

# ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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## ***BALAK AND BALAAM***

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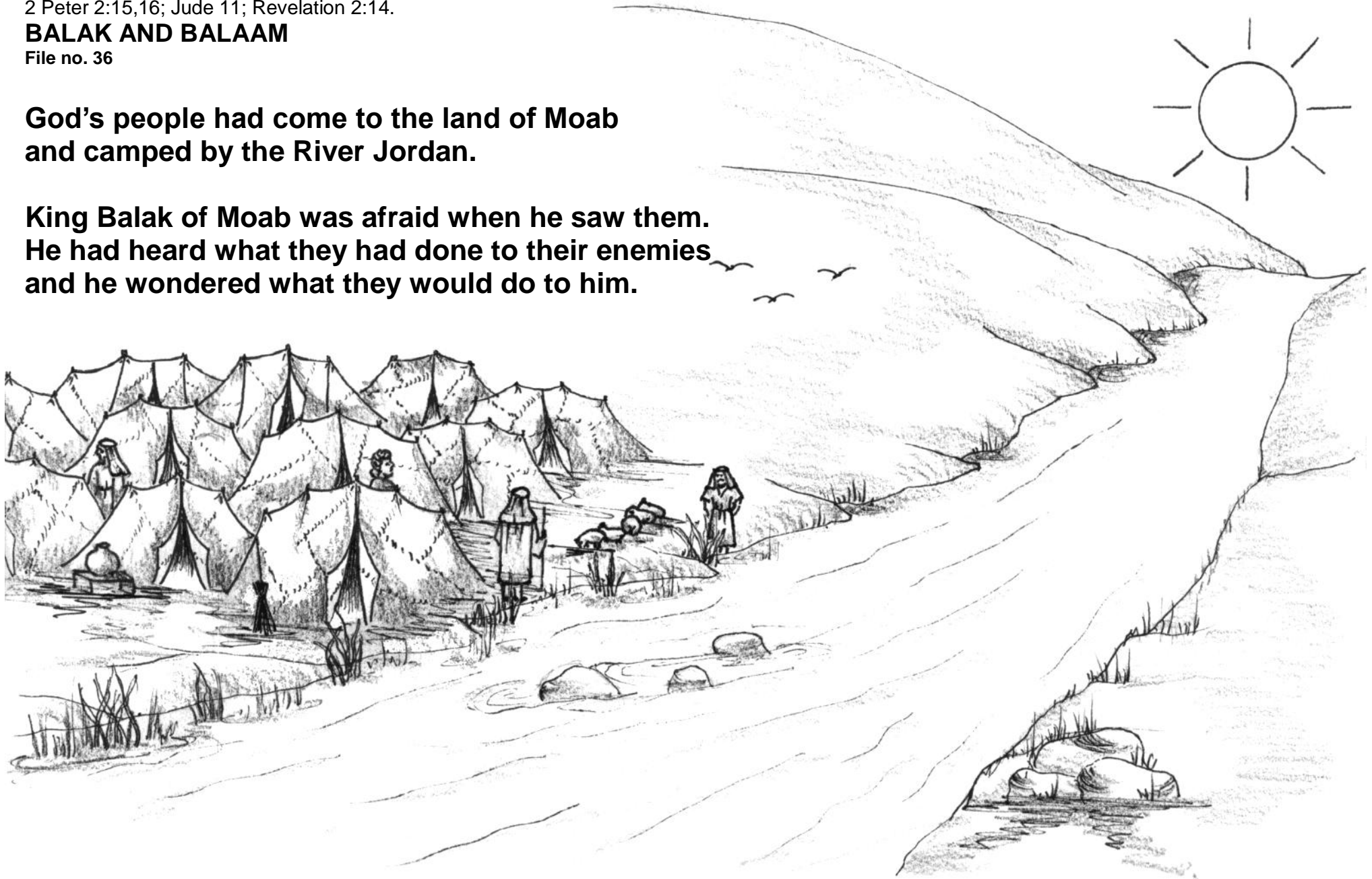
2 Peter 2:15,16; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14.

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**God's people had come to the land of Moab  
and camped by the River Jordan.**

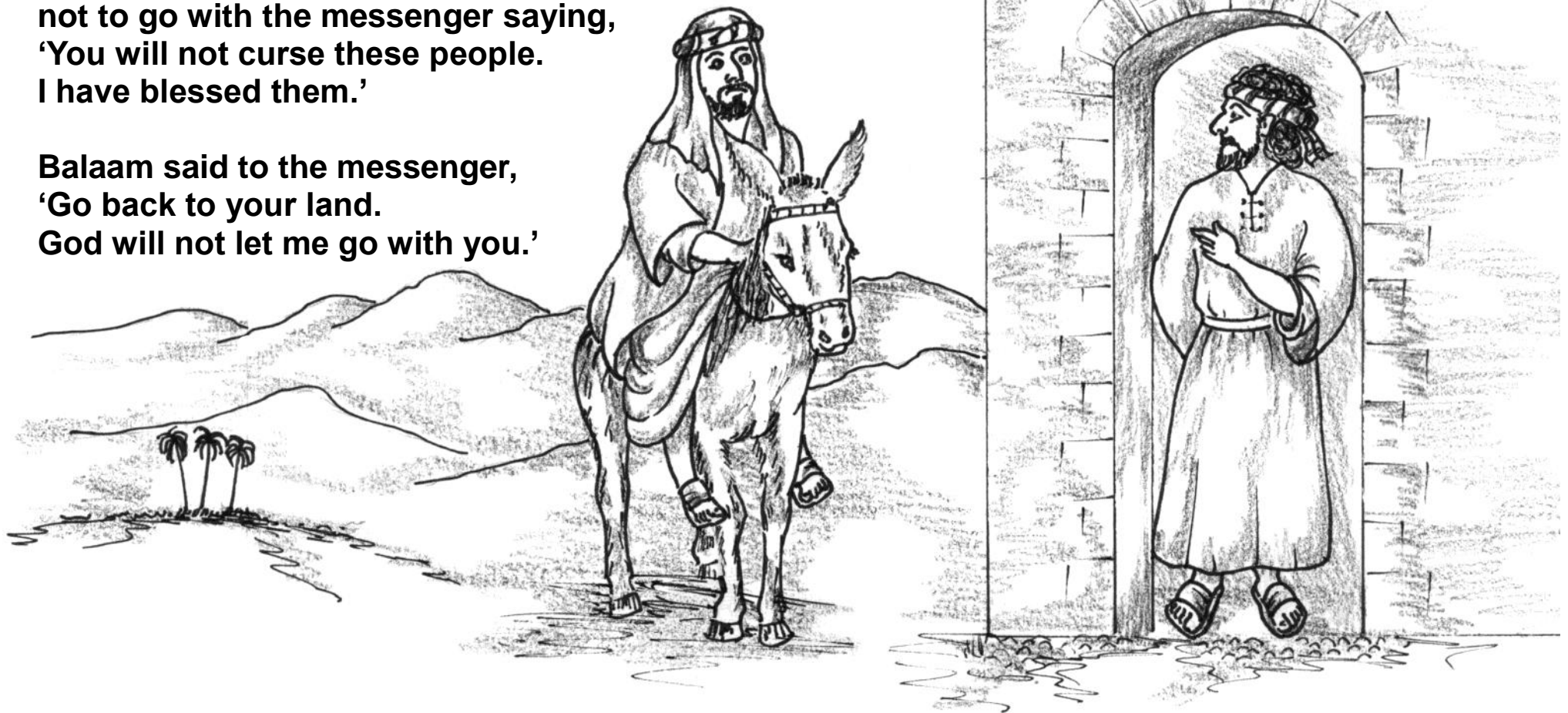
**King Balak of Moab was afraid when he saw them.  
He had heard what they had done to their enemies  
and he wondered what they would do to him.**



**So Balak sent a messenger  
to the prophet Balaam saying,  
'A people from Egypt are in my land  
and will ruin us.  
Come and curse them,  
so I can get rid of them.'**

**That night God told Balaam  
not to go with the messenger saying,  
'You will not curse these people.  
I have blessed them.'**

**Balaam said to the messenger,  
'Go back to your land.  
God will not let me go with you.'**



**Balak asked Balaam a second time saying,  
'Come and curse the people on my land.  
I will give you lots of money  
for doing it.'**

**Balaam wanted the money.  
He saddled his donkey  
and went with the messenger.**



**On the way  
the angel of the Lord stood in the  
middle of the road to stop Balaam.  
The donkey saw the angel  
with a sword in his hand.  
It went off the road into a ditch.  
Balaam was angry and hit his donkey.  
He had not seen the angel.**



Further along the way  
the angel of the Lord stood in the  
middle of a narrow path.  
The donkey saw the angel  
with a sword in his hand.  
He tried to get past  
and crushed Balaam's foot on the wall.  
Balaam was angry  
and hit his donkey.  
He still hadn't seen the angel.

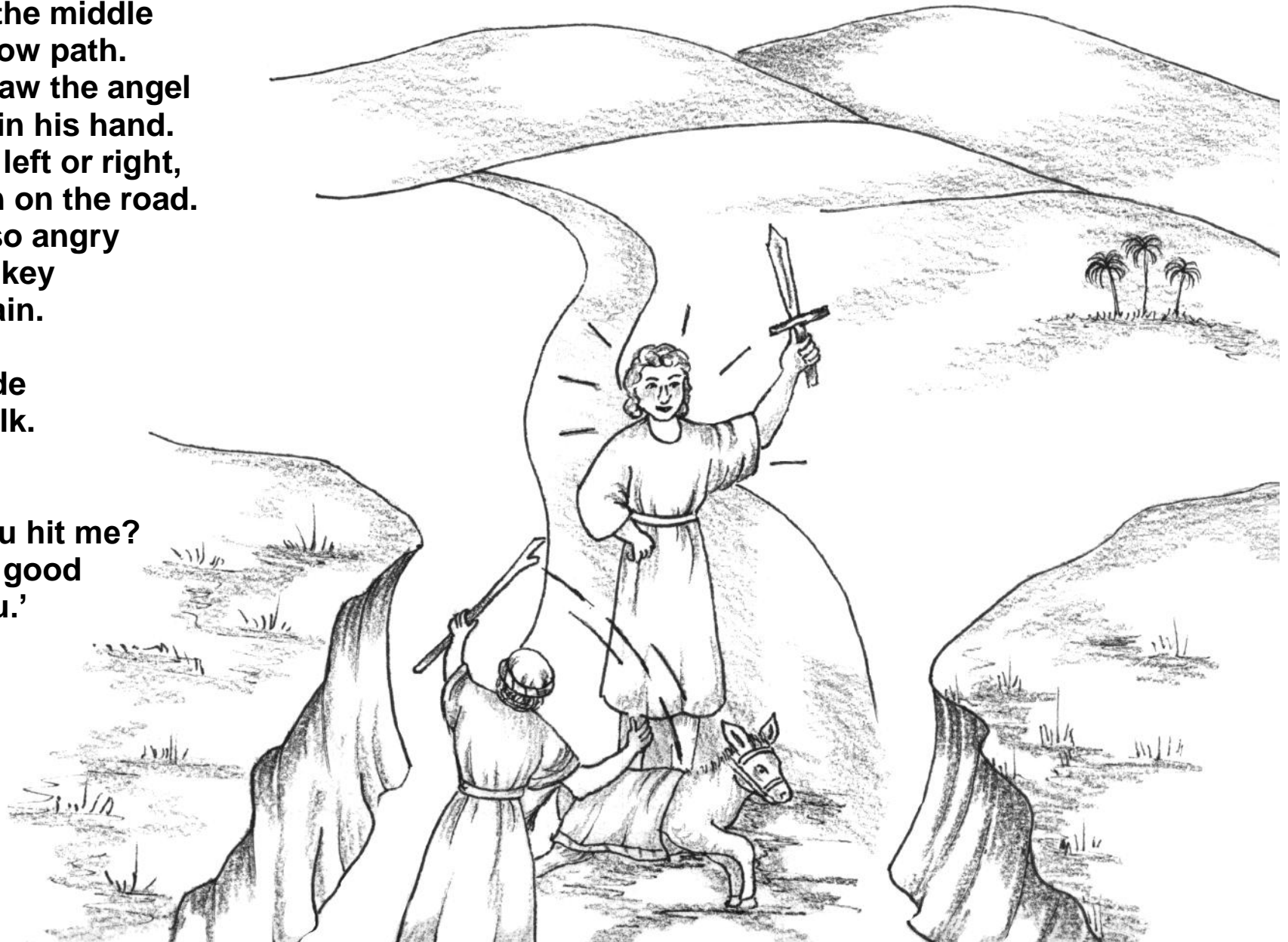




**The angel of the Lord  
went further along the way  
and stood in the middle  
of a very narrow path.  
The donkey saw the angel  
with a sword in his hand.  
It couldn't go left or right,  
so it lay down on the road.  
Balaam was so angry  
he hit his donkey  
again and again.**

**God then made  
the donkey talk.**

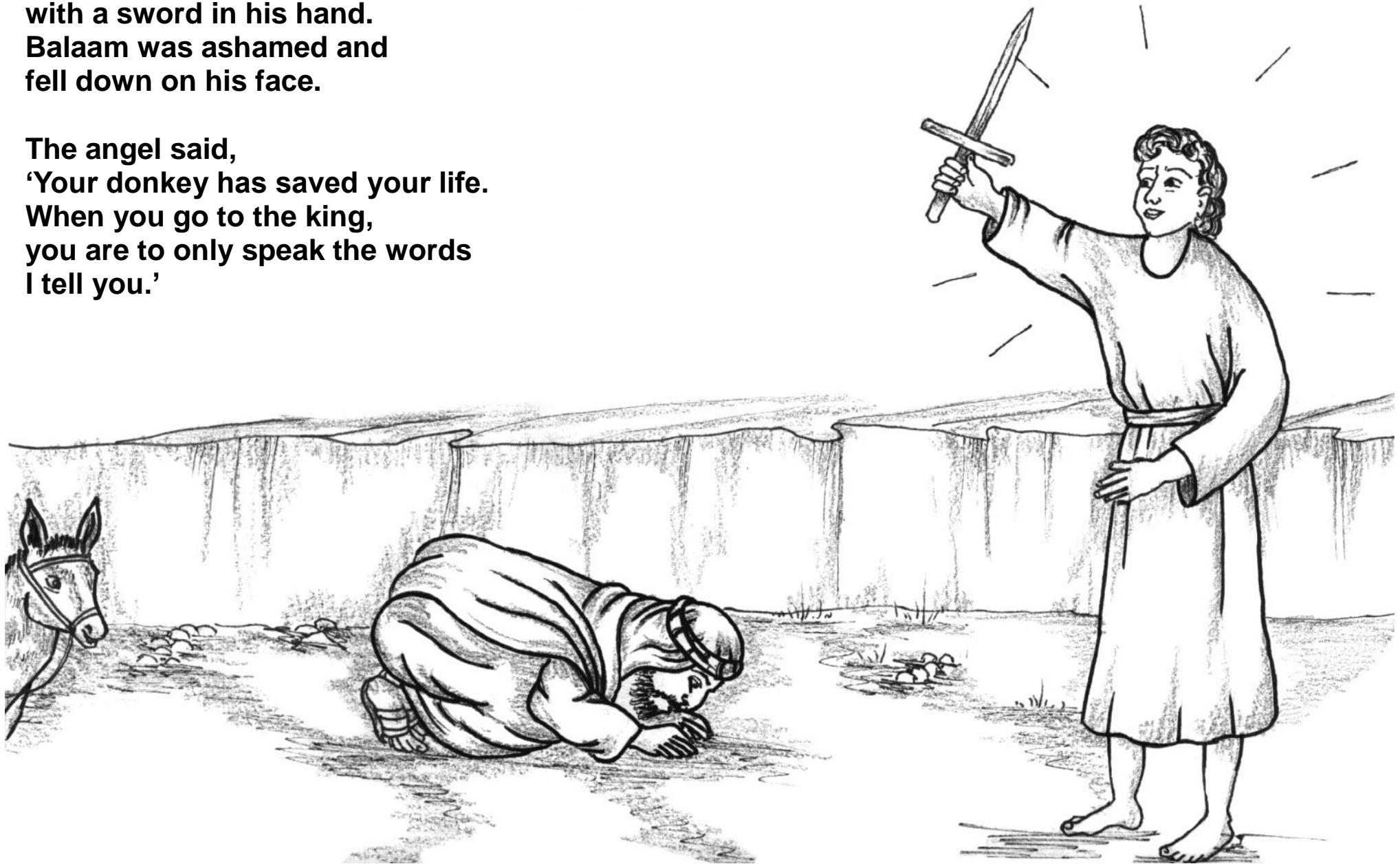
**He said,  
'Why have you hit me?  
I have been a good  
donkey to you.'**





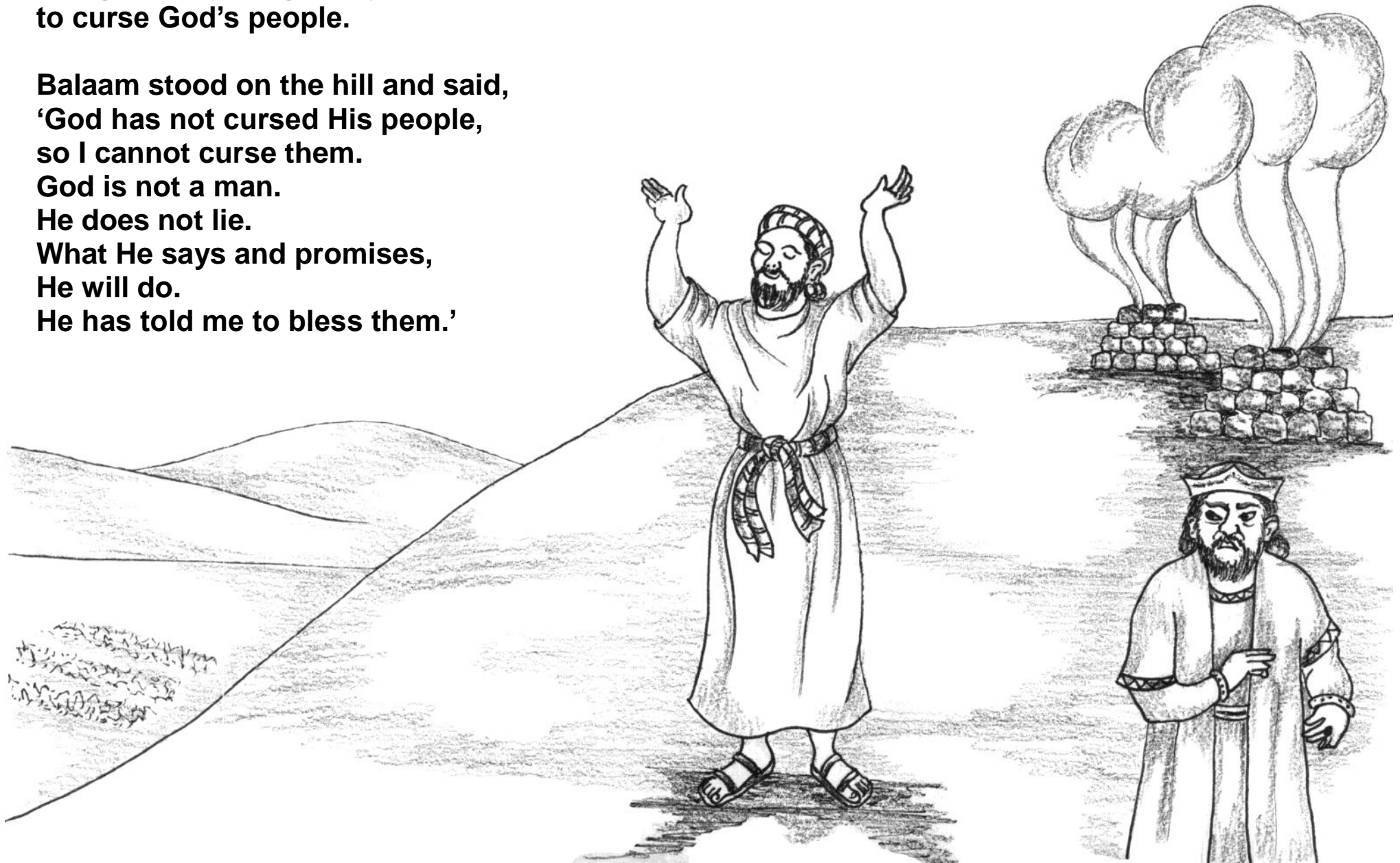
**God opened Balaam's eyes  
and he saw the angel of the Lord  
with a sword in his hand.  
Balaam was ashamed and  
fell down on his face.**

**The angel said,  
'Your donkey has saved your life.  
When you go to the king,  
you are to only speak the words  
I tell you.'**



**King Balak of Moab built altars  
and got everything ready for Balaam  
to curse God's people.**

**Balaam stood on the hill and said,  
'God has not cursed His people,  
so I cannot curse them.  
God is not a man.  
He does not lie.  
What He says and promises,  
He will do.  
He has told me to bless them.'**



**Balak was so angry he said,  
'I asked you to curse these people  
and you have blessed them.  
Go home.'**

**God was blessing His people,  
and taking them to their land.**

**However hard Balak tried,  
he could not stop Balaam  
from blessing God's people.**

