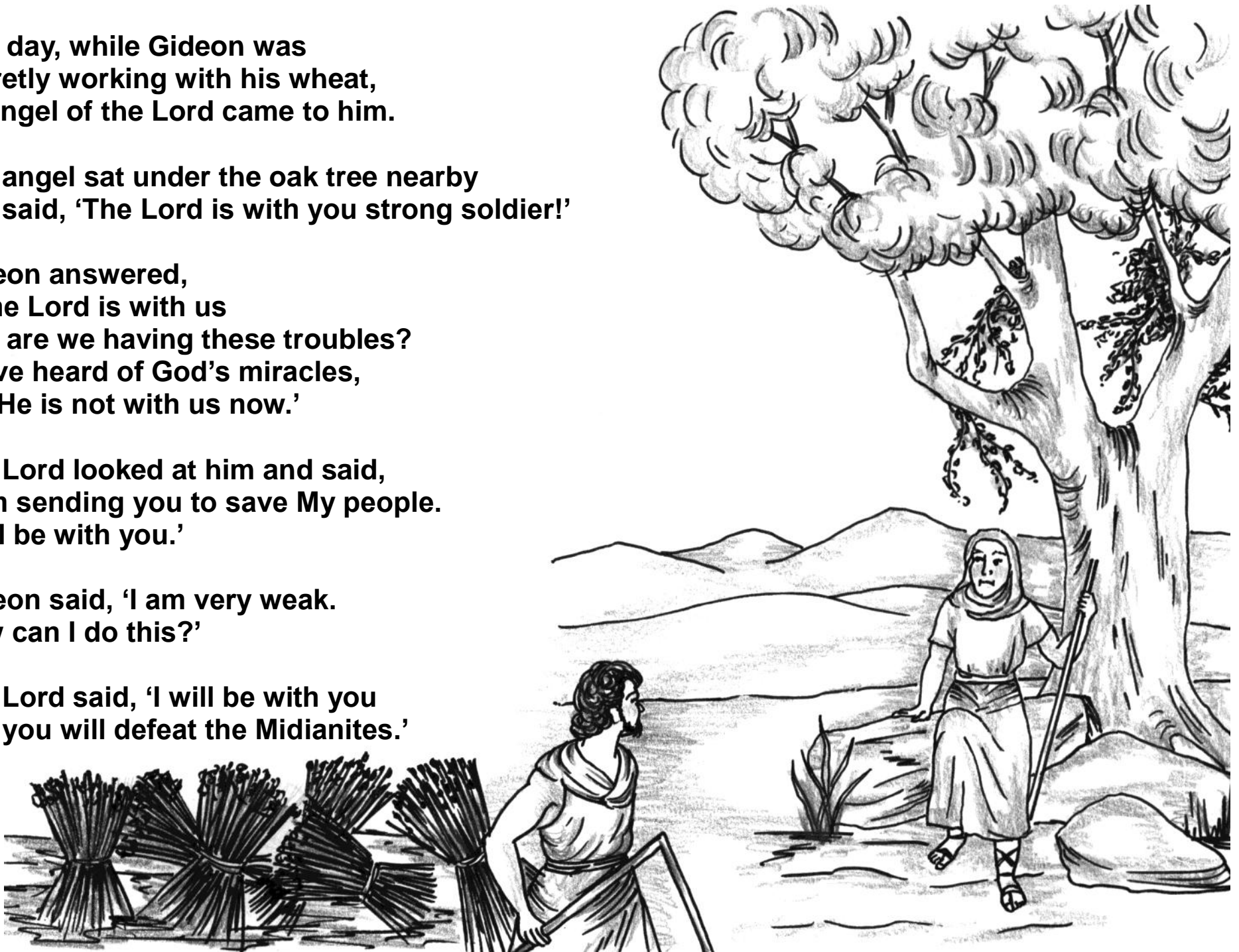
The angel sat under the oak tree nearby and said, 'The Lord is with you strong soldier!'

**Gideon answered,
'If the Lord is with us
why are we having these troubles?
I have heard of God's miracles,
but He is not with us now.'**

**The Lord looked at him and said,
'I am sending you to save My people.
I will be with you.'**

**Gideon said, 'I am very weak.
How can I do this?'**

**The Lord said, 'I will be with you
and you will defeat the Midianites.'**



**Gideon said,
'If you are pleased with me,
show me that it really is you
who is asking me to help.
Wait for me here
and I will bring you a gift.'**

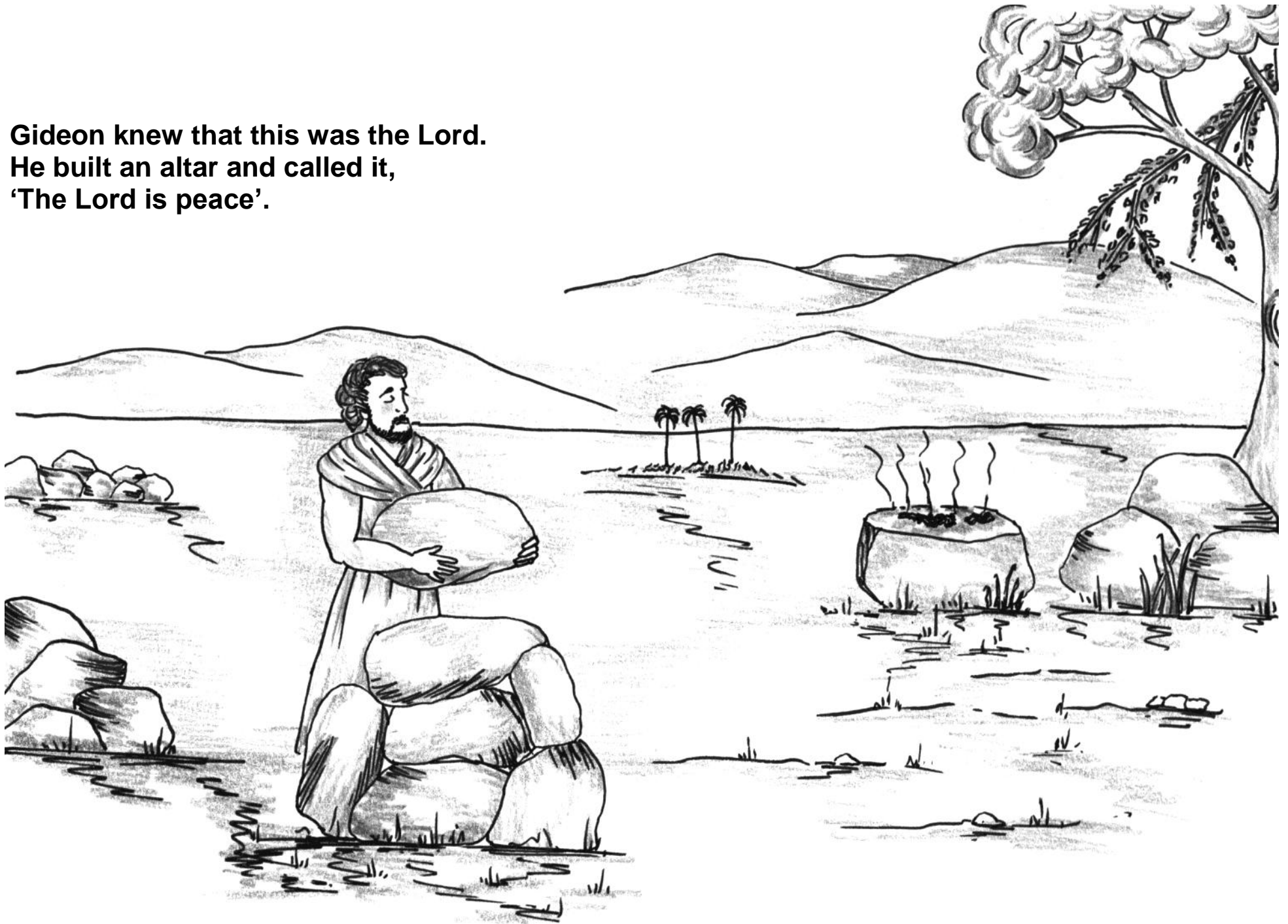
**Gideon brought back
his gift of meat and bread
and gave it to his visitor.**

**The angel told him
to put the meat and bread
on the rock.**

**That is what Gideon did.
The angel touched it with the
end of his stick.
Fire came up from the rock
and burned the food.
Then the angel disappeared.**

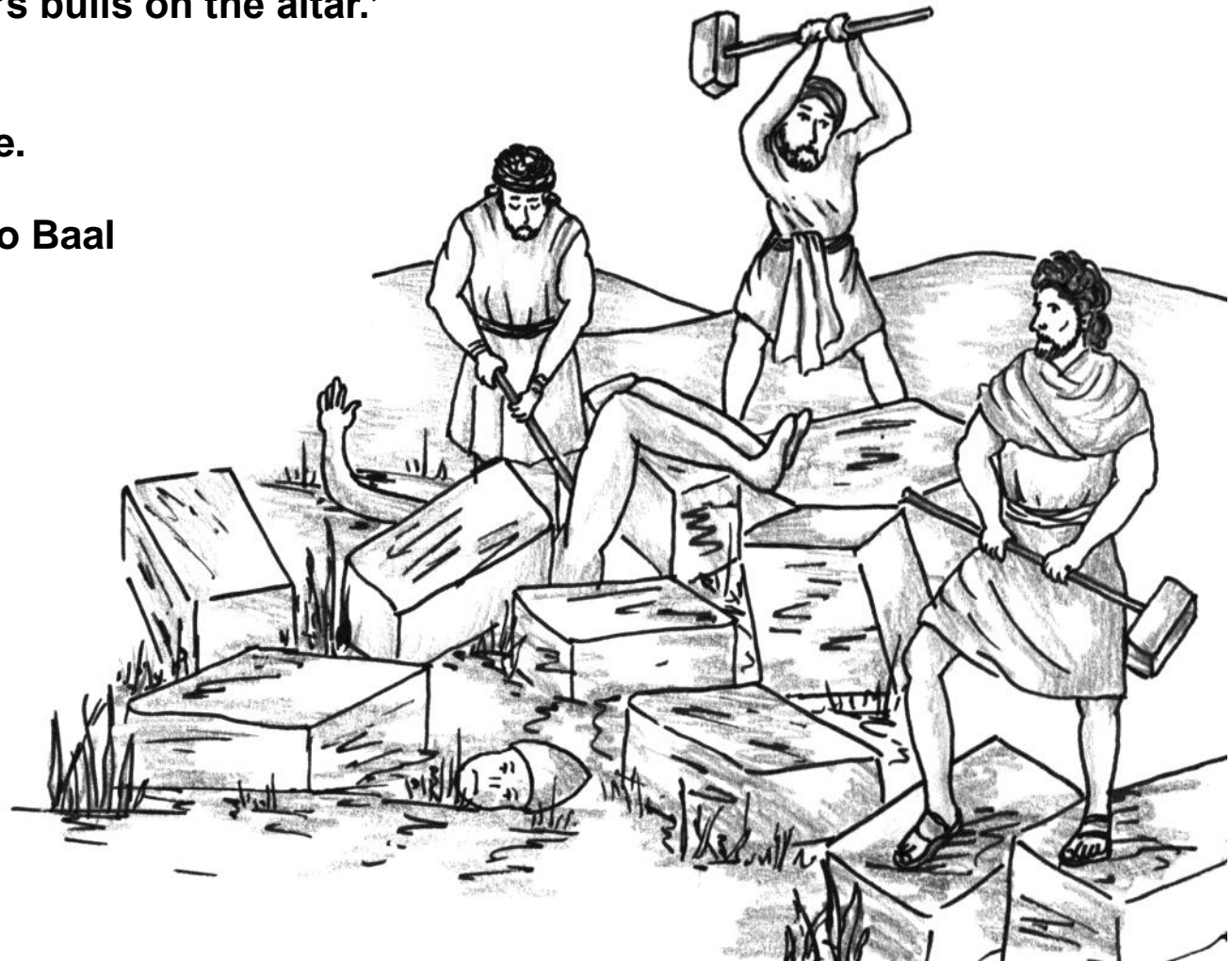


**Gideon knew that this was the Lord.
He built an altar and called it,
'The Lord is peace'.**



That night the Lord spoke to Gideon saying.
'Go and pull down
your father's altar to Baal
and the idol beside it.
Build an altar to the Lord your God.
Sacrifice one of your father's bulls on the altar.'

Gideon was afraid
so he waited until night time.
With ten of his servants
they pulled down the altar to Baal
and the idol.
Then he built an altar
and sacrificed to the Lord.



The next morning
when the people got up and saw
what Gideon had done they were angry.
They wanted to kill Gideon.

But Gideon's father said,
'If Baal is a god,
let him fight for himself.'



When the Midianites heard what Gideon had done, they prepared for war.

God's Spirit came upon Gideon. Gideon blew his trumpet and told the people to follow him. He knew that God was with him and would help them defeat their enemies.

