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SOLOMON ASKS FOR WISDOM / QUEEN OF SHEBA

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1 KINGS 3:3—15, 28; 4:29—34; 10:1—10, 13

2 Chronicles 1:1—13

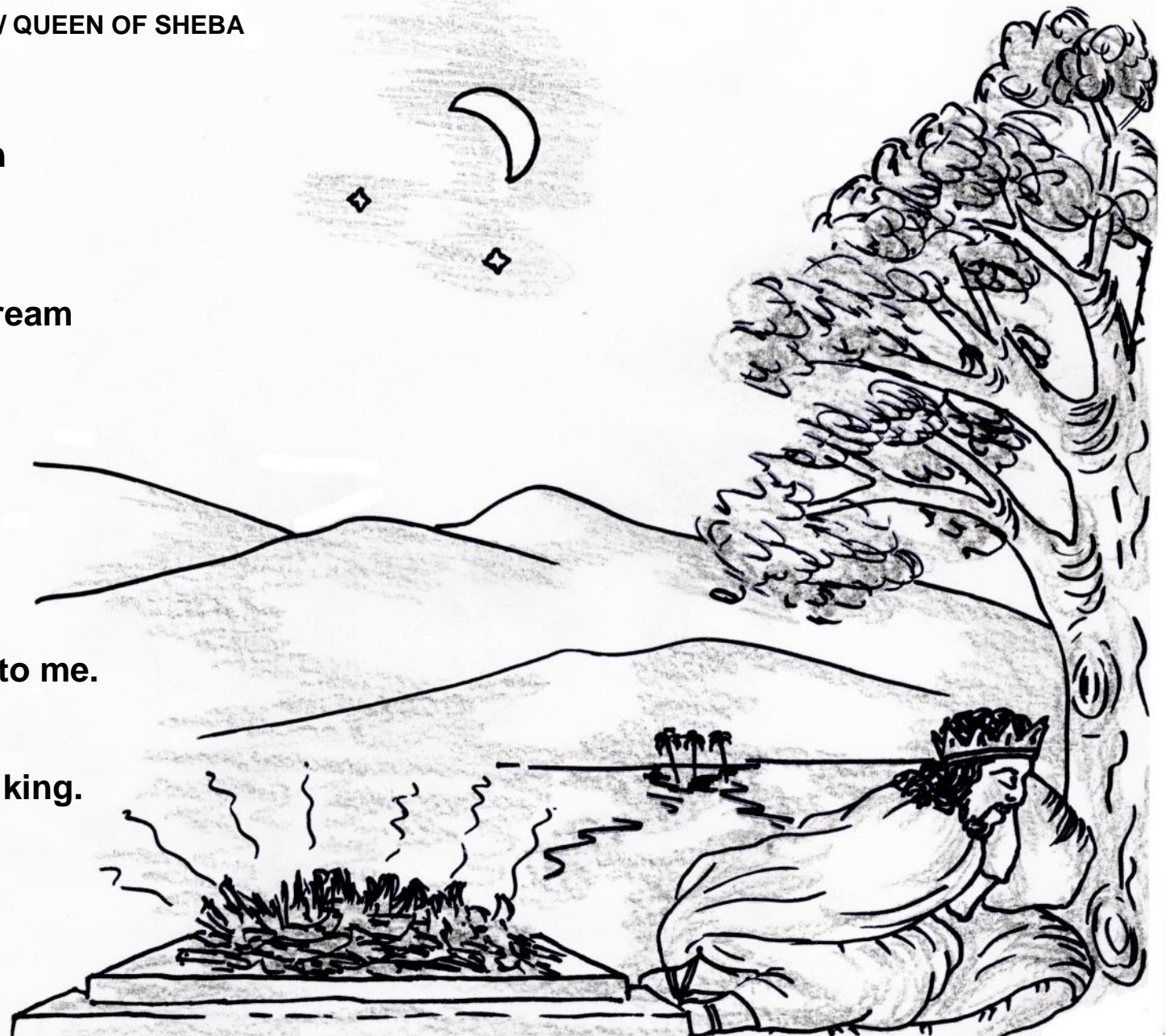
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**Solomon went to Gibeon
to sacrifice to the Lord.**

**While he was there
God spoke to him in a dream
saying,
'Ask Me for anything
and I will give it to you.'**

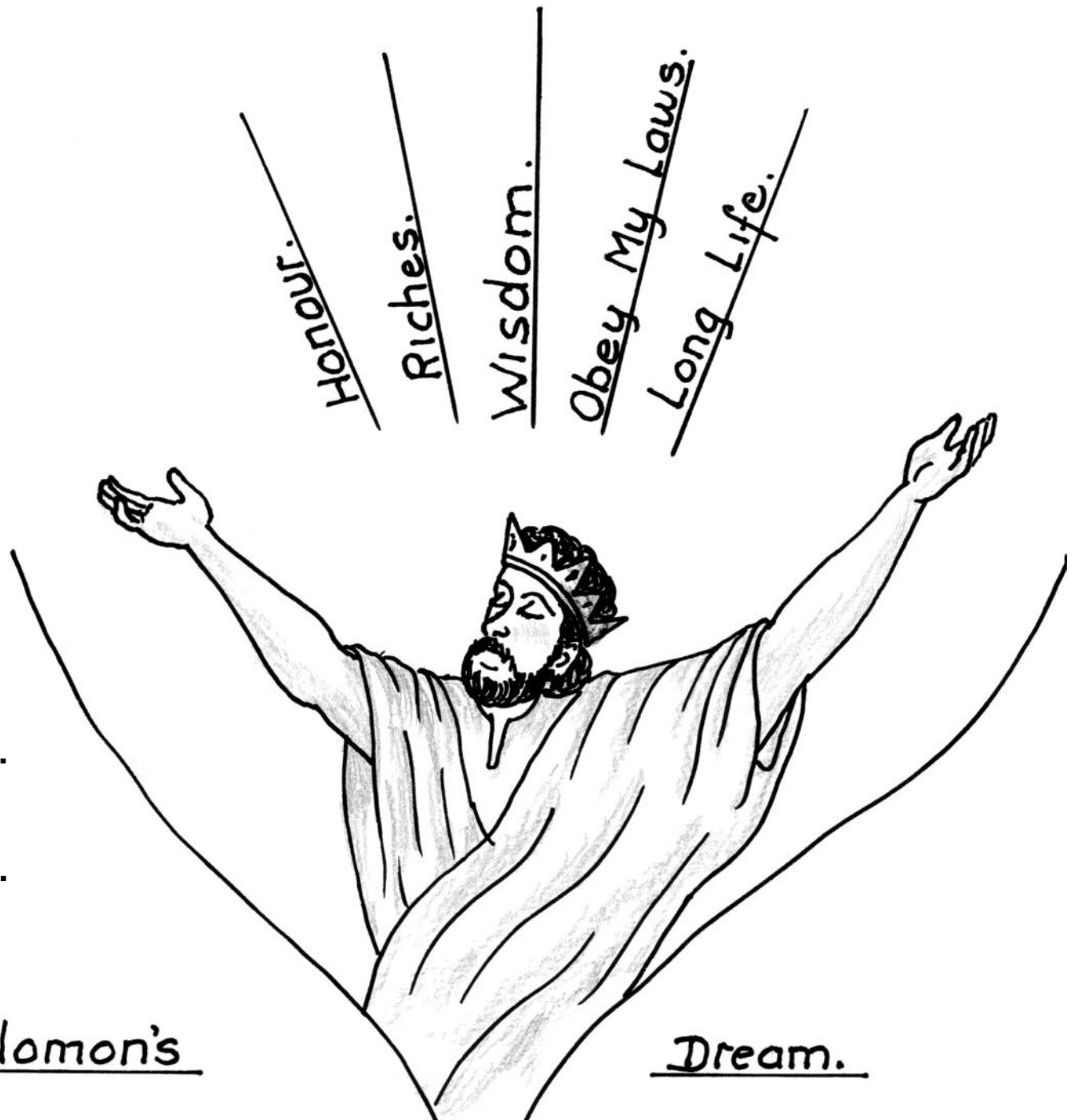
**Solomon answered,
'O Lord God,
You were kind
to my father, David.
Now You are being kind to me.
You have let me be king
over Your people.
I do not know how to be king.
Please give me wisdom
to rule in the right way.'**



The Lord answered Solomon saying,
'You did not ask for riches
or to live a long time.
You did not ask Me
to get rid of your enemies.
You have asked for wisdom.

'Wisdom and understanding
is what I will give you.
No-one will ever be
as wise as you.

'I will also give you
what you did not ask for,
that is, riches and
great honour.
No other king will be like you.
What I ask of you
is that you follow Me
and obey My words and laws.
Do this and
I will also give you long life.'



**When Solomon woke up
he knew that God had spoken to him.**

**Immediately he went to Jerusalem,
stood before God's Covenant Box,
made a sacrifice
and worshipped the Lord.**



Later, two mothers came to Solomon.
They were arguing over a baby,
each saying it was her own
and not the others.

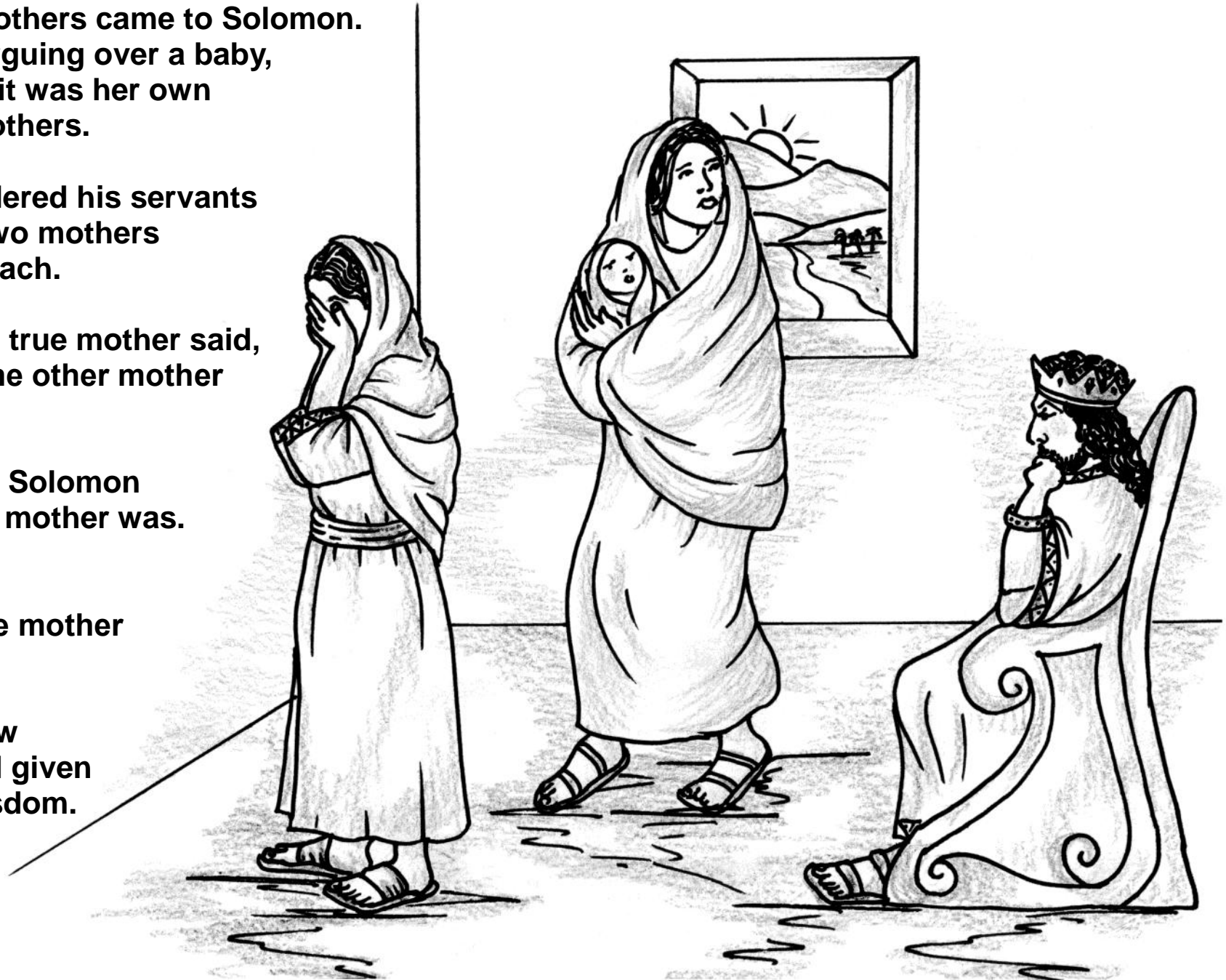
Solomon ordered his servants
to give the two mothers
half a baby each.

Instantly, the true mother said,
'Stop, give the other mother
the baby.'

This showed Solomon
who the true mother was.

He said,
'Give the true mother
her baby.'

Everyone saw
that God had given
Solomon wisdom.



**Kings from other lands
heard about Solomon
and came to hear his wisdom.**

**The Queen of Sheba also came.
She asked Solomon
many questions,
and he answered them all.**

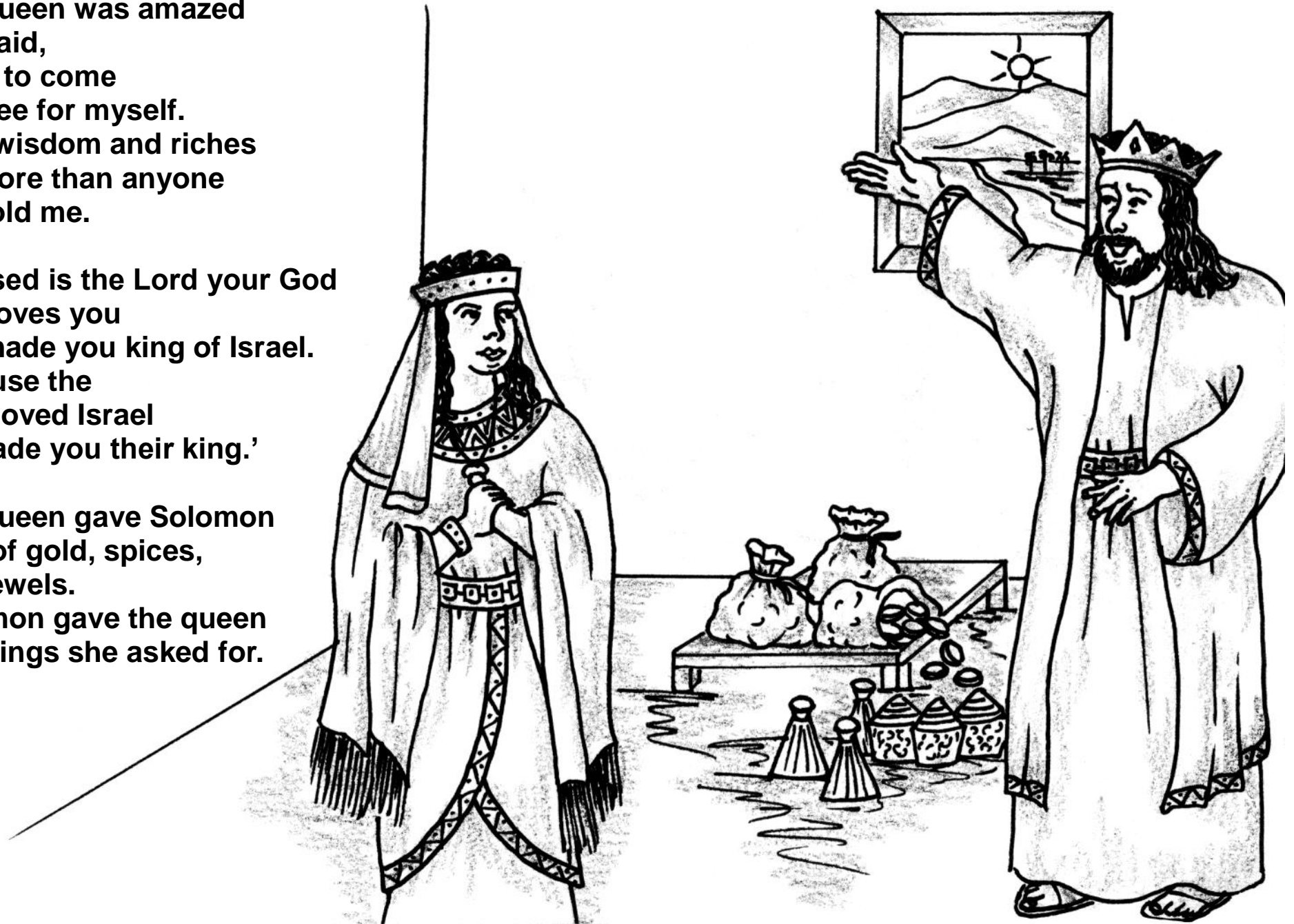
**Solomon showed the queen
his beautiful palace,
his servants in fine clothes,
the Temple of the Lord
and the offerings
he gave to God.**



The queen was amazed
and said,
'I had to come
and see for myself.
Your wisdom and riches
are more than anyone
has told me.

'Blessed is the Lord your God
who loves you
and made you king of Israel.
Because the
Lord loved Israel
He made you their king.'

The queen gave Solomon
gifts of gold, spices,
and jewels.
Solomon gave the queen
the things she asked for.



**The queen and her servants
returned to their own country.**

**They had seen God's blessing
on Solomon and Israel.**

