

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***GOOD KING JEHOSEPHAT***

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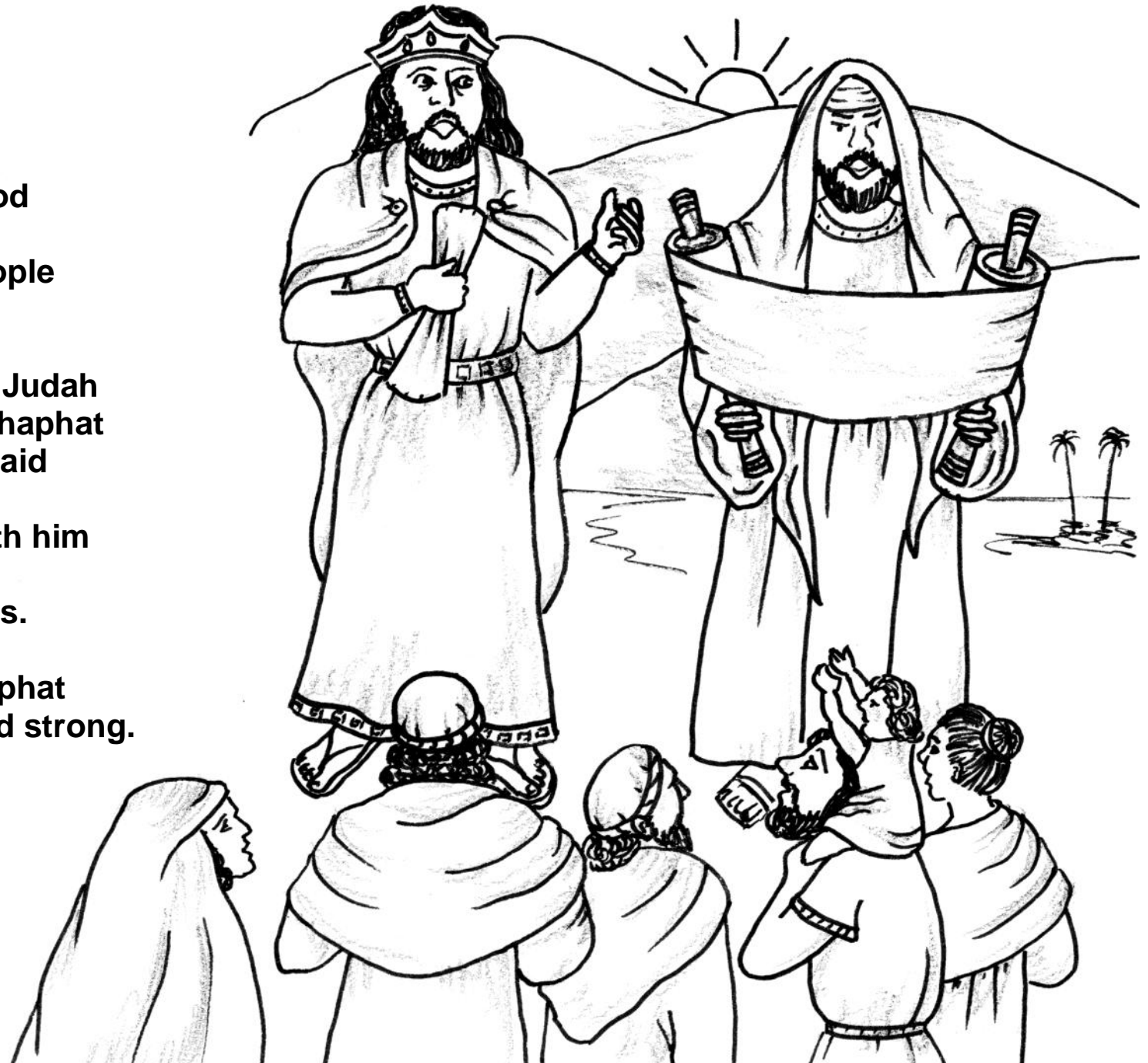
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**2 CHRONICLES 17:1 — 18:34**  
1 Kings 22:1–40  
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**Jehoshaphat loved God  
and obeyed His word.  
He also taught his people  
God's word.**

**The countries around Judah  
would not fight Jehoshaphat  
because they were afraid  
of the Lord.  
They made friends with him  
and gave gifts of  
silver, sheep and goats.**

**God blessed Jehoshaphat  
and made him rich and strong.**



One day, Jehoshaphat went to see King Ahab of Israel.  
But Ahab was a man who hated God.

Together they sat around the table and feasted.

Ahab asked Jehoshaphat,  
'Will you help me fight my enemy?'

'Yes, I will',  
said Jehoshaphat,  
'but first let us ask the Lord  
to see if that is what we  
should do.'

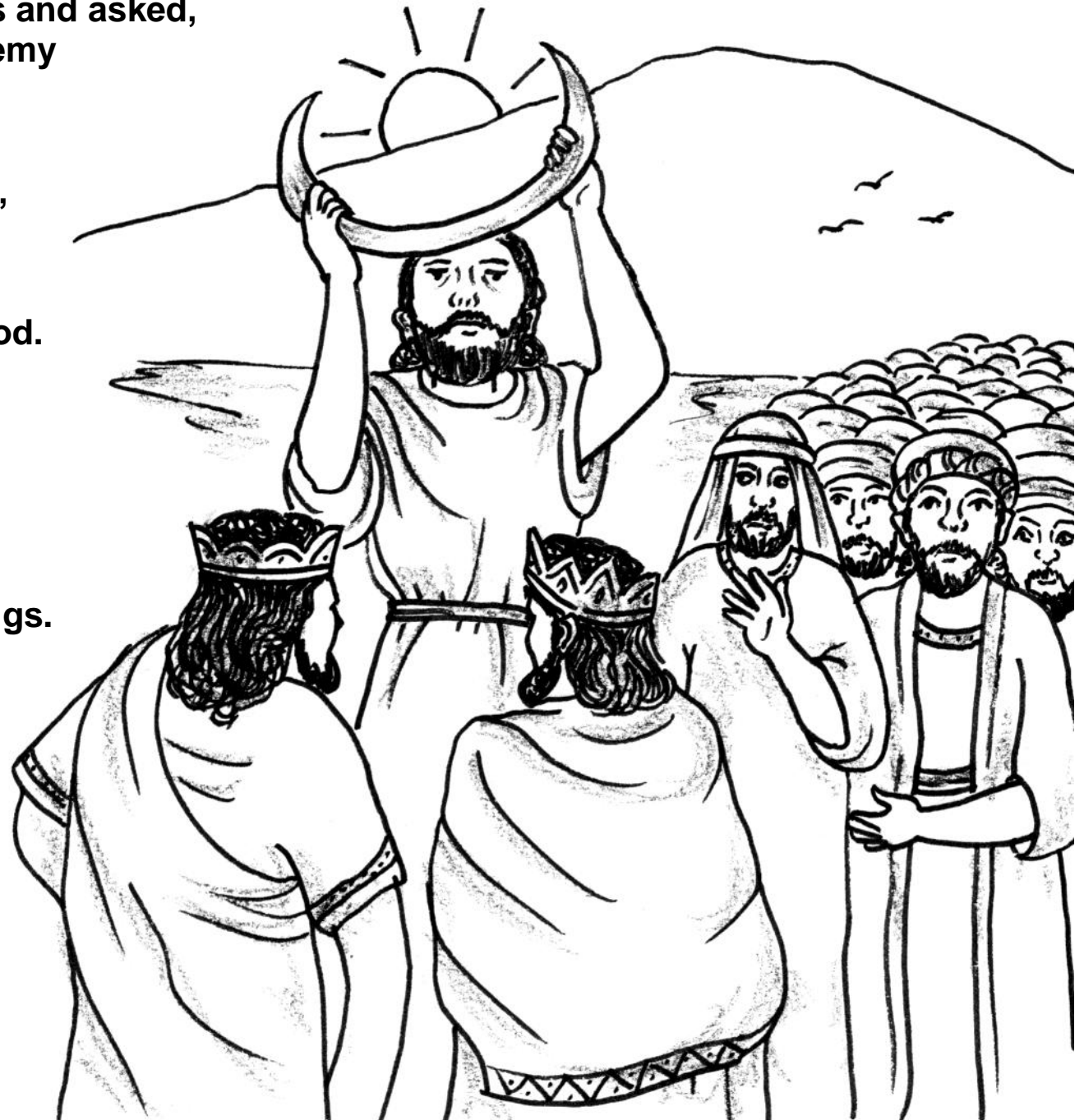


Ahab called in his 400 prophets and asked,  
'Should we go and fight my enemy  
or should we not?'

These prophets said,  
'Go, and God will help you win.'

Jehoshaphat did not  
think they were speaking for God.  
So he asked Ahab,  
'Is there one of God's prophets  
we can ask?'

'Oh yes,' said Ahab,  
'There is Micaiah.  
But he never tells me good things.  
I do not like him.'

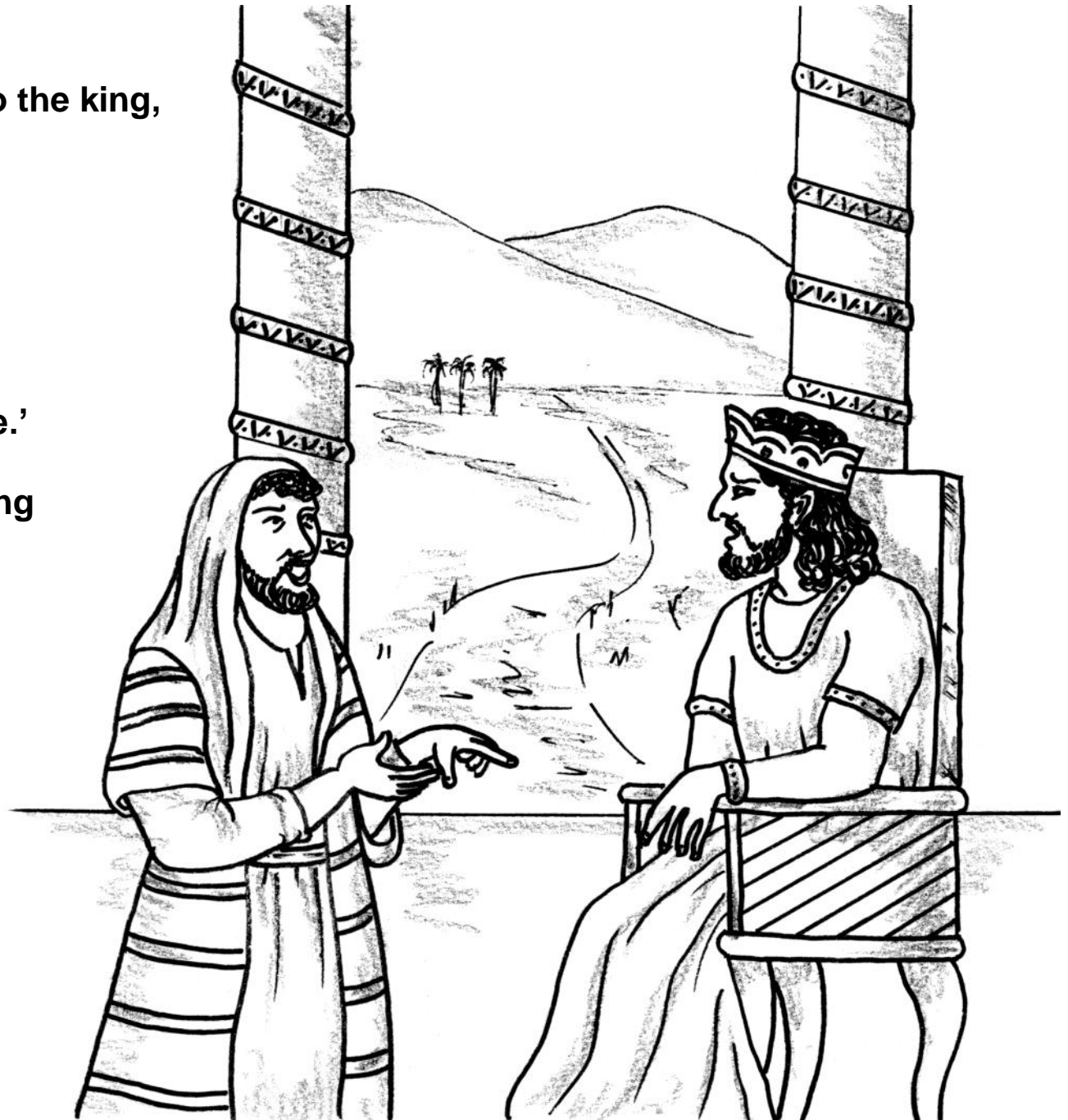


As Micaiah was being brought to the king,  
the messenger said to him,  
'The other prophets have said  
that the king will win  
if he fights his enemy.  
You should say the same.'

Micaiah answered,  
'I can only say what God tells me.'

So when Micaiah came to the King  
he began acting  
like the other prophets and said,  
'Go into battle and you will win.'

Immediately, King Ahab knew  
that this was not God's word.



**‘Tell me the truth,’ said Ahab.**

**So Micaiah answered,  
‘Your prophets, King Ahab,  
have been tricked into telling  
lies.  
You are going to be killed  
in battle.’**

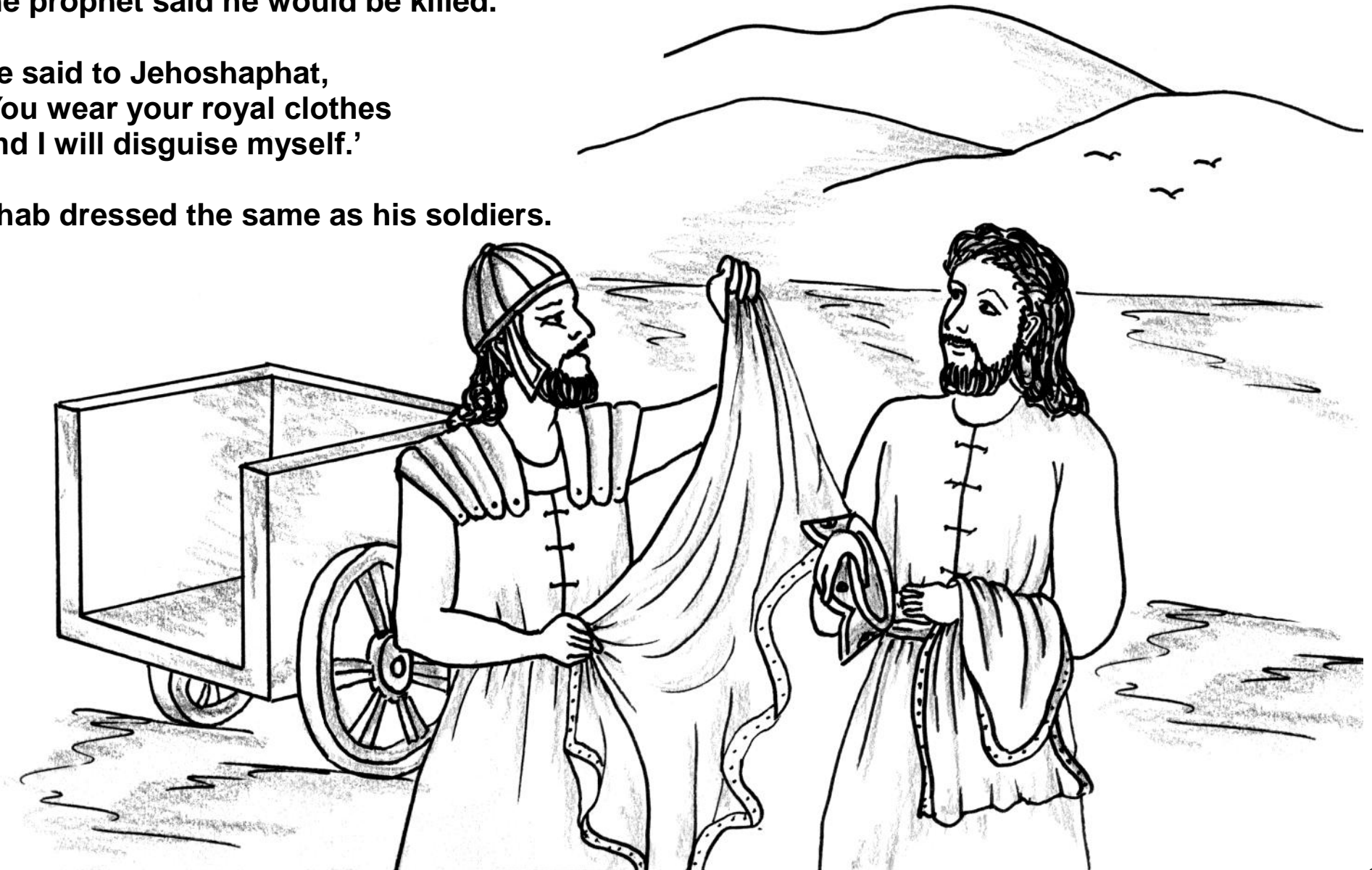
**This made Ahab so angry  
that he shouted,  
‘Take Micaiah away  
and put him back in prison.’**



**Ahab was afraid  
as he and Jehoshaphat prepared for battle.  
He was afraid because  
the prophet said he would be killed.**

**He said to Jehoshaphat,  
'You wear your royal clothes  
and I will disguise myself.'**

**Ahab dressed the same as his soldiers.**





**Out on the battlefield  
the enemy looked for Ahab.  
When they saw Jehoshaphat  
they thought it was Ahab and  
chased him.**

**Jehoshaphat cried out  
and the Lord helped him.  
The enemy turned away.**

**Then one of the soldiers  
pulled back his arrow and let it go.  
That arrow hit King Ahab and  
wounded him.**

**Later that day, he died,  
just as God said he would.**

**God saved Jehoshaphat in the battle.**

