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JACOB FIGHTS WITH GOD

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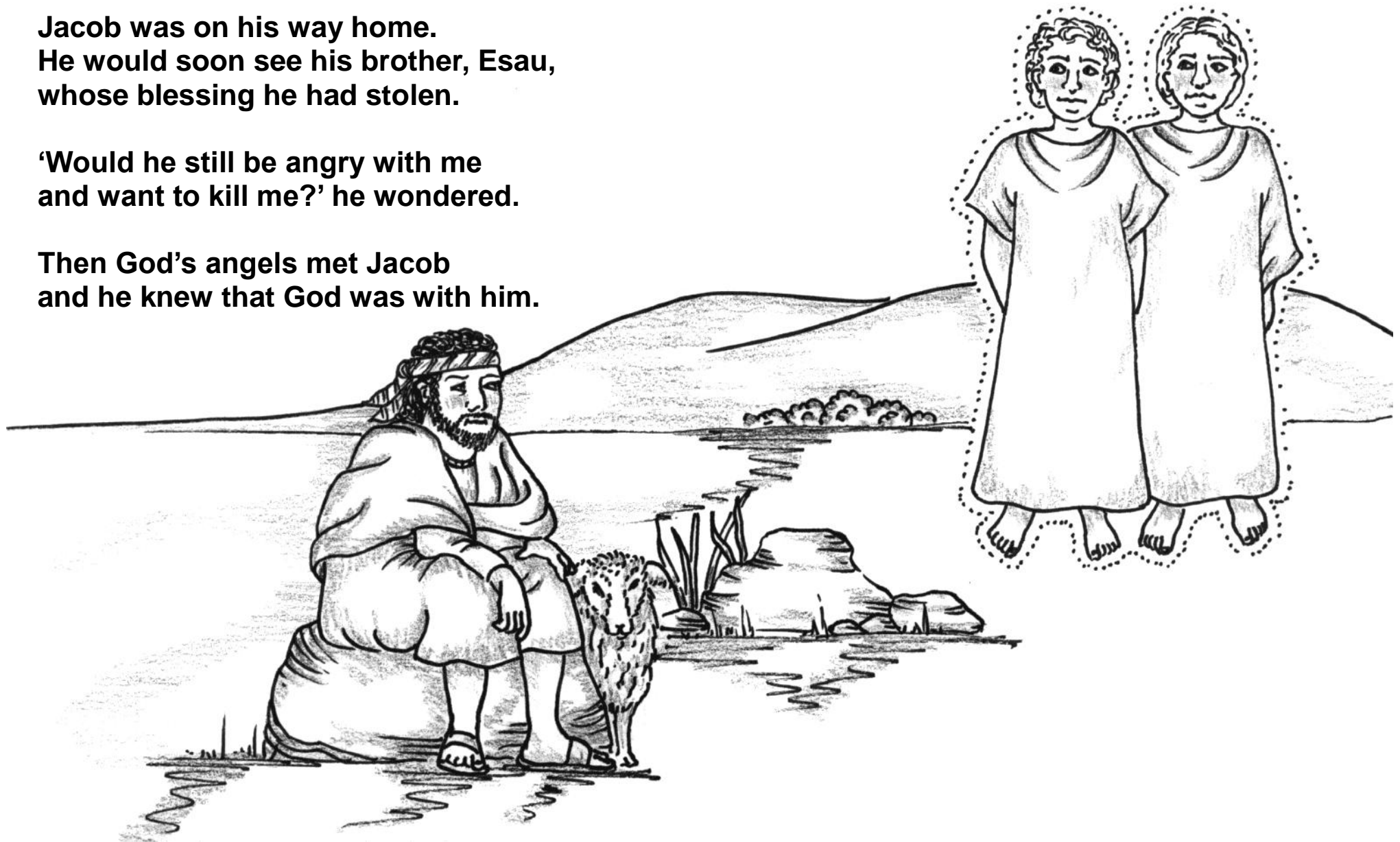
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**Jacob was on his way home.
He would soon see his brother, Esau,
whose blessing he had stolen.**

**‘Would he still be angry with me
and want to kill me?’ he wondered.**

**Then God’s angels met Jacob
and he knew that God was with him.**

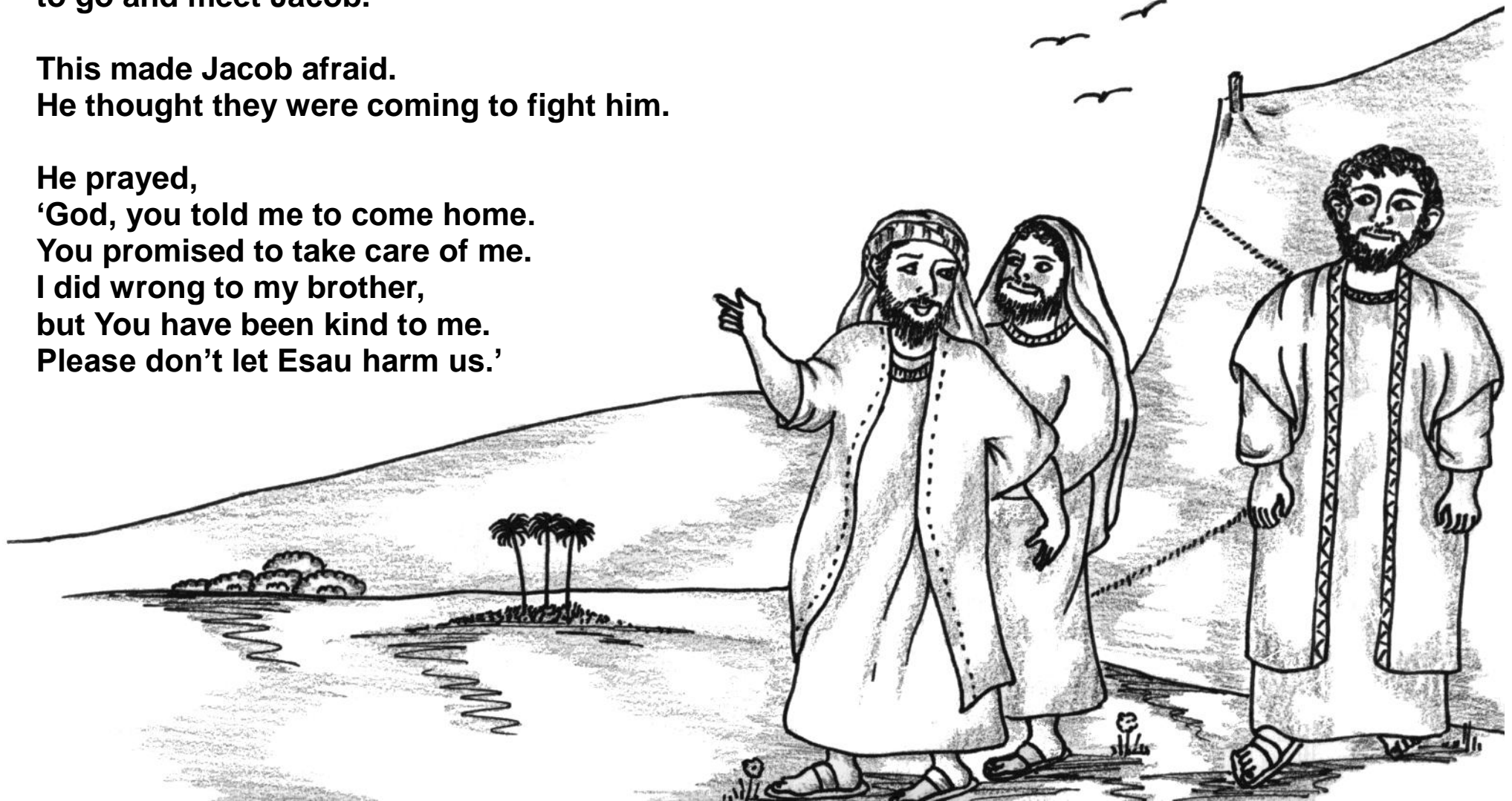


**Jacob sent servants to Esau
to tell him that he was coming home.**

**Esau heard this and was glad.
He gathered 400 of his men
to go and meet Jacob.**

**This made Jacob afraid.
He thought they were coming to fight him.**

**He prayed,
'God, you told me to come home.
You promised to take care of me.
I did wrong to my brother,
but You have been kind to me.
Please don't let Esau harm us.'**



**That night Jacob was alone.
He knew he could not live without God's blessing.**

**A man caught hold of him and tried to throw him down,
but Jacob was too strong.**

**Then the man touched his leg
and made him lame.**

Jacob kept holding onto him.

**'Let me go,' said the man.
'Morning is coming.'**

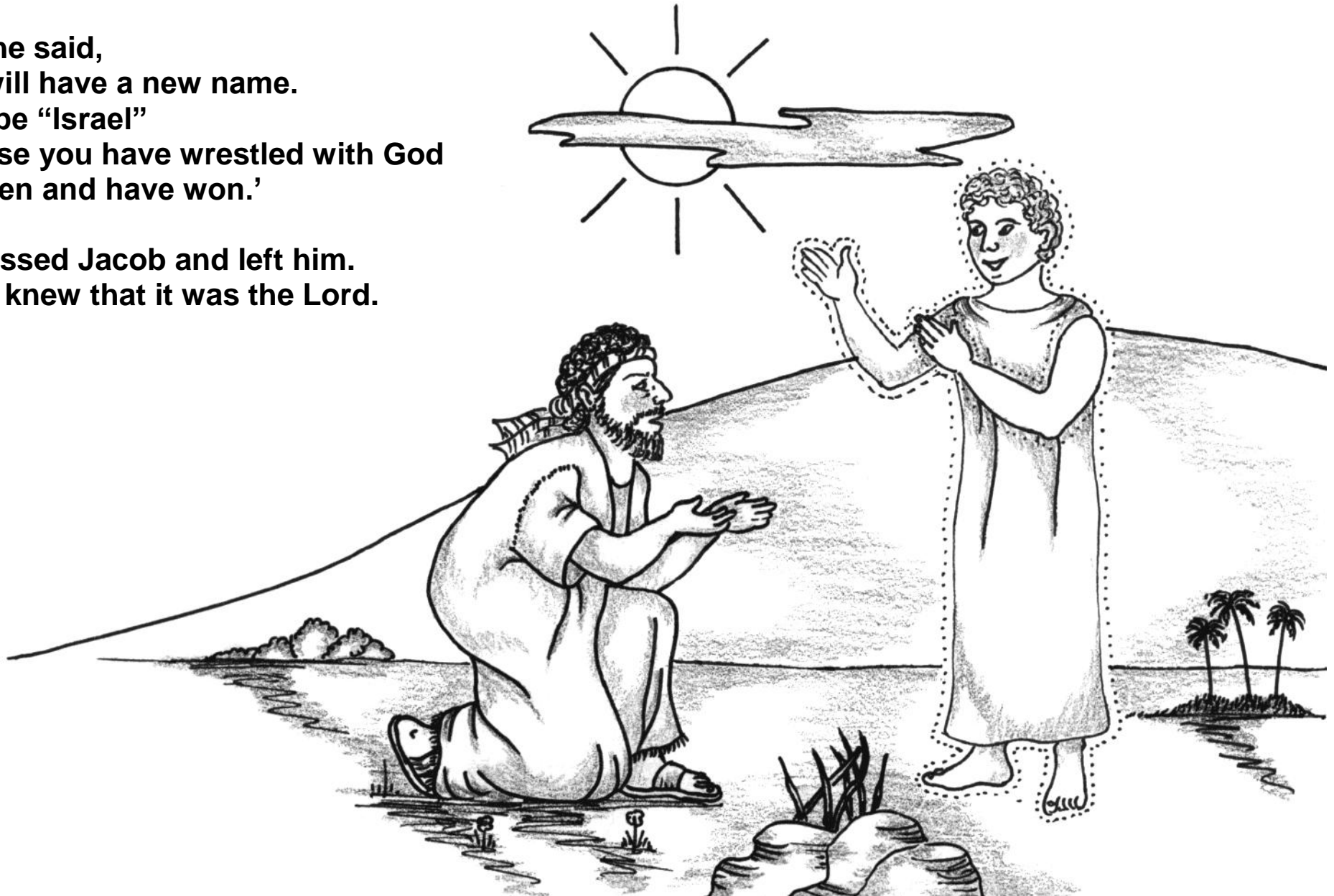
**Jacob knew this man was an angel,
and said,
'I will not let you go until you bless me.'**



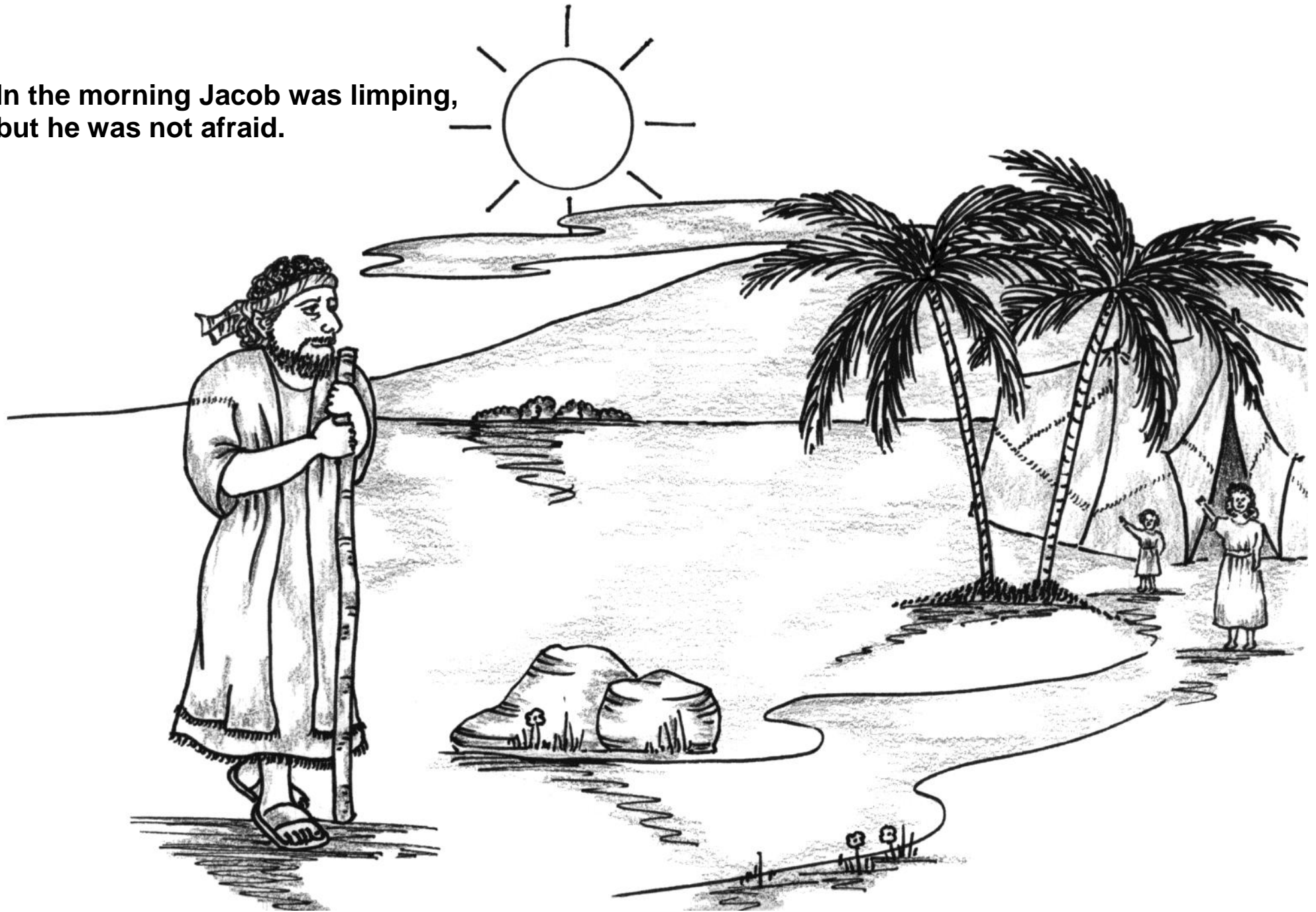
The angel asked Jacob,
'What is your name?'

Then he said,
'You will have a new name.
It will be "Israel"
because you have wrestled with God
and men and have won.'

He blessed Jacob and left him.
Jacob knew that it was the Lord.



**In the morning Jacob was limping,
but he was not afraid.**



The next day Jacob saw Esau.
He bowed down to him.
Esau ran to Jacob,
threw his arms around him
and kissed him.
He did not want Jacob's presents.

But Jacob said,
'If you forgive me,
please take my presents.
Seeing you is like seeing
the face of God.
You have forgiven me.
God has forgiven me.'

