

Bible Stories for Young Children

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ELIJAH GOES TO HEAVEN

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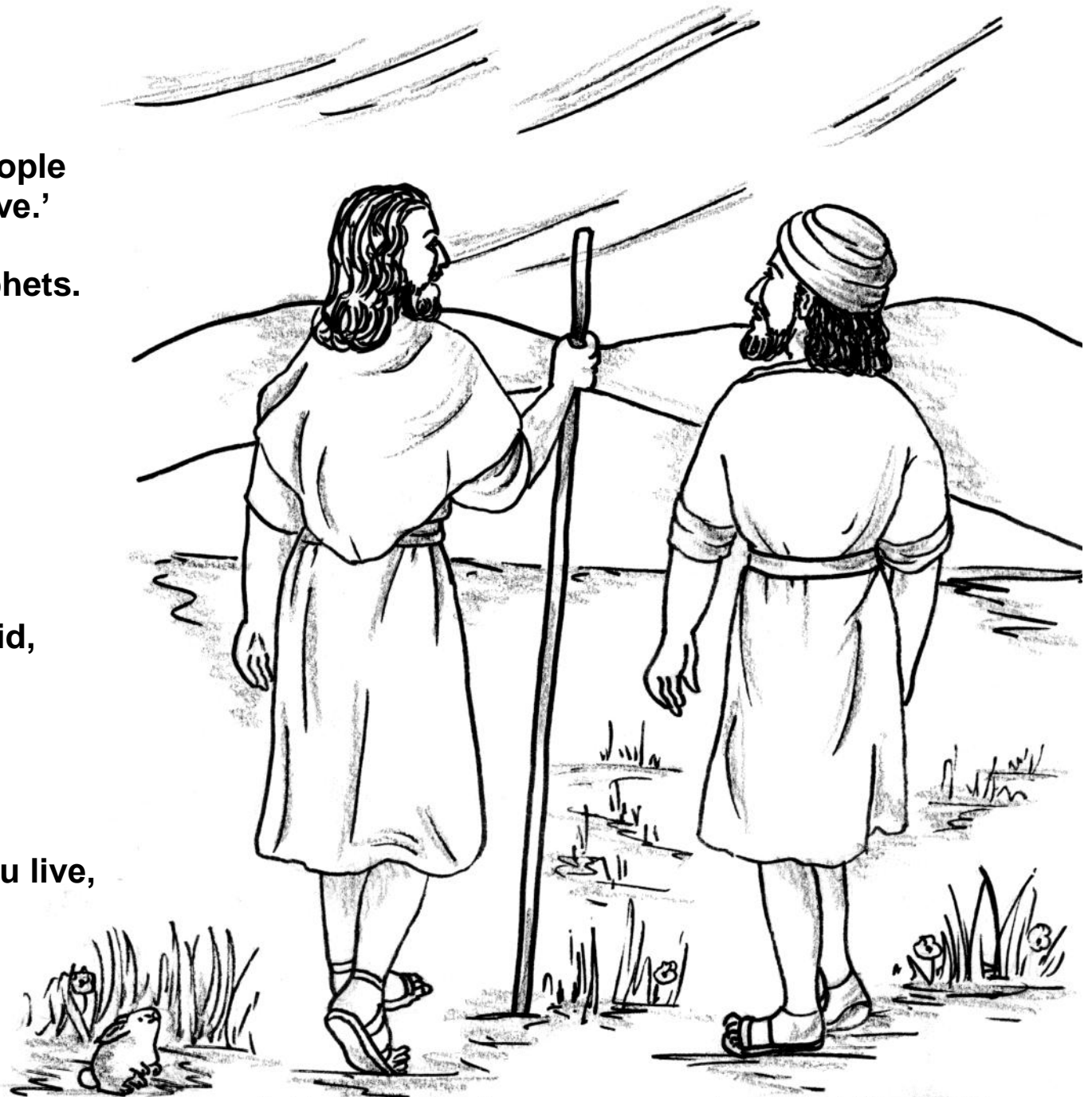
**God sent prophets to His people
saying, 'Listen to God and live.'**

Elijah was one of those prophets.

**He had done what God
had given him to do,
and he knew that today
the Lord was going
to take him to heaven.**

**As Elijah and Elisha
were leaving Gilgal Elijah said,
'Stay here.
The Lord has told me
to go to Bethel.'**

**Elisha said,
'As the Lord lives, and as you live,
I will not leave you.'**



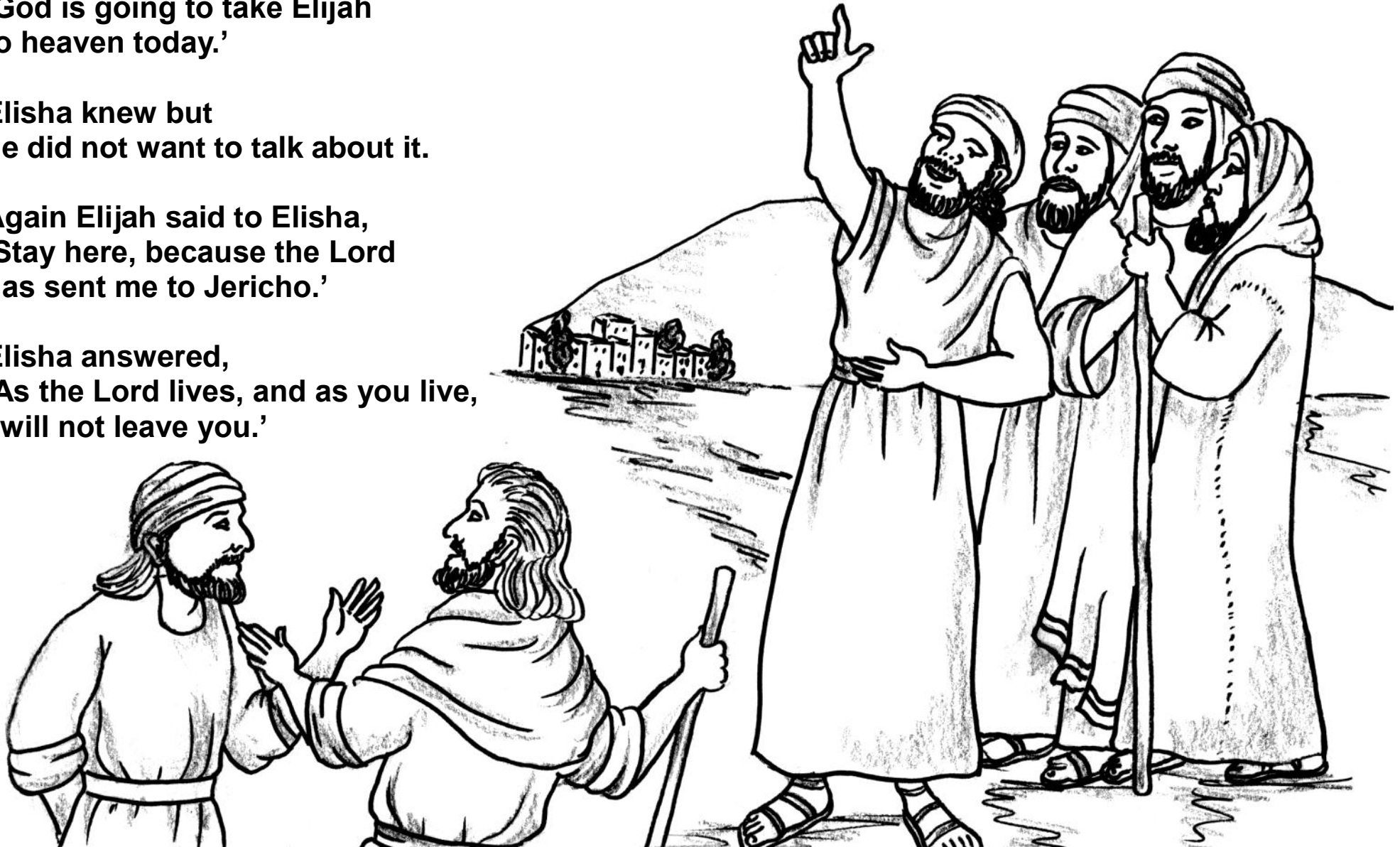
So they walked on to Bethel.

**They met other prophets who said to Elisha,
'God is going to take Elijah
to heaven today.'**

**Elisha knew but
he did not want to talk about it.**

**Again Elijah said to Elisha,
'Stay here, because the Lord
has sent me to Jericho.'**

**Elisha answered,
'As the Lord lives, and as you live,
I will not leave you.'**



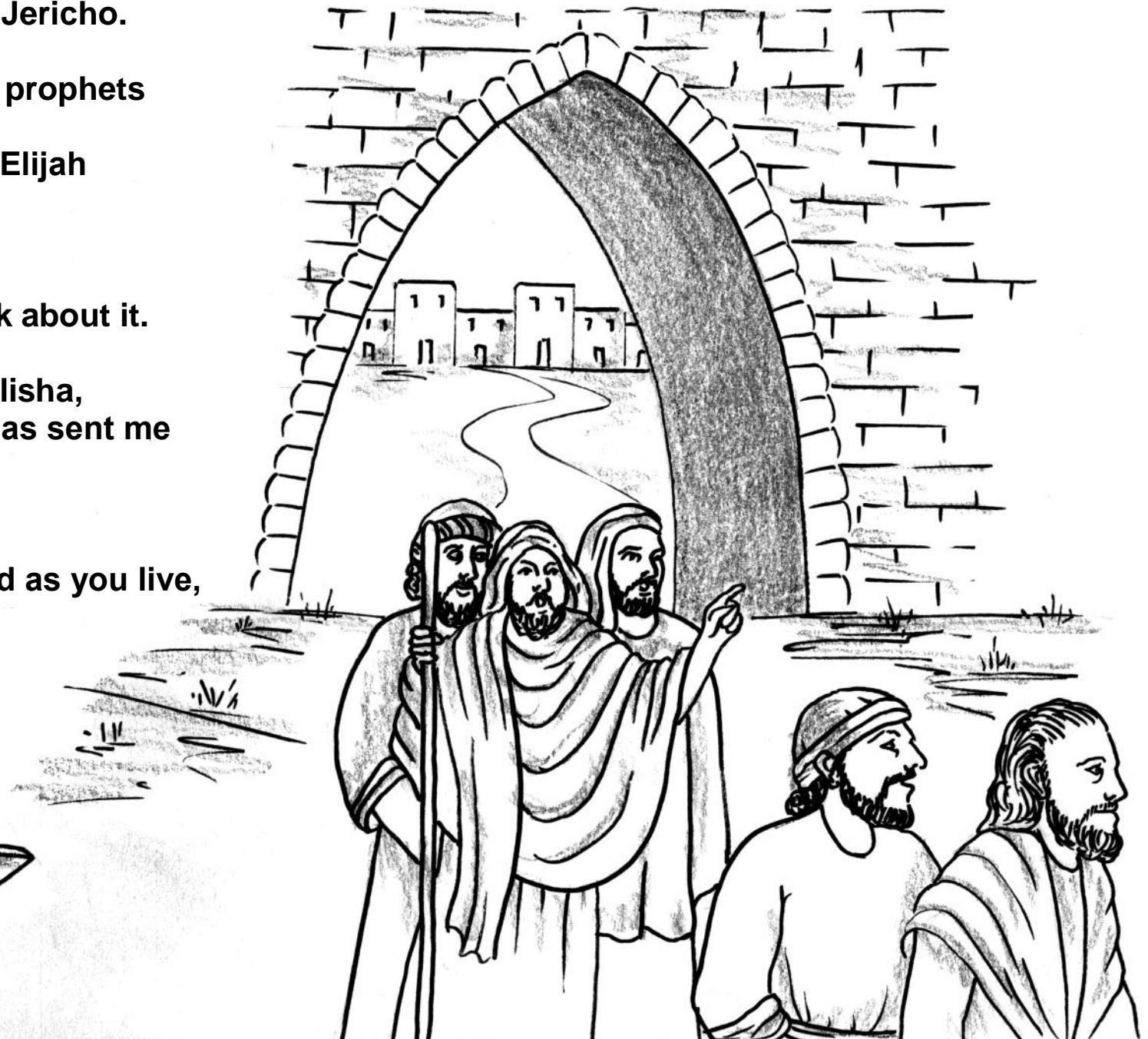
So they walked on to Jericho.

**They met some other prophets
who said to Elisha,
'God is going to take Elijah
to heaven today.'**

**Elisha knew but
he did not want to talk about it.**

**Again Elijah said to Elisha,
'Stay here, the Lord has sent me
to the River Jordan.'**

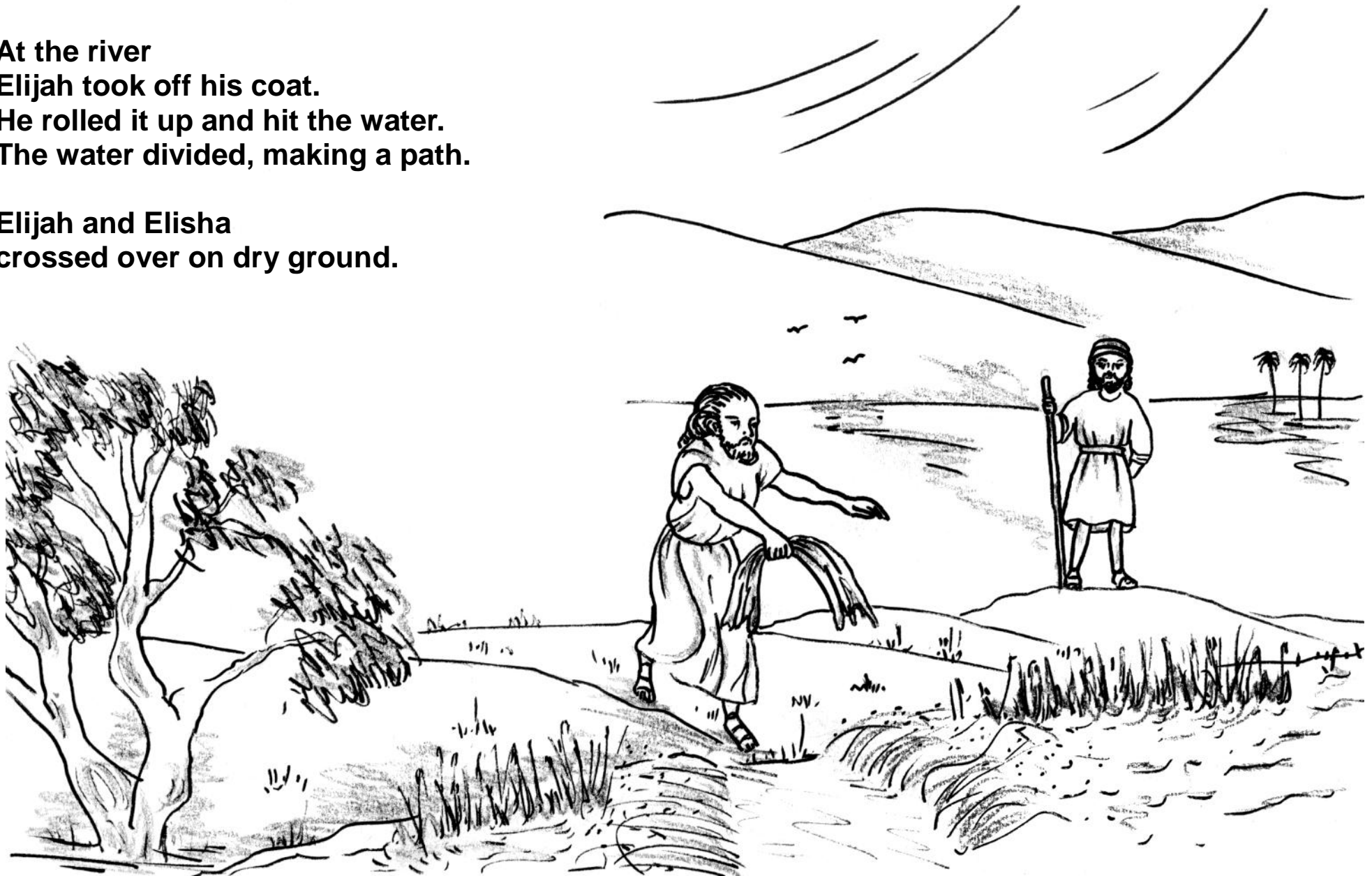
**Elisha said,
'As the Lord lives, and as you live,
I will not leave you.'**



**So they walked to the river Jordan
and the prophets watched them.**

**At the river
Elijah took off his coat.
He rolled it up and hit the water.
The water divided, making a path.**

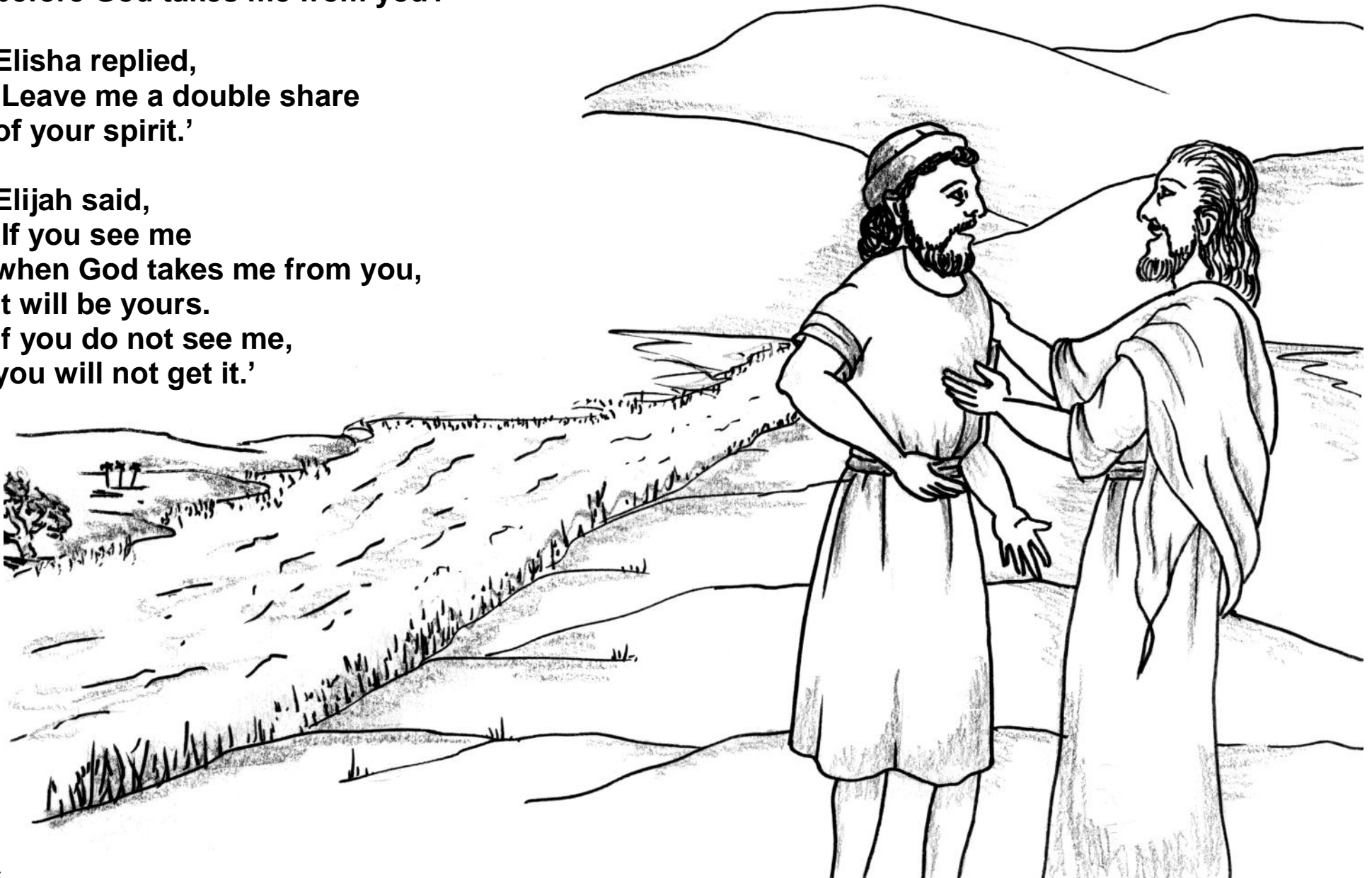
**Elijah and Elisha
crossed over on dry ground.**



**Elijah turned to Elisha and asked,
'What can I do for you
before God takes me from you?'**

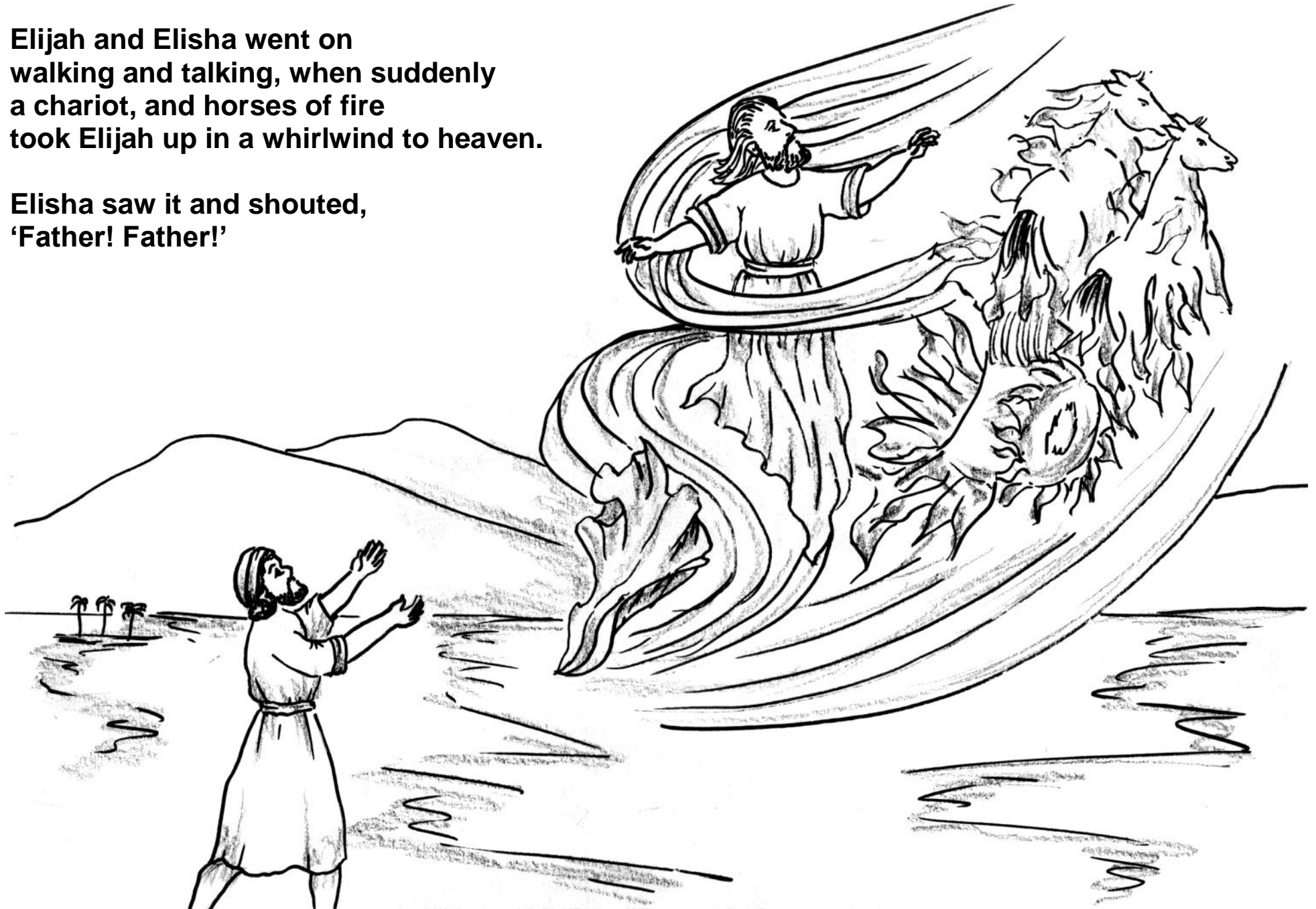
**Elisha replied,
'Leave me a double share
of your spirit.'**

**Elijah said,
'If you see me
when God takes me from you,
it will be yours.
If you do not see me,
you will not get it.'**



Elijah and Elisha went on walking and talking, when suddenly a chariot, and horses of fire took Elijah up in a whirlwind to heaven.

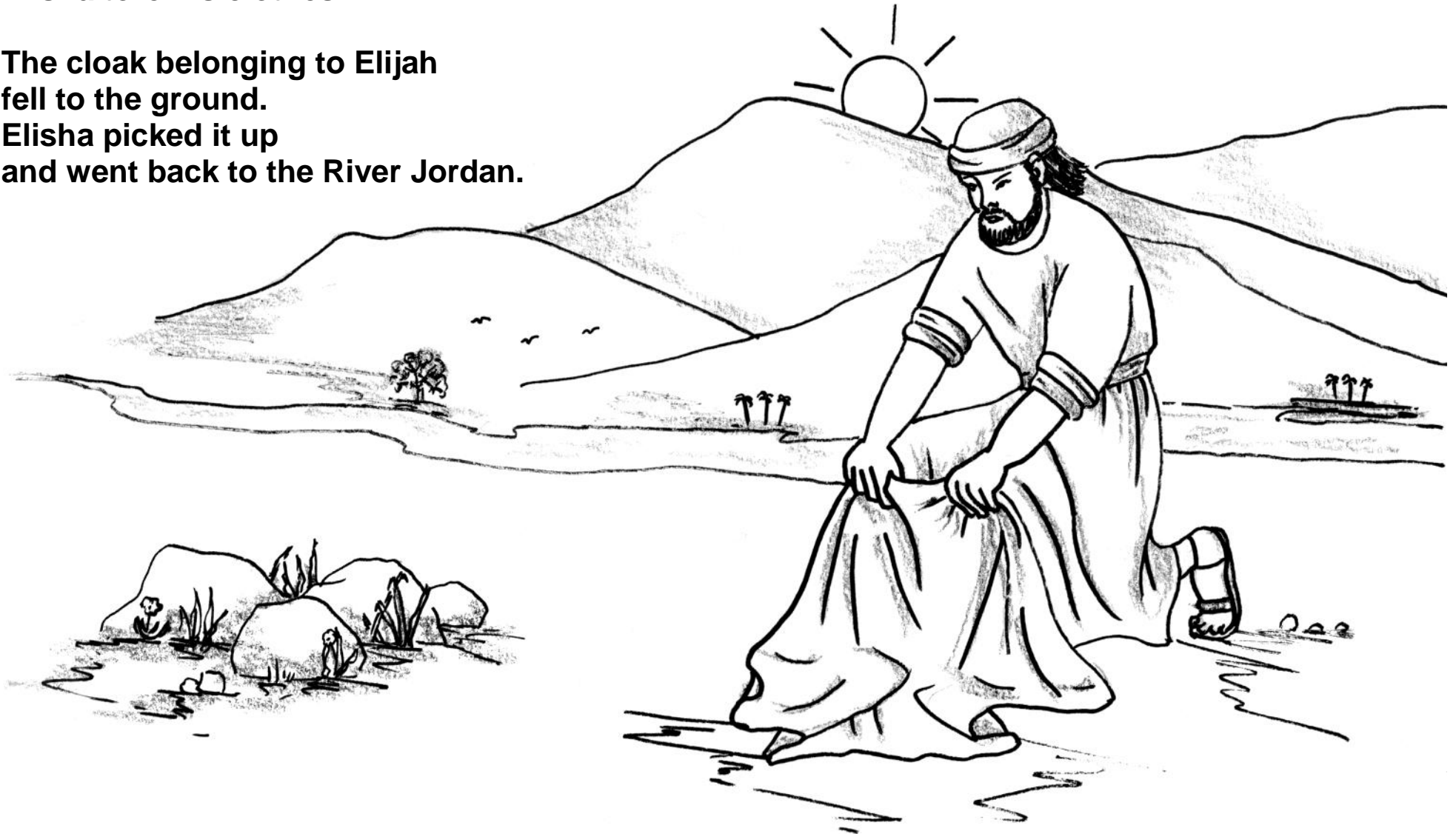
Elisha saw it and shouted, 'Father! Father!'



**Elijah was gone.
He had been taken to heaven.**

Elisha tore his clothes.

**The cloak belonging to Elijah
fell to the ground.
Elisha picked it up
and went back to the River Jordan.**



**He copied what Elijah had done
and hit the water with the cloak.
The river stopped running
and Elisha walked over on dry ground.**

**The fifty prophets
on the other side of the river
saw what happened to the river
and said,
'The spirit of Elijah has come on Elisha.'**

**Like Elijah, Elisha would go
and tell God's people -
'Listen to God and live.'**

