

***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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***A BABY PROMISED BY GOD /  
SAMSON FIGHTS THE PHILISTINES***

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**JUDGES 13:1 – 14:7,20; 15:9–20**  
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**God's people often forgot God  
and did what was evil,  
even though God had helped them.**

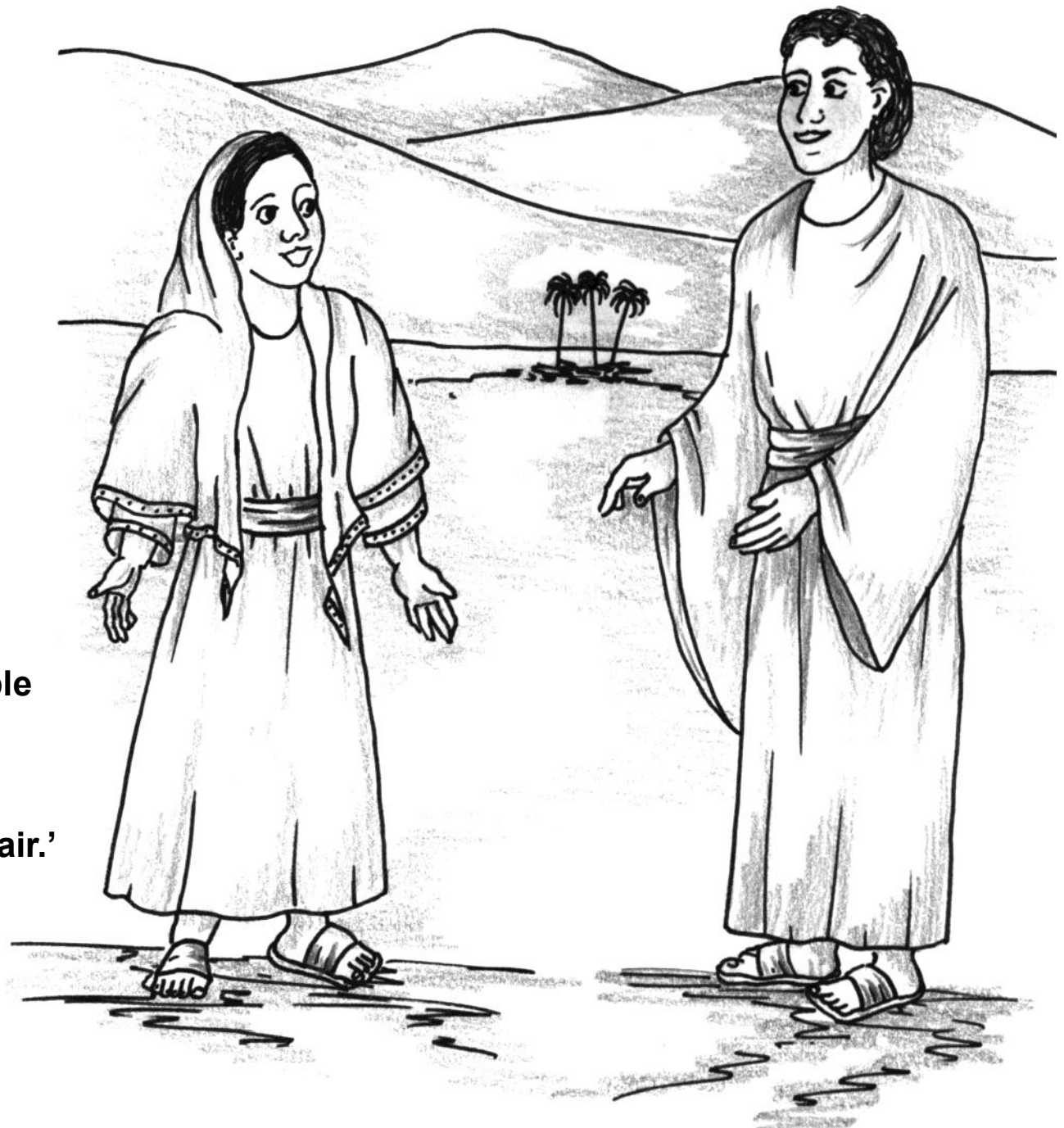
**So God let the Philistines  
come and live in their land.  
They fought God's people.  
God's people were afraid.**



**Manoah, one of God's people,  
and his wife lived in Israel.**

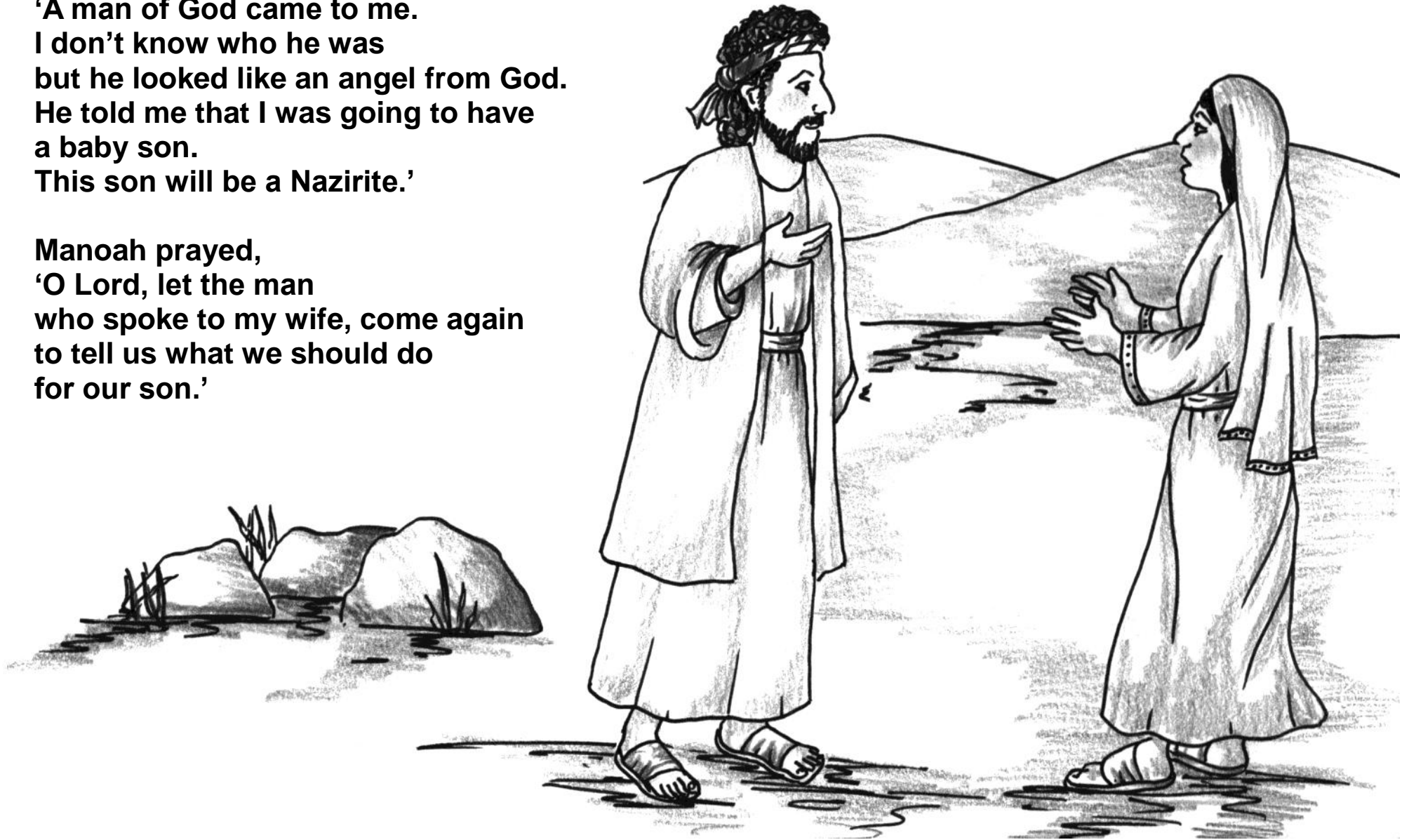
**One day the angel of the Lord  
came to Manoah's wife  
and said,  
'You have not been able  
to have a baby.  
But now you are going to have  
a baby son.**

**'Your baby son will be for God.  
He will be set apart for God  
from the day he is born.  
He will begin to save God's people  
from the Philistines.  
So you should not drink wine  
or eat food that is unclean.  
You must never cut your son's hair.'**



When the angel had gone  
Manoah's wife found her husband  
and said,  
'A man of God came to me.  
I don't know who he was  
but he looked like an angel from God.  
He told me that I was going to have  
a baby son.  
This son will be a Nazirite.'

Manoah prayed,  
'O Lord, let the man  
who spoke to my wife, come again  
to tell us what we should do  
for our son.'



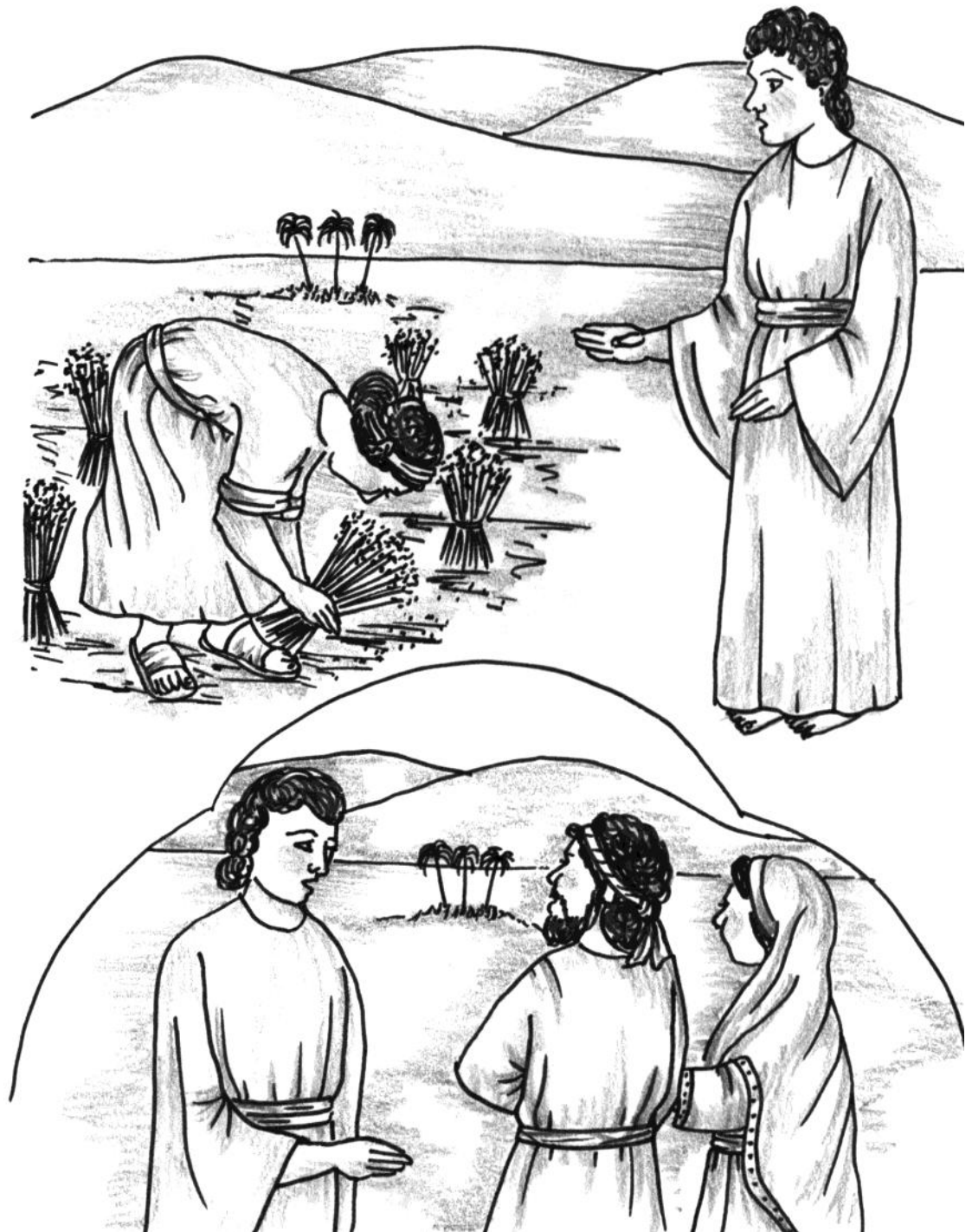
**Manoah's wife was in the field,  
and the angel came to her again.  
She ran to get her husband  
and they went back to the angel.**

**'Are you the man who told my wife  
that she will have a baby son?'  
asked Manoah.**

**'I am,' said the angel.**

**Manoah said,  
'What do we teach our son?'**

**The angel said,  
'He will be a Nazirite,  
a child especially prepared  
for God's will.  
He will save God's people  
from the Philistines.  
His hair is not to be cut.'**

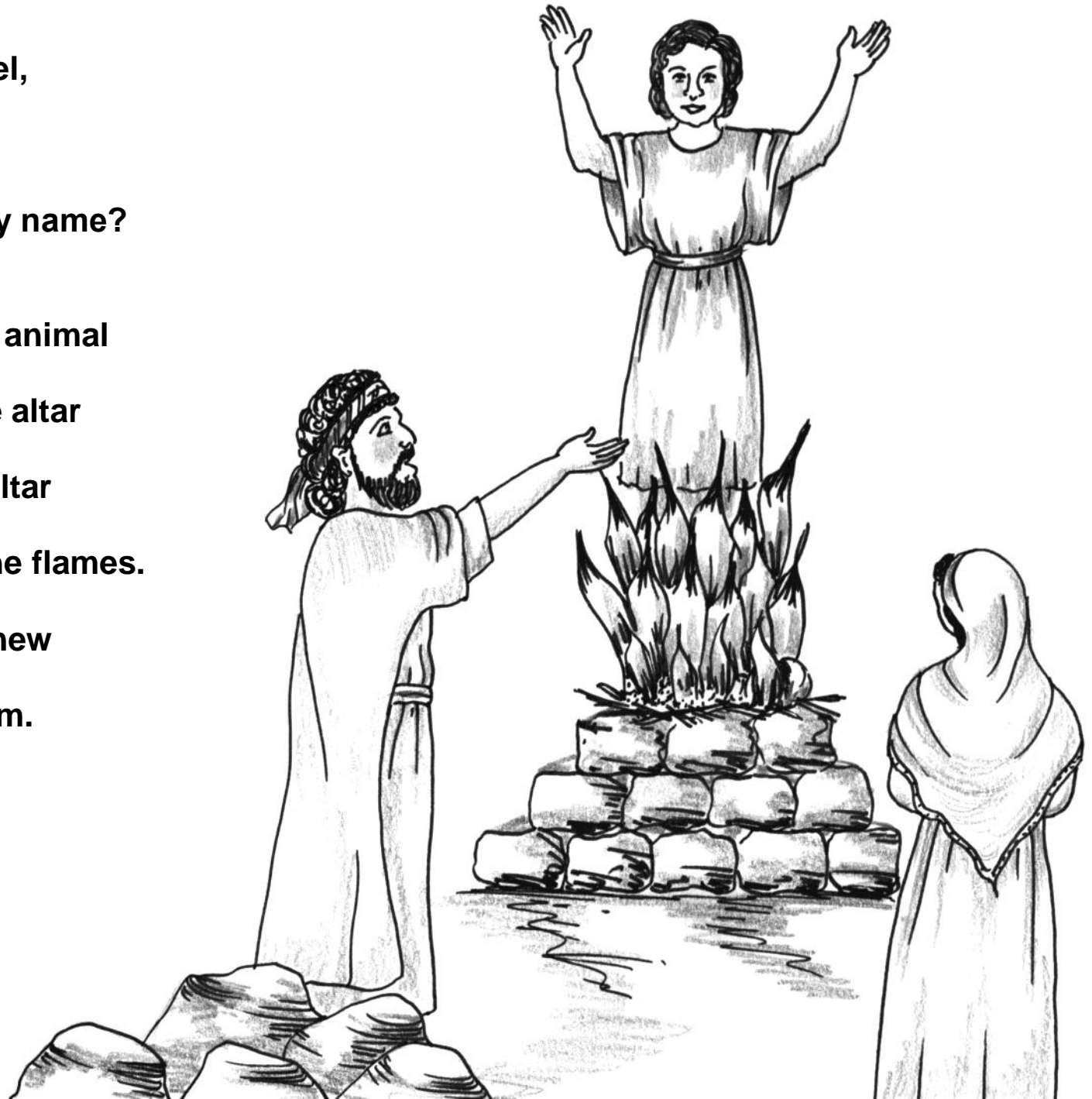


**Manoah asked the angel,  
'What is your name?'**

**The angel said,  
'Why do you ask me my name?  
It is too wonderful.'**

**So Manoah got a small animal  
and some grain  
and he offered it on the altar  
to the Lord.  
Fire went up from the altar  
and the angel  
went up to heaven in the flames.**

**Manoah and his wife knew  
that it was God  
who had spoken to them.**





**When the baby was born  
they called him Samson.**

**Samson grew  
and God gave him amazing strength.  
One day he killed a lion.  
Another time the Philistines  
came to get him and  
God gave him strength to defeat them.**

**So the Lord gave His people Samson  
to be a judge  
and to defeat their enemies.**

