

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***DAVID KING OVER ISRAEL /
DAVID BRINGS THE COVENANT BOX TO JERUSALEM***

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1 Chronicles 15:1 – 16:3

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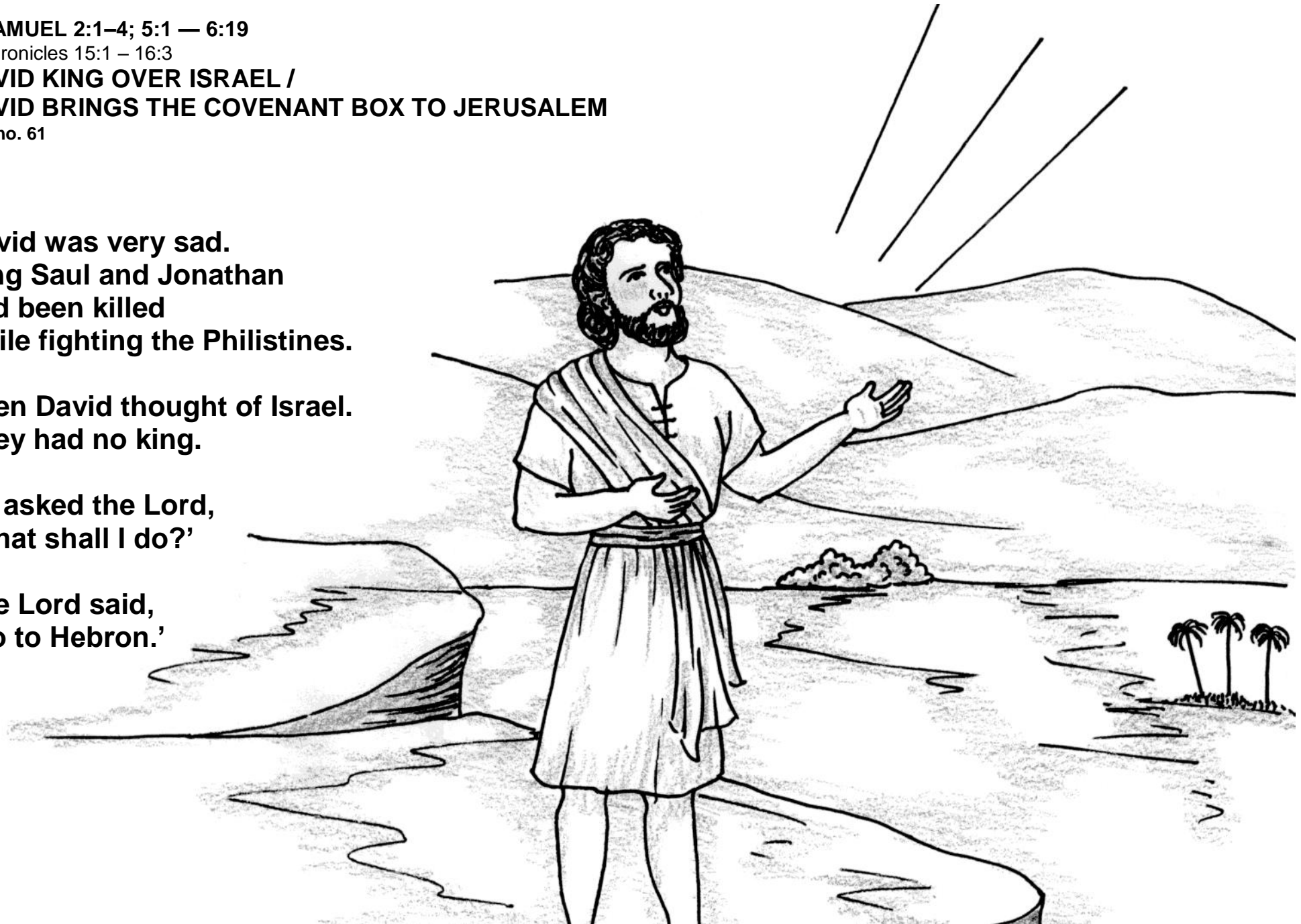
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**David was very sad.
King Saul and Jonathan
had been killed
while fighting the Philistines.**

**Then David thought of Israel.
They had no king.**

**He asked the Lord,
‘What shall I do?’**

**The Lord said,
‘Go to Hebron.’**



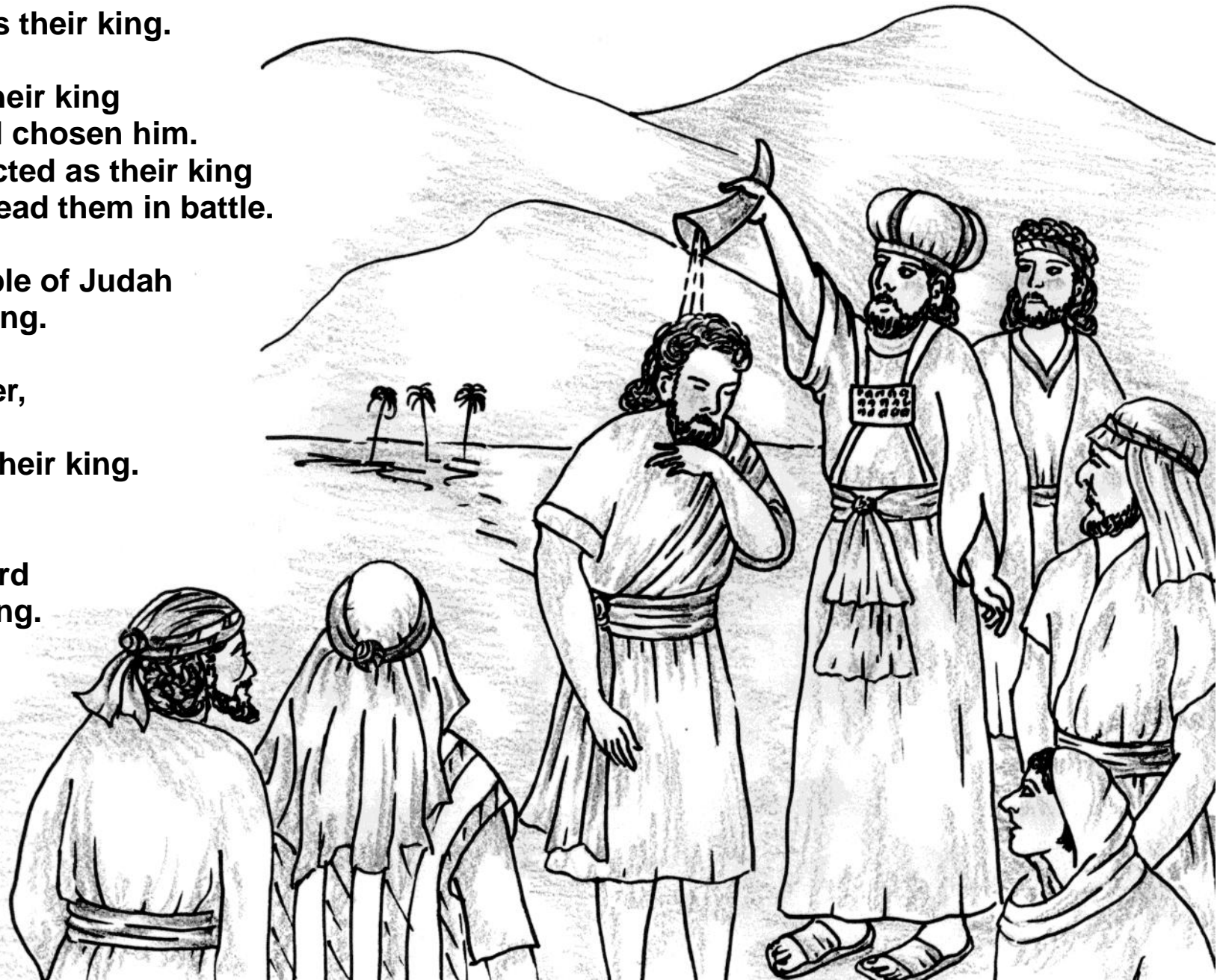
**The people of Hebron
anointed David as their king.**

**He was already their king
because God had chosen him.
He had already acted as their king
because he had lead them in battle.**

**But now the people of Judah
made him their king.**

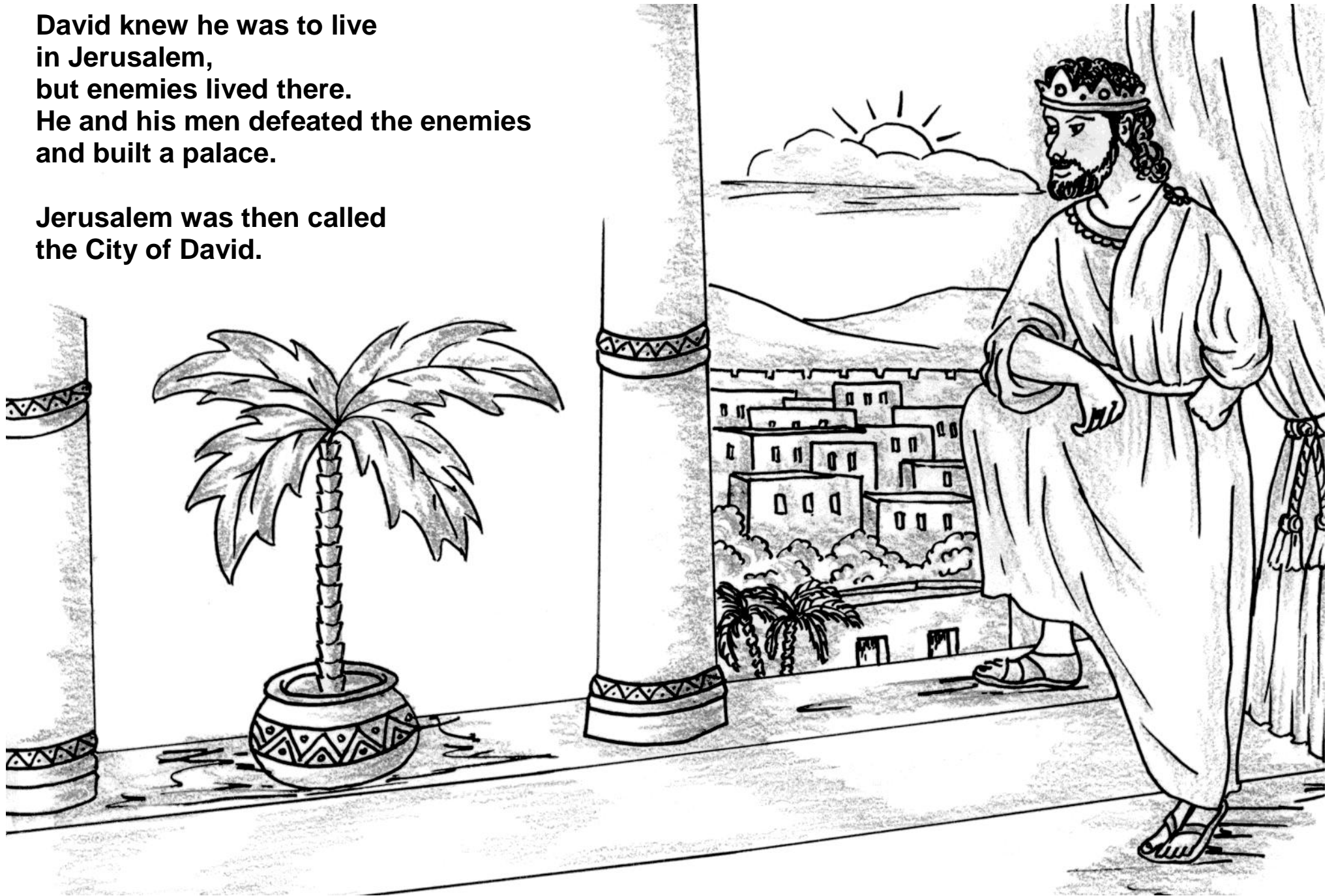
**Several years later,
all of Israel
crowned him as their king.**

**David knew
that it was the Lord
who made him king.**



David knew he was to live
in Jerusalem,
but enemies lived there.
He and his men defeated the enemies
and built a palace.

Jerusalem was then called
the City of David.

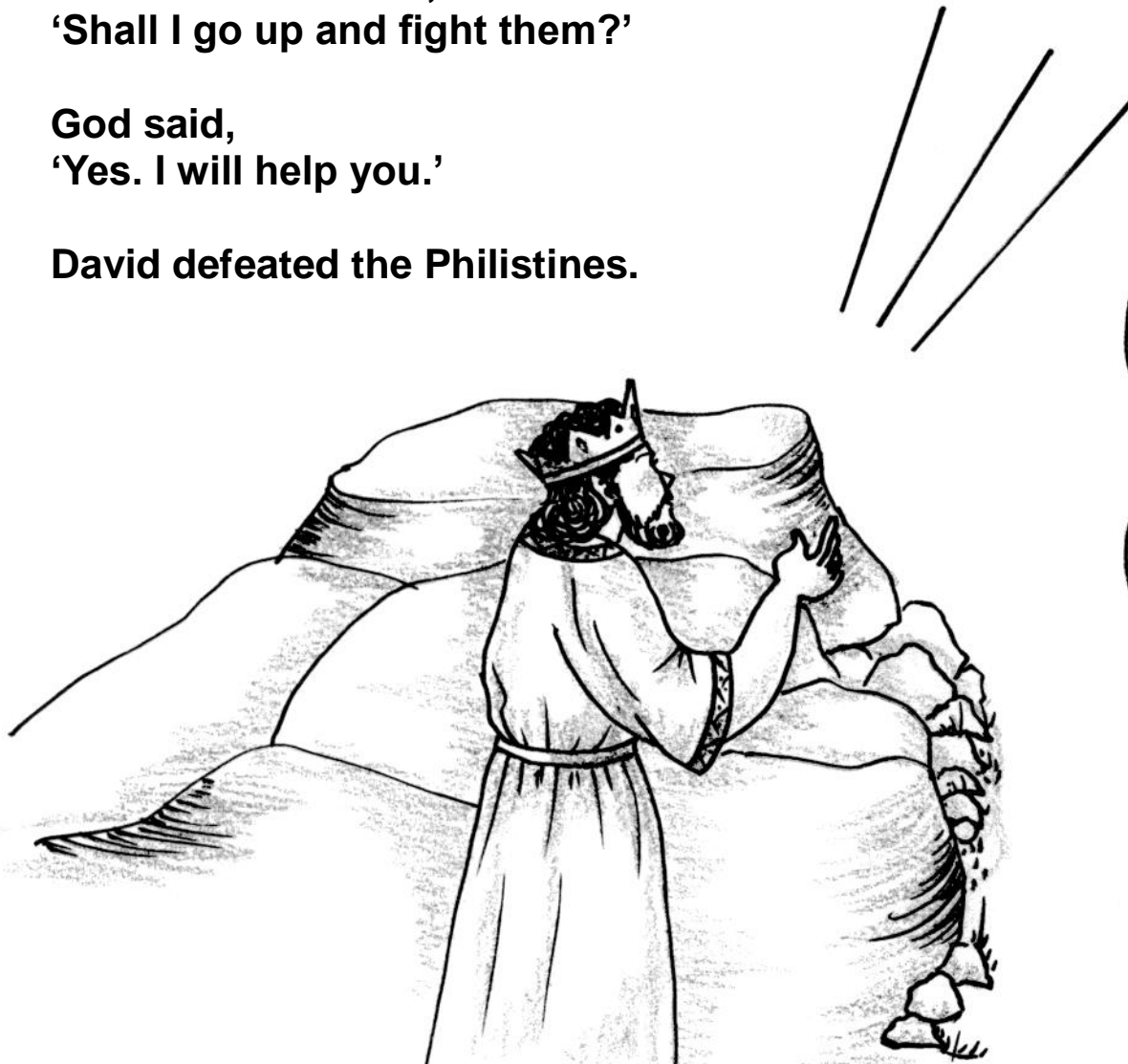


**The Philistines heard that David had been made king.
Their armies were coming to get rid of him.**

**At first David hid.
Then he asked God,
'Shall I go up and fight them?'**

**God said,
'Yes. I will help you.'**

David defeated the Philistines.

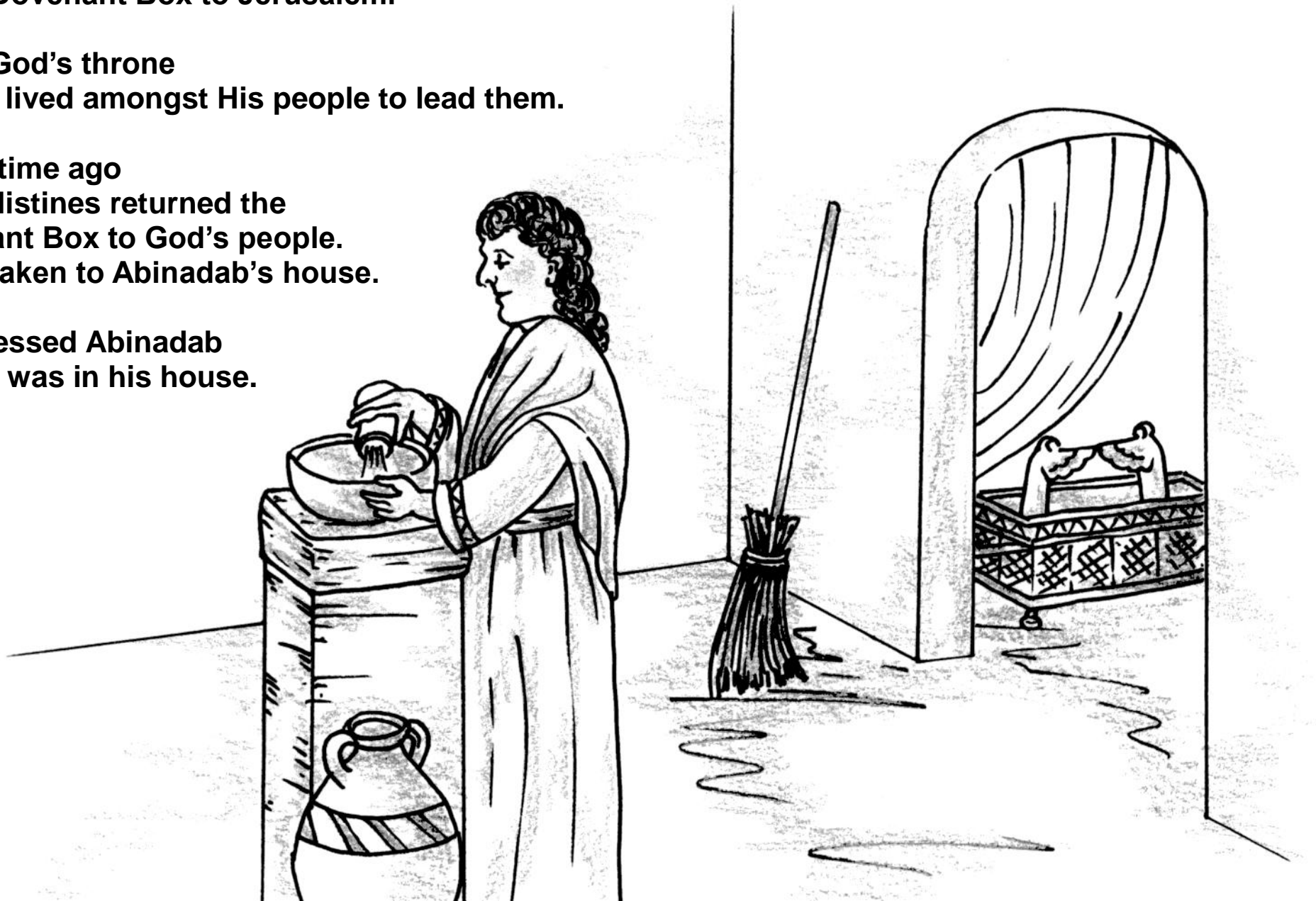


**Then David wanted to bring
God's Covenant Box to Jerusalem.**

**It was God's throne
and He lived amongst His people to lead them.**

**A long time ago
the Philistines returned the
Covenant Box to God's people.
It was taken to Abinadab's house.**

**God blessed Abinadab
while it was in his house.**



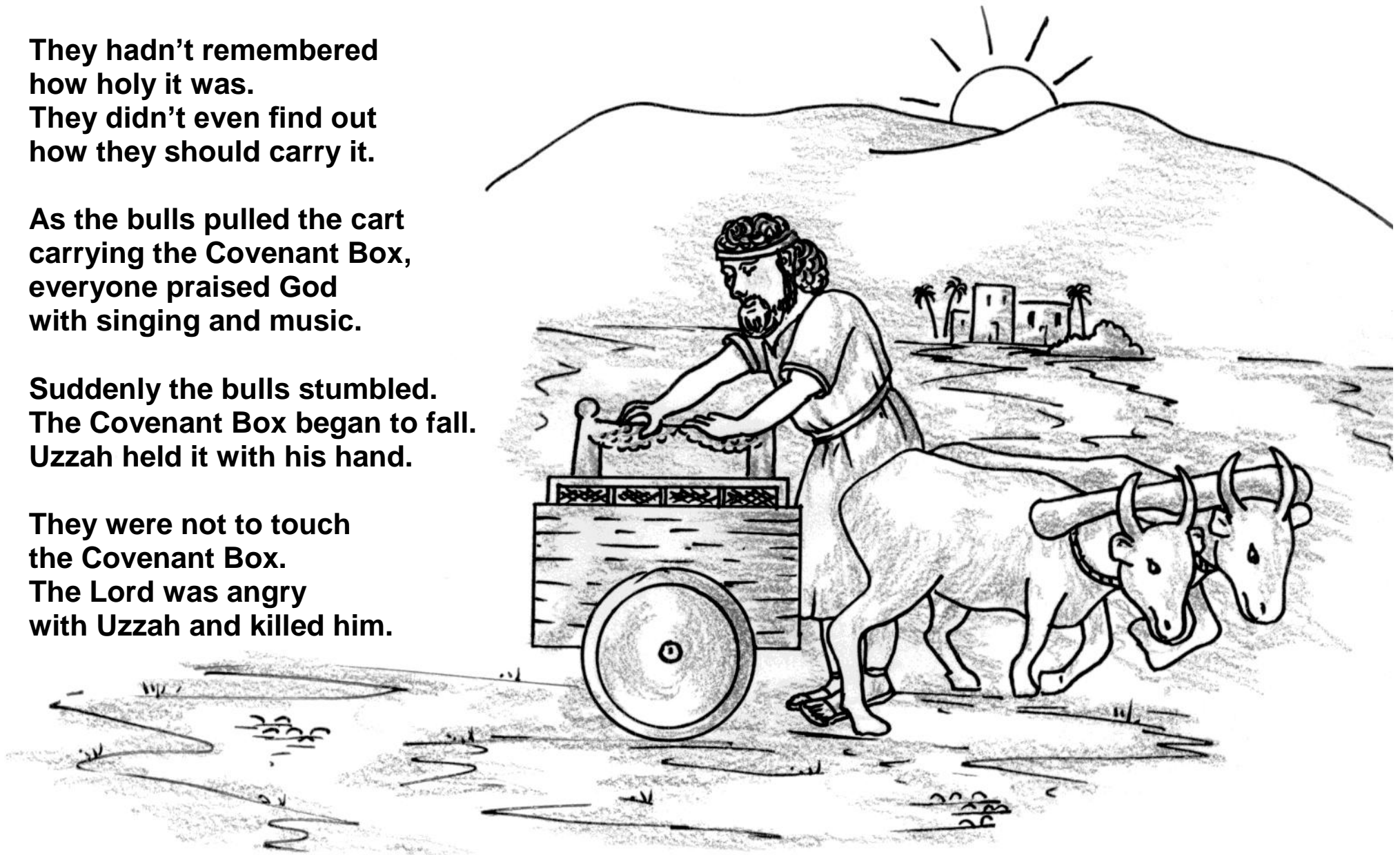
David and all God's people
went to get the Covenant Box
and bring it to Jerusalem.

They hadn't remembered
how holy it was.
They didn't even find out
how they should carry it.

As the bulls pulled the cart
carrying the Covenant Box,
everyone praised God
with singing and music.

Suddenly the bulls stumbled.
The Covenant Box began to fall.
Uzzah held it with his hand.

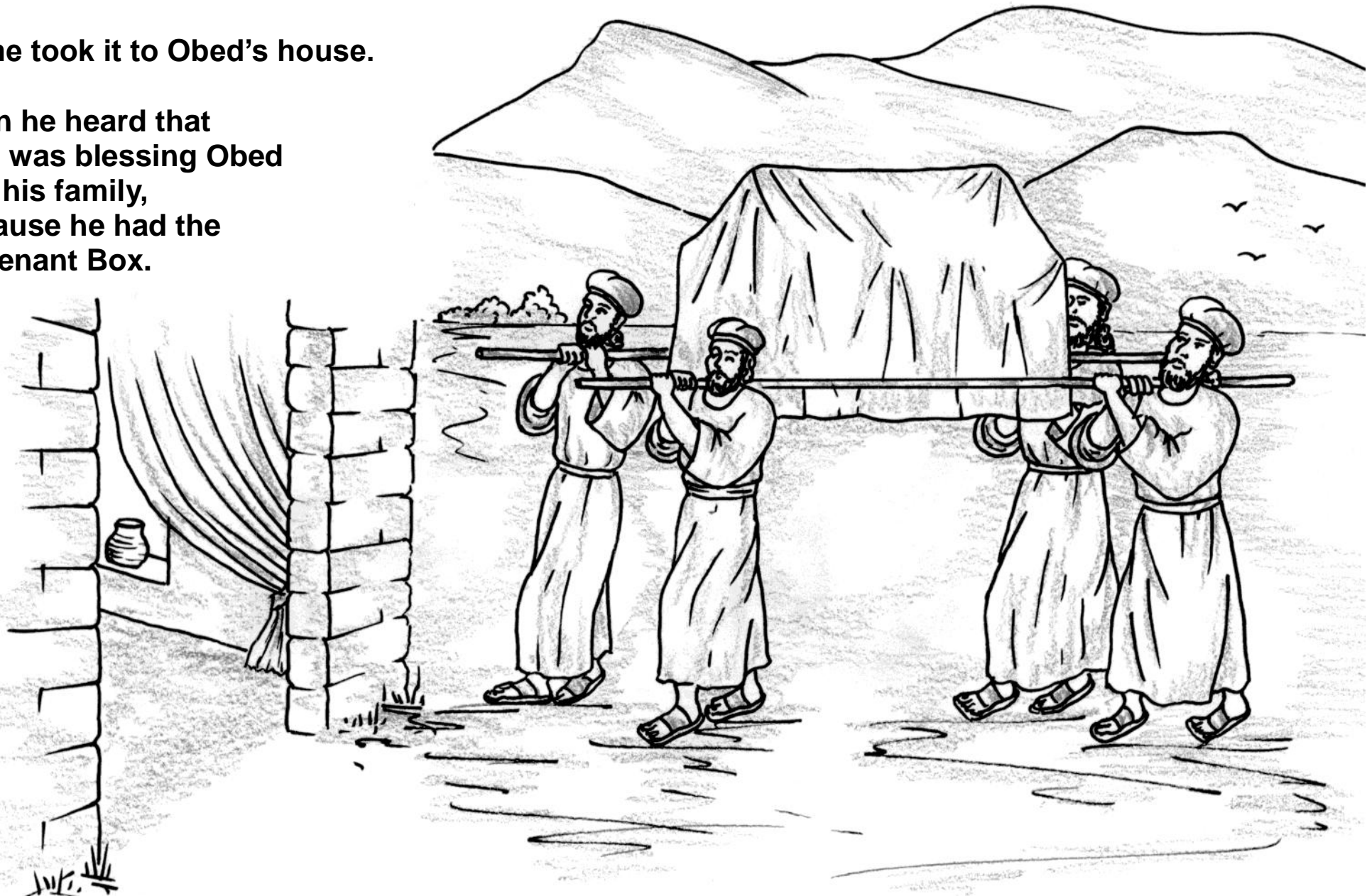
They were not to touch
the Covenant Box.
The Lord was angry
with Uzzah and killed him.



**This made David afraid.
He could not take the Covenant Box
with him to Jerusalem.**

So he took it to Obed's house.

**Then he heard that
God was blessing Obed
and his family,
because he had the
Covenant Box.**



David wanted the Covenant Box to be with him in Jerusalem, because God was the One leading them.

So when everything was ready, David, the priests, the singers and all the people brought God's Covenant Box from Obed's house to Jerusalem. On the way they sang praises to the Lord.

It was placed in a tent which David had made for it.

David was happy. God was amongst His people.

David sacrificed to the Lord. Then he blessed the people and gave them meat and bread to eat.

