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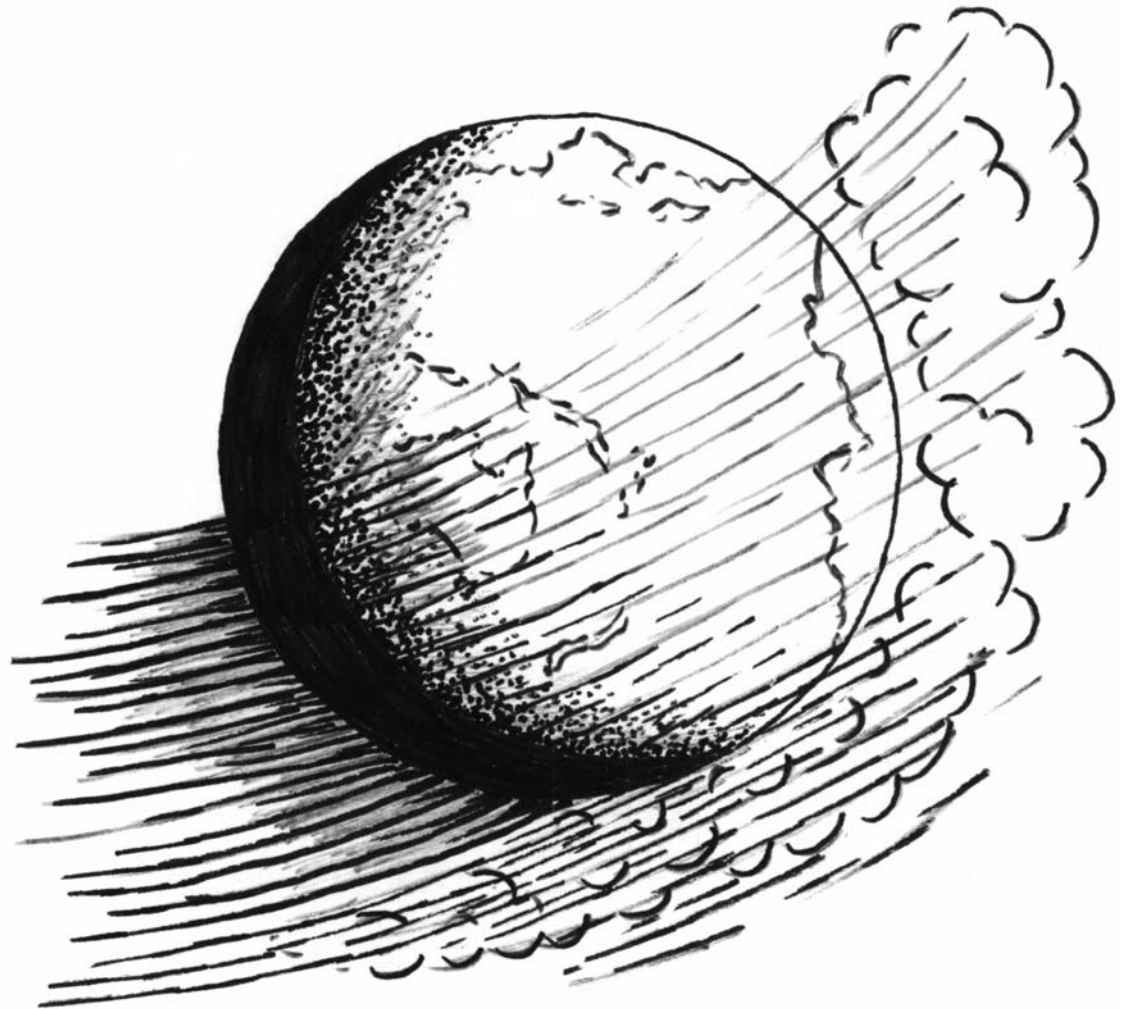
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GENESIS 1:1 – 2:25; 3:20
CREATION
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**God made this beautiful world
and this is how it came to be.**

**God's Spirit was moving over the
dark and empty earth,
and God said,
'Let there be light.'**

**When the light shone
He called it day.
When it was dark
He called it night.
God saw that it was good.**

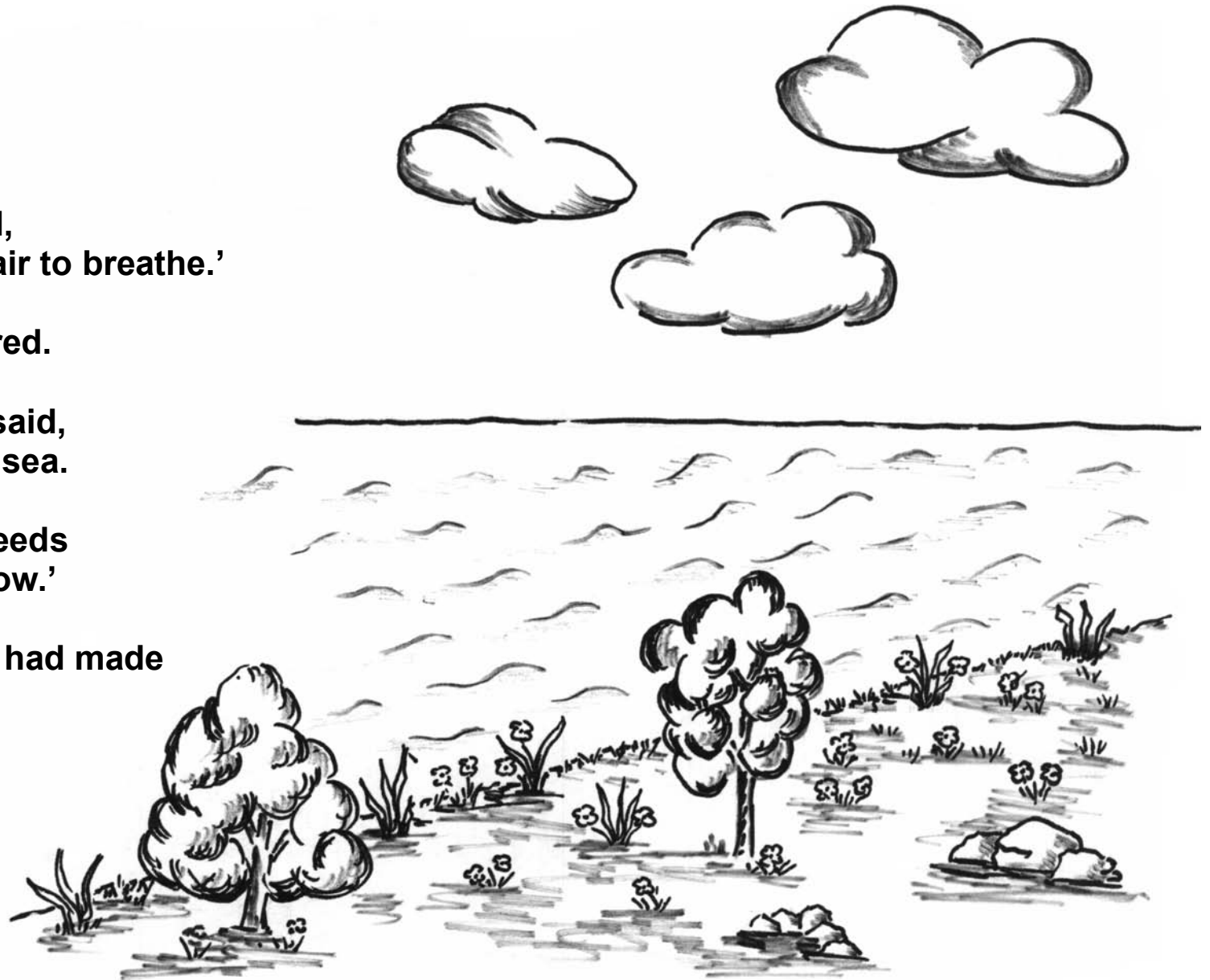


**The next day God said,
'Let there be sky and air to breathe.'**

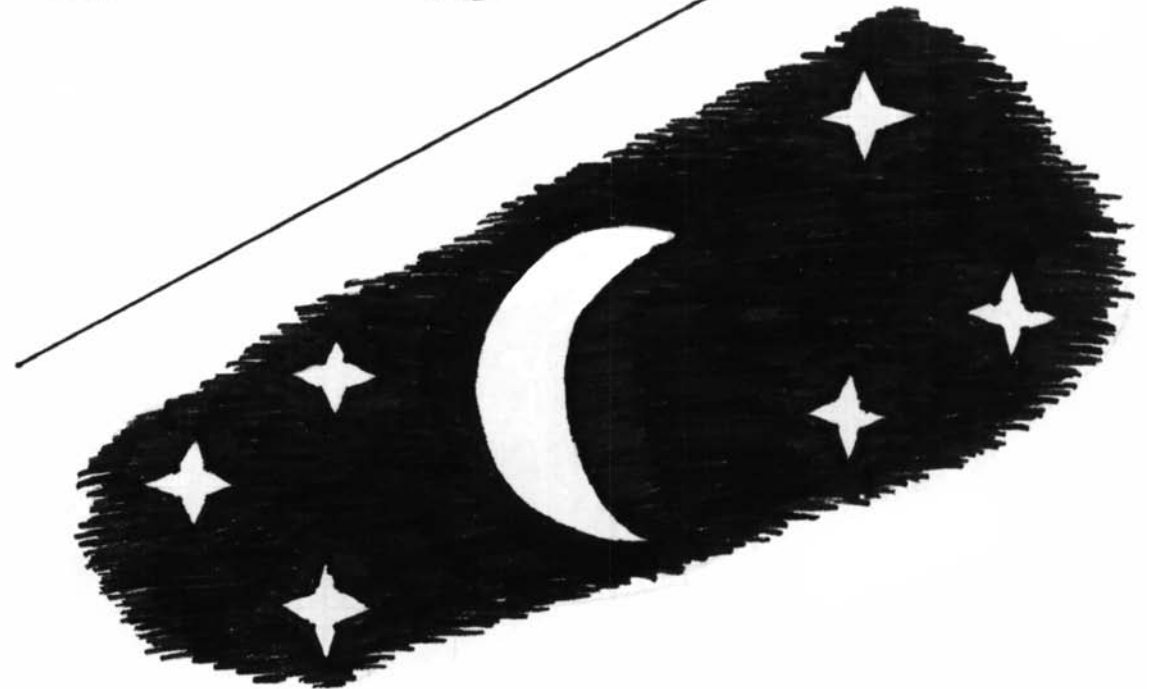
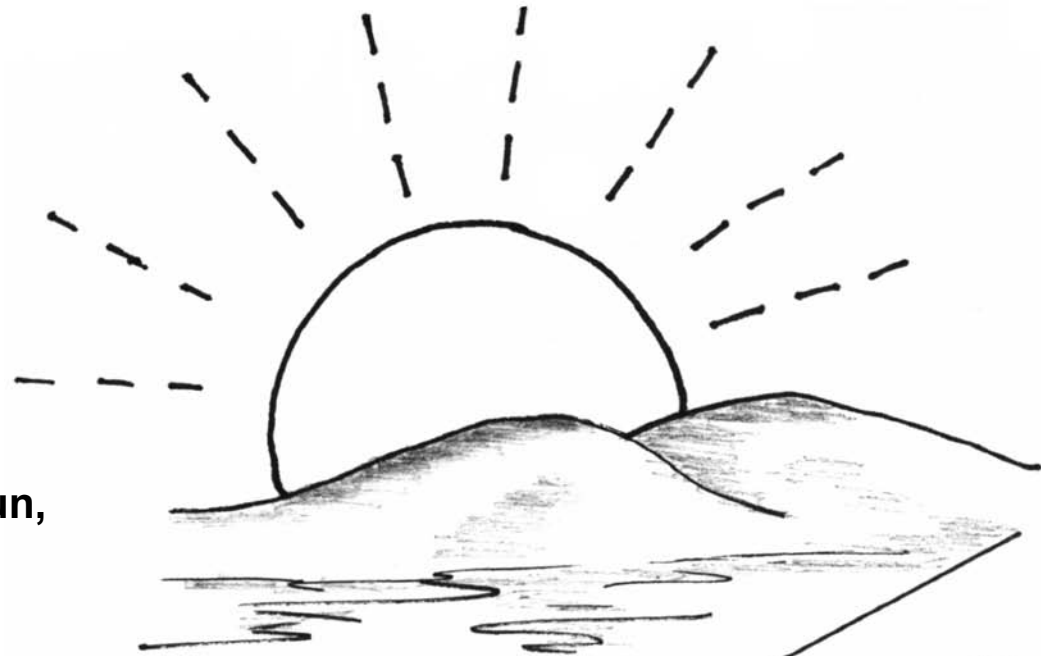
A beautiful sky appeared.

**On the third day God said,
'Let there be land and sea.
Let plants grow.
The plants will have seeds
so more plants will grow.'**

**God saw that what He had made
was good.**

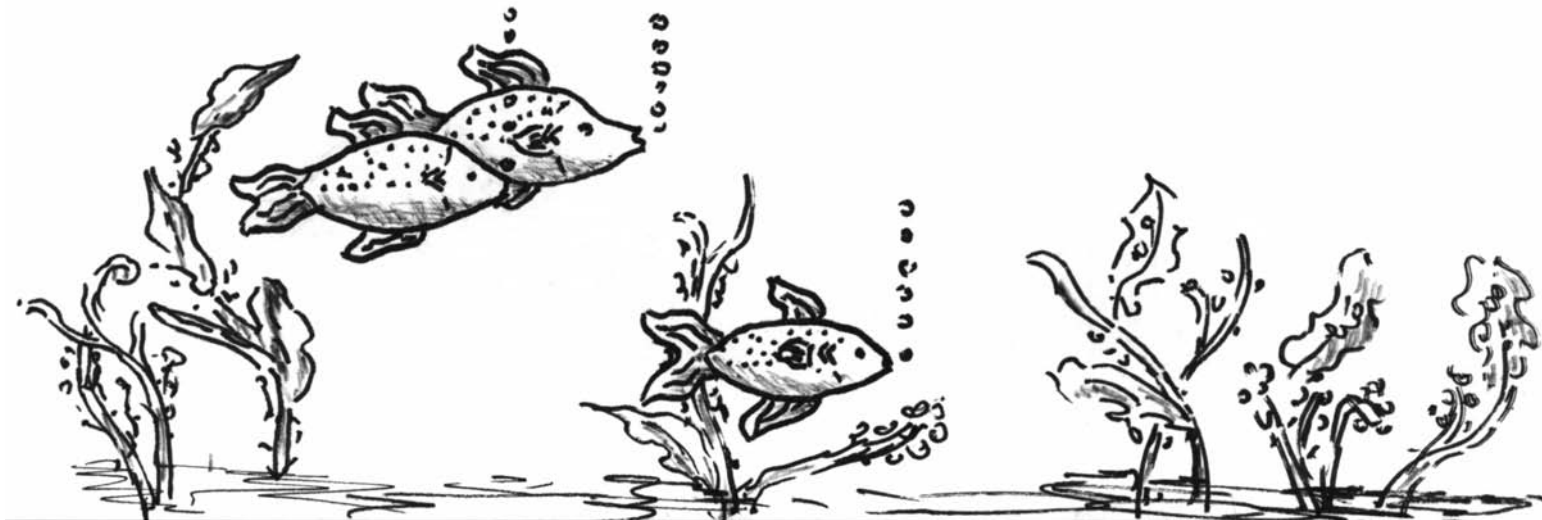
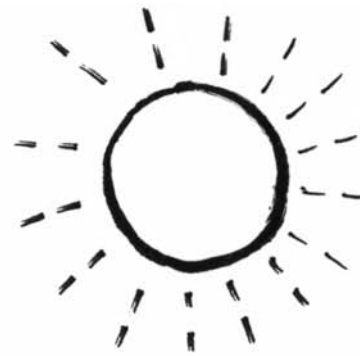


**On the fourth day God made the sun,
moon and stars.
The sun was for shining in the day
and the moon at night.
He saw that what He had made
was good.**



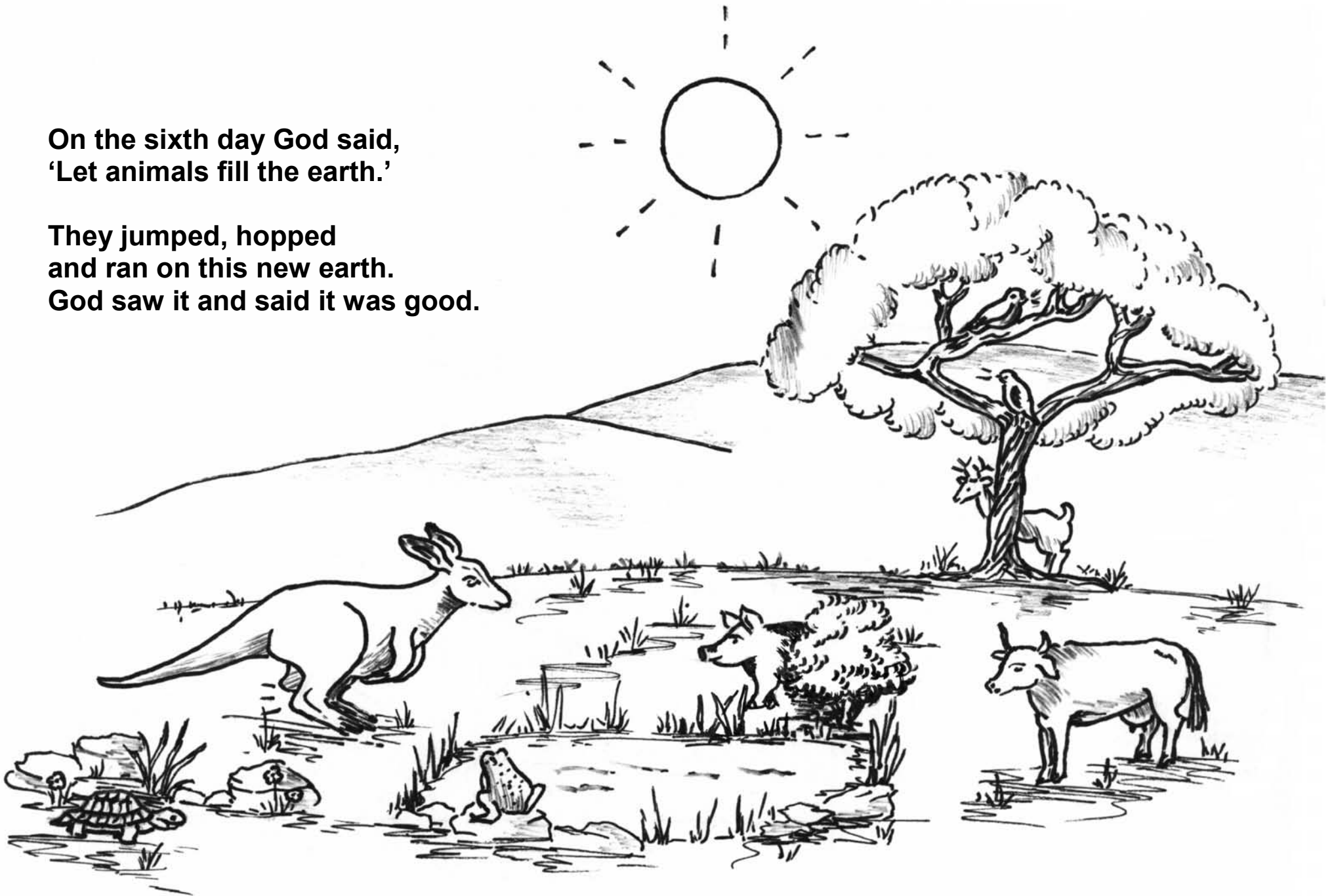
**On the fifth day
as God was creating the world,
He said,
'Let there be fish in the sea
and birds in the sky.'**

**He blessed them
so they could have baby fish and baby birds.
God saw that what He had made was good.**



**On the sixth day God said,
'Let animals fill the earth.'**

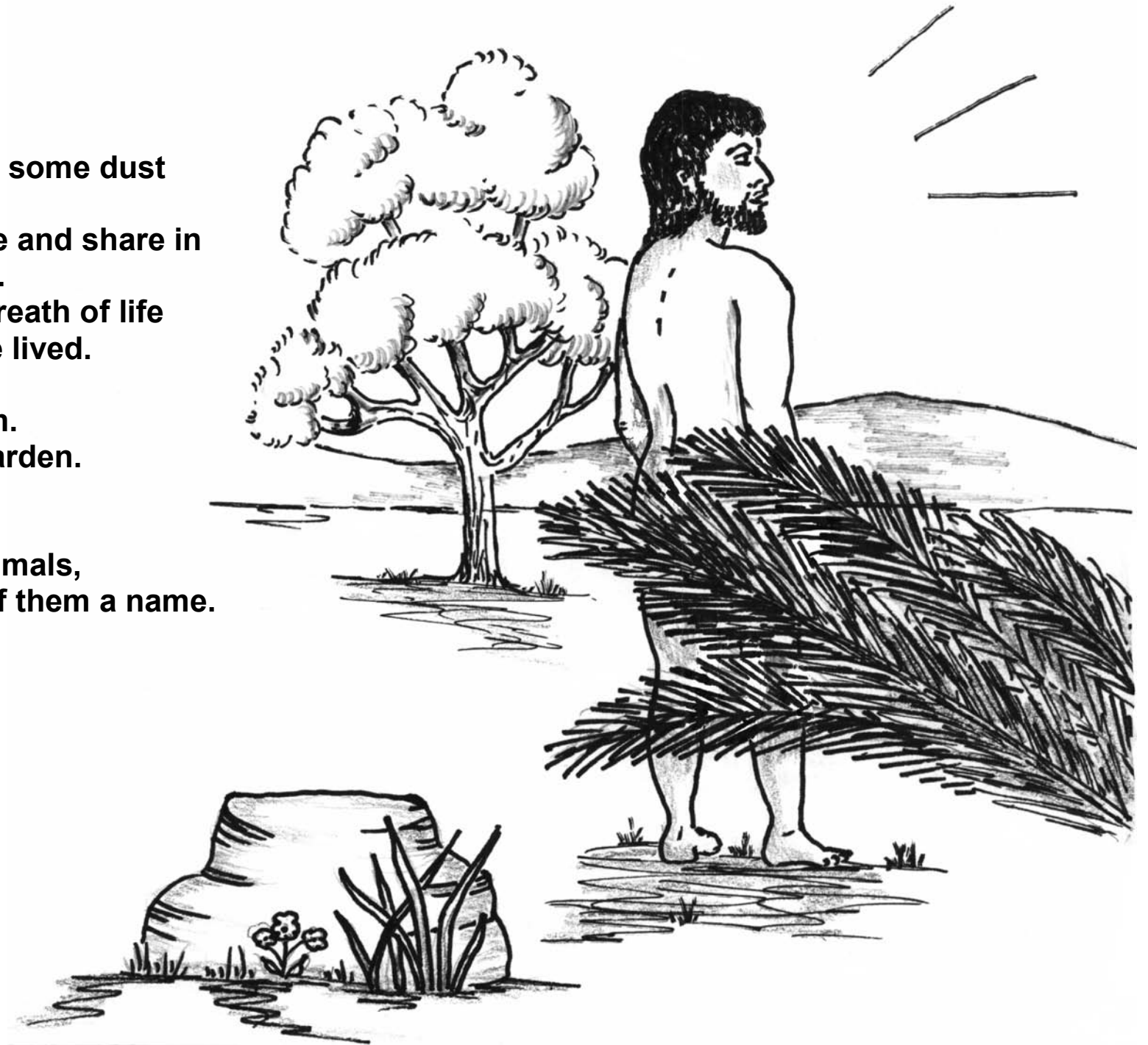
**They jumped, hopped
and ran on this new earth.
God saw it and said it was good.**



**Last of all God took some dust
and made man.
This man could love and share in
what God would do.
God breathed the breath of life
into the man and he lived.**

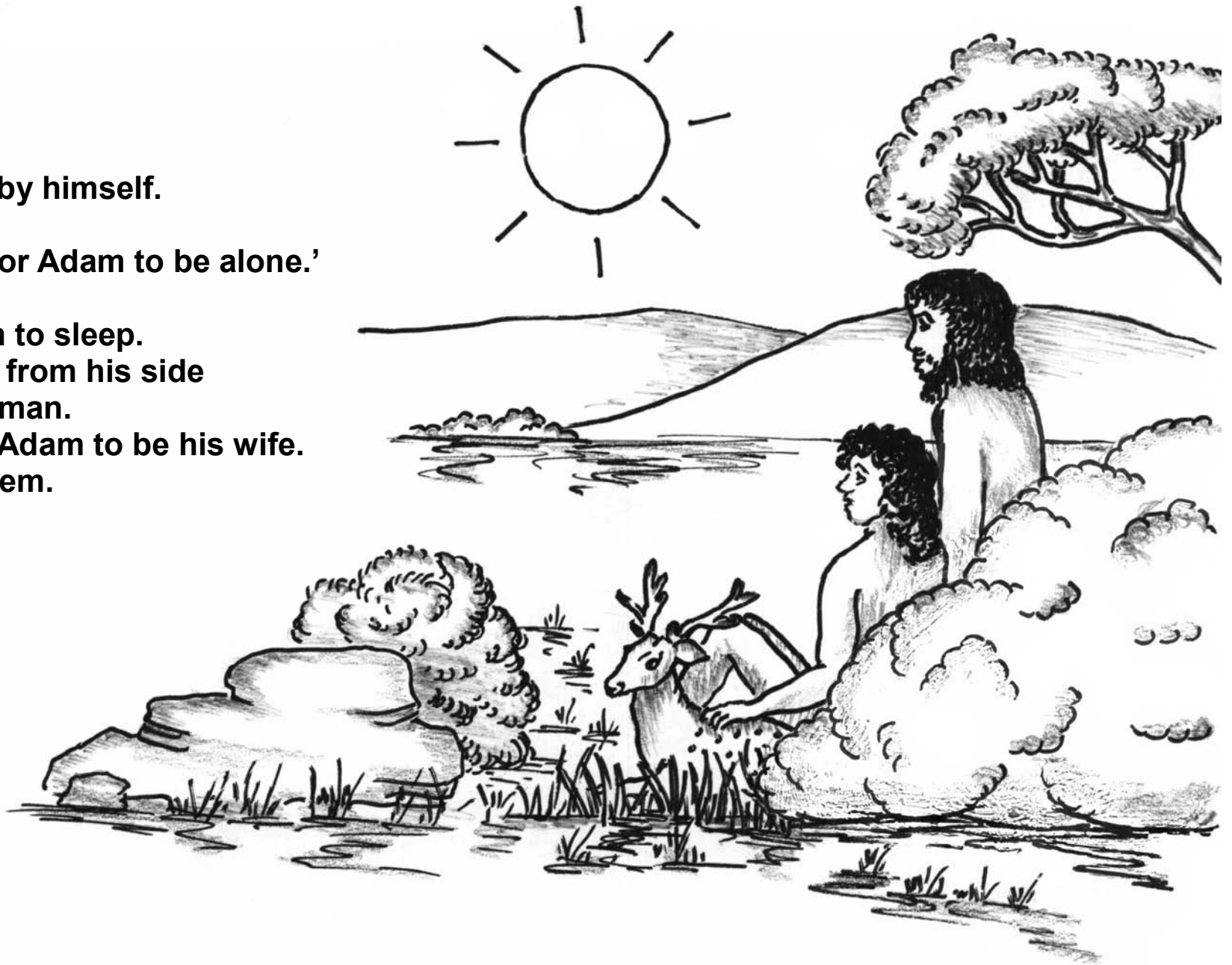
**His name was Adam.
He lived in God's garden.**

**God showed Adam
all the birds and animals,
and he gave each of them a name.**



**But Adam was by himself.
God said,
'It is not good for Adam to be alone.'**

**So God put him to sleep.
He took a bone from his side
and made a woman.
He gave her to Adam to be his wife.
God blessed them.**



**Then God looked at everything He had made,
and said it was VERY good.**

**On the seventh day
God finished creating everything and rested.
He blessed this special day for everyone.**

**Adam and Eve lived in God's garden
and in God's presence.**



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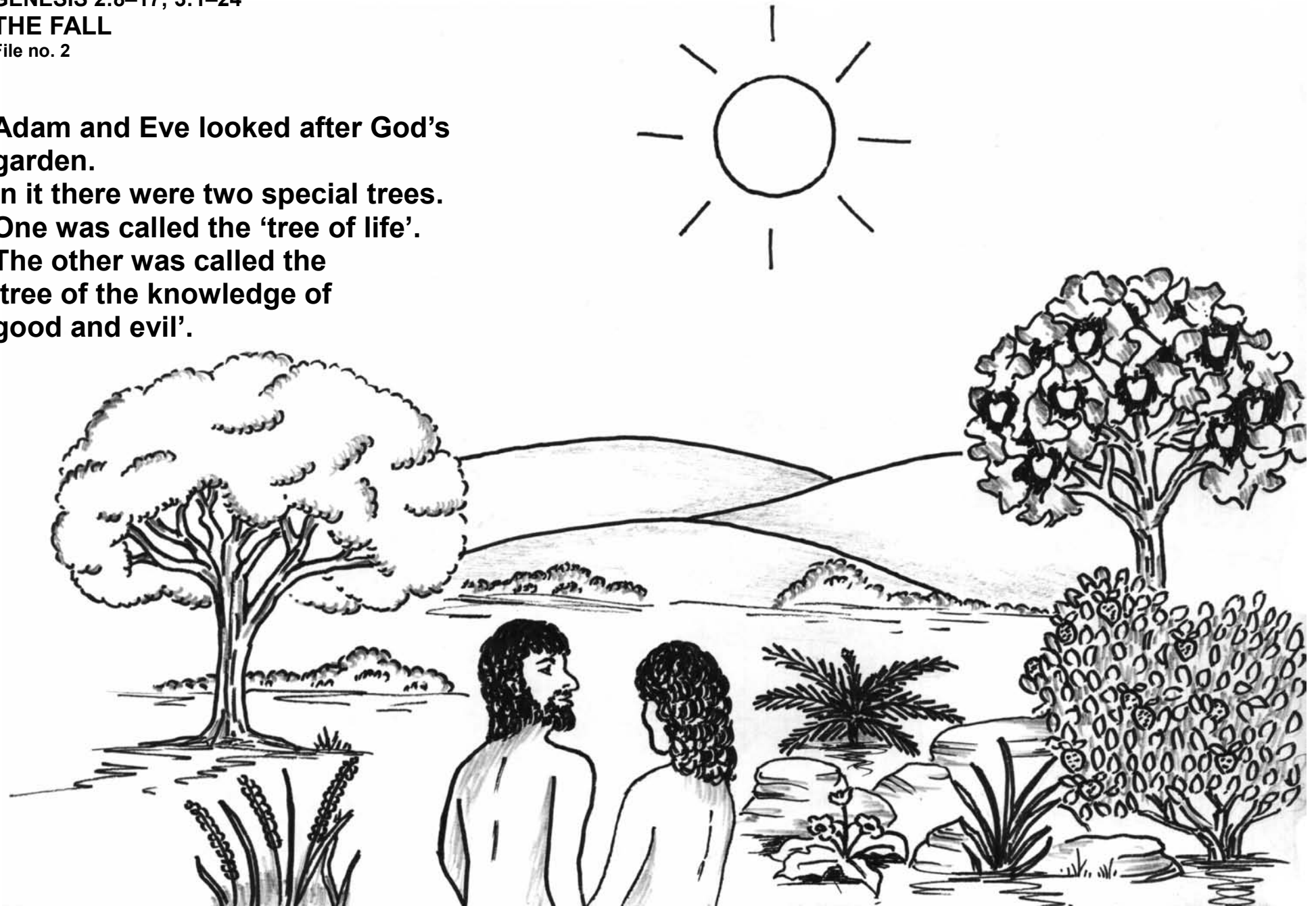
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Adam and Eve looked after God's garden.

In it there were two special trees.

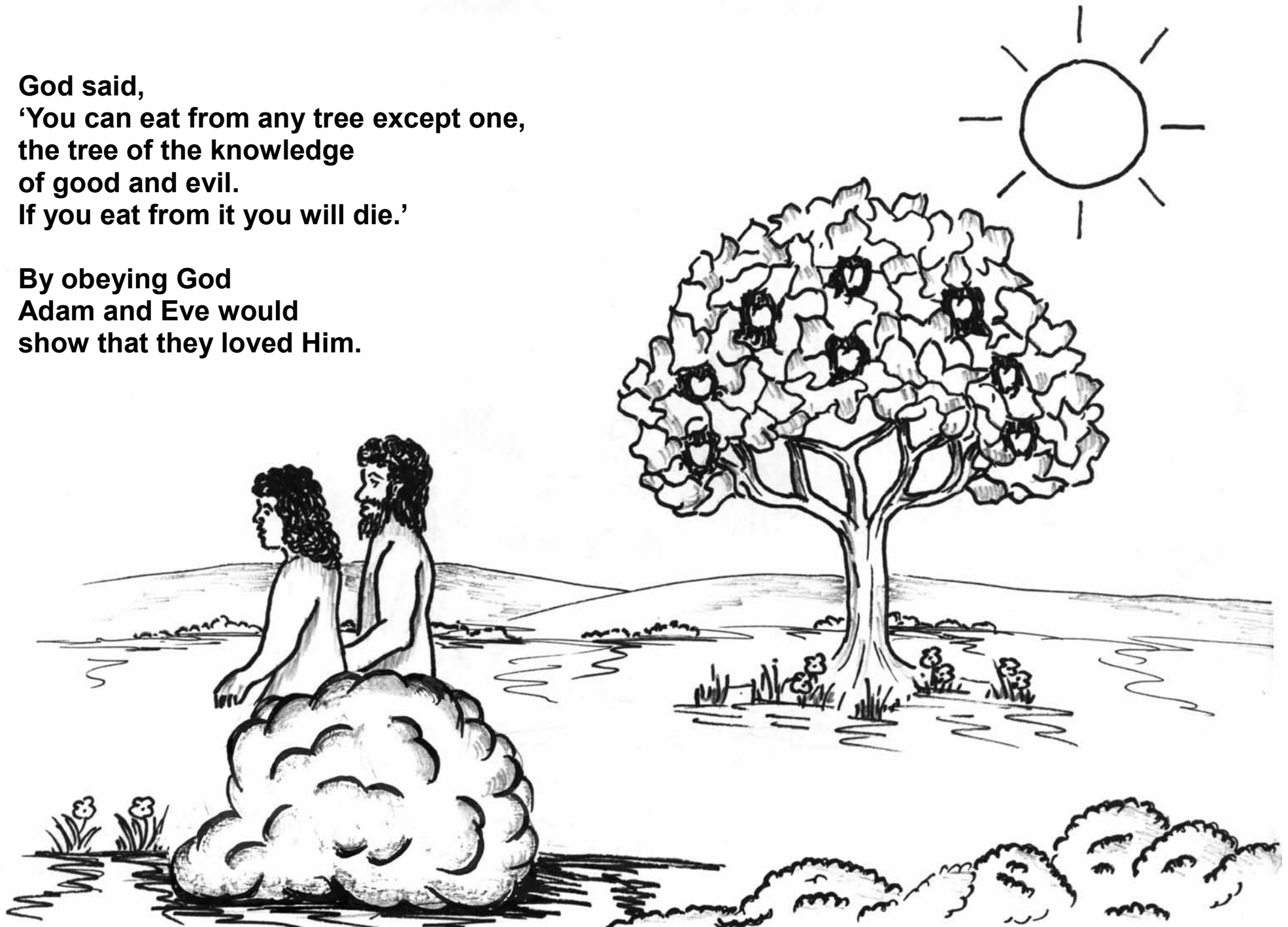
One was called the 'tree of life'.

The other was called the 'tree of the knowledge of good and evil'.



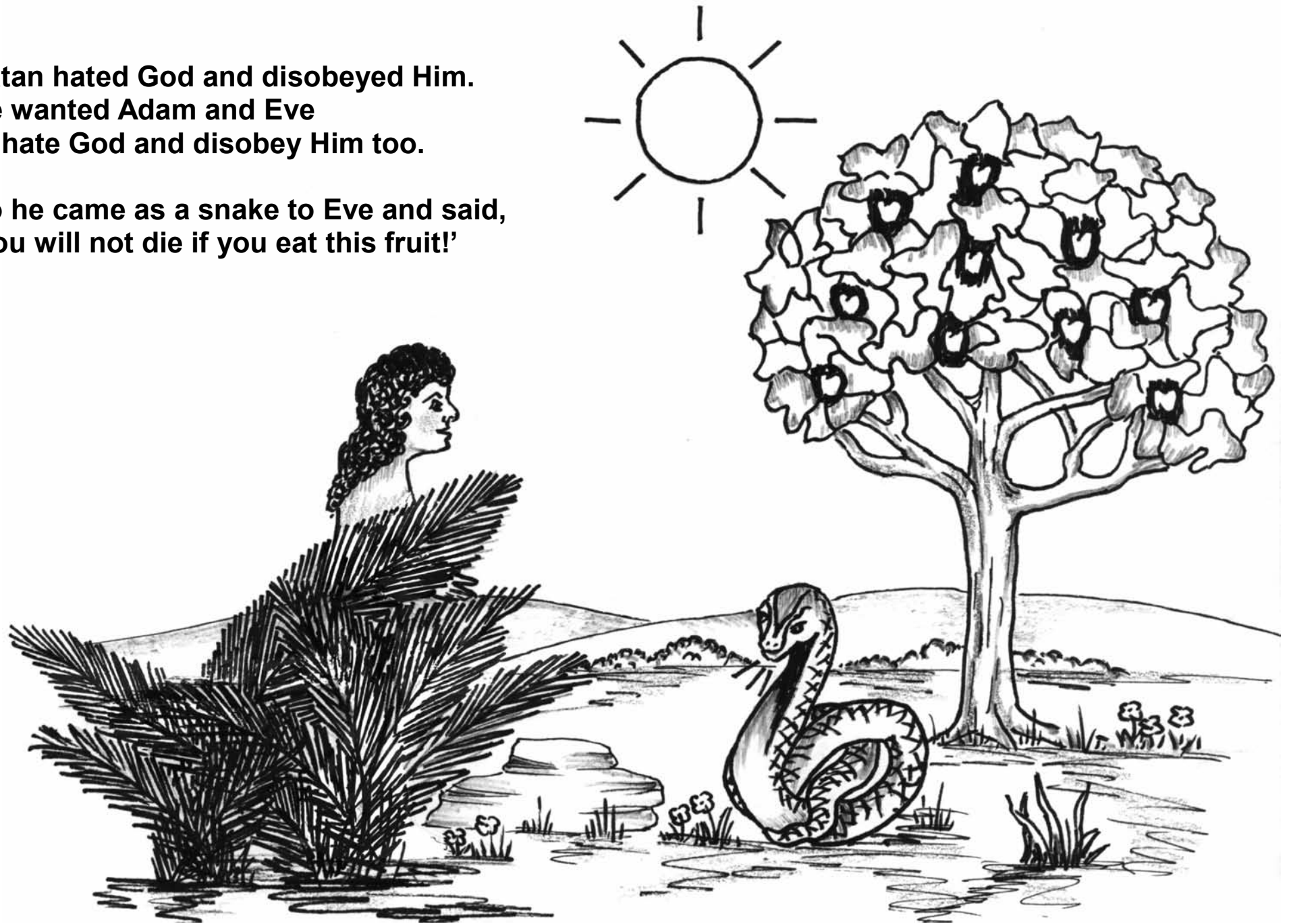
**God said,
'You can eat from any tree except one,
the tree of the knowledge
of good and evil.
If you eat from it you will die.'**

**By obeying God
Adam and Eve would
show that they loved Him.**



**Satan hated God and disobeyed Him.
He wanted Adam and Eve
to hate God and disobey Him too.**

**So he came as a snake to Eve and said,
'You will not die if you eat this fruit!'**



**Eve looked at the fruit.
It was beautiful and she ate some.
She wanted to be wise without God.
Satan had tricked her.**

**Then Eve gave some fruit to Adam.
He ate it too.
Something happened to them.
Their bodies could still walk and talk.
But they were dead to God.
They loved what God had made
more than God himself.**



**At the end of the day
God came as usual
to talk with Adam and Eve.
They were hiding.**

**He called out,
'Adam, where are you?'**

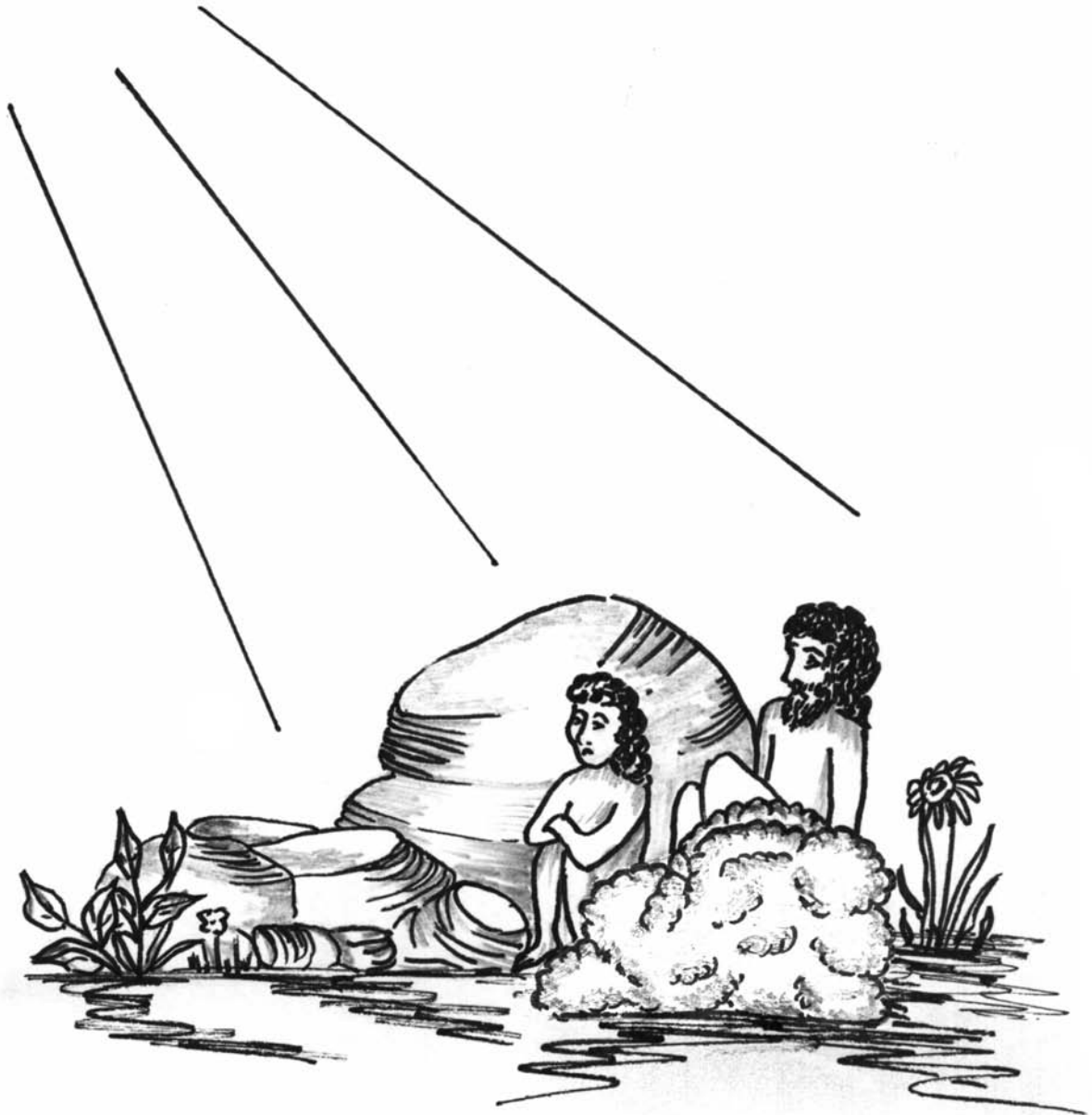
**Adam answered,
'I heard you coming
and I hid myself.
I was afraid because I was naked.'**

**'Have you eaten the fruit?'
God asked.**

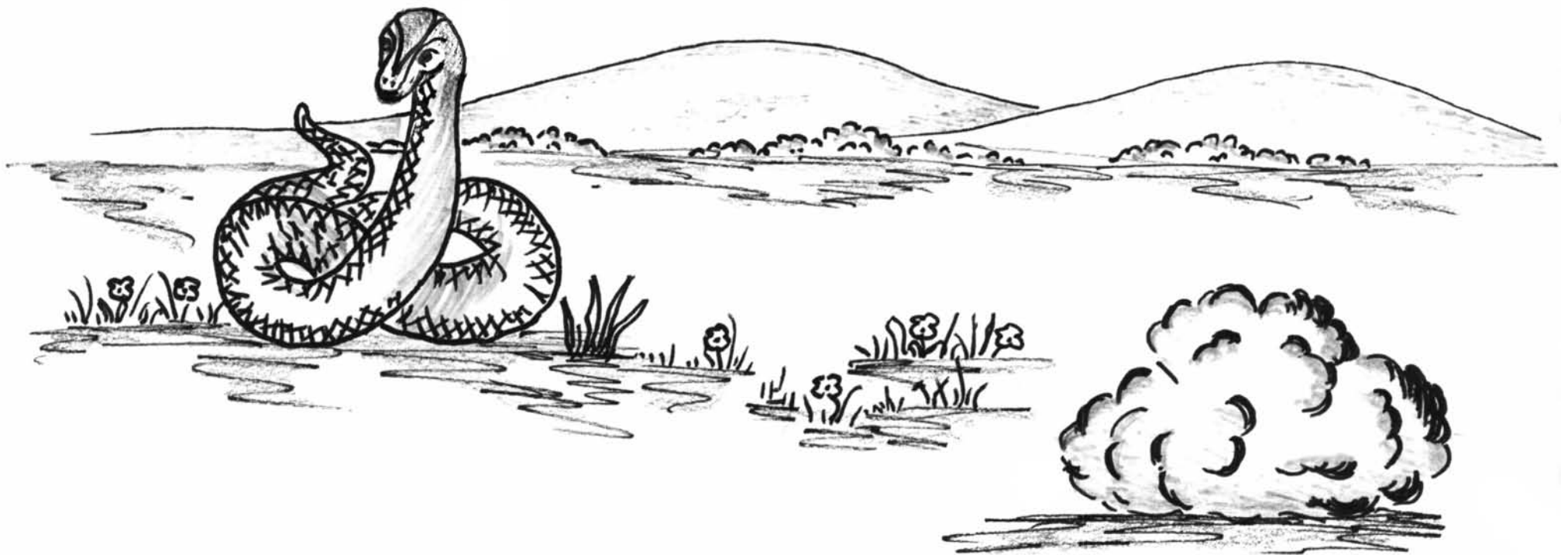
**'Eve gave me the fruit,'
said Adam.**

**'What have you done, Eve?'
asked God**

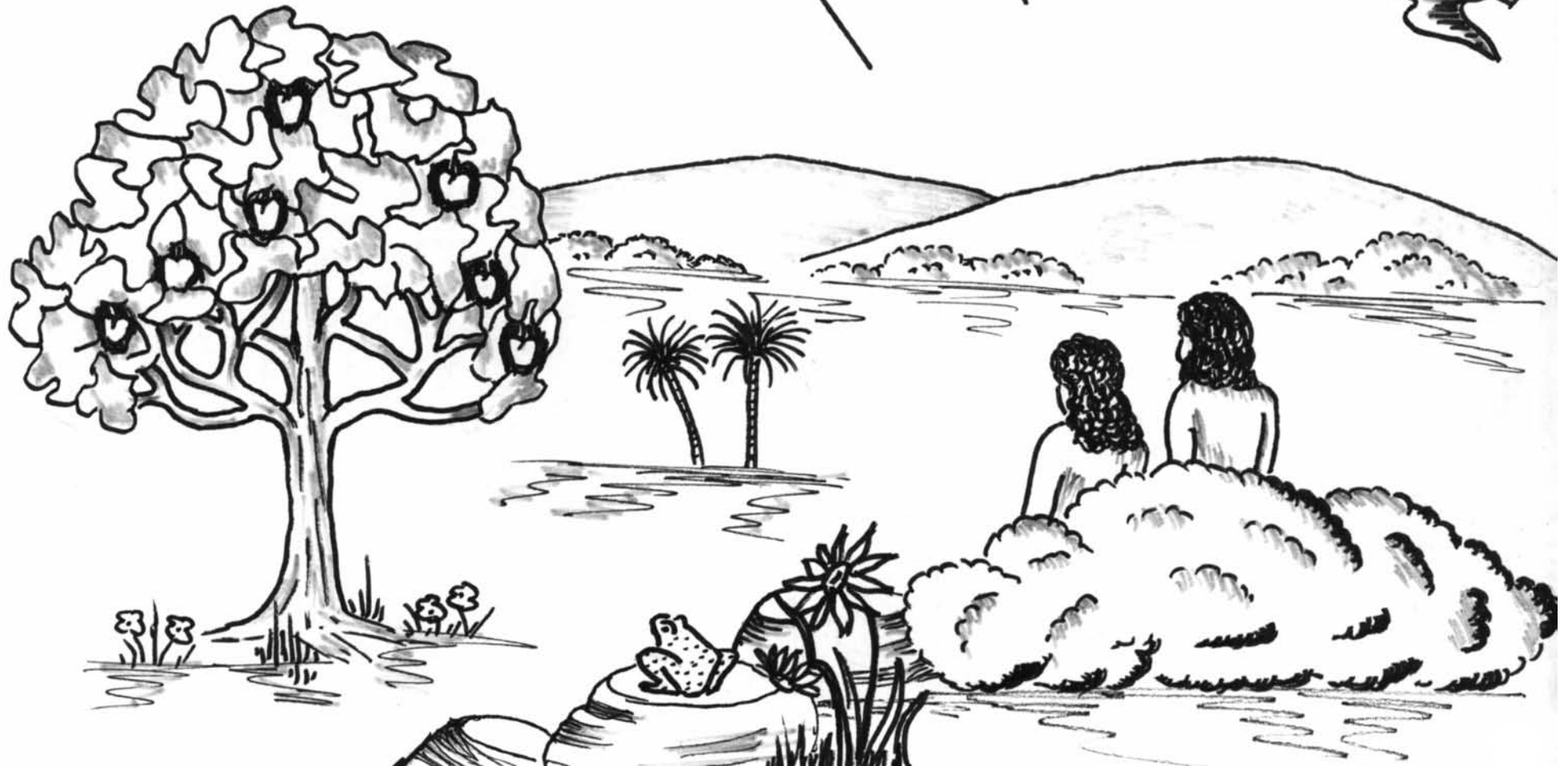
**'The snake tricked me,'
she said,
'and I ate the fruit.'**



God looked at the snake and said,
'You will always wriggle on your belly.
A day will come
when one of Eve's children
will come and crush your head.'



**Then God spoke to Adam and Eve
and said,
'Because you have eaten this fruit,
your life will always be difficult.
When you die you will return to dust.'**



**God made clothes
for Adam and Eve.
He sent them
out of the garden
and put two angels
and a flaming sword there.**

**This was to stop them
eating the fruit
from the 'tree of life'
and living forever as sinners.**



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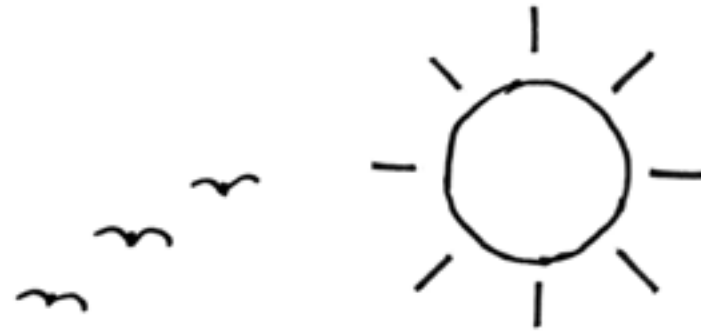
Genesis 5:1–5; Hebrews 11:4

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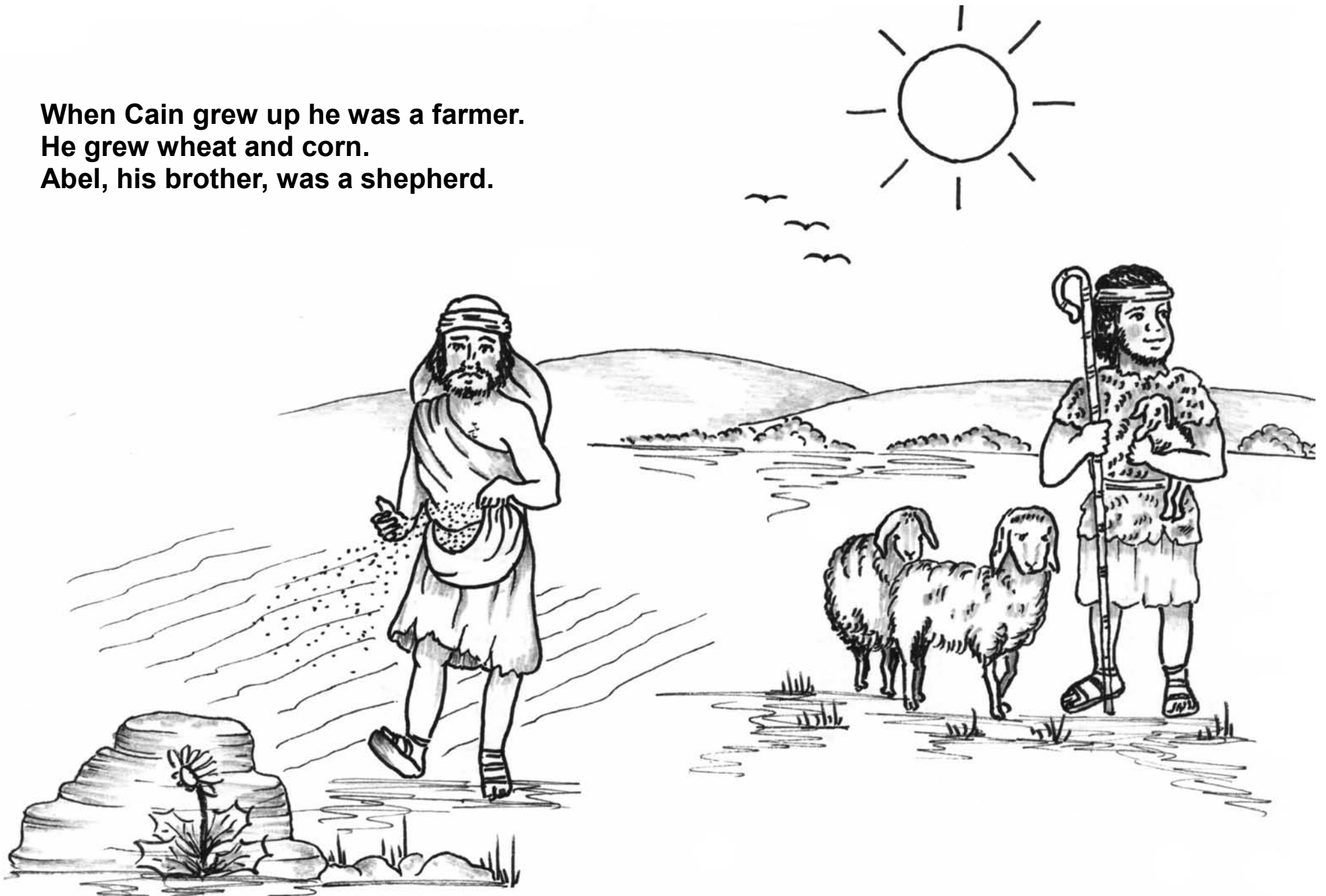
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**Adam and Eve made their home
outside the garden of Eden.**

**One day a baby boy was born to them.
They called him Cain.
Later, God gave them another baby.
His name was Abel.**



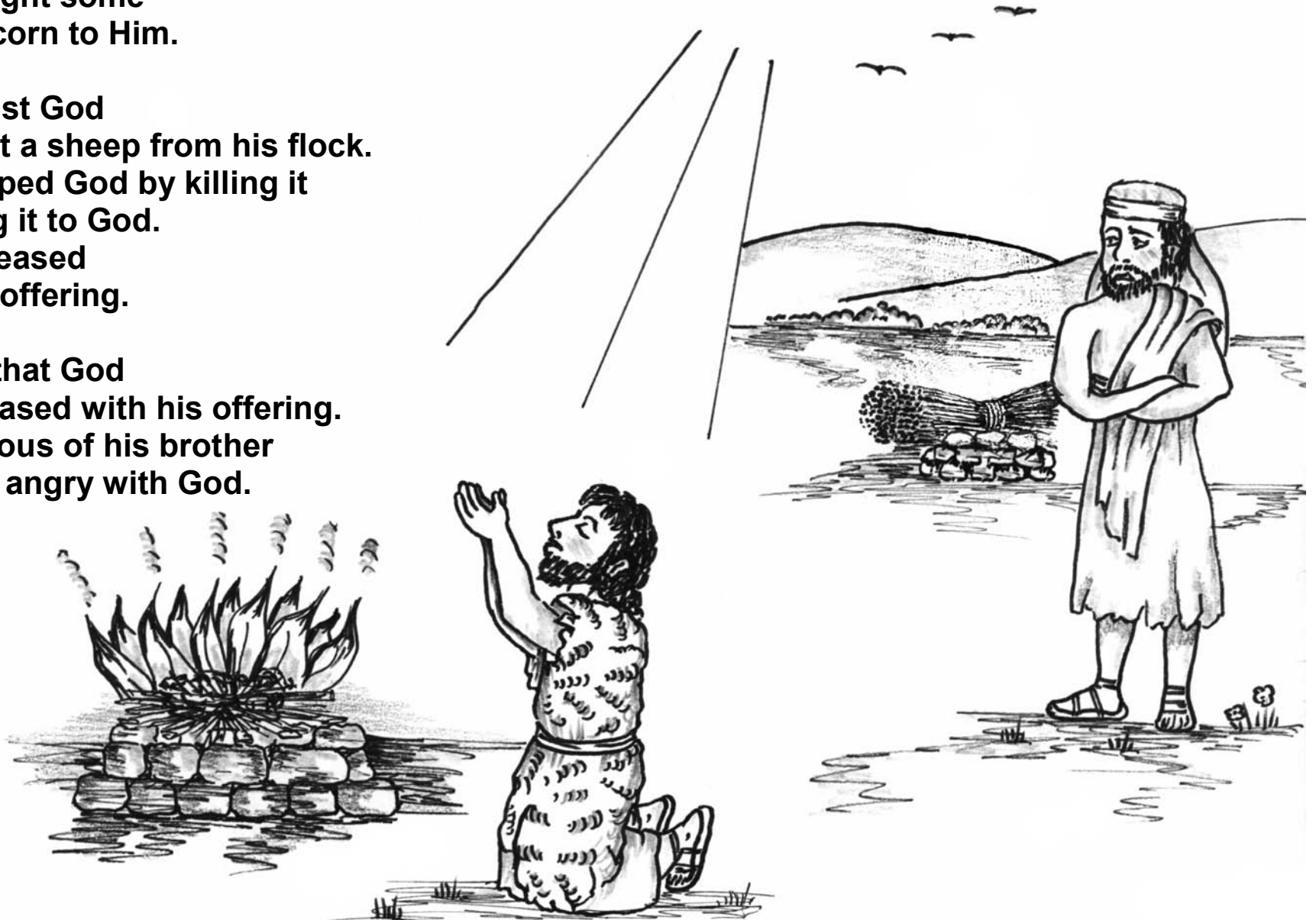
**When Cain grew up he was a farmer.
He grew wheat and corn.
Abel, his brother, was a shepherd.**



**One day Cain and Abel
brought offerings to God.
Cain did not trust God
but he brought some
wheat and corn to Him.**

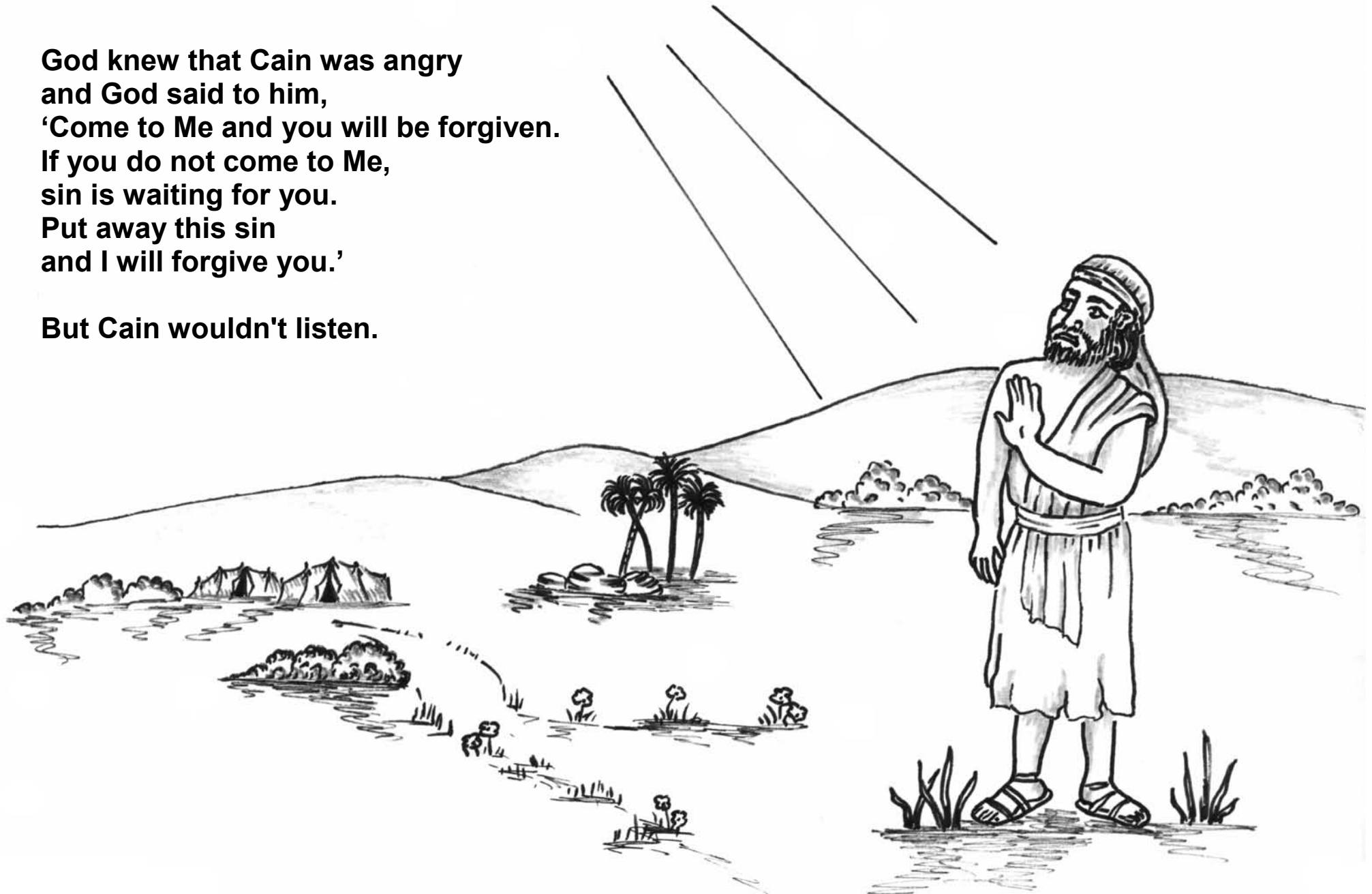
**Abel did trust God
and brought a sheep from his flock.
He worshipped God by killing it
and offering it to God.
God was pleased
with Abel's offering.**

**Cain knew that God
was not pleased with his offering.
He was jealous of his brother
and he was angry with God.**



**God knew that Cain was angry
and God said to him,
'Come to Me and you will be forgiven.
If you do not come to Me,
sin is waiting for you.
Put away this sin
and I will forgive you.'**

But Cain wouldn't listen.



**He was so angry
he took his brother out into the field
and killed him.**

**God asked Cain,
'Where is your brother?
What have you done?'**

**Cain answered,
'Should I look after my brother?'**

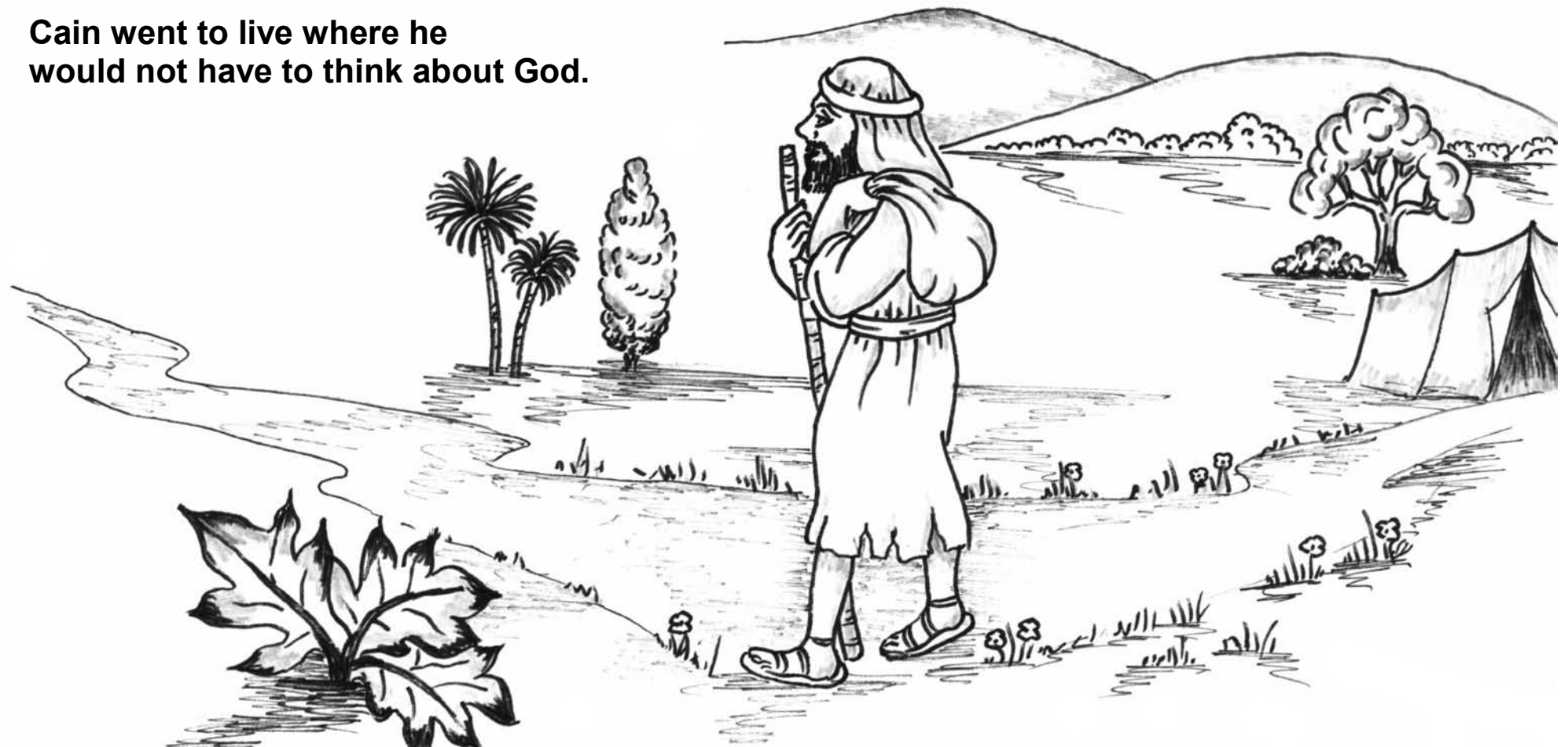
**God said,
'Abel's blood is pleading with Me
to do something about you.
You will not be a farmer anymore.
You will always wander.'**



**Cain was afraid,
so he complained to God.
He thought people might try to kill him.**

**But God said,
'I will protect you.'**

**Cain went to live where he
would not have to think about God.**



**Adam and Eve had another baby boy.
They called him Seth.
Seth also had a son.**

**At that time people began praying to God.
They wanted to live with God's blessing.
They wanted to see a son
who would undo
what Satan had done.**

**God gave Adam and Eve
other children too.**



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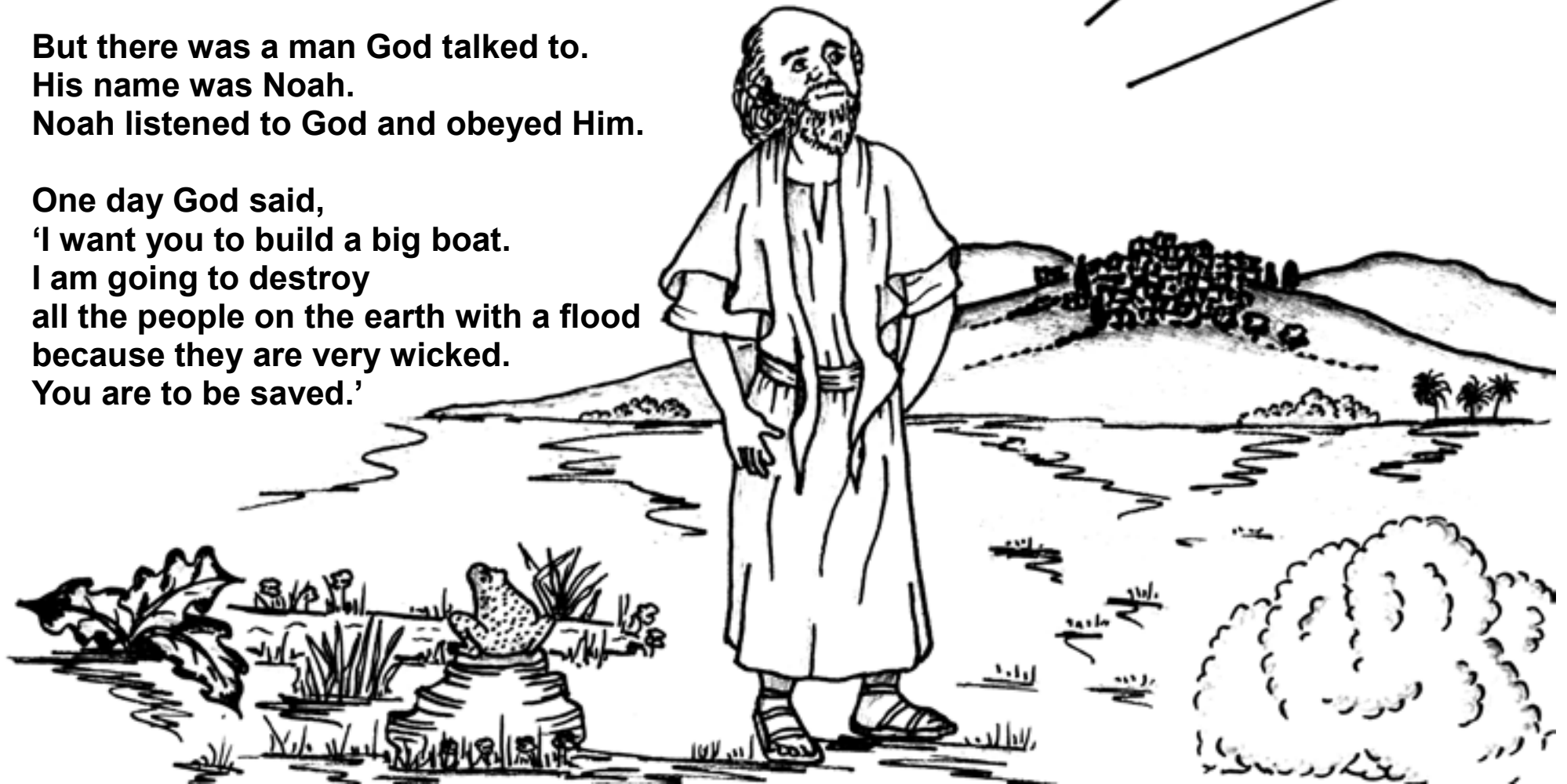
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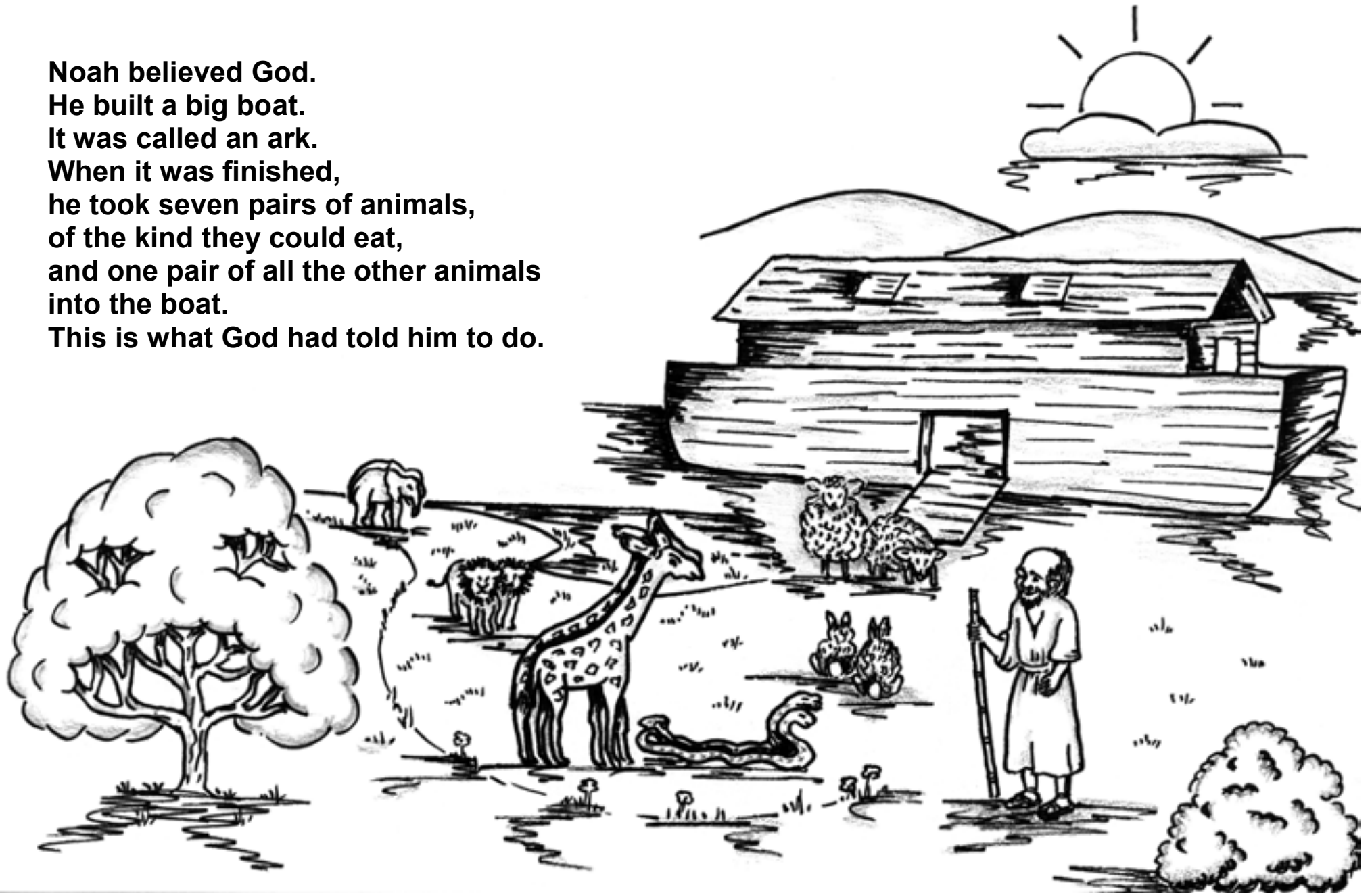
**God was very sad.
People on the earth were wicked.
God was sorry that He made them.**

**But there was a man God talked to.
His name was Noah.
Noah listened to God and obeyed Him.**

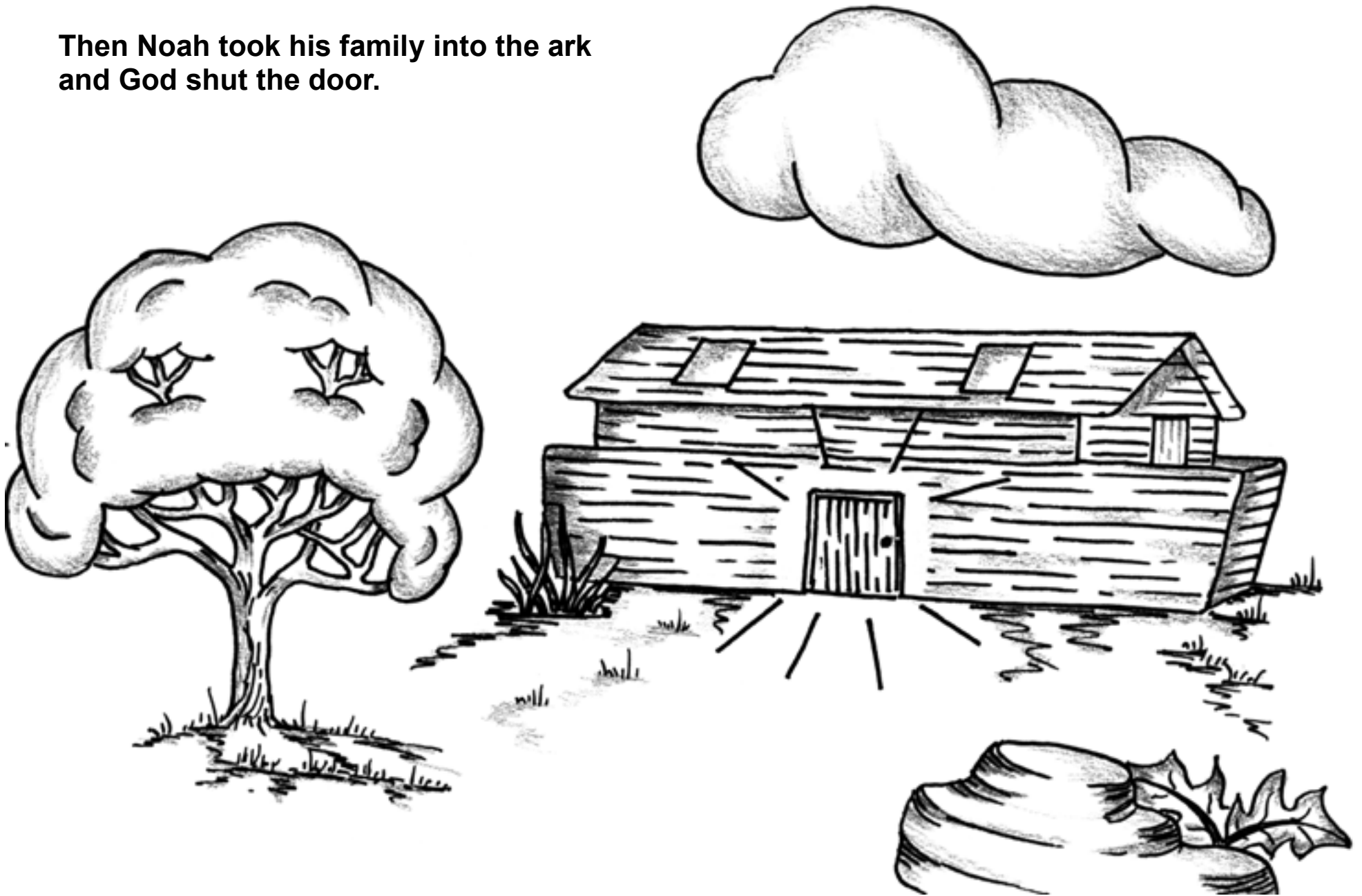
**One day God said,
'I want you to build a big boat.
I am going to destroy
all the people on the earth with a flood
because they are very wicked.
You are to be saved.'**



Noah believed God.
He built a big boat.
It was called an ark.
When it was finished,
he took seven pairs of animals,
of the kind they could eat,
and one pair of all the other animals
into the boat.
This is what God had told him to do.



**Then Noah took his family into the ark
and God shut the door.**



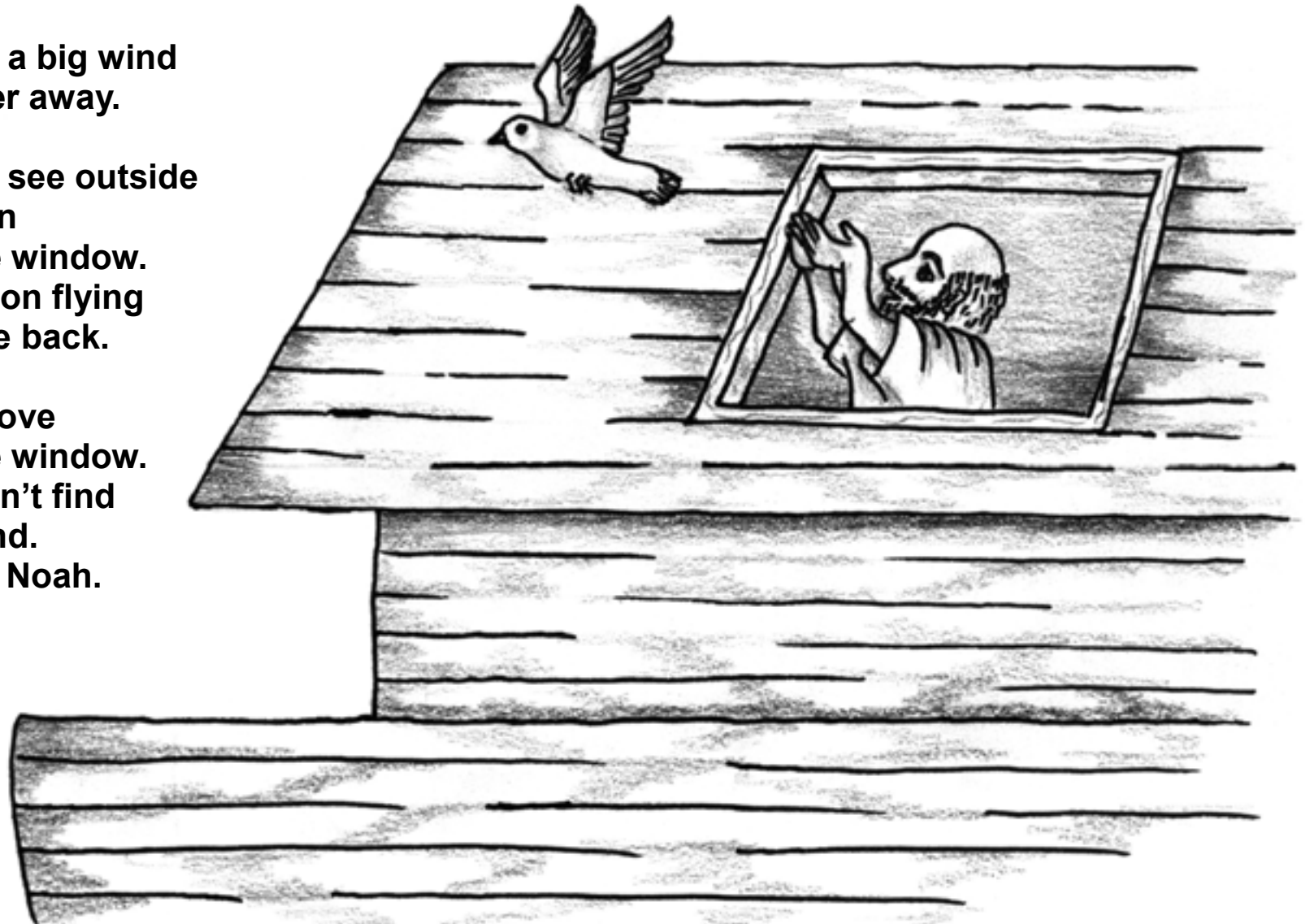
**Rain came down and
water came up from the ground.
Water covered everything
on the earth.
Everything died.
But God was taking care of Noah
in the ark.**



**The rain stopped
and they floated on the waters
for a long time.
Then, God sent a big wind
to take the water away.**

**Noah could not see outside
so he let a raven
out through the window.
The raven kept on flying
and didn't come back.**

**So Noah let a dove
out through the window.
The dove couldn't find
anywhere to land.
It came back to Noah.**



A week later he sent the dove out again.
It came back.
In its beak there was an olive leaf.
Noah knew the ground was nearly dry.

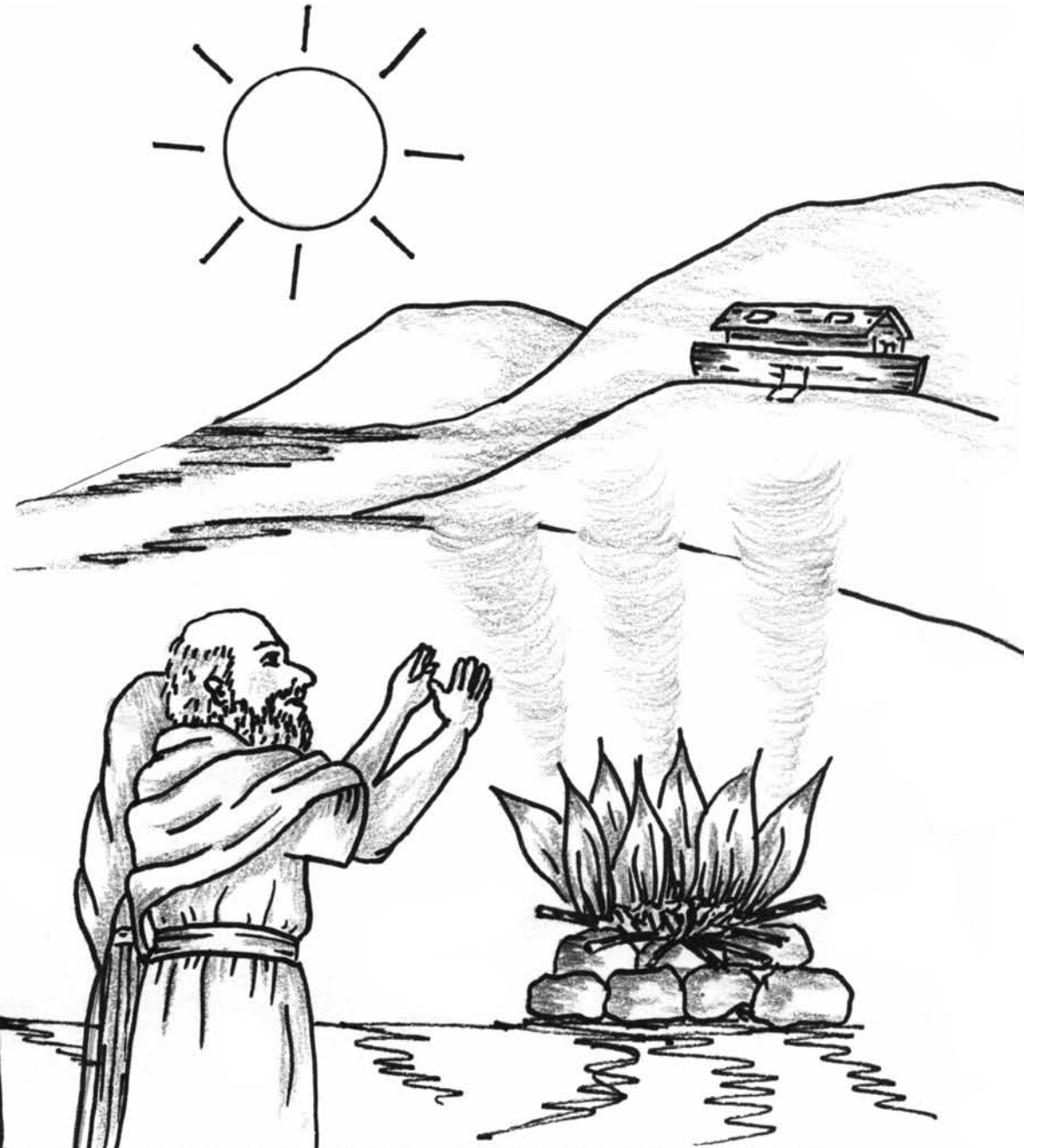
After another week
Noah sent the dove out again.
This time it did not come back.
The water had gone.
The dove had found a place to live.



**God said to Noah,
'It is time for you to leave the ark.'
And that is what he did.**

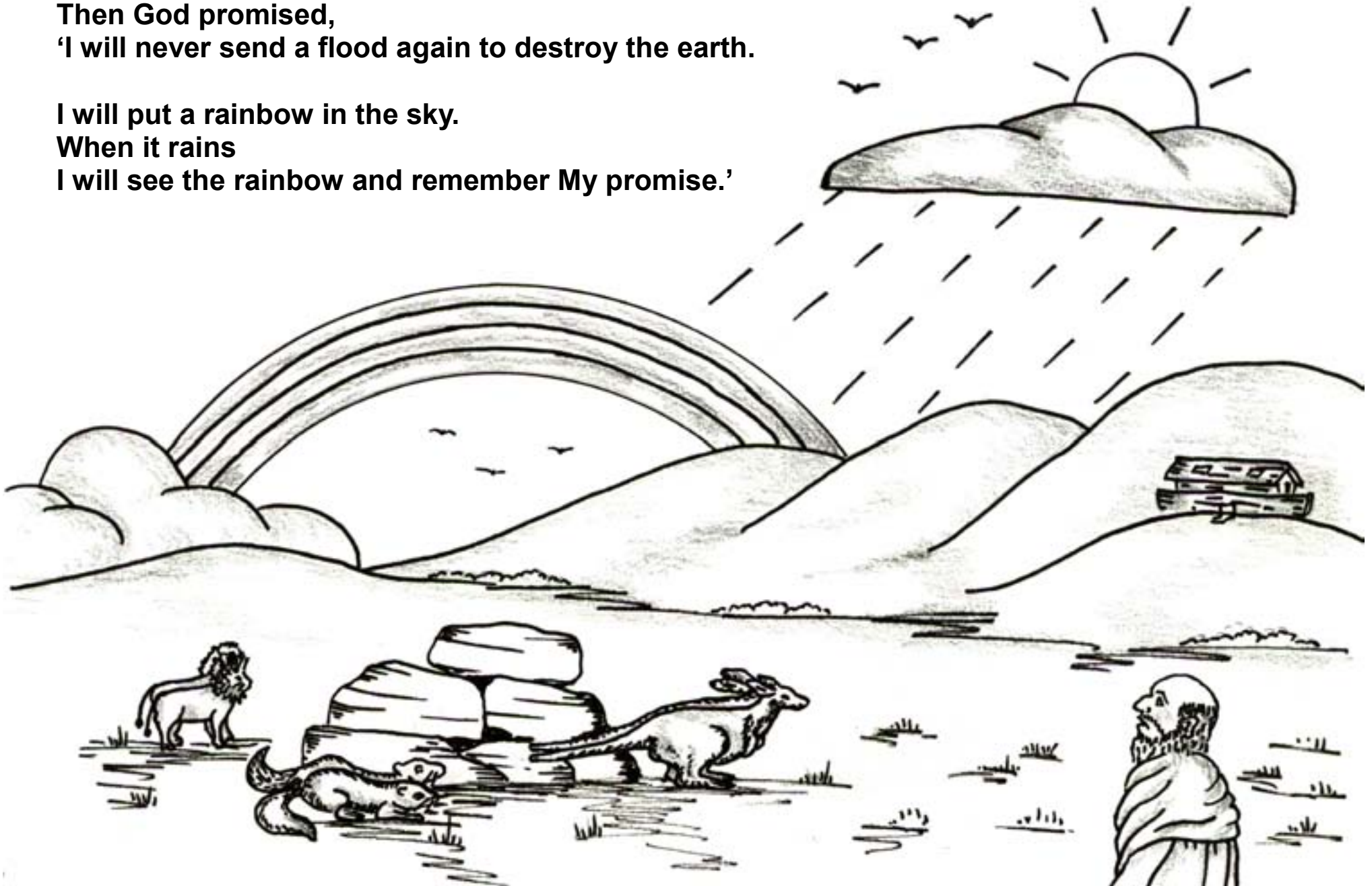
**Noah was thankful.
God had saved him and his family
from the judgement.
He built an altar
and burnt some of the
clean animals and birds on it
and worshipped the Lord.**

**God was pleased with
Noah's offering.**



**Then God promised,
'I will never send a flood again to destroy the earth.'**

**I will put a rainbow in the sky.
When it rains
I will see the rainbow and remember My promise.'**



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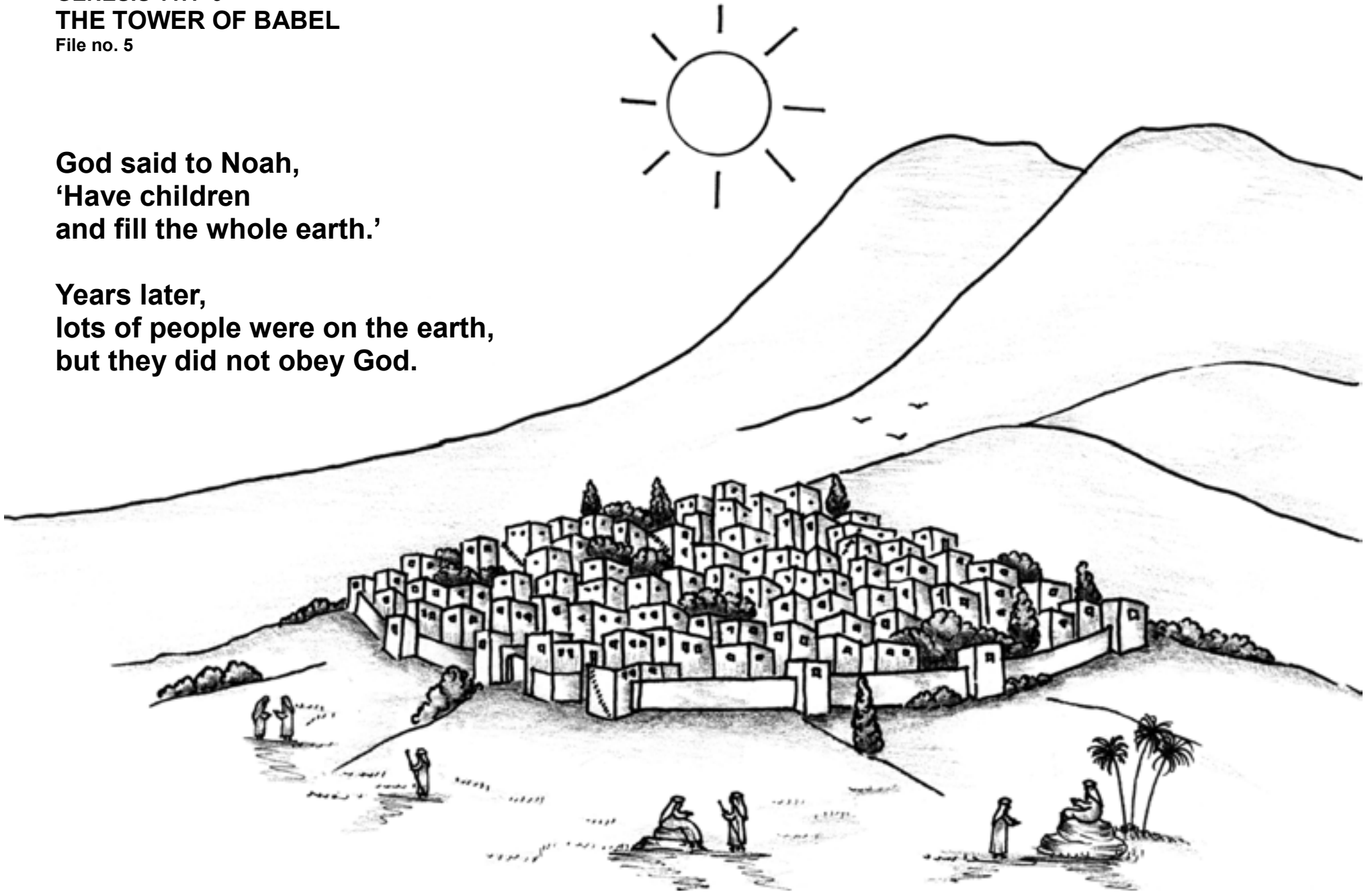
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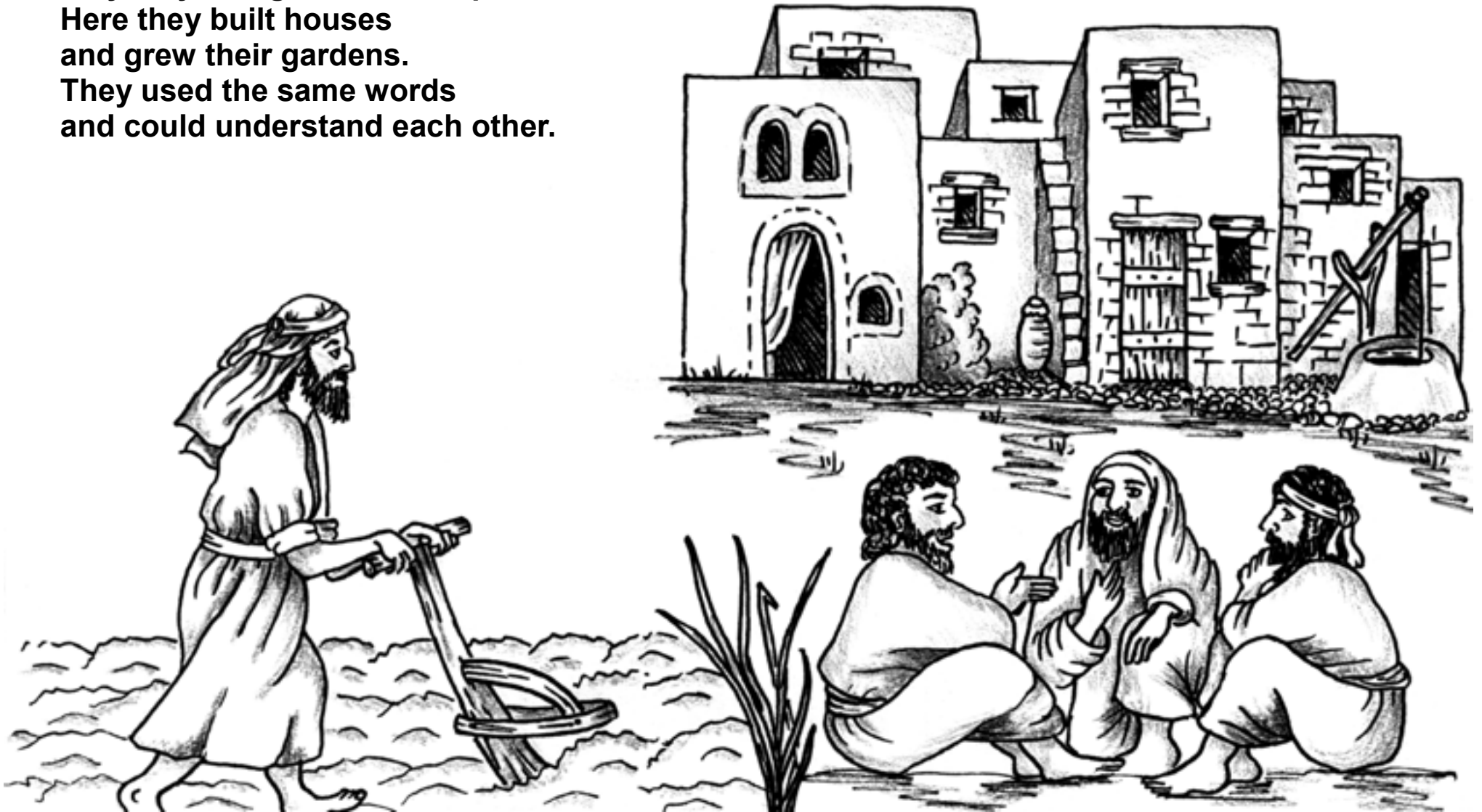
GENESIS 11:1-9
THE TOWER OF BABEL
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**God said to Noah,
'Have children
and fill the whole earth.'**

**Years later,
lots of people were on the earth,
but they did not obey God.**

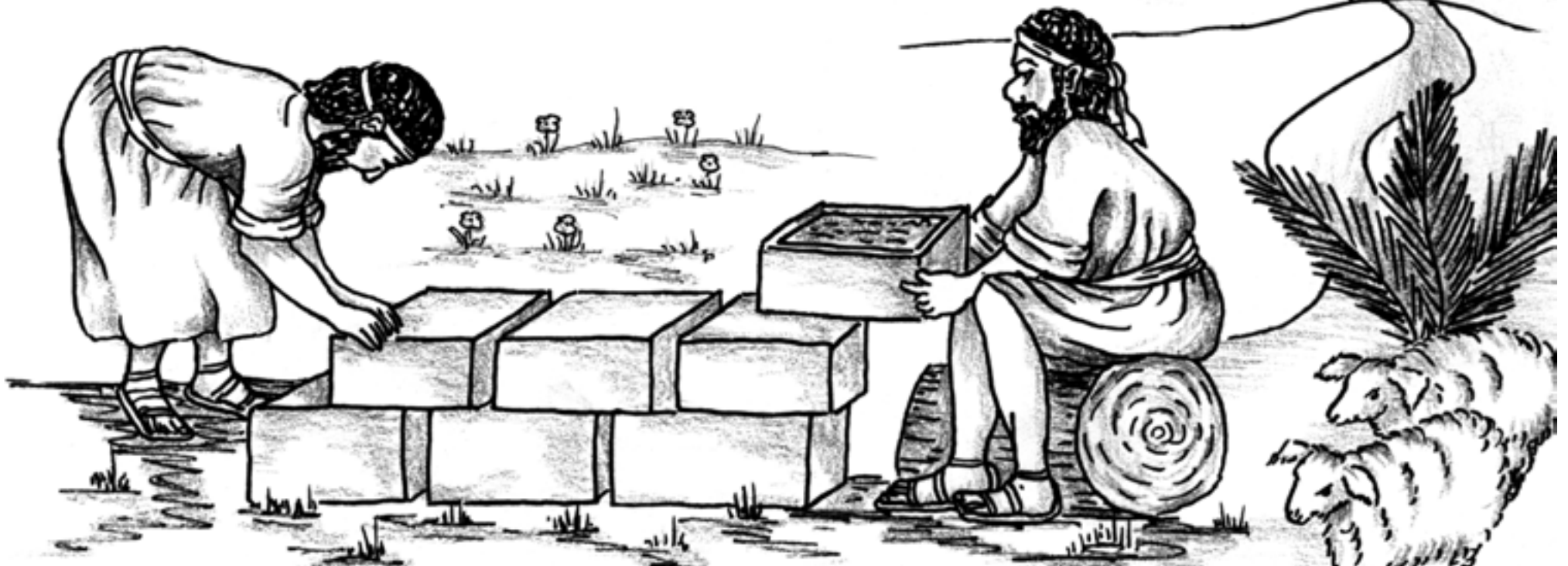


Instead of spreading out
all over the world
they stayed together in one place.
Here they built houses
and grew their gardens.
They used the same words
and could understand each other.



**'Let us build a city,' they said.
'In it we will build a tower
with its top in the heavens.
This will make us famous
and we will not be scattered
across the whole earth.'**

**And that is what they did.
They made lots of bricks
for their houses.
They made bricks for their tower.
Up, up, up went the tower.**



**Then God came down
to see what they were doing.**

**‘These people are very clever
and can do anything,’ said God.
‘But they have not listened to Me.
They are all living here in one place
instead of spreading out
over all the earth.**

**‘Come, let us mix up their language.
They will not be able to
talk to each other.
Nor will they understand
when someone talks to them.’**

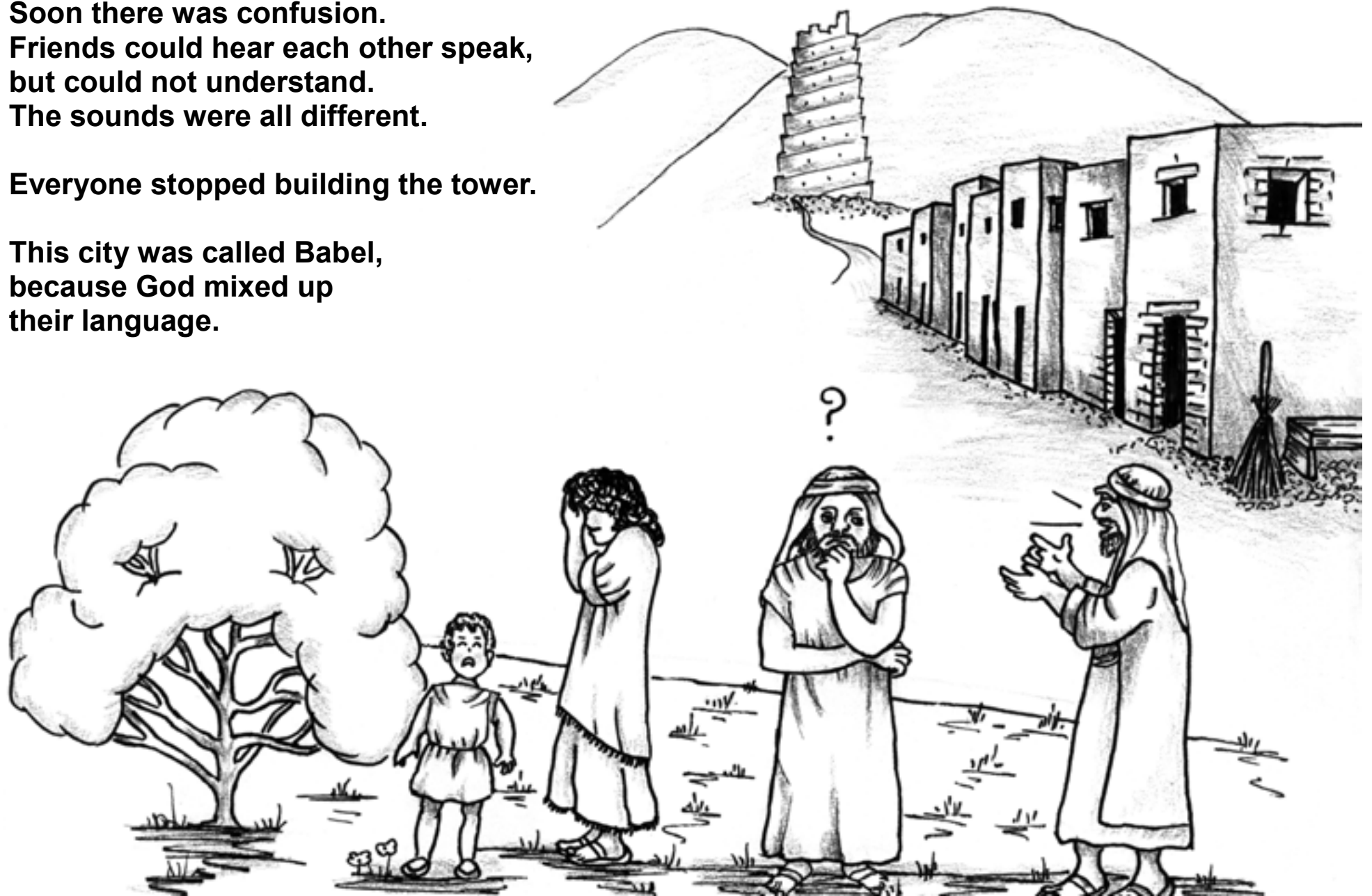
So God changed their language.



Soon there was confusion.
Friends could hear each other speak,
but could not understand.
The sounds were all different.

Everyone stopped building the tower.

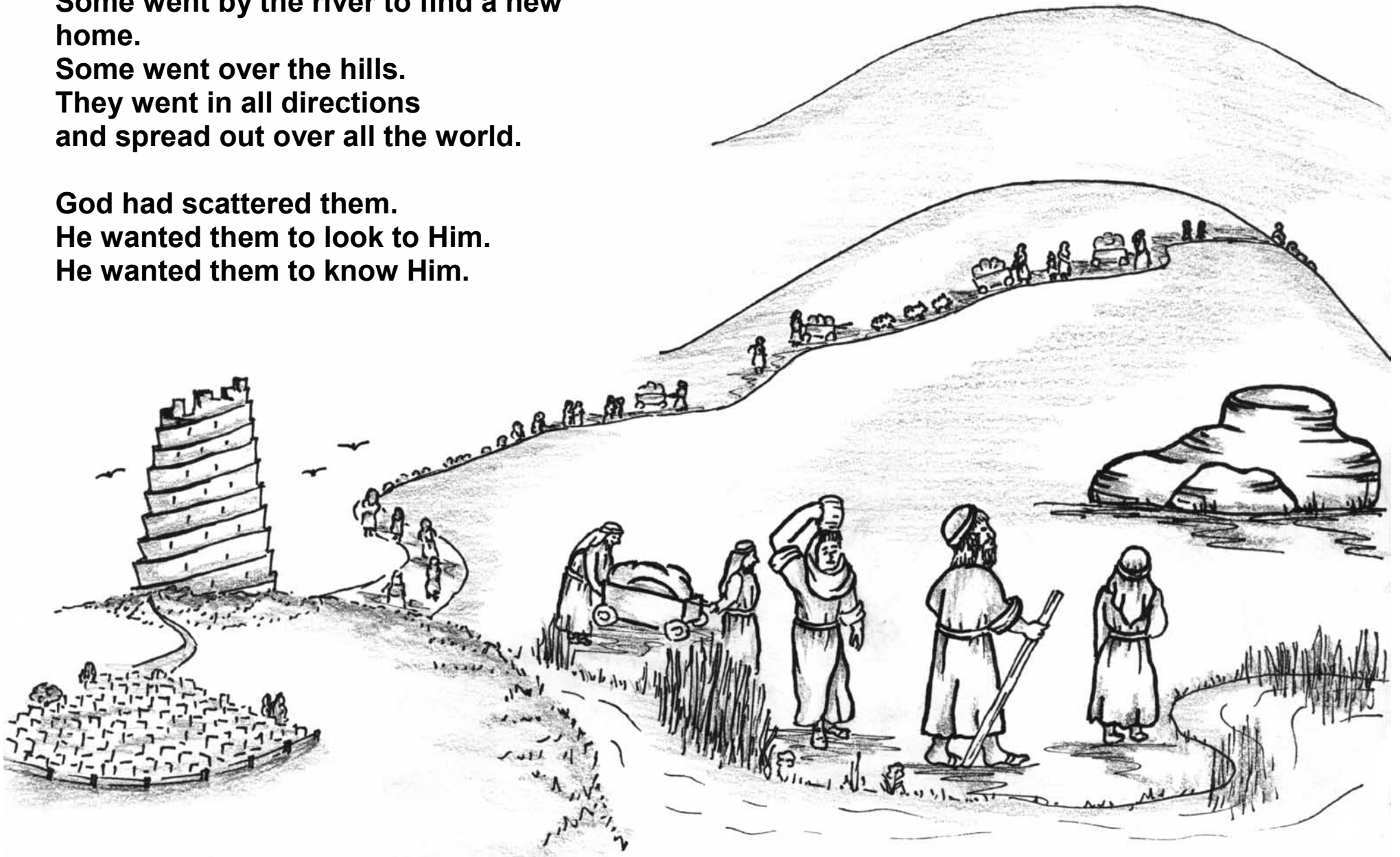
This city was called Babel,
because God mixed up
their language.



**Everyone packed up their belongings.
Some went by the river to find a new
home.**

**Some went over the hills.
They went in all directions
and spread out over all the world.**

**God had scattered them.
He wanted them to look to Him.
He wanted them to know Him.**



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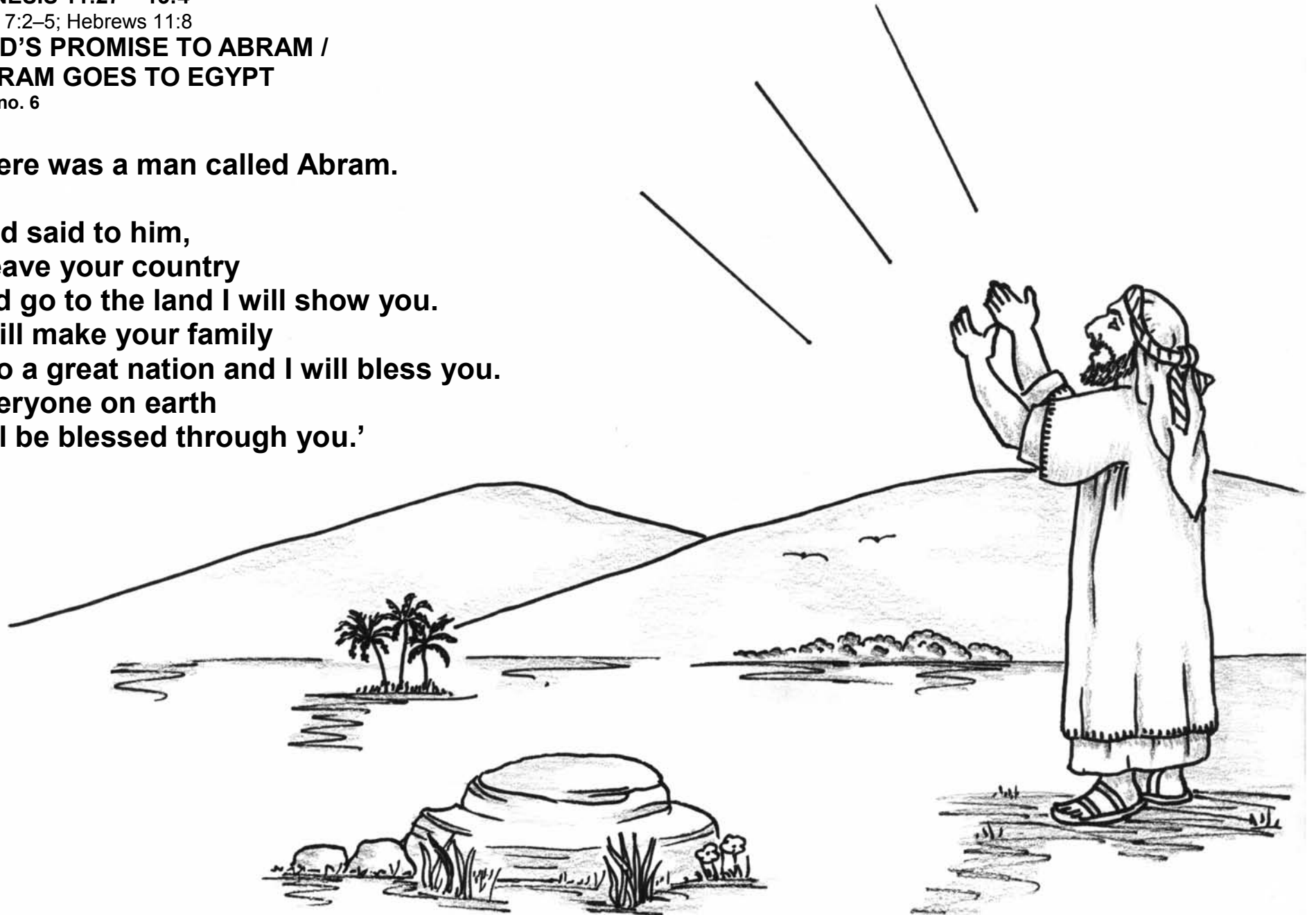
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There was a man called Abram.

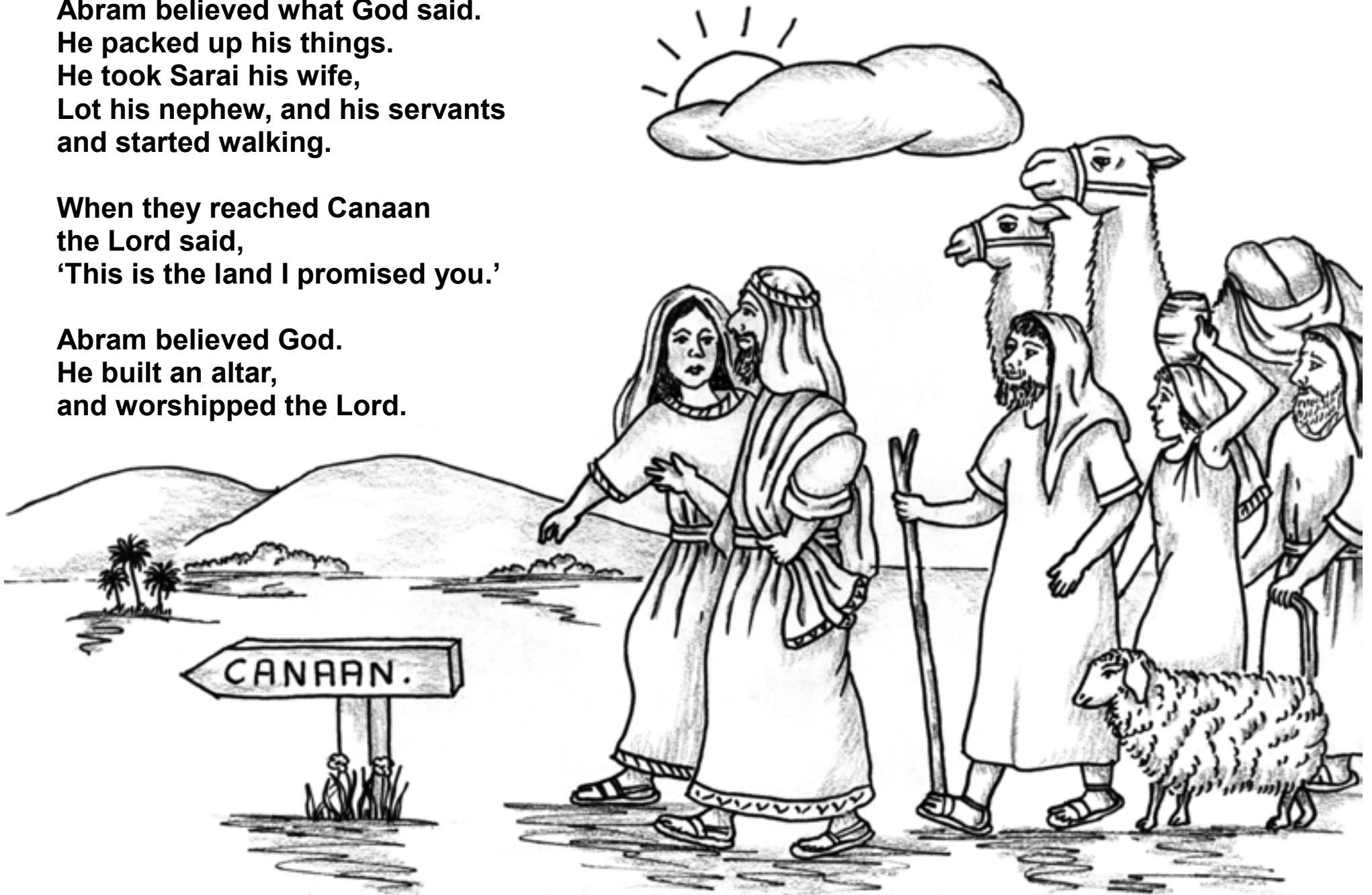
**God said to him,
'Leave your country
and go to the land I will show you.
I will make your family
into a great nation and I will bless you.
Everyone on earth
will be blessed through you.'**



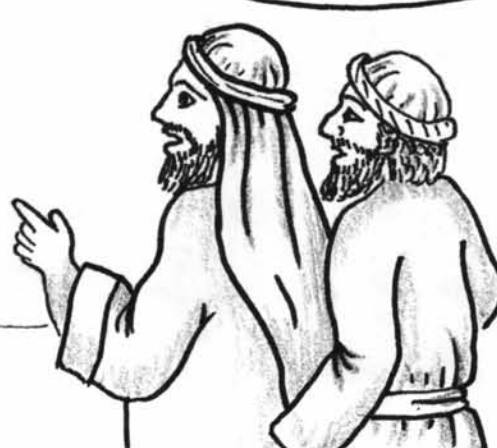
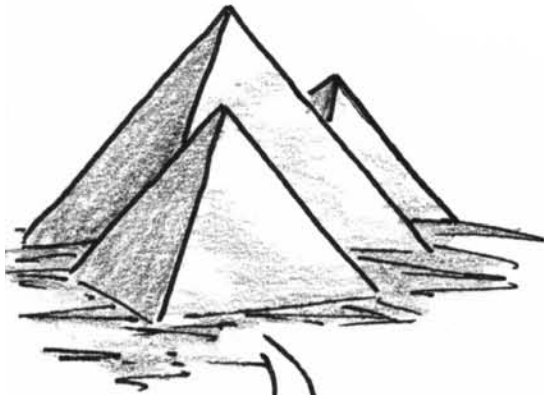
Abram believed what God said.
He packed up his things.
He took Sarai his wife,
Lot his nephew, and his servants
and started walking.

When they reached Canaan
the Lord said,
'This is the land I promised you.'

Abram believed God.
He built an altar,
and worshipped the Lord.



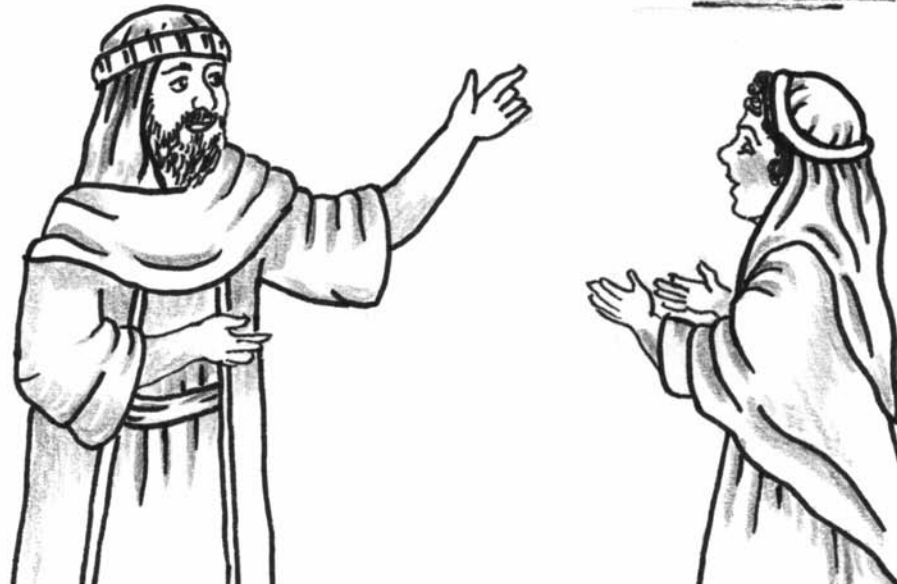
Then Abram and his people
put up their tents,
but the rain did not fall
and the food did not grow,
so they left Canaan
and went to live in Egypt.



Now Sarai was very beautiful
and Abram was afraid and thought,
'The Egyptians might take Sarai away
and kill me.'
He said to Sarai,
'I will say you are my sister.
I won't tell them you are my wife.'

He was forgetting God's promise to
make him great.

Just as Abram thought,
officers came
and took Sarai away to their king.
They gave him gifts
of sheep, cattle, servants and donkeys.



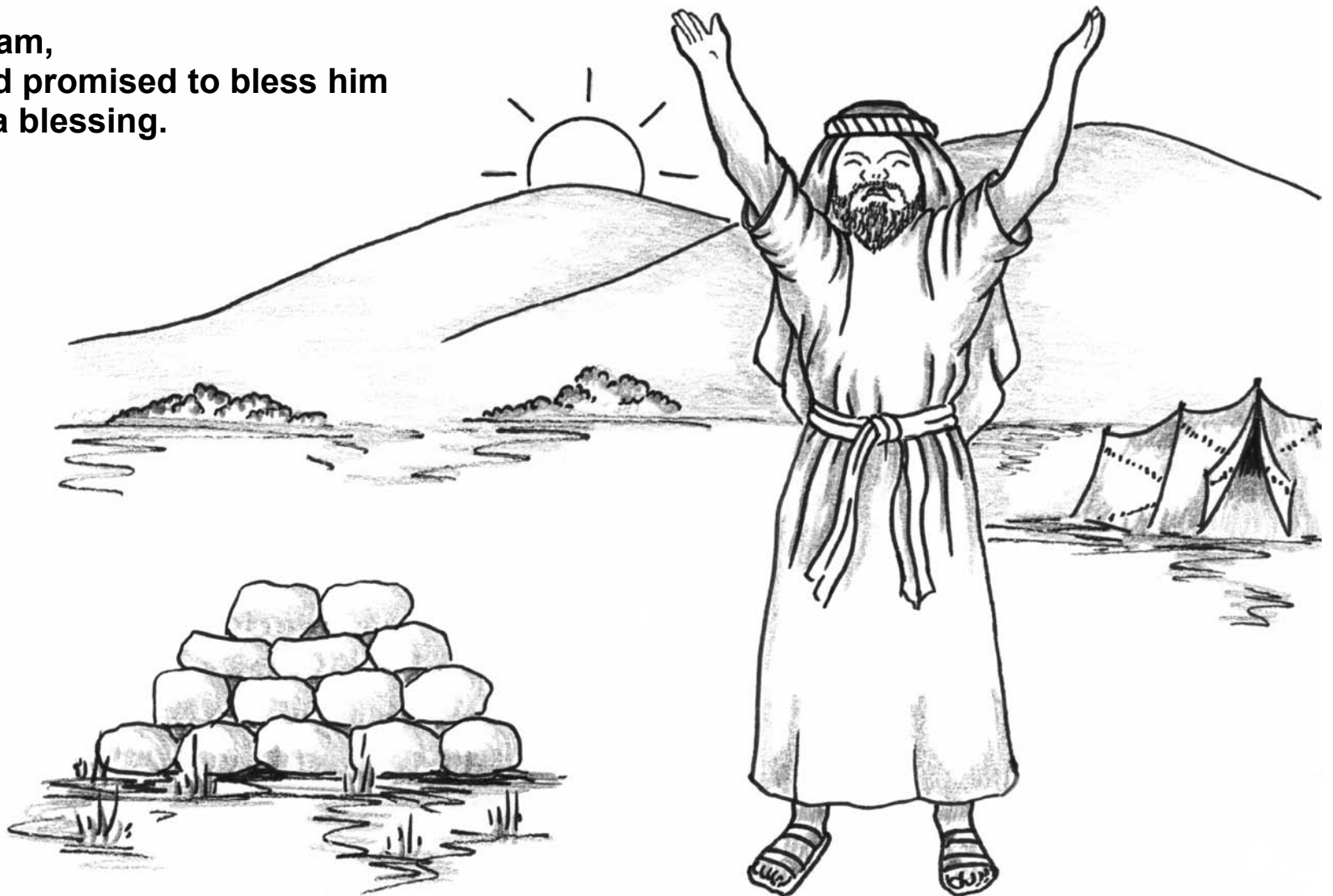
**But the Lord made the king
and the people in his house very sick.
The king realised he had been told a lie.**

**So he sent for Abram and asked,
'What have you done to me?
Why didn't you tell me Sarai was your wife?
Take her away and get out of my country!'**



**Abram went back to Canaan,
to the land God was giving him.
He built an altar there
and worshipped the Lord.**

**God saved Abram,
because He had promised to bless him
and make him a blessing.**



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GENESIS 13:1 – 14:24

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**Abram and Lot lived near Bethel.
Both of them had lots of sheep,
goats, donkeys and servants.**

**Their servants began to argue
because there was not enough grass
to feed their animals.**

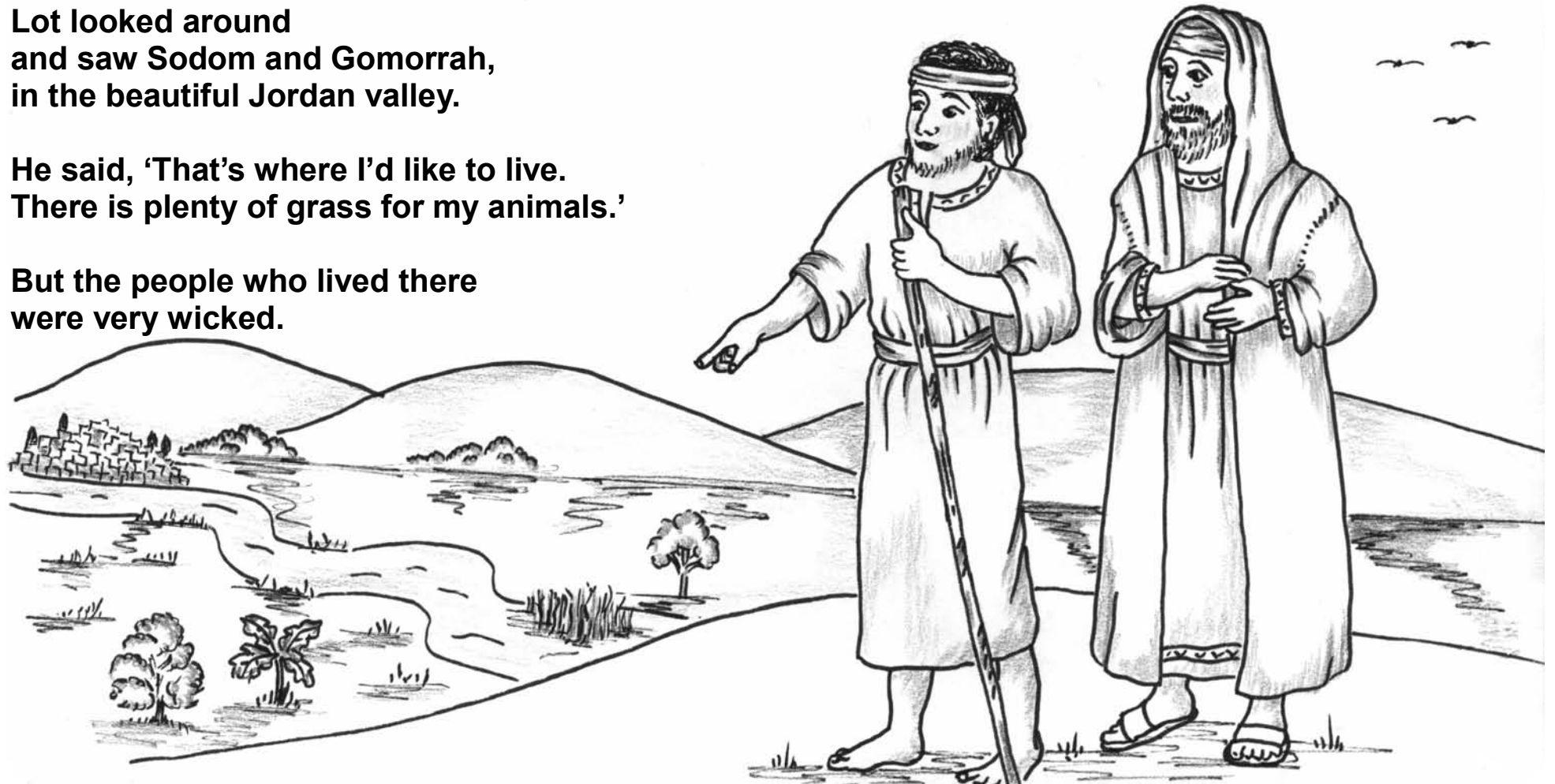


**Abram believed
that God was giving him this land.
So he said to Lot,
'We must not have any fighting.
We are brothers.
Look out over the land
and choose where you would like to live.
I will go the other way.'**

**Lot looked around
and saw Sodom and Gomorrah,
in the beautiful Jordan valley.**

**He said, 'That's where I'd like to live.
There is plenty of grass for my animals.'**

**But the people who lived there
were very wicked.**



**After Lot had gone, God said to Abram,
'Look this way and look that way.
This is the land I am giving to you
and your children forever.'**

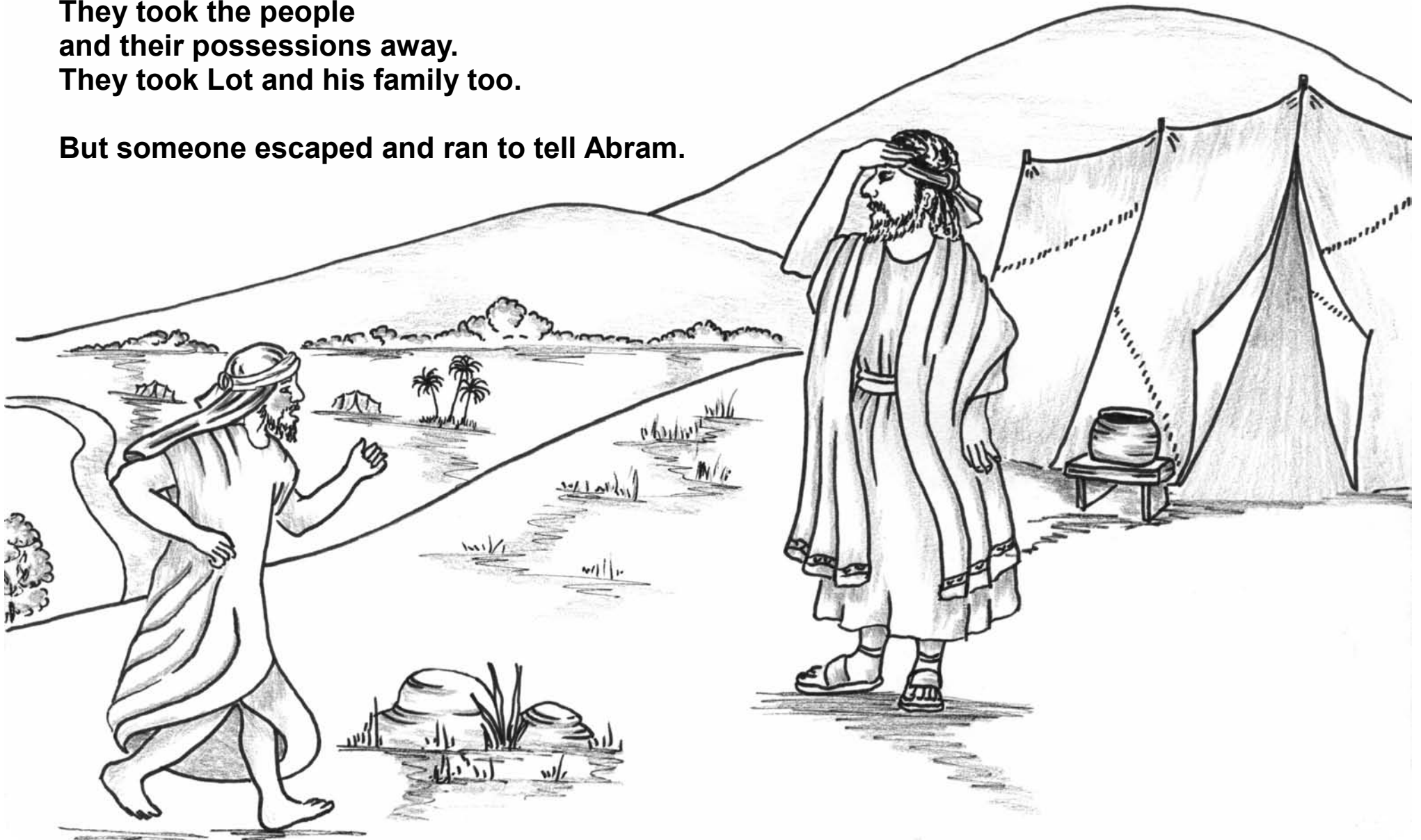
**Abram believed God.
He built an altar and worshipped God.**



**Some time later, four kings came and fought
with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah,
where Lot lived.**

**They took the people
and their possessions away.
They took Lot and his family too.**

But someone escaped and ran to tell Abram.

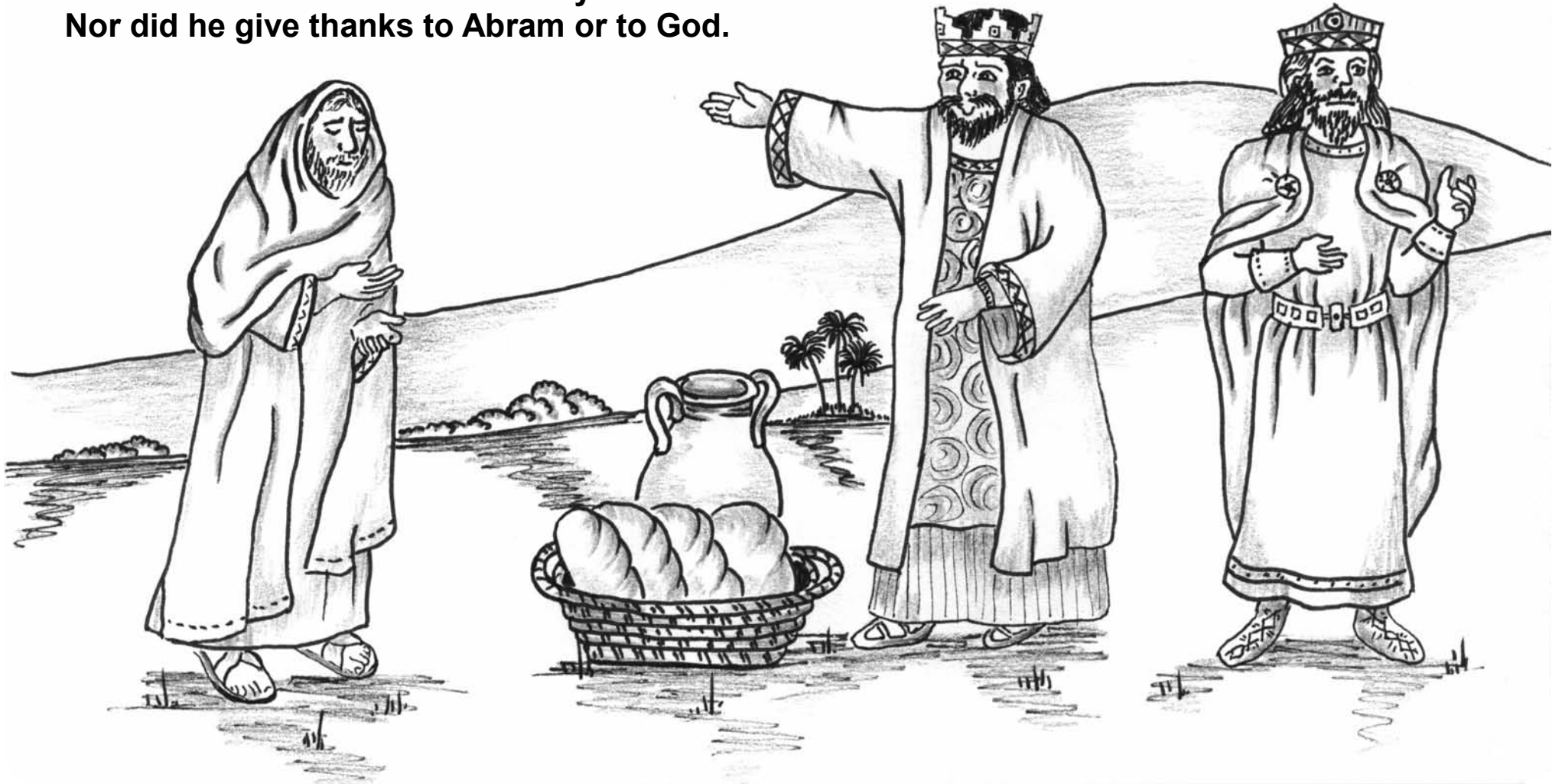


**Abram, with three hundred of his men, went after the kings.
They attacked the enemy
and made them run away.
He rescued Lot, his family and everything the kings had taken.
Abram knew that God had helped him.**



**On Abram's way home, two kings came to meet him.
One was King Melchizedek.
He saw that it was God who helped Abram.
He brought bread and wine to him and praised God.**

**The other one was the King of Sodom.
He did not see that it was God
who saved them from their enemy.
Nor did he give thanks to Abram or to God.**



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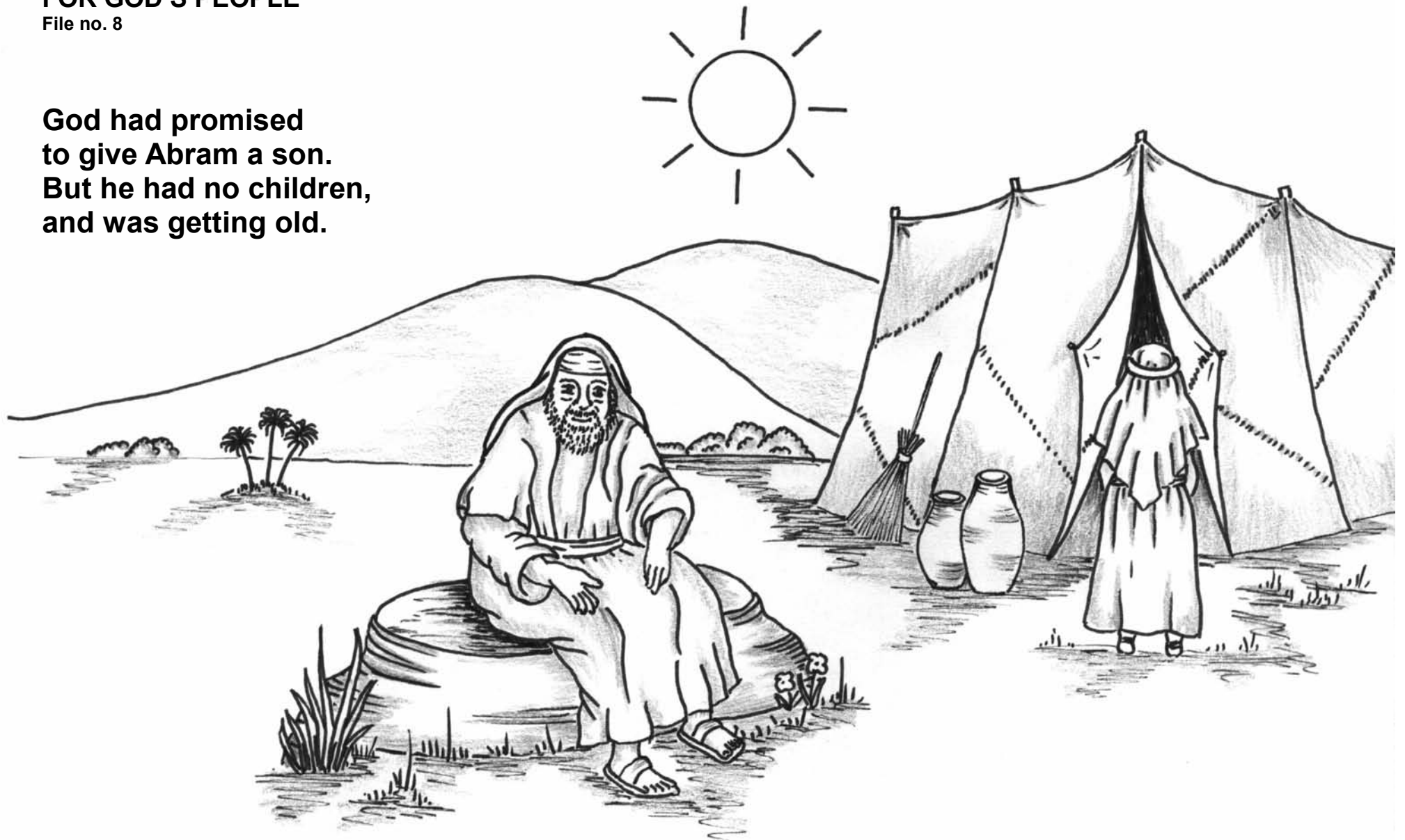
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GENESIS 15:1-21
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**God had promised
to give Abram a son.
But he had no children,
and was getting old.**



**God spoke to Abram in a vision saying,
'I am the One who is looking after you.
I have a very great reward for you.'**

**But Abram said,
'What use is the reward
when I have no son.
When I die everything will belong to my slave.'**

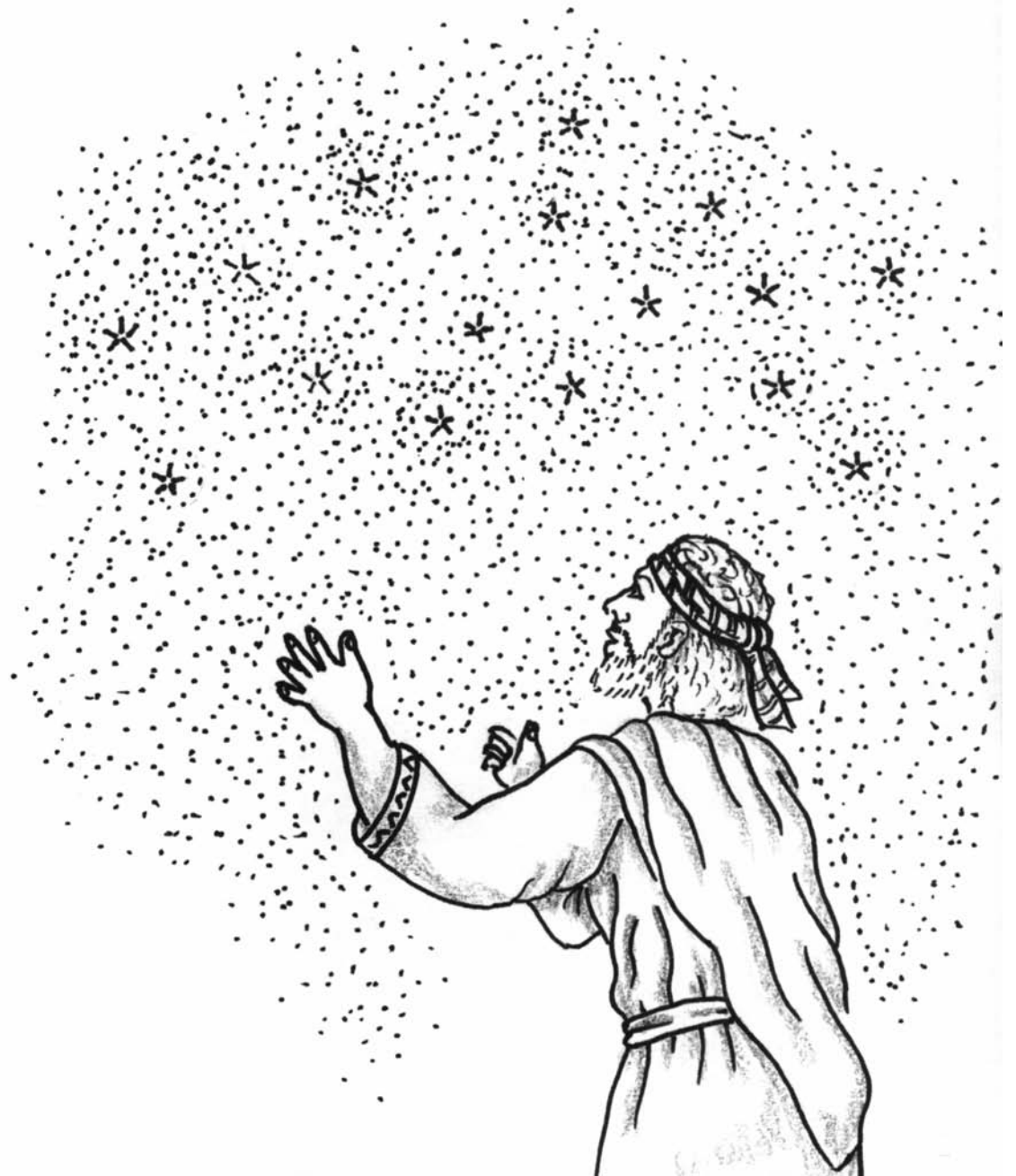
**'No,' said the Lord,
'everything will belong to your son.'**

**God was talking about His promise.
What is a promise?
What had God promised to Abram?**



**God took Abram outside and said:
'Look at the stars.
Count them if you can.
I promise that you will have
as many sons and daughters
as there are stars.'**

**Abram believed God.
The Lord saw that he believed,
and accepted him as someone
who had done what was right.**



**Then God said,
'I brought you to this land
so I could give it to you.'**

**But Abram asked,
'How will I know
that You will give me this land?'**



**God said,
'Bring Me a cow, goat, sheep, dove
and a pigeon.
I will cut a covenant with you,
a promise that I will keep.'**

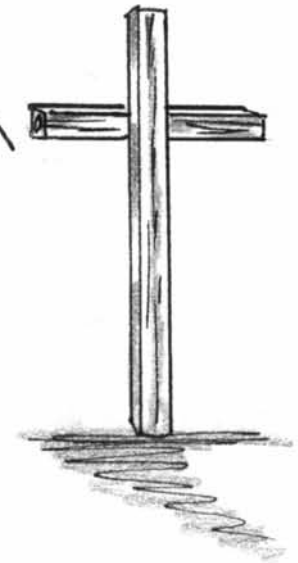
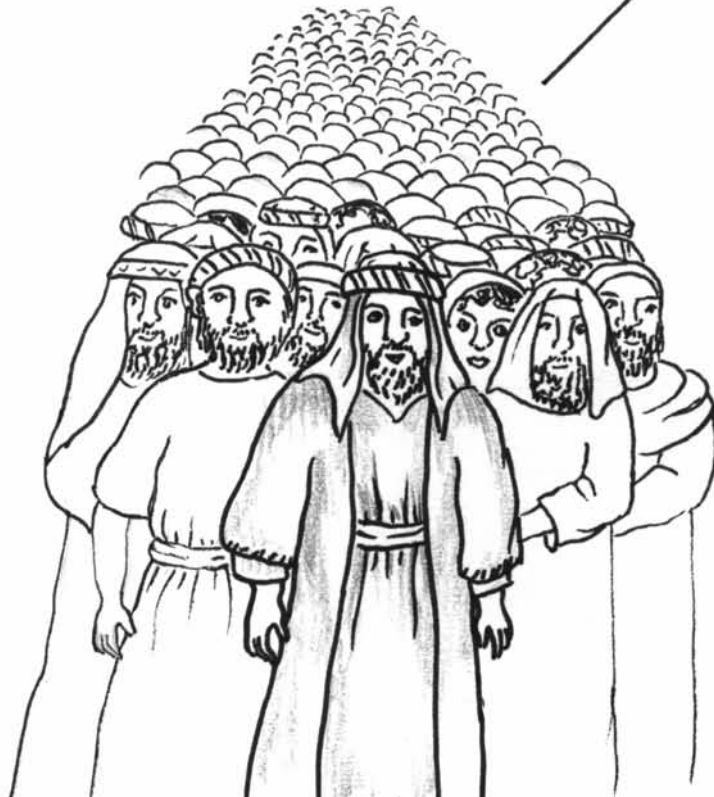
**So Abram brought the animals and birds.
He killed them
and made them ready,
just as God told him to.**

**That night while Abram slept,
God showed him
a smoking firepot and a blazing torch
moving between the animals.**

**He said,
'I will give this land to
your descendants.'**



**Abram now knew
that God would give him a large family,
and that a son of his
would be a blessing in all the world.
This Son is Jesus.**



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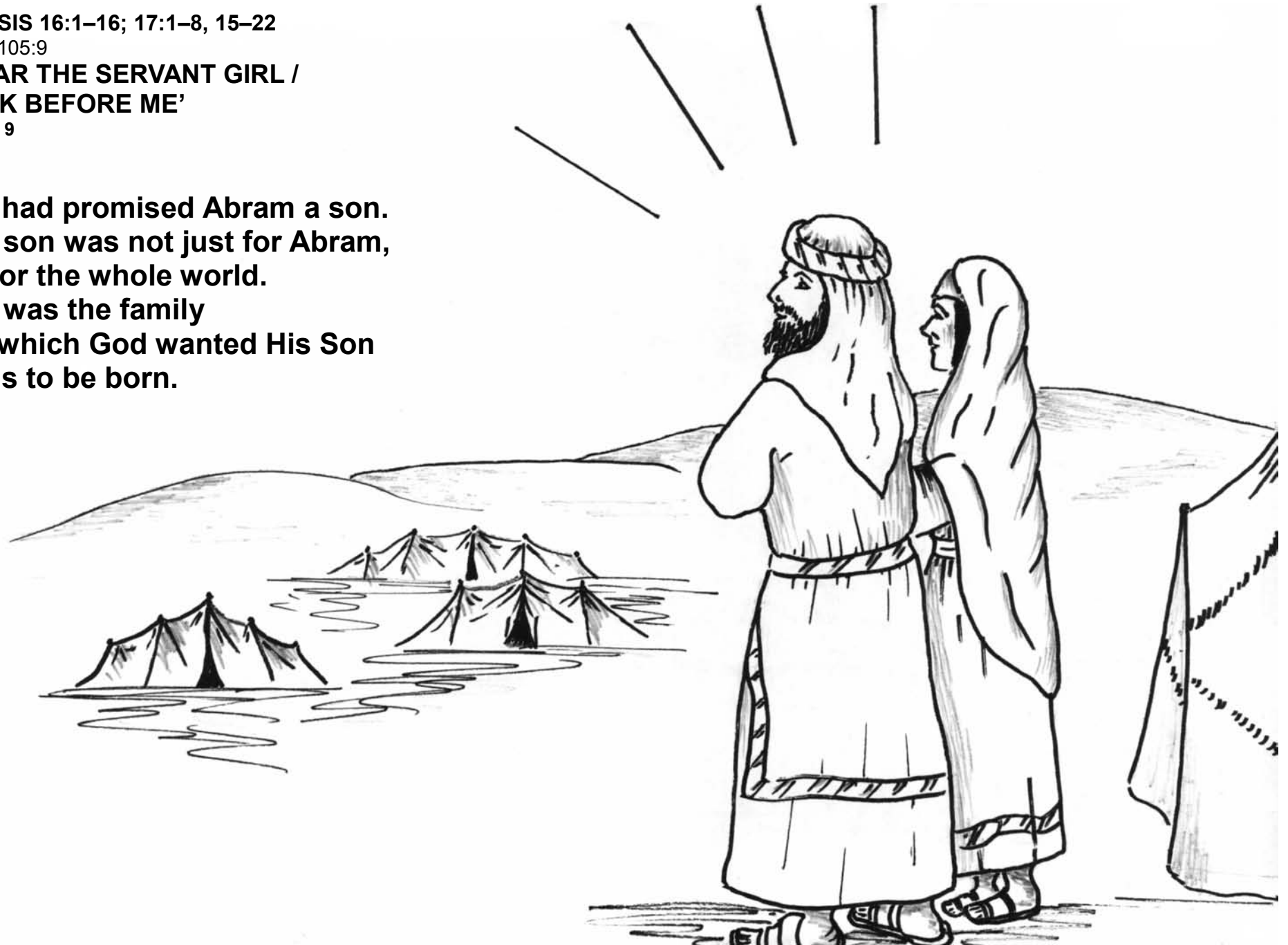
GENESIS 16:1–16; 17:1–8, 15–22

Psalms 105:9

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**God had promised Abram a son.
This son was not just for Abram,
but for the whole world.
This was the family
into which God wanted His Son
Jesus to be born.**



But one day Sarai said to Abram,
'The Lord has stopped me from having a baby.
Take Hagar my servant girl.
Perhaps God will give her a son and he will belong to me.'

Abram listened to Sarai
and took Hagar.



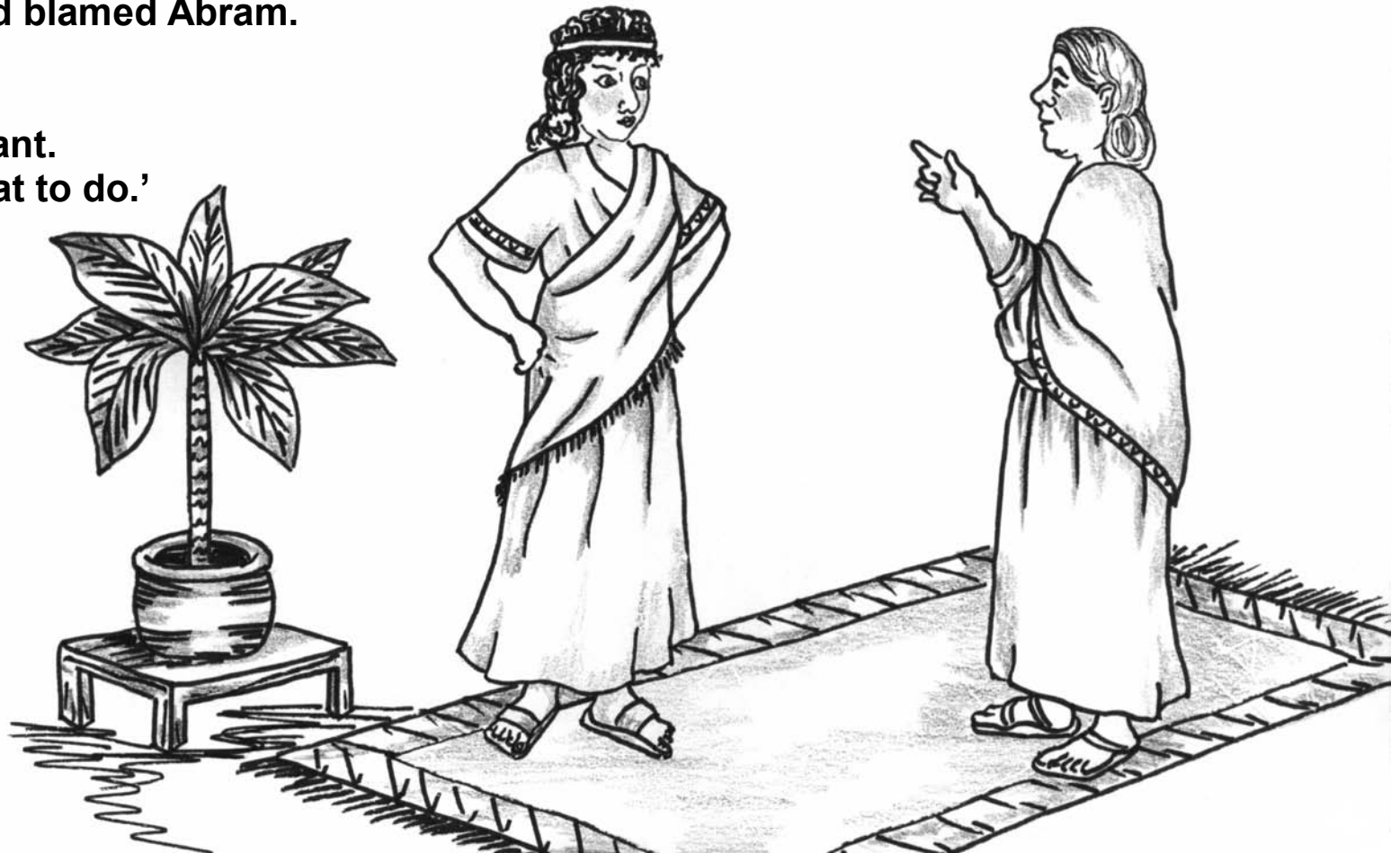
**Soon Hagar knew
that she was going to have a baby for Abram.**

**She thought, 'I am important now.
I won't listen to Sarai.'**

She was unkind to Sarai.

Sarai was cross and blamed Abram.

**He said to her,
'Hagar is your servant.
You can tell her what to do.'**



**Sarai tried hard to make Hagar obey.
But Hagar wouldn't.
She ran away
and headed for Egypt.**



**After travelling a long way,
she stopped and rested by a well.
She thought nobody would find her.
But God knew she was there.
He knew all about her troubles.**

**He said,
'Hagar, what are you doing here?'**

**She said,
'I am running away from Sarai.'**

**'Go back to Sarai and obey her,'
said God.
'Be a good servant.
You will have a son.
Call him Ishmael,
because God has heard your cry.'**



Hagar was glad that God was watching over her.
She called God, 'The God who sees'.
She went back to Sarai.
Her baby was born,
and Abram called him Ishmael.



**Many years later
God spoke to Abram again.**

**He said, 'I am God Almighty.
Walk before me.
Next year, you and Sarai
will have a son.'**

**'You will be the father of many nations.
I am changing your names.
Yours will be Abraham
and your wife's name will be Sarah.'**

**Abraham and Sarah
were too old to have children,
yet God said they would have a son.**

**They knew that God wanted them
to live by trusting Him.**



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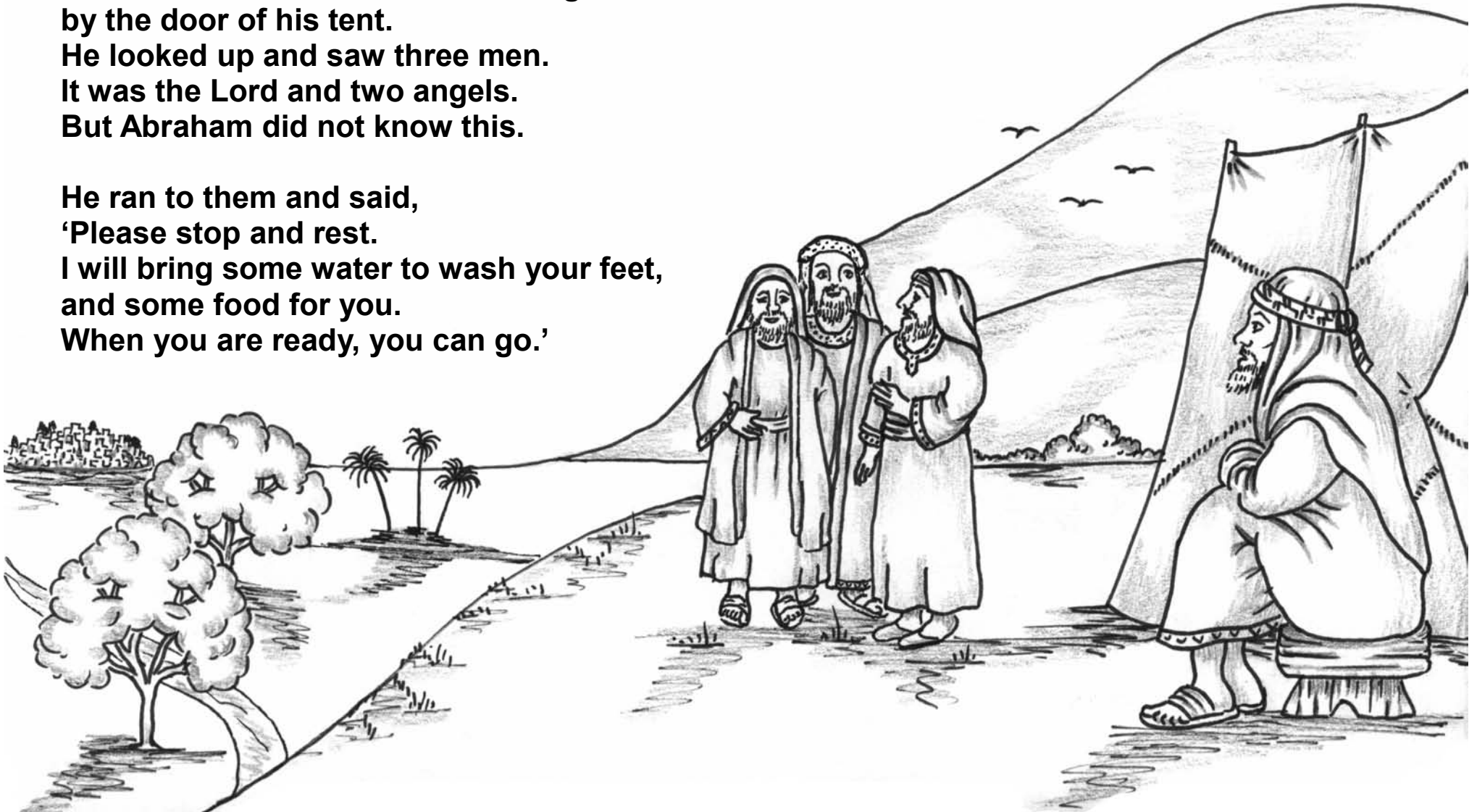
GENESIS 18:1–22

ABRAHAM'S THREE VISITORS

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**One afternoon Abraham was sitting
by the door of his tent.
He looked up and saw three men.
It was the Lord and two angels.
But Abraham did not know this.**

**He ran to them and said,
'Please stop and rest.
I will bring some water to wash your feet,
and some food for you.
When you are ready, you can go.'**



While the men were eating,
one of them asked,
'Where is Sarah your wife?'

'She is in the tent,' said Abraham.

Then the man said,
'This time next year I will visit you
and Sarah will have a son.'

'Oh!' Sarah laughed.

She had been listening from the tent.

In her heart she said,
'Can it really be true?
Will I have a baby when I am old?'



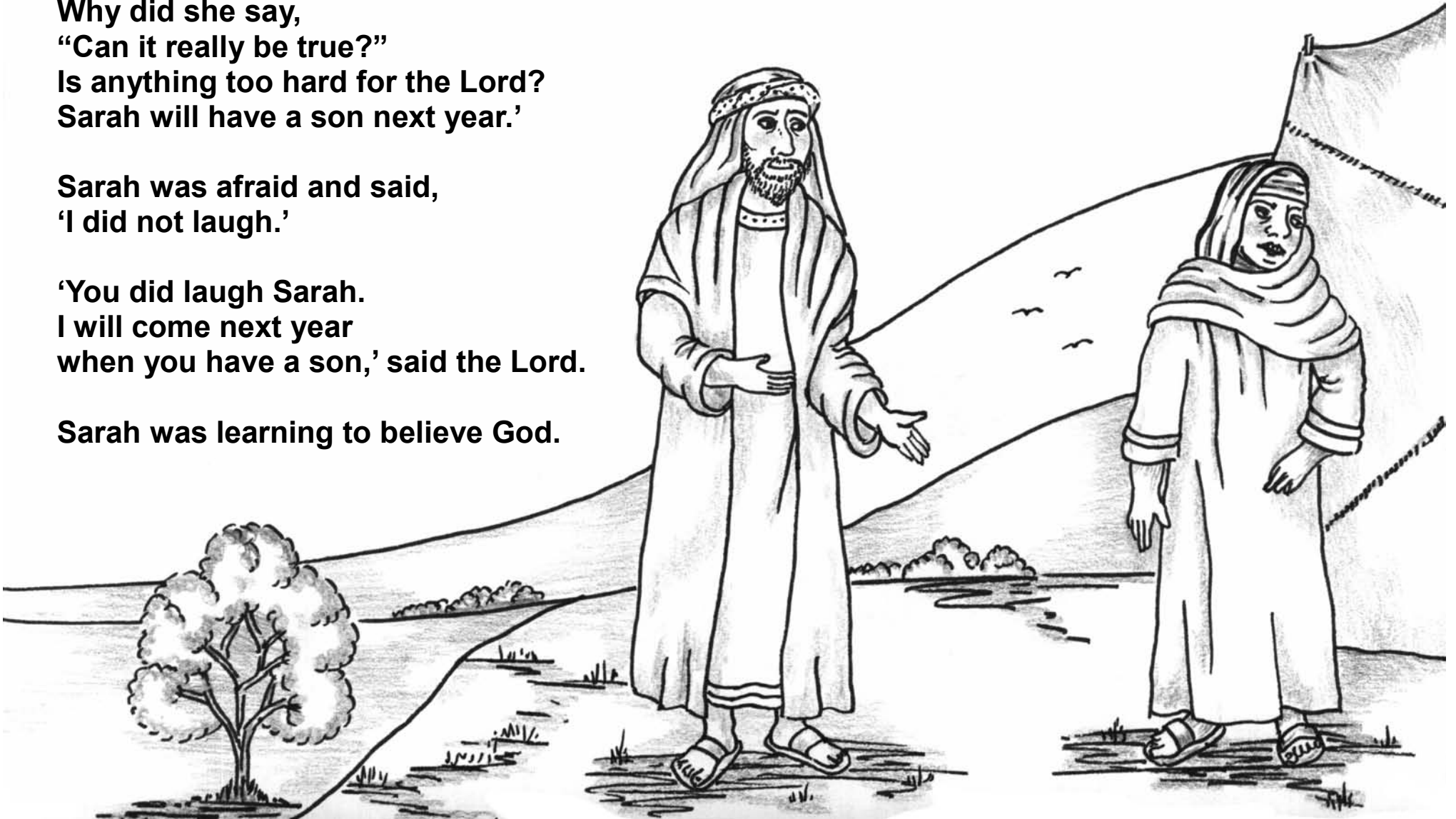
The Lord knew that she laughed.

**He said to Abraham,
'Why did Sarah laugh?
Why did she say,
"Can it really be true?"
Is anything too hard for the Lord?
Sarah will have a son next year.'**

**Sarah was afraid and said,
'I did not laugh.'**

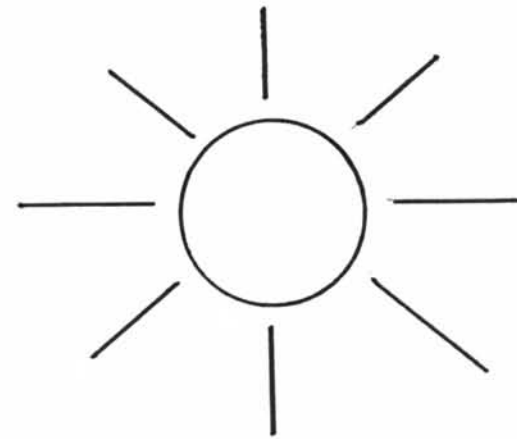
**'You did laugh Sarah.
I will come next year
when you have a son,' said the Lord.**

Sarah was learning to believe God.



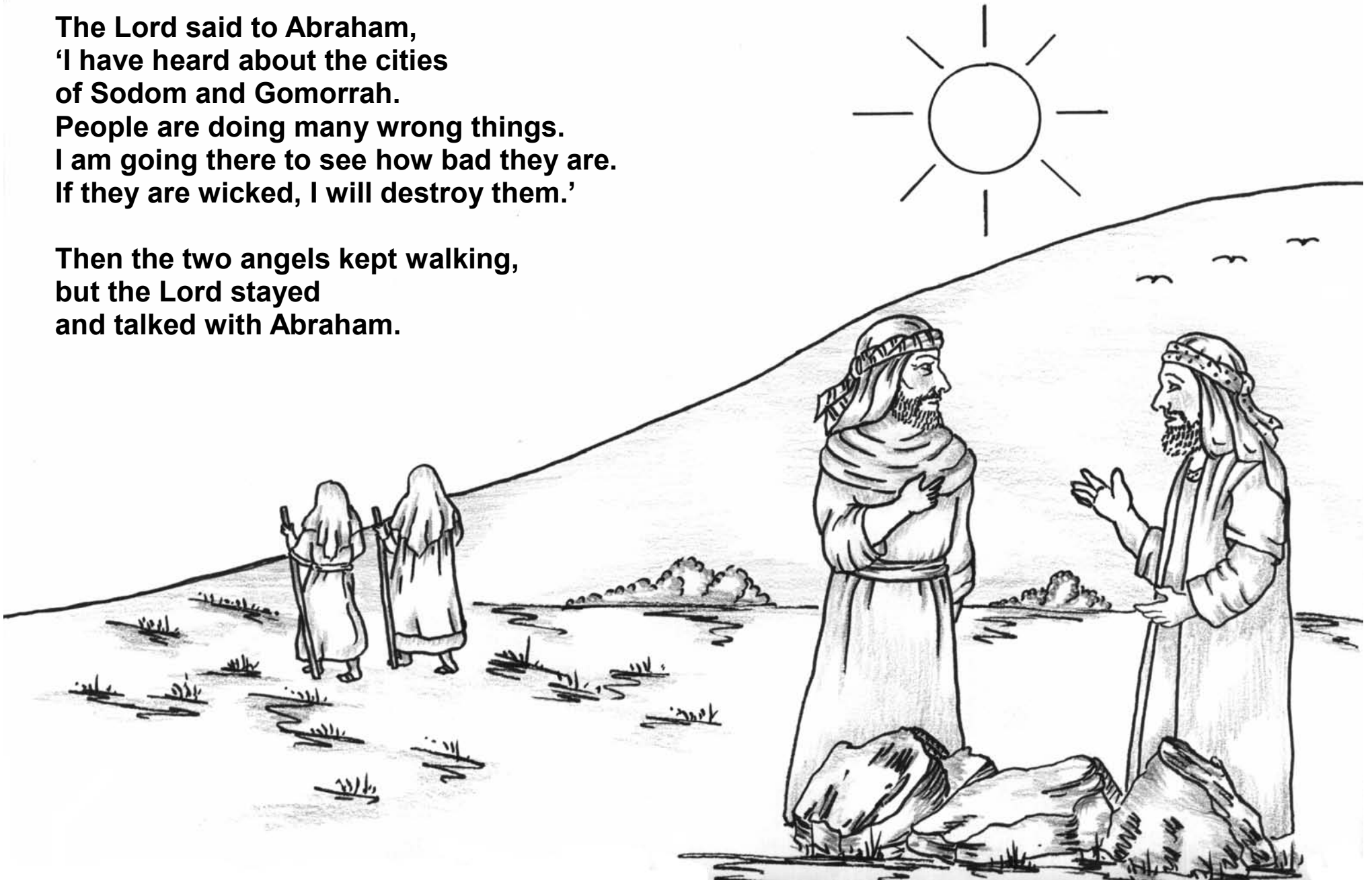
**The men got up to go.
They were going to Sodom where Lot lived.
So Abraham started to walk with them.**

**The Lord said,
'Shall I tell Abraham
about the things I am going to do?
Yes I will, for I have chosen him.
He will teach his people to keep My ways.'**



**The Lord said to Abraham,
'I have heard about the cities
of Sodom and Gomorrah.
People are doing many wrong things.
I am going there to see how bad they are.
If they are wicked, I will destroy them.'**

**Then the two angels kept walking,
but the Lord stayed
and talked with Abraham.**



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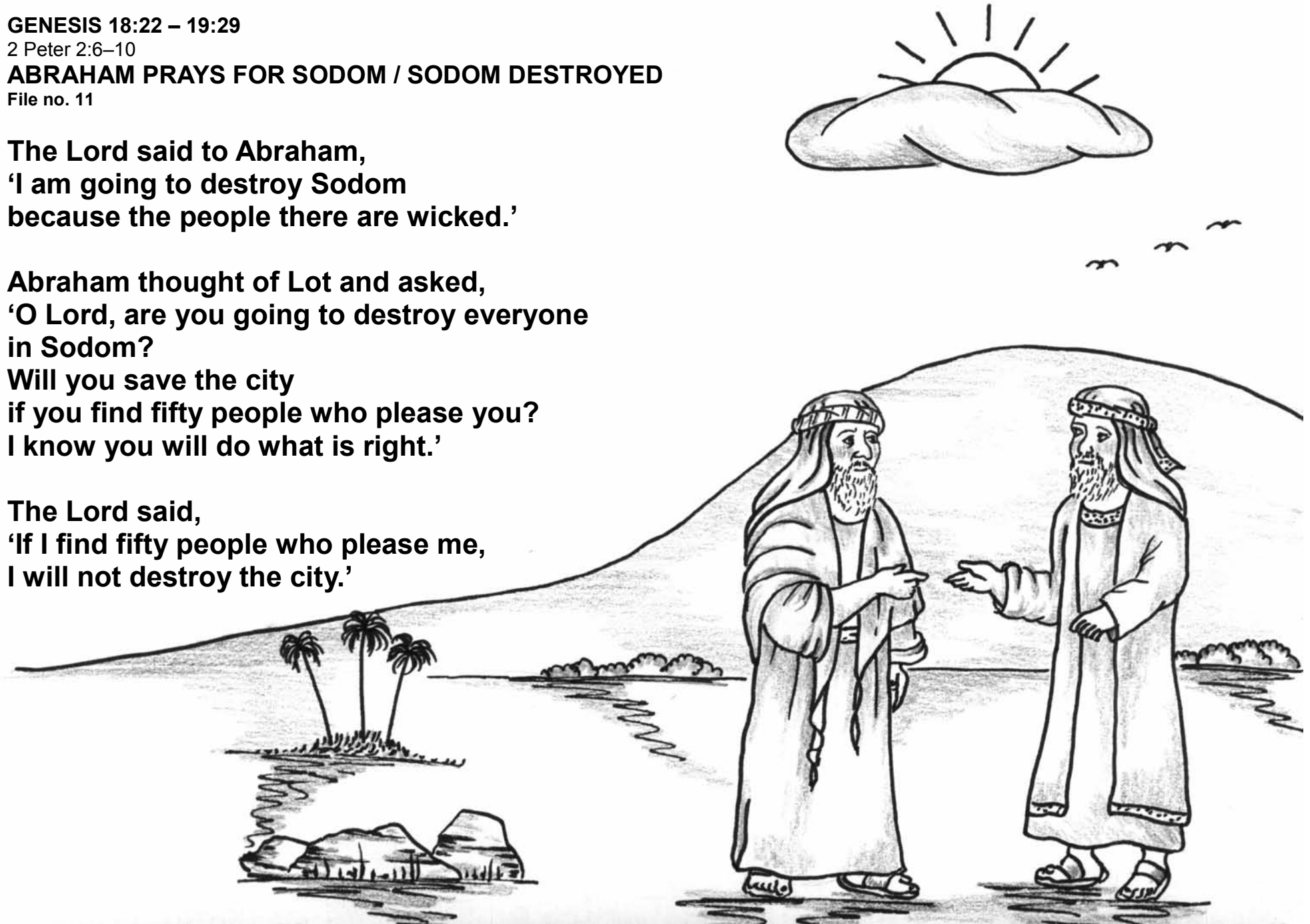
ABRAHAM PRAYS FOR SODOM / SODOM DESTROYED

File no. 11

The Lord said to Abraham,
'I am going to destroy Sodom
because the people there are wicked.'

Abraham thought of Lot and asked,
'O Lord, are you going to destroy everyone
in Sodom?
Will you save the city
if you find fifty people who please you?
I know you will do what is right.'

The Lord said,
'If I find fifty people who please me,
I will not destroy the city.'



Then Abraham said.
'Lord what about forty-five people
who please you?
Will you destroy the city then?'

'I will not destroy the city
if there are forty-five people,'
said the Lord.

'What if there are only forty?'
Abraham went on.

The Lord said,
'I will not destroy the city
if there are forty people who please me.'



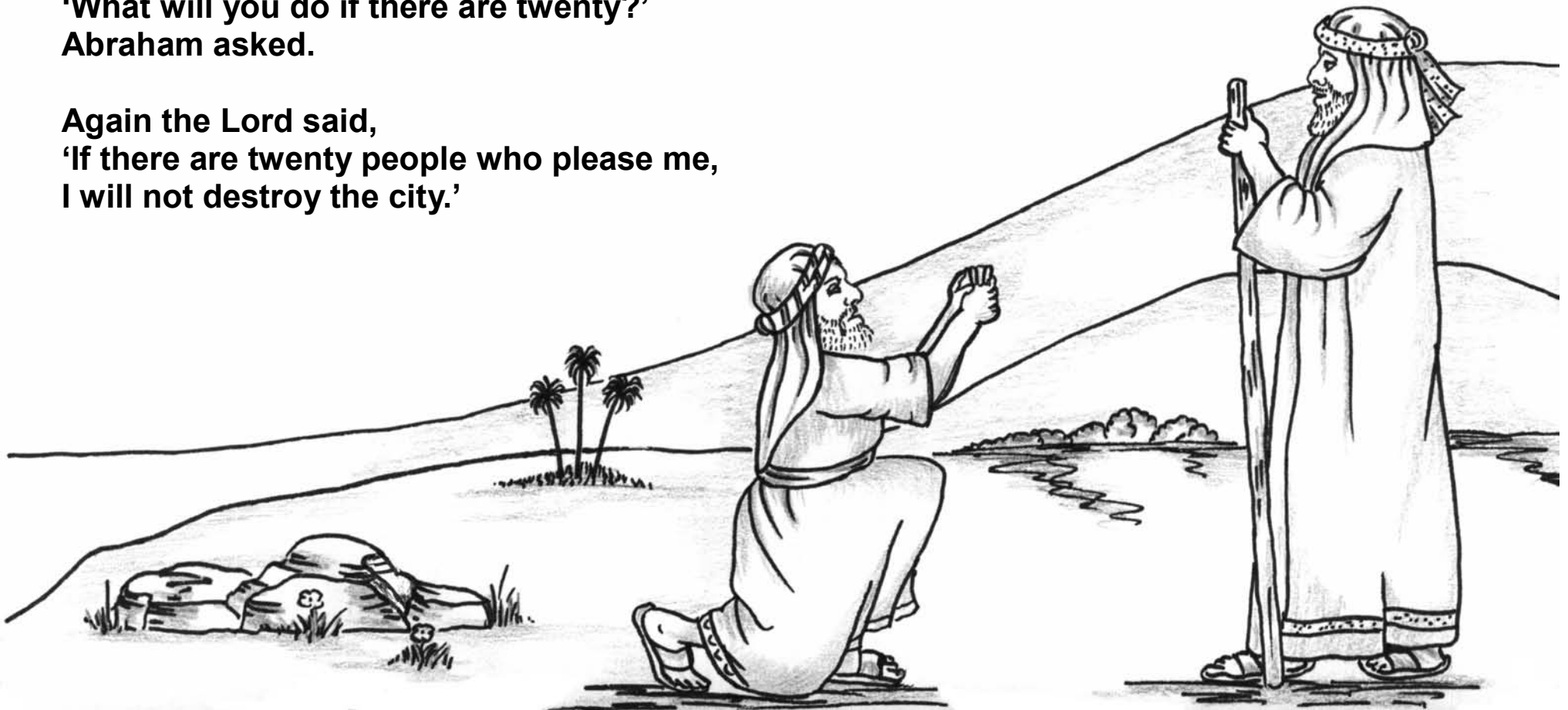
**'O Lord,' Abraham asked,
'please do not be angry.
What if you only find thirty people who please you!'**



**The Lord said,
'If I find thirty I will not destroy the city.'**

**'What will you do if there are twenty?'
Abraham asked.**

**Again the Lord said,
'If there are twenty people who please me,
I will not destroy the city.'**

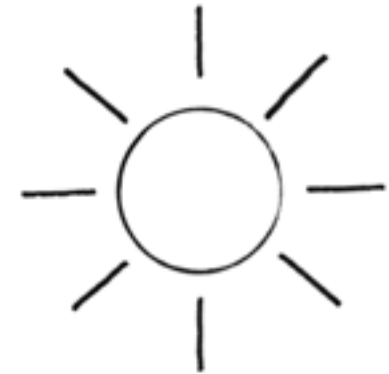


**So he said again,
'O Lord, I will speak only once more.
What if there are ten there?'**

**The Lord said,
'If I find ten who please me,
I will not destroy the city.'**

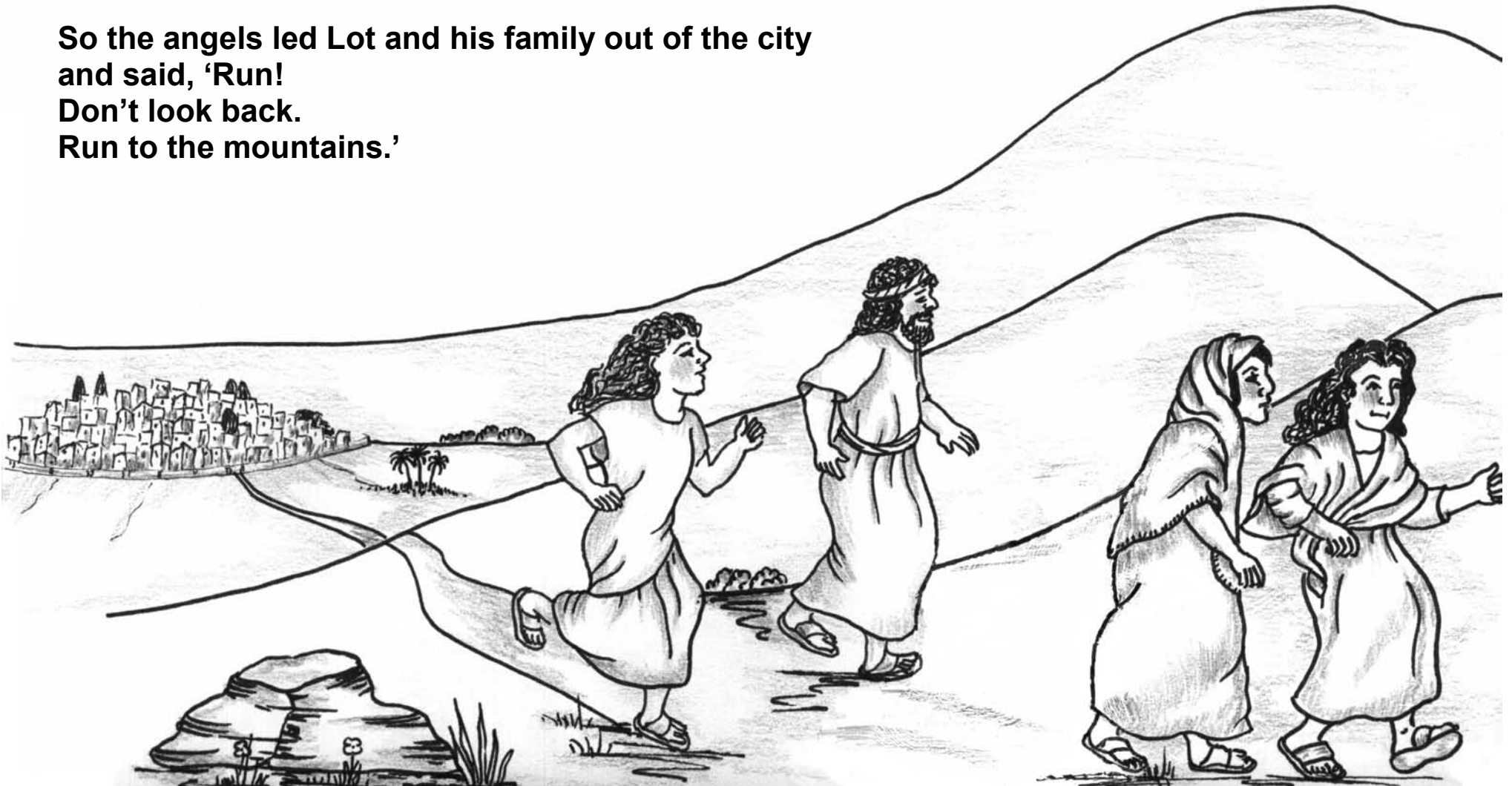
**Then the Lord left Abraham.
Abraham went home.**

**The angels had gone to Sodom.
They looked like men.
Lot met them and took them home.
He thought they would be safe
with him in his house.**

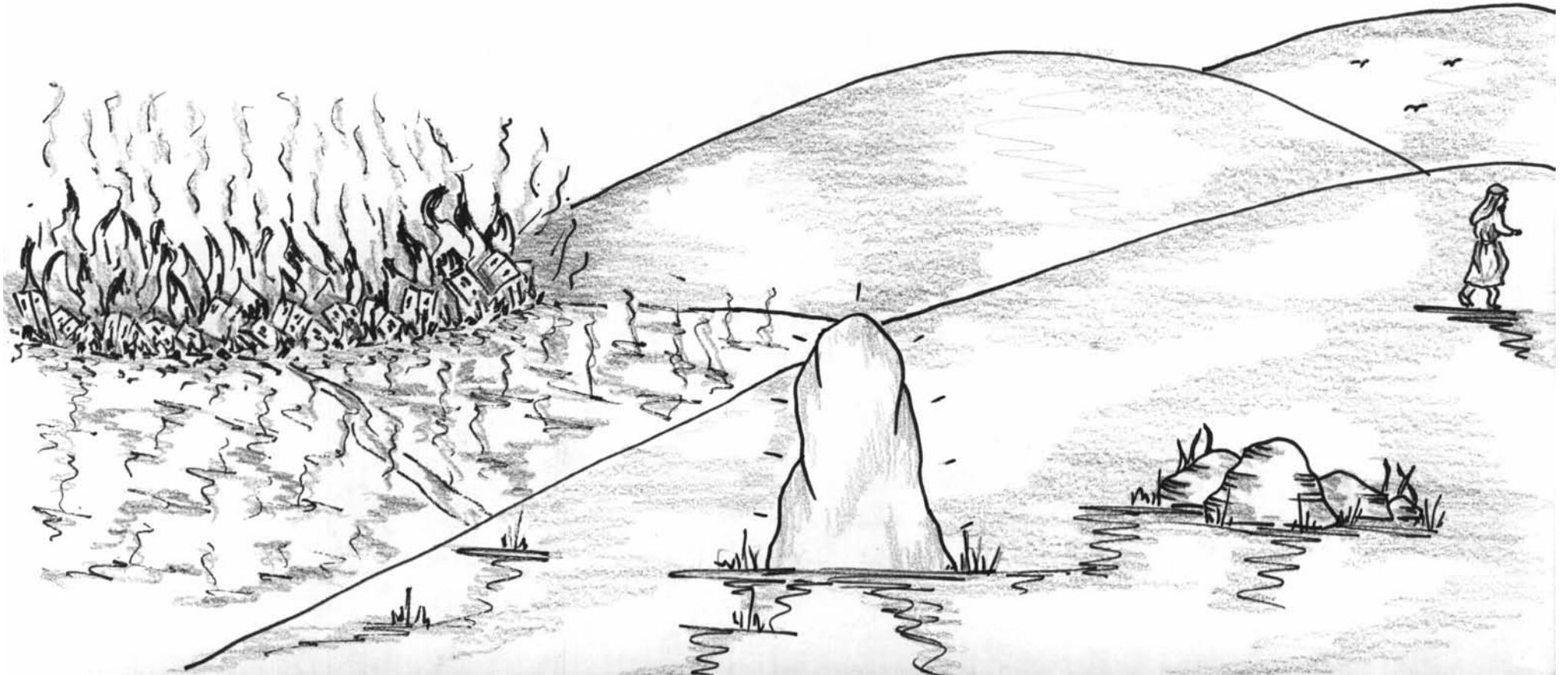


**These angels saw how wicked everyone was
and said to Lot,
'Get away from Sodom.
God is going to destroy this city.'**

**So the angels led Lot and his family out of the city
and said, 'Run!
Don't look back.
Run to the mountains.'**

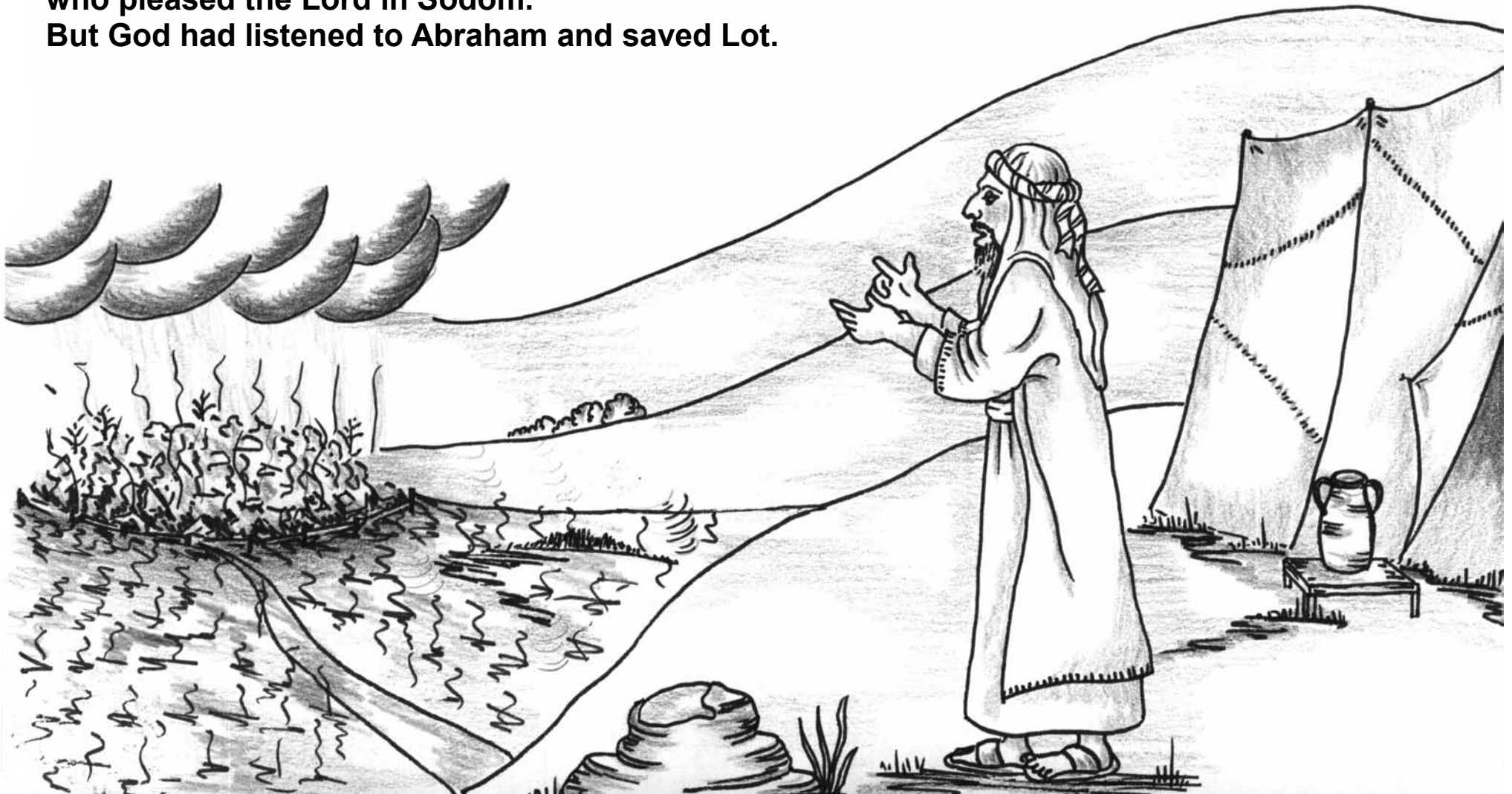


**When they had gone,
God rained fire on the wicked cities.
But Lot's wife loved the city
and its life
and didn't want to leave.
She turned around and looked back
and she became a pillar of salt.**



**The next morning,
Abraham looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah.
He saw the smoke pouring out from the fire.**

**He knew there were not even ten people
who pleased the Lord in Sodom.
But God had listened to Abraham and saved Lot.**



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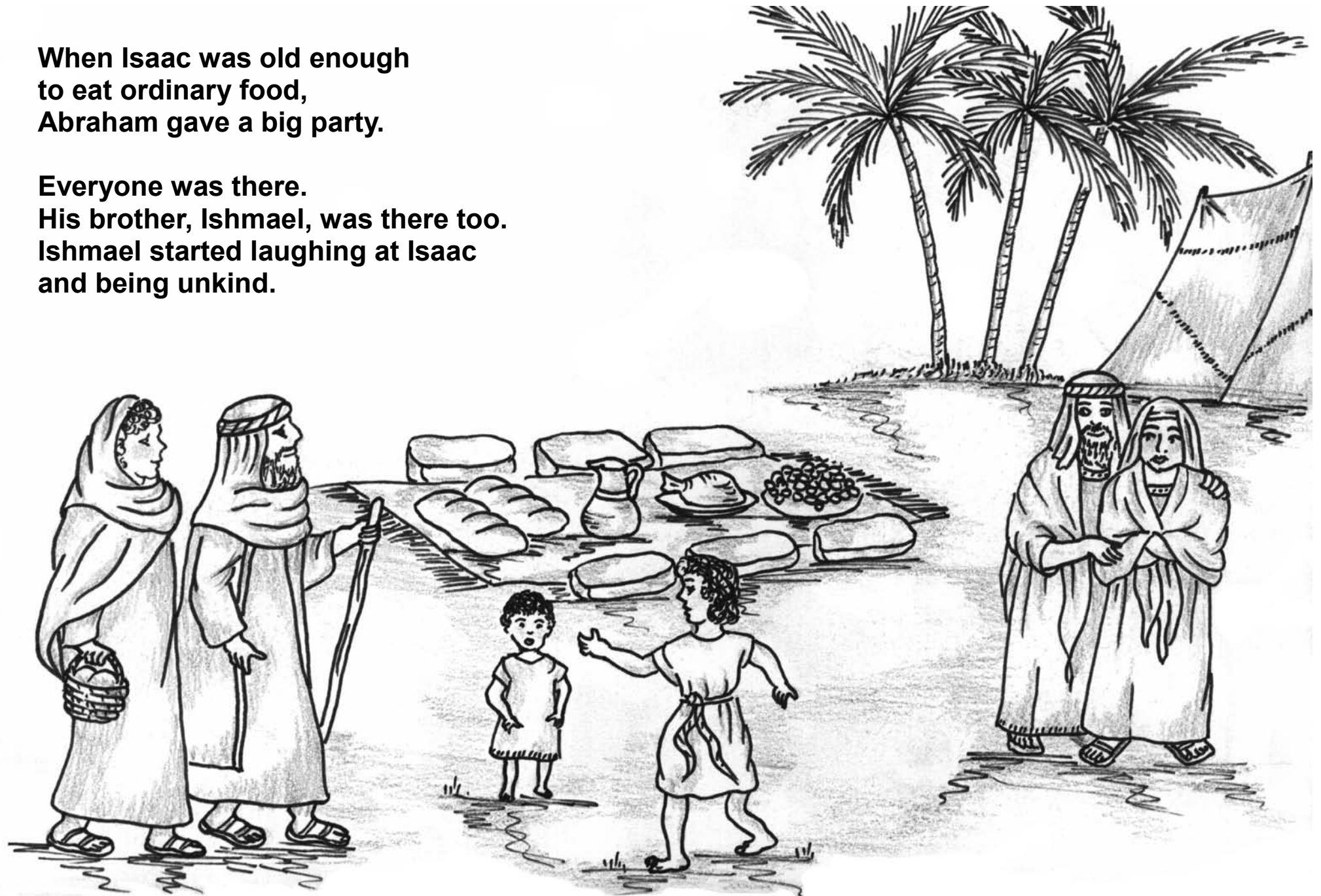
The day had come.
Isaac was born.
This was the son
God had promised to Abraham.
This was the family into which
Jesus would be born,
many years later.

Abraham named their baby Isaac,
because God had made them laugh.



**When Isaac was old enough
to eat ordinary food,
Abraham gave a big party.**

**Everyone was there.
His brother, Ishmael, was there too.
Ishmael started laughing at Isaac
and being unkind.**

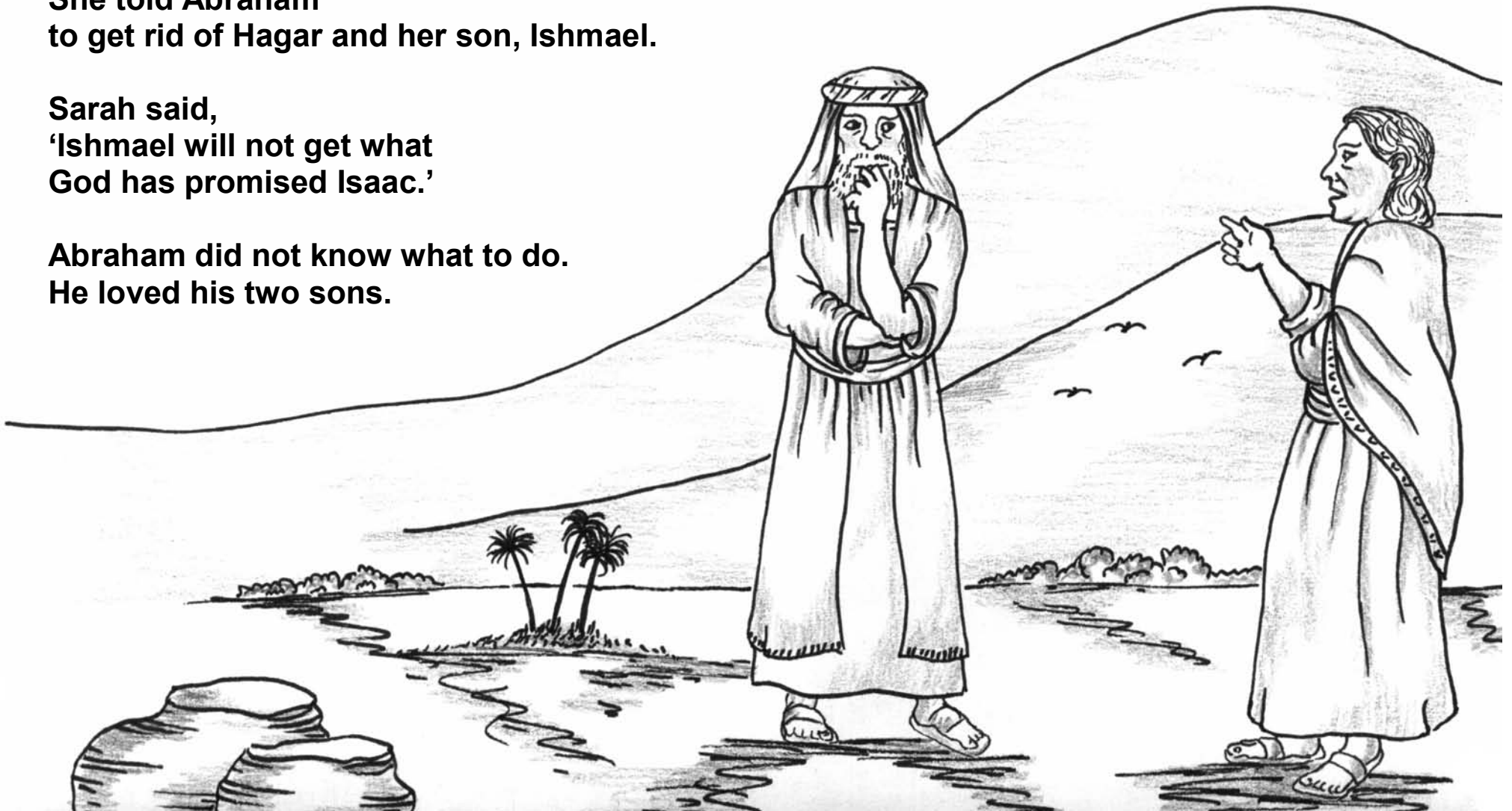


**Sarah saw Ishmael
being unkind to Isaac
and she was cross.**

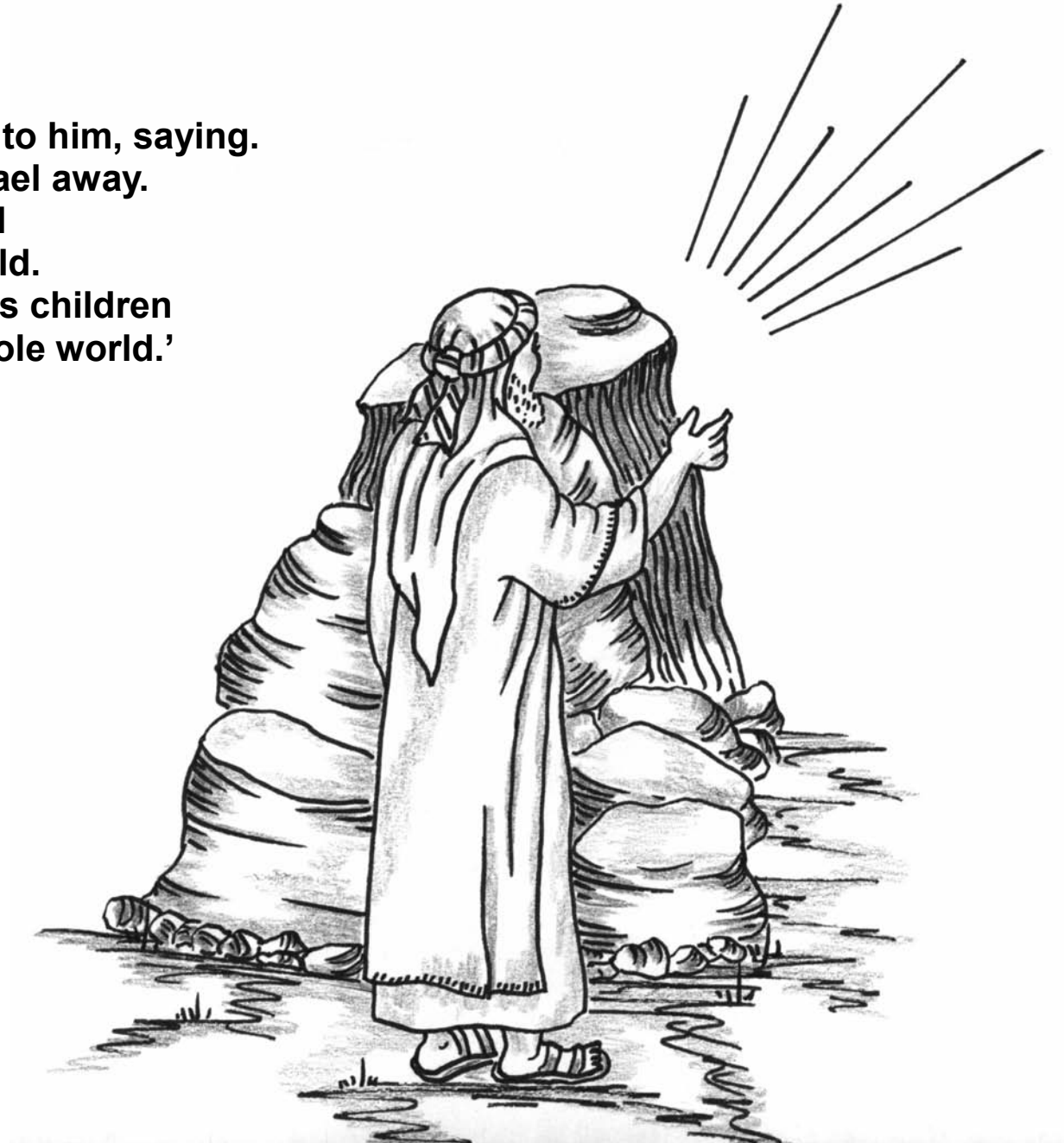
**She told Abraham
to get rid of Hagar and her son, Ishmael.**

**Sarah said,
'Ishmael will not get what
God has promised Isaac.'**

**Abraham did not know what to do.
He loved his two sons.**



**That night, God spoke to him, saying.
'Send Hagar and Ishmael away.
I will look after Ishmael
because he is your child.
But it is through Isaac's children
that I will bless the whole world.'**



The next morning
Abraham called Hagar.
He gave her some
bread and water,
and sent her
and her son away.

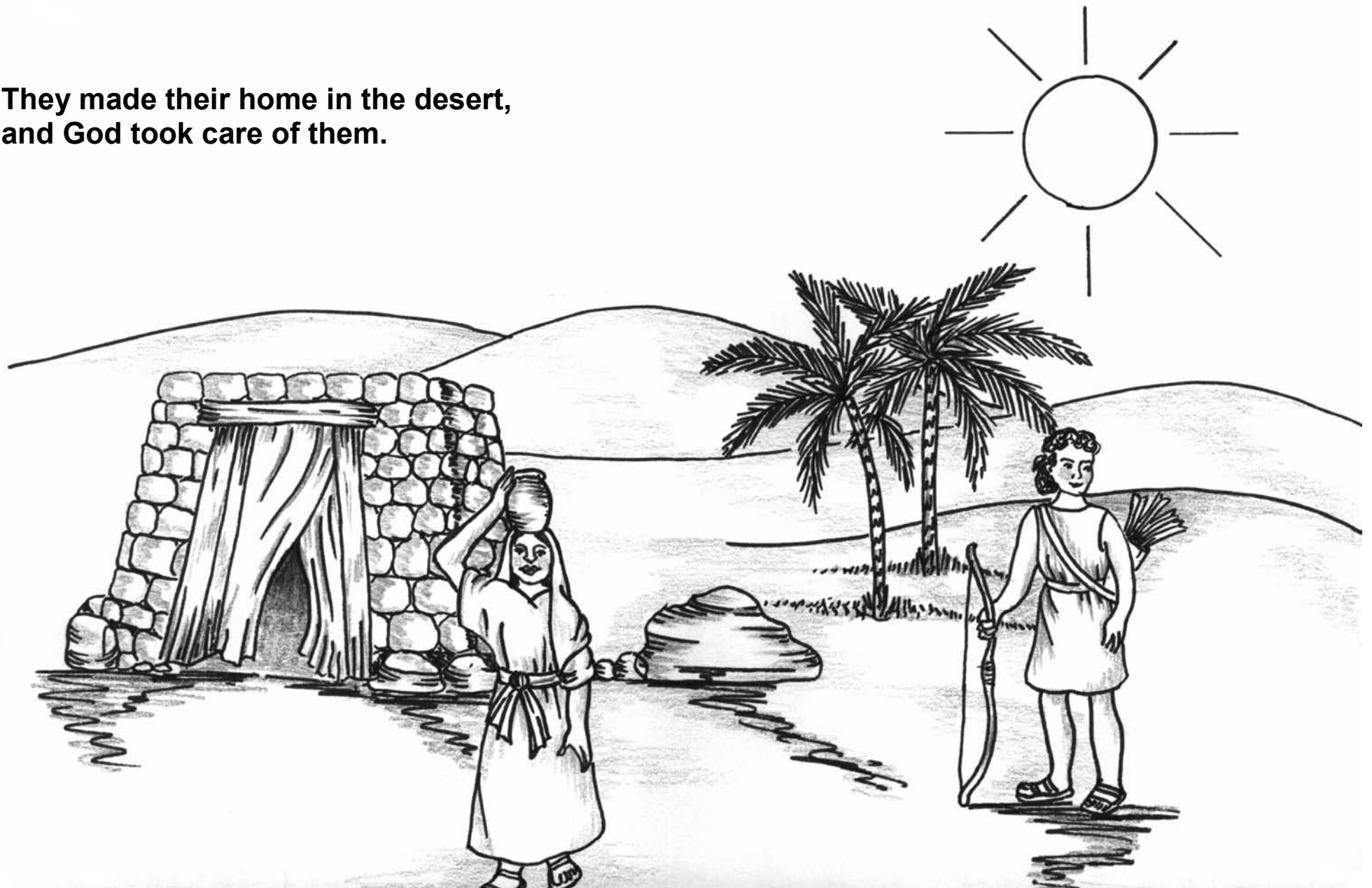
They walked a long way,
until Ishmael couldn't walk
any more.
He was crying.

God heard Ishmael crying,
and sent an angel to Hagar
saying,
'God has heard your boy's cry.
Go and lift him up.
I will care for him.'

He showed her
a well of water.
Hagar gave Ishmael
a drink
and he felt strong again.



**They made their home in the desert,
and God took care of them.**



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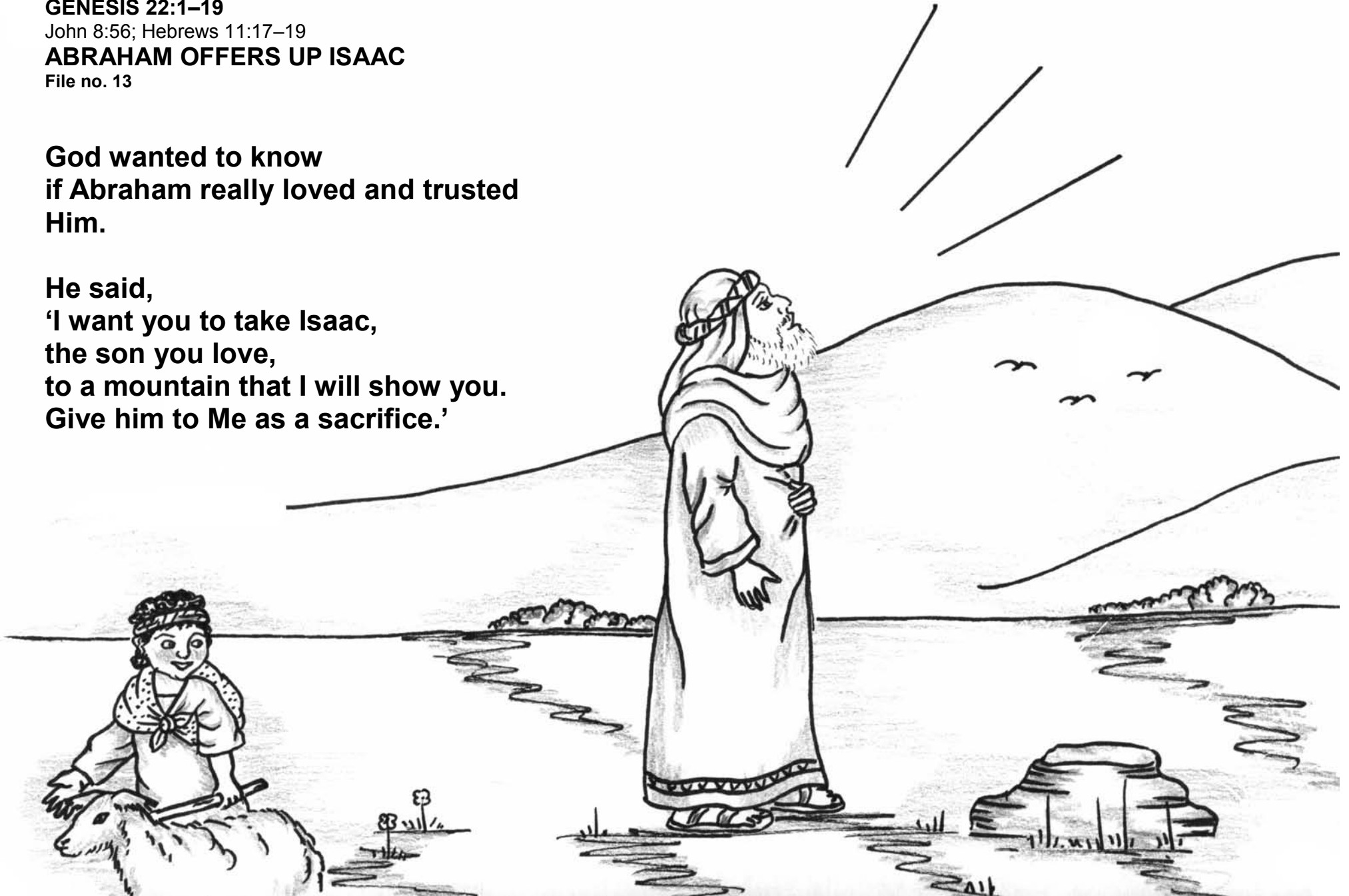
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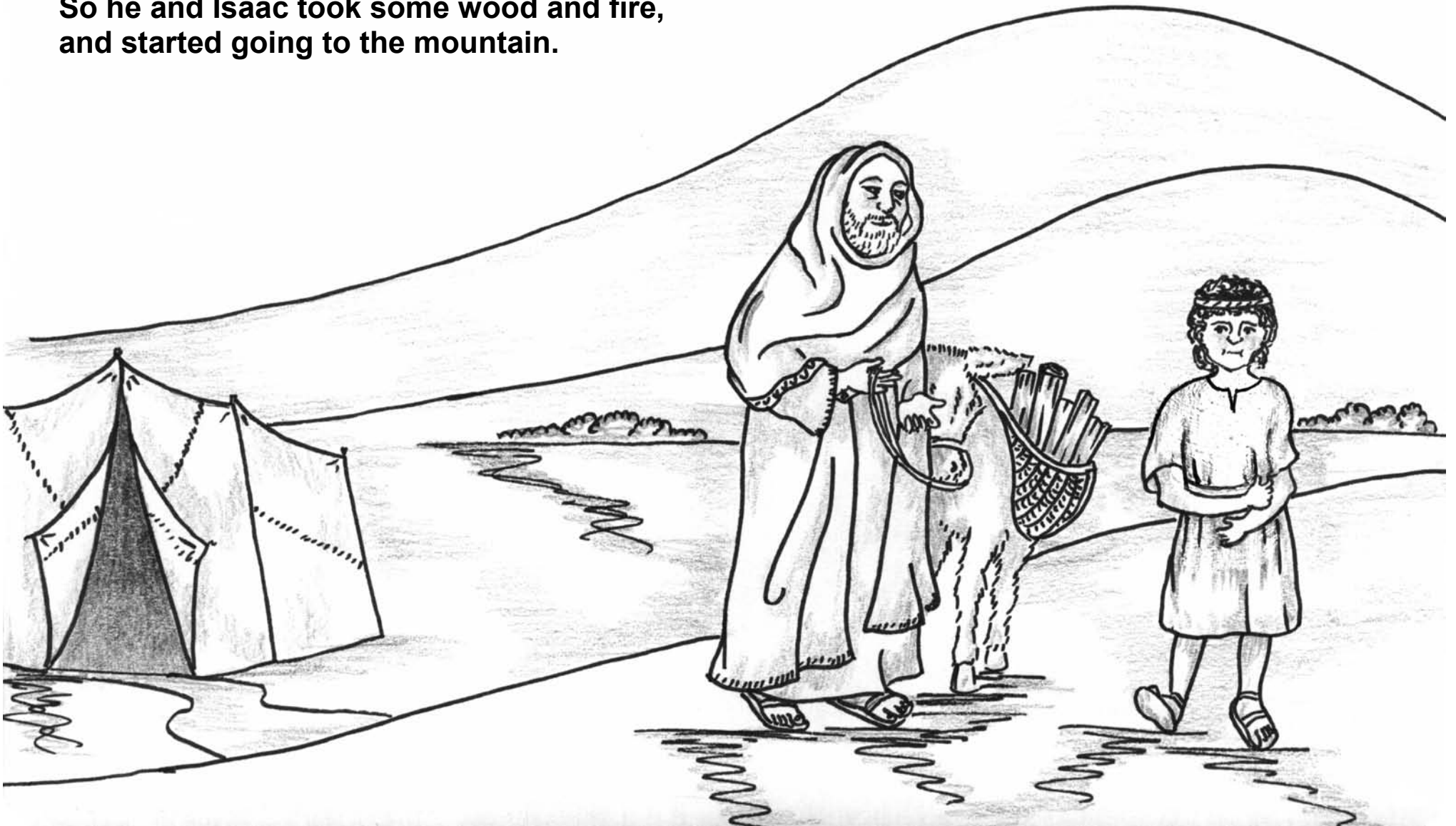
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**God wanted to know
if Abraham really loved and trusted
Him.**

**He said,
‘I want you to take Isaac,
the son you love,
to a mountain that I will show you.
Give him to Me as a sacrifice.’**



**Abraham did love God.
He had learned to trust Him.
So he and Isaac took some wood and fire,
and started going to the mountain.**

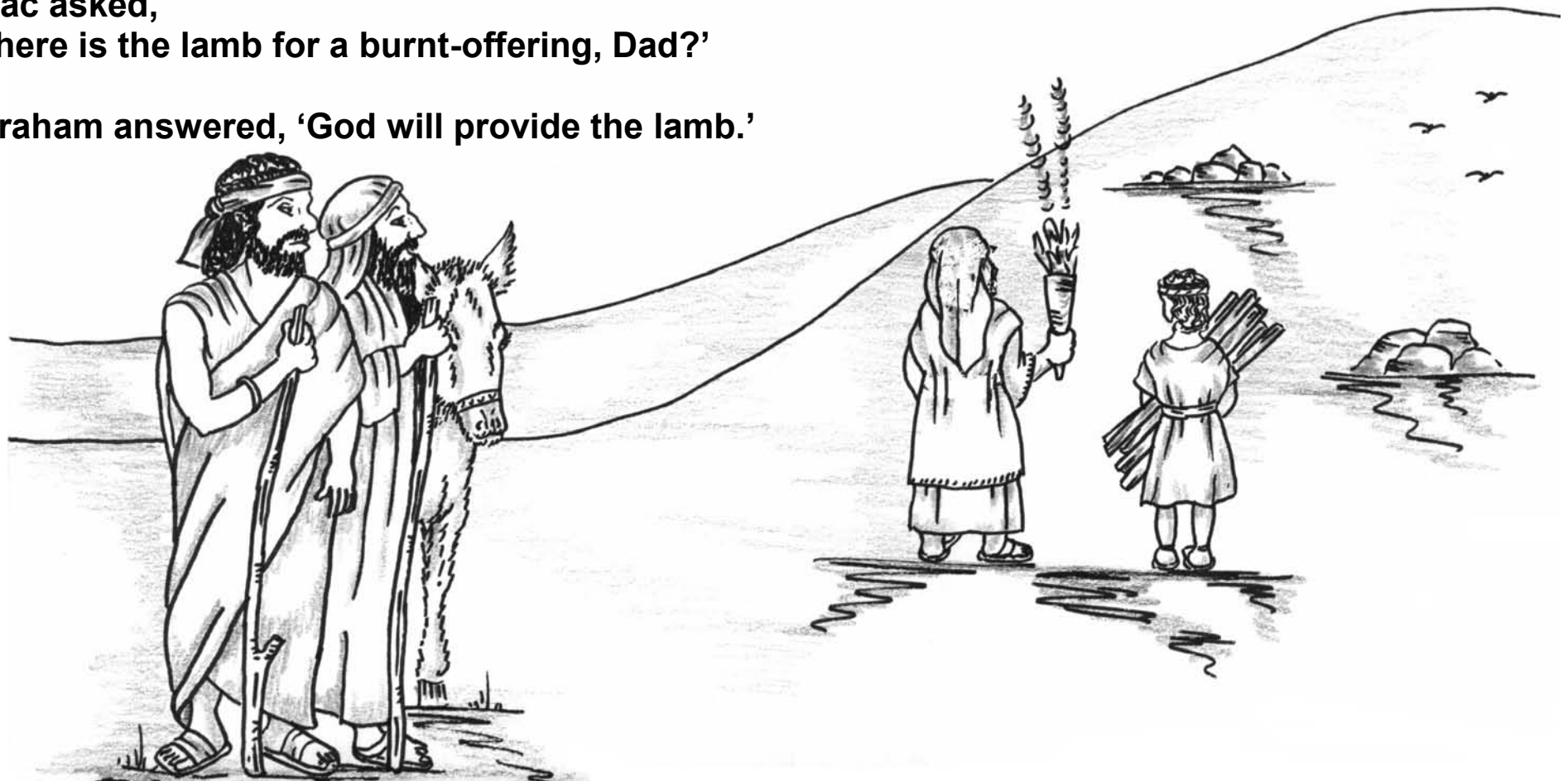


Three days later Abraham could see the mountain.
He said to his servants, 'Wait here with the donkey.
My son and I will go up and worship God.
Then we will come back to you.'

Abraham gave Isaac the wood to carry.
He carried the fire and the knife.

Isaac asked,
'Where is the lamb for a burnt-offering, Dad?'

Abraham answered, 'God will provide the lamb.'

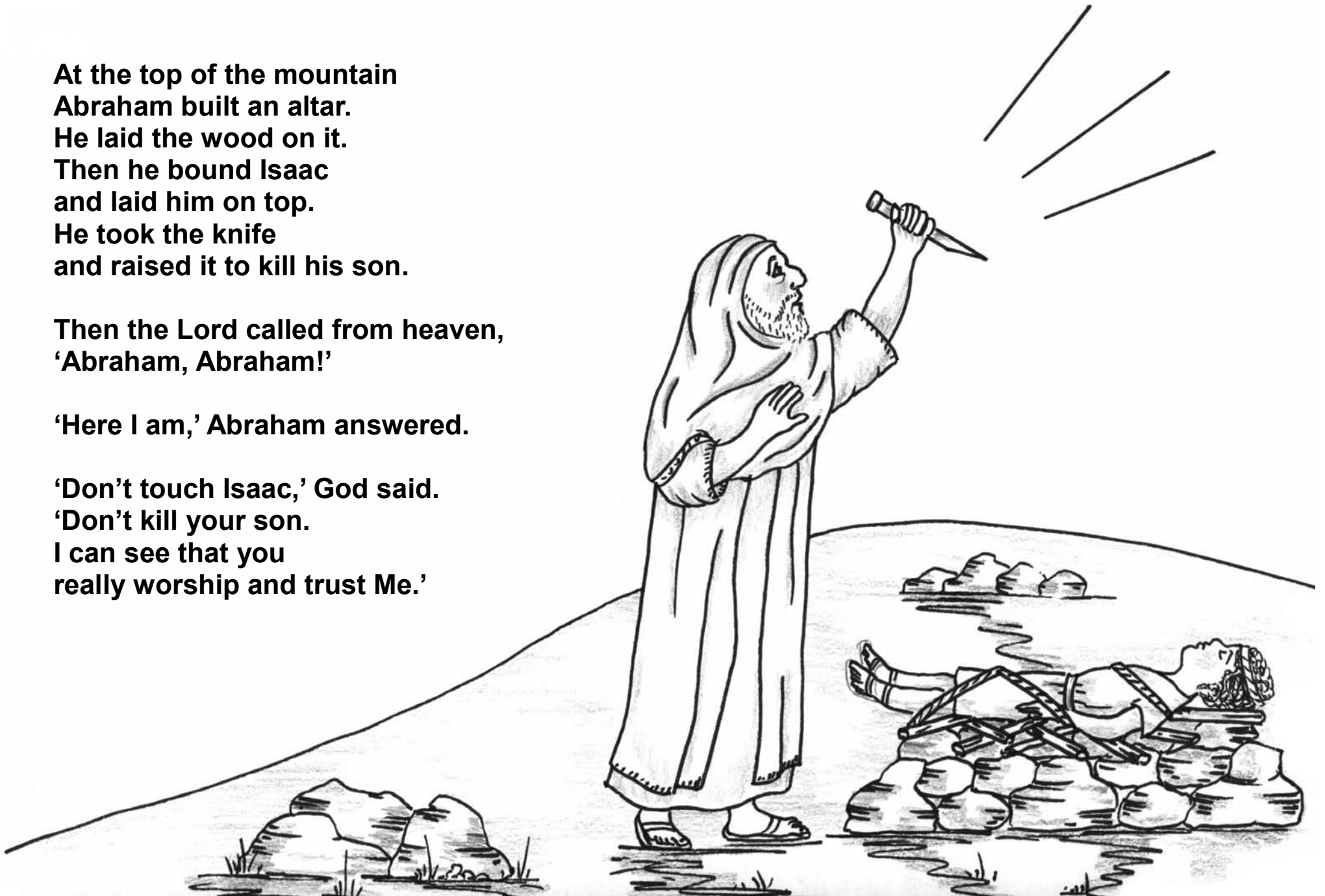


**At the top of the mountain
Abraham built an altar.
He laid the wood on it.
Then he bound Isaac
and laid him on top.
He took the knife
and raised it to kill his son.**

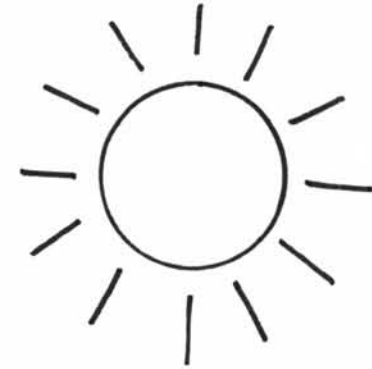
**Then the Lord called from heaven,
'Abraham, Abraham!'**

'Here I am,' Abraham answered.

**'Don't touch Isaac,' God said.
'Don't kill your son.
I can see that you
really worship and trust Me.'**

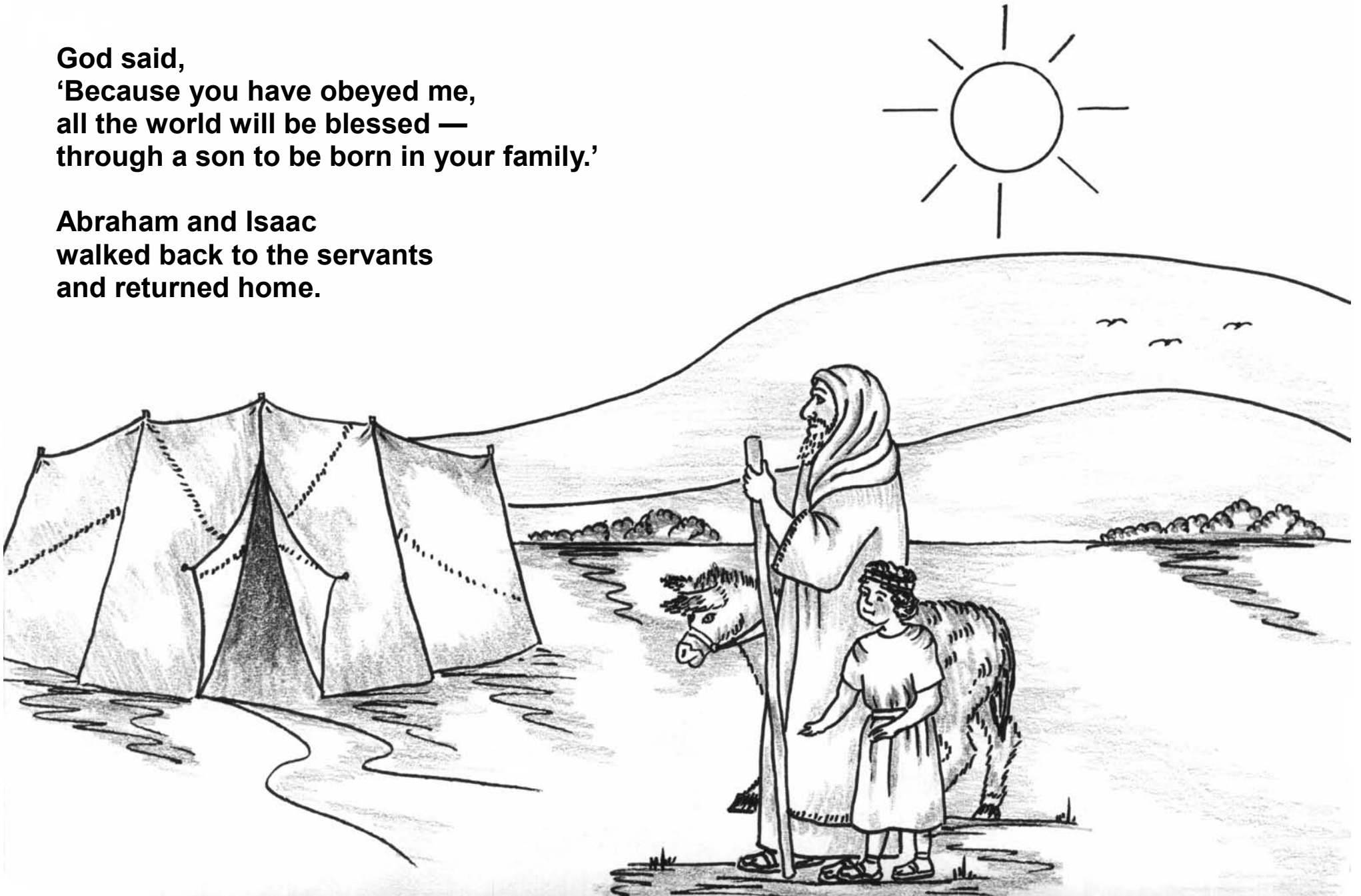


**Abraham looked up
and saw a ram caught in a bush.
He took Isaac off the altar
and put the ram there instead.
He killed it and burned it to worship God.**



**God said,
'Because you have obeyed me,
all the world will be blessed —
through a son to be born in your family.'**

**Abraham and Isaac
walked back to the servants
and returned home.**



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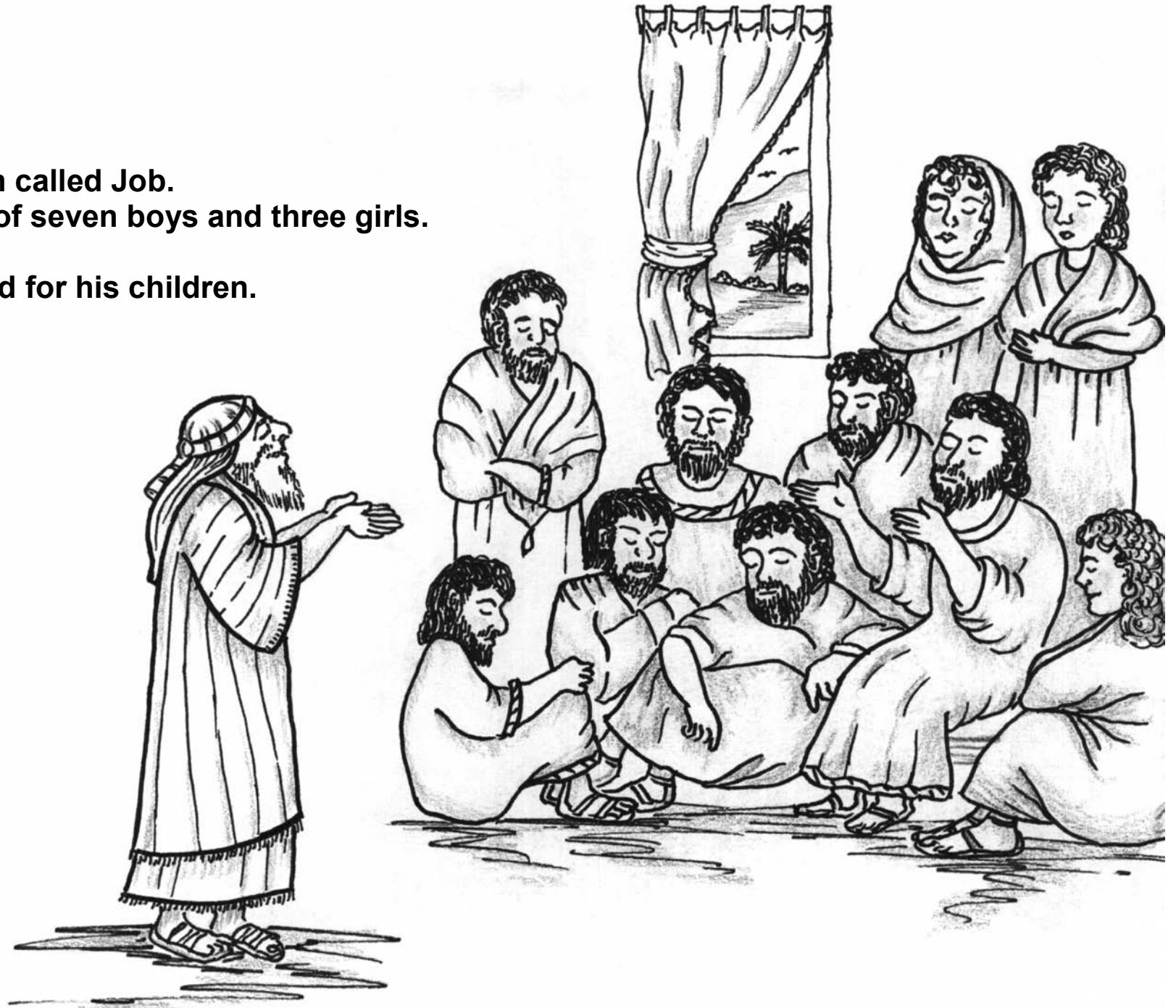
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JOB 1:1 – 42:17

JOB

File no. 14

**There was a man called Job.
He had a family of seven boys and three girls.
Job loved God.
He always prayed for his children.**

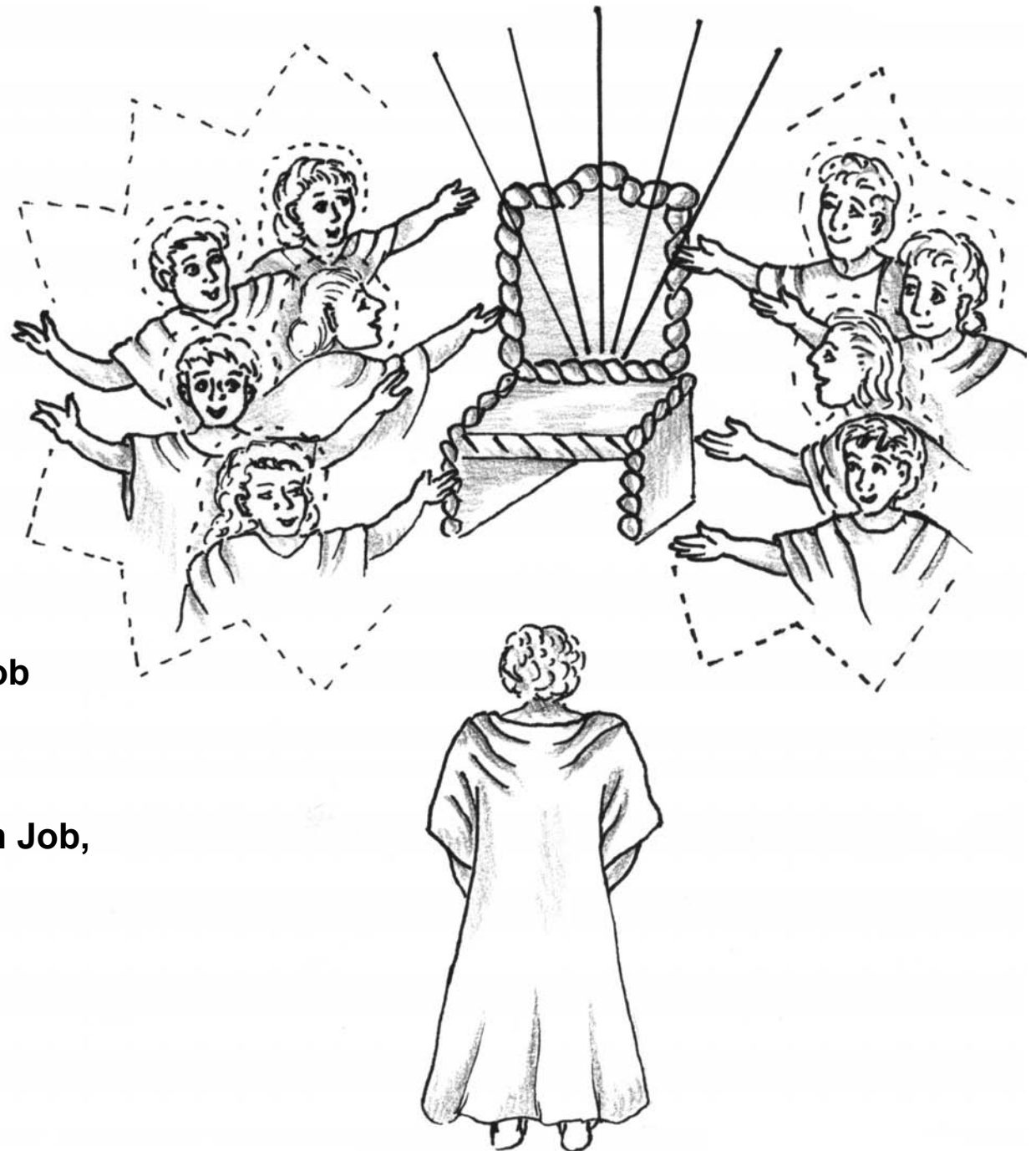


**In heaven
the angels came to meet God.
Satan came too but he hated God.**

**God said to Satan,
'Have you seen My servant Job?
He loves Me.'**

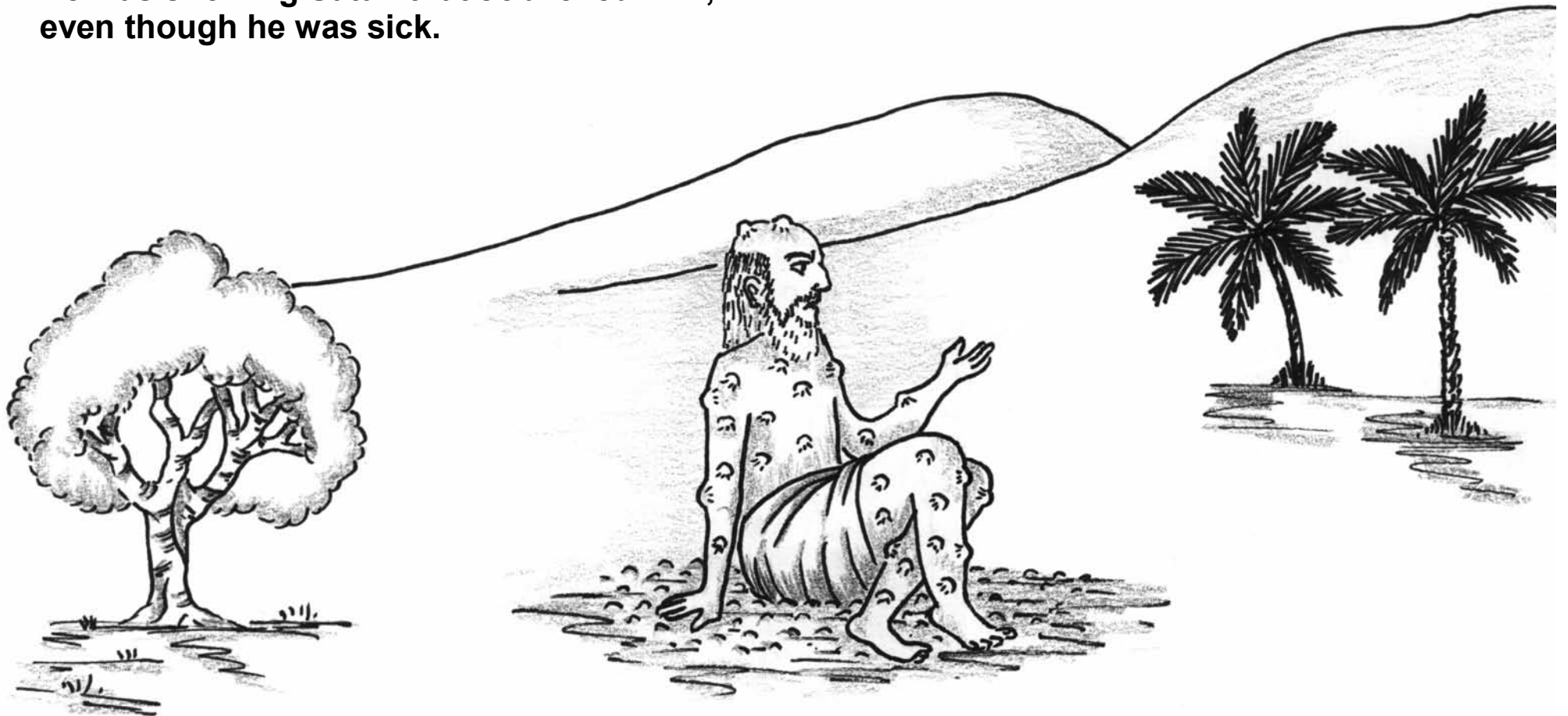
**Satan replied,
'Job loves You
because You have blessed him
and made him rich.
If You take everything away from Job
he will not love You.'**

**So, God told Satan,
'You can take everything away from Job,
but you cannot kill him.
You will see that he does love Me.'**



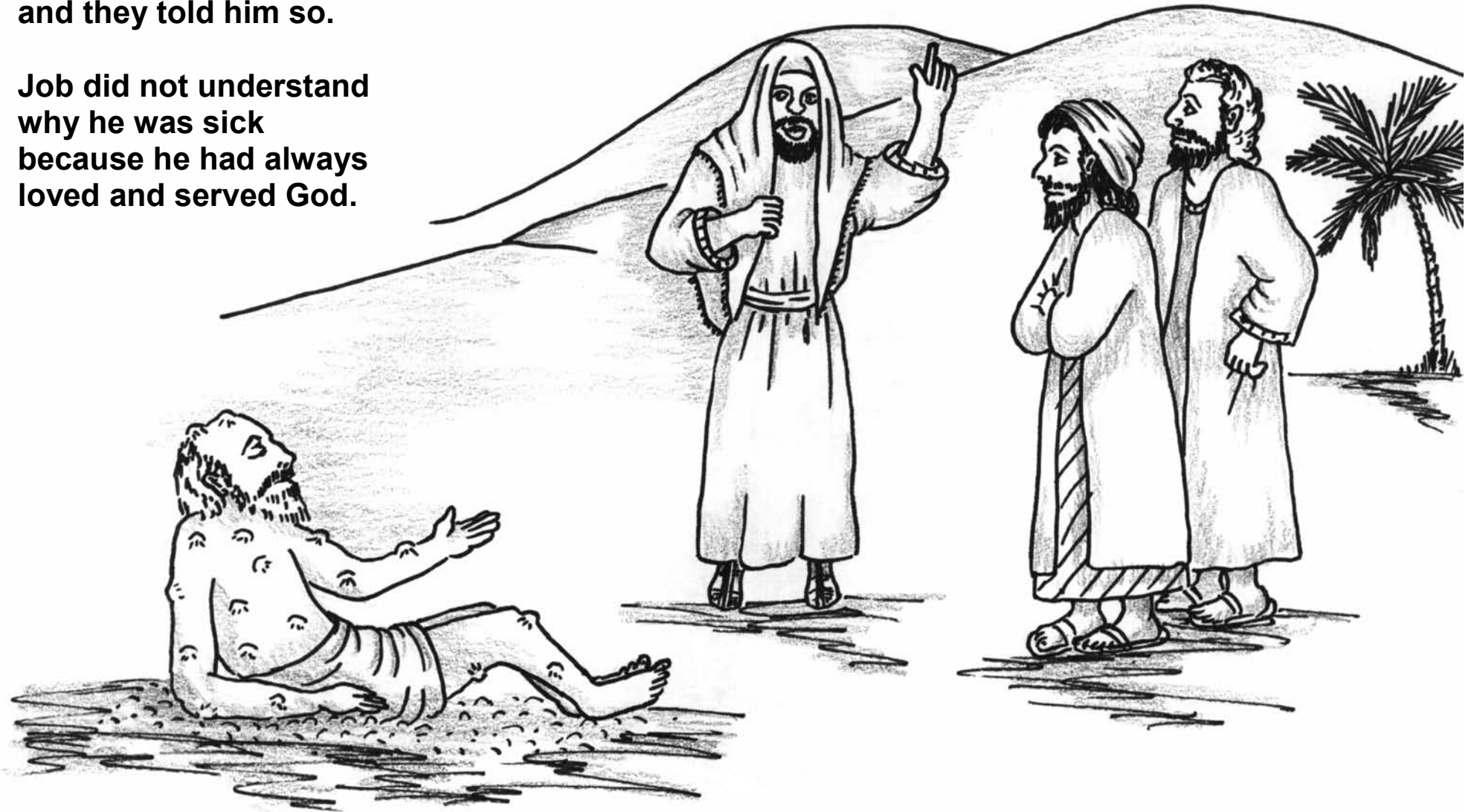
**That is what Satan did.
He killed Job's family, his animals and his servants.**

**Then God allowed Satan to make Job sick
and sores came on his body.
He was showing Satan that Job loved Him,
even though he was sick.**



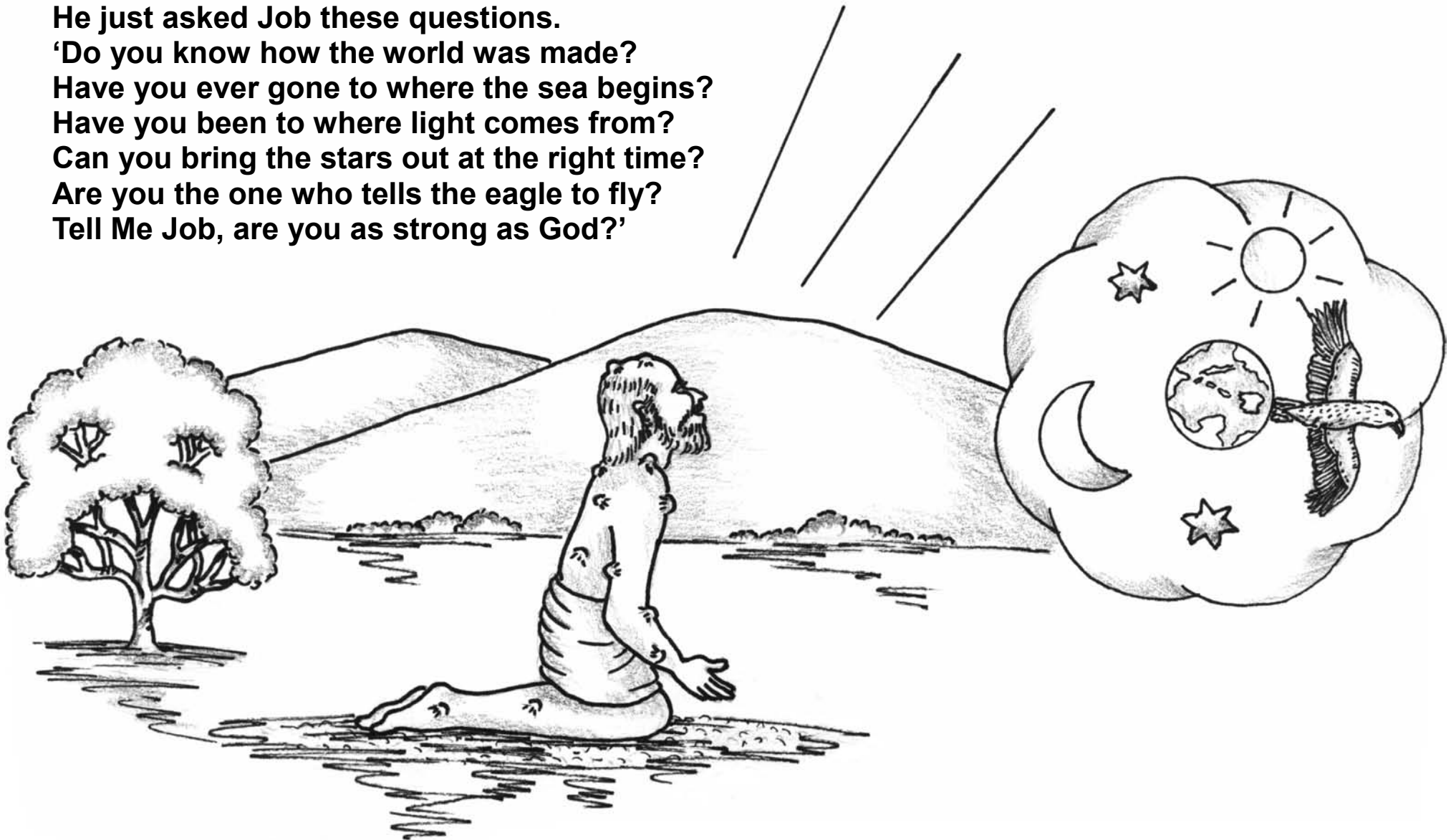
**Job's friends came to see him.
They thought he had done
something wrong
and they told him so.**

**Job did not understand
why he was sick
because he had always
loved and served God.**



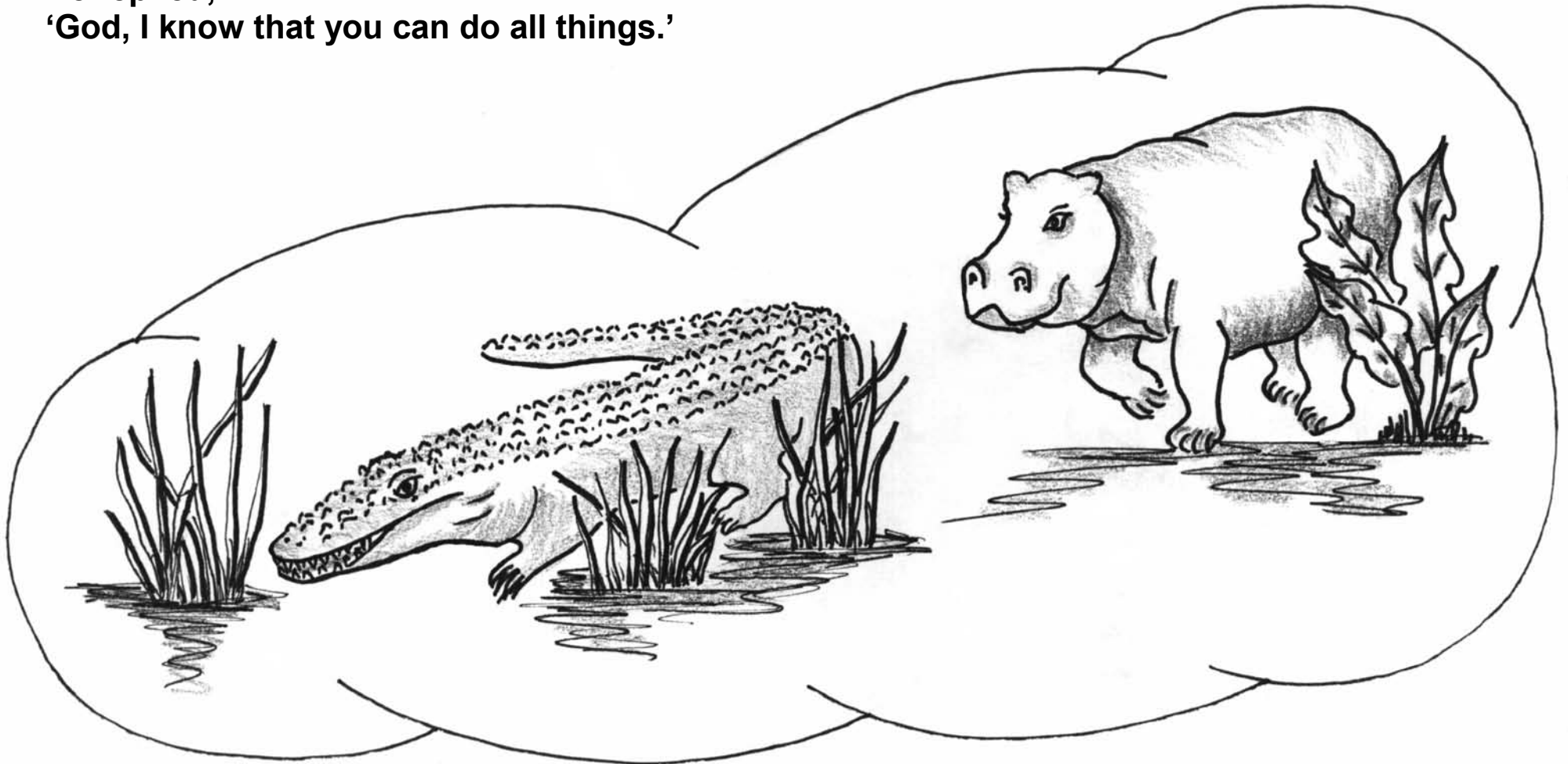
**Then God spoke to Job.
He did not tell him why he was suffering.**

**He just asked Job these questions.
'Do you know how the world was made?
Have you ever gone to where the sea begins?
Have you been to where light comes from?
Can you bring the stars out at the right time?
Are you the one who tells the eagle to fly?
Tell Me Job, are you as strong as God?'**



**‘Look at the big animals like the hippopotamus or crocodile.
They are strong and not afraid.
Can you catch them?’**

**Job knew that he couldn’t.
He replied,
‘God, I know that you can do all things.’**



**The Lord said to Job's friends.
'You said wrong things to Job.
Ask him to pray for you.
I will hear Job's prayer
and forgive you.'
And that is what they did.**

**Then, God blessed Job,
made him well and rich again.
God gave him a new family.
Job thanked God and
worshipped him.**

