

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE TWELVE SPIES

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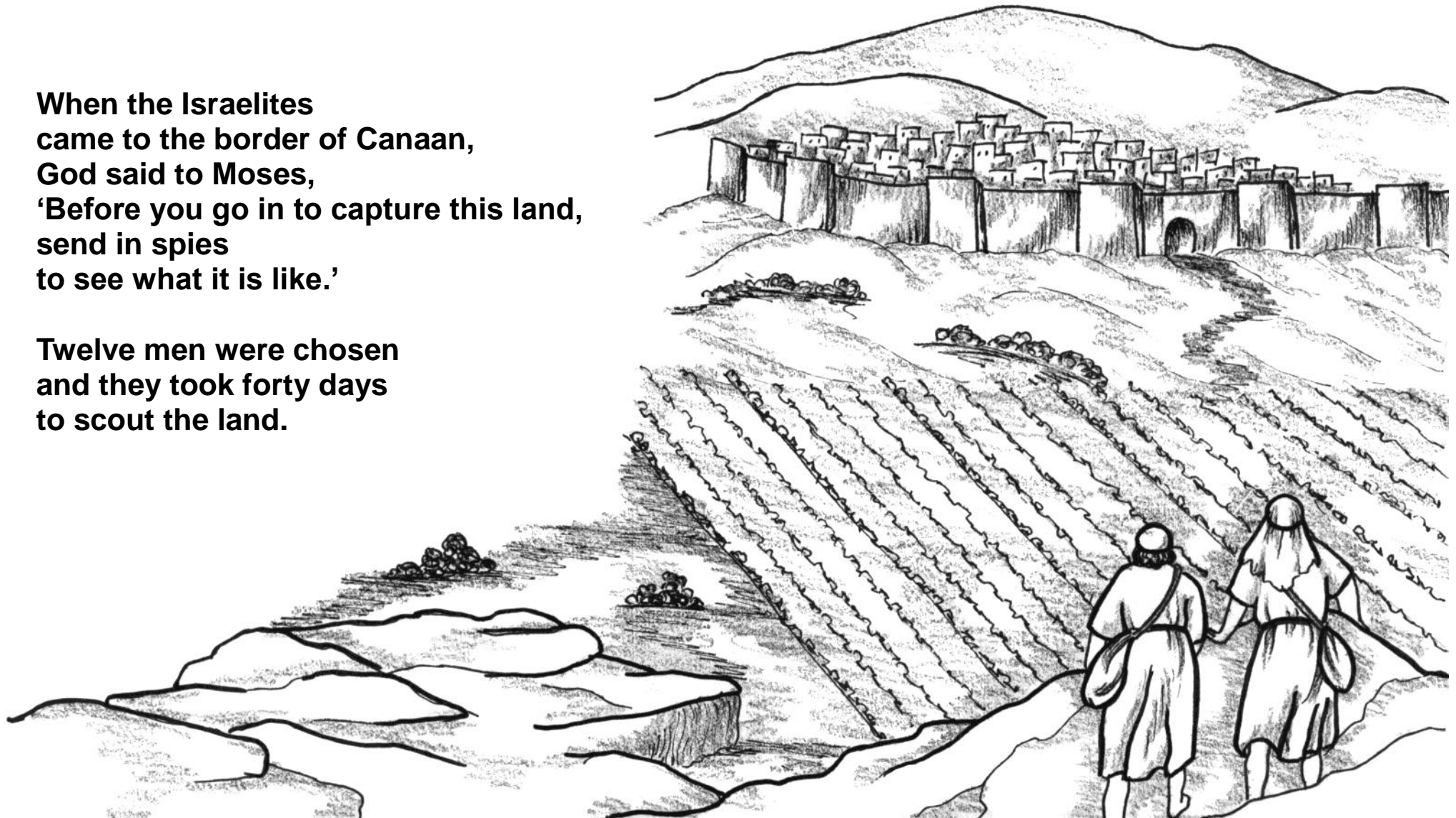
Deuteronomy 1:19–45

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**When the Israelites
came to the border of Canaan,
God said to Moses,
'Before you go in to capture this land,
send in spies
to see what it is like.'**

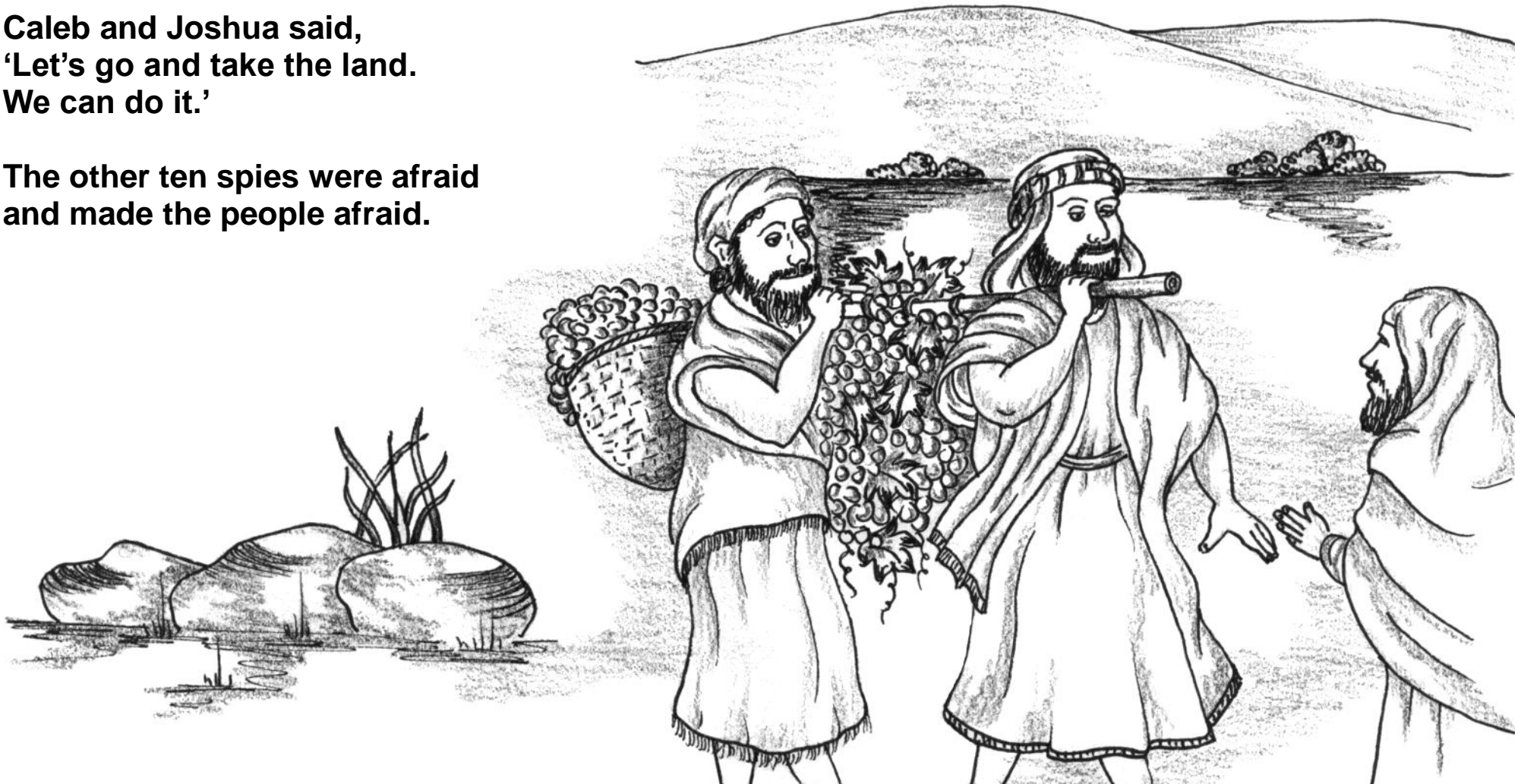
**Twelve men were chosen
and they took forty days
to scout the land.**



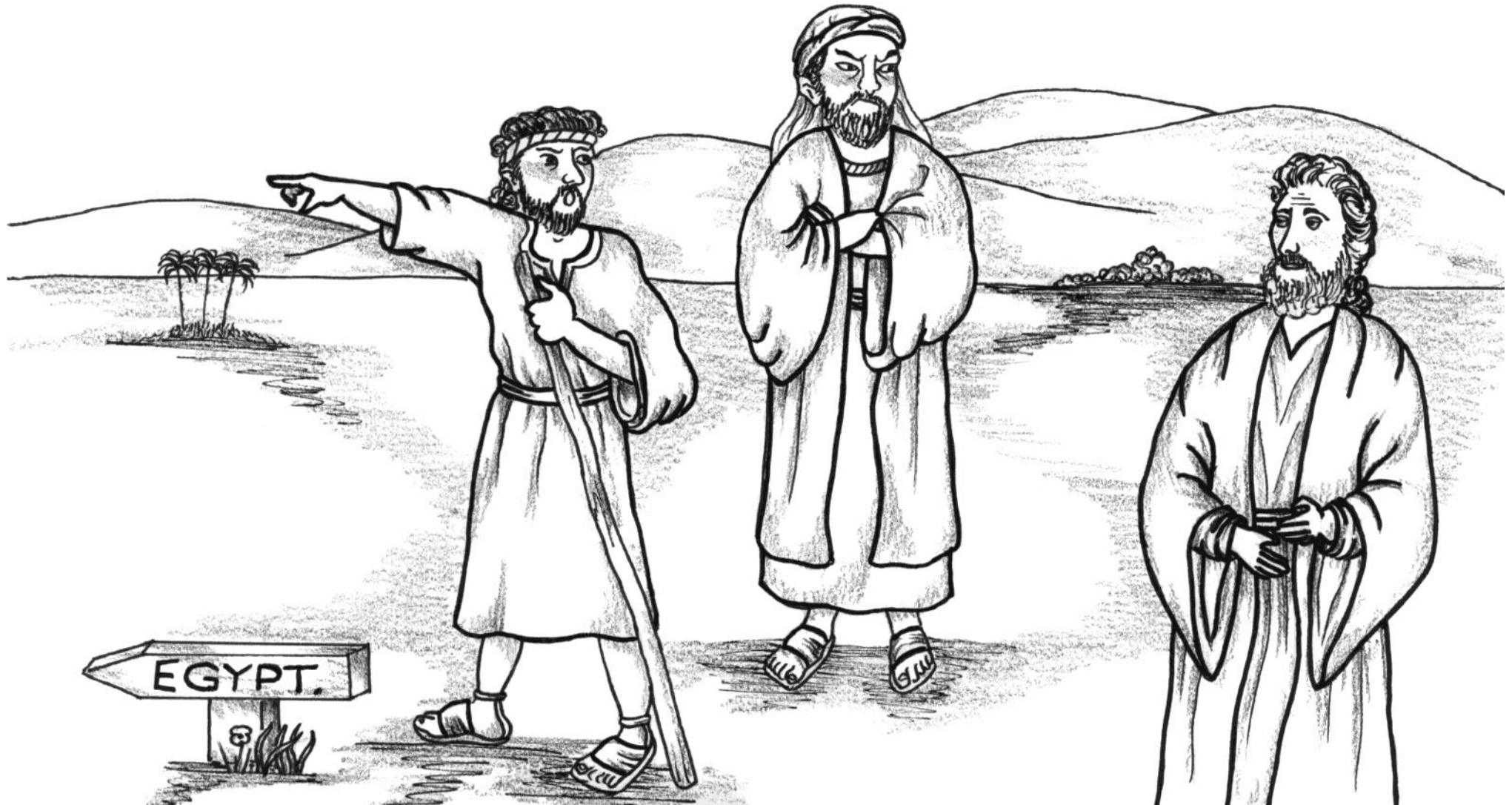
**When they returned they said,
'The land is good.
Here is some of its fruit.
But the people are very big and strong
and their cities have high walls.'**

**Caleb and Joshua said,
'Let's go and take the land.
We can do it.'**

**The other ten spies were afraid
and made the people afraid.**

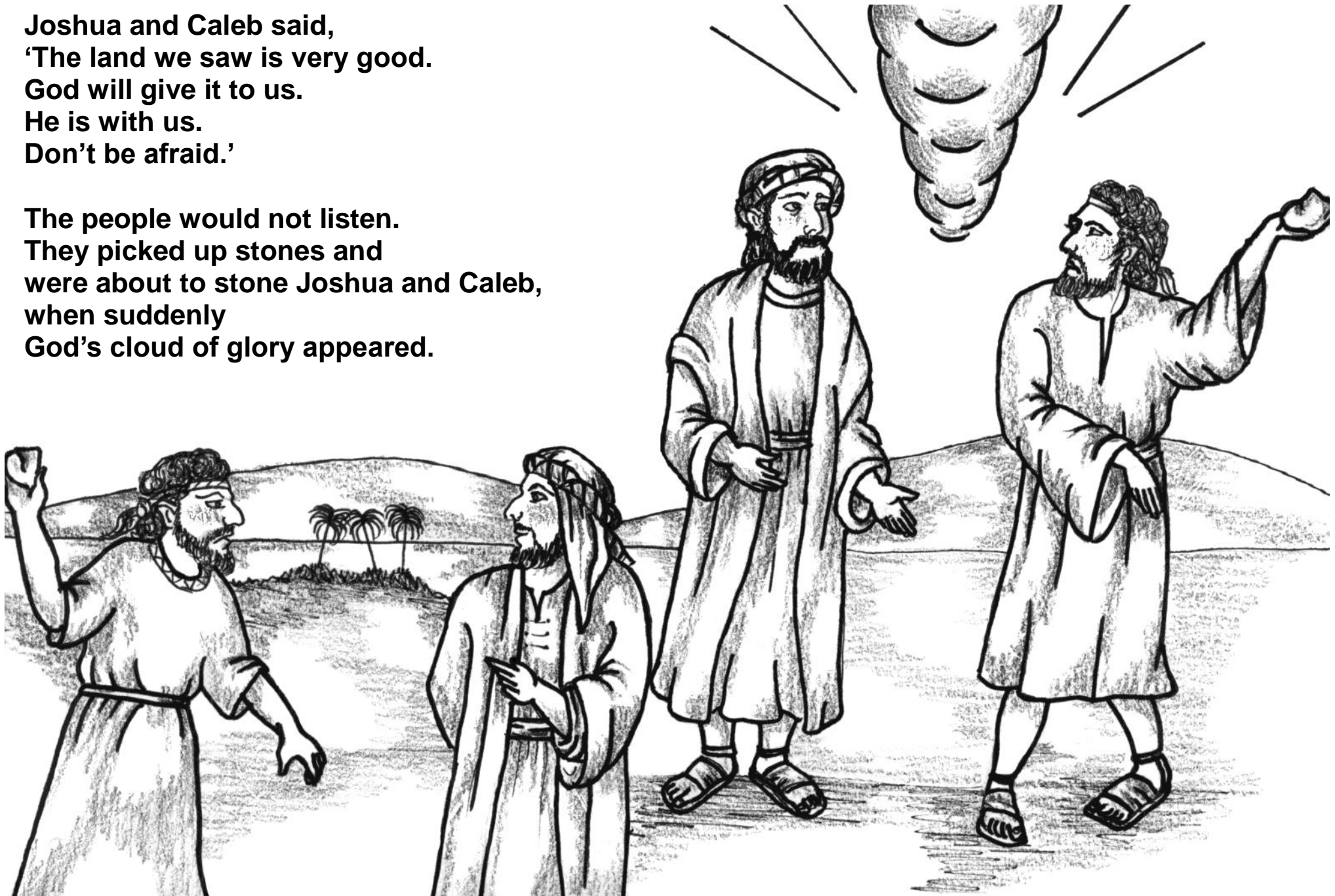


**That night they cried and
grumbled against Moses saying,
'Why has the Lord brought us here?
We will all die.
Let us go back to Egypt.'**



**Joshua and Caleb said,
'The land we saw is very good.
God will give it to us.
He is with us.
Don't be afraid.'**

**The people would not listen.
They picked up stones and
were about to stone Joshua and Caleb,
when suddenly
God's cloud of glory appeared.**



**God said to Moses,
'These people have seen My miracles.
When will they believe Me?
I am going to destroy them
and make a great nation from you.'**

**Moses said,
'Don't do that.
Everyone knows that You are
bringing Your people to this land.
If You destroy them
they will say You couldn't do it.**

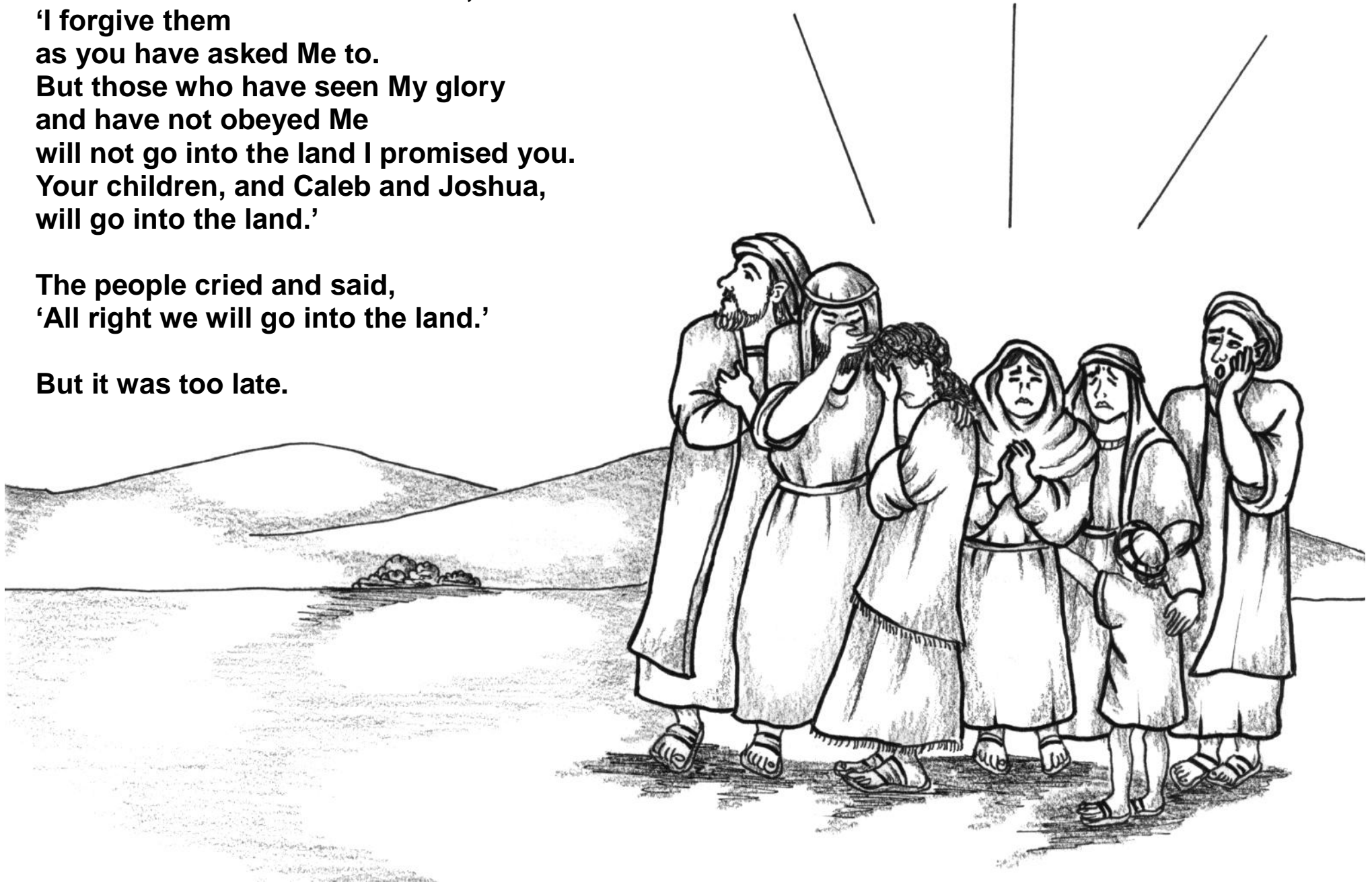
**'You told us,
that the Lord is slow to get angry
and He loves.
He forgives sin and rebellion,
but will punish those
who are guilty.
Let the nations see
that this is who You are.'**



God listened to Moses and said,
'I forgive them
as you have asked Me to.
But those who have seen My glory
and have not obeyed Me
will not go into the land I promised you.
Your children, and Caleb and Joshua,
will go into the land.'

The people cried and said,
'All right we will go into the land.'

But it was too late.



**God led His people
into the wilderness.
They knew He was still with them,
because they could see
His cloud of glory by day
and fire by night.**

