

Bible Stories for Young Children

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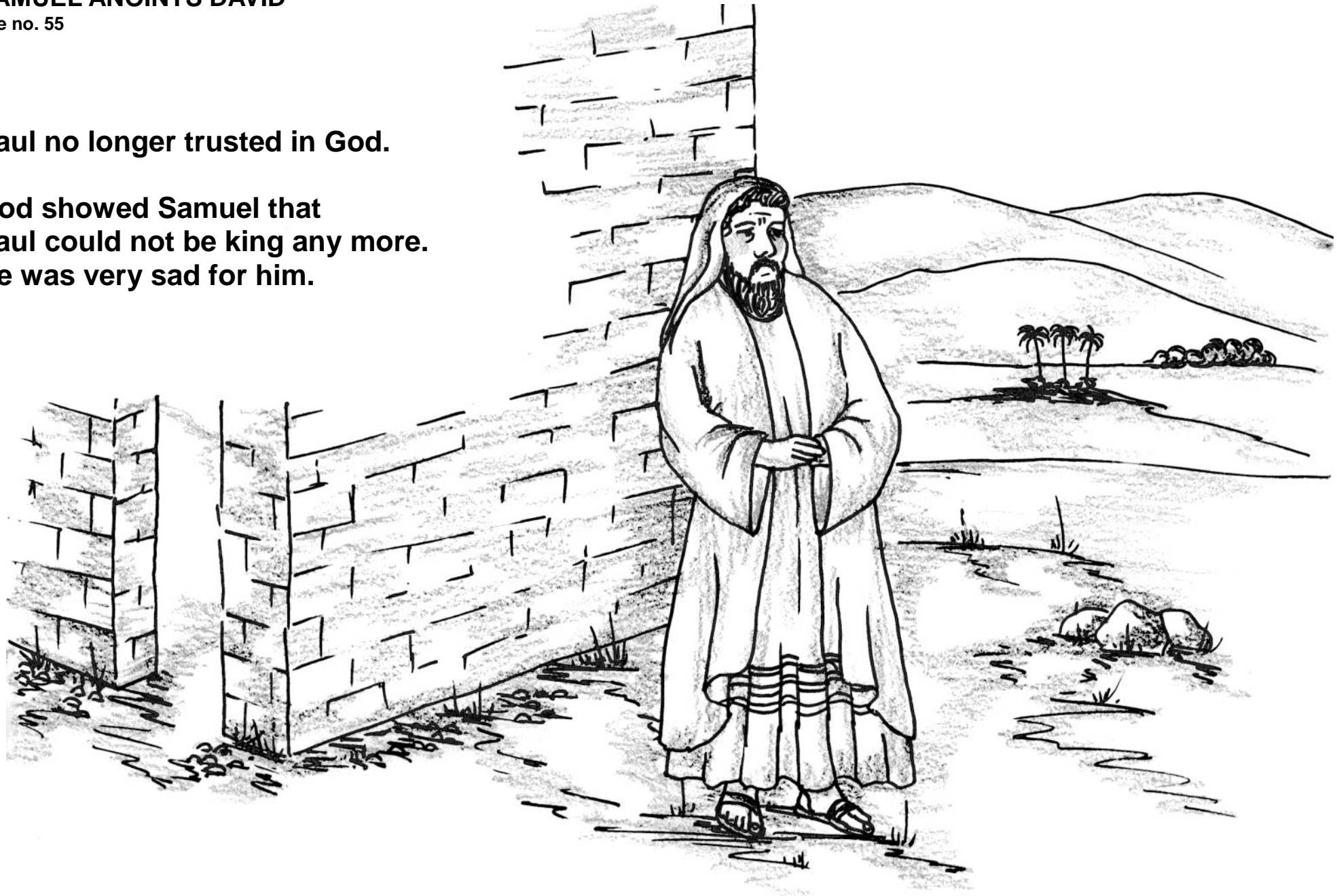
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Saul no longer trusted in God.

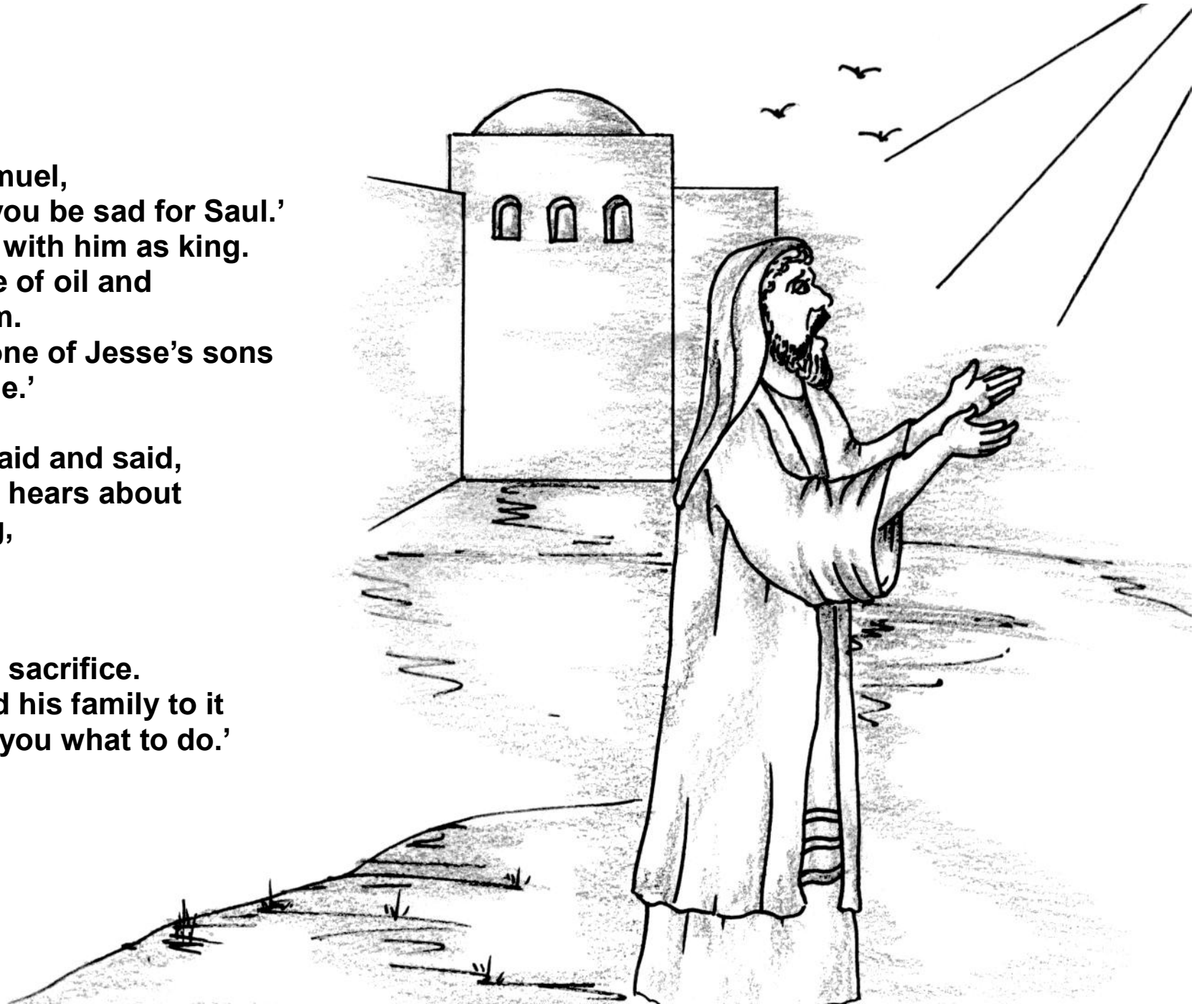
**God showed Samuel that
Saul could not be king any more.
He was very sad for him.**



**God said to Samuel,
'How long will you be sad for Saul.'
'I have finished with him as king.
Take your bottle of oil and
go to Bethlehem.
I have chosen one of Jesse's sons
to be king for Me.'**

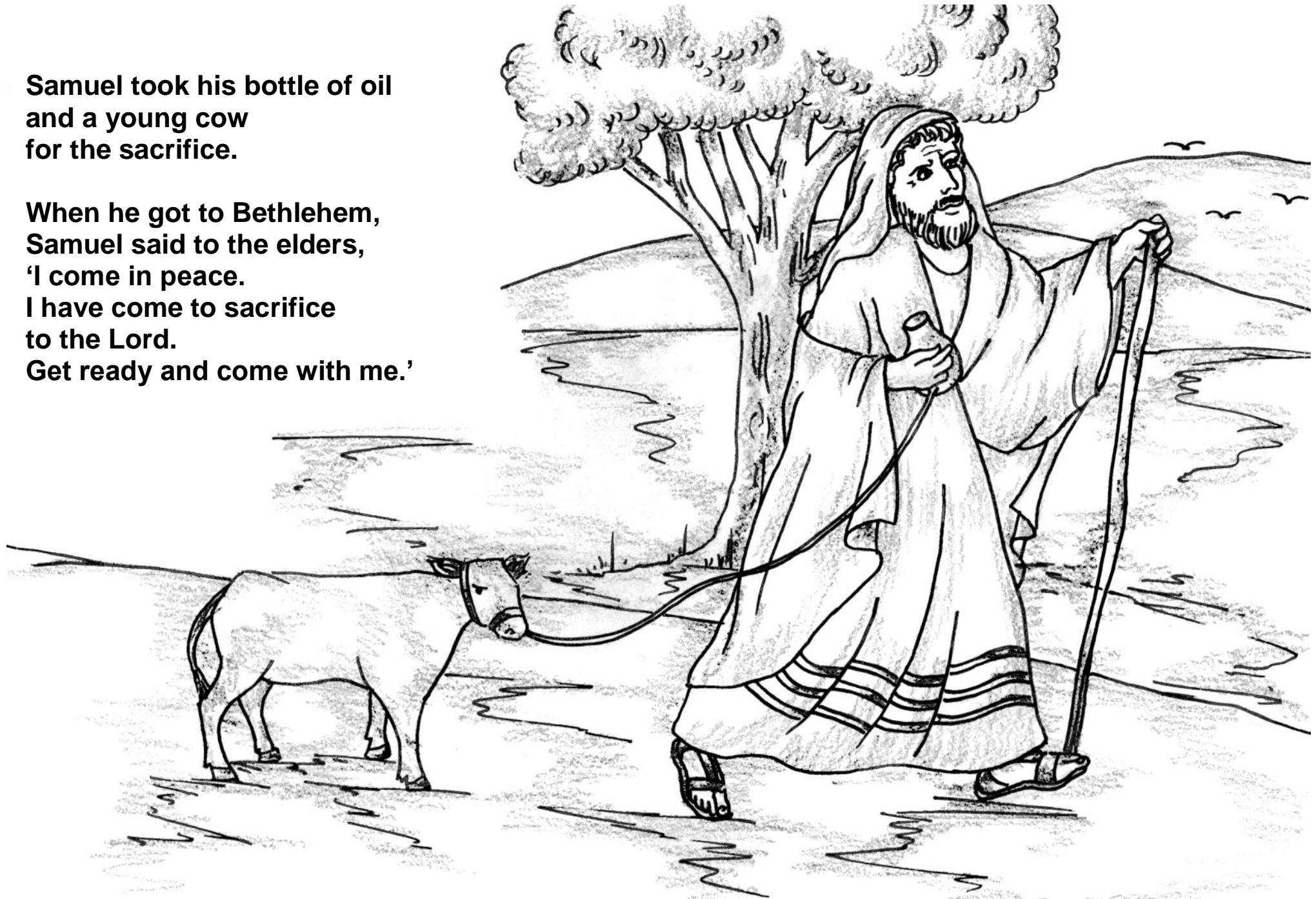
**Samuel was afraid and said,
'If I go and Saul hears about
what I am doing,
he will kill me.'**

**The Lord said,
'Go and make a sacrifice.
Invite Jesse and his family to it
and I will show you what to do.'**



**Samuel took his bottle of oil
and a young cow
for the sacrifice.**

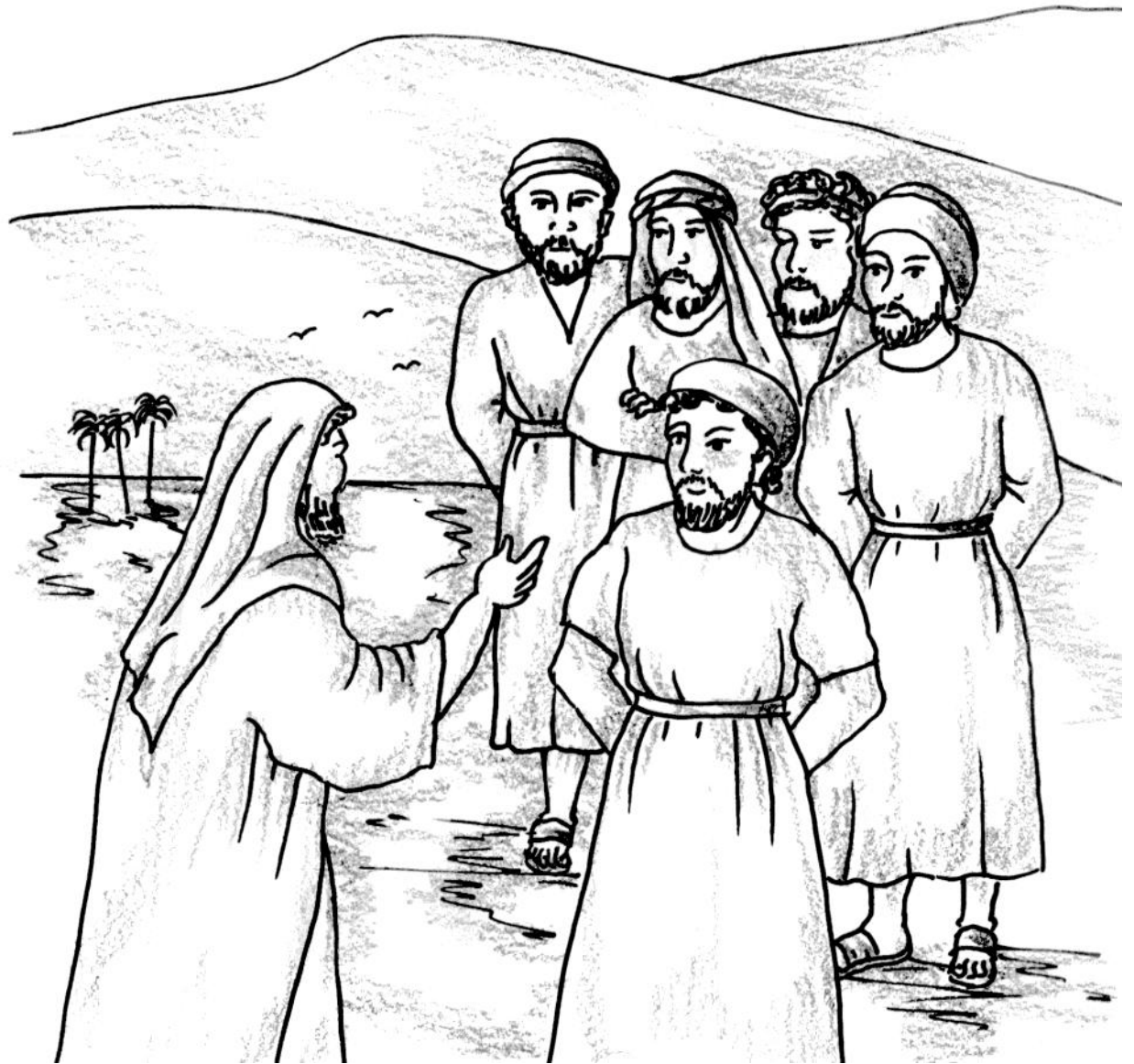
**When he got to Bethlehem,
Samuel said to the elders,
'I come in peace.
I have come to sacrifice
to the Lord.
Get ready and come with me.'**



At the sacrifice Samuel asked
to see all of Jesse's sons.
Eliab, who was the oldest son,
stood before Samuel.
Samuel thought,
'This man must be the one
God has chosen.'

But God said,
'No, he is not the one
I have chosen.
You look at the outside of him,
but the Lord looks at the heart.'

Abinadab was next.
He stood before Samuel.
The Lord had not chosen him either.
Then Shammah came in.
The rest of Jesse's seven sons
came in one by one.
The Lord had not chosen
any of them.



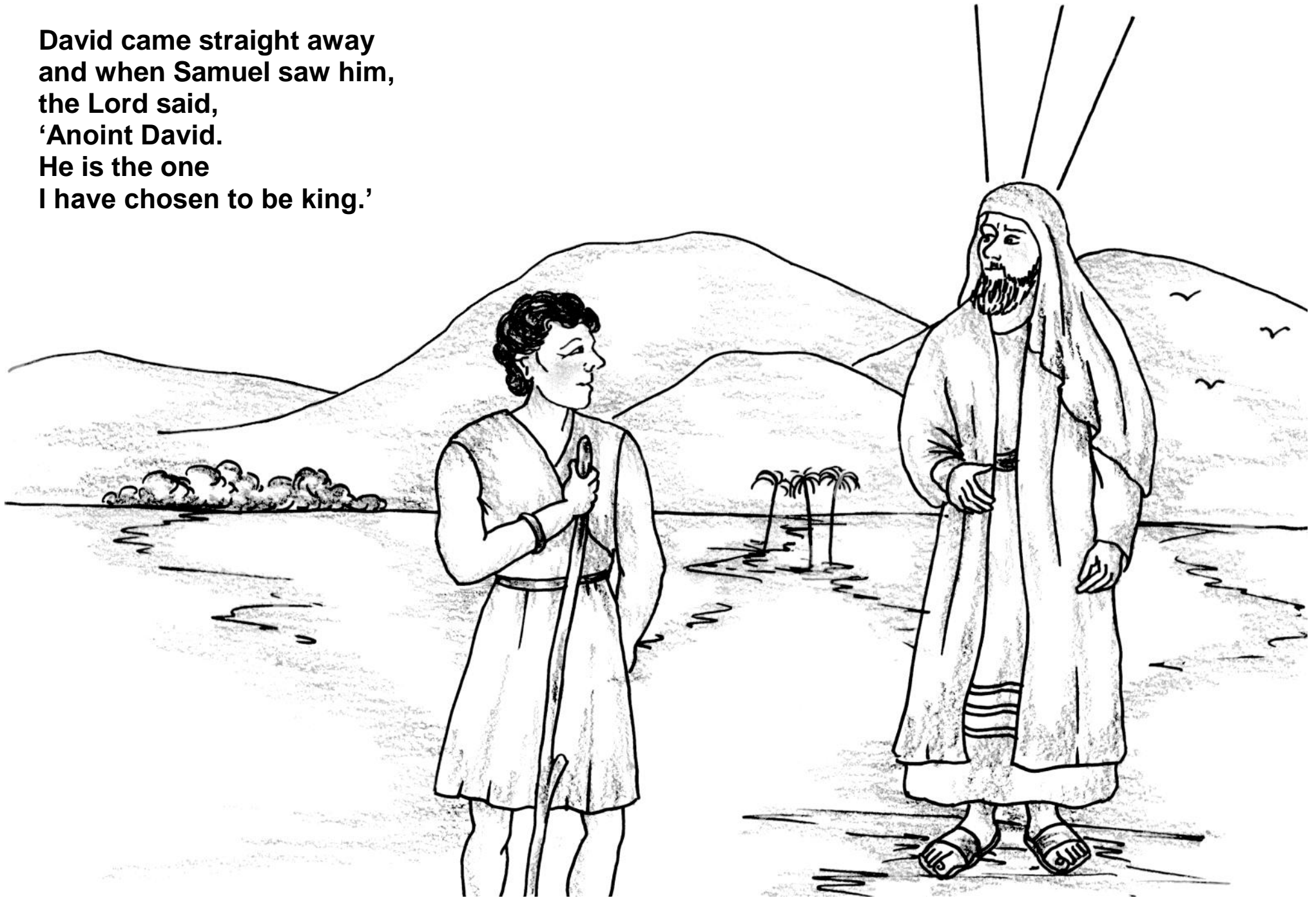
**Samuel asked Jesse,
'Do you have any more sons?'**

**'There is the youngest one,
but he is minding the sheep,'
replied Jesse.**

**'Send for him,' said Samuel.
'We won't eat until he comes.'**



David came straight away
and when Samuel saw him,
the Lord said,
'Anoint David.
He is the one
I have chosen to be king.'



**Samuel took out his bottle of oil
and poured it on David's head
anointing him as king.
His father, brothers
and the elders watched it all.**

**The Lord gave David His Spirit
to be king over His people.**

