

Bible Stories for Young Children

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DAVID FINDS SAUL ASLEEP

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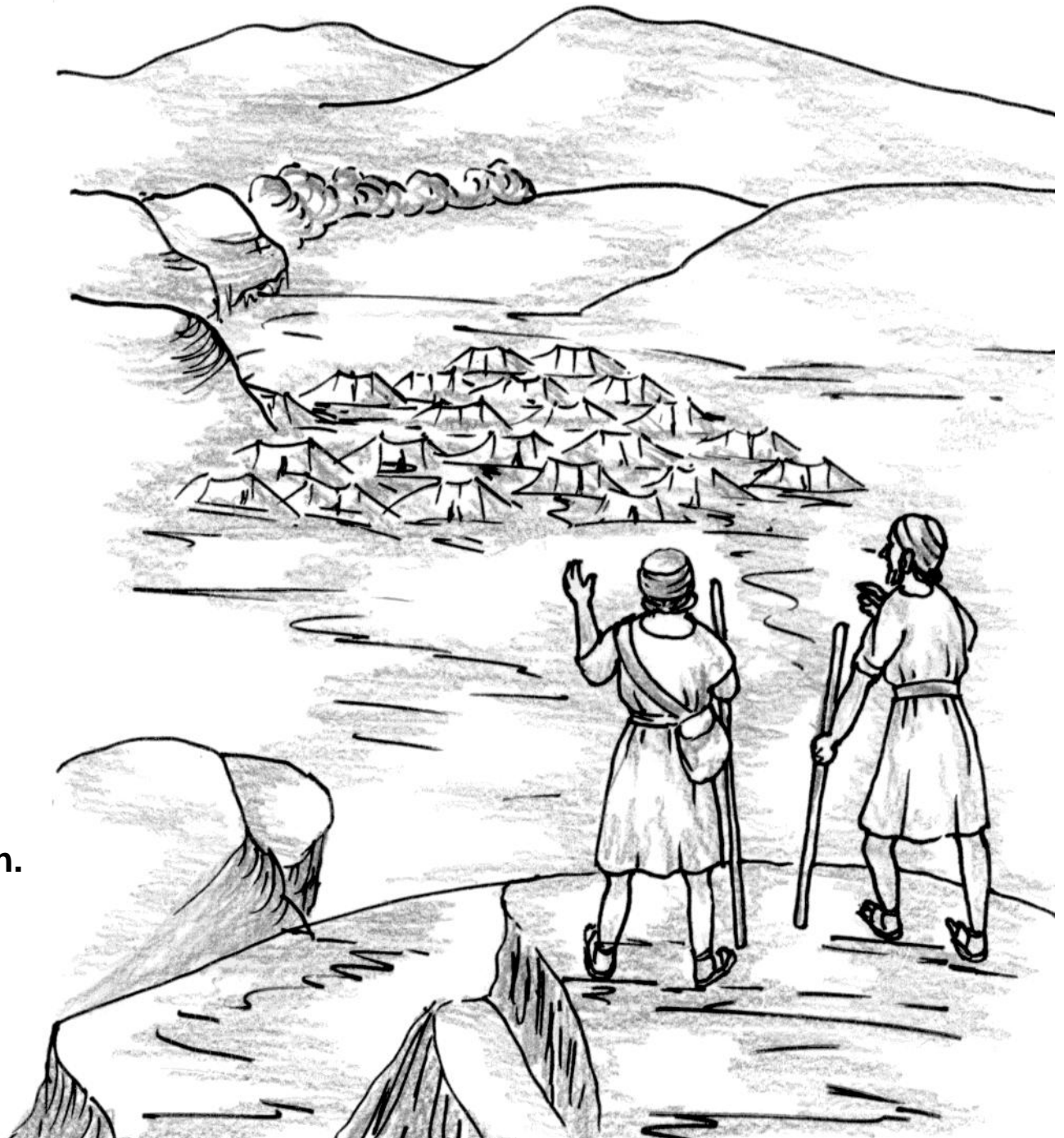
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King Saul was still angry and wanted to kill David. He and his soldiers went to the wilderness to look for him.

David heard that Saul was looking for him. He told his spies to find out where Saul was.

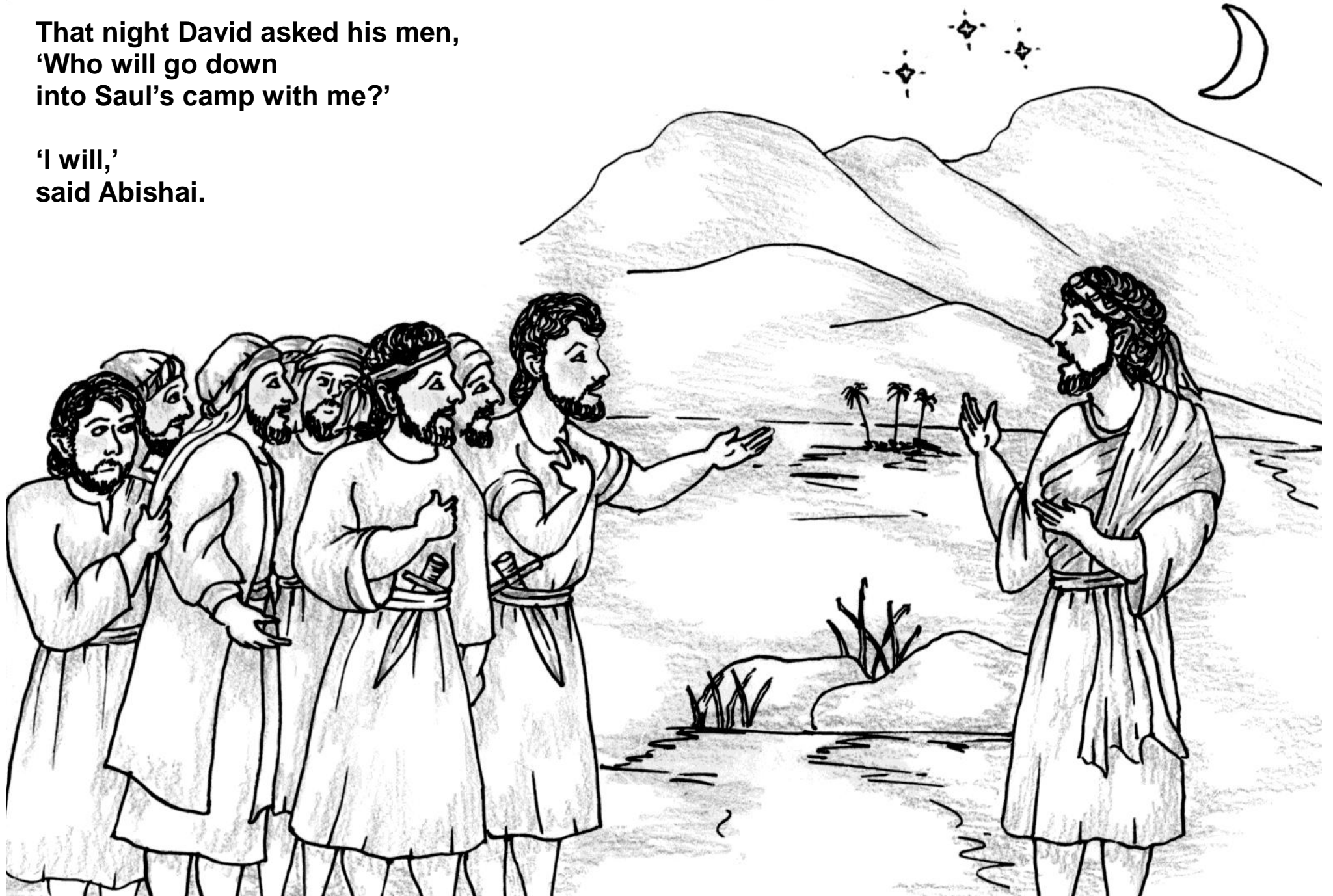
They found Saul guarded by three thousand soldiers.

The spies hurried back to tell David what they had seen.



That night David asked his men,
'Who will go down
into Saul's camp with me?'

'I will,'
said Abishai.



**David and Abishai went into Saul's camp.
They found everyone asleep,
even Saul's body guard.**

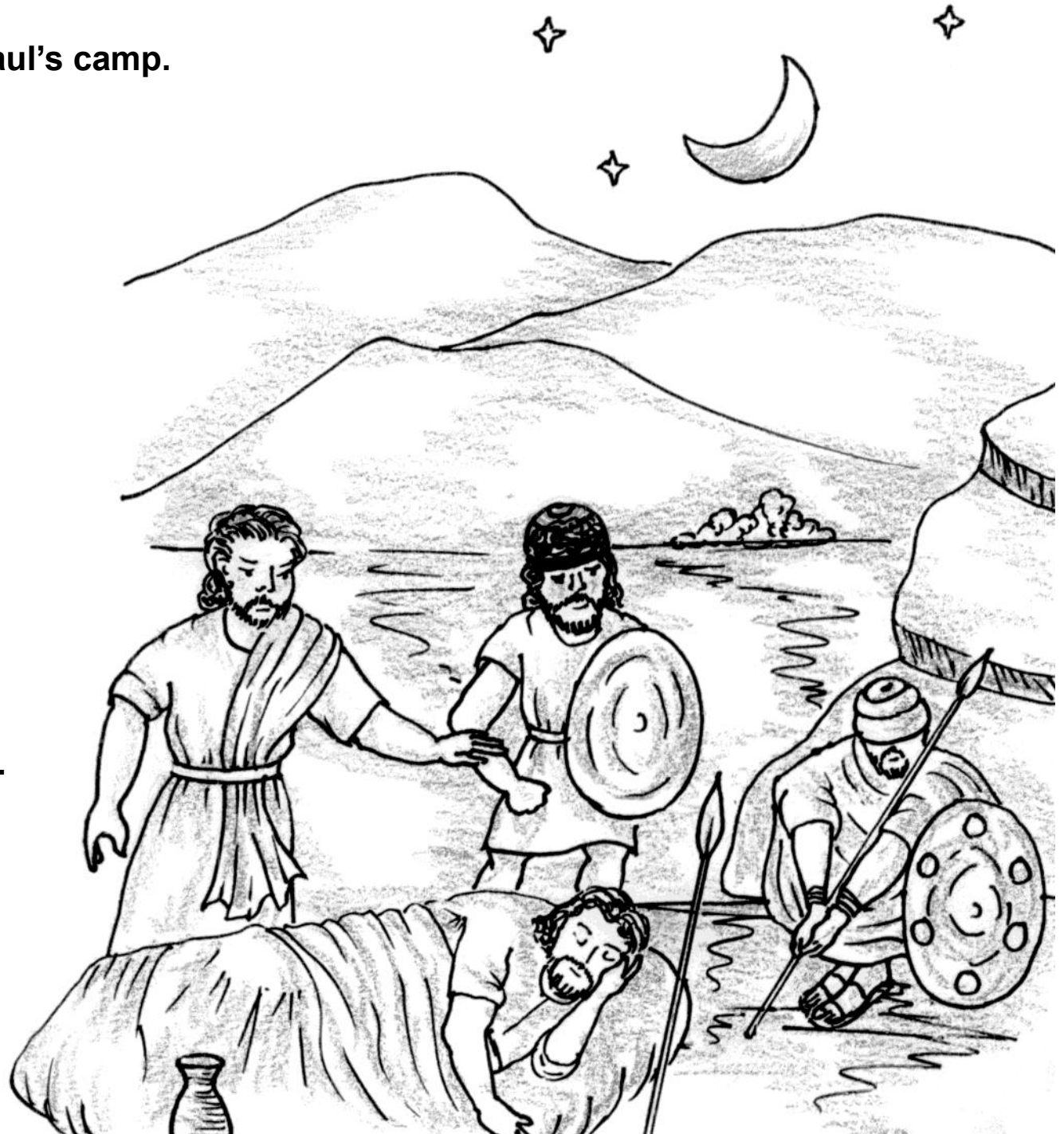
**They crept past the soldiers
until they came to Saul.**

**No one woke up.
The Lord
was keeping them asleep.**

**Abishai whispered,
'God is letting you
get rid of your enemy.
Let me kill him with his spear.'**

**'Don't kill Saul,'
said David.
'He is the Lord's anointed king.
It is not for me to hurt Saul.
The Lord will punish him.'**

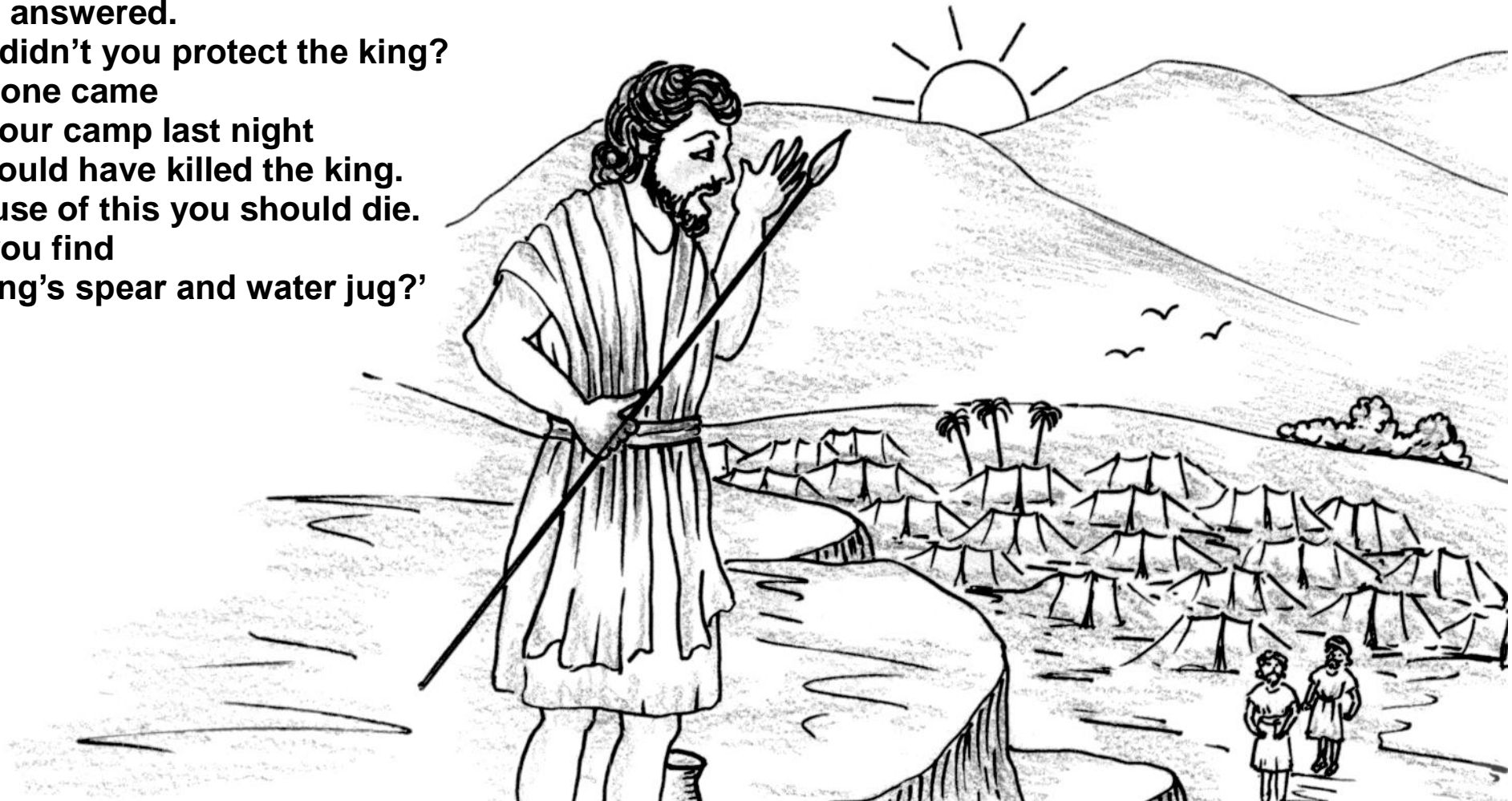
**'Pick up his spear
and water jug
and let's get out of here.'**



**David climbed to the top of the hill
and shouted to Saul's captain,
'Abner! Abner! Wake up.'**

**Abner woke up and asked,
'Who is calling me?'**

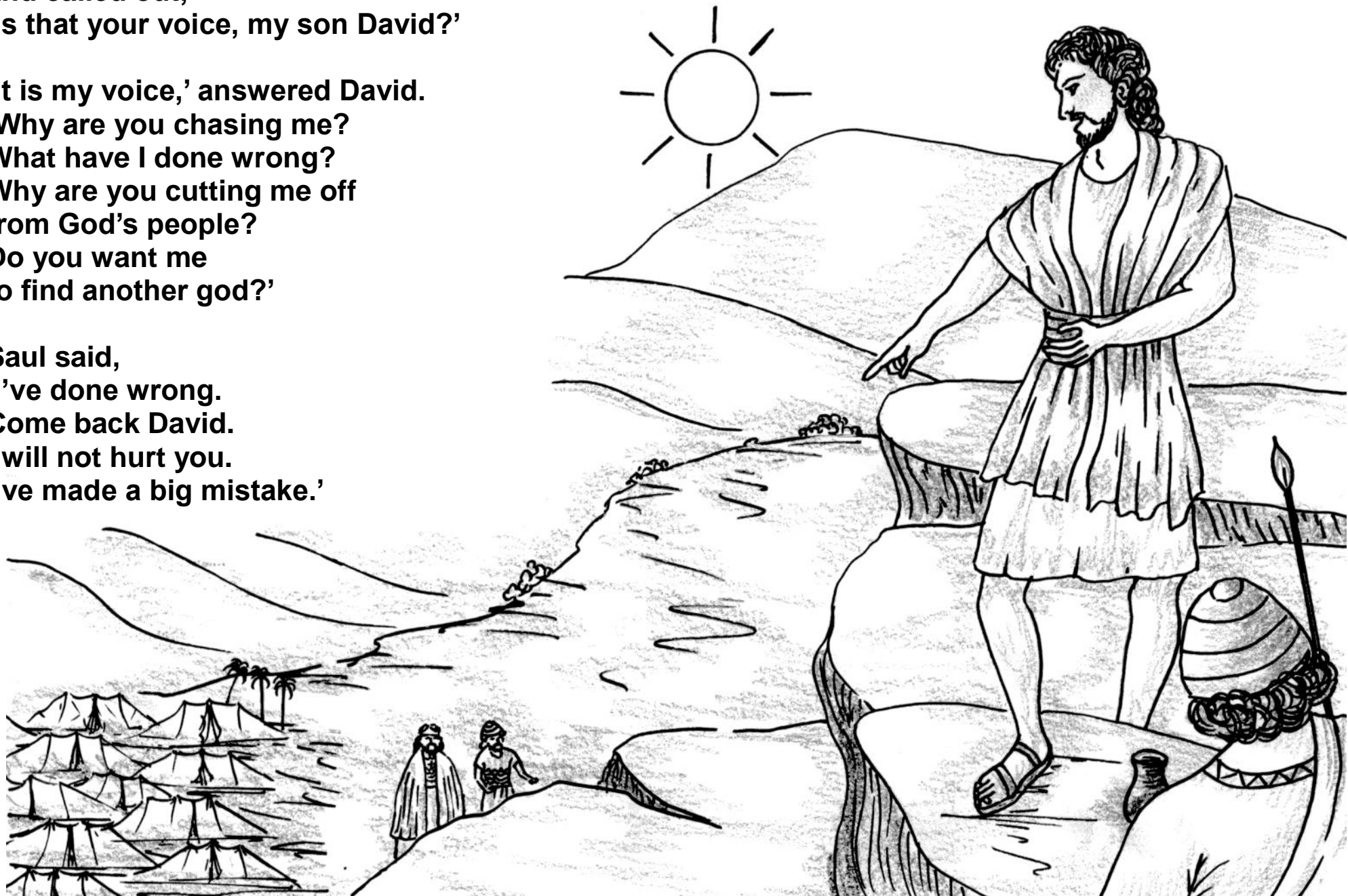
**David answered.
'Why didn't you protect the king?
Someone came
into your camp last night
and could have killed the king.
Because of this you should die.
Can you find
the king's spear and water jug?'**



**Saul heard David and woke up
and called out,
'Is that your voice, my son David?'**

**'It is my voice,' answered David.
'Why are you chasing me?
What have I done wrong?
Why are you cutting me off
from God's people?
Do you want me
to find another god?'**

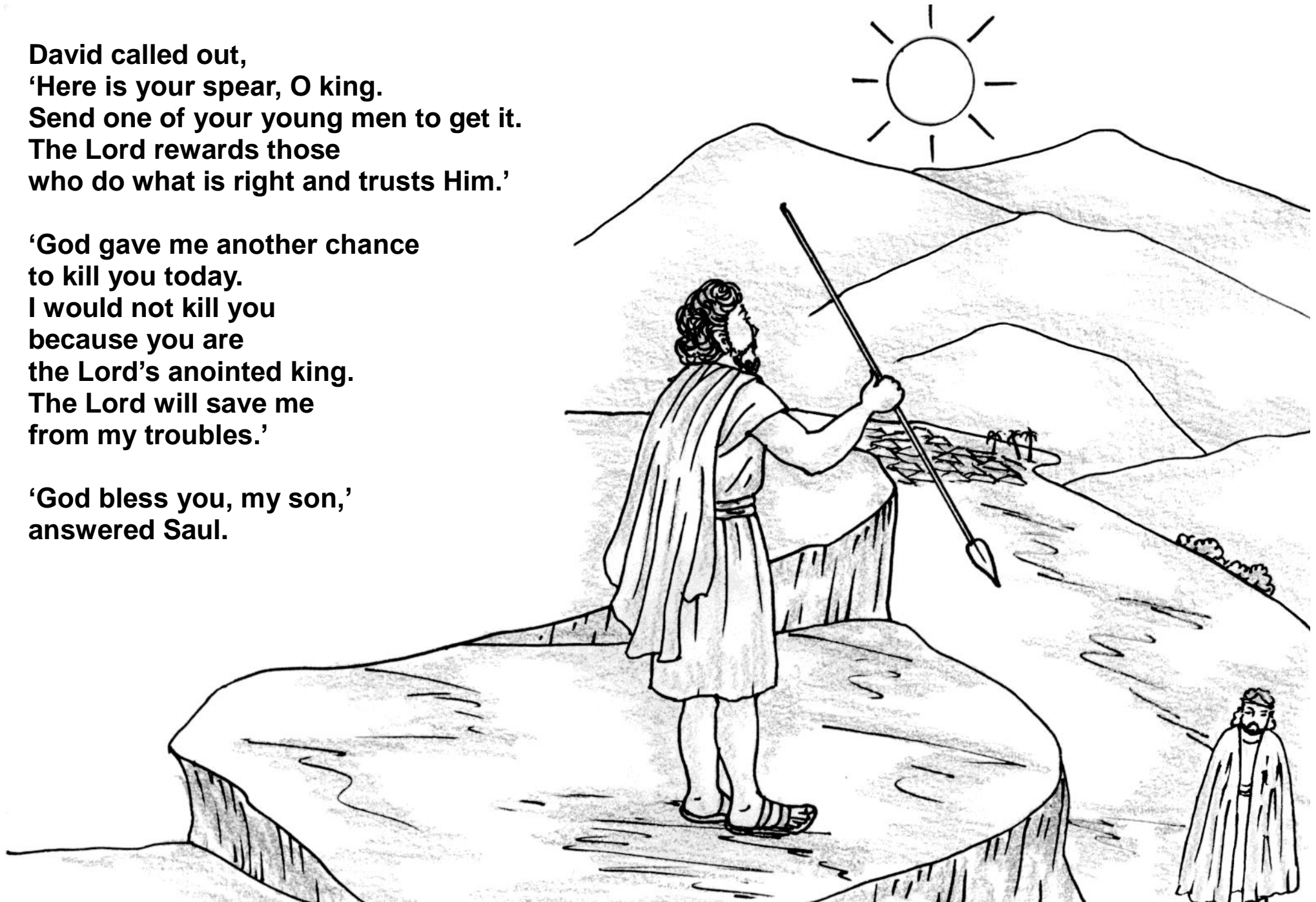
**Saul said,
'I've done wrong.
Come back David.
I will not hurt you.
I've made a big mistake.'**



David called out,
'Here is your spear, O king.
Send one of your young men to get it.
The Lord rewards those
who do what is right and trusts Him.'

'God gave me another chance
to kill you today.
I would not kill you
because you are
the Lord's anointed king.
The Lord will save me
from my troubles.'

'God bless you, my son,'
answered Saul.



**Saul went home
but David stayed in the wilderness
away from Saul.**

**He would not trust Saul.
He trusted God for his life.**

