

Bible Stories for Young Children

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‘GIVE US A KING’ / HOW SAMUEL FOUND A KING

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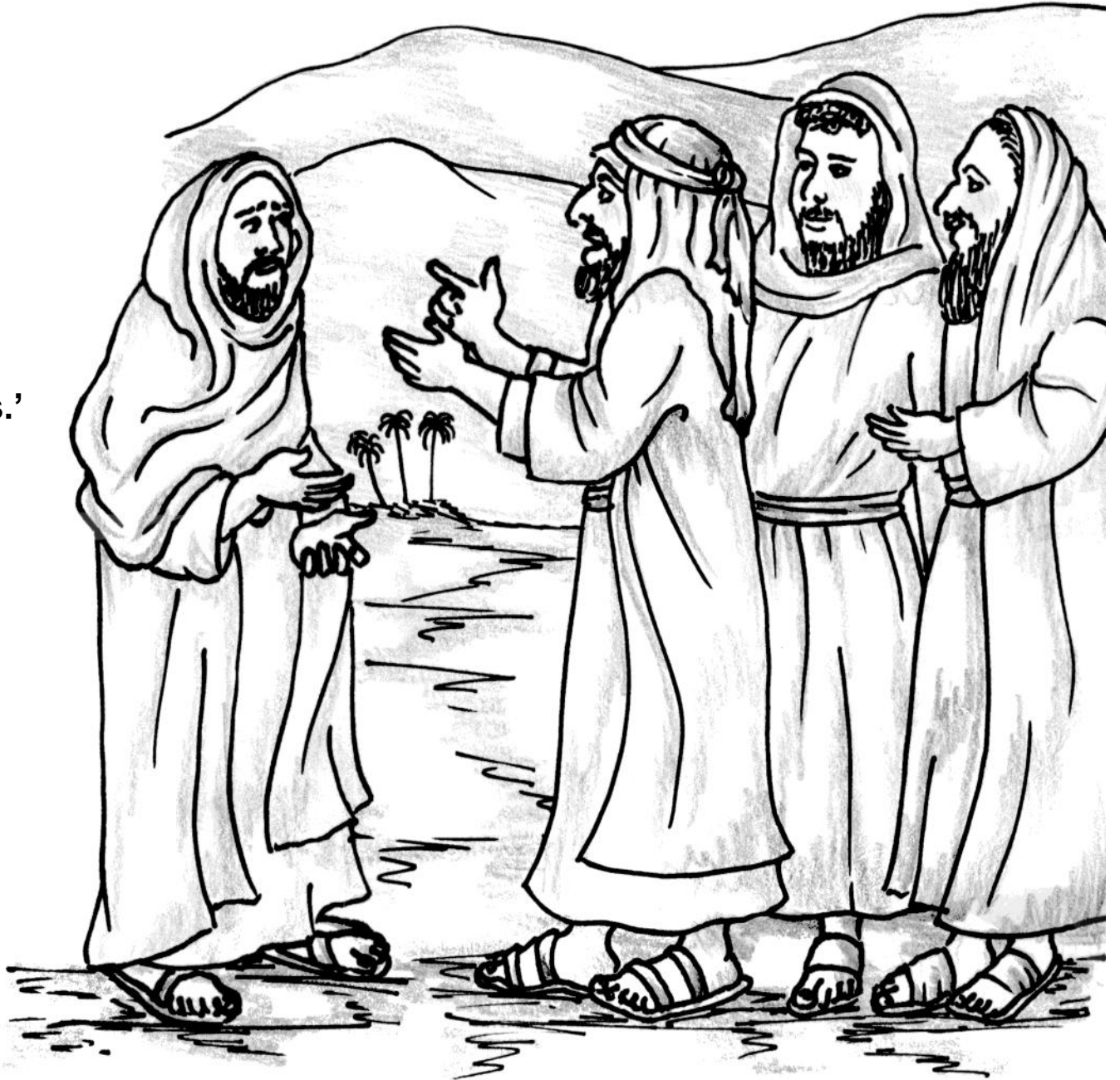
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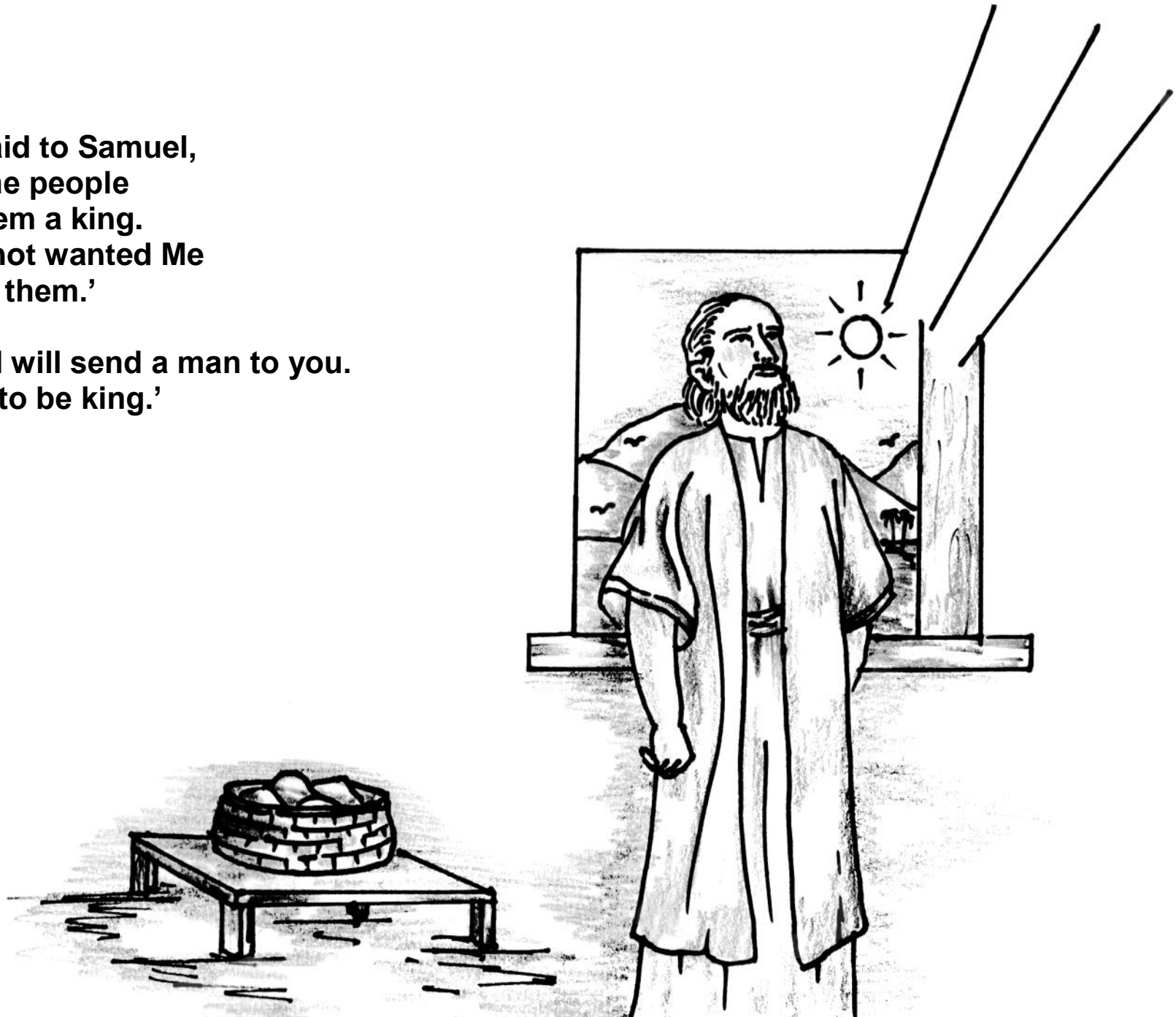
'Samuel, you are getting old,'
said Israel's leaders.
'Give us a king.
We want to be like other nations.'

This made Samuel sad.
He knew that only
God could help them,
so he prayed to the Lord.



The Lord said to Samuel,
'Listen to the people
and give them a king.
They have not wanted Me
to rule over them.'

'Tomorrow I will send a man to you.
Anoint him to be king.'



**The next day a man called Saul
was looking for his father's donkeys.
He and his servant
couldn't find them anywhere.**

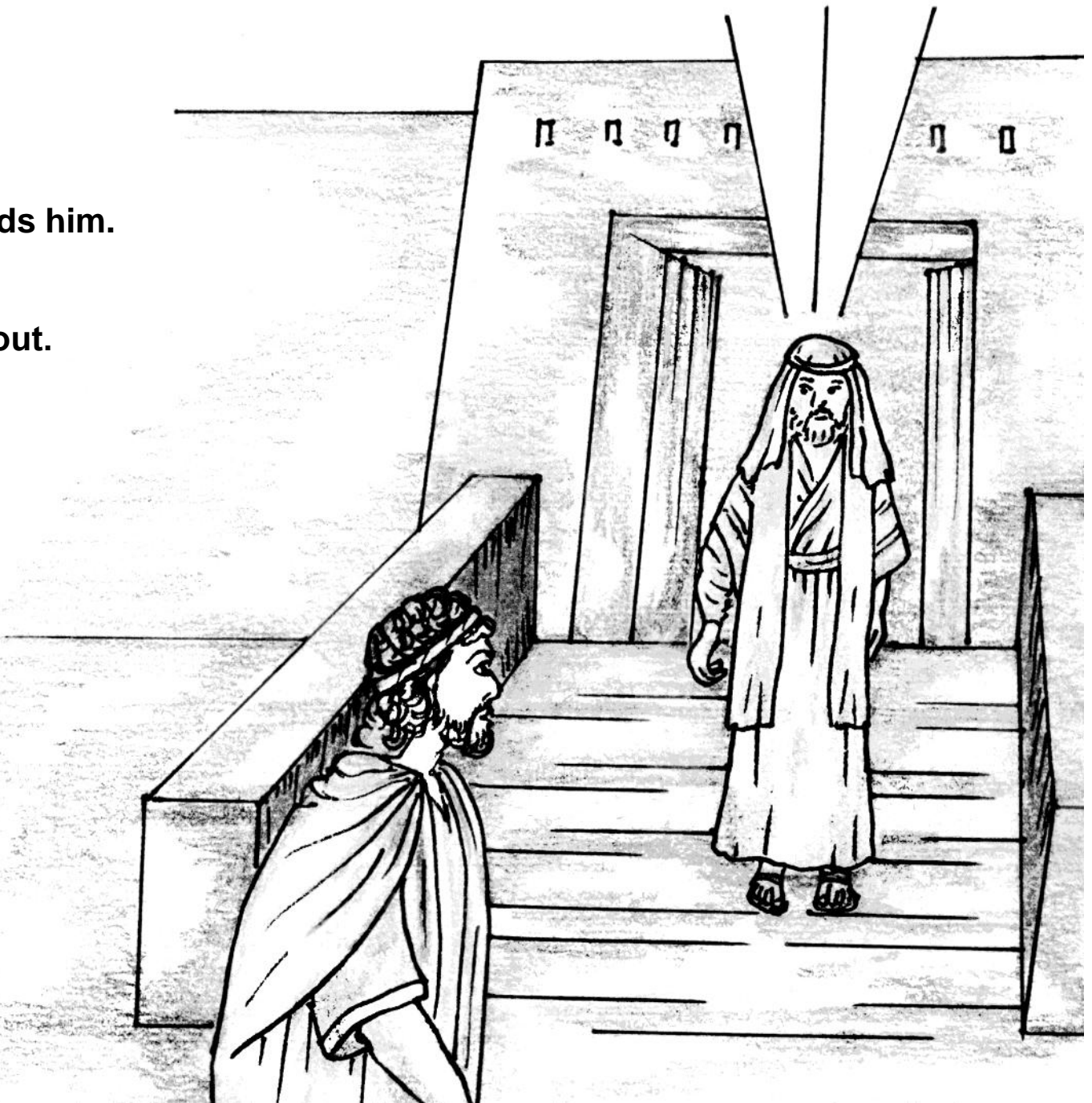
**'Let's go home,' said Saul.
'My father will be worried about us.'**

**The servant said,
'A man of God lives here.
Everything he says comes true.
He can tell us what to do.
Let's go and find him.'**



**Samuel was on his way
to the place of worship
when Saul was coming towards him.**

**God said to Samuel,
'This is the man I told you about.
Anoint him to be king.
I have heard My people.
This is the man
who will save them
from their enemies.'**

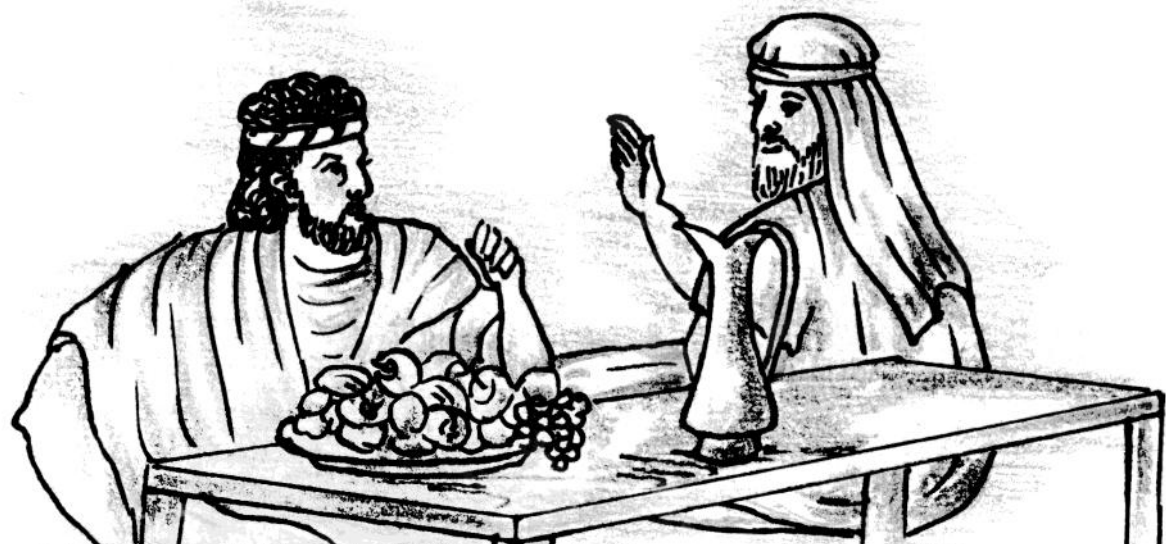
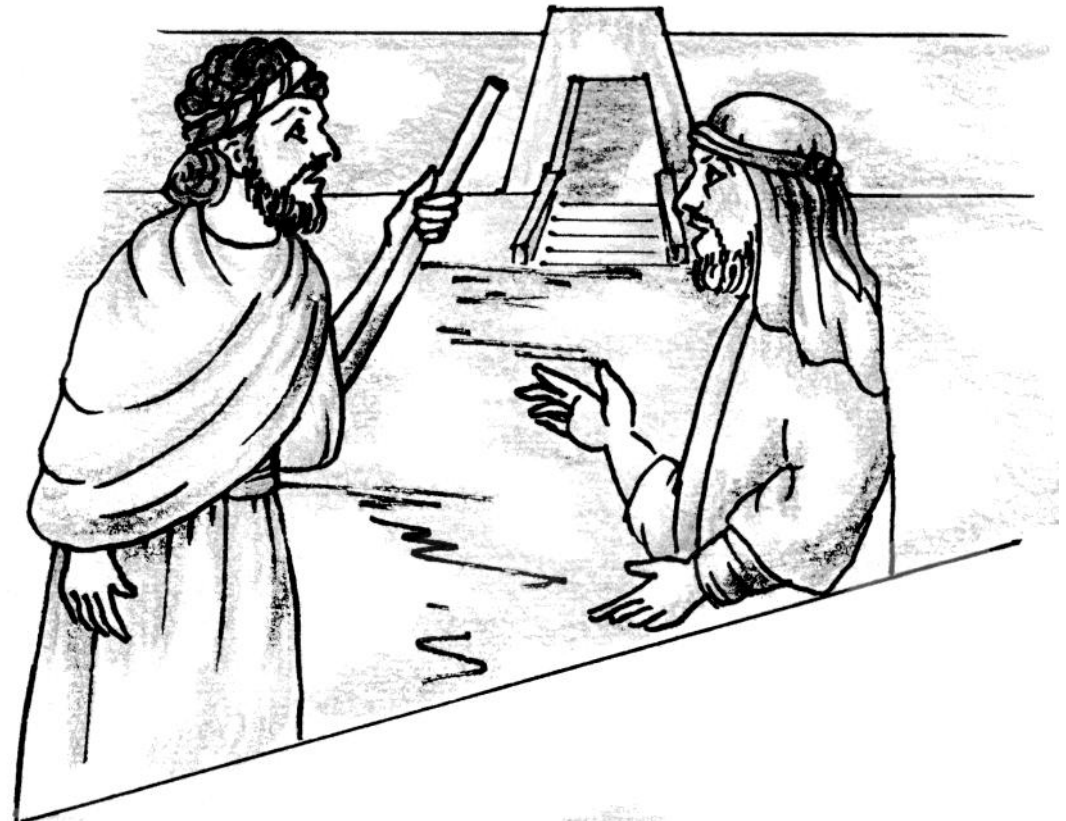


**Saul went up to Samuel and asked,
'Where do I find the man of God?'**

**Samuel said,
'I am the man of God.
Come to the place of worship.
You and your servant
are to eat with me.
Don't worry about your donkeys.
They have been found.
You are the man for Israel.'**

**Saul was surprised and asked,
'I am no one special.
Why do you say these things to me?'**

**Saul went with Samuel.
They ate a meal together
and worshipped God.**

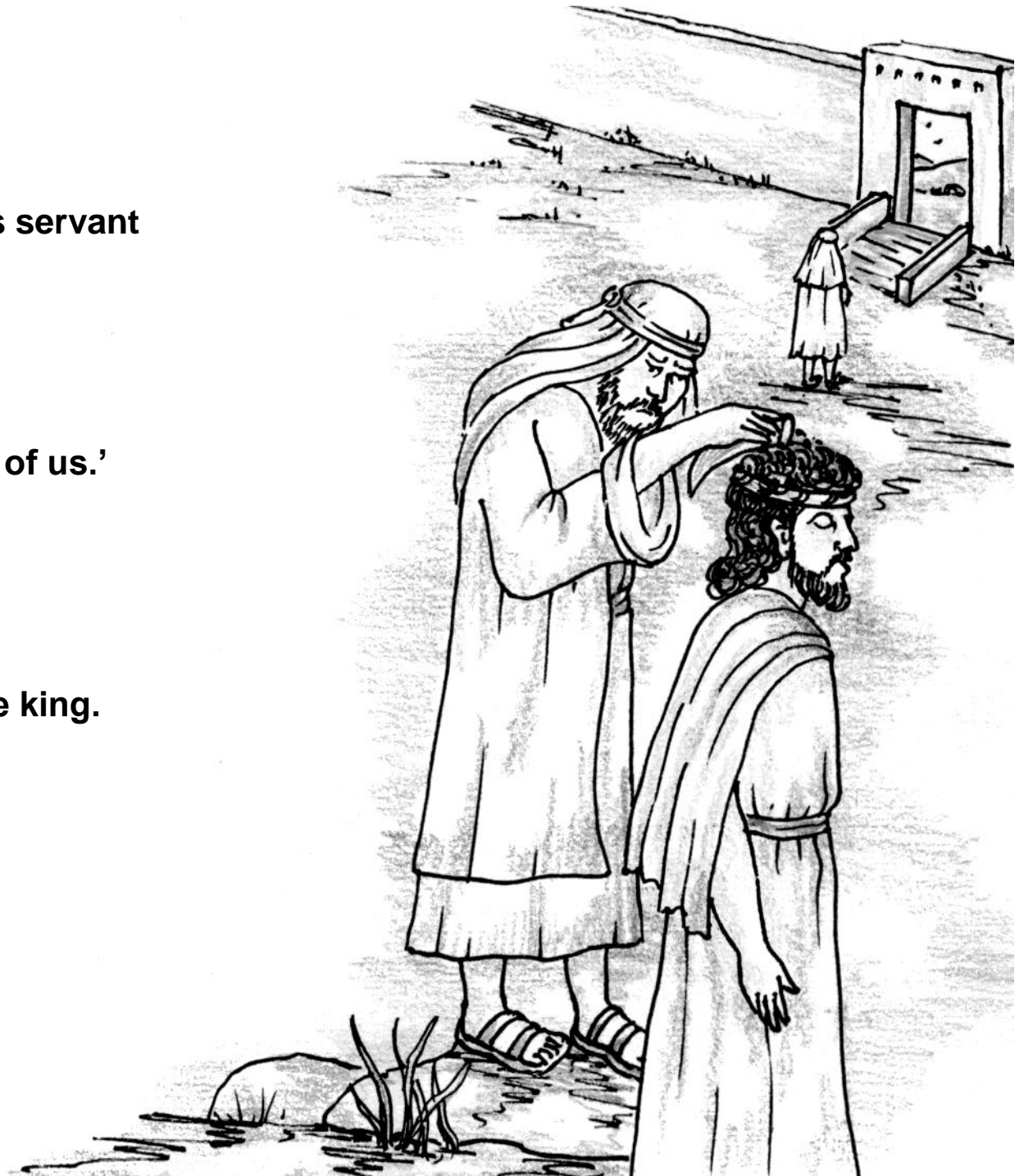


**The next morning
Samuel walked with Saul and his servant
to the edge of the city
to send them on their way.**

**Samuel said to Saul,
'I want to show you something.
Tell your servant to go on ahead of us.'**

**Samuel took out a bottle of oil.
He poured oil on Saul's head.**

**He kissed him and said,
'The Lord has anointed you to be king.
You will save God's people
from their enemies.'**



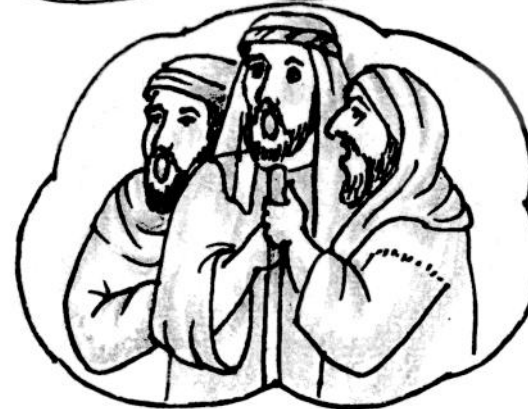
**‘You will know that this is true because,
three things will happen to you
on your way home.**

**‘Firstly, two people will tell you
that the donkeys are found.**

**‘Secondly, three men will give you
some bread.**

**‘Thirdly, some prophets will be singing.
You will be filled
with the Spirit of the Lord
and will prophesy.**

**‘Go to Gilgal and wait for me.
There I will offer sacrifices with you.’**



Saul left Samuel.

**God changed his heart.
The Spirit of God came upon him.**

**But when he got home
he didn't tell anyone
that God had chosen him to be king
over His people.**

