

Bible Stories for Young Children

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DAVID AND NABAL

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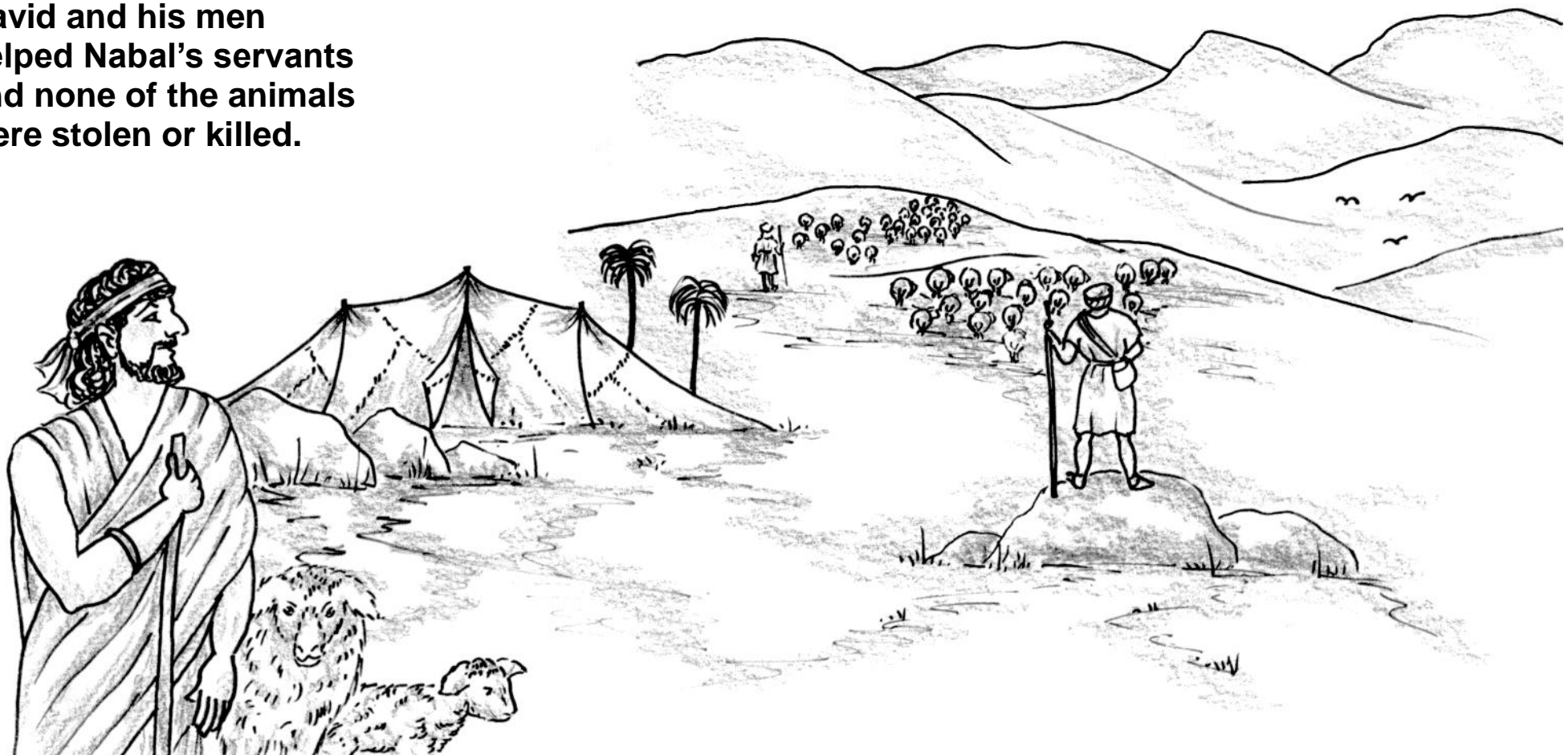
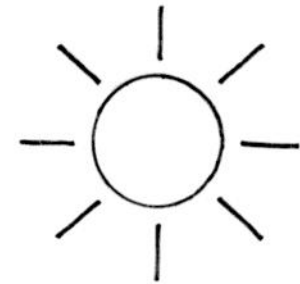
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1 SAMUEL 25:1-42
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**David was hiding in the wilderness from Saul.
Nabal, a very rich farmer,
had servants looking after his sheep and goats
in the same wilderness.**

**David and his men
helped Nabal's servants
and none of the animals
were stolen or killed.**

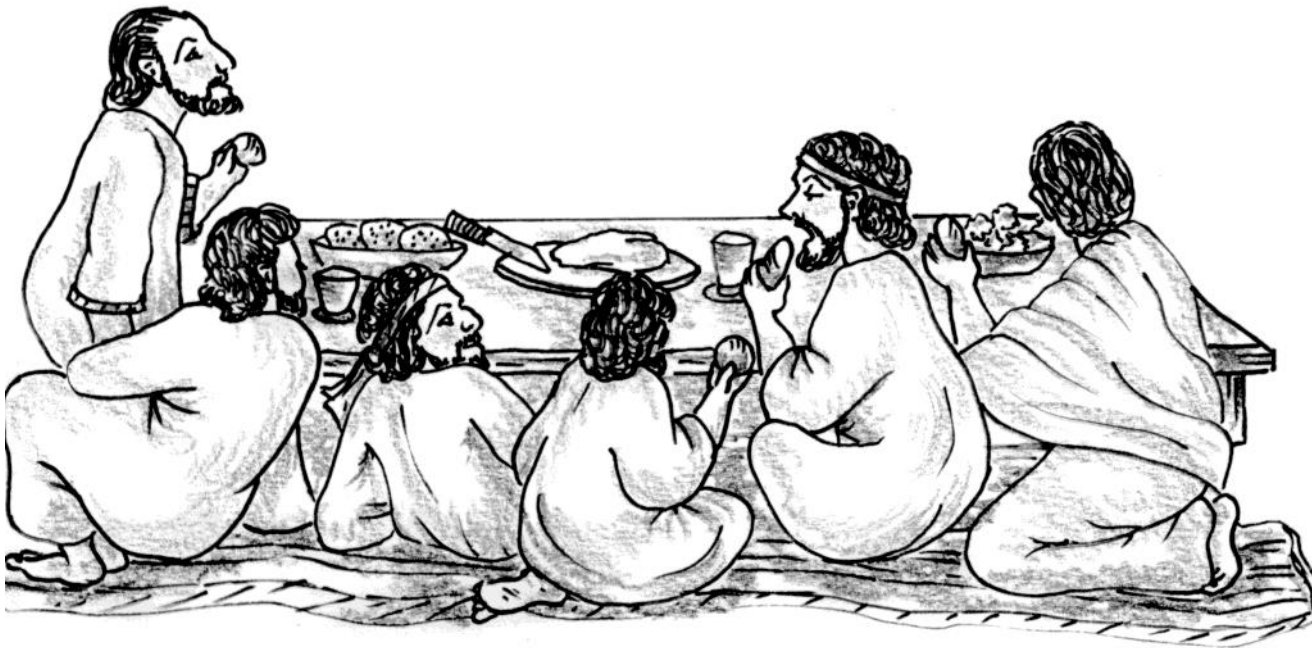


**Then Nabal sheared his sheep
and gave his men a big feast.**

**David sent ten of his men
to ask Nabal for some food,
for they had also looked after his animals.**

**Nabal replied,
'No, you can't have any food.
Anyway, who is David?'**

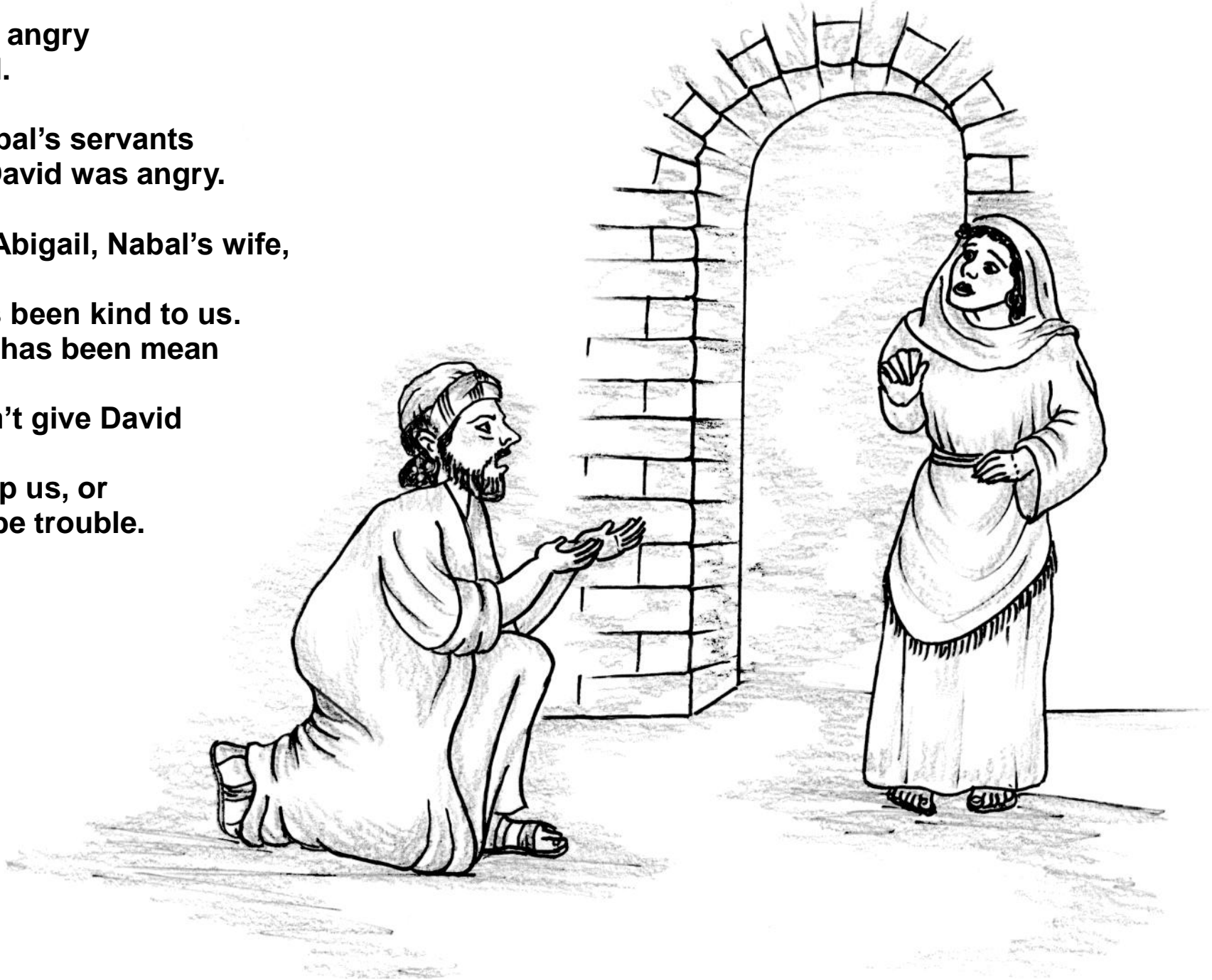
Nabal was pretending that he didn't know David.



**David was angry
with Nabal.**

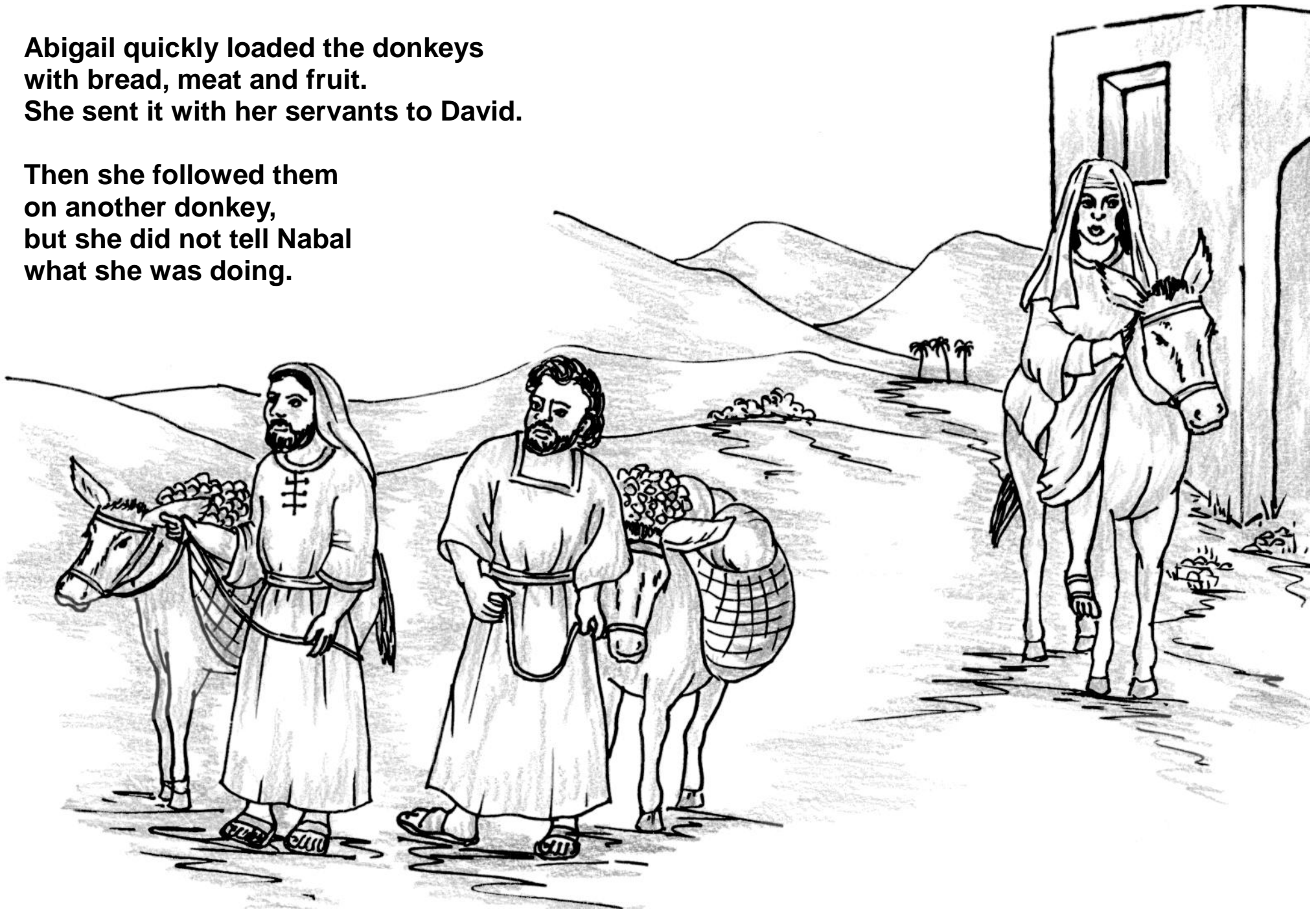
**One of Nabal's servants
saw that David was angry.**

**He ran to Abigail, Nabal's wife,
and said,
'David has been kind to us.
But Nabal has been mean
to David.
He wouldn't give David
any food.
Please help us, or
there will be trouble.**



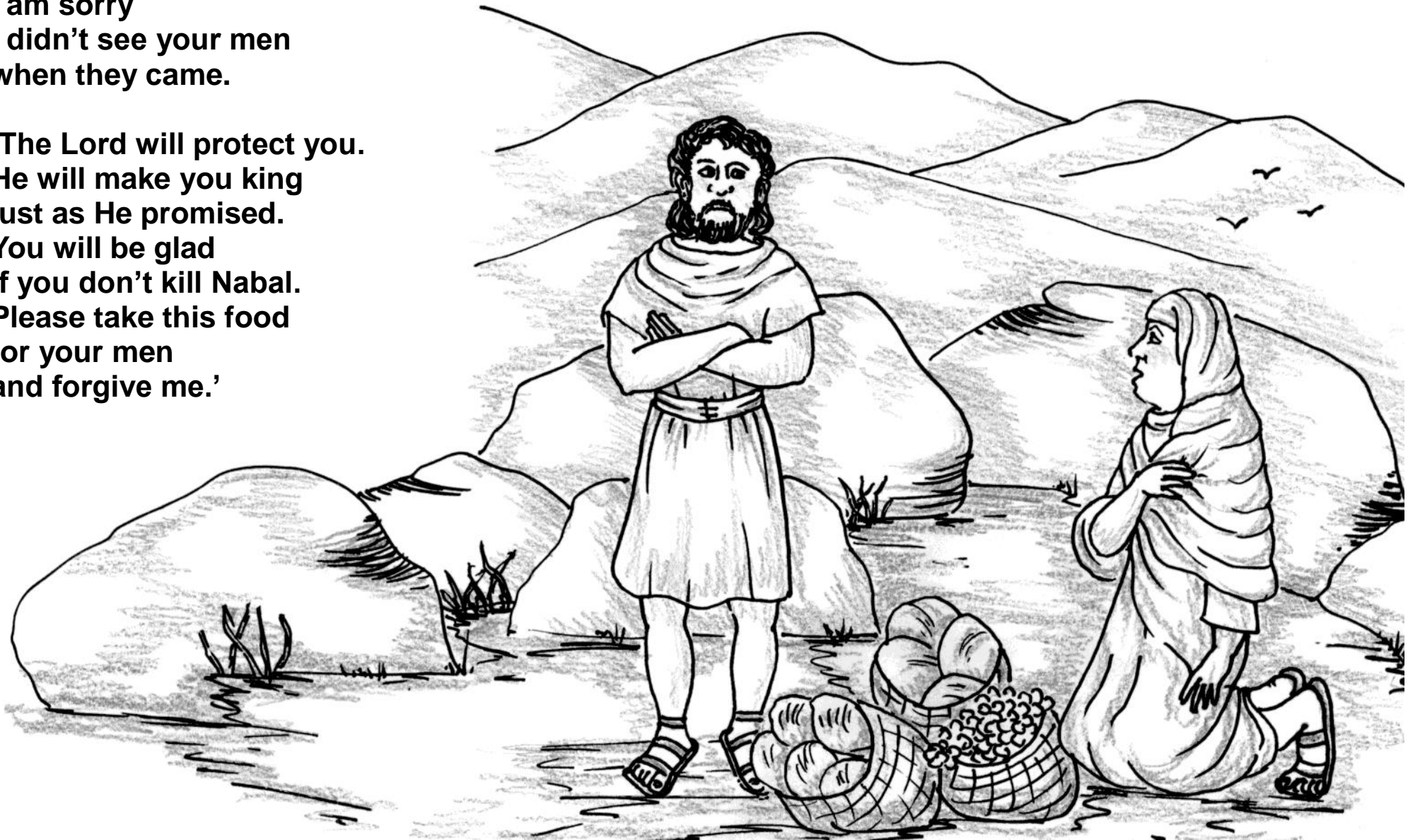
**Abigail quickly loaded the donkeys
with bread, meat and fruit.
She sent it with her servants to David.**

**Then she followed them
on another donkey,
but she did not tell Nabal
what she was doing.**



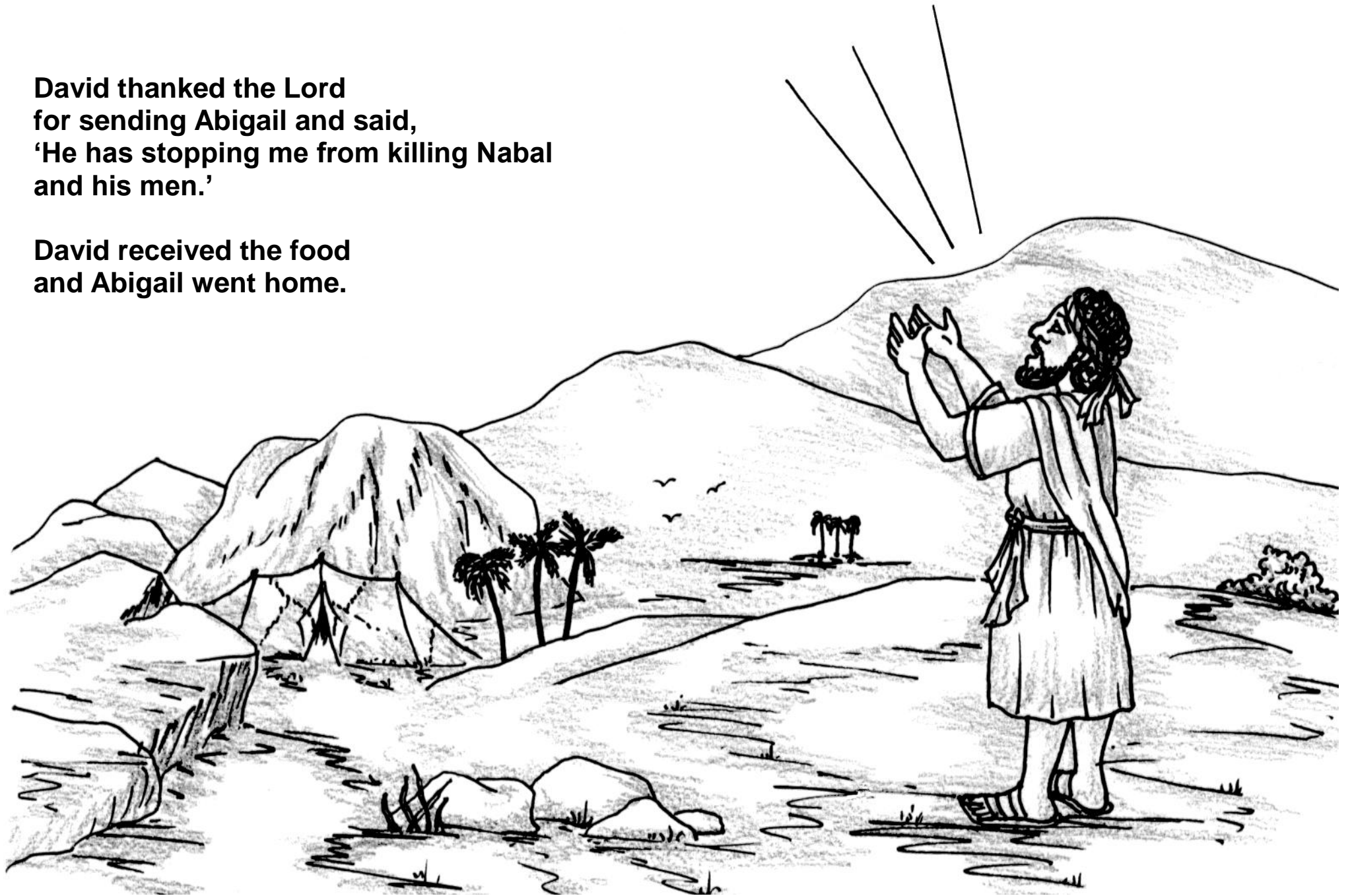
**When she saw David
she bowed at his feet saying,
'Nabal is a foolish man.
I am sorry
I didn't see your men
when they came.'**

**'The Lord will protect you.
He will make you king
just as He promised.
You will be glad
if you don't kill Nabal.
Please take this food
for your men
and forgive me.'**



**David thanked the Lord
for sending Abigail and said,
'He has stopping me from killing Nabal
and his men.'**

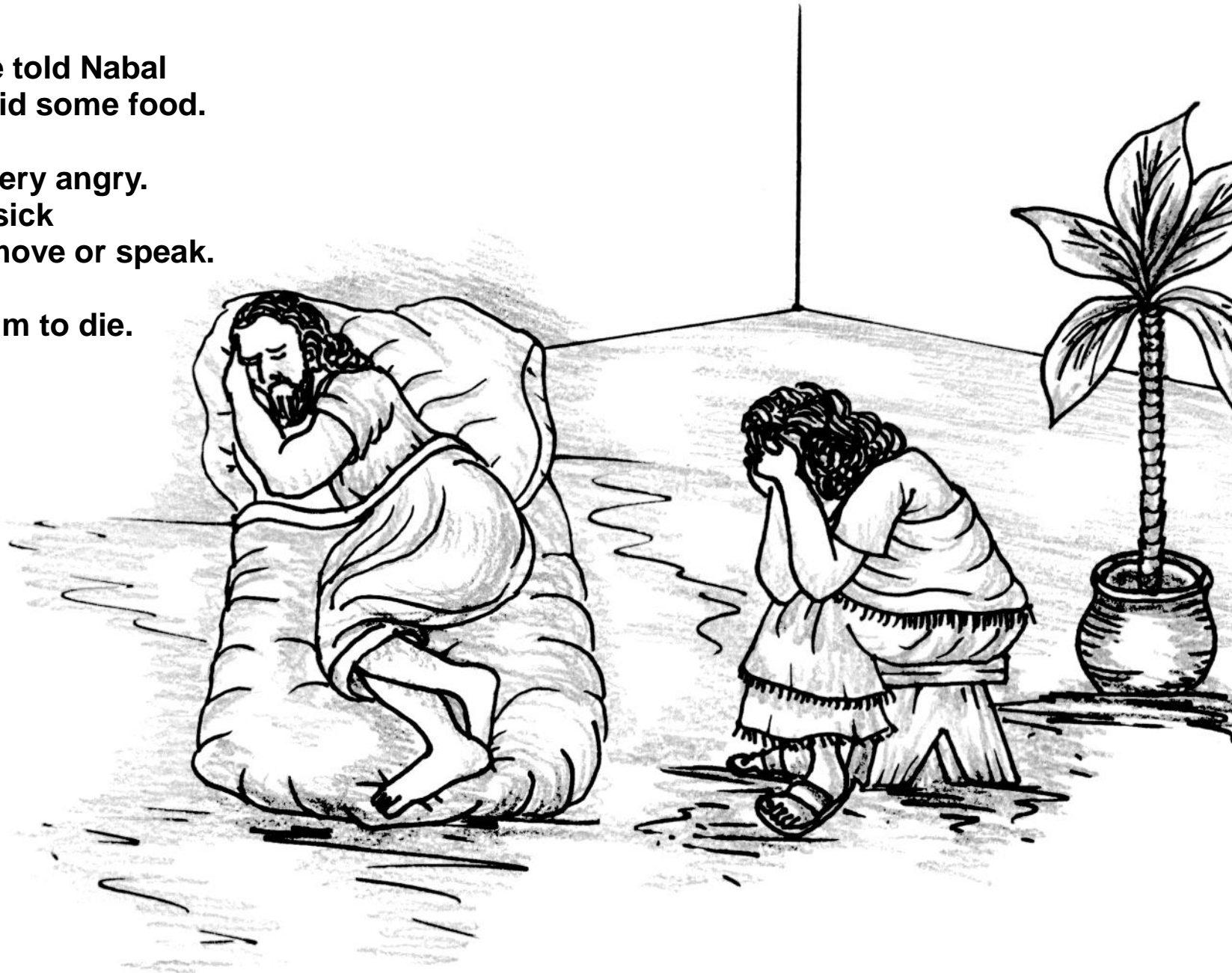
**David received the food
and Abigail went home.**



When Abigail arrived home she found Nabal still feasting and he was drunk.

In the morning she told Nabal she had given David some food.

**This made Nabal very angry.
His heart became sick
and he could not move or speak.
Ten days later,
the Lord caused him to die.**



**Abigail's servant found David
and told him
that Nabal was dead.**

**David thanked God
for saving him from doing wrong.**

**Then David asked Abigail
to be his wife.**

