

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE —
A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS***

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1 KINGS 5:1 — 6:38; 8:1–66

2 Chronicles 5:1 – 7:3

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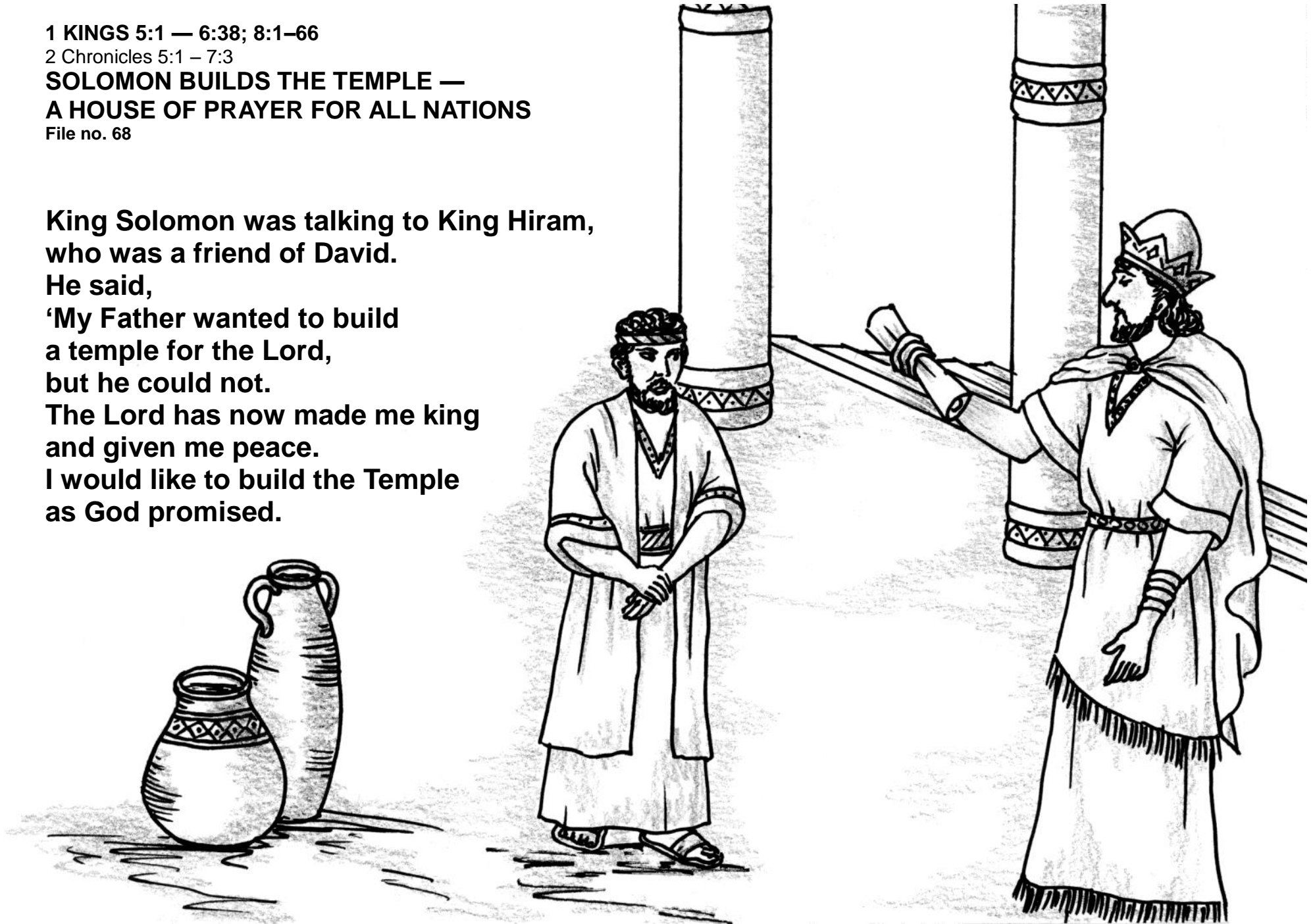
**King Solomon was talking to King Hiram,
who was a friend of David.**

He said,

**‘My Father wanted to build
a temple for the Lord,
but he could not.**

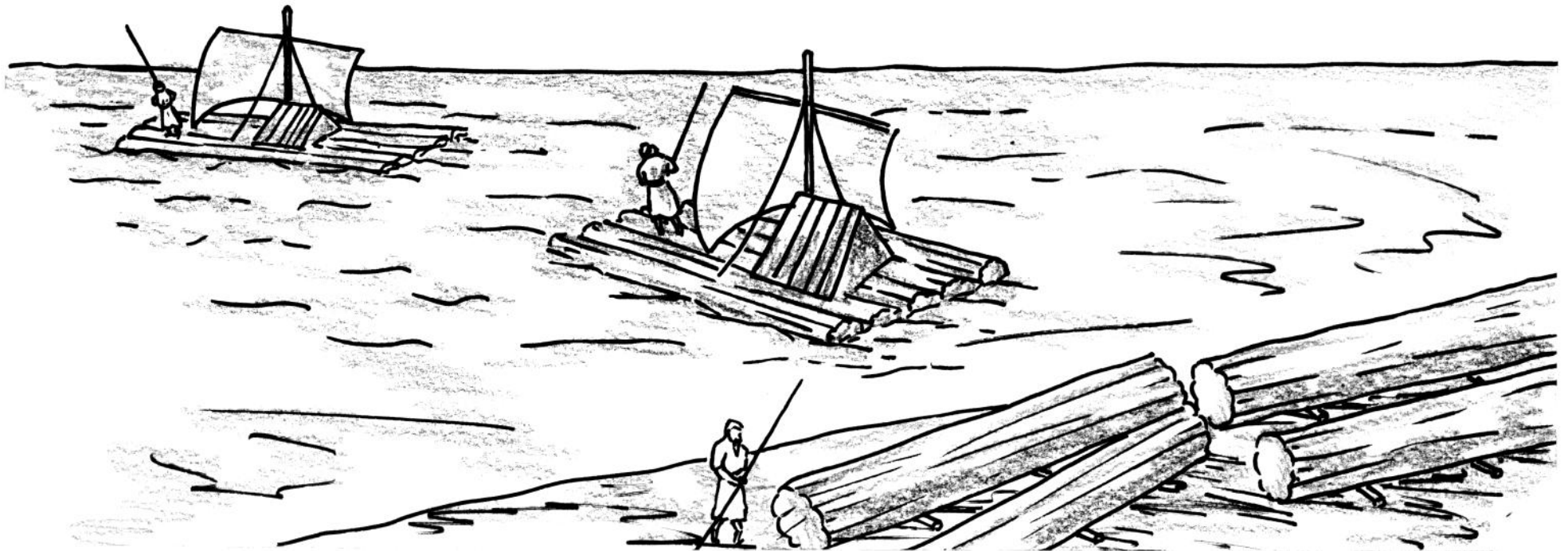
**The Lord has now made me king
and given me peace.**

**I would like to build the Temple
as God promised.**

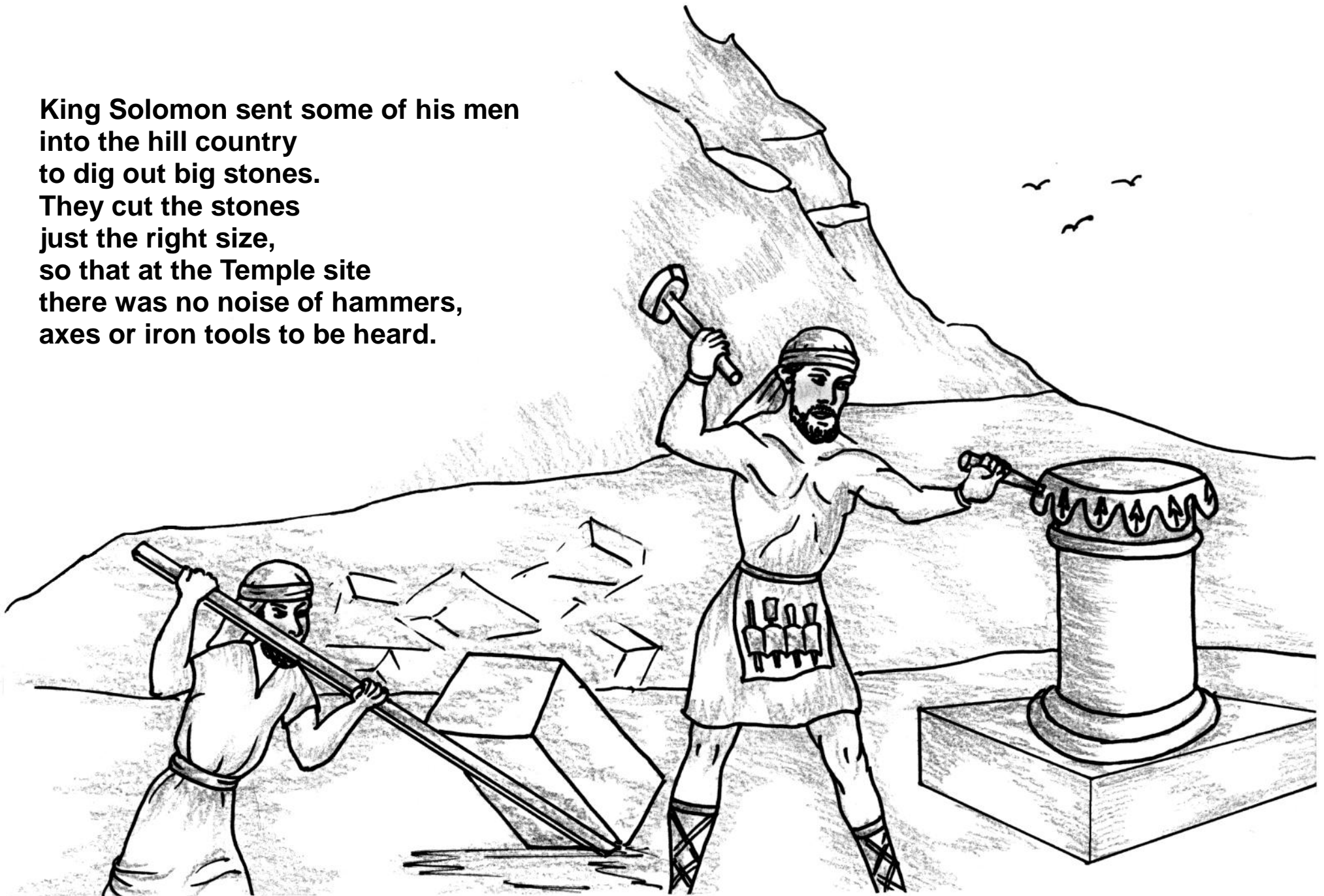


**‘Will you sell me
some of your cedar and cyprus trees?’**

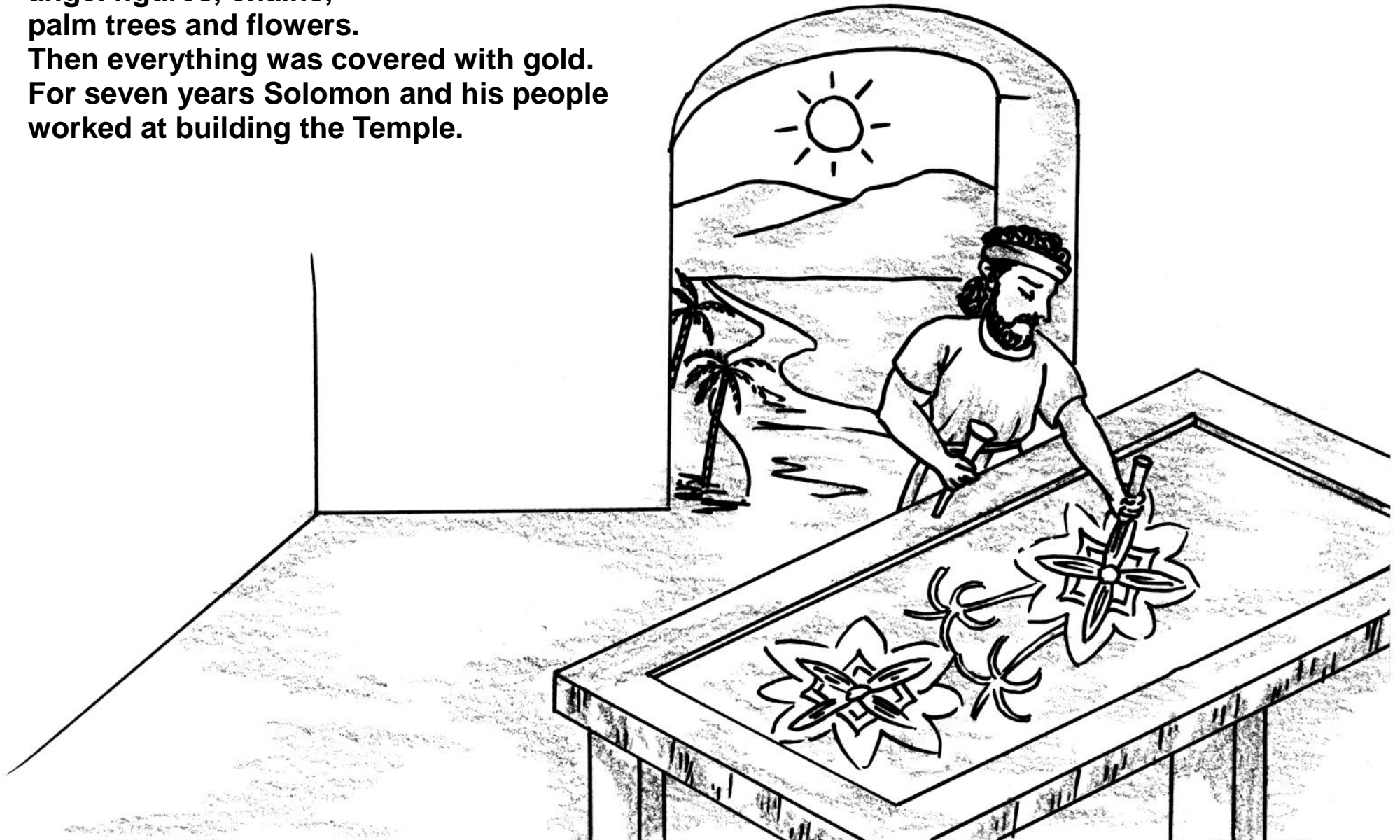
**King Hiram was very glad to help Solomon.
He had his men cut down the trees,
tie the big logs together
and float them down the sea to Israel.
Then they sawed up the logs
and carried them to Jerusalem.**



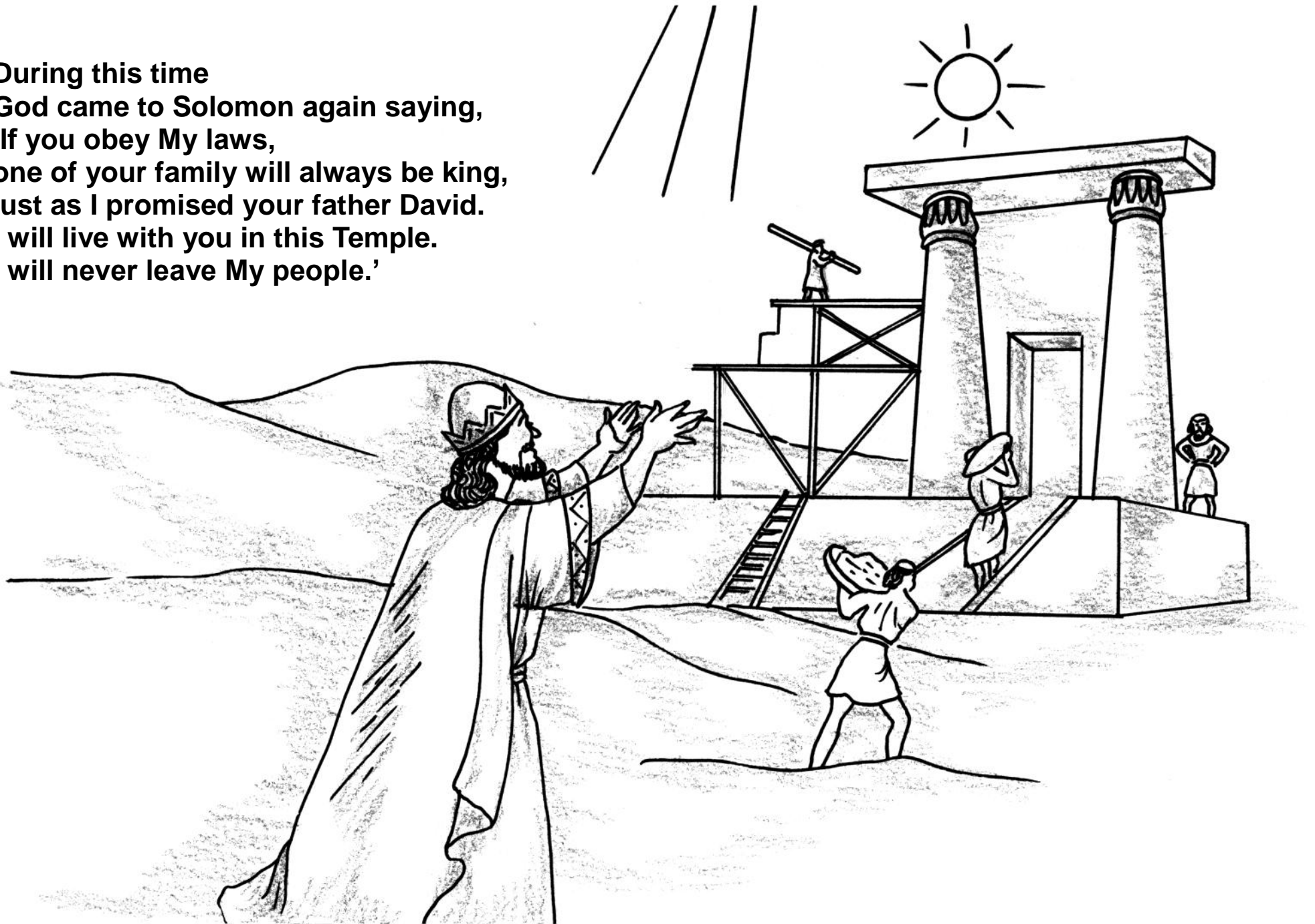
**King Solomon sent some of his men
into the hill country
to dig out big stones.
They cut the stones
just the right size,
so that at the Temple site
there was no noise of hammers,
axes or iron tools to be heard.**



**Some clever people carved the
angel figures, chains,
palm trees and flowers.
Then everything was covered with gold.
For seven years Solomon and his people
worked at building the Temple.**



**During this time
God came to Solomon again saying,
'If you obey My laws,
one of your family will always be king,
just as I promised your father David.
I will live with you in this Temple.
I will never leave My people.'**



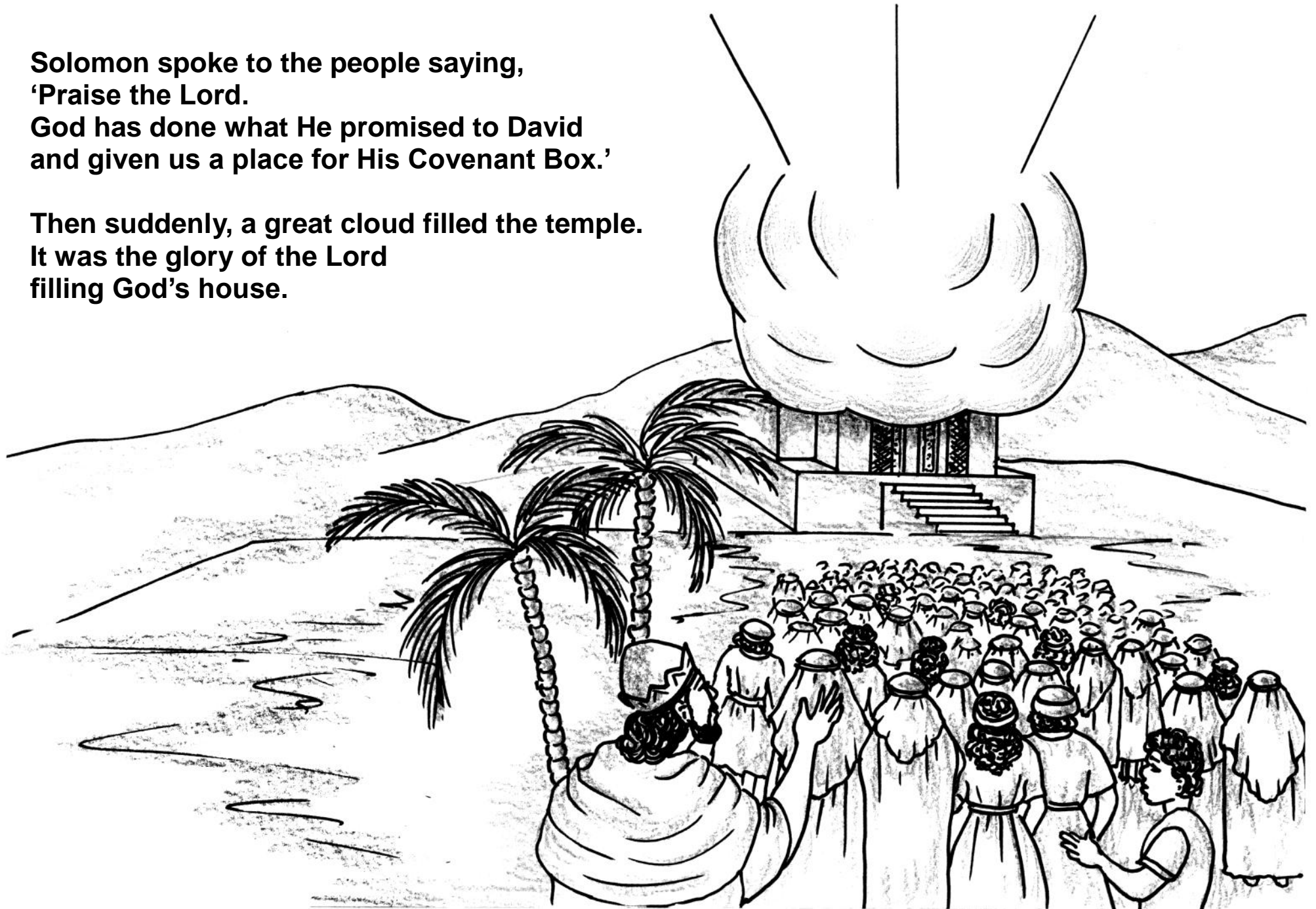
When the temple was finished
Solomon gathered the people together.
He had the priests carry
the Covenant Box,
the old Tent of Meeting and
the holy things
to the new Temple.
While this was happening
Solomon offered sacrifices
to the Lord.

At the same time the trumpets,
cymbals, harps and lyres,
were played while others sang,
'The Lord is good,
His love continues for ever.'



**Solomon spoke to the people saying,
'Praise the Lord.
God has done what He promised to David
and given us a place for His Covenant Box.'**

**Then suddenly, a great cloud filled the temple.
It was the glory of the Lord
filling God's house.**



**Then Solomon prayed,
'Praise the Lord, the God of Israel.
There is no god like You.
Hear my prayers and
the prayers of Your people.
When You hear us, forgive us.**

**'This temple is so small and
you fill more than all the heavens,
but you promised we
could meet you here.**

**'People from other lands
will come and pray to You.
Please hear their prayer.
Help us to keep your commands,
so that everyone on earth
may know that the Lord is God.'**

