

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE WOMAN OF SHUNEM

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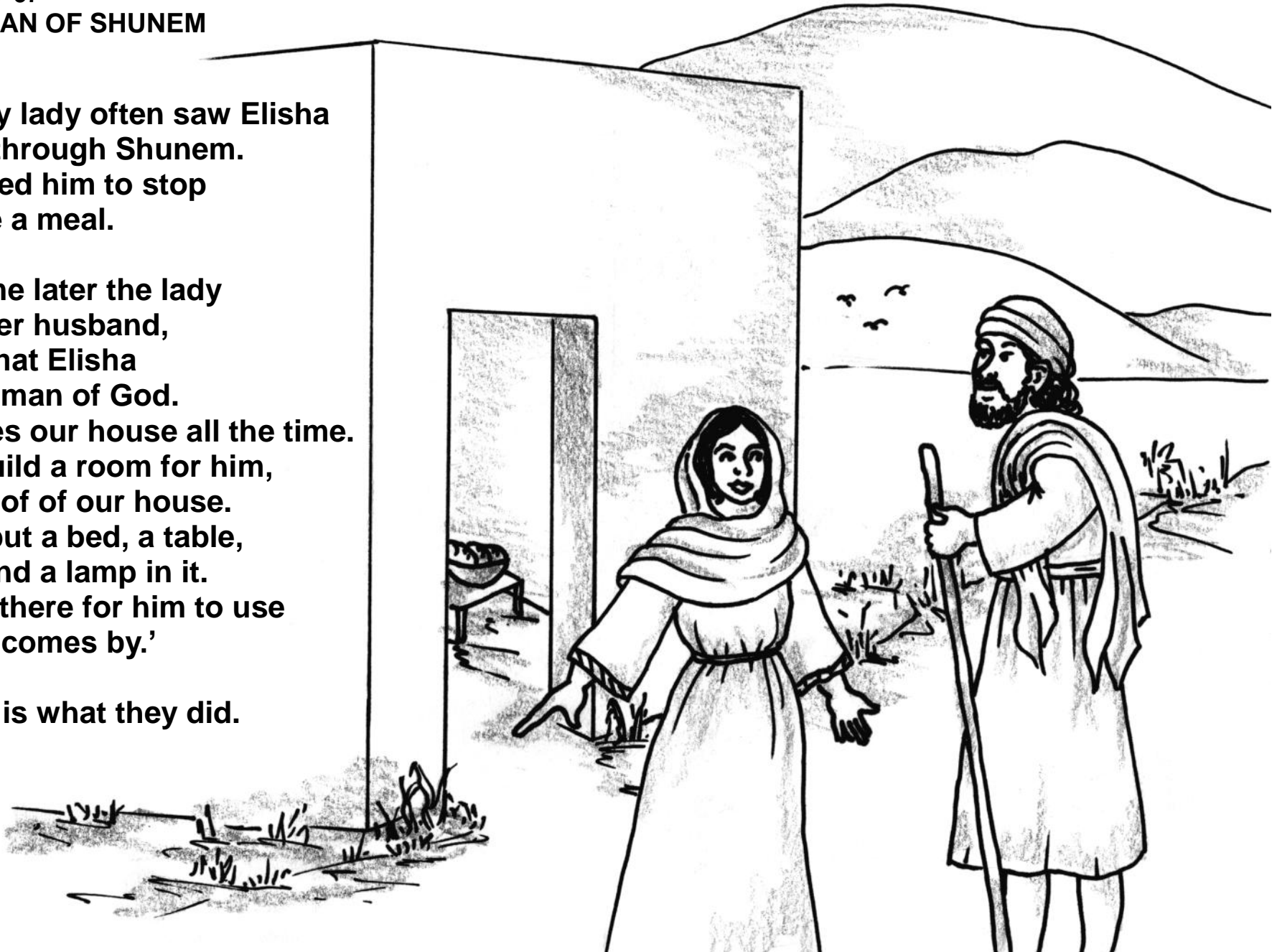
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2 KINGS 4:8-37
THE WOMAN OF SHUNEM
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A wealthy lady often saw Elisha walking through Shunem. She invited him to stop and have a meal.

Some time later the lady said to her husband, 'I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. He passes our house all the time. Let us build a room for him, on the roof of our house. We can put a bed, a table, a chair and a lamp in it. It will be there for him to use when he comes by.'

And that is what they did.



One day when Elisha came there
he said to the lady,
'You have done all of this for me.
What can I do for you?

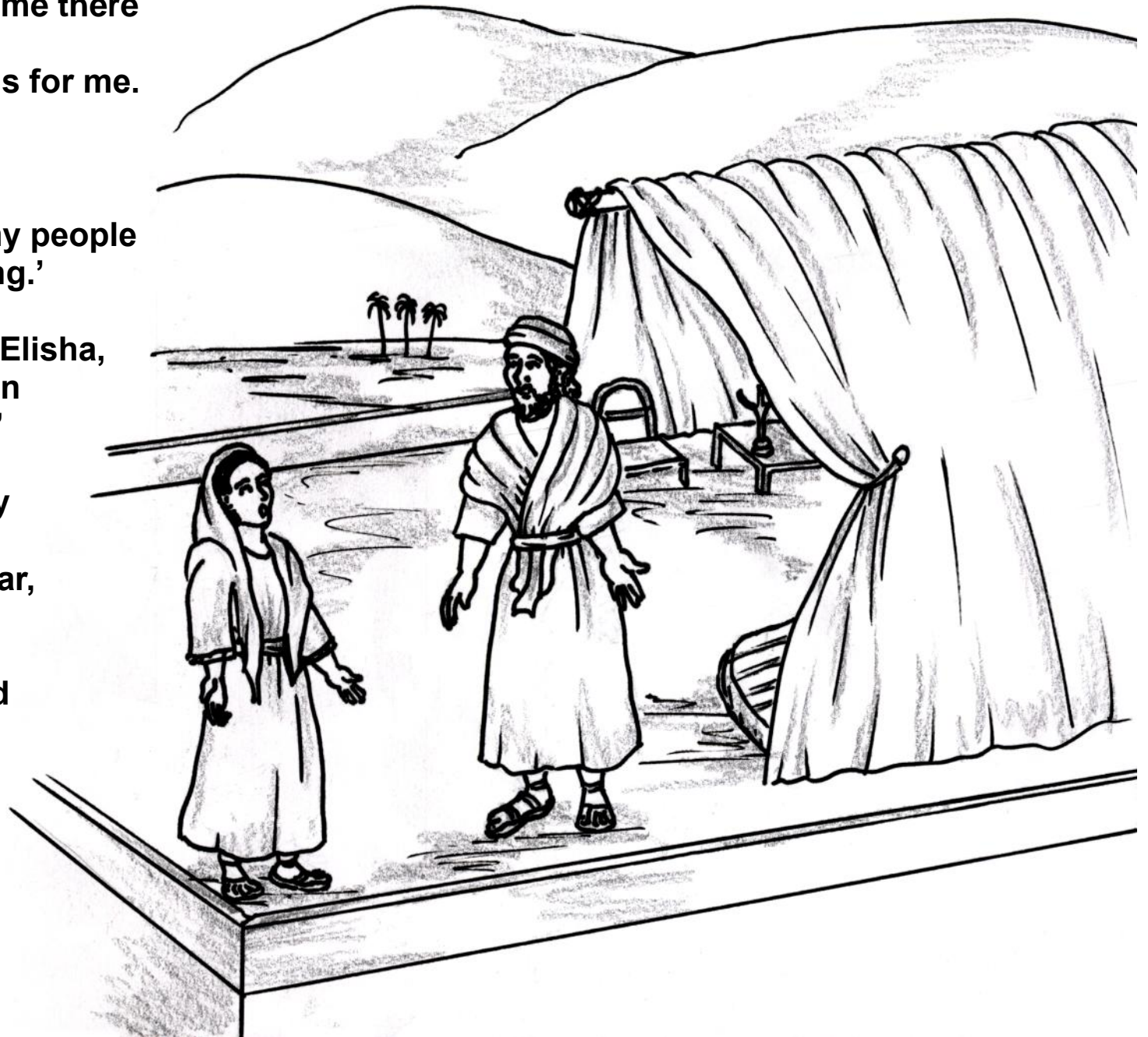
The lady said,
'I live safely here with my people
and do not need anything.'

Elisha's servant said to Elisha,
'She does not have a son
and her husband is old.'

So Elisha called the lady
and said,
'About this time next year,
you will have a son.'

'O man of God.' she said
'Do not lie to me!'

She did not want to be
disappointed.



**The next year the lady had a baby boy,
just as Elisha told her.**

**One day, a few years later,
when he had grown up
the boy went to see his father
in the fields.
He became very sick.**

**A servant carried him home
to his mother and he died.**



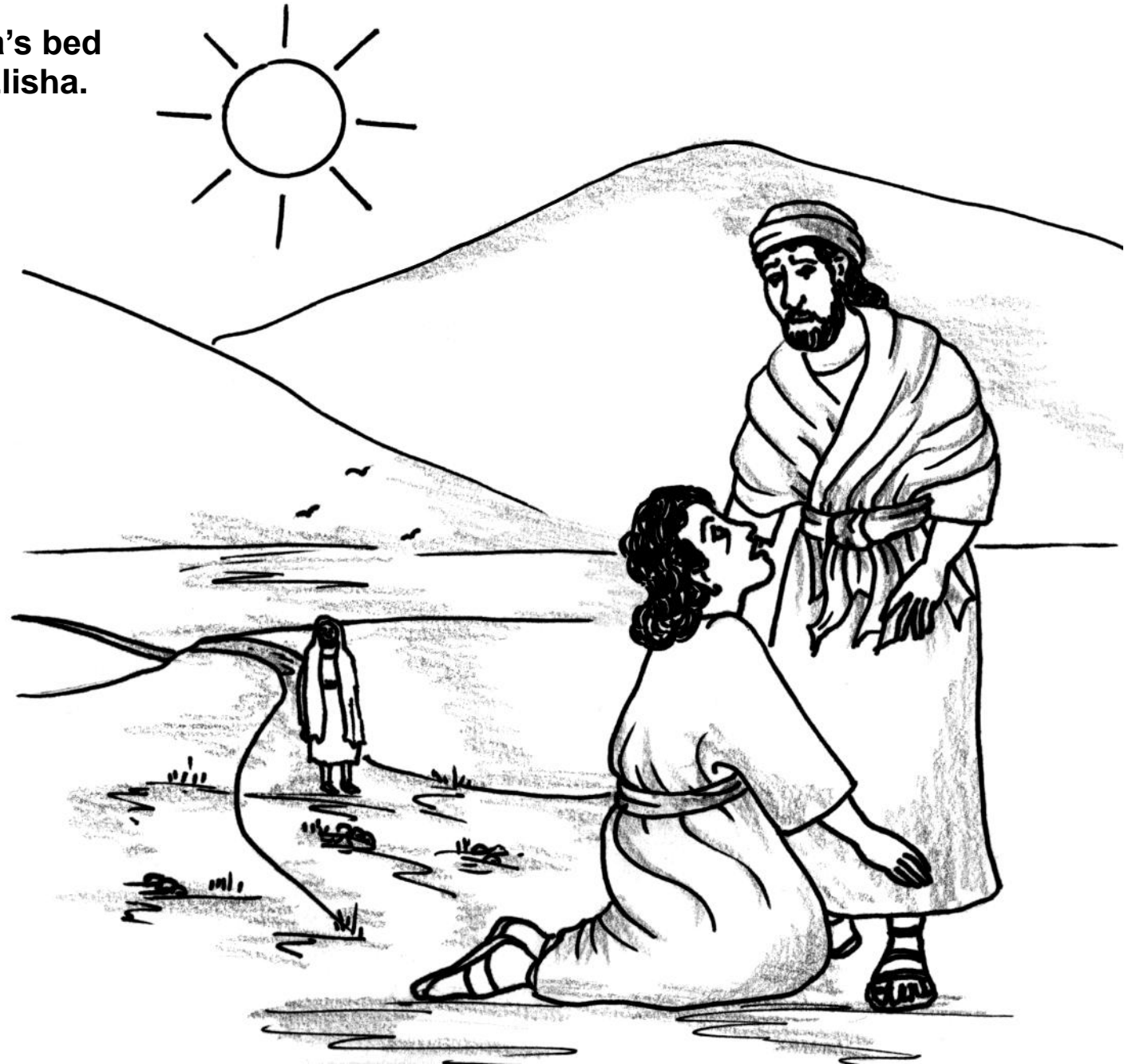
The lady was very sad.
She laid her son on Elisha's bed
and quickly went to find Elisha.

Elisha saw her coming
and told his servant
to run and meet her to
find out what was wrong.
But she would not stop.

When she got to Elisha,
she held on to his feet.

Elisha said,
'God has not told me
what has happened.'

She said,
'I did not ask for a son.
You raised my hopes,
but now he is dead.'

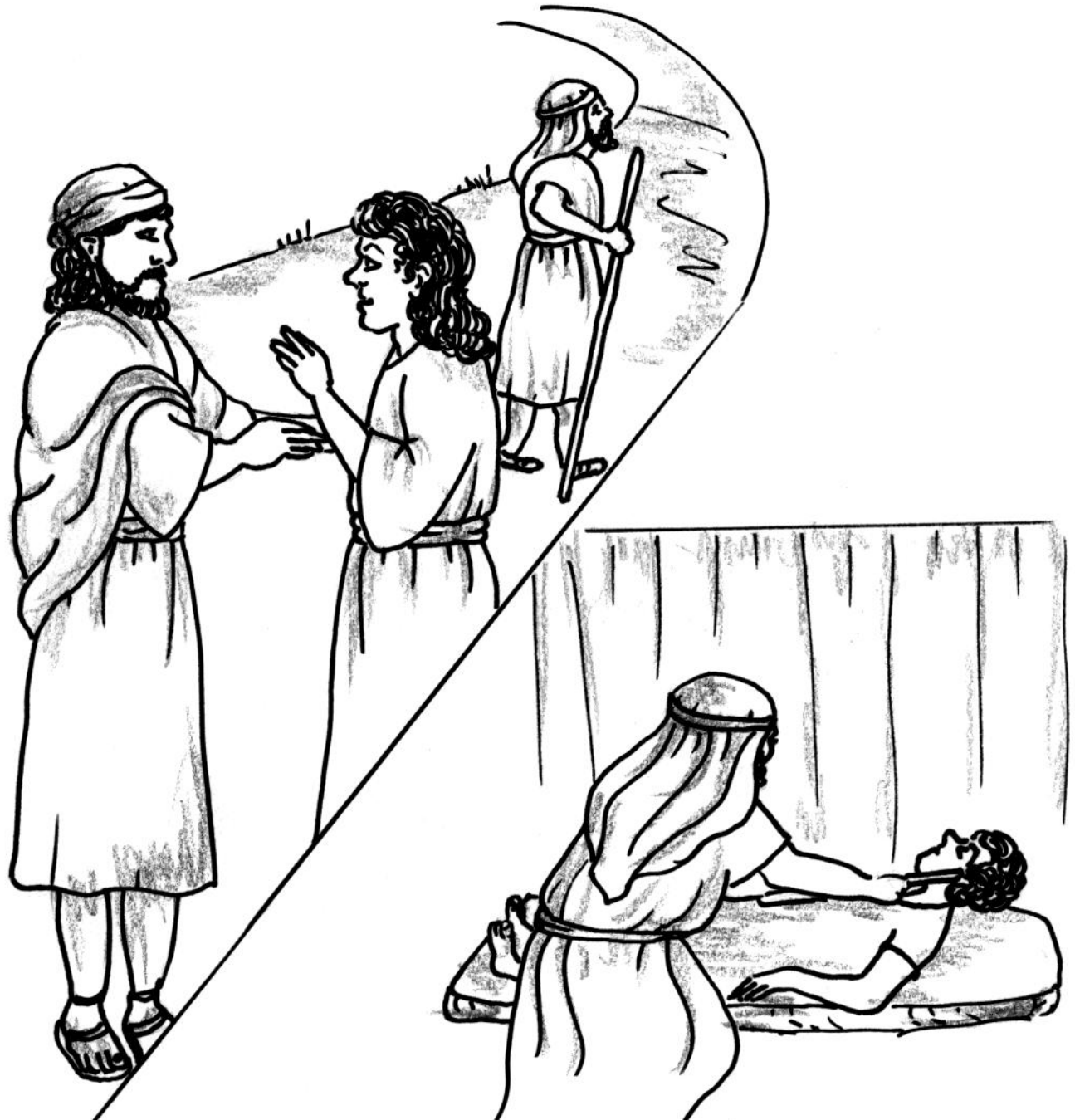


Elisha sent his servant immediately to lay his walking stick on the boy's face.

But the mother said, 'As the Lord lives, I will not leave you!'

So Elisha went with her to her home.

The servant did as Elisha told him and laid the walking stick on the boy's face. The boy did not move or talk.



**Elisha found the child
lying on his bed.**

**He closed the door
and prayed to the Lord.**

**Then he stretched himself
out on top of the child.
The child's skin became
warm.**

**Elisha stood up
and walked around the
room.**

**He stretched himself
out on the child again.
The child sneezed seven
times
and opened his eyes.**



Elisha called the
Shunammite woman
and said,
'Pick up your son.'

She came in,
fell at Elisha's feet
and thanked God.
Then she picked up
her son.

*God showed this woman
that he had power to
raise the dead to life,
and that He loved her.*



***One day,
when Jesus returns to this earth,
He will raise up everyone
who has trusted in Him.
Then there will be no more
dying or sadness.***

