

***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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***OBADIAH /  
ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL***

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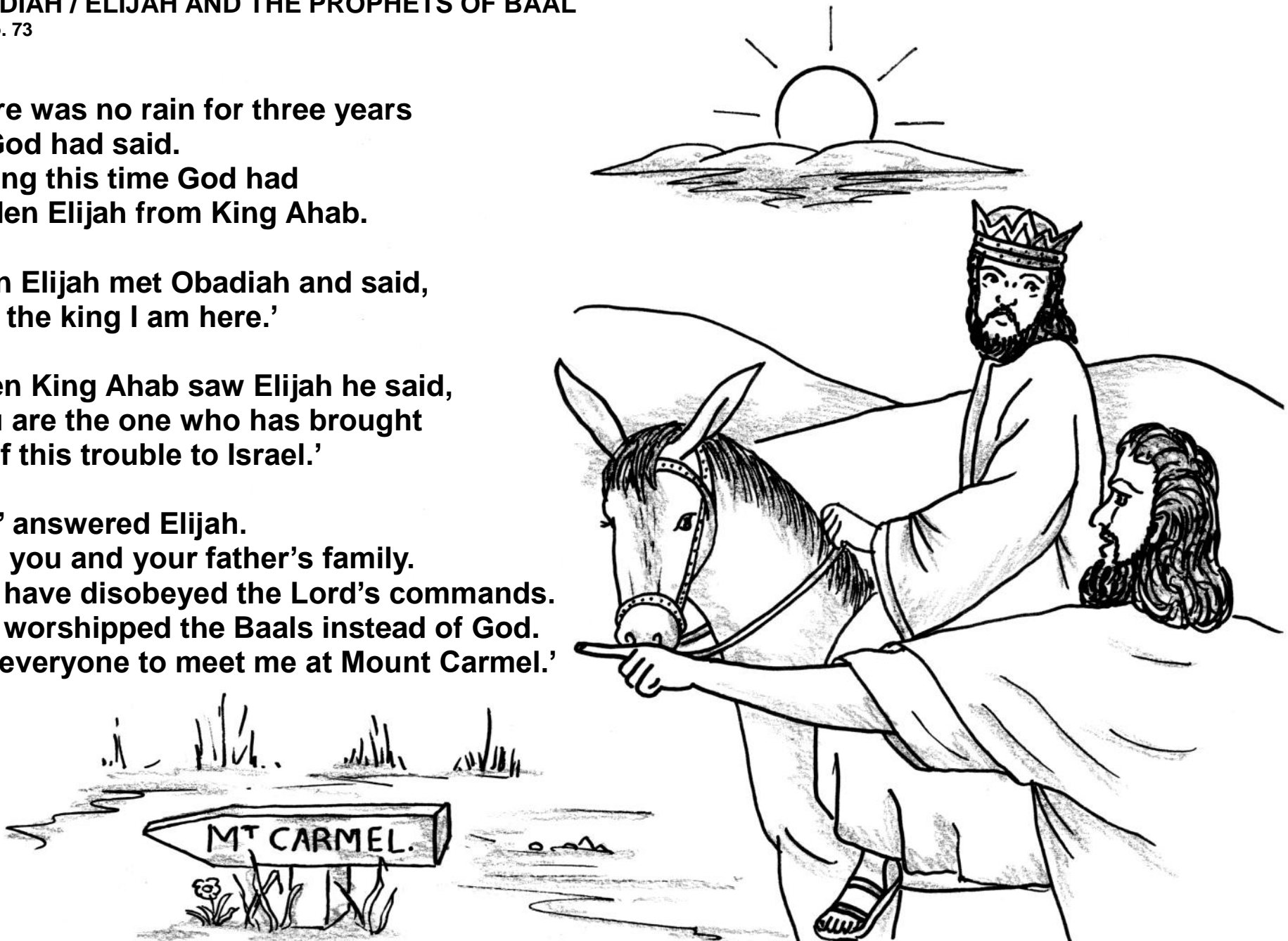
There was no rain for three years  
as God had said.

During this time God had  
hidden Elijah from King Ahab.

Then Elijah met Obadiah and said,  
'Tell the king I am here.'

When King Ahab saw Elijah he said,  
'You are the one who has brought  
all of this trouble to Israel.'

'No,' answered Elijah.  
'It is you and your father's family.  
You have disobeyed the Lord's commands.  
You worshipped the Baals instead of God.  
Tell everyone to meet me at Mount Carmel.'



**At Mt Carmel Elijah said,  
'How long will you serve Baal and God?  
If the Lord is the true God, follow Him.  
If Baal is the true God, follow him!'**

**Then Elijah said,  
'Bring two bulls.  
Let the prophets of Baal  
get a sacrifice ready.  
I will do the same.  
We will not set fire to our sacrifices.'**

**'Then you pray to your god  
and I will pray to the Lord.  
The god who answers our prayer  
by setting fire to the wood,  
he is the true God.'**

**Everyone said,  
'Yes, that is a good idea.'**

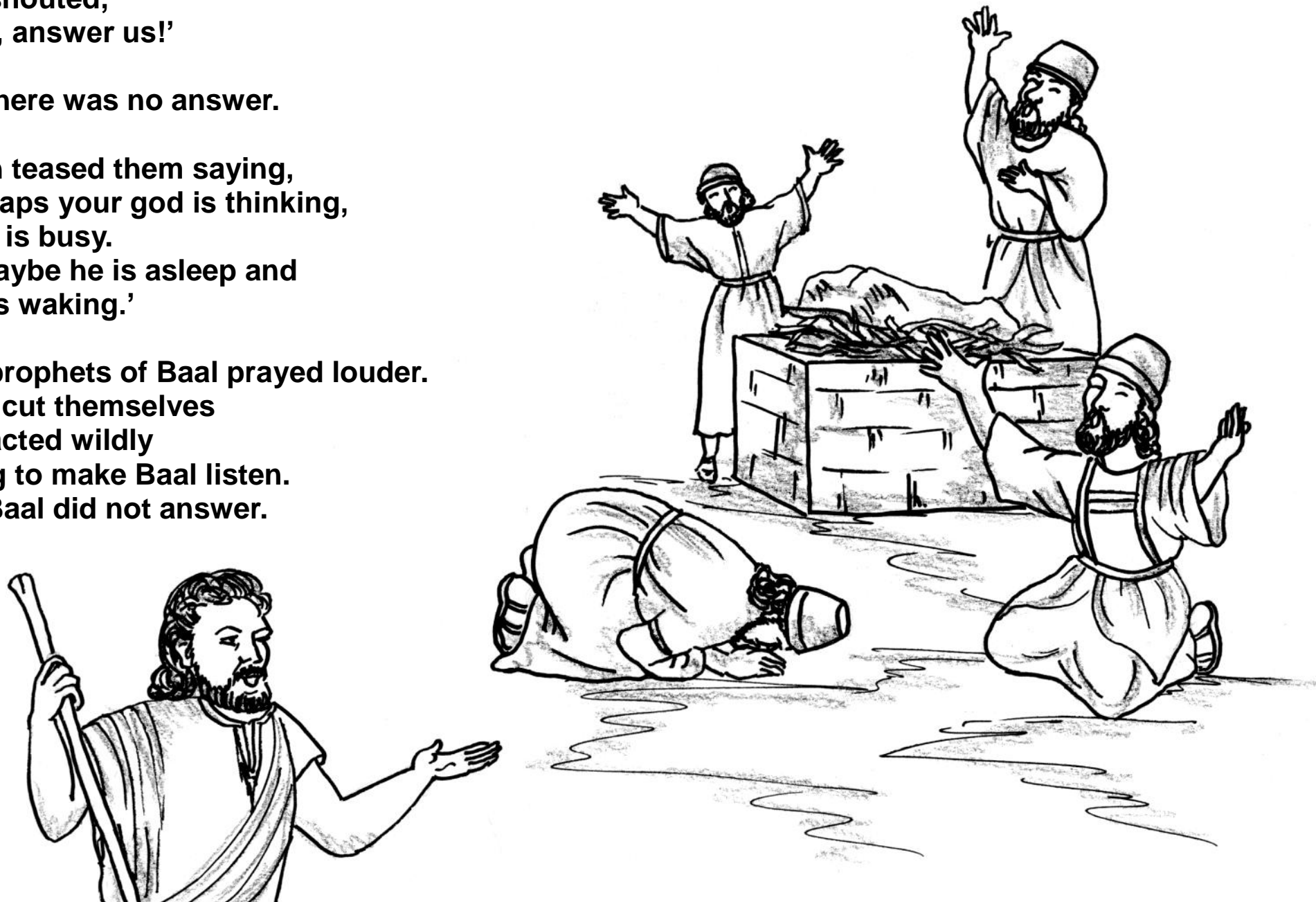


The prophets of Baal prayed all morning  
and shouted,  
'Baal, answer us!'

But there was no answer.

Elijah teased them saying,  
'Perhaps your god is thinking,  
or he is busy.  
Or maybe he is asleep and  
needs waking.'

The prophets of Baal prayed louder.  
They cut themselves  
and acted wildly  
trying to make Baal listen.  
But Baal did not answer.

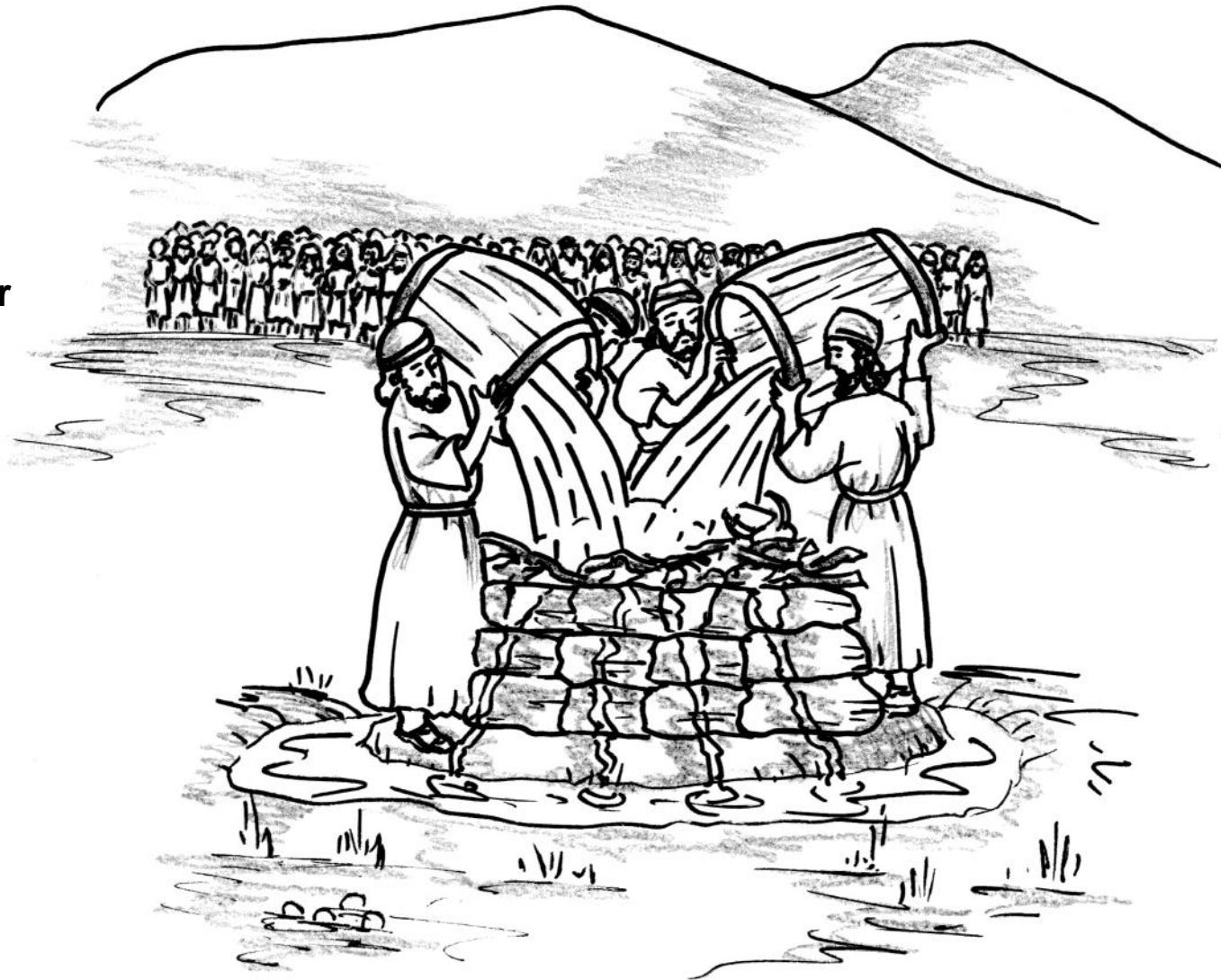


**Then Elijah gathered everyone near to him.**

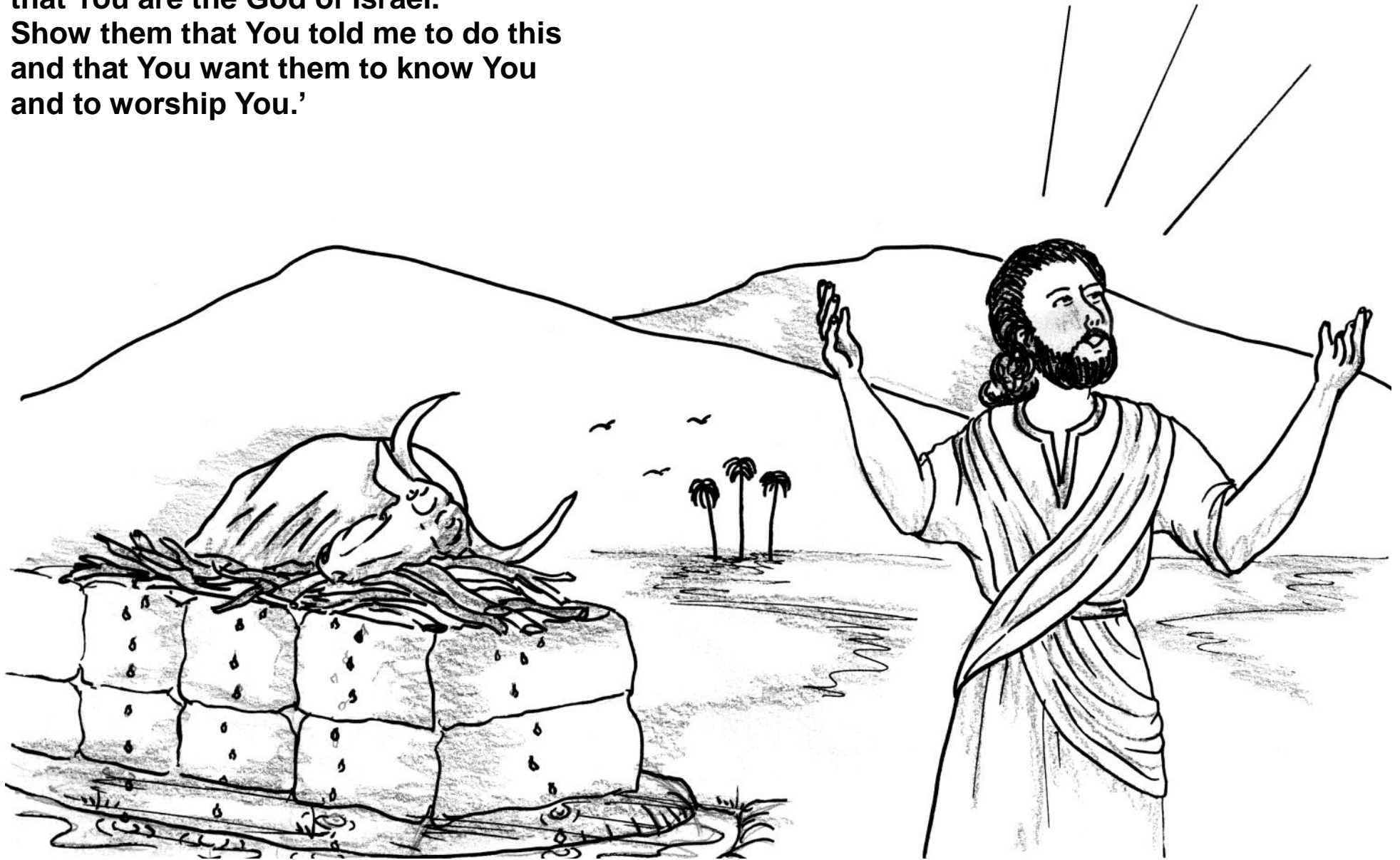
**He took twelve large stones  
and built an altar.  
Around it he dug a small ditch.  
On the altar he laid the wood  
and the bull.**

**He said to the men.  
'Pour water on everything.'**

**Three times they poured water  
over the altar.  
Now everything was wet  
and the ditch was full.**



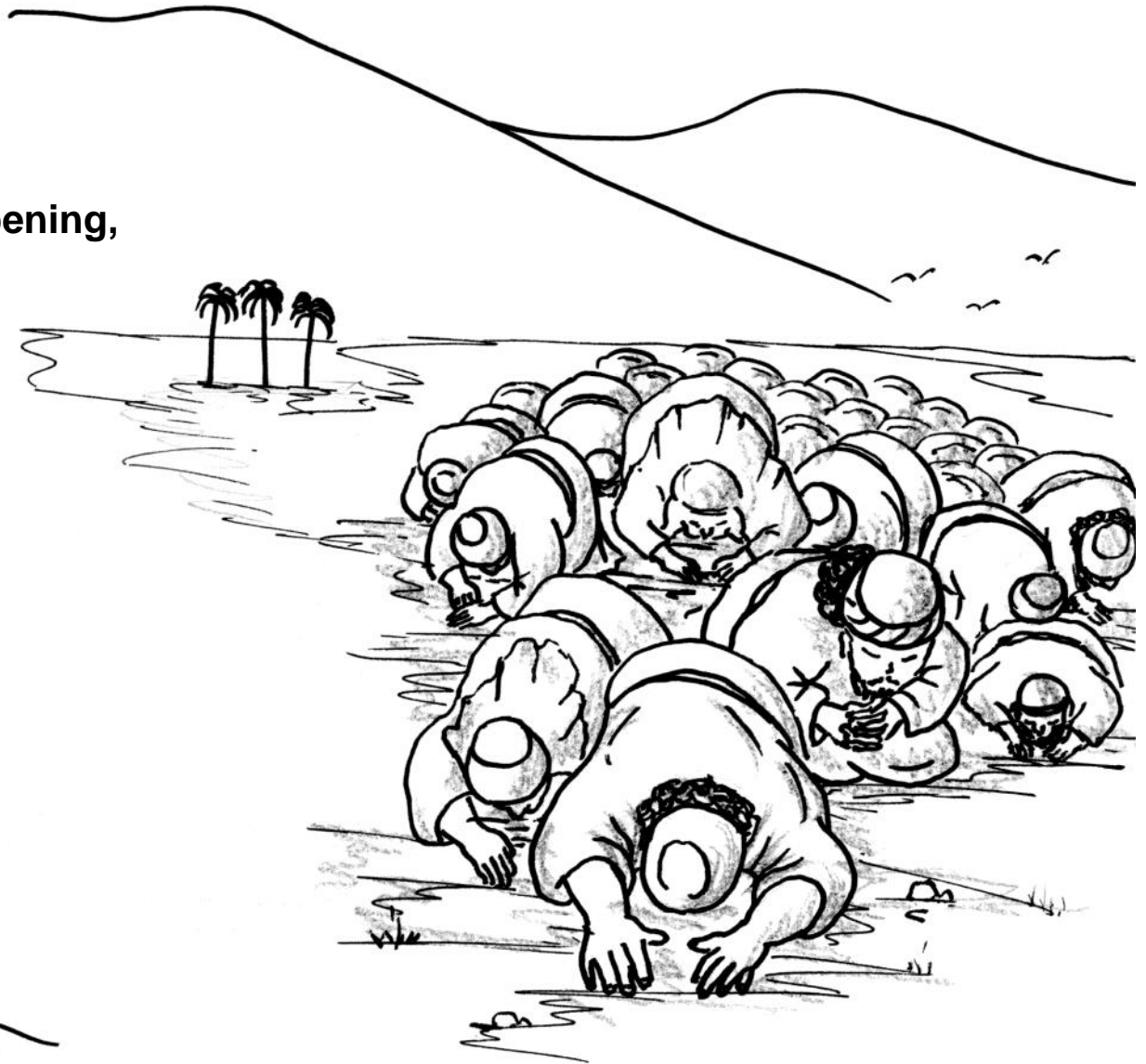
**At the time for evening sacrifice Elijah prayed,  
'Lord, let it be known  
that You are the God of Israel.  
Show them that You told me to do this  
and that You want them to know You  
and to worship You.'**





**Immediately, the Lord sent down fire.  
It burned up the wood,  
the bull,  
the stones  
and the water in the ditch.**

**When the people saw what was happening,  
they fell to the ground  
and cried,  
'The Lord is God! The Lord is God!'**



**Elijah then told his servant to look for any clouds.  
Six times the servant looked, but there was none.  
On the seventh time he saw a tiny cloud coming up.**

**Elijah turned to Ahab and said,  
'Get into your chariot and go home  
before you are stopped by the rain.'**

**Soon big dark clouds covered the sky,  
the wind blew and  
God sent a heavy rain.**

***God did what He said He would do  
showing that He was God  
of the whole world.***

