

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE TOWER OF BABEL

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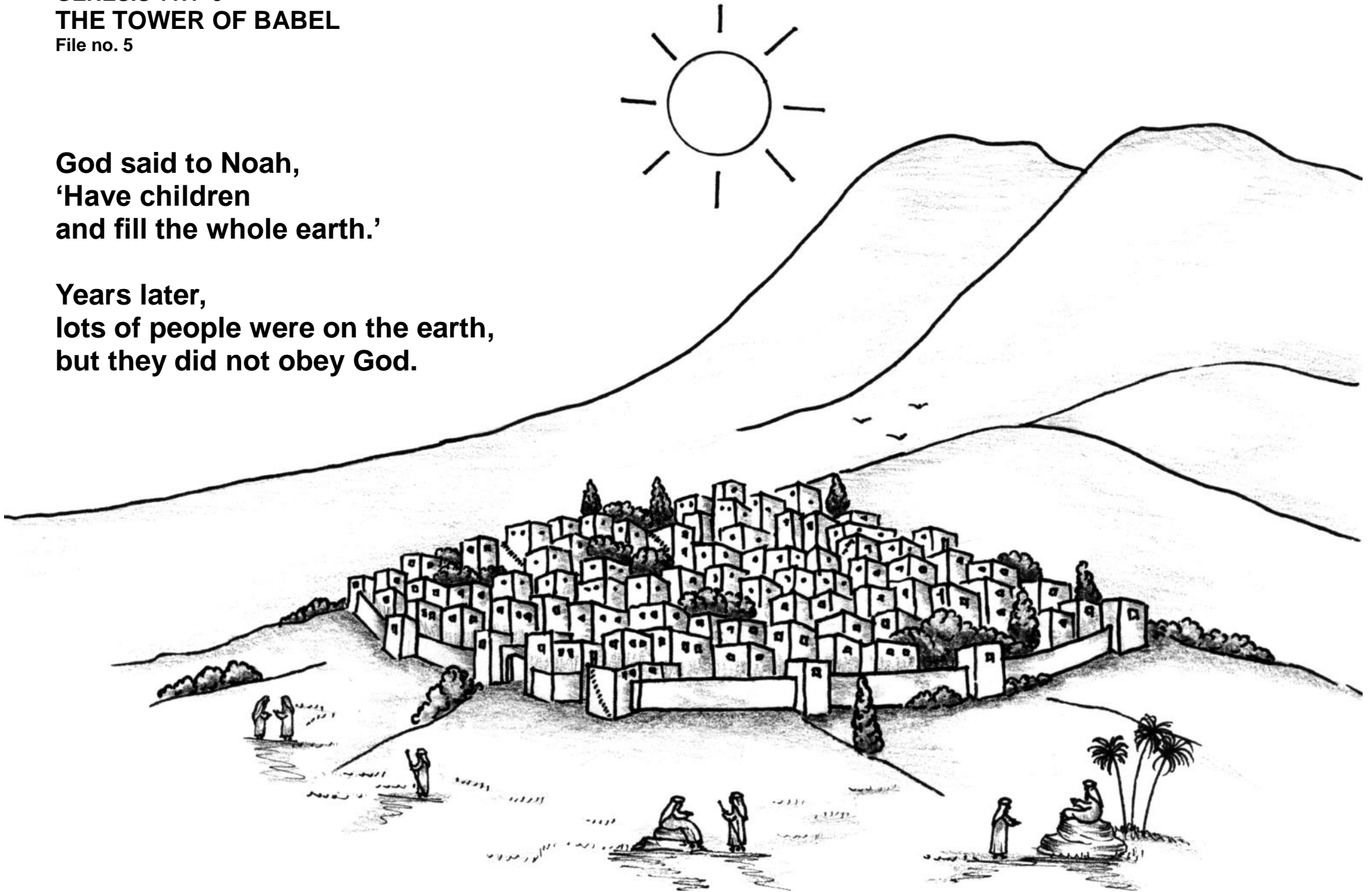
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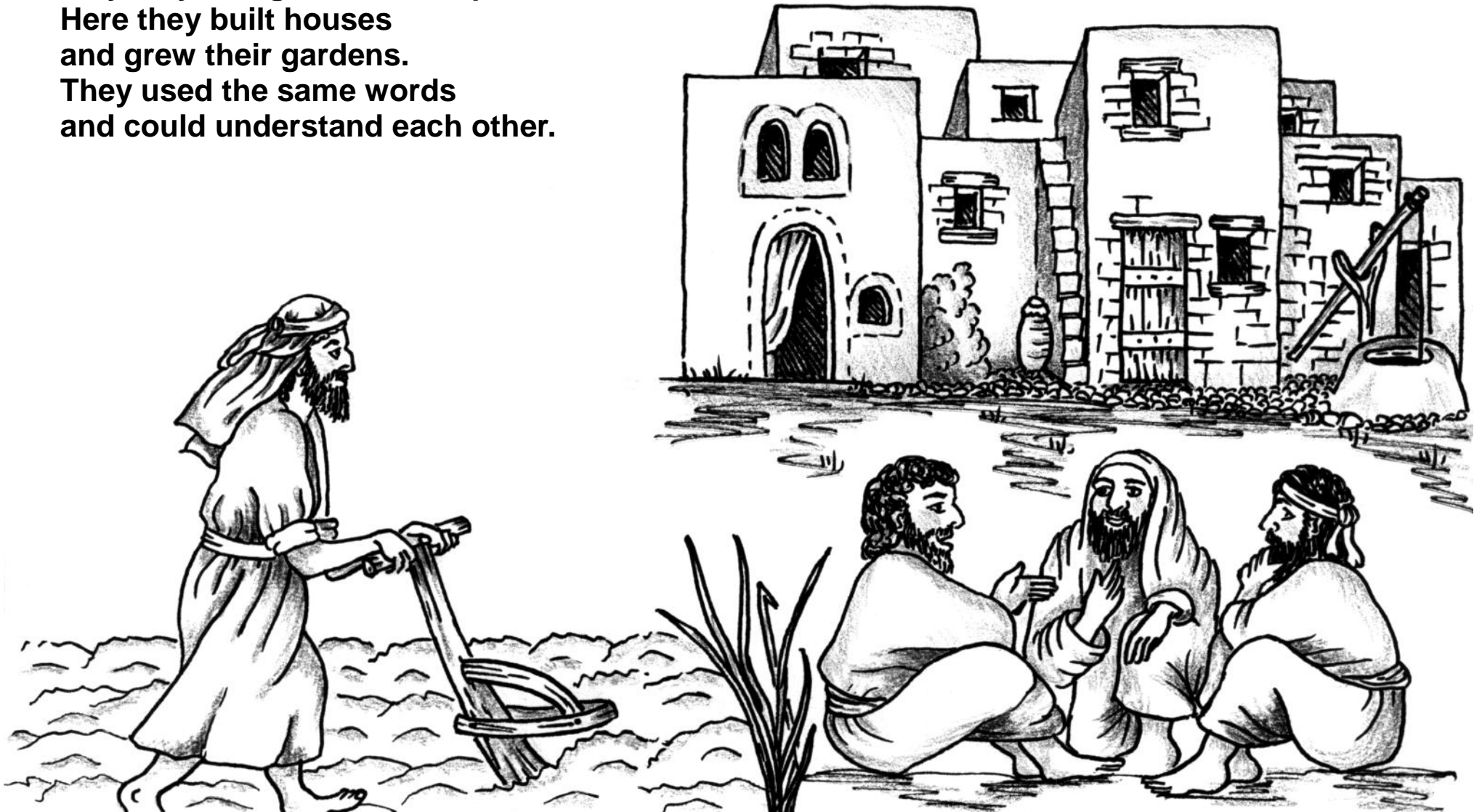
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**God said to Noah,
'Have children
and fill the whole earth.'**

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

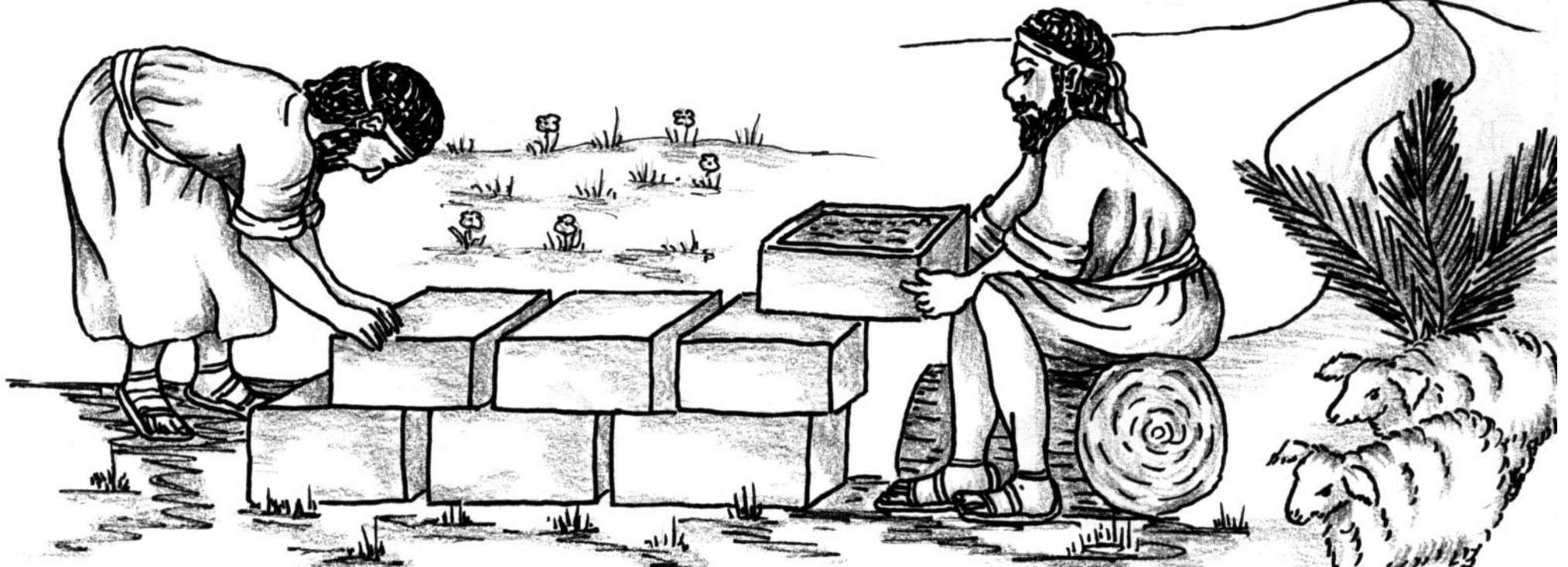


Instead of spreading out
all over the world
they stayed together in one place.
Here they built houses
and grew their gardens.
They used the same words
and could understand each other.



**'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.’**

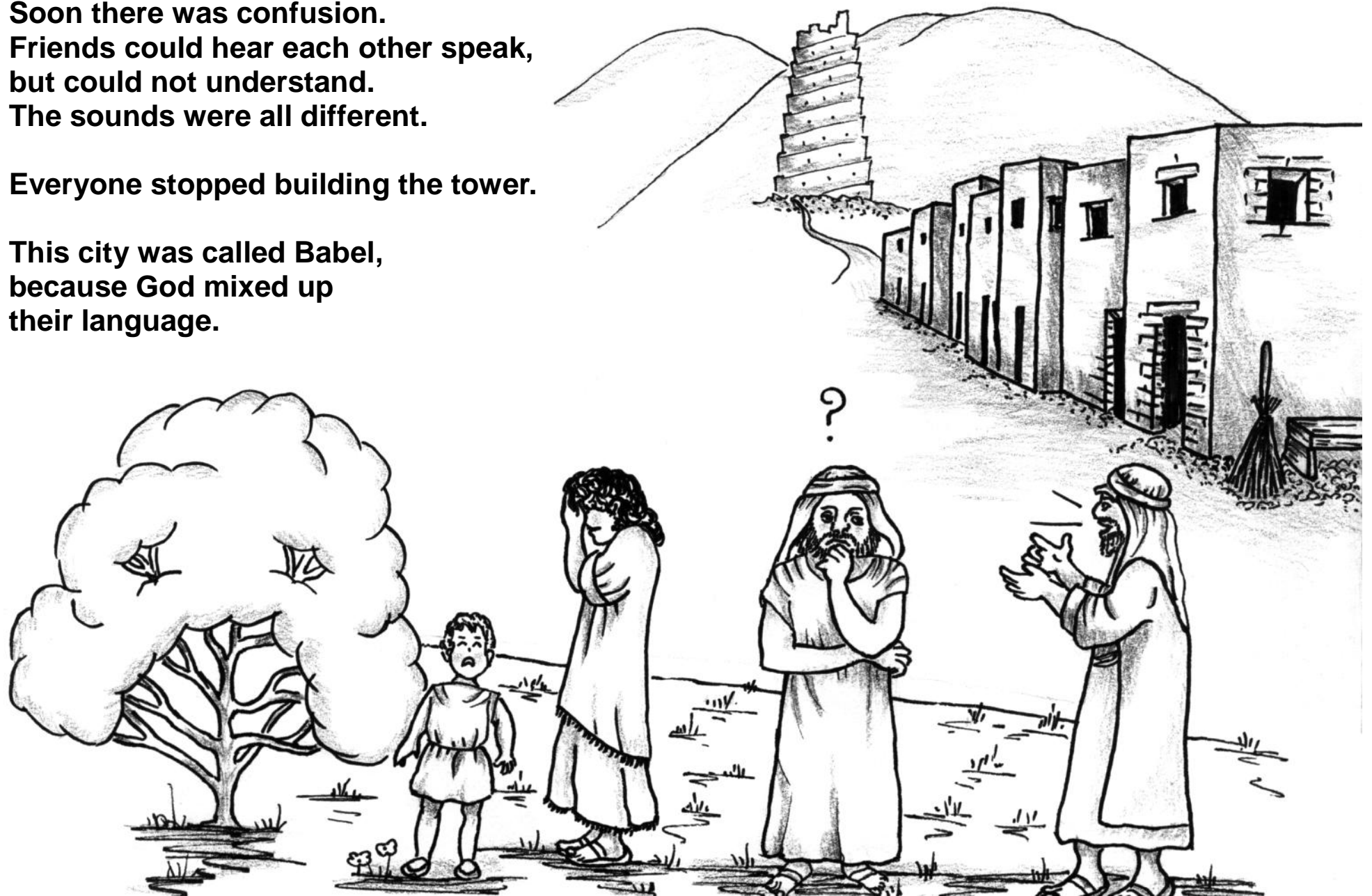
So God changed their language.



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.

