

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***PROUD PRINCE ABSALOM /
THE END OF THE PROUD PRINCE***

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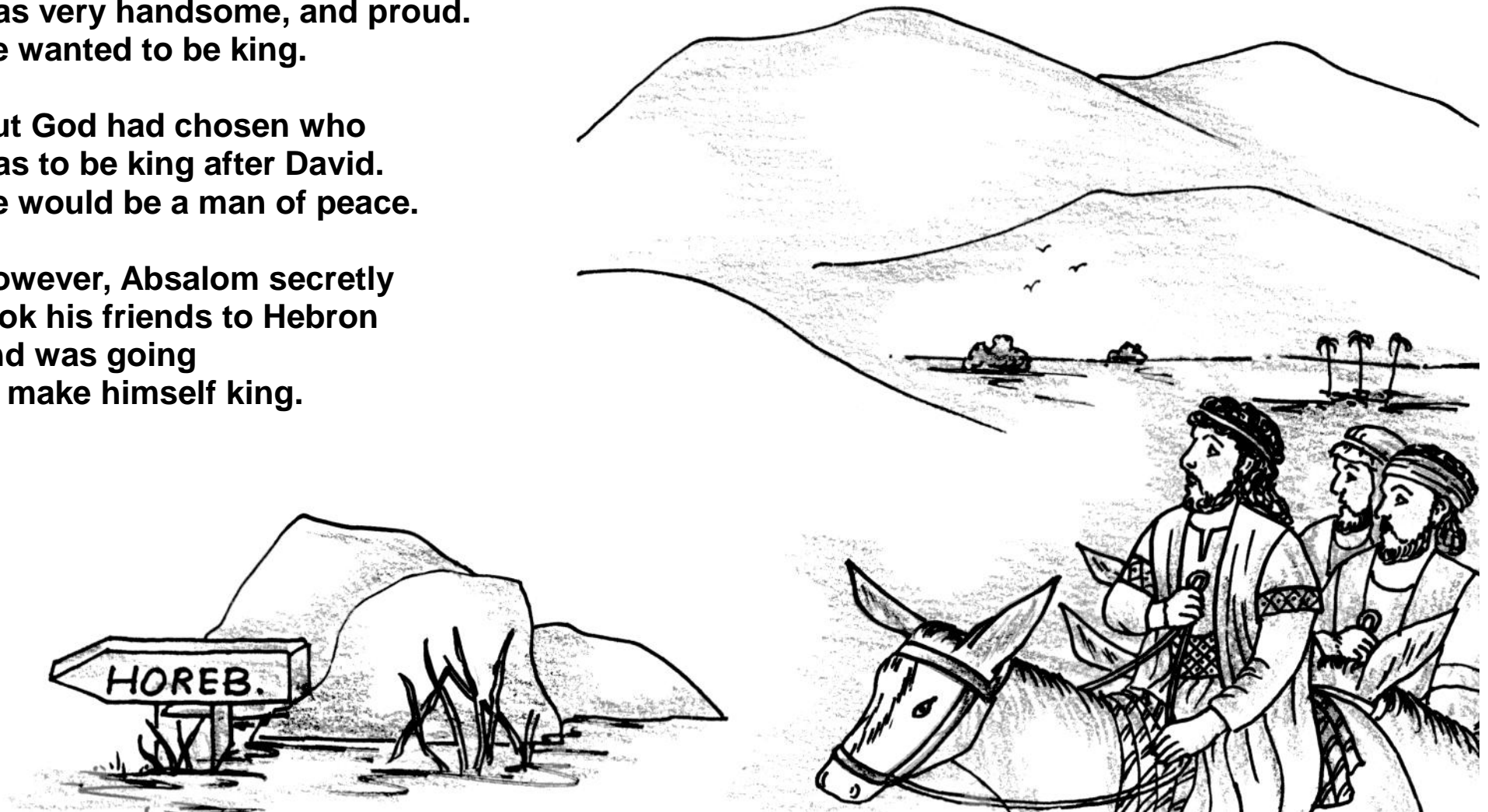
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**Absalom, one of David's sons,
was very handsome, and proud.
He wanted to be king.**

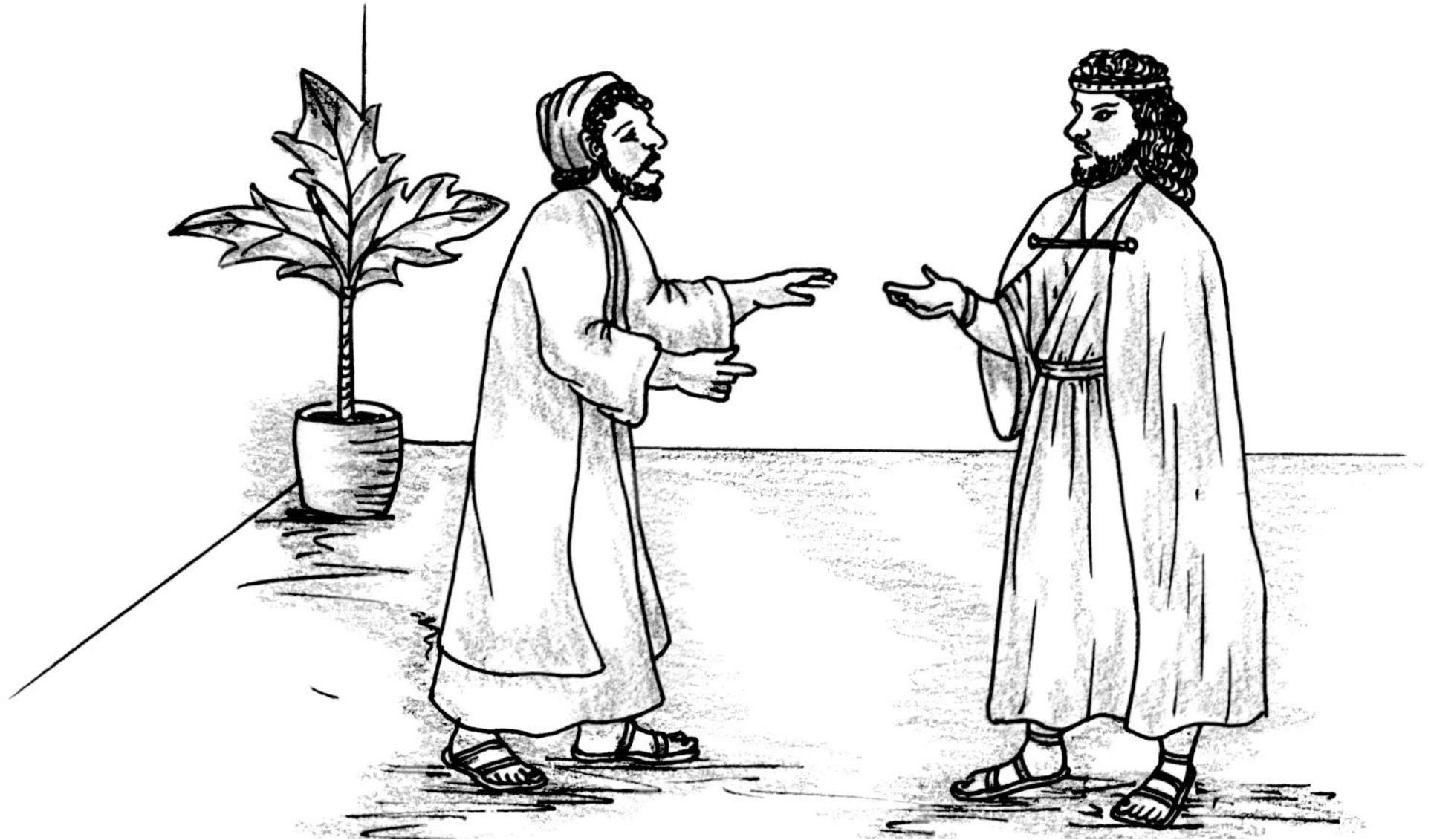
**But God had chosen who
was to be king after David.
He would be a man of peace.**

**However, Absalom secretly
took his friends to Hebron
and was going
to make himself king.**



Someone ran to David and told him what Absalom was doing.

‘This means danger,’ said David. ‘I must get away from Jerusalem. Absalom will come and kill me.’

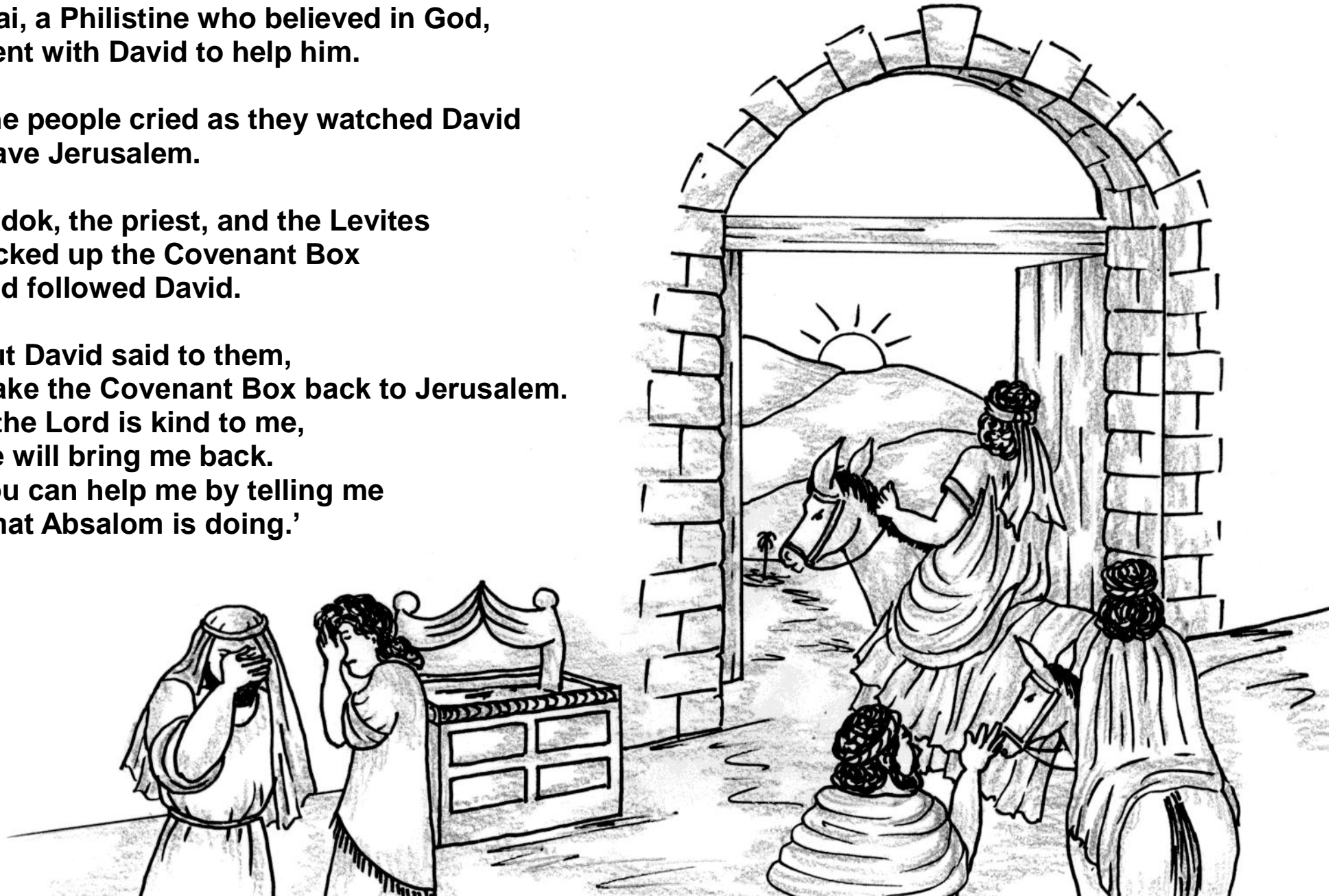


**David and his servants left Jerusalem.
Ittai, a Philistine who believed in God,
went with David to help him.**

**The people cried as they watched David
leave Jerusalem.**

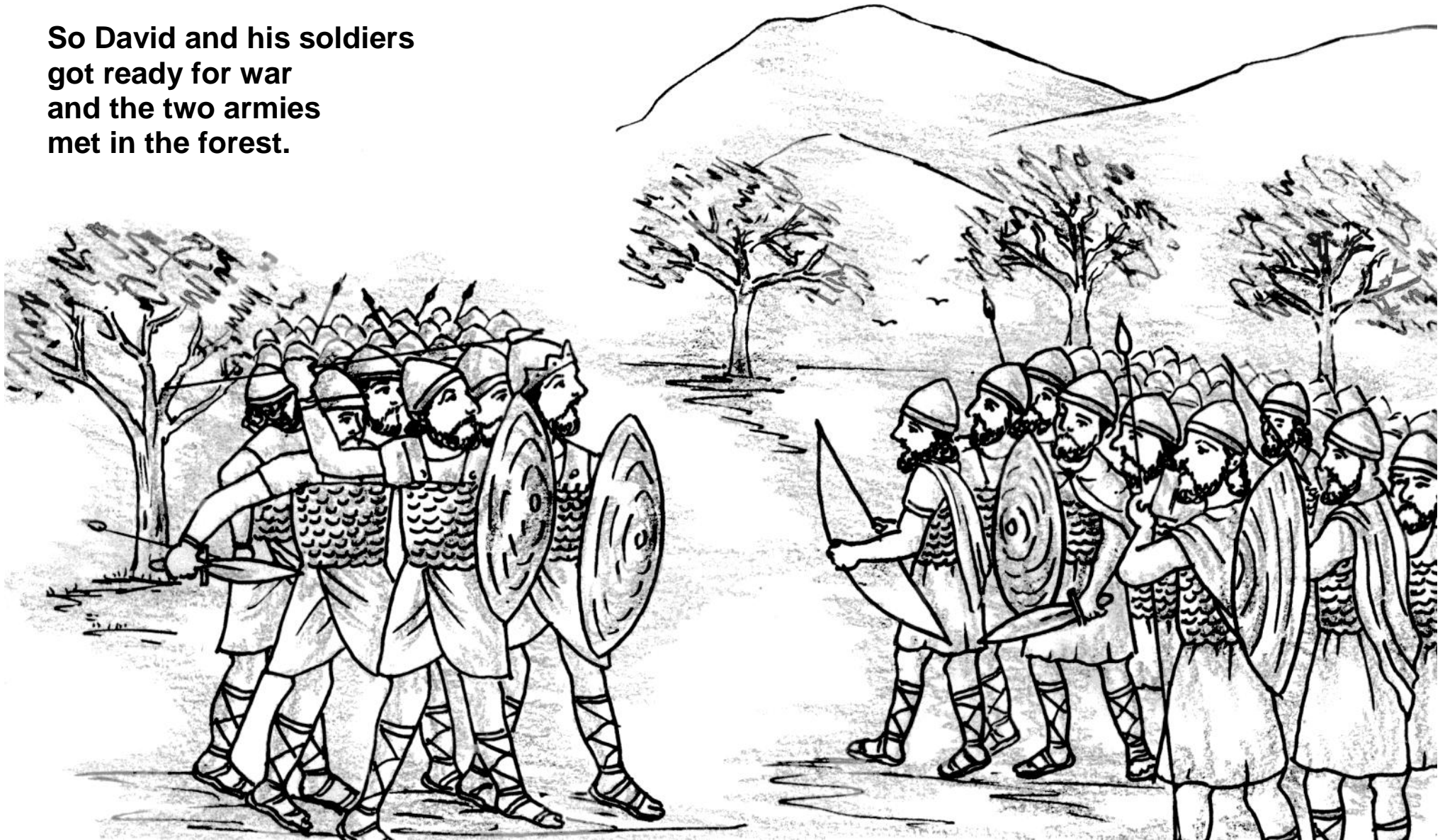
**Zadok, the priest, and the Levites
picked up the Covenant Box
and followed David.**

**But David said to them,
'Take the Covenant Box back to Jerusalem.
If the Lord is kind to me,
He will bring me back.
You can help me by telling me
what Absalom is doing.'**



**Absalom made plans to get rid of his father.
The priests found out about these plans
and told David.**

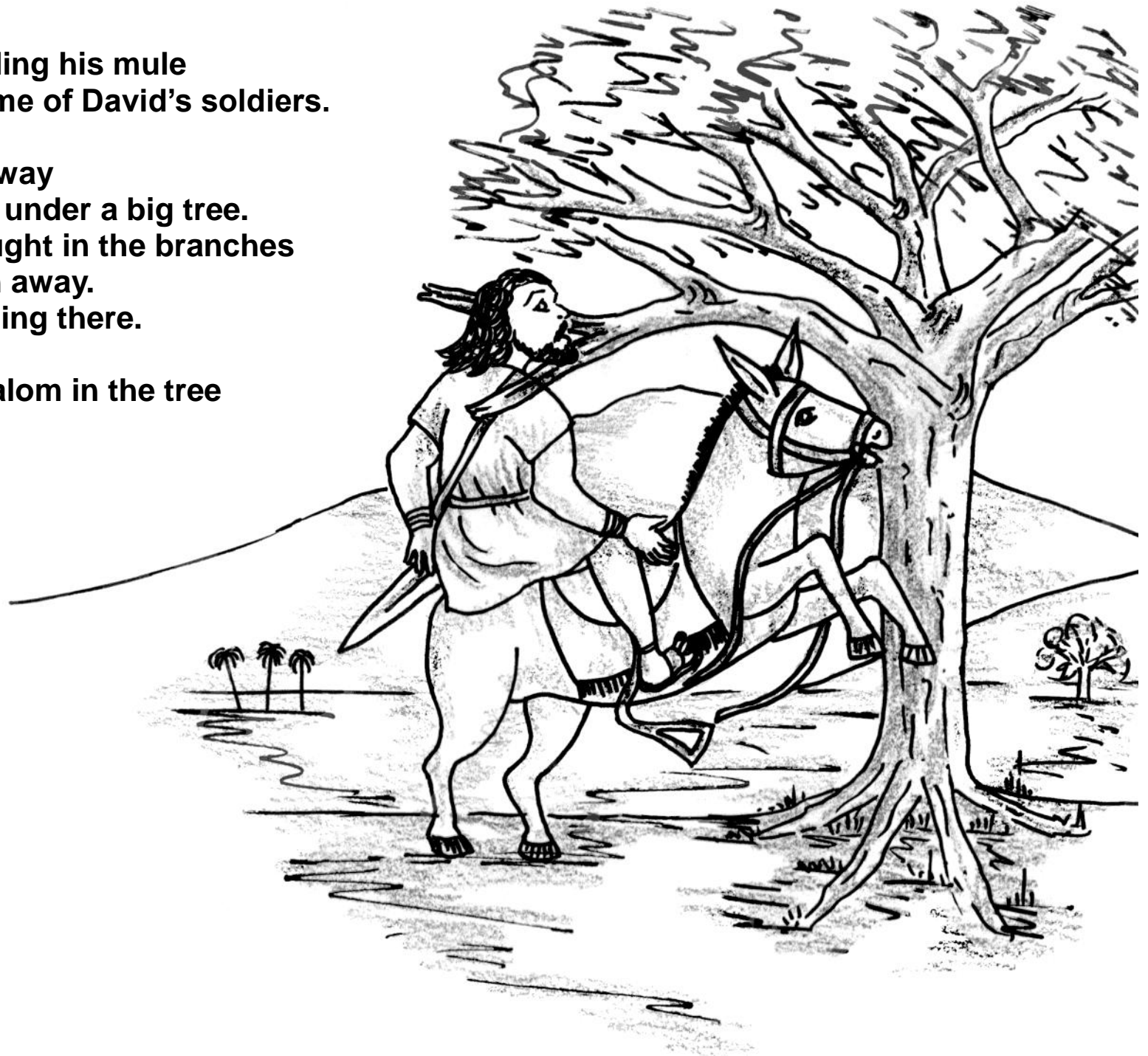
**So David and his soldiers
got ready for war
and the two armies
met in the forest.**



**Absalom was riding his mule
when he met some of David's soldiers.**

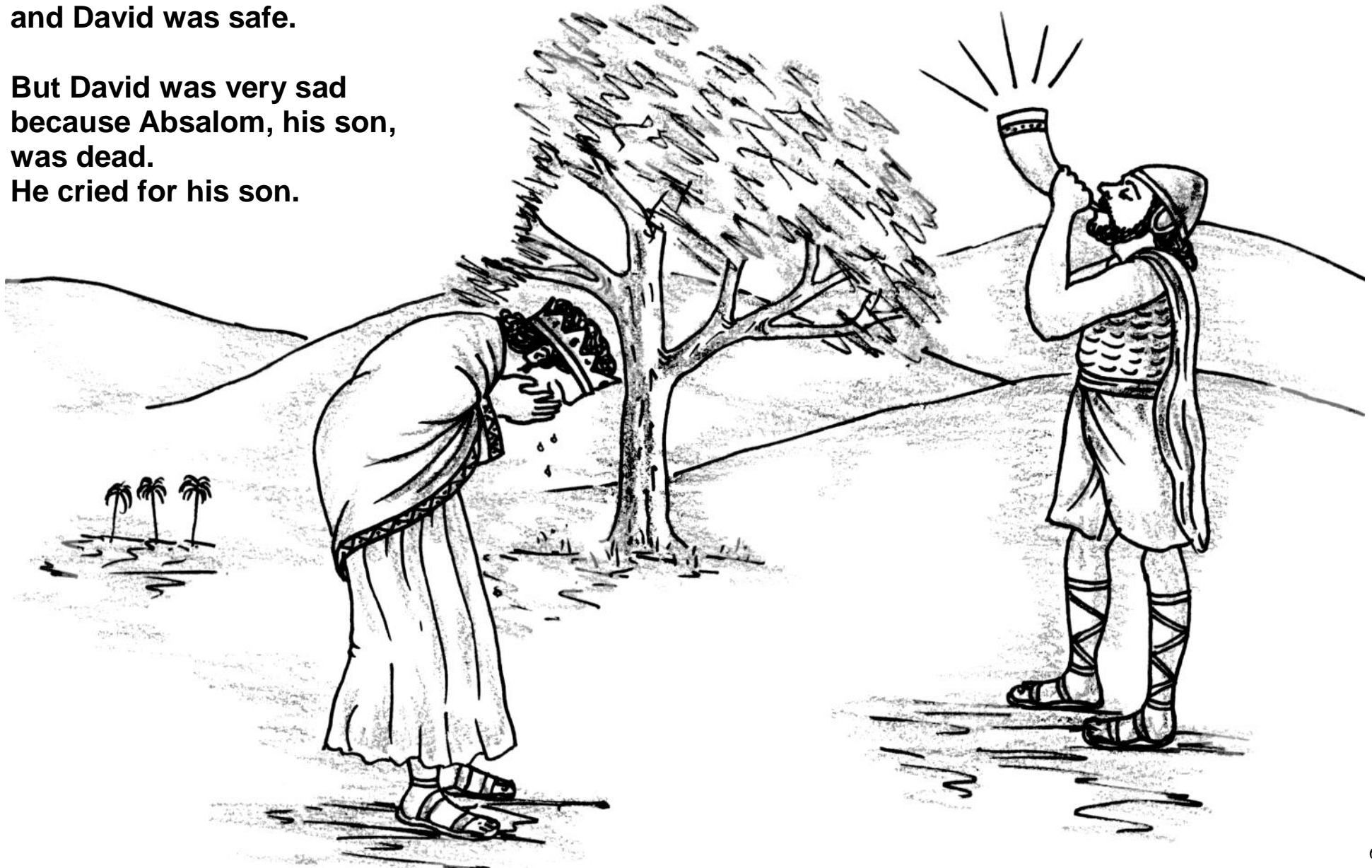
**He tried to run away
but his mule ran under a big tree.
His head got caught in the branches
and his mule ran away.
He was left hanging there.**

**Joab found Absalom in the tree
and killed him.**



**Joab blew his trumpet
to let everyone know
that the battle was over
and David was safe.**

**But David was very sad
because Absalom, his son,
was dead.
He cried for his son.**



**The people back in Jerusalem
wanted their true king back,
the king that God had chosen.**

**So the men of Judah went to David
and brought him back to his palace
in Jerusalem.**

