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THE WALLS OF JERICHO

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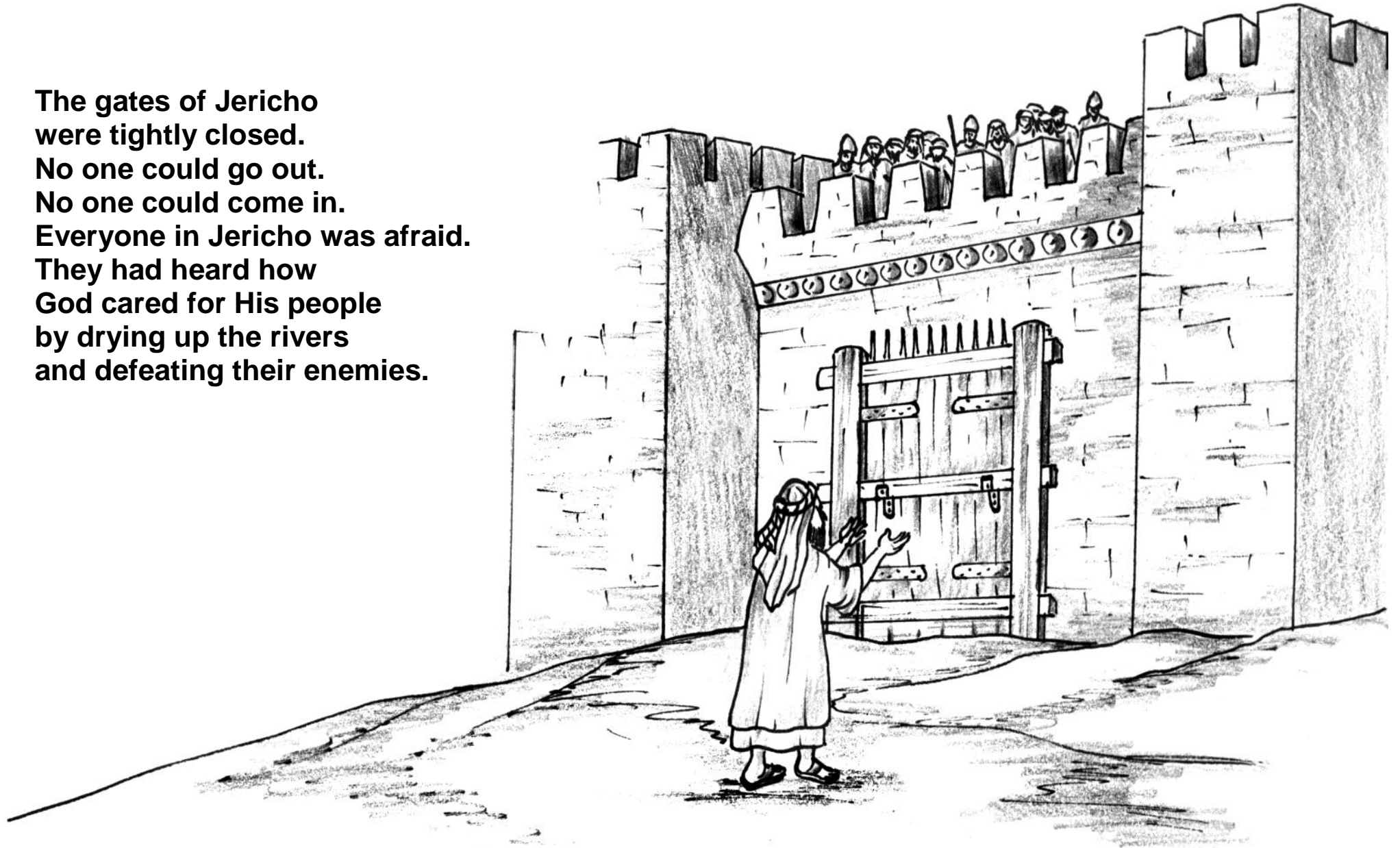
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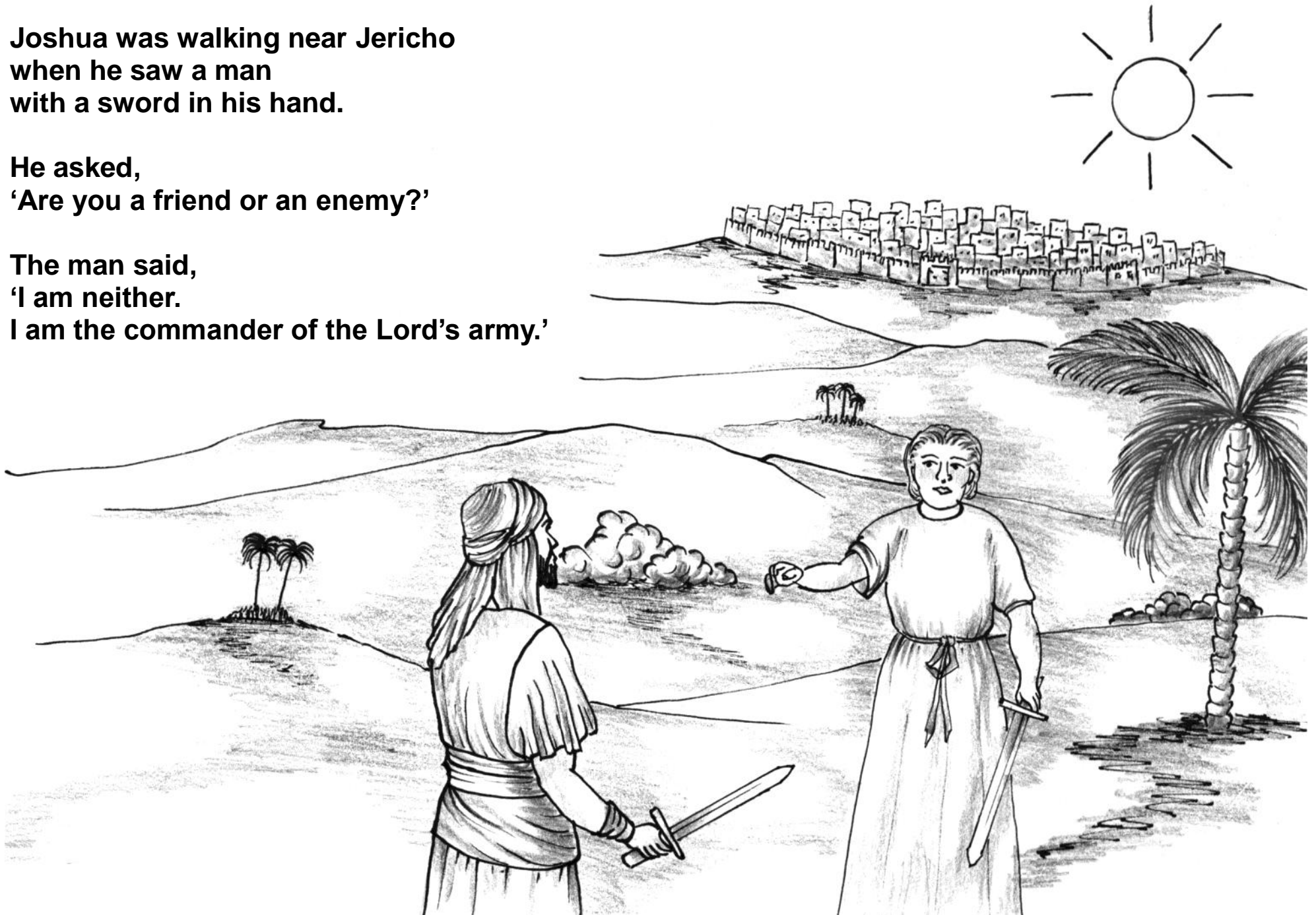
**The gates of Jericho
were tightly closed.
No one could go out.
No one could come in.
Everyone in Jericho was afraid.
They had heard how
God cared for His people
by drying up the rivers
and defeating their enemies.**



**Joshua was walking near Jericho
when he saw a man
with a sword in his hand.**

**He asked,
'Are you a friend or an enemy?'**

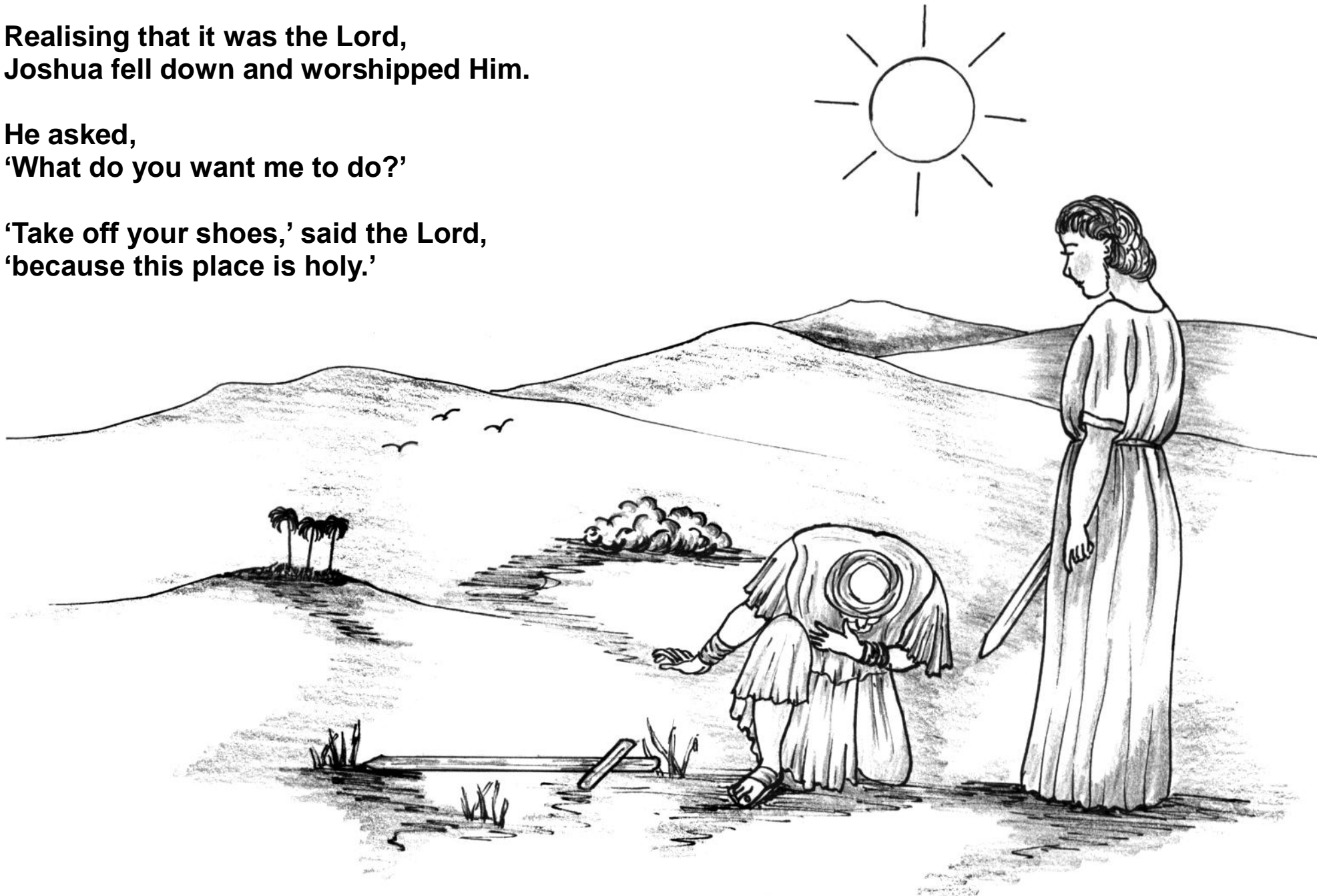
**The man said,
'I am neither.
I am the commander of the Lord's army.'**



**Realising that it was the Lord,
Joshua fell down and worshipped Him.**

**He asked,
'What do you want me to do?'**

**'Take off your shoes,' said the Lord,
'because this place is holy.'**



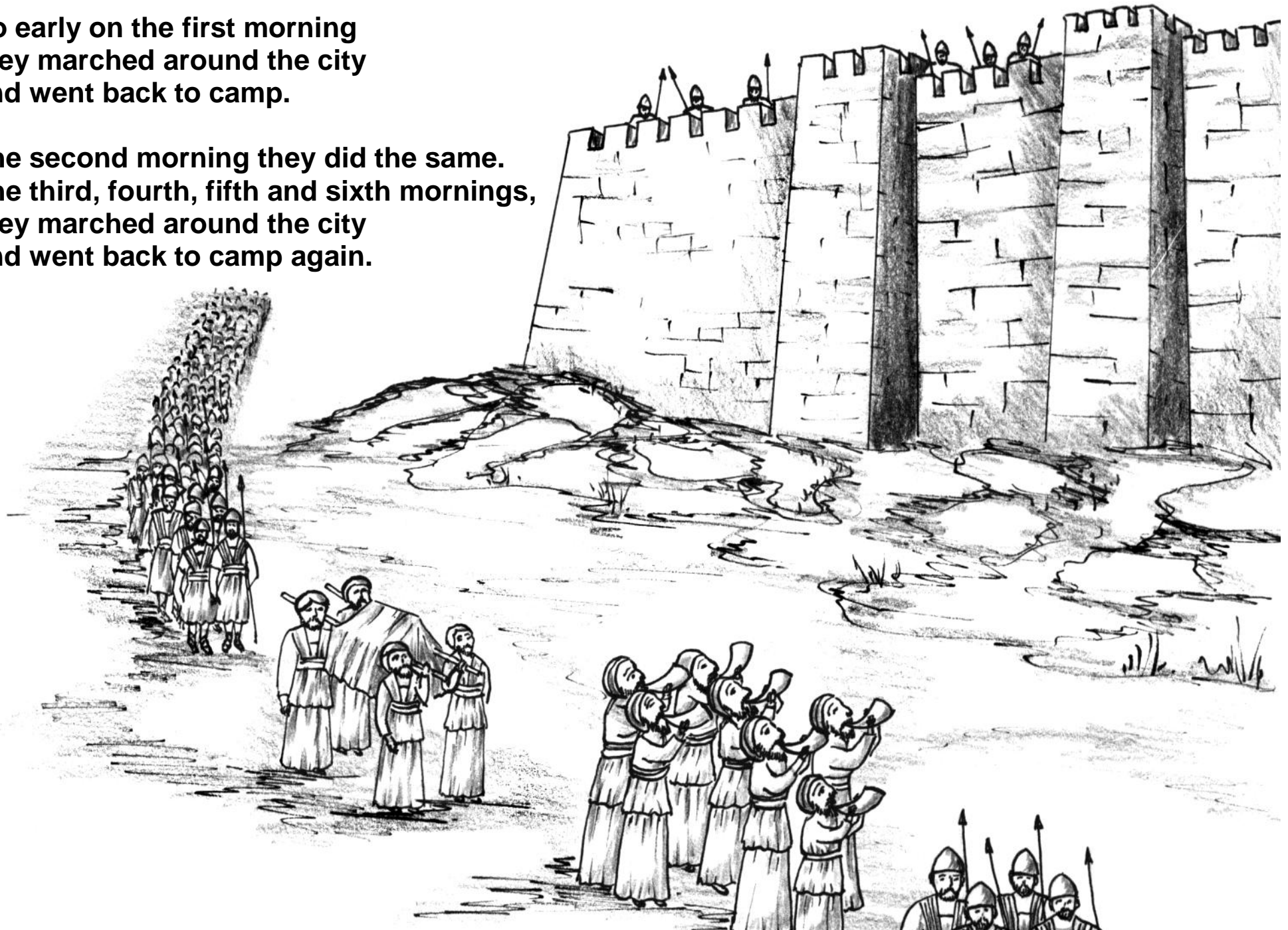
**'I have given Jericho,
its king and soldiers to you.
March around the city in this order:
soldiers in front,
followed by the priests,
blowing their rams' horn trumpets,
then the priests carrying
God's covenant box,
and last of all, the soldiers.'**

**'For the next six days,
march around the city once.
On the seventh day
march around the city seven times.
Tell everyone to keep very quiet.
When you've finished marching
give the signal for everyone to shout.'**



**So early on the first morning
they marched around the city
and went back to camp.**

**The second morning they did the same.
The third, fourth, fifth and sixth mornings,
they marched around the city
and went back to camp again.**



**On the seventh morning
they got up really early
and marched around the city once,
twice, three times.
Four, five, six and seven times.**

**Then the priests gave a
long, loud blow of their trumpets
and Joshua called out,
'Shout!
The Lord has given you this city!'**

**The people shouted,
and the walls came tumbling down.
The soldiers ran in
and defeated the city.**



**Joshua said to the two spies,
'Go into Rahab's house
and bring her and her family out to safety.'**

**The spies saw the red cord in her window.
She had done what they told her to do,
so they rescued Rahab and her family.**



**When Rahab and her family were safe
the whole city was burned
and everything in it
except the silver, gold, bronze and iron.
Everything was for the Lord.
No one was to take anything for themselves.**

**The Lord was with Joshua and His people.
He had defeated their enemies.**

***The Lord wanted all people to see
that He was God of the whole earth.***

