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"Speak to all the congrégatiön öf the söns öf Israël and say to thém,
þou shall bē höly, för I the LÖRD yöur Göd am höly."

- Lévitícus 19:2 -



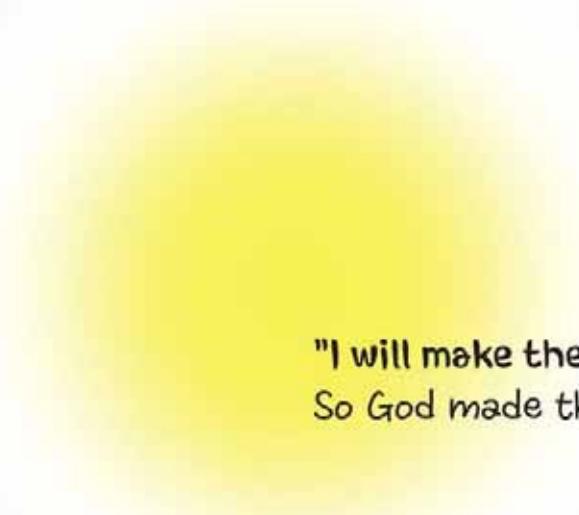
The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land,
and the waters were like a wall to them
on their right hand and on their left.

- Exodus 14:22 -

1. CREATION : God Made Many Things

Genesis 1-2

In the beginning there was nothing.
There was no sun.
There was no moon.
There were no stars.



"I will make the world," God said.
So God made the world.

"I will make a sun," God said.

God made the sun.

The sun helps you see things in the day time.



"I will make a moon," God said.

God made the moon.

The moon helps you see things at night.



"I will make stars," God said.
What do you think He did then?
God made stars.
Do you like stars?

God made a man and a woman. God made you and me.
God made many more things, too. He made them for you and me.



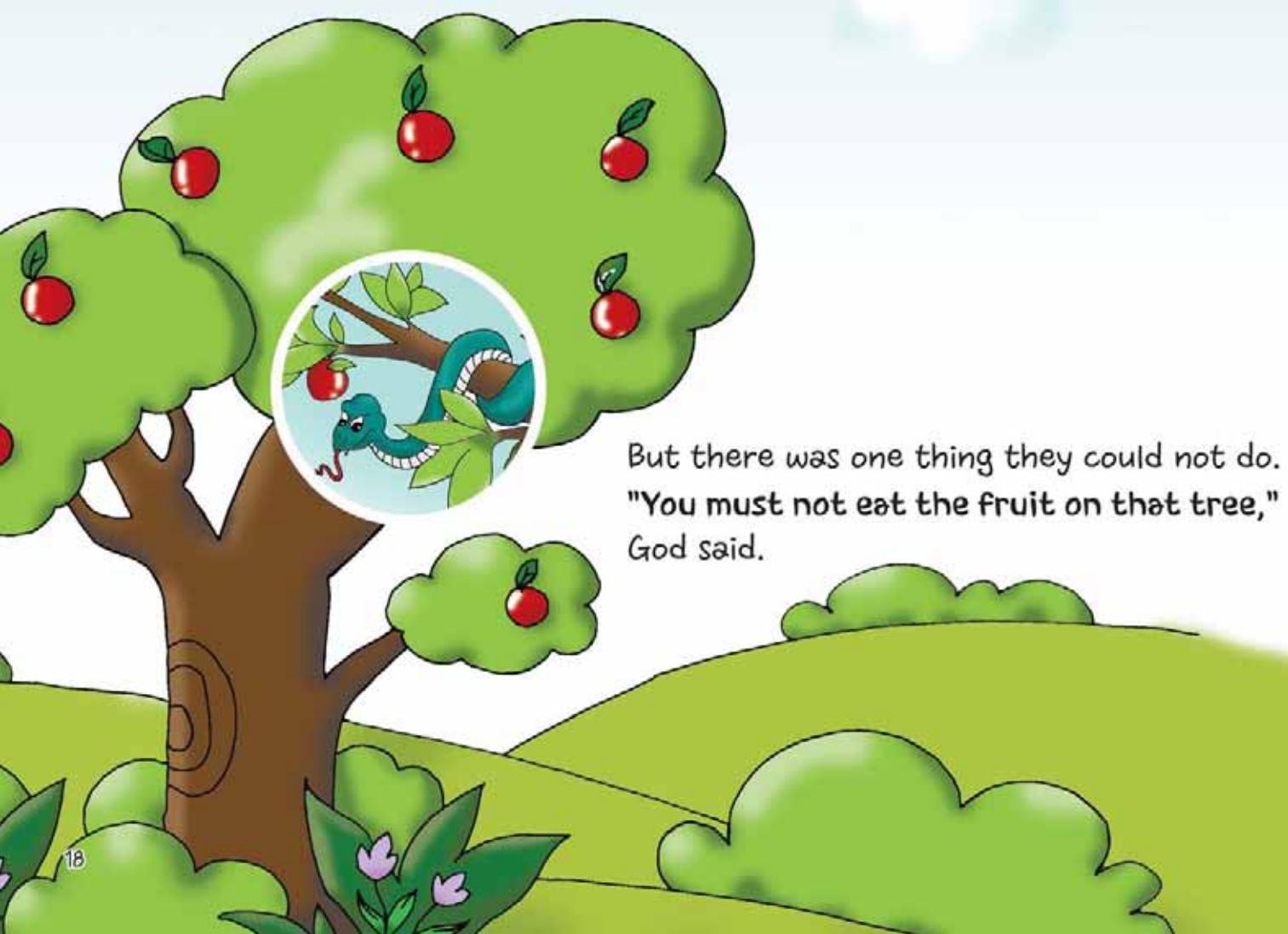
Are you happy that God made everything?
Thank you God for everything.

2. TEMPTATION OF ADAM AND EVE: Something Bad, Something Sad

Genesis 2-3



Adam was Eve's husband. Eve was Adam's wife. They had a good home.
They had good food. They could go anywhere they wanted to go.
They could do anything they wanted to do.
They had many good things, and they were happy.



But there was one thing they could not do.
"You must not eat the fruit on that tree,"
God said.

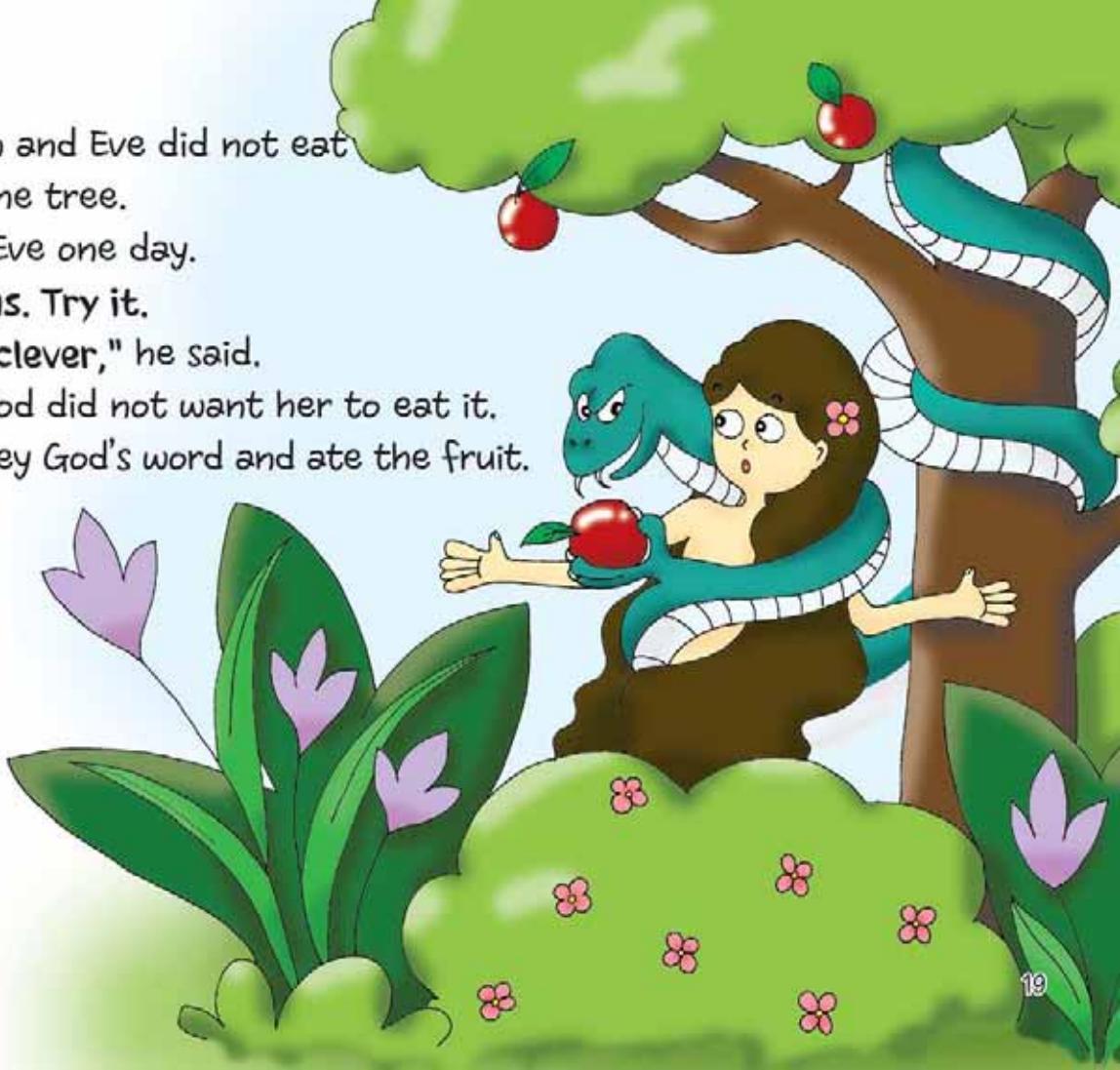
For a time, Adam and Eve did not eat
the fruit from the tree.

Satan talked to Eve one day.

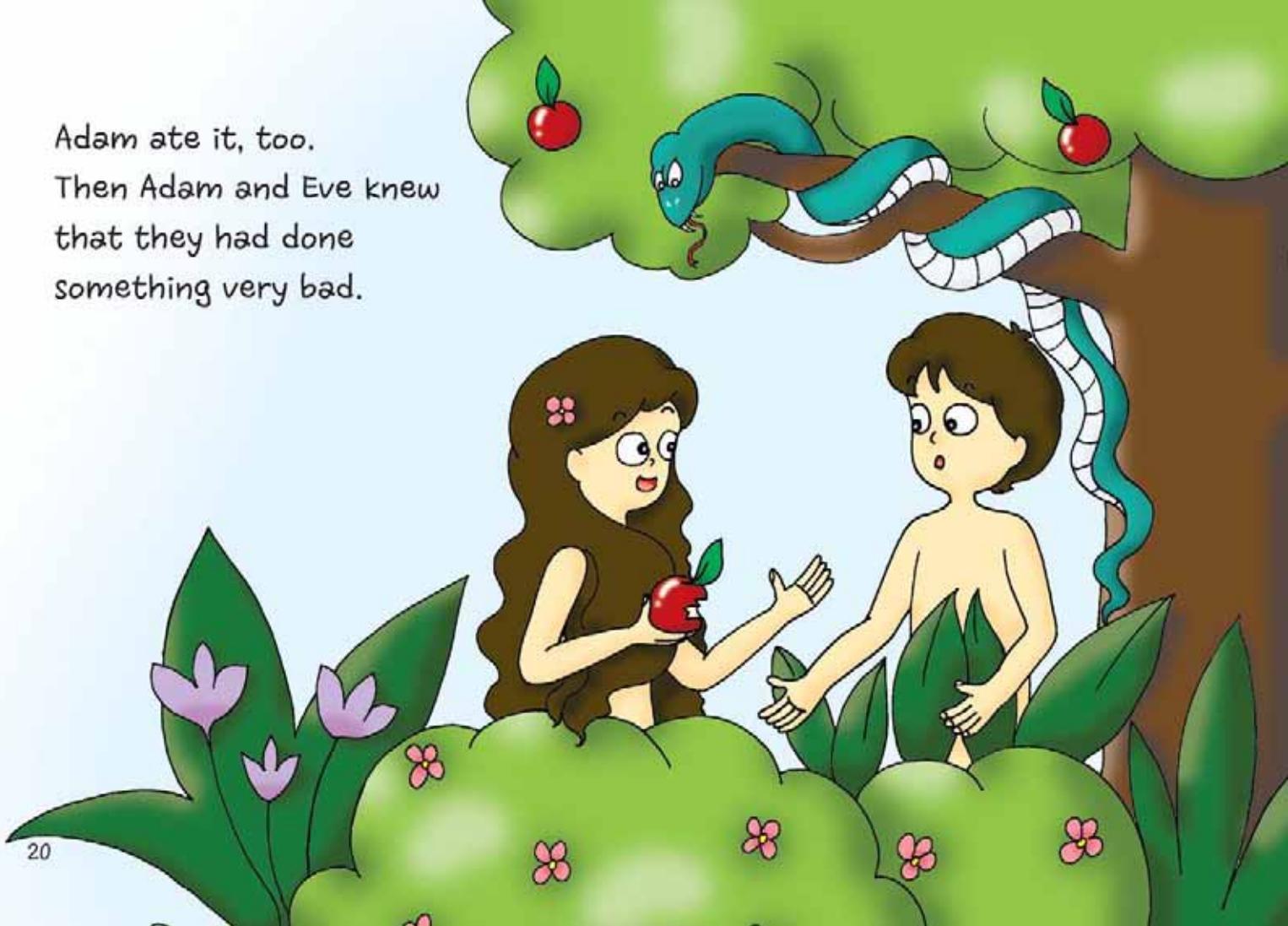
"It looks delicious. Try it.

It will make you clever," he said.

Eve knew that God did not want her to eat it.
But she didn't obey God's word and ate the fruit.



Adam ate it, too.
Then Adam and Eve knew
that they had done
something very bad.





They were very sad.
God made them go away
from their home.
He took away their good food.

It began to hurt them.
"We didn't obey God's
word," they said.
It is good for us
to listen to God, too!

3. THE FLOOD AND THE ARK : Noah Made a Big Boat

Genesis 6-7

"Make a big boat," God said.
"Yes," said Noah. "I will."
Noah loved God.
Noah obeyed God.
He wanted to do what God said.





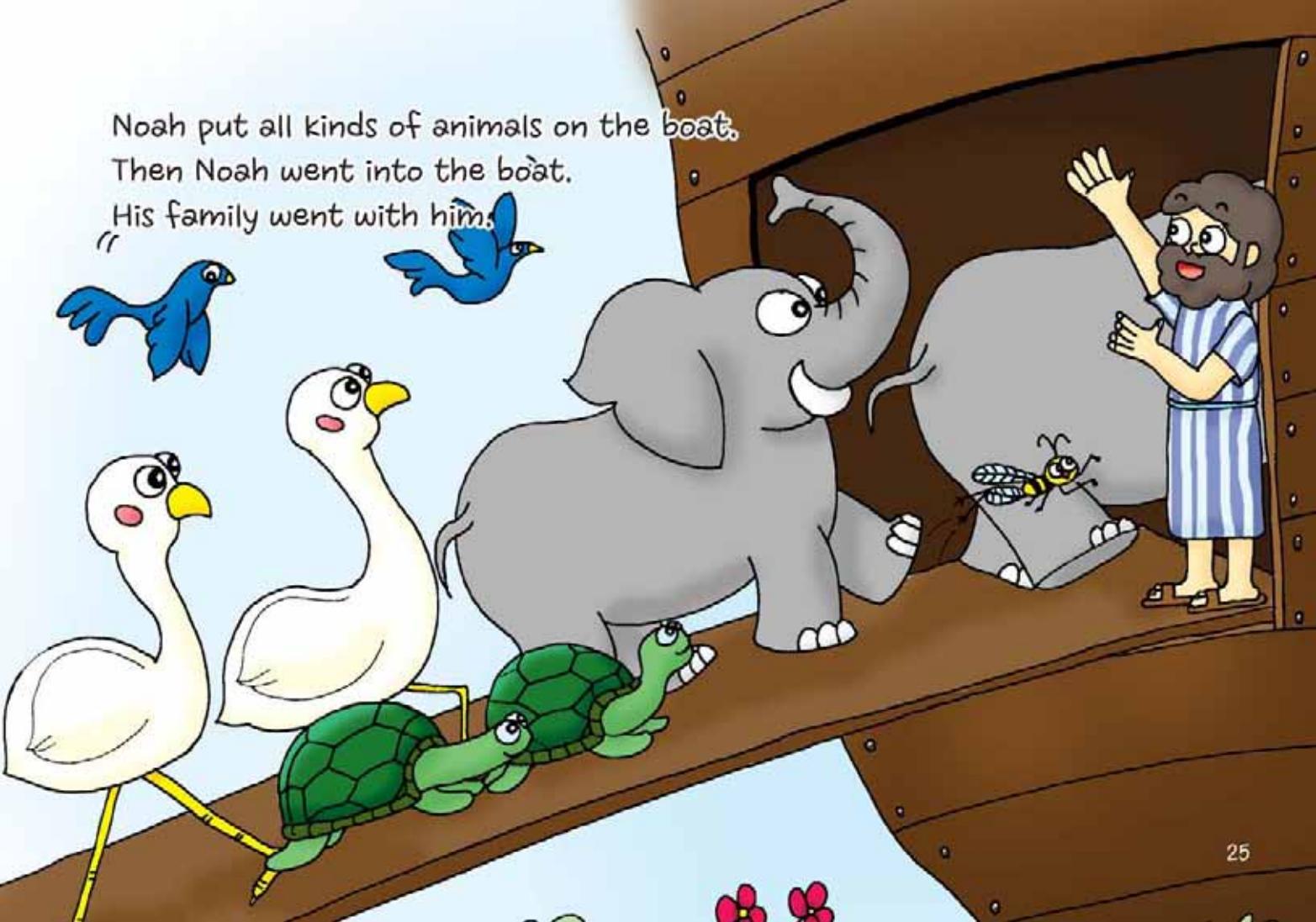
God told Noah
how to make the boat.
Noah made it as God said.
It took a long, long time.

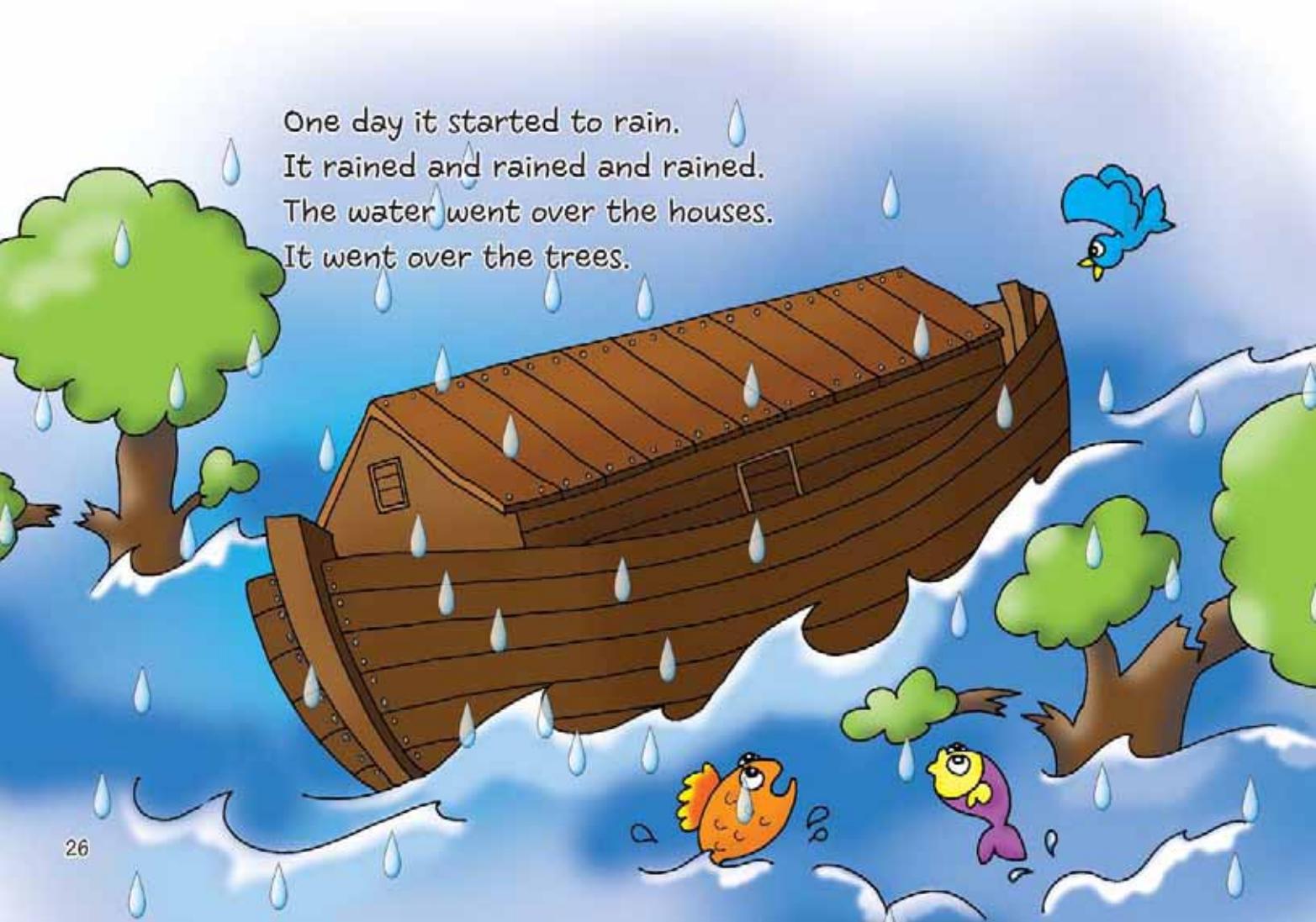


Noah put all kinds of animals on the boat.

Then Noah went into the boat.

His family went with him:





One day it started to rain.
It rained and rained and rained.
The water went over the houses.
It went over the trees.

The water went higher and higher and higher.

Soon there were no more people.

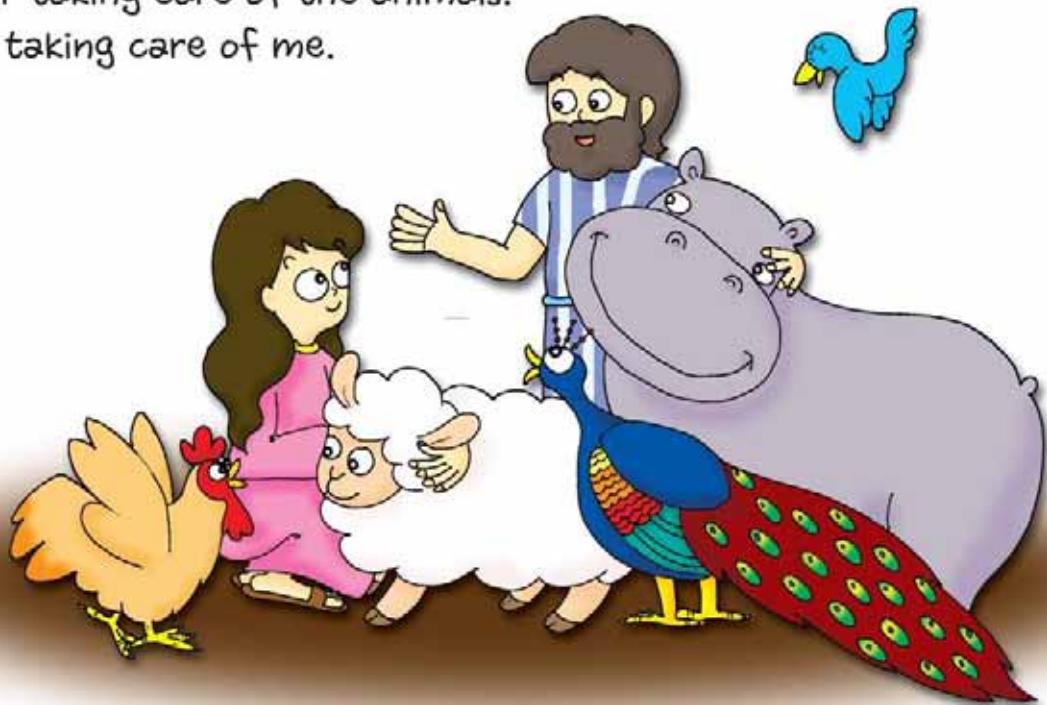
But Noah and his family were safe in the boat.

Noah obeyed God.

So God took care of Noah.

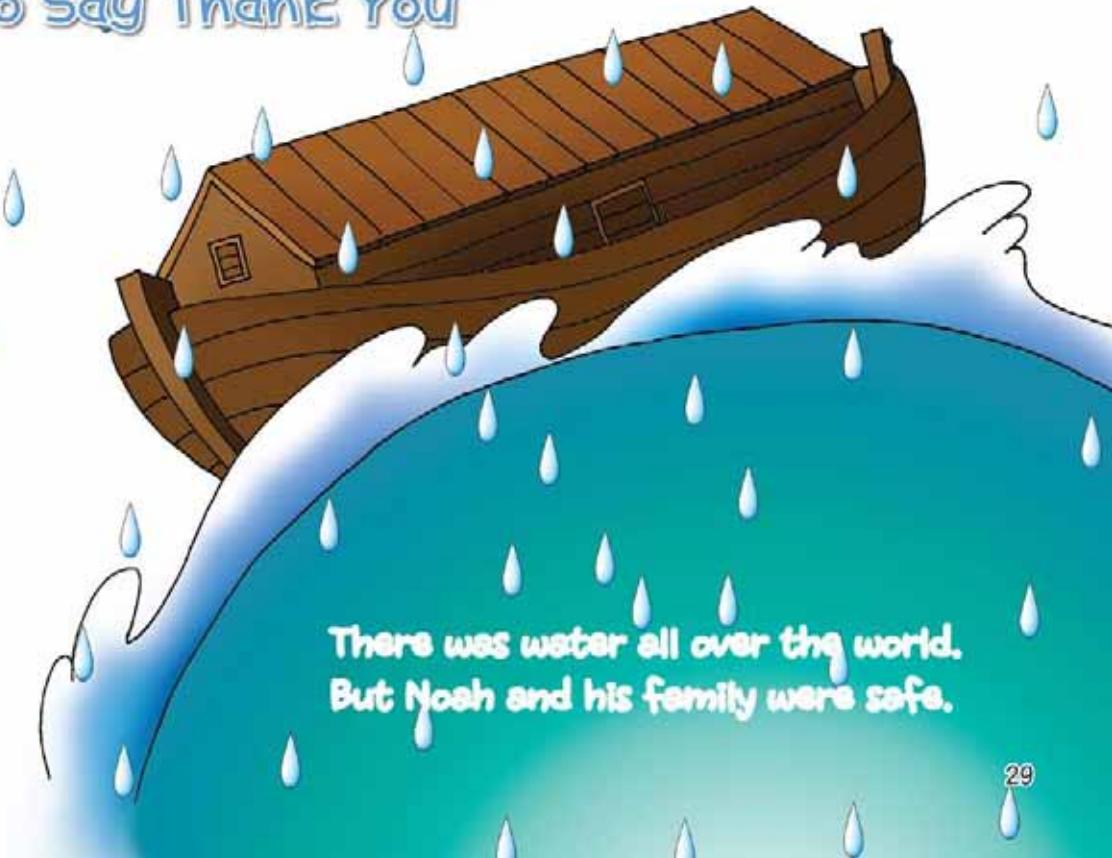


"Thank you, God," Noah said one day.
Noah thanked God for taking care of him.
He thanked God for taking care of his family.
He thanked God for taking care of the animals.
Thank you God for taking care of me.

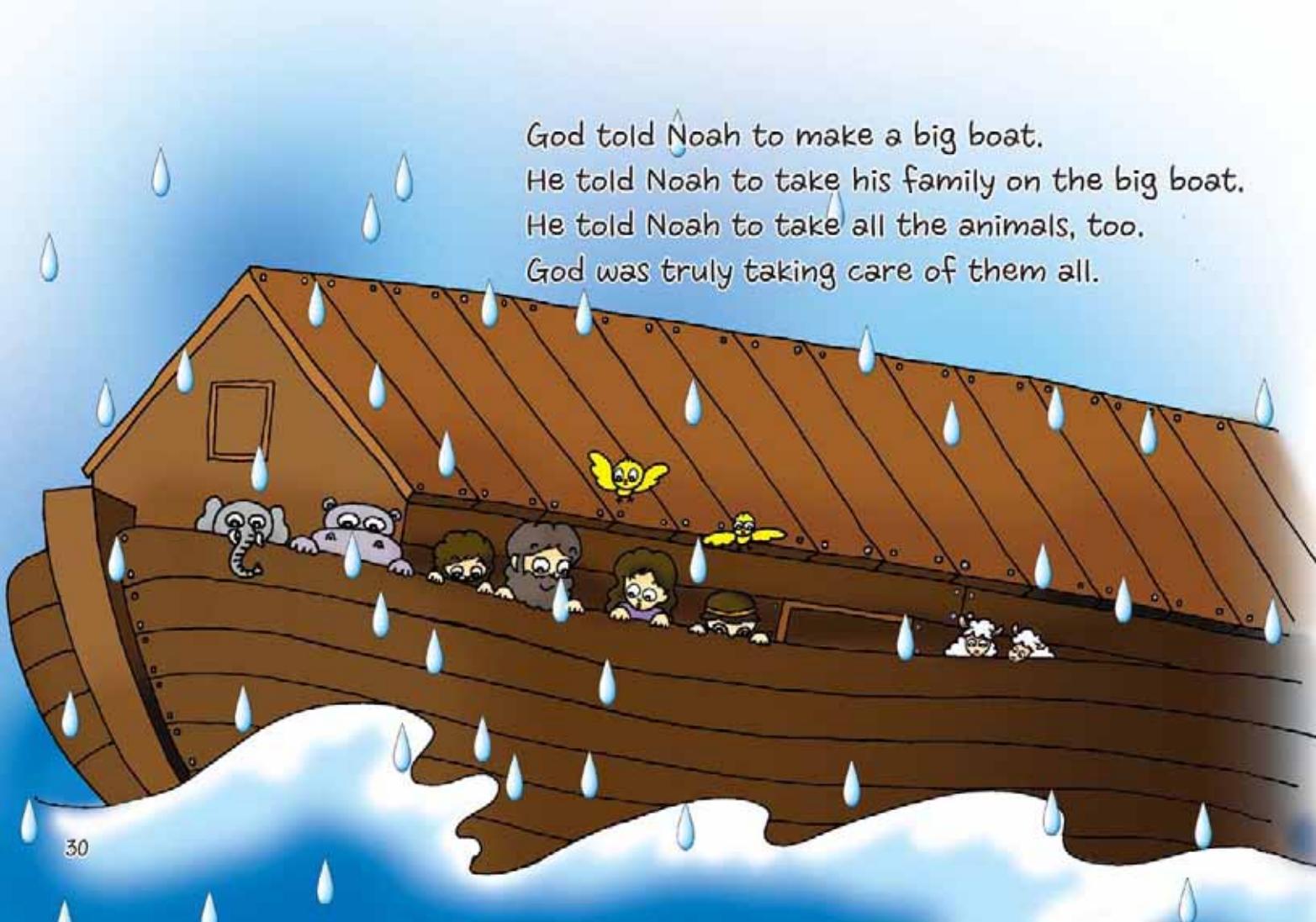


4. NOAH WORSHIPS GOD : A Time to Say Thank You

Genesis 8



There was water all over the world.
But Noah and his family were safe.



God told Noah to make a big boat.

He told Noah to take his family on the big boat.

He told Noah to take all the animals, too.

God was truly taking care of them all.



They were in the boat for many days.
One day Noah looked out.
The water was all gone.
God had taken it away.

"We must thank God for helping us," said Noah.

Noah and his family thanked God.

God was pleased with them.





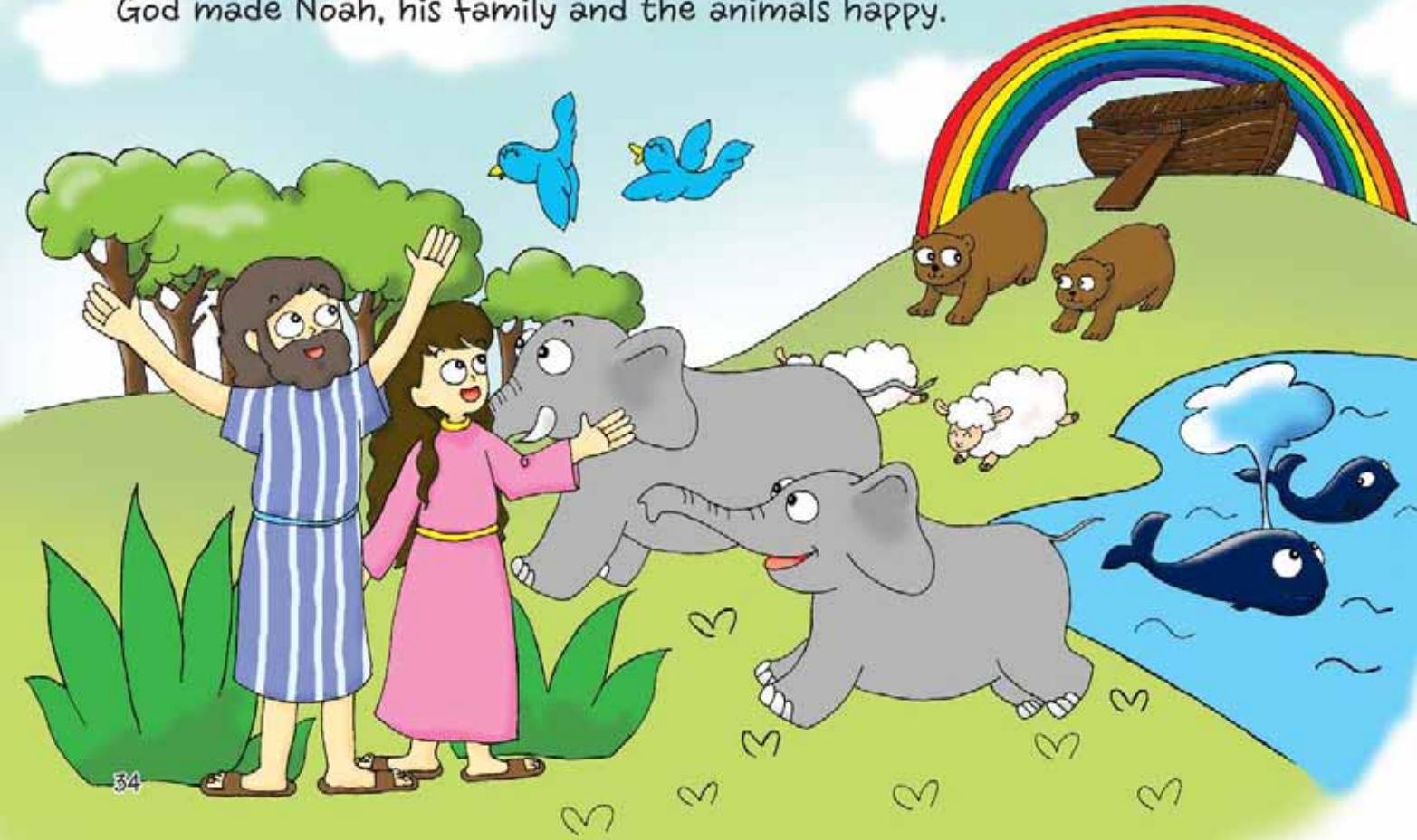
God showed them a rainbow.

"You will see the rainbow many times," said God.

"It is a promise that I will not destroy the world with water."

Noah was happy with God's promise.

God made Noah, his family and the animals happy.



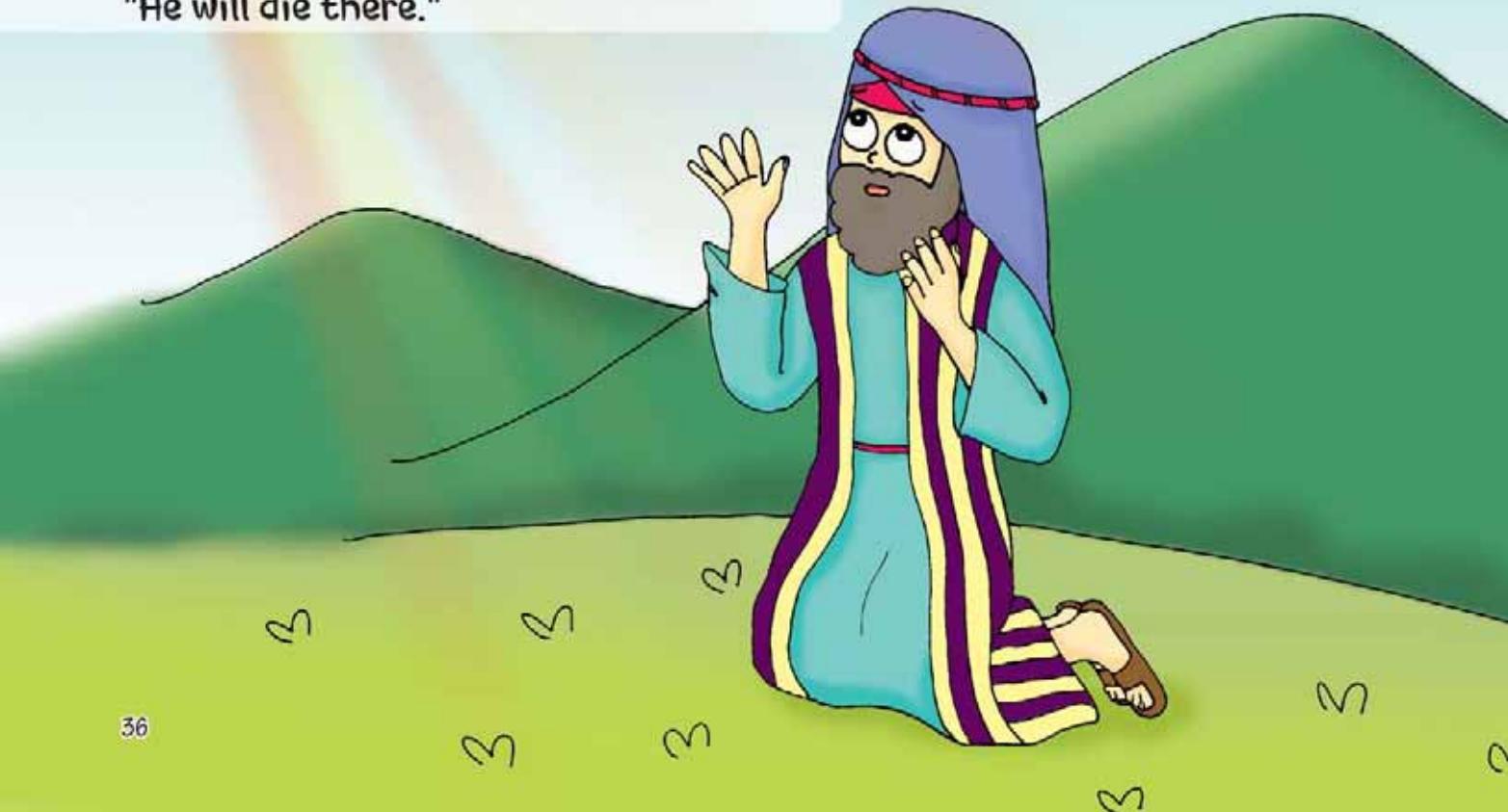
5. ABRAHAM SACRIFICES ISAAC: Abraham Obeyed God

Genesis 22



Abraham worshiped God.
He prayed to God.
He wanted to please God.
Abraham was God's friend.

One day God told Abraham.
"Put your son Isaac on an altar," God said.
"He will die there."



Abraham was very sad.
He did not want his son to die.
But God said he must do this.
What should Abraham do?



Abraham knew what he must do.
He must obey God.
So Abraham put Isaac on an altar.



But God did not let Isaac die.

"Stop!" God said.

"I do not want Isaac to die now.

I now know that you really obey and trust Me."





Abraham was very happy.
He went home with Isaac.
Are you happy that Abraham
obeyed God?

6. JACOB'S DREAM : Jacob Saw a Ladder

Genesis 27-28

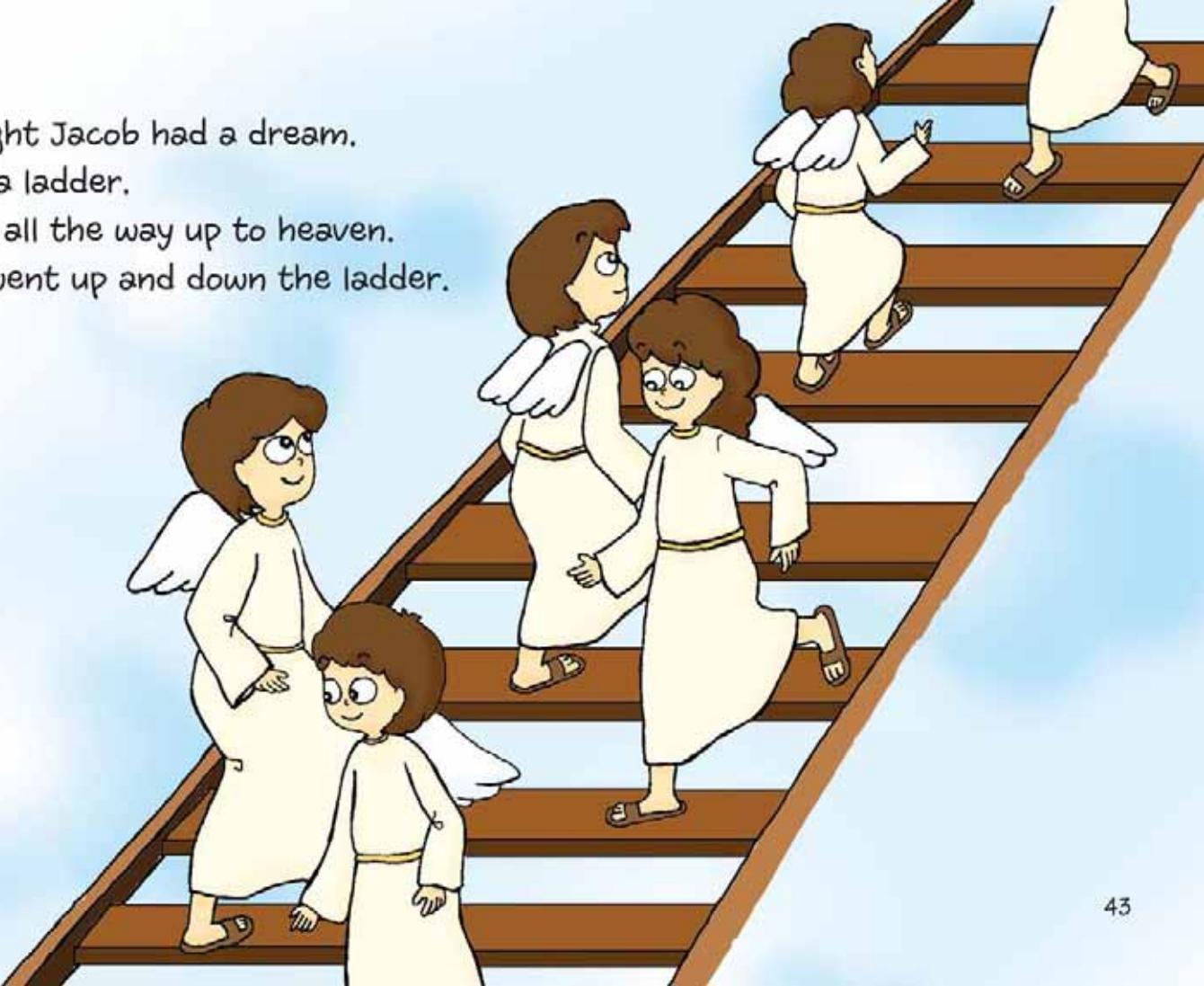
Jacob was very sad.
He had to run away from home.
He had to go far away.



An illustration of a young boy with brown hair sleeping peacefully on a large grey rock. He is wearing a green long-sleeved shirt. A small, colorful fly with blue wings and a yellow and black striped body is flying above him to the right. The background features a large tree on the left and dark, cloudy hills in the distance.

Jacob walked all day.
He walked far from home.
Then he stopped.
It was time to sleep.

That night Jacob had a dream.
He saw a ladder.
It went all the way up to heaven.
Angels went up and down the ladder.



Then God talked to Jacob.

"I will go with you," God said.

"I will help you."





Jacob stopped dreaming.
He sat up.
"God was here," he said.
"And God will go with me."

Jacob was happy.

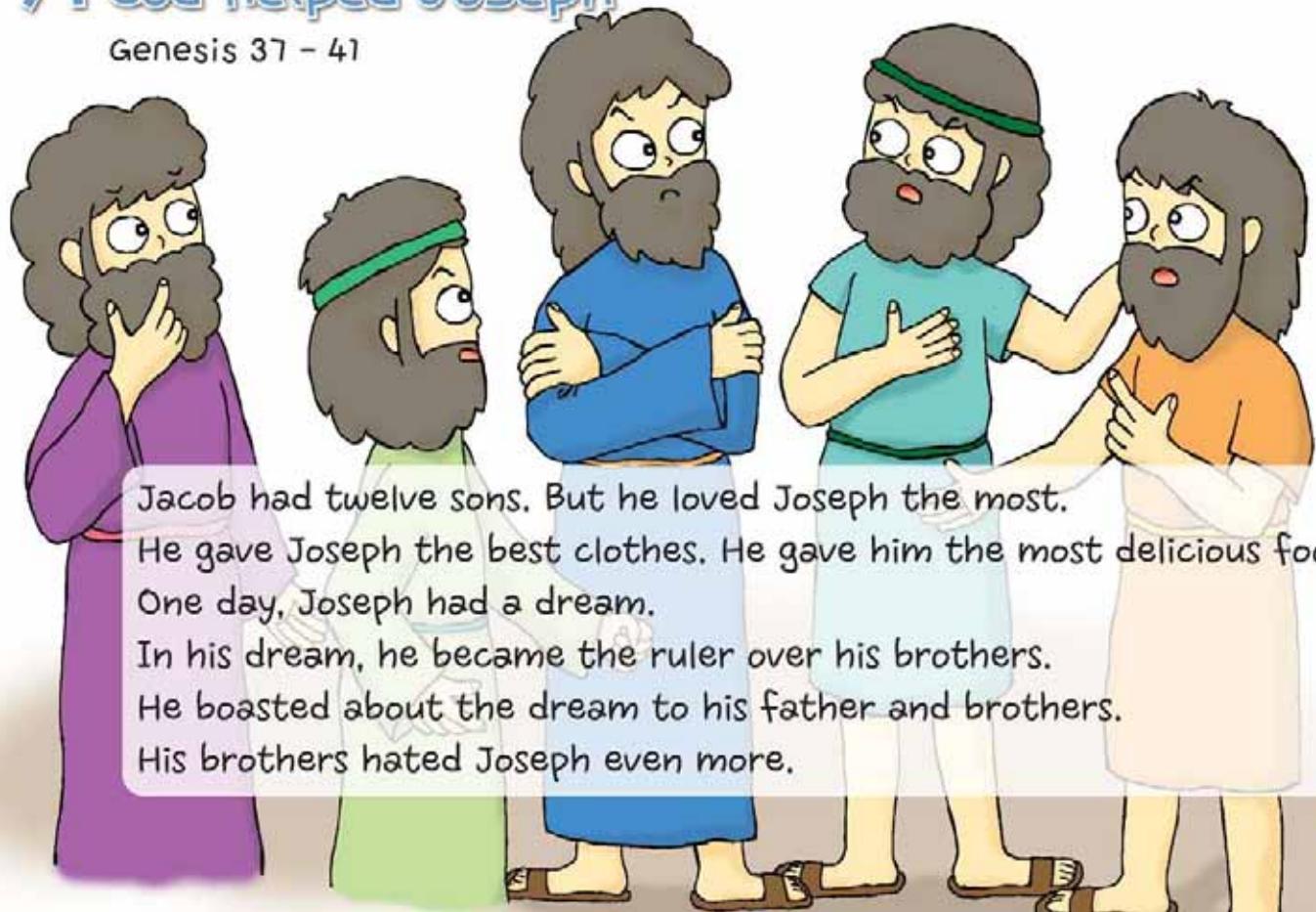
He wanted God to go with him.

He wanted God to help him.



7. God Helped Joseph

Genesis 37 - 41



Jacob had twelve sons. But he loved Joseph the most.
He gave Joseph the best clothes. He gave him the most delicious food.
One day, Joseph had a dream.
In his dream, he became the ruler over his brothers.
He boasted about the dream to his father and brothers.
His brothers hated Joseph even more.

One day, a brother said, "Let's kill Joseph!"

Another brother said, "Don't kill him. Let's sell him as a slave."

The brothers sold Joseph to Median merchants.

Joseph became a slave in Egypt.



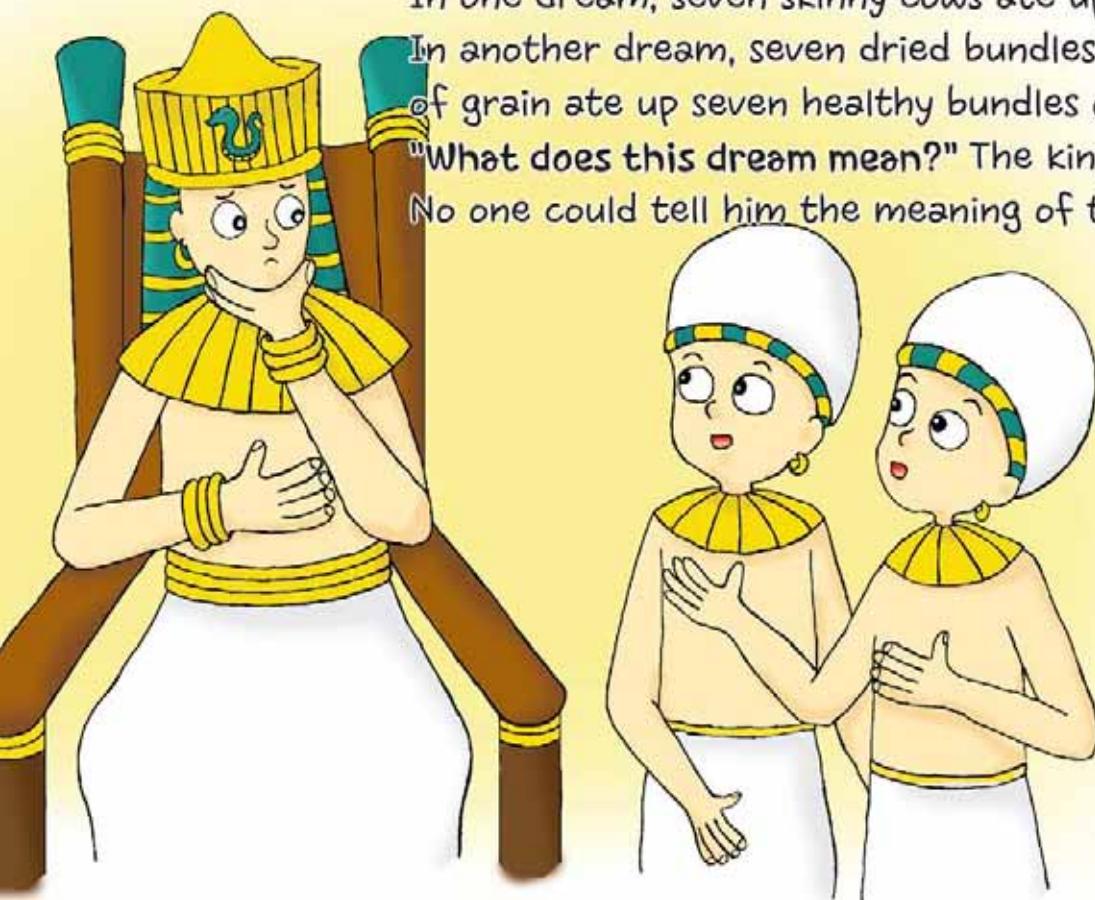
Joseph came to the house of Potiphar, a general of Egypt.
He worked very hard. Joseph was a helpless slave, but God helped him.
God blessed the house of Potiphar because of Joseph.
One day, something bad happened.
Potiphar's wife lied to his husband.
She said, "**Joseph is a bad slave.**"
Potiphar put Joseph in a prison.



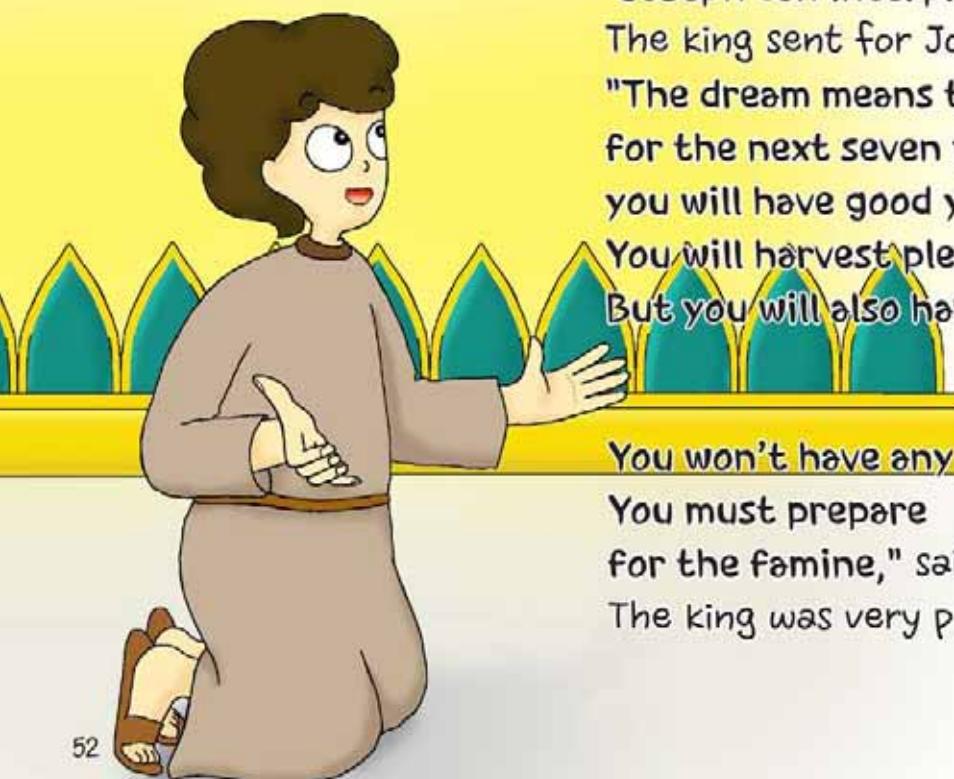


God was with Joseph in the prison.
Joseph took care of the prisoners.
One day, Joseph interpreted the dreams of two prisoners.
They were helpers of the king.
A few days later, their dreams came true.





One night, the Egyptian king had two strange dreams.
In one dream, seven skinny cows ate up seven healthy cows.
In another dream, seven dried bundles
of grain ate up seven healthy bundles of grain.
"What does this dream mean?" The king asked many people.
No one could tell him the meaning of the dream.



Then the king's helper remembered Joseph.
He was in jail with Joseph.

"Joseph can interpret the dream."

The king sent for Joseph.

"The dream means that
for the next seven years,
you will have good years.

You will harvest plenty of crops.

But you will also have seven bad years.

You won't have any crops.

You must prepare
for the famine," said Joseph.

The king was very pleased.

The king was amazed
and happy with Joseph's wisdom.
The king said,
"You are very wise.
I want you to rule my people."
The king made Joseph
a ruler over Egypt.
"God took care of me,"
said Joseph.
God was with Joseph.



8. Joseph Forgave His Brothers

Genesis 42~45

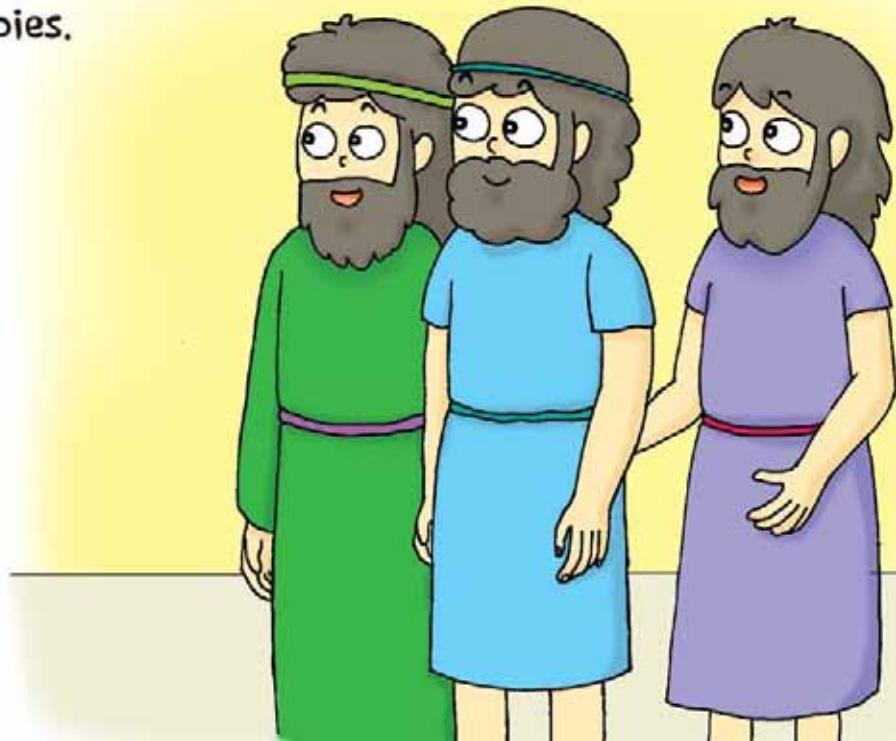
Joseph's brothers
were not good to him.
They did bad things to him.
Because of them,
Joseph had hard times in Egypt.
But, God was with Joseph.
God helped him.
God gave Joseph wisdom.
God made him a ruler of Egypt.
Joseph forgave his brothers.

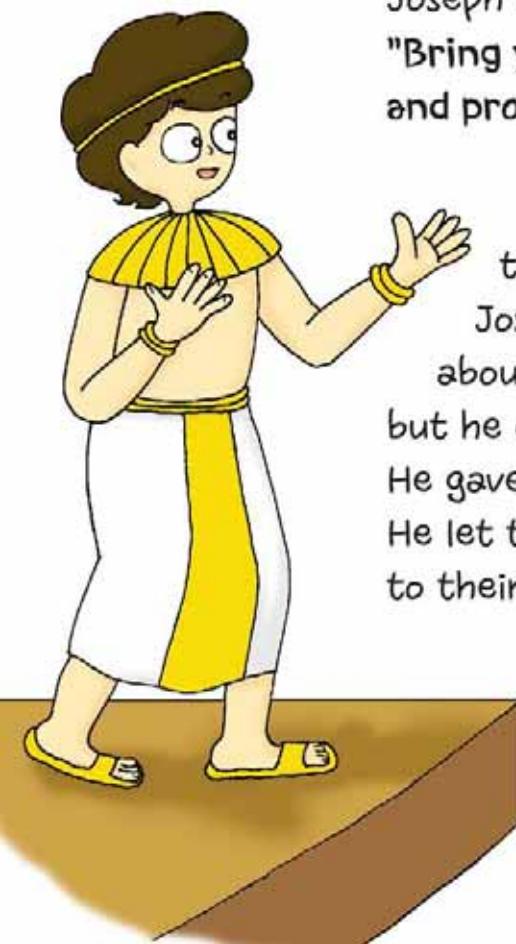


As Joseph said, they had seven good years.
With God's help, Joseph saved up crops.
After that, seven bad years followed.
But, they had plenty of food in Egypt.



The brothers met the governor in the palace.
They didn't know that the Egyptian governor was Joseph.
Joseph's brothers wanted to buy some food.
Joseph knew they were his brothers.
Joseph said, "You are the spies.
You want to know
how much food we have."
The brothers
were shocked.
They said in fear,
"No, we are here
to buy food."





Joseph wanted to know if they still hated one another.
**"Bring your youngest brother next time
and prove that you are not spies."**

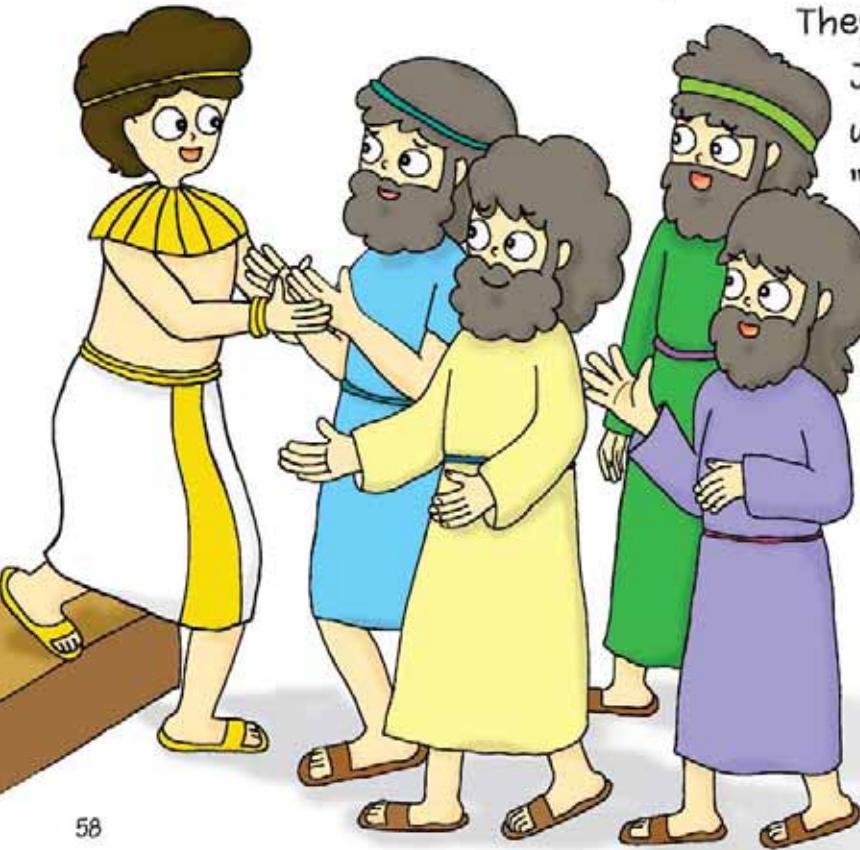
Joseph saw that they cared for Benjamin.

He saw them help one another
to keep Benjamin safe.

Joseph wanted to ask them
about his father and Benjamin,
but he decided not to ask.

He gave them enough food.
He let them go
to their hometown.



A colorful illustration showing five men in traditional Egyptian-style clothing. On the far left is a woman in a yellow and white striped dress. Next to her are four men, each with a beard and wearing a headband; they are dressed in blue, yellow, green, and purple robes respectively. They appear to be in a group hug or a close conversation.

Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food again.

They didn't recognize Joseph.

Joseph couldn't help crying
when he saw his brothers again.

"Brothers, I am Joseph!"

The brothers were scared.
They thought that they'd be killed.
But Joseph said,
"It's all right, brothers.
God sent me to Egypt before you.
Let's live here in Egypt."
Joseph forgave his brothers.
They lived happily together.

9. Brave Miriam

Exodus 2



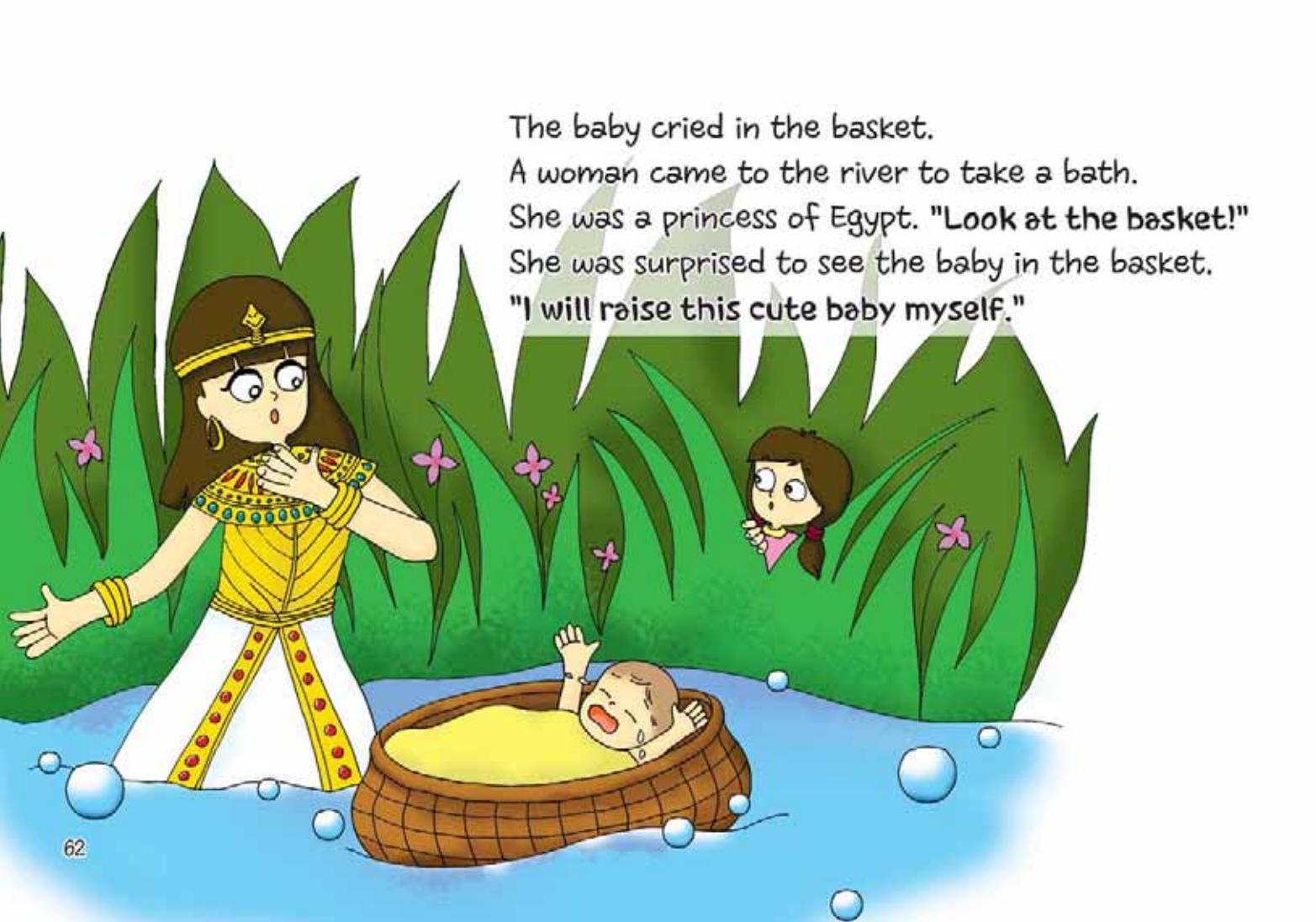
Miriam was an Israeli girl.
Her family lived in Egypt.
The pharaoh of Egypt didn't like
the people of Israel.
The pharaoh ordered
his men to kill all
the Israelite baby boys.
Miriam's mother had
a lovely baby boy.
She hid the baby and raised him.



As the baby grew,
she couldn't hide him any longer.
She laid her son in a basket
and placed him in the river.

"I will be with the baby," said Miriam.
Miriam was a brave girl.
Miriam followed the basket secretly.





The baby cried in the basket.
A woman came to the river to take a bath.
She was a princess of Egypt. "Look at the basket!"
She was surprised to see the baby in the basket.
"I will raise this cute baby myself."



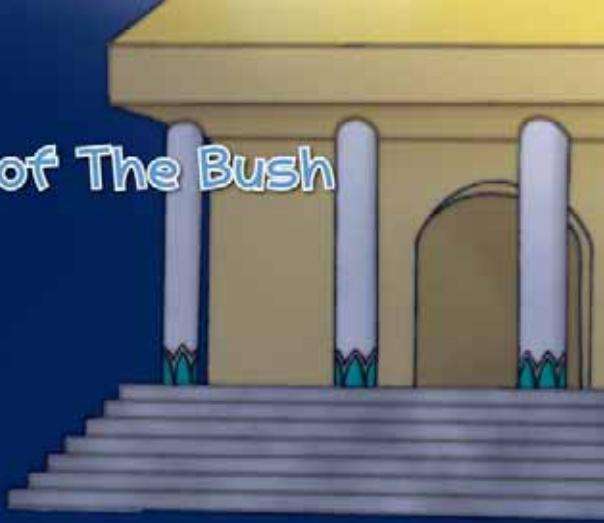
The princess said,
**"I will call this baby Moses
because I took him out of the water."**
Moses means 'a child out of the water.'
"I need a nurse," worried the princess.
Miriam was watching everything.
She ran to the princess and said,
"I know a woman. She can help you."



"My mother can take care of the baby," said Miriam. The princess said yes, and Miriam brought her mother. The princess asked her, "I will pay you for nursing this baby." The mother was very happy to raise her own baby openly. "Thank you. You are such a brave girl, Miriam," said the mother.

10. Moses Saw The Flames of The Bush

Exodus 2-4



Moses became 40 years old.
Moses knew that
he was an Israelite living in Egypt.
One day, he saw an Egyptian hit an Israelite.
He was mad and killed the Egyptian.
The Egyptian pharaoh tried to catch Moses.
Moses ran away.

Time had passed.

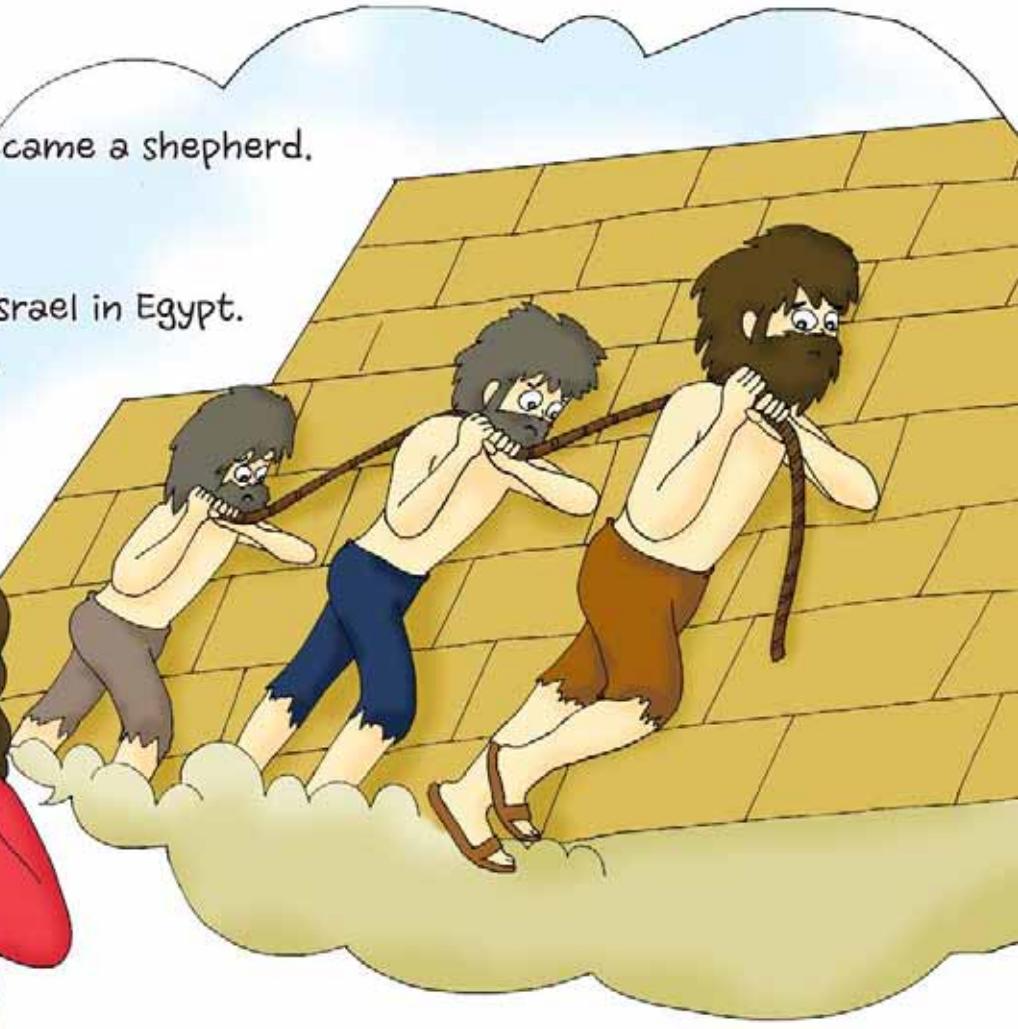
Moses got married and became a shepherd.

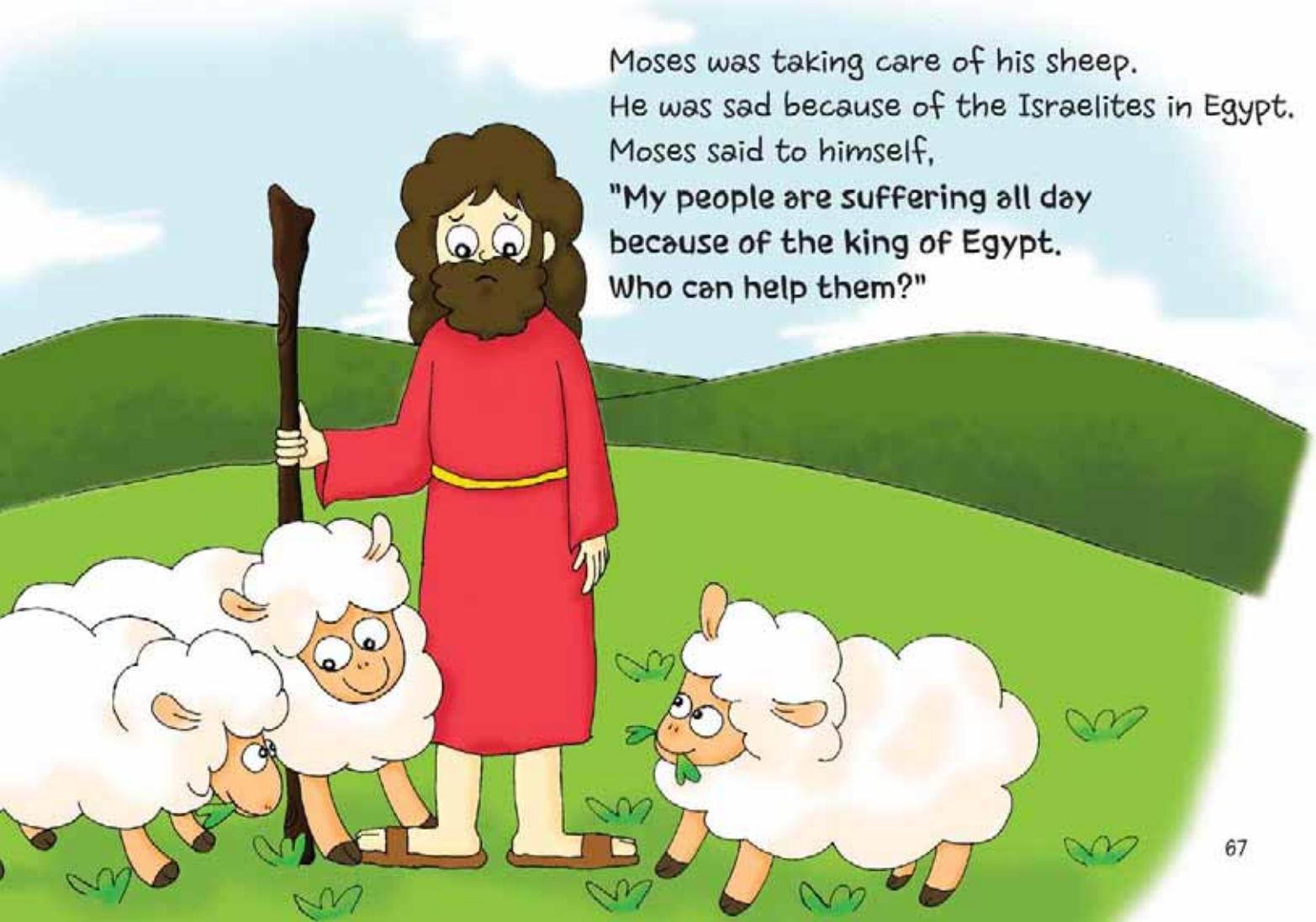
Moses was 80 years old.

Moses was sad.

He missed the people of Israel in Egypt.

They were slaves in Egypt.





Moses was taking care of his sheep.
He was sad because of the Israelites in Egypt.
Moses said to himself,
"My people are suffering all day
because of the king of Egypt.
Who can help them?"

Moses was taking care of his sheep one day.
Something strange happened then. A bush was on fire but it was not burning.
God spoke to Moses from the bush.
**"Go back to Egypt. Bring my people out of Egypt!
You will go into Canaan as I promised
to Abraham long time ago."**



Moses was afraid.
He didn't want to do this job.
He knew the pharaoh would try to kill him.
But God showed miracles
to encourage Moses.
God also let his brother Aaron to go with him.
Aaron spoke well.

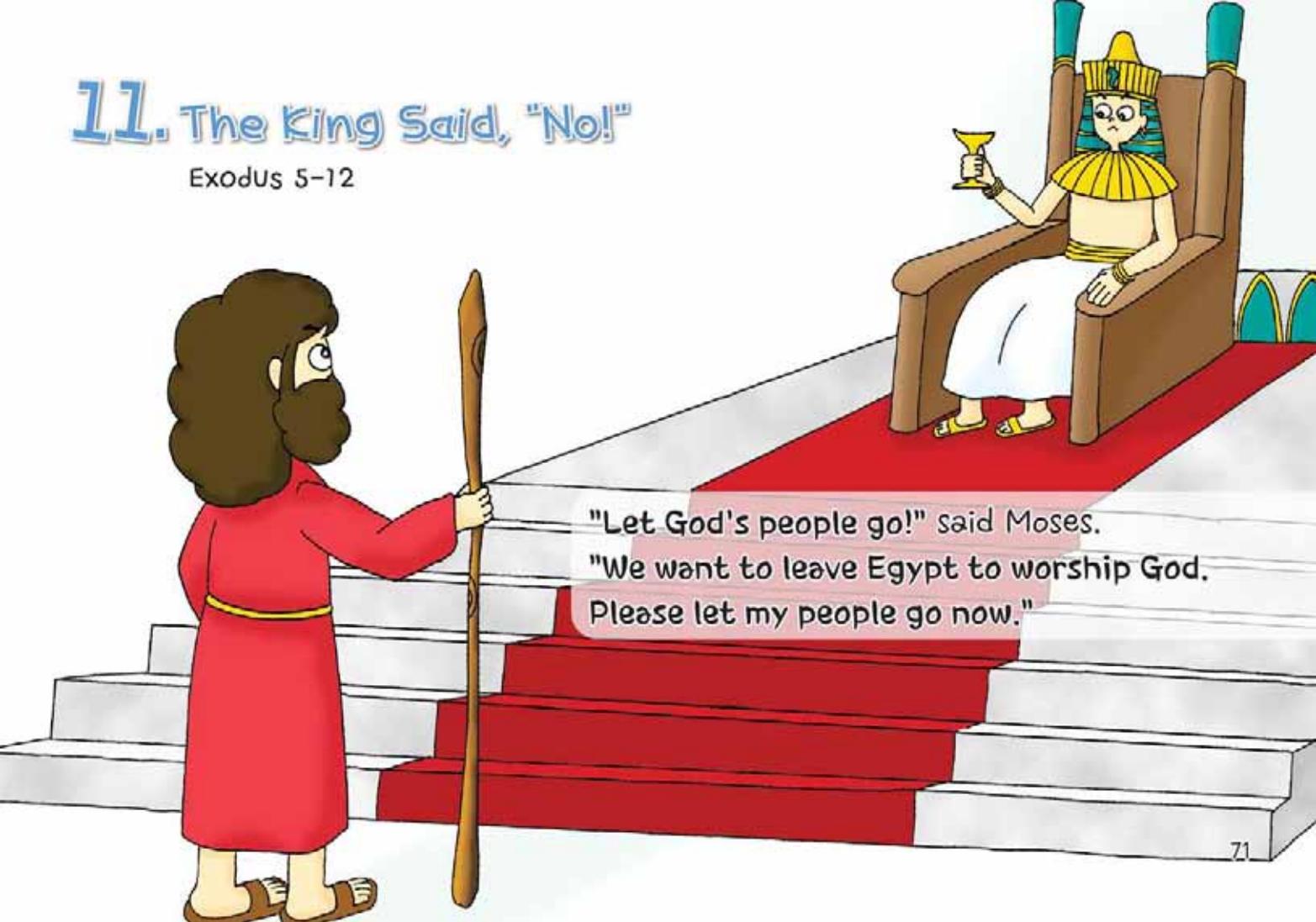




Moses courageously went to Egypt.
Moses was going
to bring God's people out of Egypt.
Moses was going to do as God said.

11. The King Said, "No!"

Exodus 5-12



"Let God's people go!" said Moses.

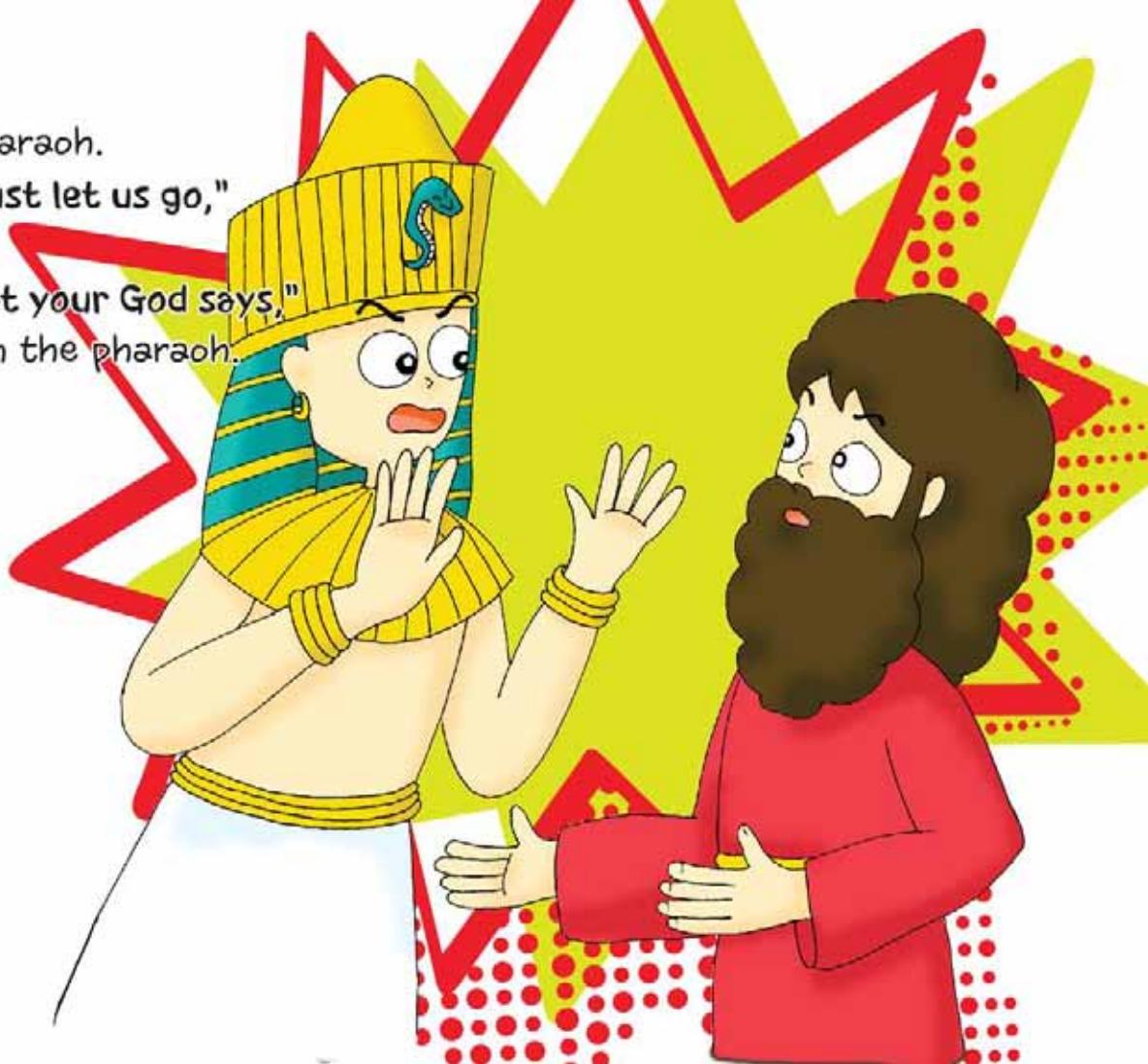
"We want to leave Egypt to worship God.

Please let my people go now."

"No!" said the pharaoh.

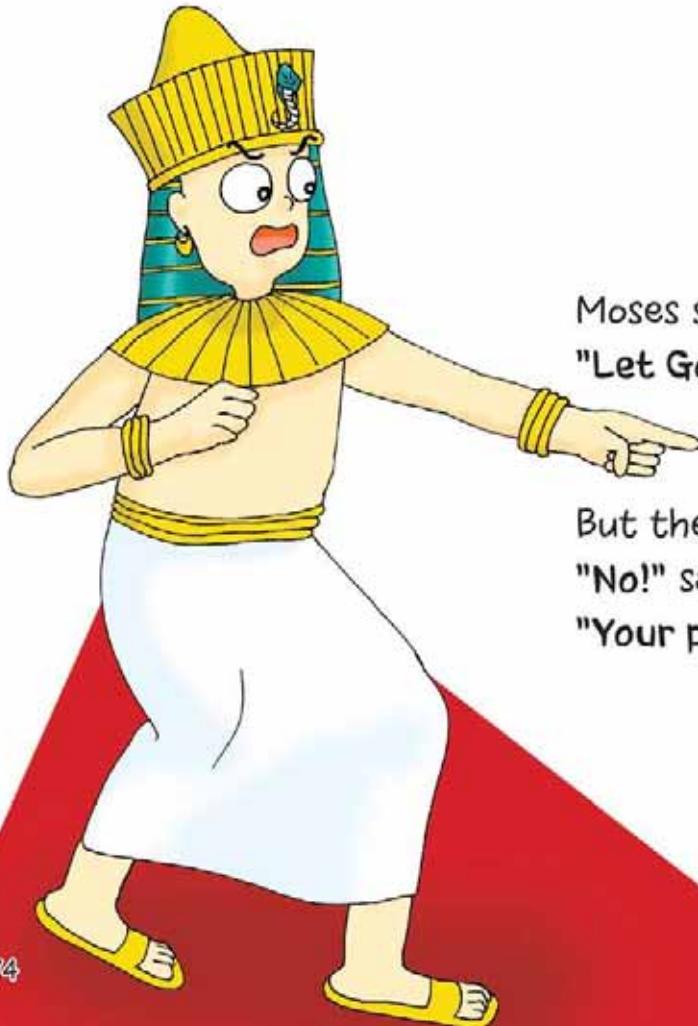
"God said you must let us go,"
said Moses again.

"I don't care what your God says,"
said the stubborn the pharaoh.



Pharaoh made the Israelites work harder.
The people of Israel couldn't have enough time to eat.
God told Moses what to do.
"Pharaoh will be mean to you and the people,
but don't worry.
They will soon know that I am the Lord of Israel."





Moses said,
"Let God's people go!" many times.

But the king didn't listen to God.
"No!" said the king.
"Your people have to work for me."

Terrible things began to happen in Egypt.
The longest river in Egypt was changed to blood.
Frogs were everywhere in Egypt.
Dust became gnats and lice. Flies came all over.



After nine terrible disasters,
one last horrible thing happened.

The firstborn son in each Egyptian family,
including the pharaoh's son, died.

Mourning was heard everywhere in Egypt.

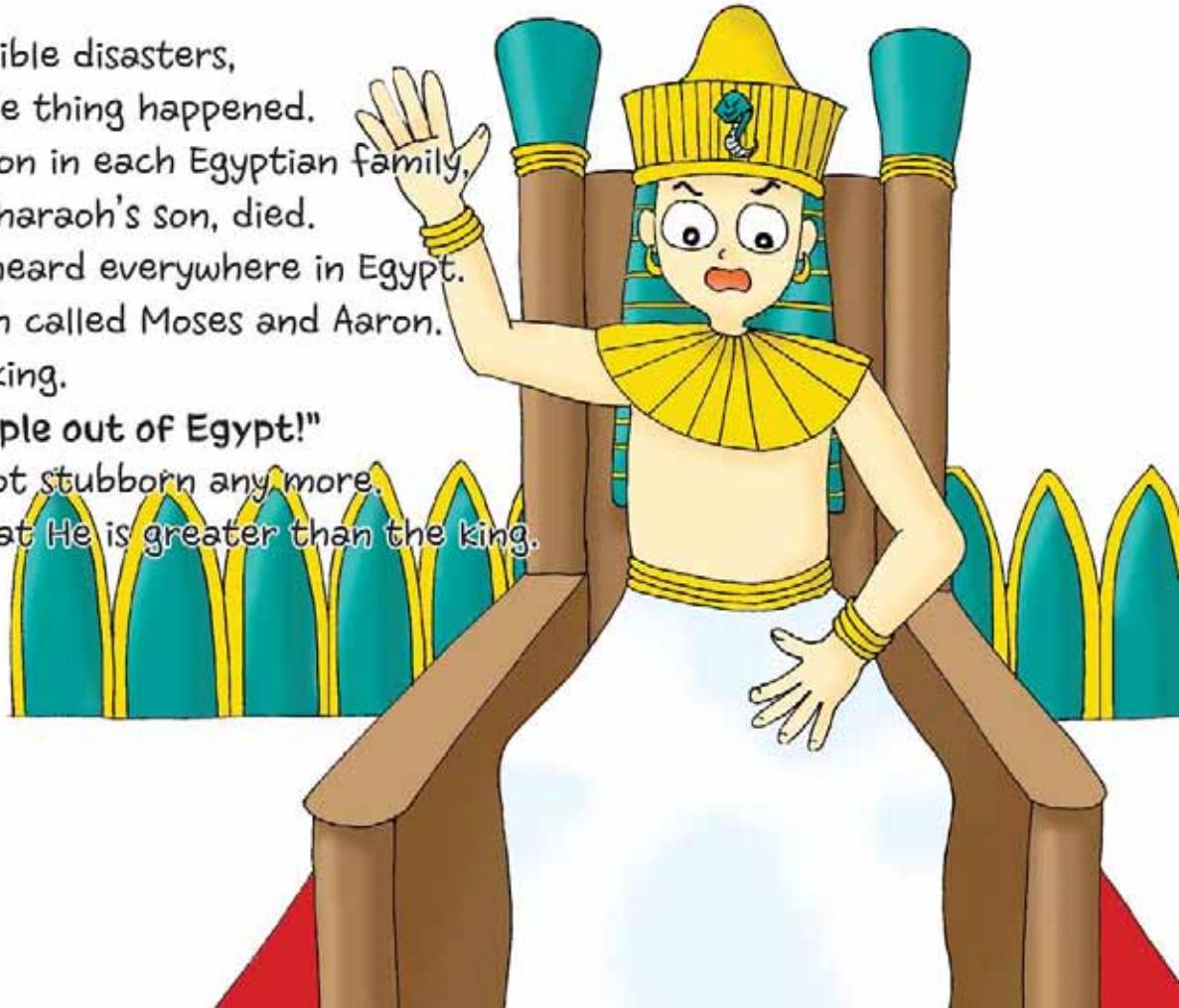
At last, pharaoh called Moses and Aaron.

"Go!" said the king.

"Take your people out of Egypt!"

The king was not stubborn any more.

God showed that He is greater than the king.



12. The Israelites Came Out From Egypt

Exodus 13-15



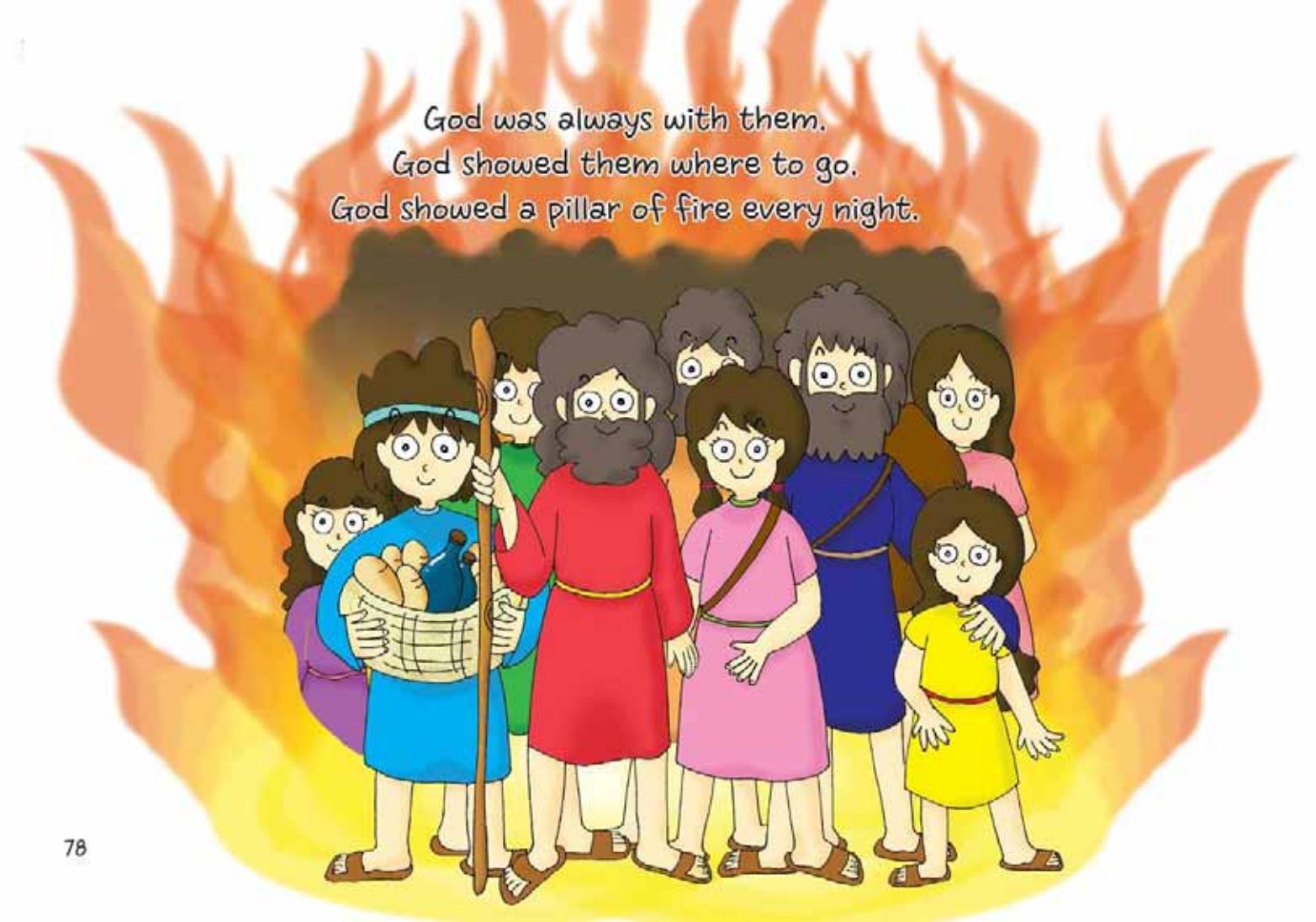
God's people came out of Egypt.

The Israelites were out of Egypt with God's help.

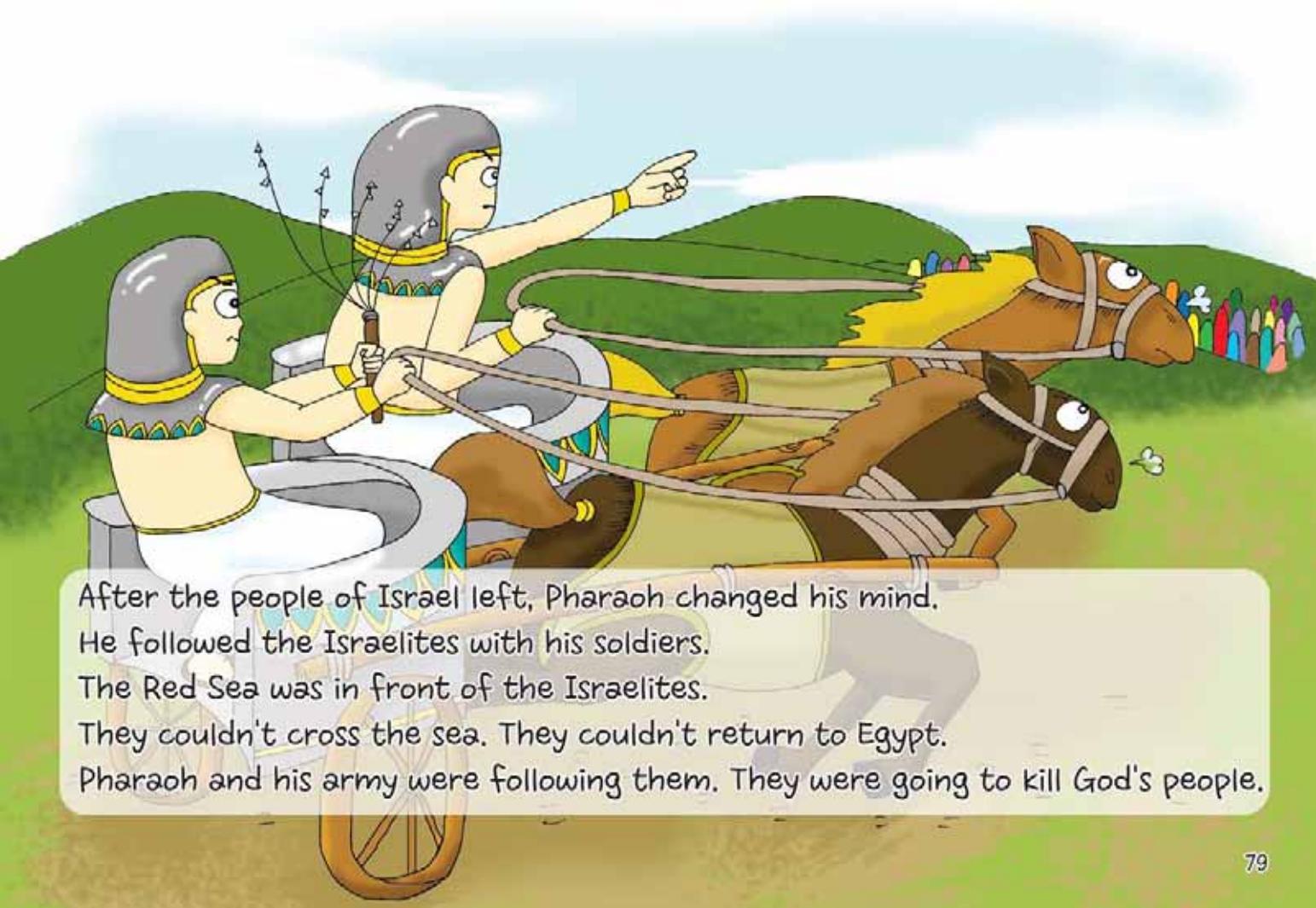
God let Moses lead the Israelites.

They knew God was with them.

God stayed with them in the clouds.

A colorful illustration of a group of ten people of various ages and ethnicities standing in a circle. In the center is a man with a long grey beard and a red tunic. To his left, a woman holds a basket full of bread. Behind them, a woman holds a staff. The group is set against a background of large, stylized orange and yellow flames.

God was always with them.
God showed them where to go.
God showed a pillar of fire every night.



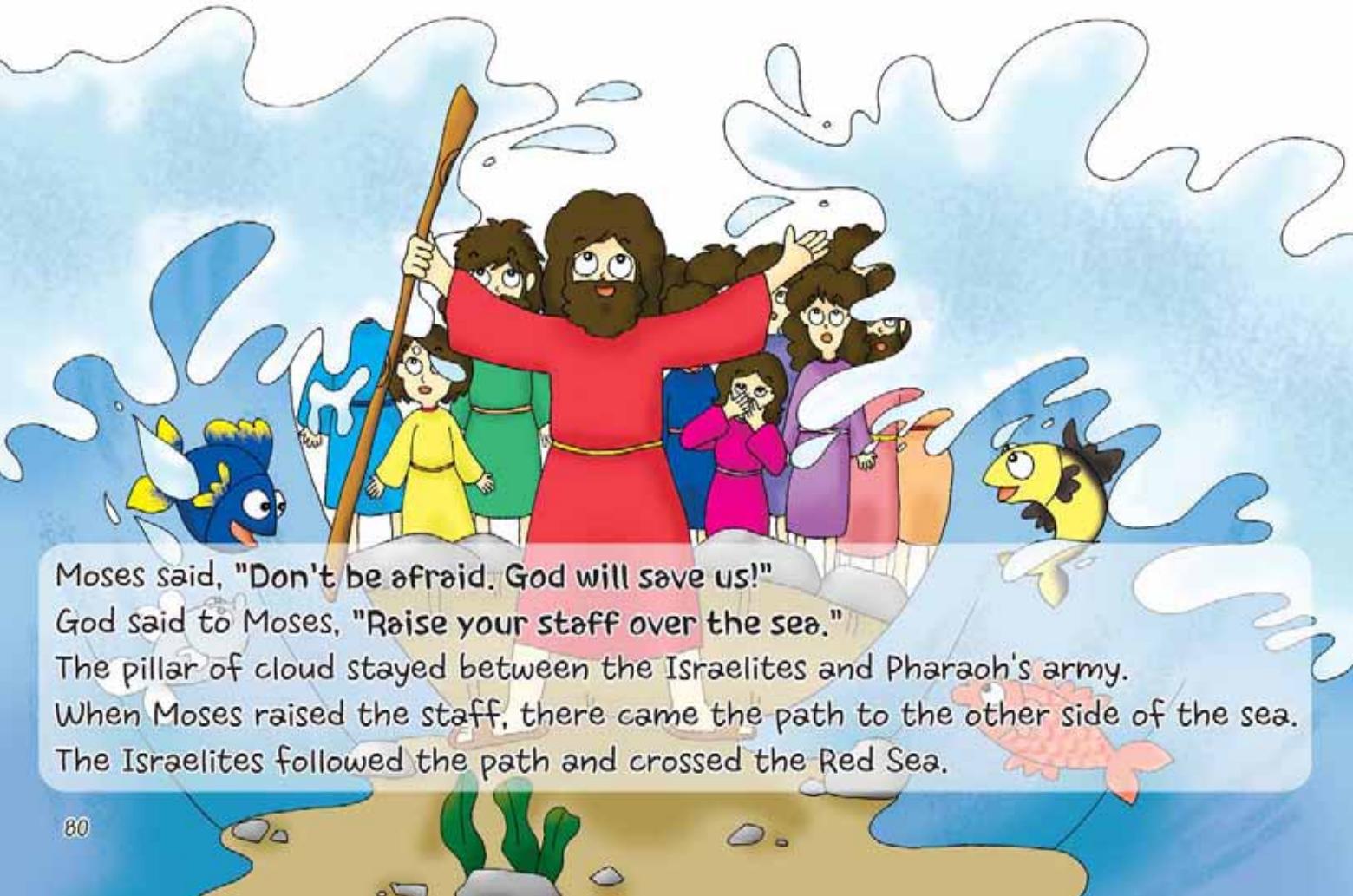
After the people of Israel left, Pharaoh changed his mind.

He followed the Israelites with his soldiers.

The Red Sea was in front of the Israelites.

They couldn't cross the sea. They couldn't return to Egypt.

Pharaoh and his army were following them. They were going to kill God's people.



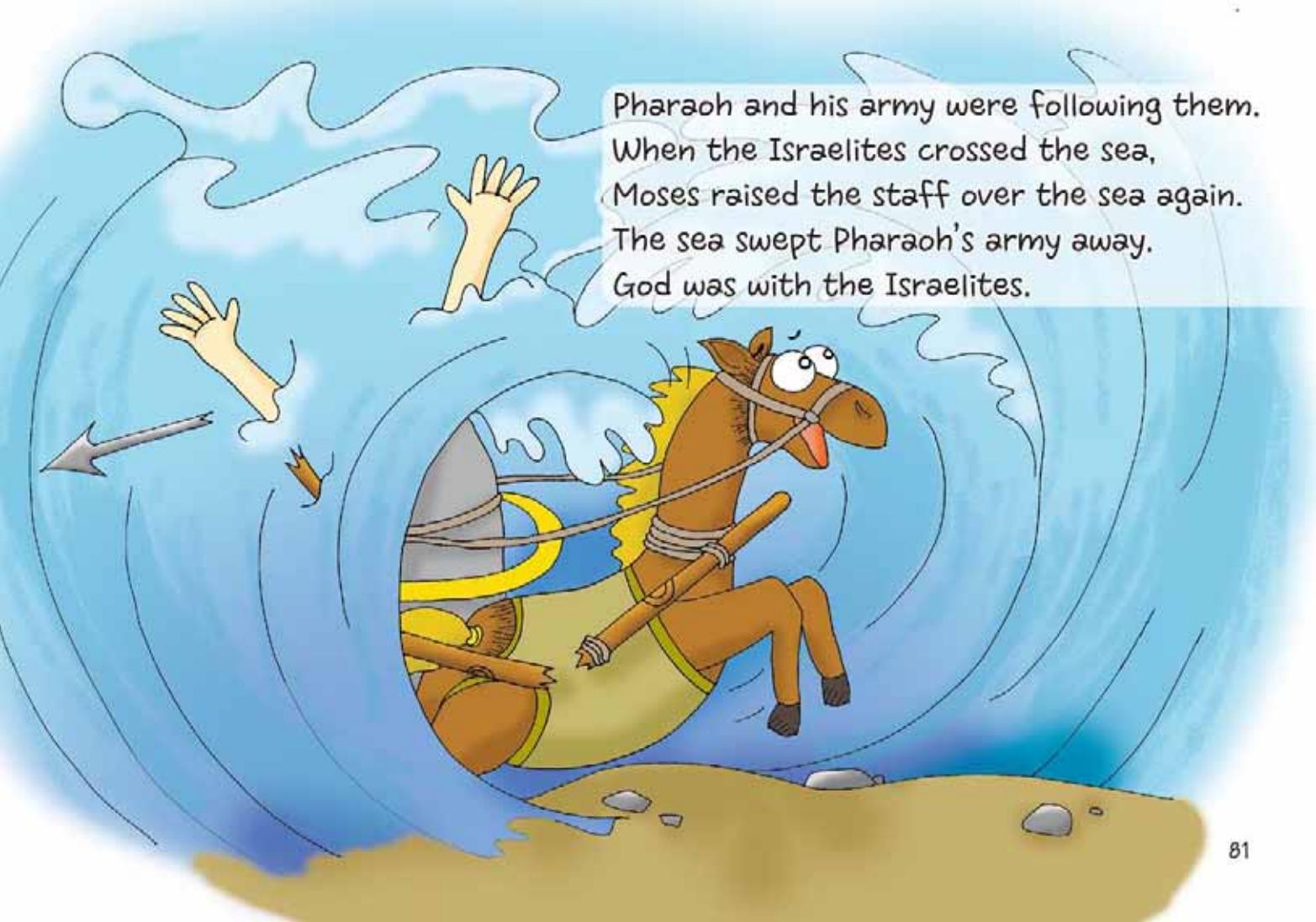
Moses said, "Don't be afraid. God will save us!"

God said to Moses, "Raise your staff over the sea."

The pillar of cloud stayed between the Israelites and Pharaoh's army.

When Moses raised the staff, there came the path to the other side of the sea.

The Israelites followed the path and crossed the Red Sea.

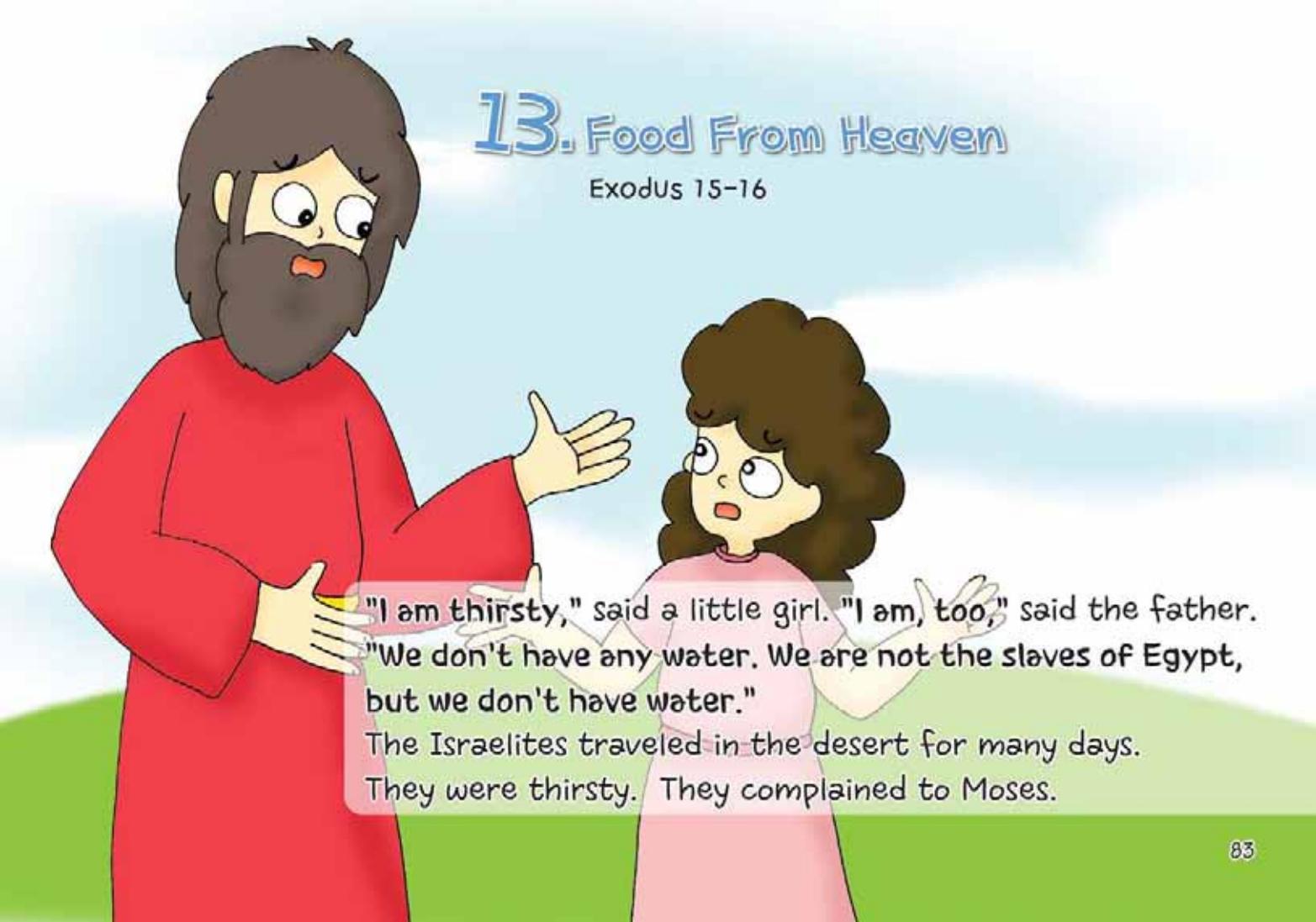
A colorful illustration depicting the parting of the Red Sea. In the center, a brown horse-drawn chariot is shown partially submerged in turbulent blue water. Two hands are visible above the waves, reaching out from the water. A small arrow points towards the left, indicating the direction of the water flow or the movement of the Israelites.

Pharaoh and his army were following them.
When the Israelites crossed the sea,
Moses raised the staff over the sea again.
The sea swept Pharaoh's army away.
God was with the Israelites.

God's people were free. They were not slaves anymore.

Moses and the Israelites sang and danced joyfully. They praised God.



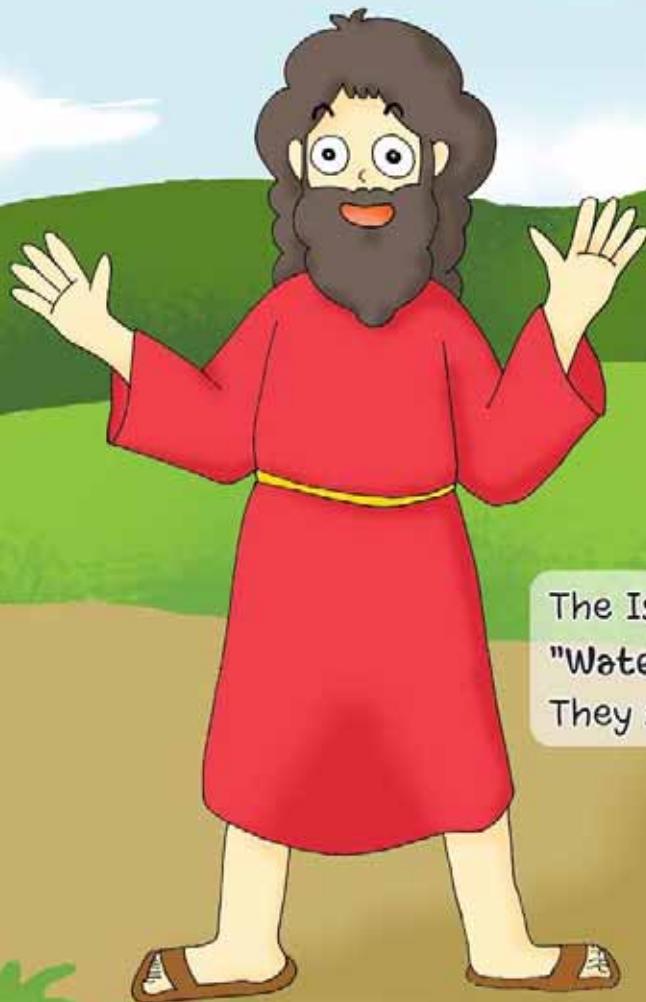
A cartoon-style illustration of Moses on the left, wearing a red robe and a brown beard, gesturing with his hands. To his right is a young girl with dark curly hair, wearing a pink dress, looking up at him. They are standing in a green field with a blue sky and clouds in the background.

13. Food From Heaven

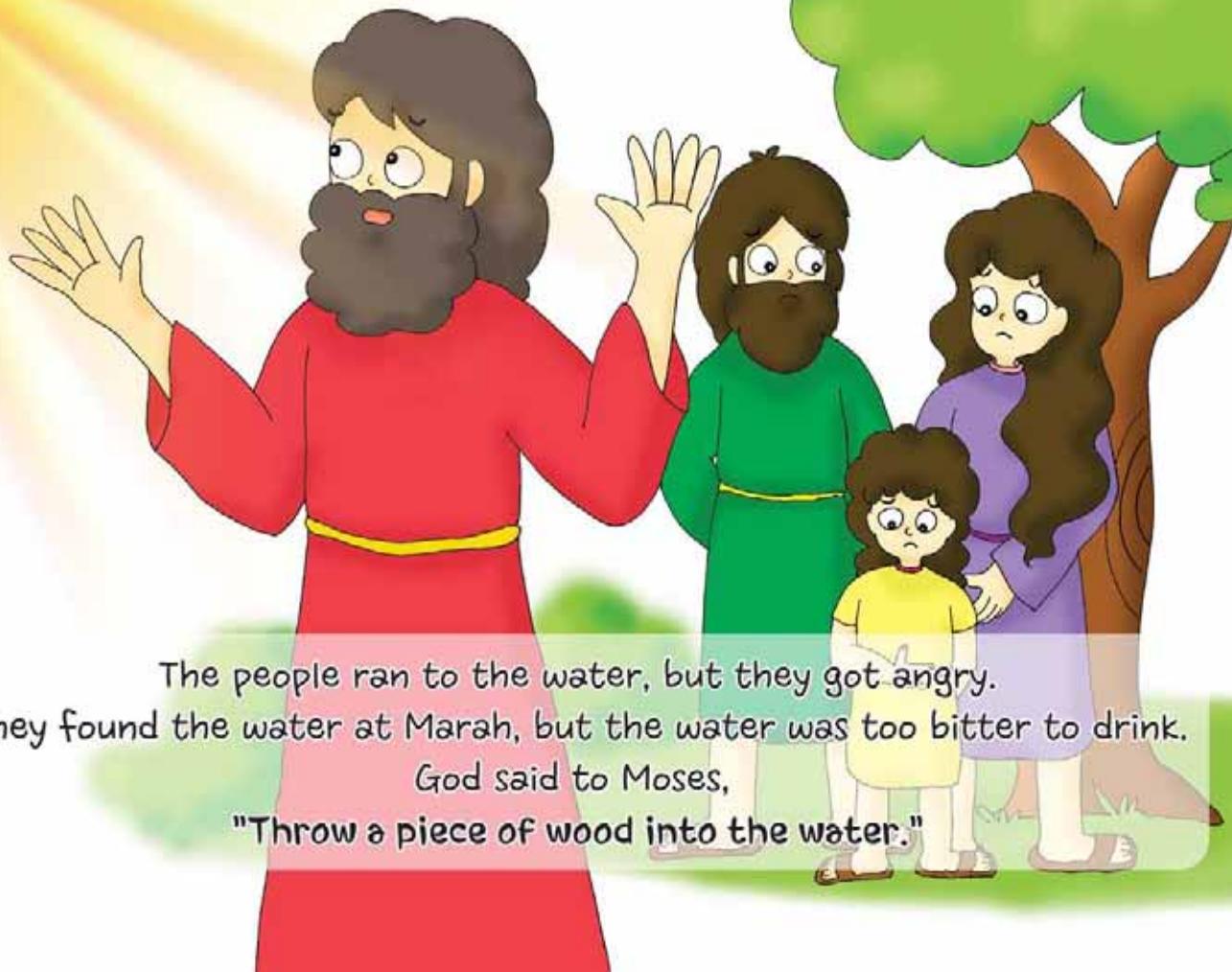
Exodus 15-16

"I am thirsty," said a little girl. "I am, too," said the father.
"We don't have any water. We are not the slaves of Egypt,
but we don't have water."

The Israelites traveled in the desert for many days.
They were thirsty. They complained to Moses.



The Israelites kept on going.
"Water! Water!"
They shouted with joy.



The people ran to the water, but they got angry.
They found the water at Marah, but the water was too bitter to drink.
God said to Moses,
"Throw a piece of wood into the water."



"Yes, Lord," Moses did what God said.
Guess what? The water became sweet.
People were amazed with God
and drank the water happily.

"I am hungry," said a little boy.

"We are hungry, too, but there is nothing to eat," said the mother.

The Israelites began to complain to Moses again.

"We are starving to death."

Moses prayed to God again.

Moses said, "God will give you food."



God sent down food like dew from heaven every morning.
People called the food Manna.
They didn't know what it was, but it was like cookies with honey.
God fed and clothed the Israelites every day.



14. God's Rules Exodus 19-20

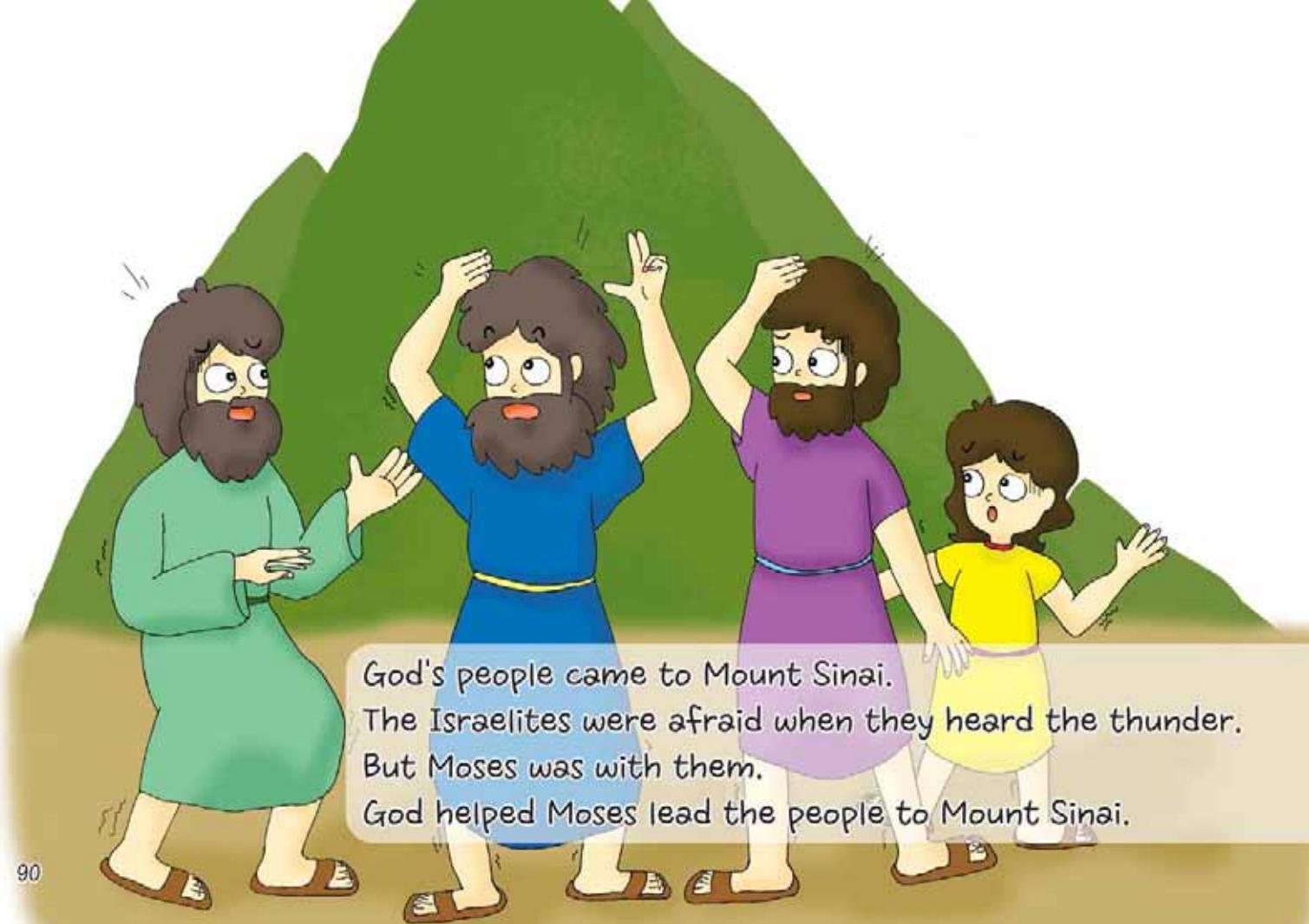
People were talking to each other.

"What is this sound?"

"It's the sound of thunder!"

"It's the lightning!"

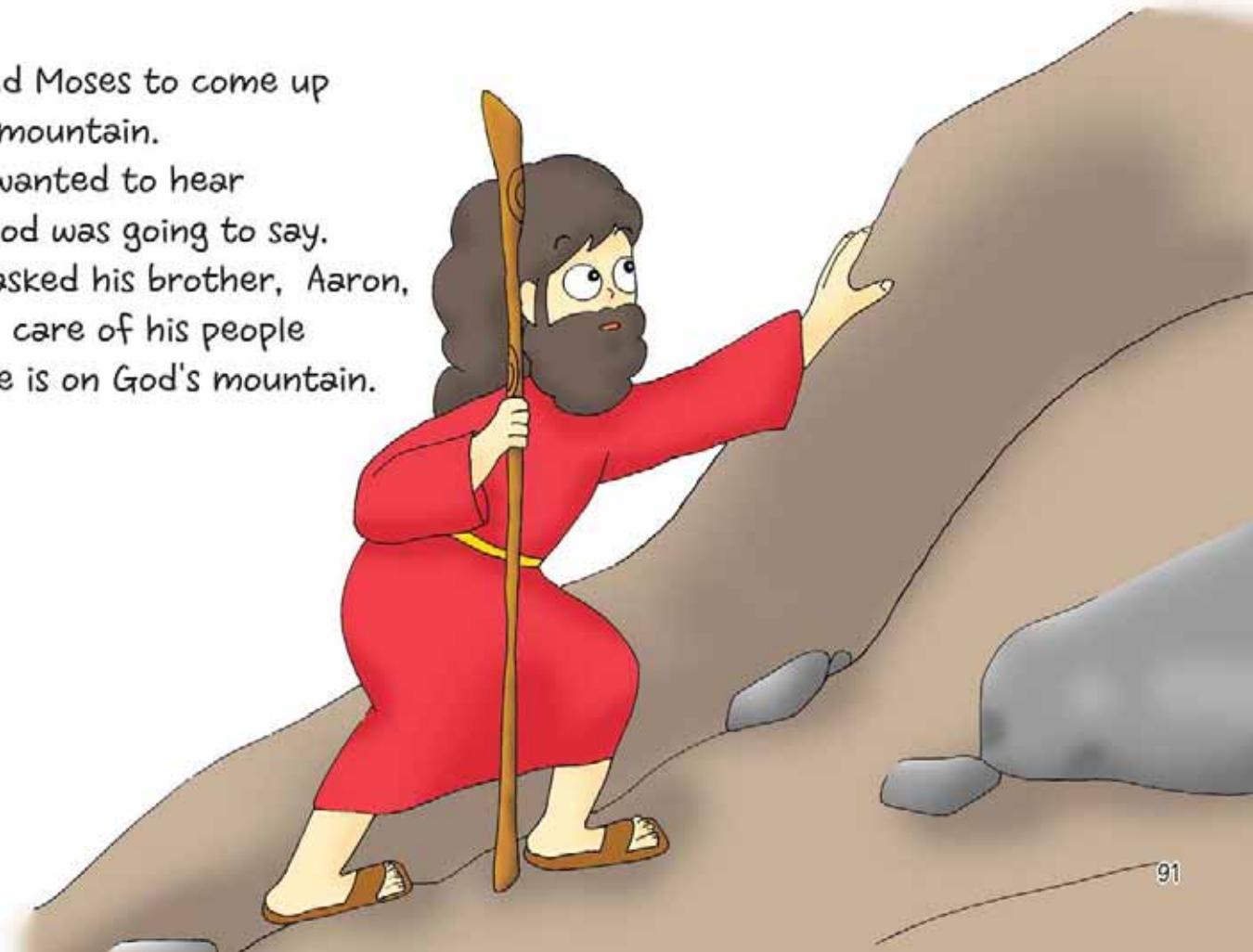




God's people came to Mount Sinai.
The Israelites were afraid when they heard the thunder.
But Moses was with them.
God helped Moses lead the people to Mount Sinai.

God told Moses to come up
to the mountain.

Moses wanted to hear
what God was going to say.
Moses asked his brother, Aaron,
to take care of his people
while he is on God's mountain.



A cartoon-style illustration of Moses. He has dark brown curly hair and a beard, and is wearing a red robe with a yellow belt. He is kneeling on a rocky, brown ground with his arms outstretched wide. Behind him are bright yellow and white rays of light emanating from the top left corner, suggesting divine presence.

God talked to Moses
at Mount Sinai.
God gave Moses
ten commandments.
God's people have to obey
the commandments.

- Ten Commandments :
1. God is the only true God.
 2. Never make idols and worship them.
 3. Never misuse the Lord's name.
 4. Rest on the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
 5. Honor your father and mother.



6. Do not murder.
7. Husbands and wives must not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not tell lies.
10. Never want what belongs
to another person

God promised to protect the Israelites
if they obey God's rules.

We have to obey the rules
because God's words never change.



15. Golden Calf And The Israelites

Exodus 32



Moses asked the Israelites,

"Do you want to follow God, who brought us out of Egypt?"

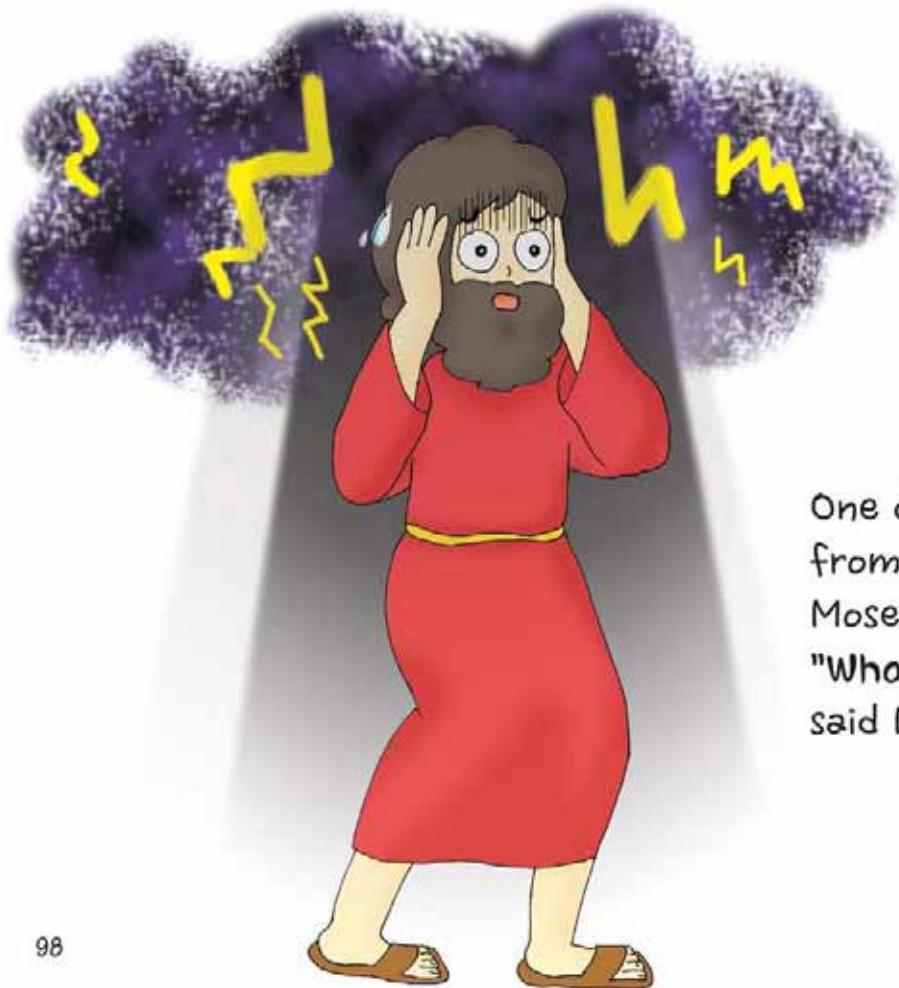
The Israelites answered, "Yes, we will follow God."

Moses went up to Mount Sinai again.
He went there to talk with God. He stayed there for a long time.
"Moses might not come back," the people whispered to one another.
"We need a God to help us."



The people collected gold and made a golden calf.
They said, "This golden calf will help us. This calf is our god now."
The people didn't obey God. The people made God sad.

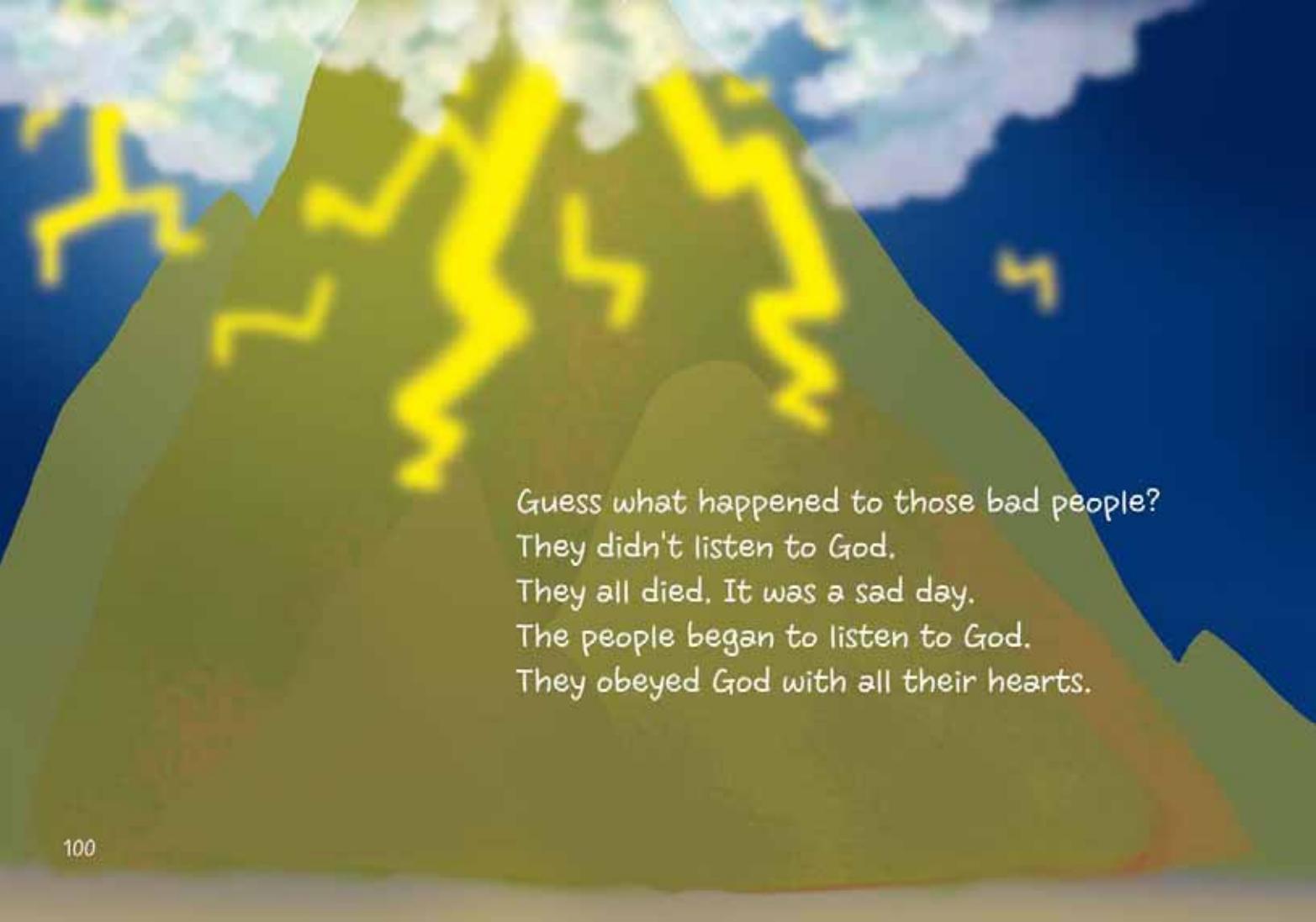




One day, Moses came down
from the mountain.
Moses was mad at the people.
"Who wants to please God?"
said Moses.

Some people came to Moses.
They wanted to please God.
But other people didn't come to Moses.





Guess what happened to those bad people?
They didn't listen to God.
They all died. It was a sad day.
The people began to listen to God.
They obeyed God with all their hearts.

16. The Repentance of God's People

Numbers 21

Some people complained to Moses,

"Why did you take us here
and make us die?"

Others complained, too.

"We are sick and tired of Manna."

Others said,

"God doesn't help us now."





Moses was very sad when he heard this.
God helped Moses bring the Israelites here.
God gave the Israelites good food.
But they wanted better food.
They wanted a better place.
They didn't want to follow God.
They forgot the sad days in Egypt.
They resented God and Moses.

God was sad because of the ungrateful Israelites.

God didn't protect the people from the poisonous snakes.

"Run!" shouted the people, but they couldn't get away from the snakes.



God saved the Israelites from Egypt. God gave them food and water.
But the Israelites didn't thank God. Snakes bit and killed them.
The people pleaded Moses, "Help us!"



Moses prayed to God for the people.

"Make a big snake with brass," said God to Moses.

"Hang the brass snake high so that the people can see it.

If they see the snake, they will not die."

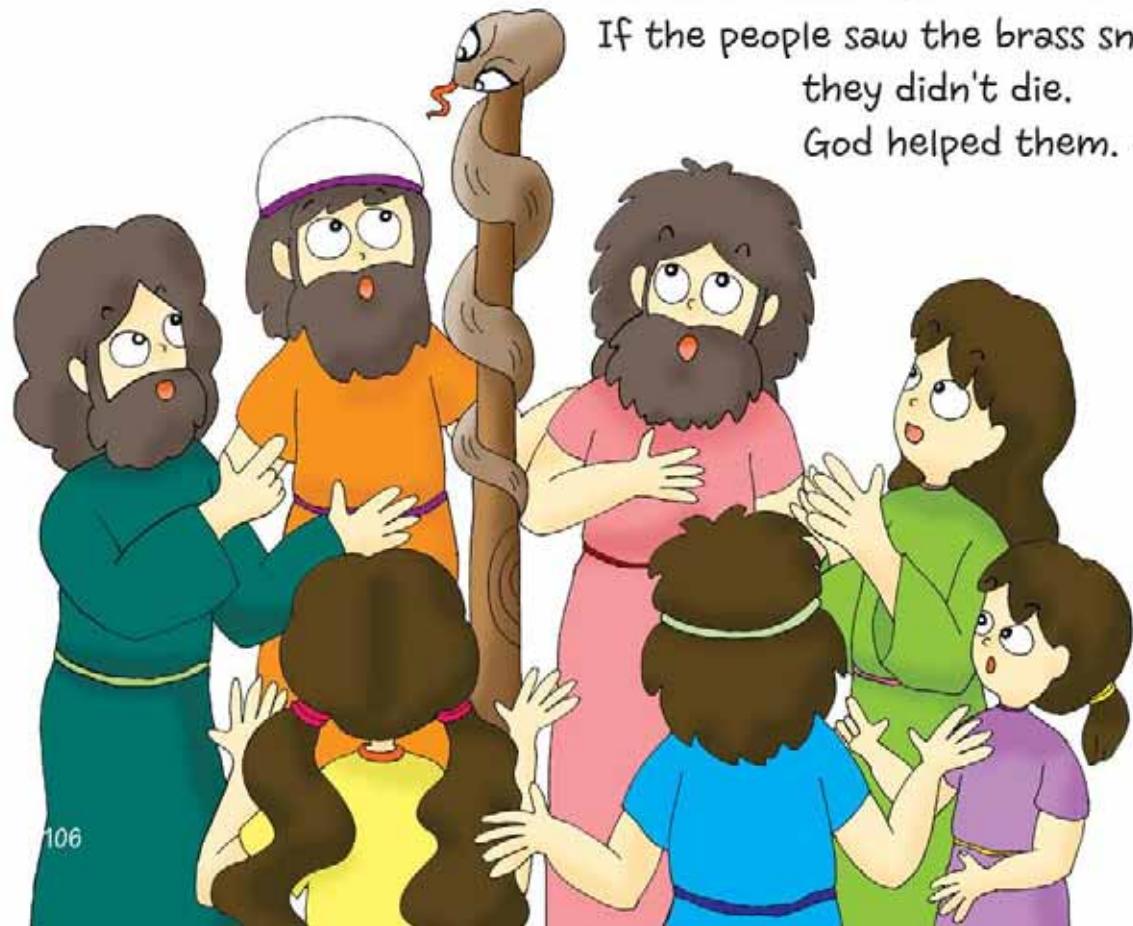


Moses did what God ordered him to do.

If the people saw the brass snake,

they didn't die.

God helped them. God forgave them.



17. The Wall of Jericho

Joshua 6

Jericho is a fortress with a high strong wall.

"Look at this wall," said Joshua's people.

"How can we fight against the people of Jericho?

How can we go over this wall?"



Joshua said, "God will help us."

God told Joshua how to tear the wall down.

And Joshua told the people what God taught him.

"This is the way God taught me."



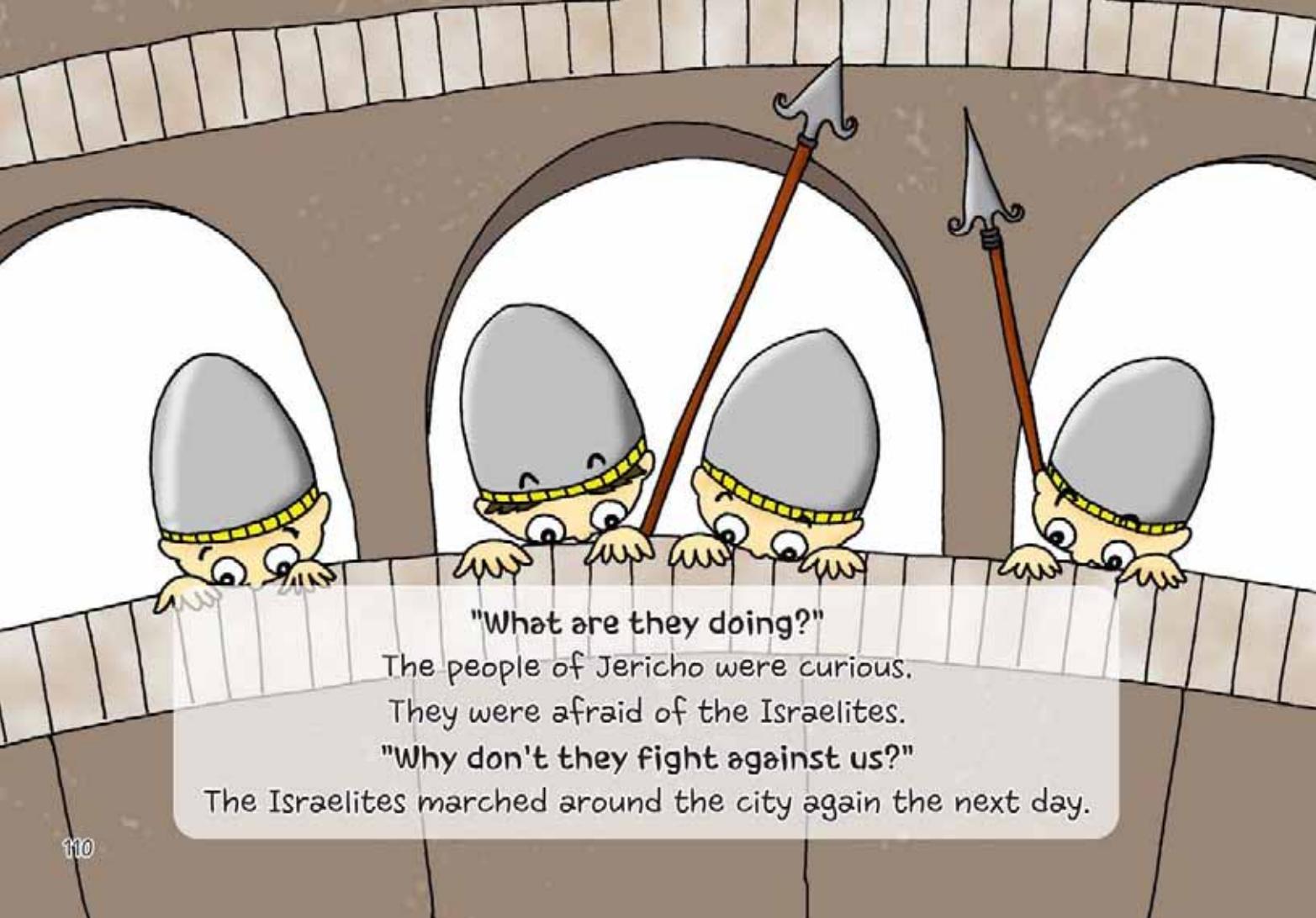
They were going to tear the wall down by God's way.

On the first day, Joshua and the Israelites went to Jericho.

They marched around the city wall with the sound of trumpets.

Then they went back to their tents.





"What are they doing?"

The people of Jericho were curious.

They were afraid of the Israelites.

"Why don't they fight against us?"

The Israelites marched around the city again the next day.

On the seventh day,
Joshua and the Israelites marched around the wall of Jericho.
It was different from the other six days.

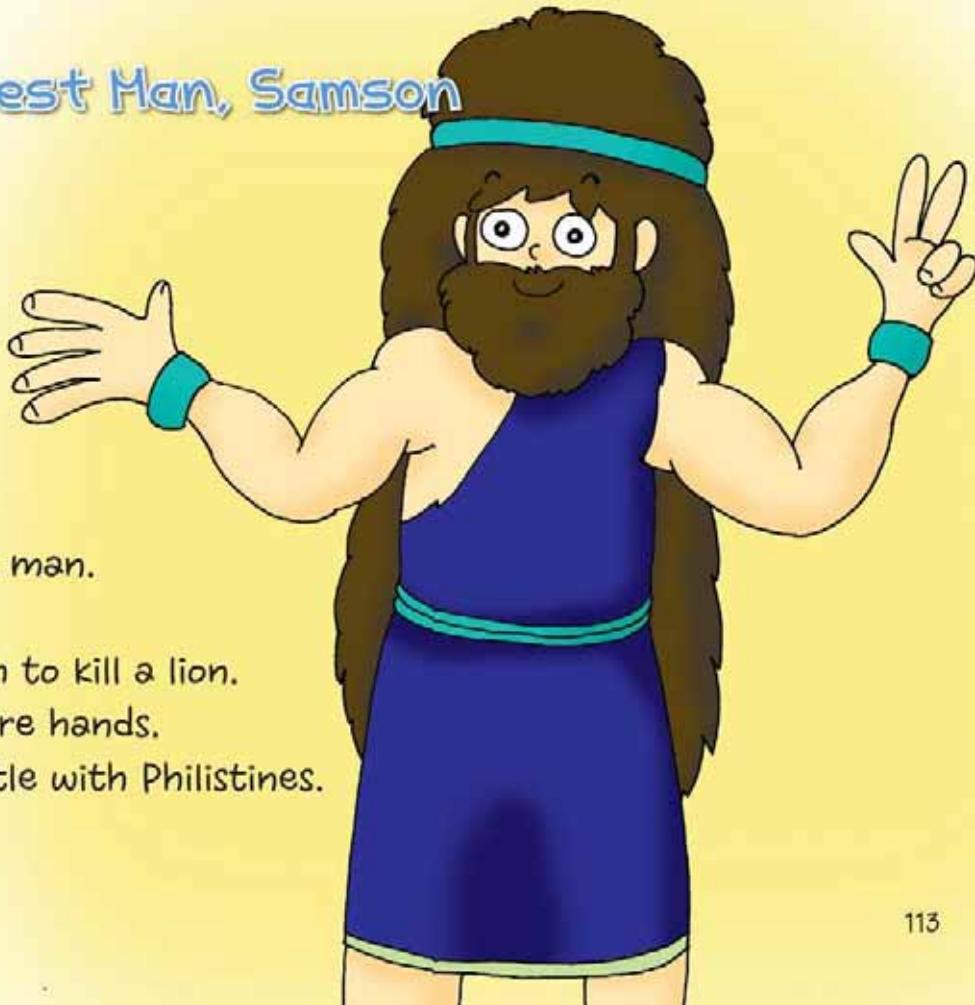


When the people heard the sound of trumpets, they began to shout.
The high wall of Jericho fell down in front of the people.
Joshua and the Israelites ran into Jericho and took over the city.
Joshua shouted, "God helped us!"



18. The Strongest Man, Samson

Judges 13-16



Samson was the strongest man.
God made him strong.
Samson was strong enough to kill a lion.
He killed a lion with his bare hands.
Samson even won the battle with Philistines.



The Philistines tried to kill Samson.
They treated the Israelites badly.
But Samson was stronger than they were.





"I want to do whatever I want."
Samson didn't obey God.
He didn't obey his parents.
Samson also did what made himself sad.
He fell in love with a Philistine girl, Delilah.
The Philistines came to Delilah.
"We will give you a lot of money.
Find out what made Samson so strong."
Delilah kept asking him
to tell her the truth day and night.
Samson gave in and said,
"My strength is in my long hair."
Delilah cut his long hair
and called the Philistines.
Samson's actions later made him sad.



Samson woke up from his sleep
but Samson's strength was gone.
He didn't listen to God.
He didn't listen to his parents.
And now, Samson was weak.
The Philistines put him in jail.

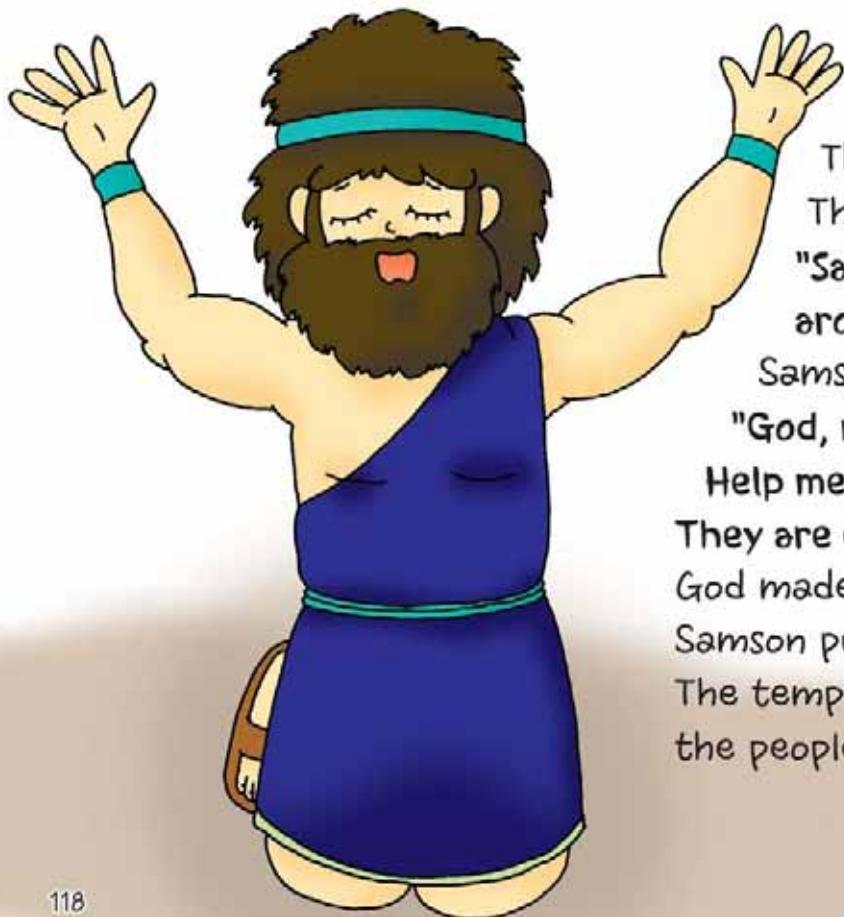
The Philistines made Samson blind.

They made him work hard. They laughed at him. They were cruel to him.

Samson repented. And his hair began to grow.

One day, the Philistines were gathered at a great temple to worship their god.





At the big party,
The Philistines called Samson out.
They made fun of him.
"Samson, cut off the ropes
around you, ha ha ha."
Samson repented and prayed,
"God, make me strong one last time.
Help me take revenge on those Philistines.
They are cruel to the Israelites."
God made him strong again.
Samson pushed the pillars with all his might.
The temple crashed down over
the people in the temple.

19. Ruth Followed Naomi

Ruth 1-4

"I am going home," said Naomi.
Naomi moved to Moab with her husband
and her two sons a long time ago.
There was a big famine
in her hometown, Bethlehem.
Naomi became old.
Her husband and two sons died.
Naomi was living with her daughters-in-law.
"I am going back to my people," said Naomi.

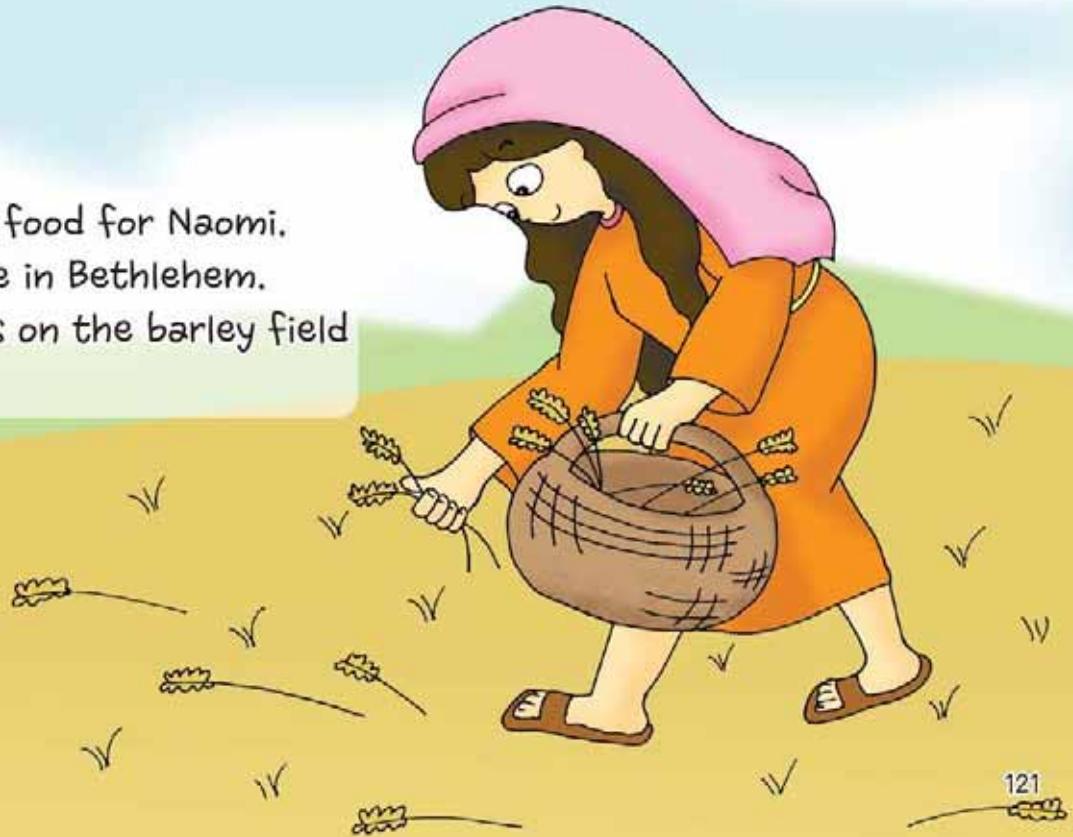


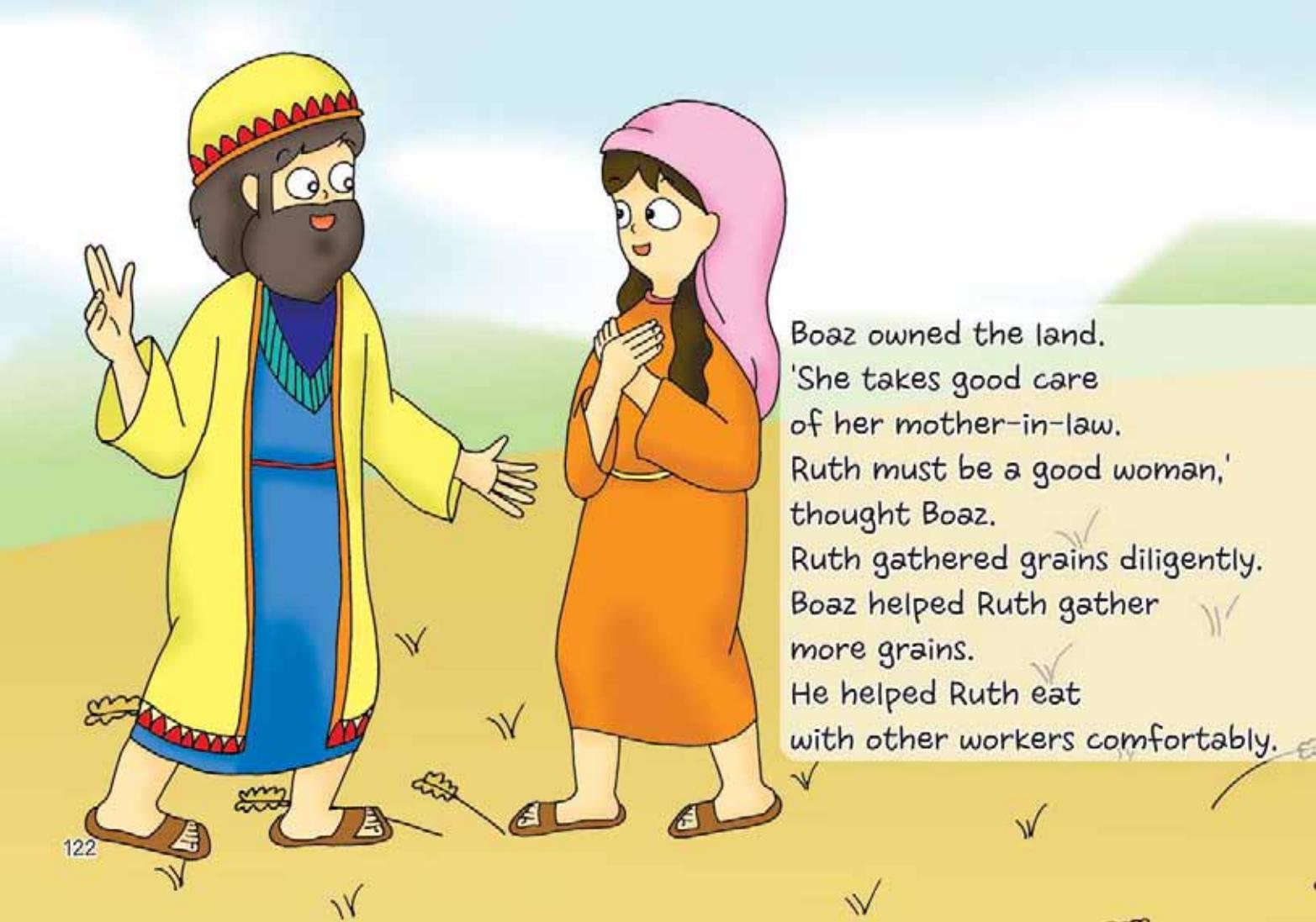


"I am going with you.
I will go wherever you go.
Your home will be my home.

Your God will be my God,"
said Ruth, the second daughter in law.
Ruth came to Bethlehem with Naomi.

Ruth had to prepare food for Naomi.
It was a harvest time in Bethlehem.
Ruth gathered grains on the barley field
and ate with Naomi.





Boaz owned the land.
'She takes good care
of her mother-in-law.
Ruth must be a good woman,'
thought Boaz.
Ruth gathered grains diligently.
Boaz helped Ruth gather
more grains.
He helped Ruth eat
with other workers comfortably.

Boaz was a kind, rich man. Naomi said to Ruth.

"In Israelite tradition, widows are to marry the closest relative.

Boaz is the closest relative and he likes you. Why don't you marry him?"

As Naomi said, Boaz and Ruth got married.



God gave Ruth a very special gift, a baby boy, Obed.
Grandma Naomi and Ruth were really happy. God blessed Ruth.



20. God's Man, Samuel

1 Samuel 1-2

Hannah was crying
and praying in the temple.
She didn't have any children.
Her husband Elkanah was a loving husband.
But Elkanah's another wife,
Peninnah, was cruel to Hannah.
"Help me, God. Give me a child.
If you let me have a baby boy,
I will offer him to you."



The priest of the temple, Eli, thought Hannah was drunk.

"Hannah, you have to quit drinking."

Hannah said to Eli,

"I am not drunk. I am praying because I am so sad."

The priest said to Hannah,

"Go in peace. God will answer your prayer."

Hannah was not sad any more.

God really gave her a son.

Hannah was very happy.

She named him Samuel.

Samuel means, "God answered my prayer."



When Samuel was a little boy, Hannah took Samuel to the temple.

"I will give this child to God. Can you help him to serve God?"

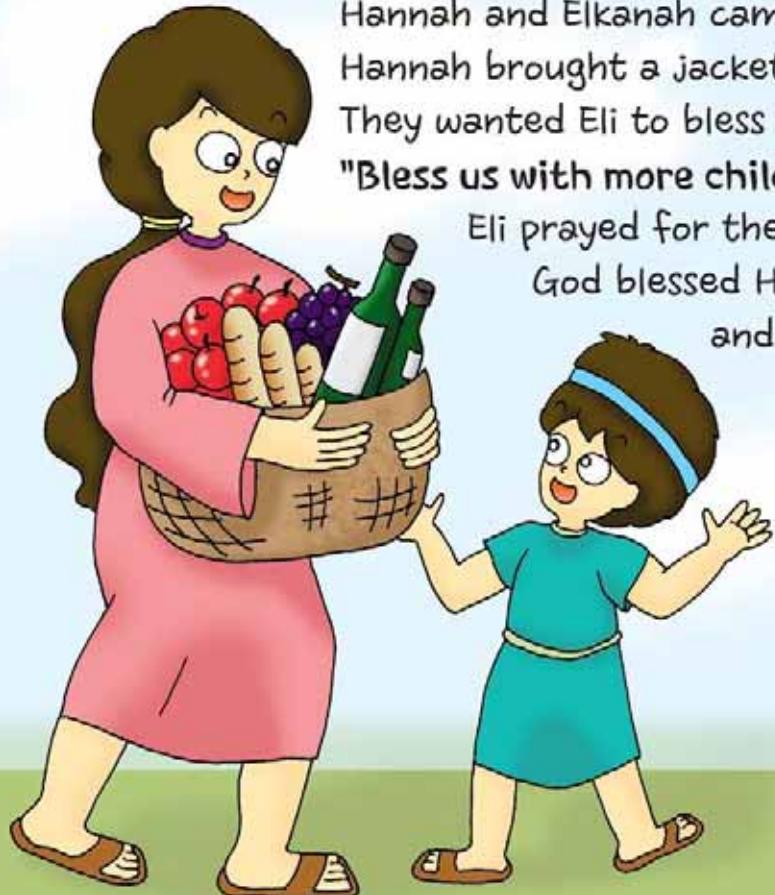
"Yes, I will help him," said Eli, the priest.

Hannah thanked God for Samuel.



Samuel lived in the temple.
He helped Eli and served God.
Samuel obeyed God.
He made God happy.
He made people happy.





Hannah and Elkanah came to the temple to worship God.
Hannah brought a jacket for Samuel.
They wanted Eli to bless them.
"Bless us with more children."

Eli prayed for them.

God blessed Hannah with three sons
and two daughters.

Samuel served God in the temple.

He heard a voice calling him.

"Samuel! Samuel!"

God was calling Samuel.

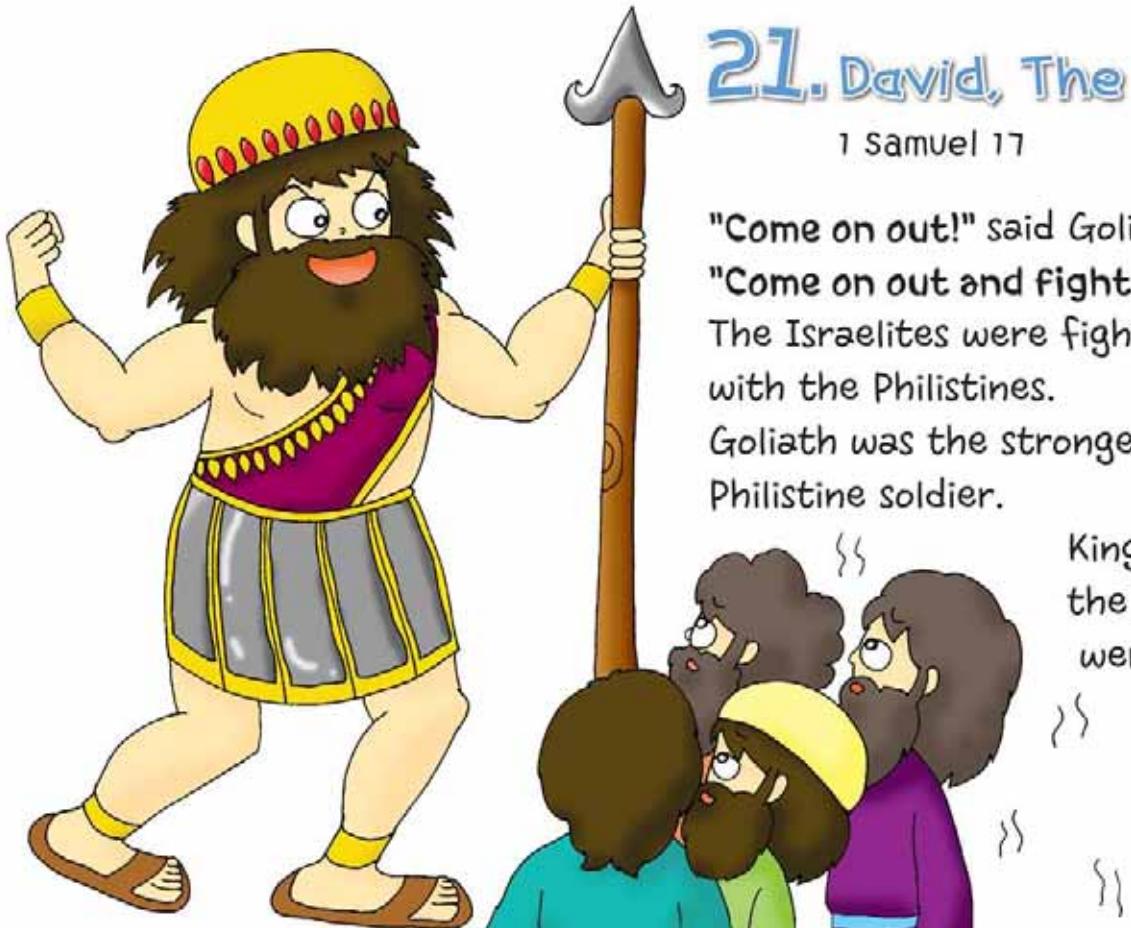
God spoke to Samuel.

Everything God said happened.

Samuel gave messages to the people of Israel.

He was a special prophet of God.





21. David, The Brave Boy

1 Samuel 17

"Come on out!" said Goliath, the giant.

"Come on out and fight with me!"

The Israelites were fighting
with the Philistines.

Goliath was the strongest
Philistine soldier.

King Saul and
the Israelite soldiers
were scared.

"I will fight with Goliath," said David.

David brought food to his brothers.

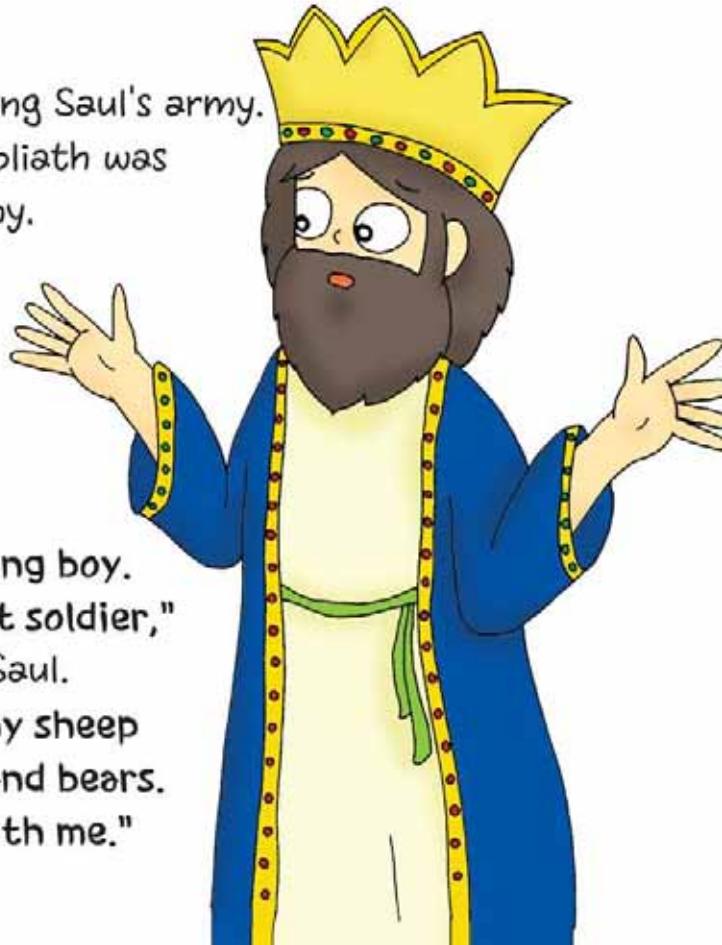
They were the soldiers in King Saul's army.

David was mad because Goliath was
making fun of God's army.

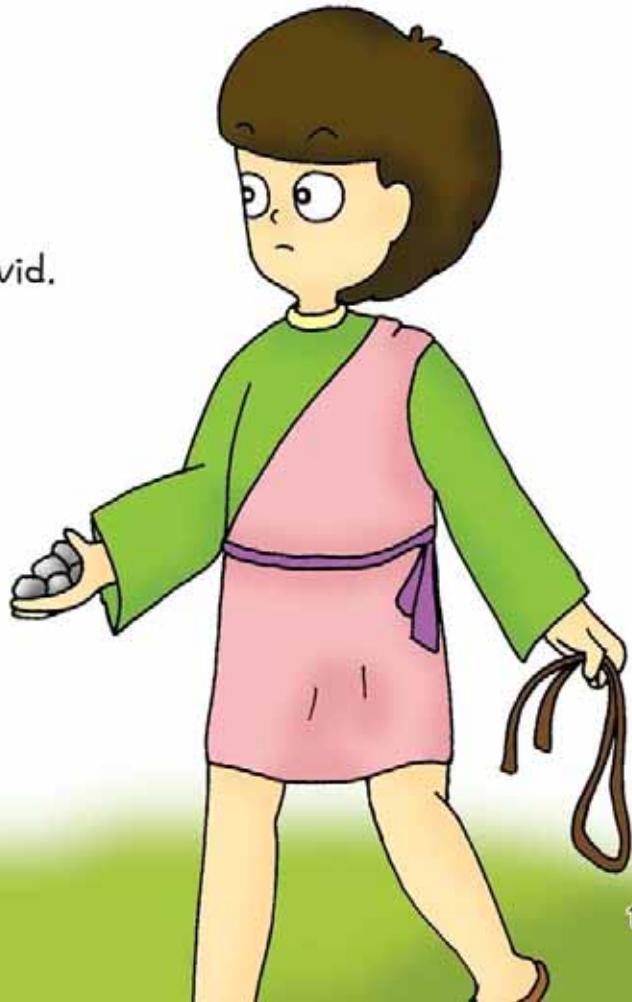


"You are a young boy.
Goliath is a giant soldier,"
said King Saul.

"I protected my sheep
from the lions and bears.
God will be with me."



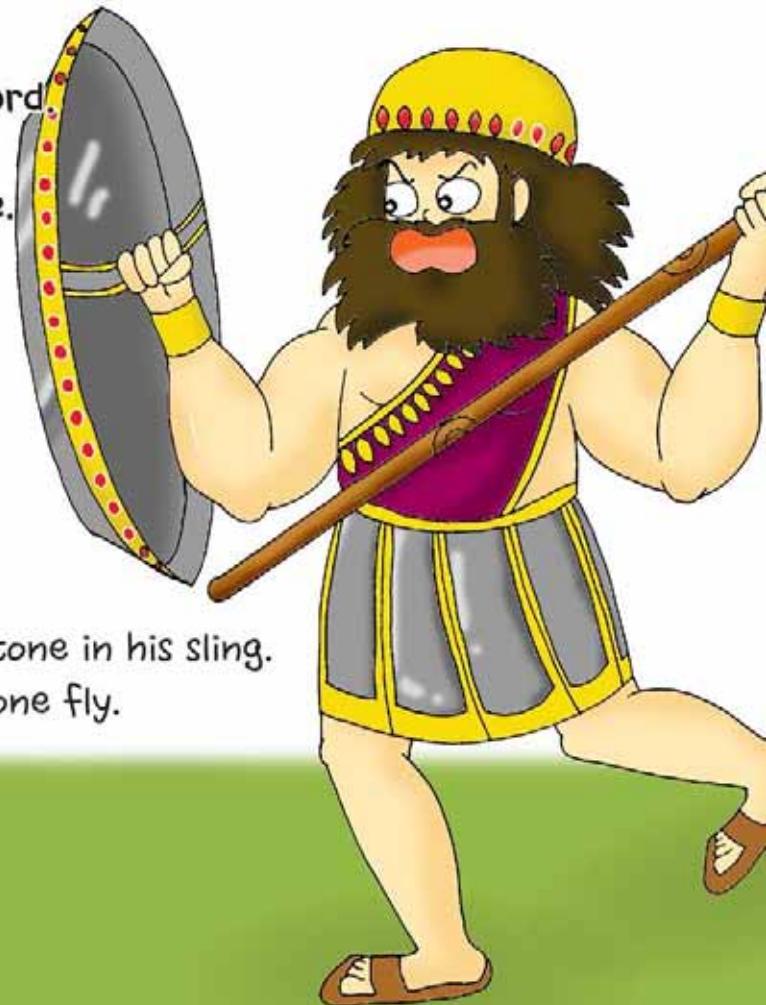
King Saul gave his armor to David,
but it was too big and heavy to wear.
David stood before Goliath.
He had stones and a sling in his hand.
Goliath was upset to see a young boy, David.
**"Stones and a sling?
Do you think I am a puppy?"**



"I come before you in the name of the Lord!
You made fun of God's army, didn't you?
I will let the world know that God is alive.
God doesn't need a sword or a spear,"
said David.



David put a stone in his sling.
He let the stone fly.



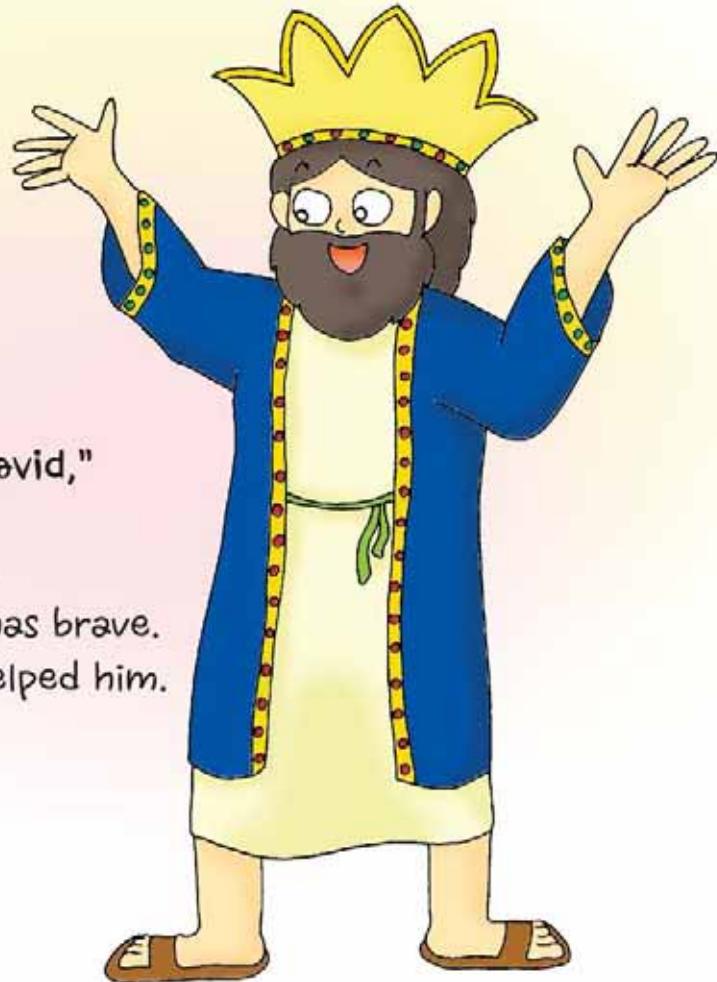
The stone hit Goliath's forehead,
and he fell to the ground.

David ran to Goliath and took his sword.
David won!





"You are very brave, David,"
said King Saul.
David was really brave.
Everybody said David was brave.
But David knew God helped him.



22. Good Friends, David And Jonathan

1 Samuel 18



King Saul saw
David defeated the Philistine army.

King Saul knew David loved God.

King Saul knew David was brave.

Jonathan was King Saul's son.

Jonathan loved God, too.

Prince Jonathan liked David
with all his heart.

Jonathan loved David
as he loved himself.

Jonathan promised David
that he'd be his best friend.





Jonathan had many nice things.
Jonathan gave David
his best sword.



Jonathan also gave David his bow and arrows.



Jonathan gave David his nice jacket.
"This will let people know that you are my friend,"
said Jonathan.





"Thank you for giving me
your precious things.
Thank you for being my best friend,"
said David.
David became an honorable
general of Israel.
He won many battles.
The Israelites sang for David.
**"King Saul killed thousands,
but David killed tens of thousands."**
This made King Saul mad and jealous.
King Saul tried to harm David.
Jonathan helped David
run away from King Saul.

23. The Wise King, Solomon

1 Kings 3

"Hurray, King Solomon!"

shouted people.

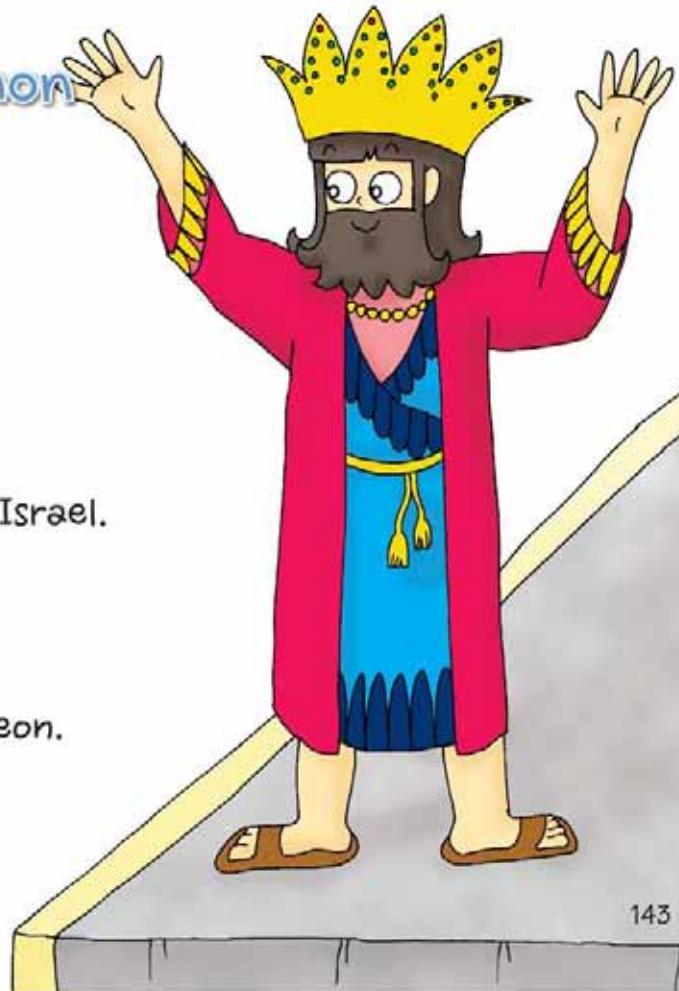
Solomon became a new king of Israel.

Solomon loved God

and obeyed David's teaching.

Solomon worshipped God

with a thousand animals at Gibeon.





God knew Solomon loved Him.
God told him in his dream.
"Ask for anything you want, Solomon."
Solomon asked God,
**"I want to know the difference
between right and wrong.
Give me wisdom."**
God was pleased with his answer.
Solomon didn't ask for wealth.
He didn't ask for long life.
He asked for wisdom.
**"I will give you wisdom.
I will make you rich.
I will make you live long
if you follow me."**
God blessed Solomon.

One day, two mothers came to Solomon.

"This is my baby," said one mother.

"No, this is my baby," said another.



"We live in the same house.
We both have babies.

One of the babies died during the night
and she switched the babies."

Two mothers argued.

King Solomon said, "Bring me a sword."

The king's men were confused
but they brought a sword.

The king ordered.

"Cut the living baby and give half to one
and half to another."

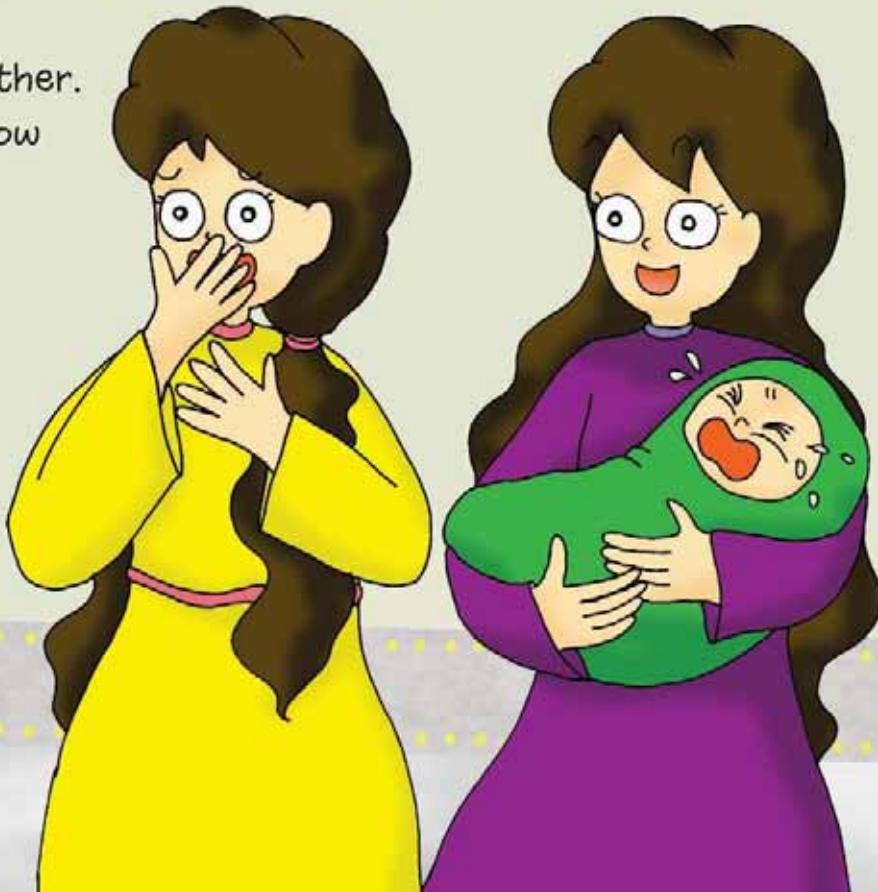


"No," the baby's real mother was heartbroken.

"Don't kill the baby. Just give the living baby to her," said the mother crying.

"Good," said the other mother.

So King Solomon got to know
who is the real mother.





"Don't kill the baby. Give the baby to the crying mother,"

"Our king is really wise!" The people were amazed.

The people of Israel respected King Solomon.

King Solomon ruled Israel with God's wisdom.

The Israelites lived happily and peacefully in Solomon's days.

24. The Beautiful House of God

1 Kings 5-8

People were talking.
"What is King Solomon doing?"
"He is building a house of God."
"It will be a beautiful temple."



Hiram, king of Tyre, was a friend of David.

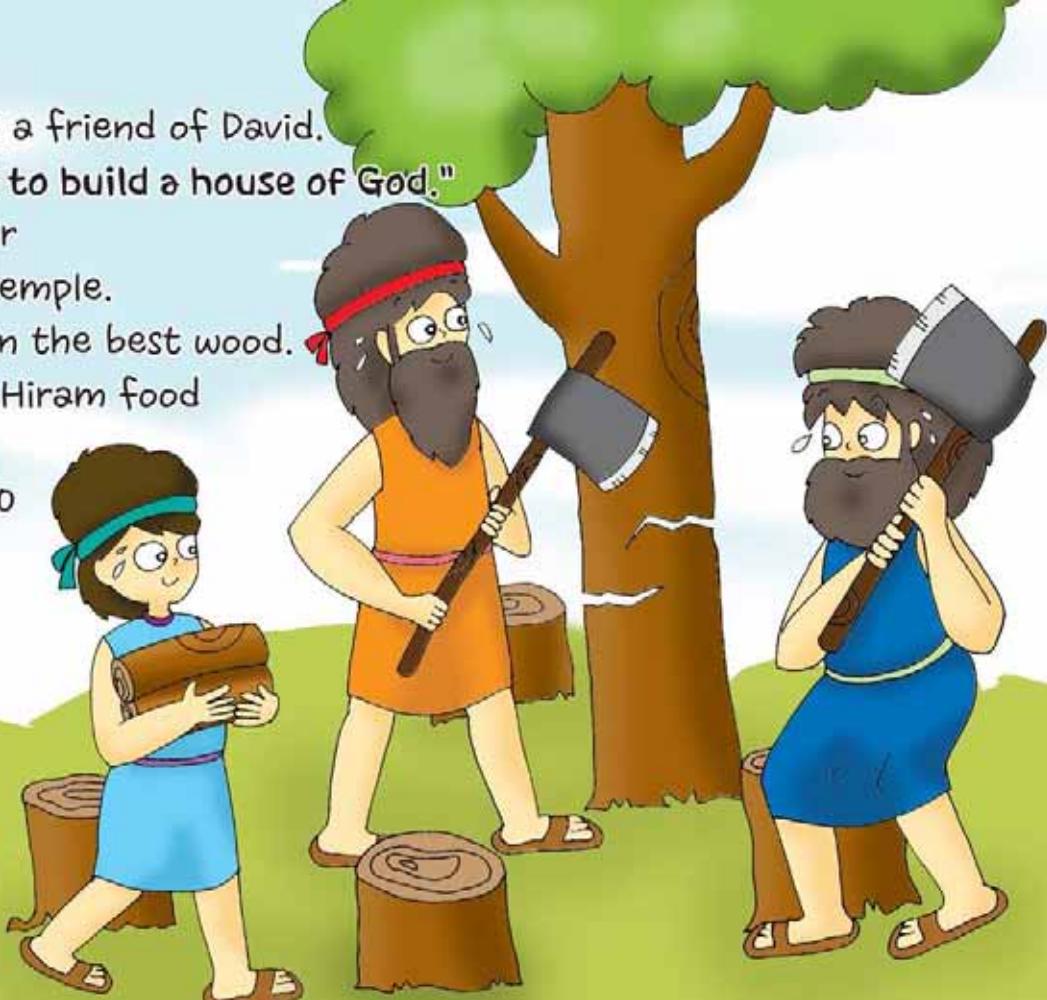
"Give me the best wood to build a house of God."

Solomon asked Hiram for
the best wood for the temple.

King Hiram gave Solomon the best wood.

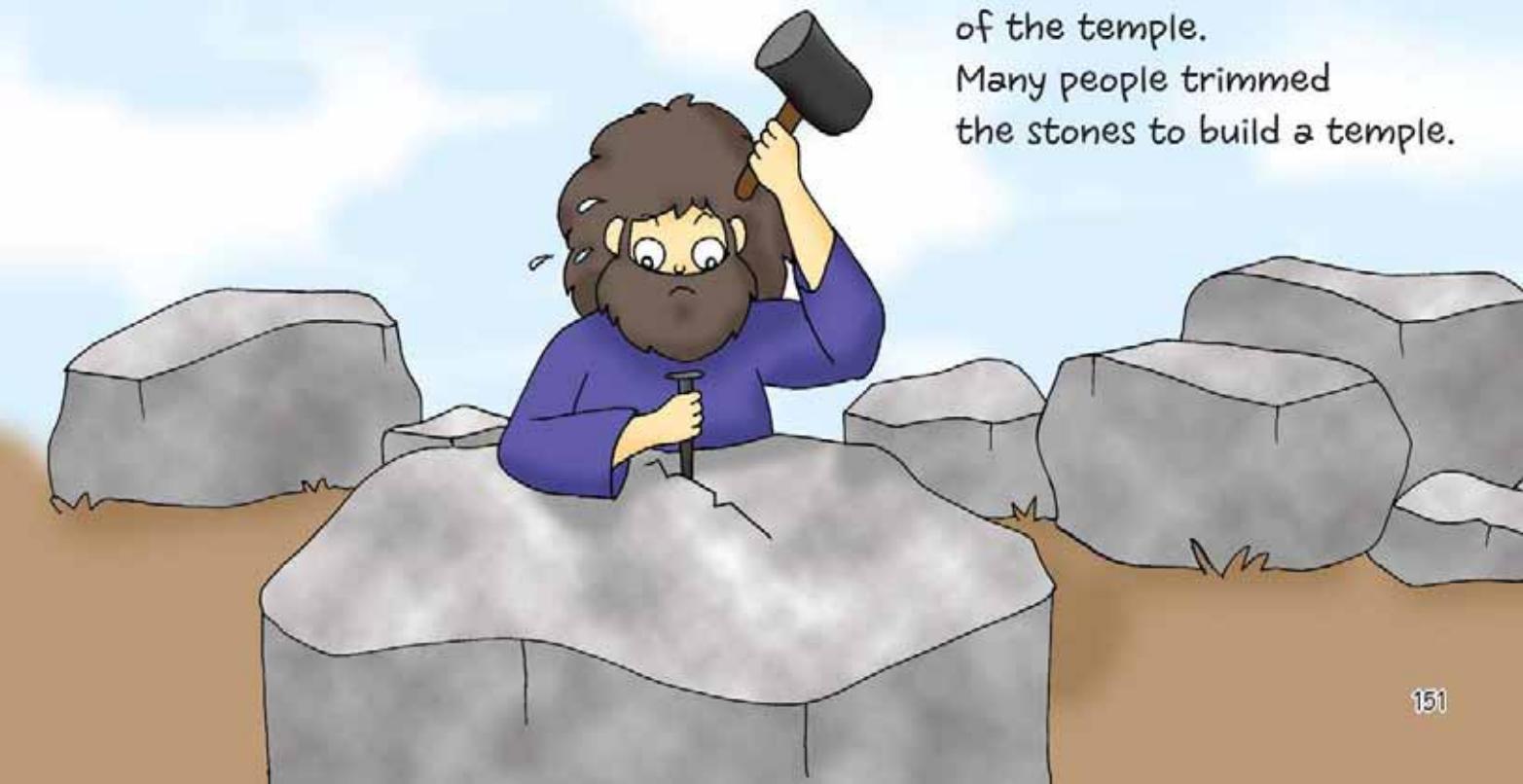
King Solomon gave King Hiram food
for the people of Tyre.

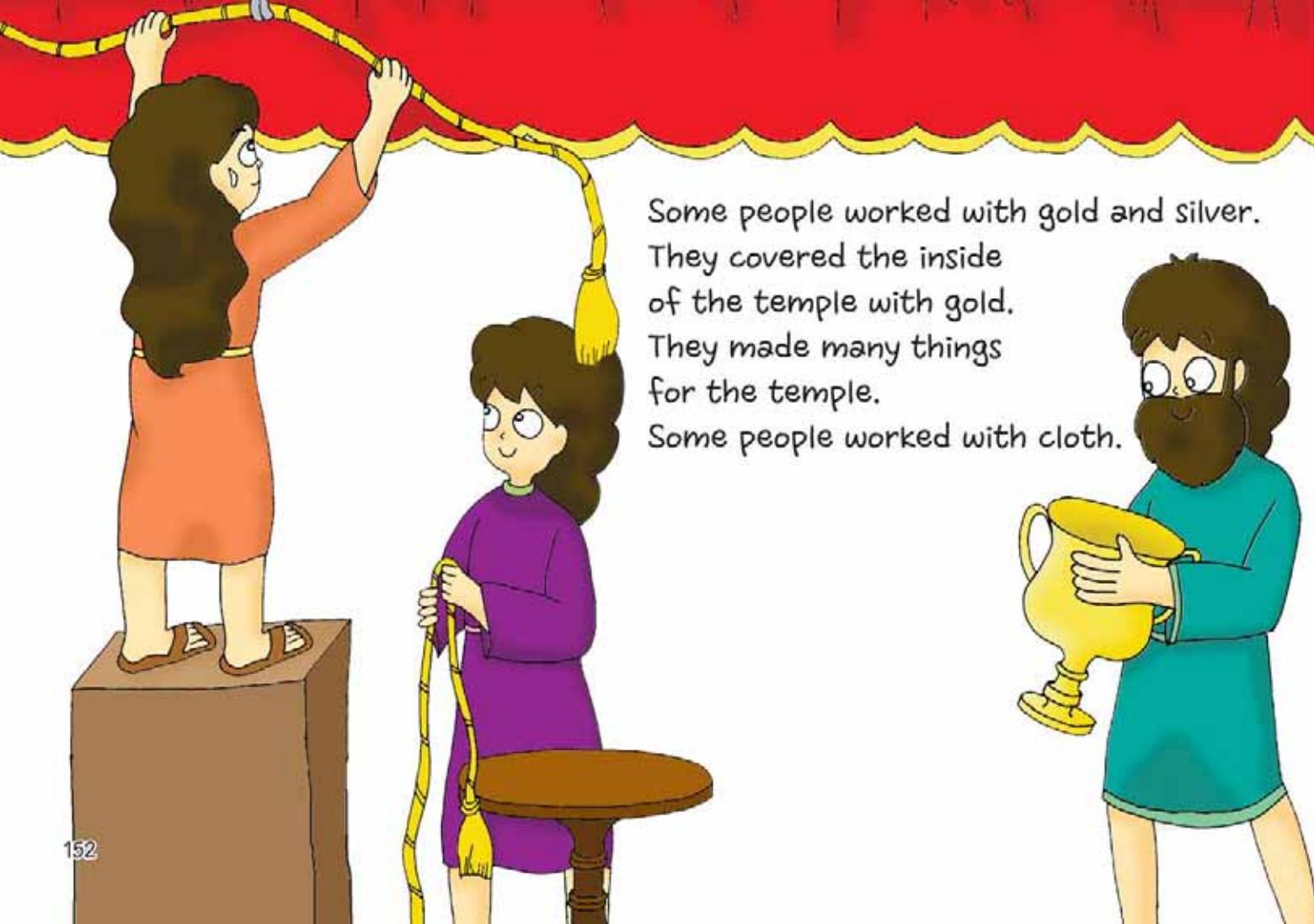
King Solomon sent 30,000
people to King
Hiram to bring wood.



Solomon had 80,000 stone cutters.
Solomon had 70,000 carriers.
He had over 3,000 foremen.

The king made them
cut the stones
to lay the foundation
of the temple.
Many people trimmed
the stones to build a temple.





Some people worked with gold and silver.
They covered the inside
of the temple with gold.
They made many things
for the temple.
Some people worked with cloth.



It took 7 years for King Solomon to finish the temple.

The temple was big and beautiful.

King Solomon gathered all the leaders of Israel.

All the holy things were put in the temple.

They worshipped God. When they finished the worship,
the temple was filled with God's cloud.

The temple was filled with God's glory.





King Solomon gathered all the people of Israel.

They praised God in the new temple.

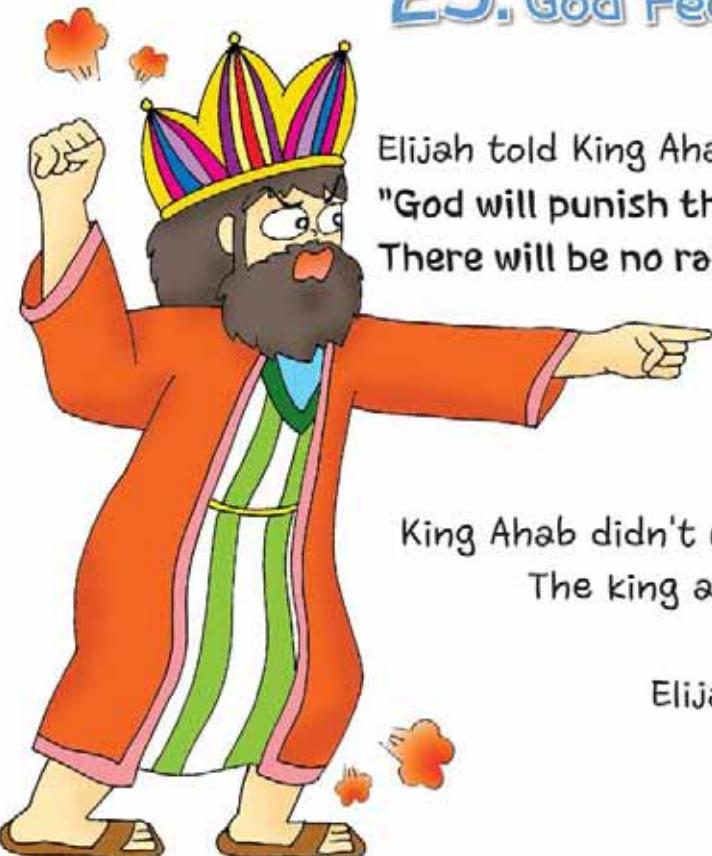
King Solomon prayed to God with the people.

"We praise You. Please stay with us. Please help us love You."

The Israelites were happy because of the grace of God.

25. God Fed Elijah

1 Kings 17



Elijah told King Ahab,
"God will punish the disobedient king.
There will be no rain for many years."



King Ahab didn't want to hear Elijah.
The king and his wife Jezebel
tried to kill Elijah.
Elijah had to run away.



Elijah conveyed God's words to the king.
God told him to escape from the king.



"Where shall I go?" asked Elijah.
"Hide in the Kerith Ravine,
east of the Jordan, and drink from it."
God led him.



"What can I eat to live?" asked Elijah.
There was nothing to eat at the Kerite Ravine.



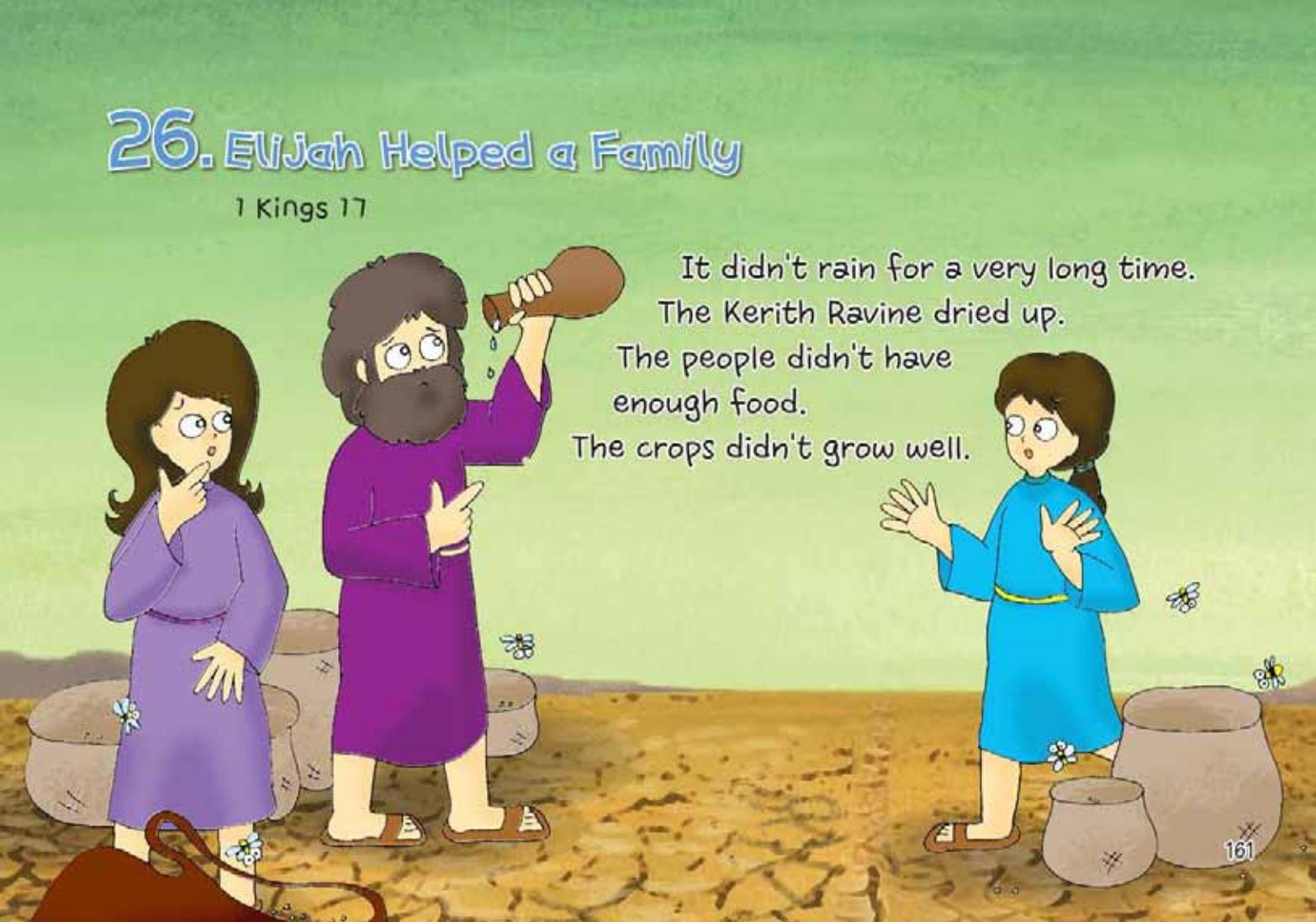
God sent food to Elijah every day.
God sent ravens with food.
Ravens brought bread and meat every day.
Elijah drank from the stream.



God gave Elijah good food every day.
Elijah prayed,
"Thank you for the food, God."

26. Elijah Helped a Family

1 Kings 17

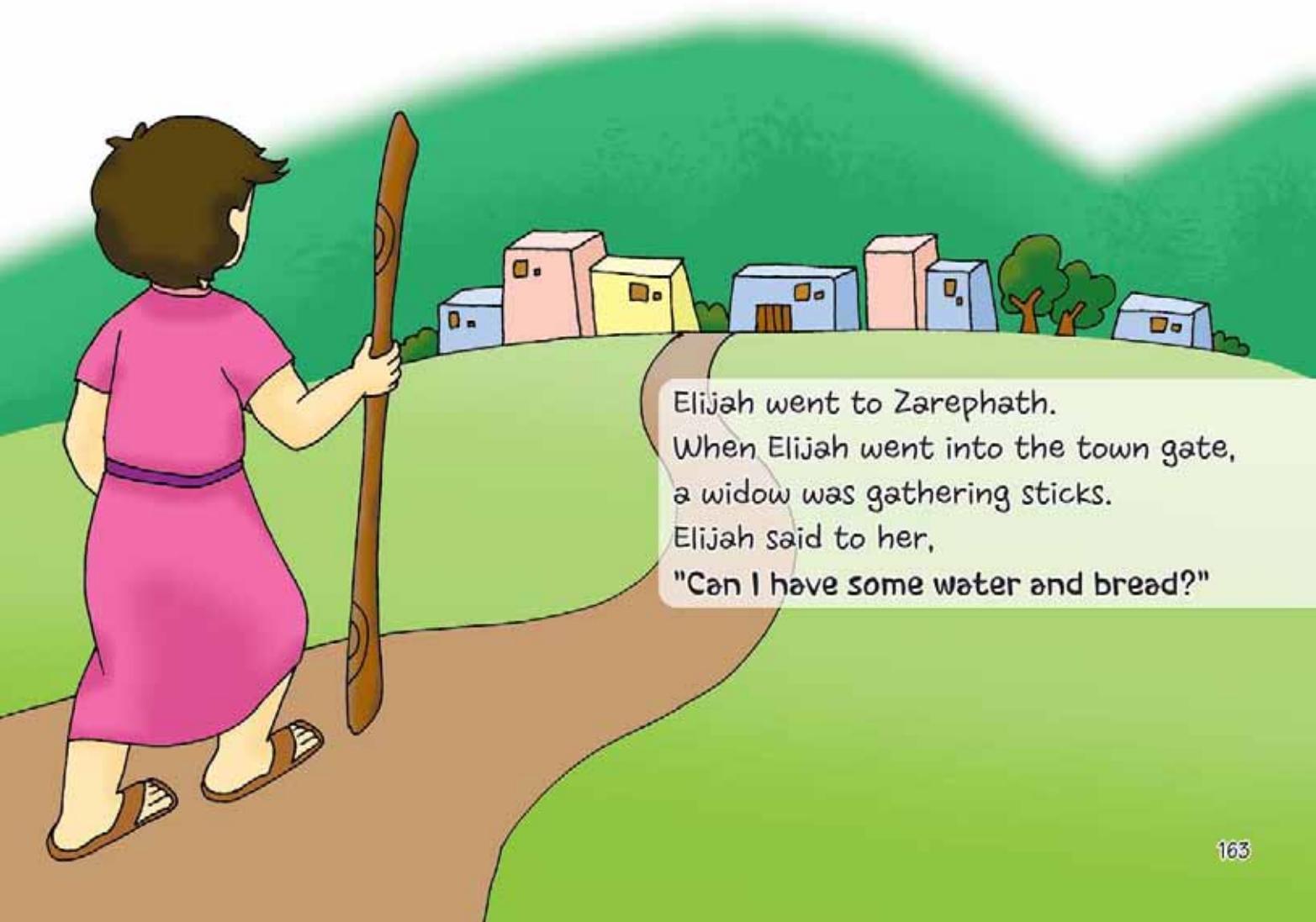


It didn't rain for a very long time.
The Kerith Ravine dried up.
The people didn't have
enough food.
The crops didn't grow well.

"Where shall I get food to eat?" prayed Elijah.

"Go to Zarephath. A widow will take care of you there."





Elijah went to Zarephath.
When Elijah went into the town gate,
a widow was gathering sticks.
Elijah said to her,
"Can I have some water and bread?"



The woman said,
"My son and I only have enough
flour and oil for one last meal."

Elijah replied,
"Don't worry.
Prepare food.
Bring the bread
to me first,
then cook something
for you and your son."



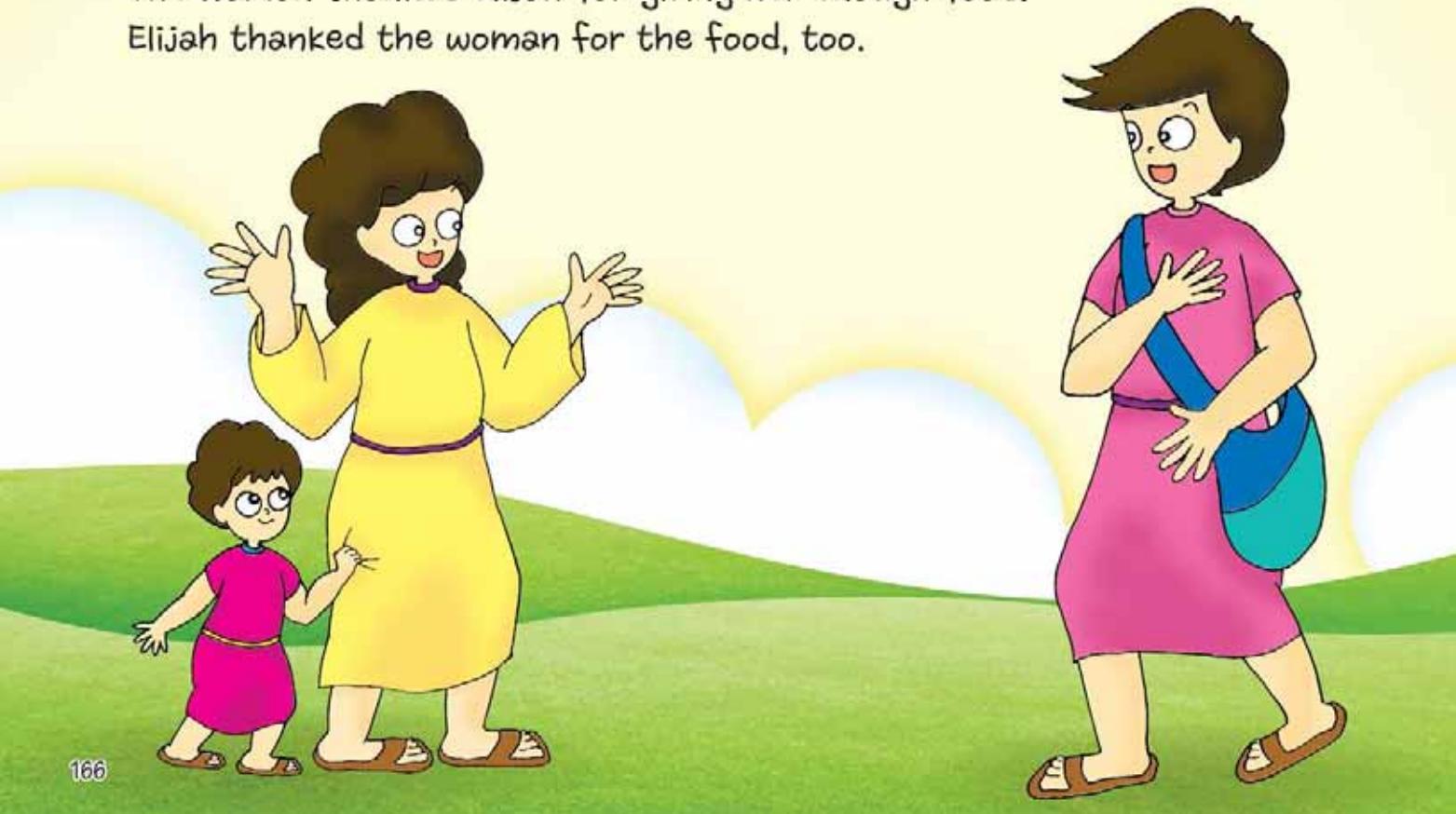
"God will not let you go hungry until it rains.
Your flour and oil will never run out."

The woman did as Elijah said.

Elijah, the woman and her son
had enough to eat after that.
God took care of the woman
and her son through Elijah.



The woman thanked Elijah for giving her enough food.
Elijah thanked the woman for the food, too.



27. A Room for Elisha

2 Kings 4

Elisha often traveled
to the town of Shunem.

"Please eat with us
when you pass our house,"
a Shunammite woman said to Elisha.

"I know you work for God.
We want to help you."

Elisha was preaching God's words.



The Shunammite woman and her husband wanted to help Elisha. They invited him for dinner. Elisha liked to eat with them. Elisha knew they loved God.



The Shunammite woman prepared something wonderful for Elisha.
She asked her husband to make something for Elisha.
"Come this way."





The woman took Elisha to a nice room.
There was a bed, a table and a chair.
Even a lamp was there.
"We made this room just for you.
Whenever you are here,
you can sleep in this room."



Elisha was happy to see the room.
It was a comfortable room.
"Thank you.
You have prepared everything
for me in this room," said Elisha.

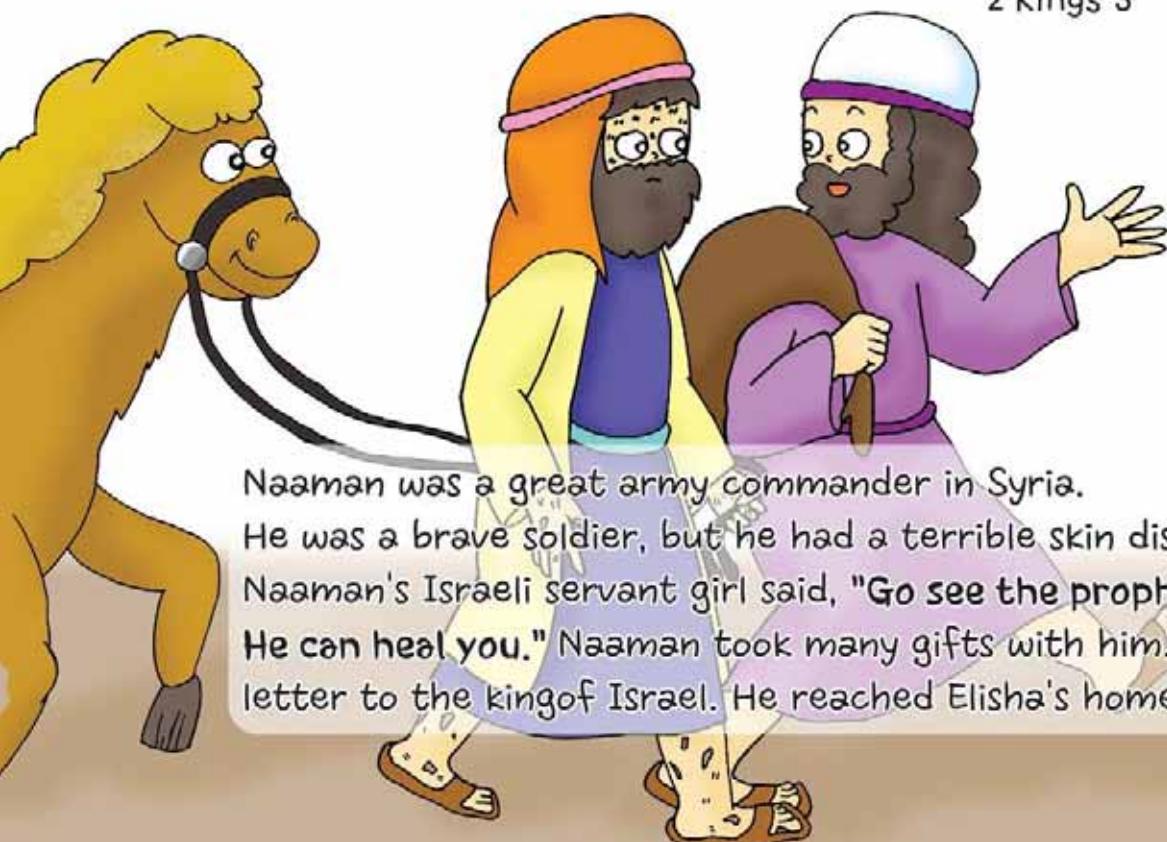


"We are proud that you work for God. We are happy to help you,"
said the woman.



28. Naaman Met God

2 Kings 5



Naaman was a great army commander in Syria. He was a brave soldier, but he had a terrible skin disease called leprosy. Naaman's Israeli servant girl said, "Go see the prophet Elisha in Israel. He can heal you." Naaman took many gifts with him. He took the king's letter to the king of Israel. He reached Elisha's home by his chariot.



Elisha sent out a man
with a message.
**"Wash yourself
seven times
in the Jordan.
You will be healed."**



At first, Naaman was mad at Elisha.
He thought it was a silly thing to do.
"Elisha doesn't even
come out to see me.
He doesn't even pray for me
in the name of God.
He doesn't even touch me.
Jordan is not the only river."
Naaman was mad
and tried to go back home.

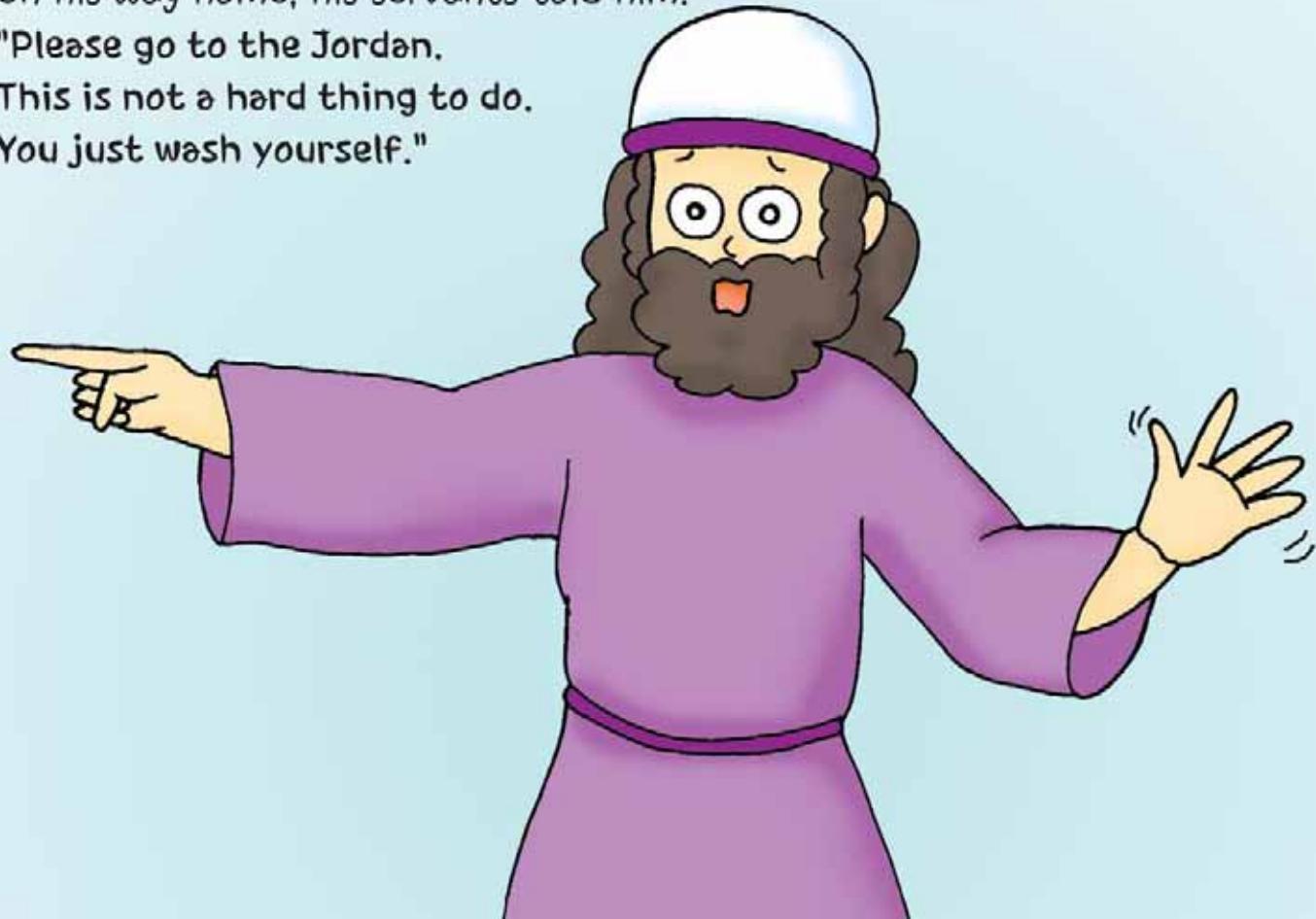


On his way home, his servants told him.

"Please go to the Jordan.

This is not a hard thing to do.

You just wash yourself."



Naaman went to the Jordan as Elisha said.
He washed himself seven times.
Naaman's skin became clean like that of a child.
His skin disease was gone!

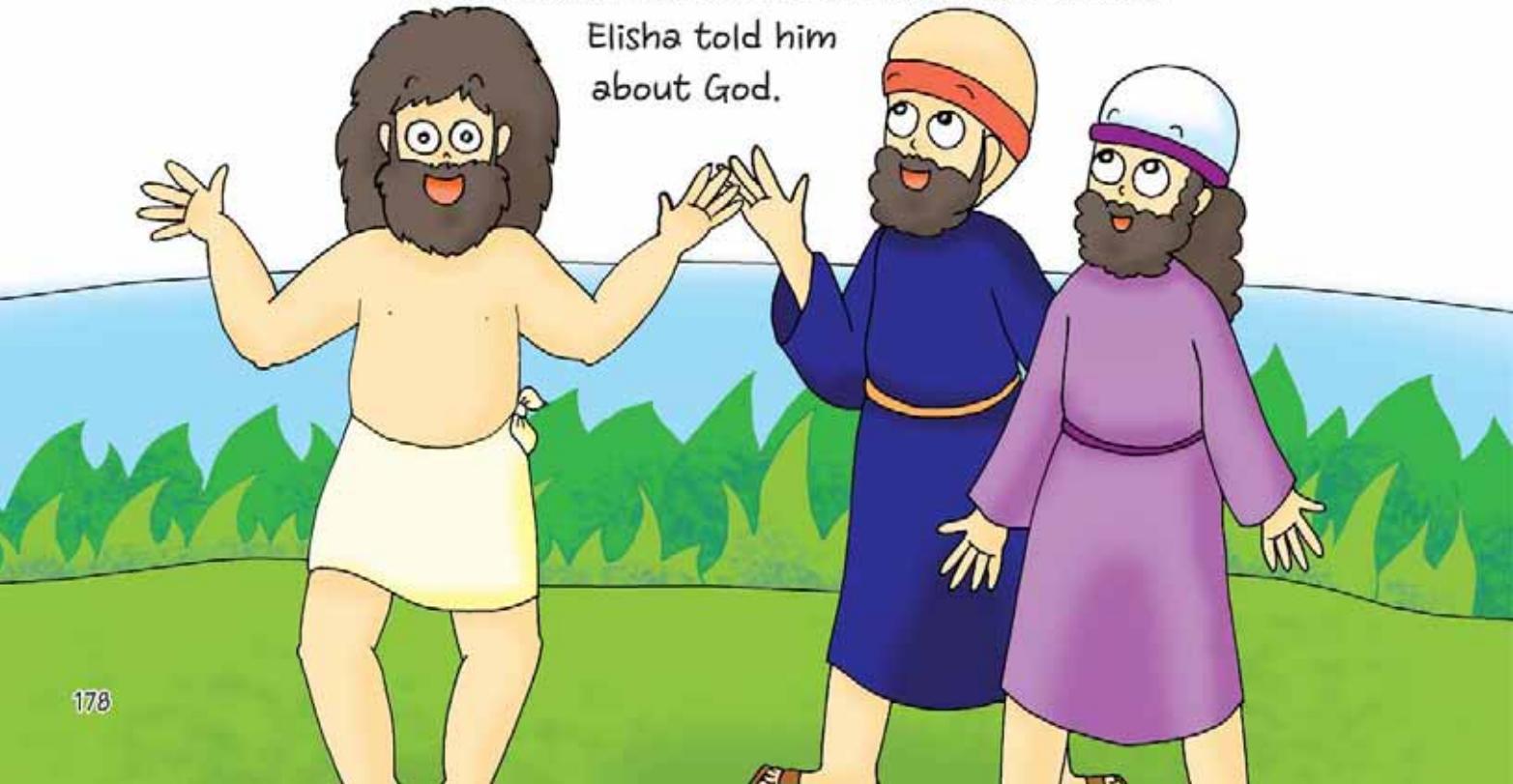


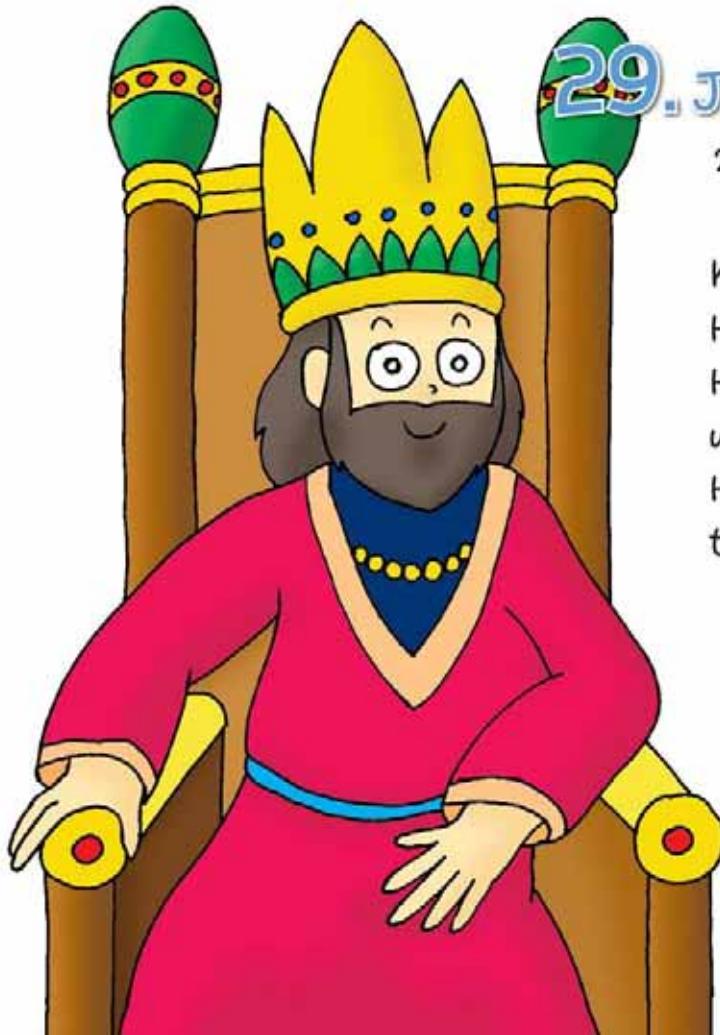
Naaman was very happy.

Naaman came back to Elisha. He tried to give Elisha gifts.
Elisha didn't accept the gifts. Elisha told him to serve God.

Naaman was healed. He did what Elisha said.

Elisha told him
about God.

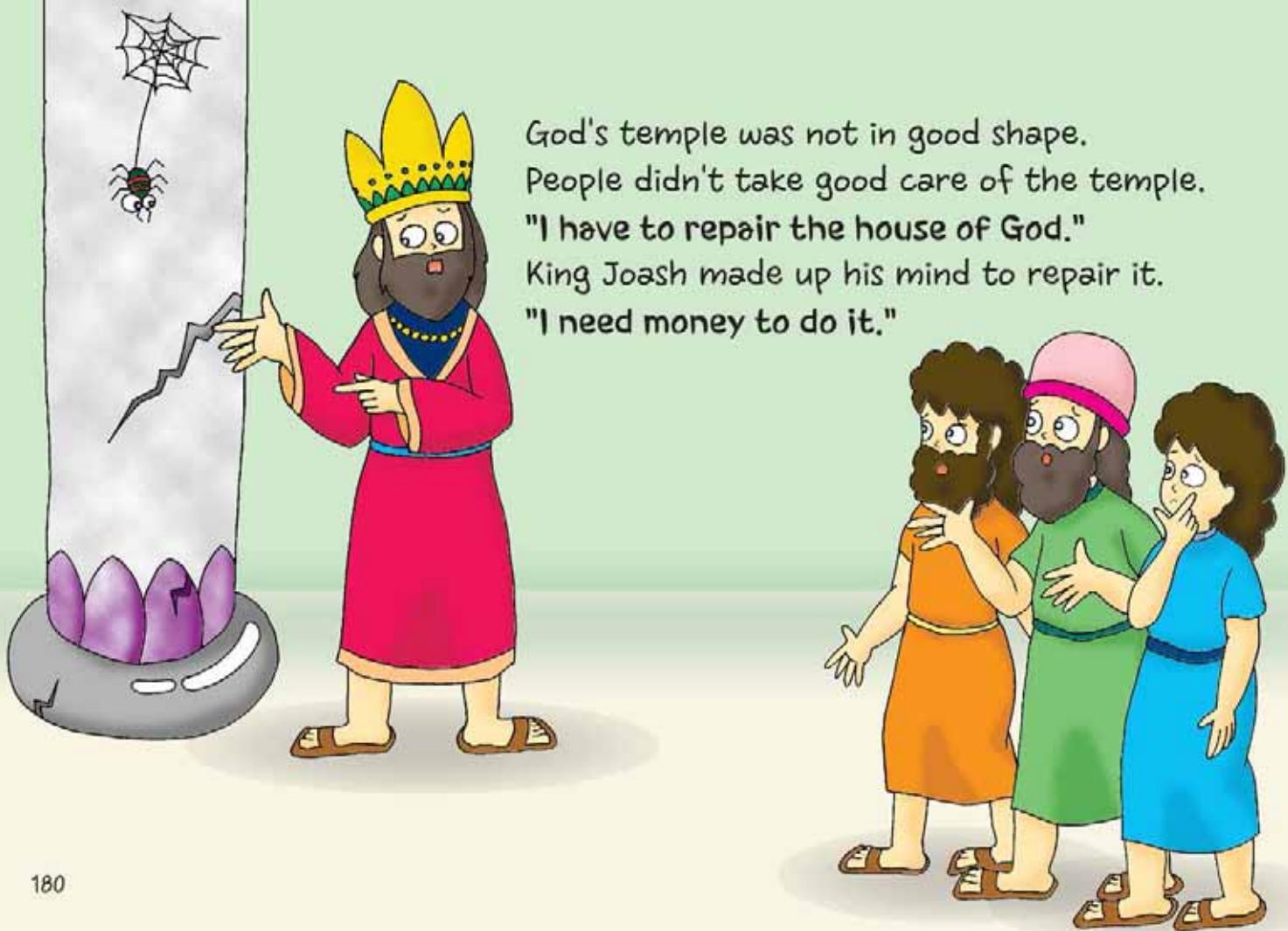




29. Joash Repaired The Temple

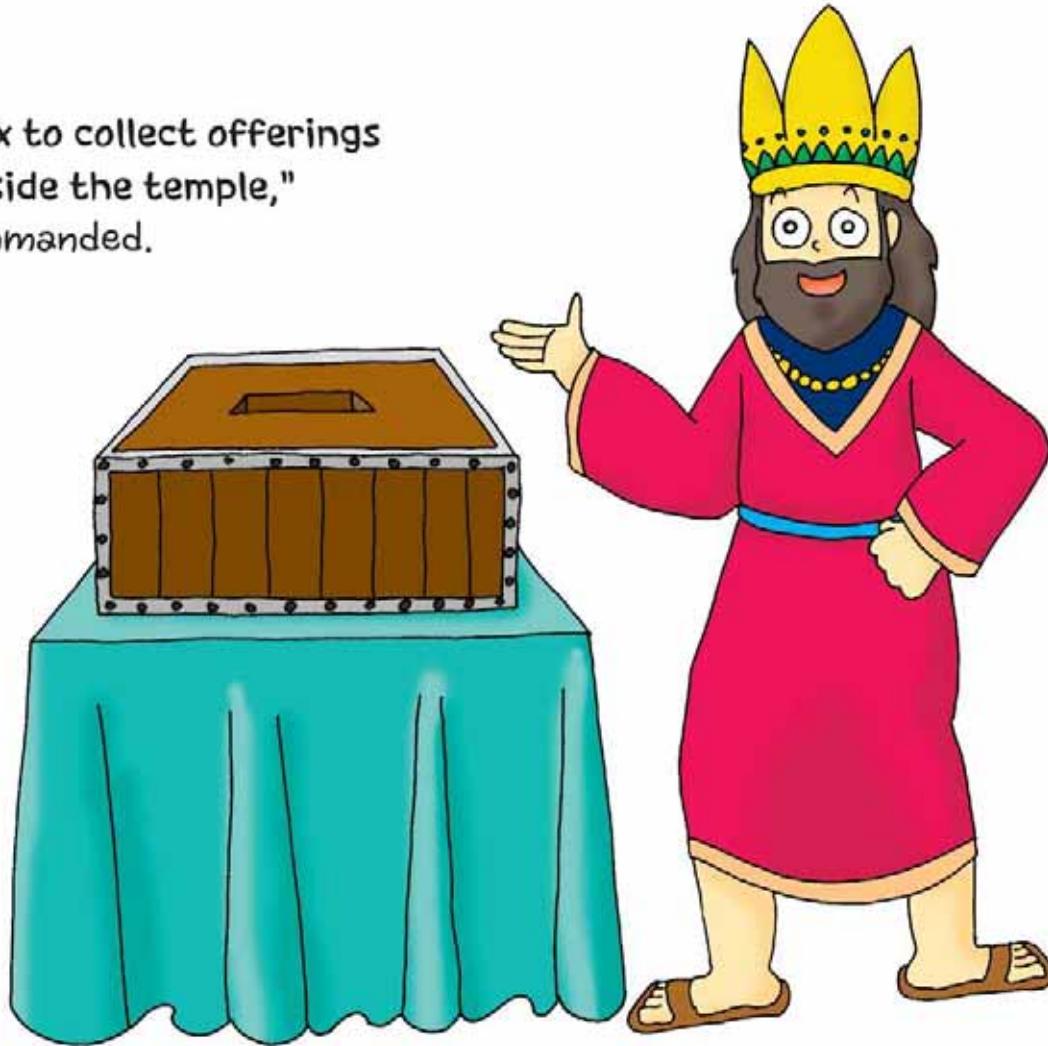
2 Chronicles 24

King Joash loved God.
He did what God pleased.
He wanted his people do
what God pleased.
He wanted his people come
to God's temple often.



God's temple was not in good shape.
People didn't take good care of the temple.
"I have to repair the house of God."
King Joash made up his mind to repair it.
"I need money to do it."

"Make a big box to collect offerings
and put it outside the temple,"
King Joash commanded.



People were happy to help repair the temple.

They brought offerings.

When the box was full,

King's servants took the offerings out
and put the box back.

King Joash collected
a lot of money
to repair the temple.



King Joash gave the money to the workers.
He hired masons and carpenters.
He hired workers for metal work.
They worked very hard.
They repaired the temple very well.
They rebuilt the temple
of God according
to its original design.



They made things for God's temple with the rest of the money.
The temple became a worship place.
The temple became a happy place.



30. Building a New Wall

Nehemiah 1-8

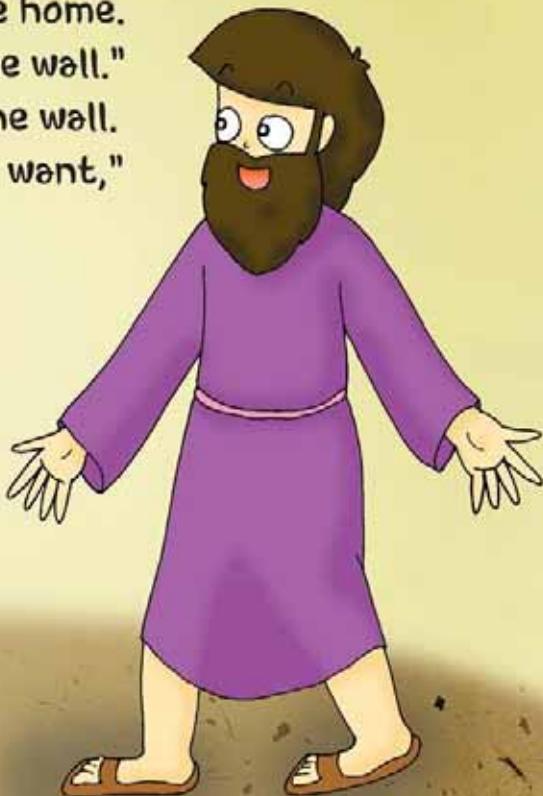
Nehemiah was a servant of a Persian king.
One day, Nehemiah heard some sad news at the palace.
**"The wall of Jerusalem was broken down.
The gates of Jerusalem were burned."**
Nehemiah cried several days.
He prayed without eating anything.
The king asked Nehemiah,
"Why are you so sad?" Nehemiah answered,
**"The temple of God in my country is ruined.
The gates of the city are burned with fire."**





The king liked Nehemiah. The king was worried.
He asked Nehemiah, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Nehemiah answered, "Send me home.
Please allow me to rebuild the wall."
"You may go. Rebuild the wall.
I will give whatever you want,"
said the king.

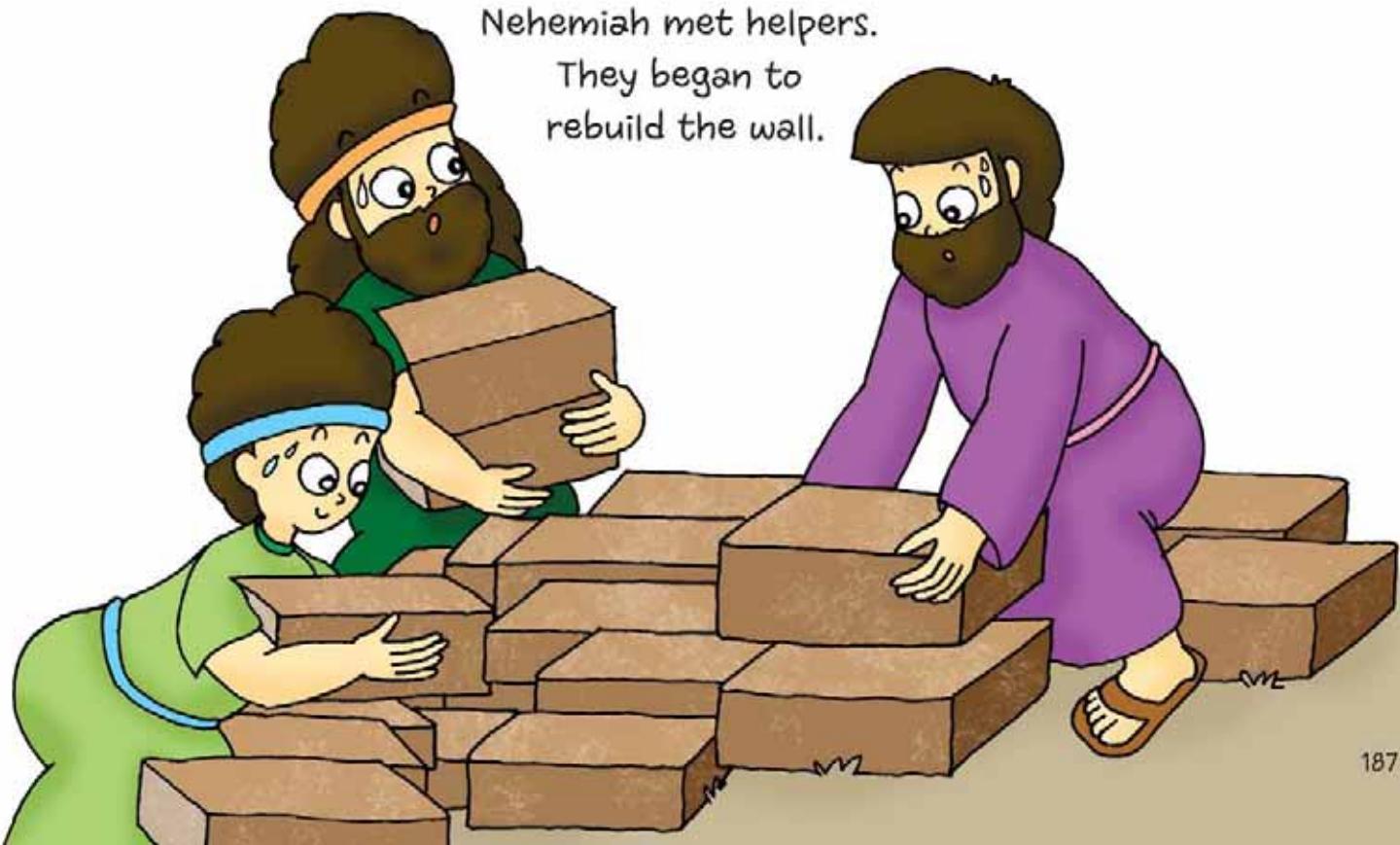


The king gave Nehemiah blocks to build the wall.

He took the blocks and returned home.

Nehemiah met helpers.

They began to
rebuild the wall.



Some people didn't want to rebuild the wall.

Sanballat and Tobiah were very angry at the idea.

They laughed at the people of Israel. They tried to hurt Nehemiah.

They tried to hurt the helpers of Nehemiah.

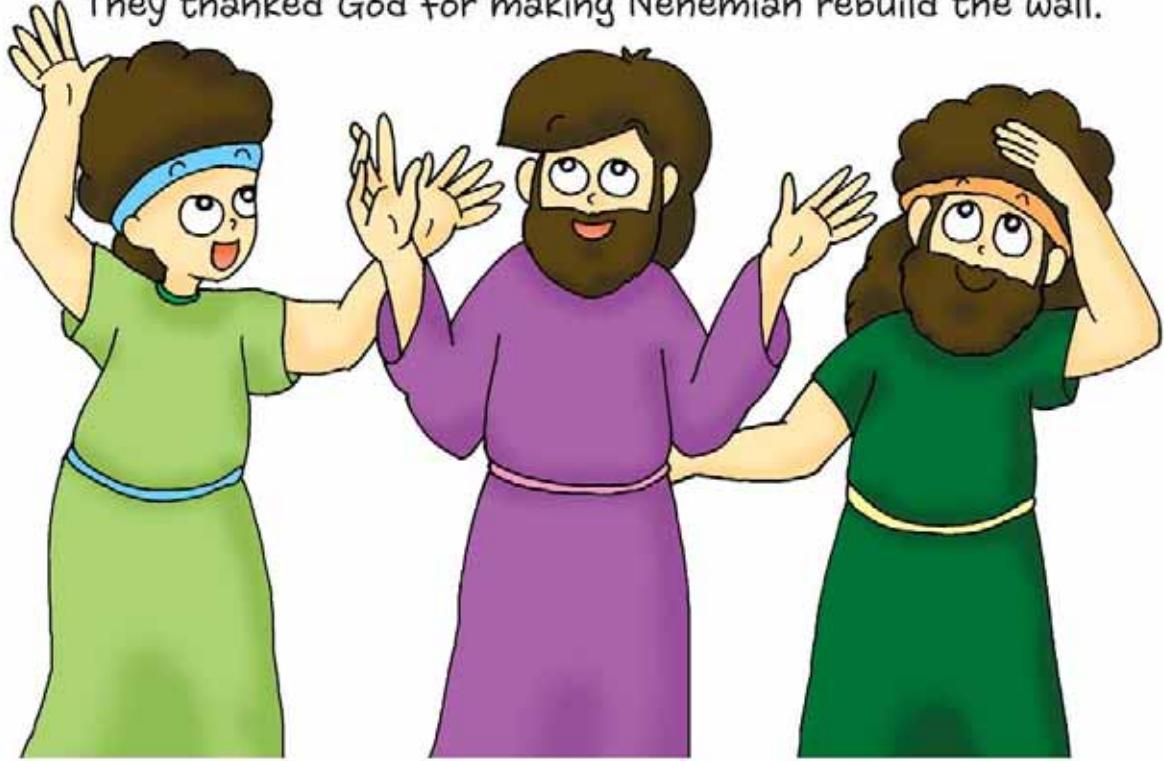
They didn't want to rebuild the wall.



God helped Nehemiah build the wall.
God helped Nehemiah put up
the gates of the city.
Nehemiah did what God wanted him to do.



It was not easy to rebuild the wall.
They rebuilt the wall with God's help.
The friends of Nehemiah came to see the wall.
They thanked God for helping Nehemiah.
They thanked God for making Nehemiah rebuild the wall.



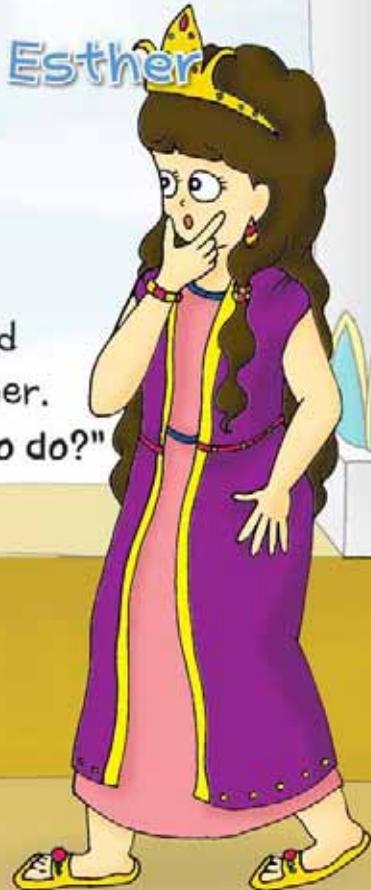
31. The Brave Queen, Esther

Esther 1-10

"Haman is going to kill
the people of Israel,"

Uncle Mordecai said
to the Queen Esther.

"What do you want me to do?"
said Esther.





"Please ask the king to help us, Esther," said Mordecai.

But Esther couldn't do it.

Esther could go to the king only when he wanted.

Esther was an Israelite.

She was the queen of the Persian King, Xerxes.

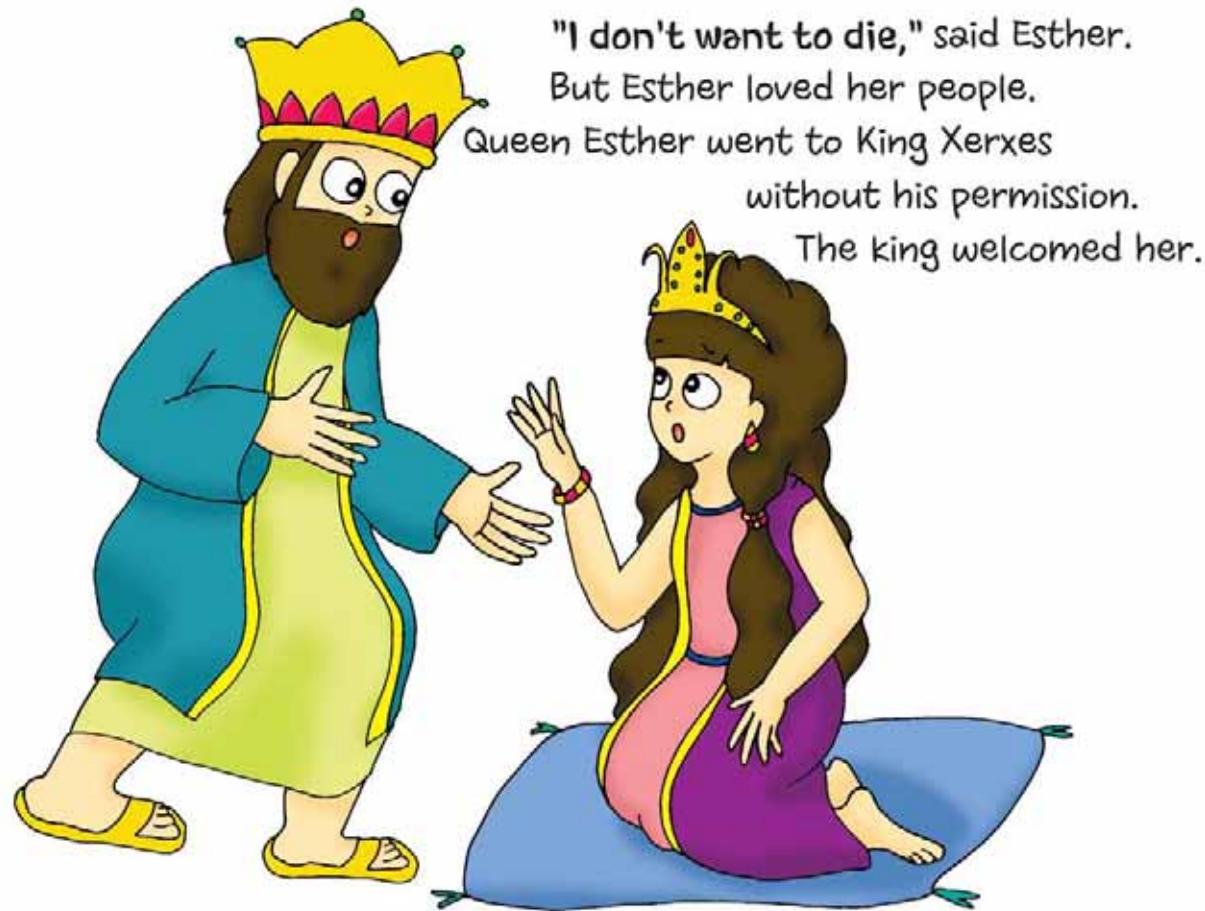
Mordecai was a guard at the gate.

Haman was the king's chief helper.

He hated the Israelites.

He didn't know the queen was an Israelite.

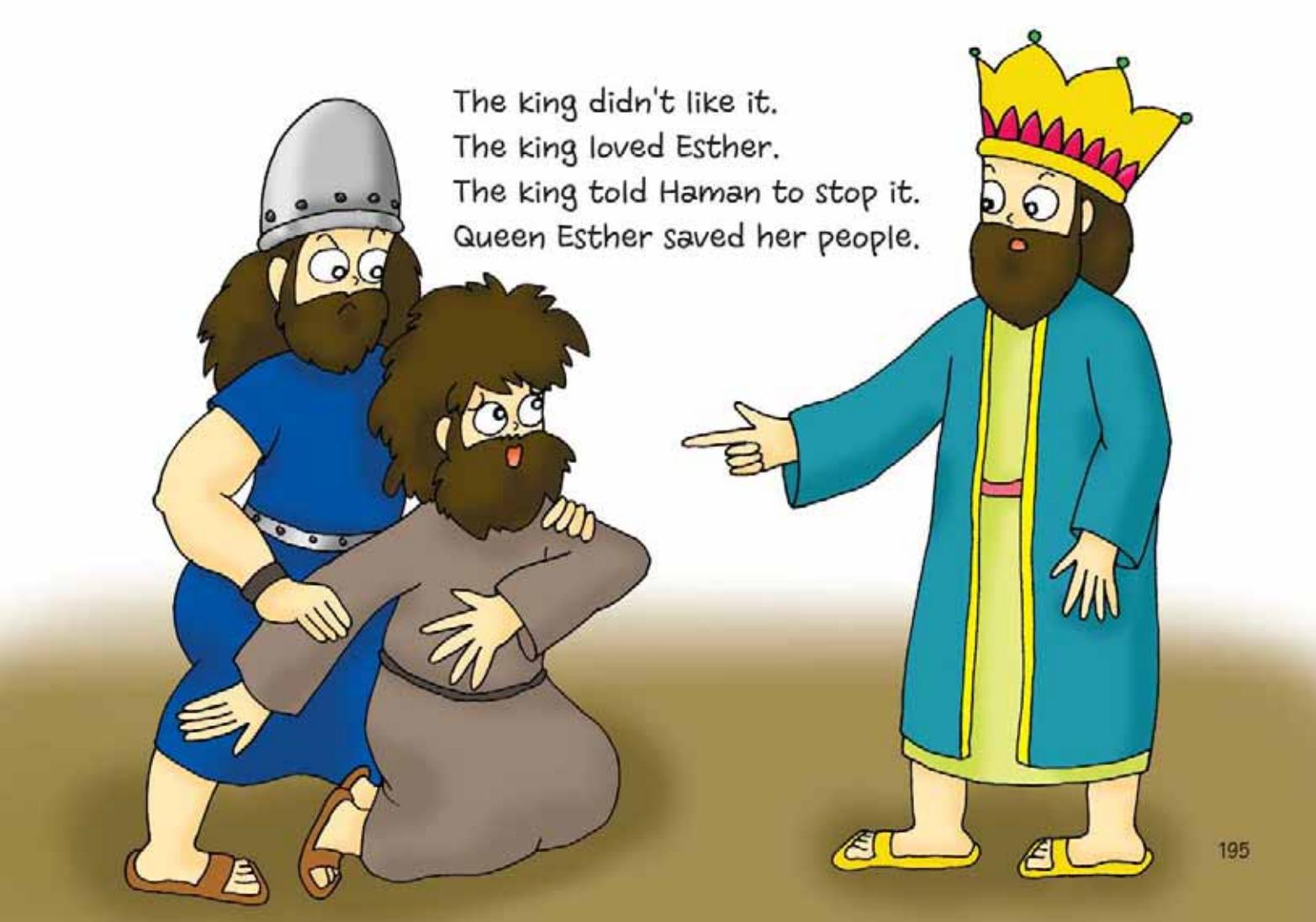
He planned to kill the people of Israel.



"I don't want to die," said Esther.
But Esther loved her people.
Queen Esther went to King Xerxes
without his permission.
The king welcomed her.

The king loved her.
King Xerxes promised Esther
to do anything for her.
"Please help my people,"
said the queen Esther.
"A bad person is going to
kill my people.
He is trying to kill me."





The king didn't like it.
The king loved Esther.
The king told Haman to stop it.
Queen Esther saved her people.

Esther and her people were not scared any more.
They were happy because of the brave Queen Esther.

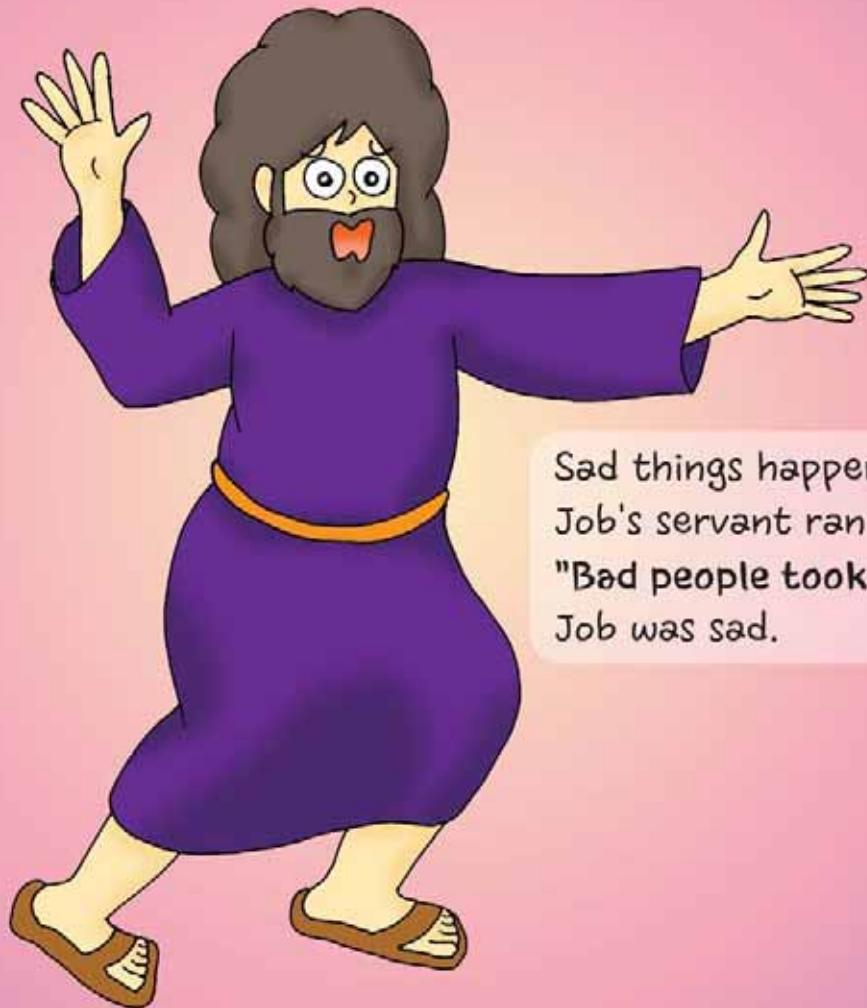


32. Unchanging Love of God

Job 1-42

Job was a godly man.
He served God.
He did what God wanted.
God blessed him.

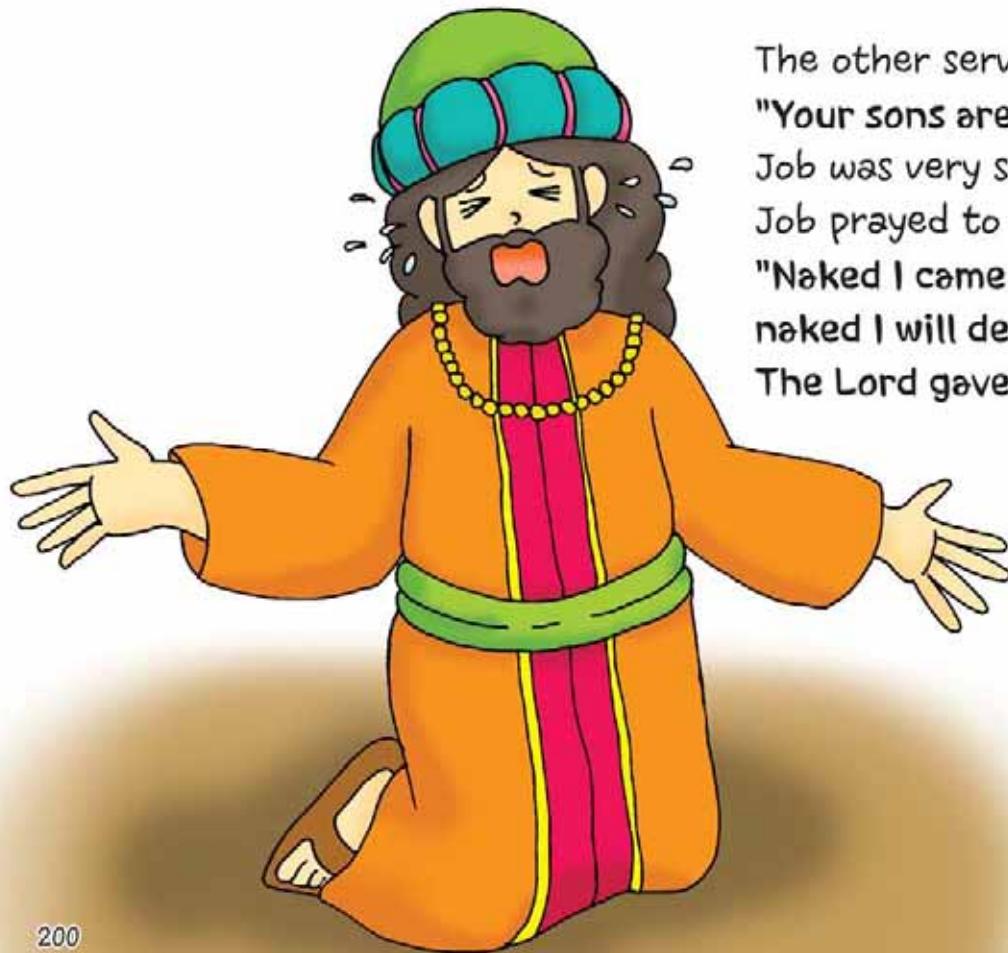




Sad things happened.
Job's servant ran to him.
"Bad people took your livestock."
Job was sad.



Another servant came to Job.
"They killed the remaining livestock.
They killed all the servants."



The other servant ran to Job.
"Your sons are all dead."
Job was very sad.
Job prayed to God in tears.
"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
naked I will depart.
The Lord gave, and the Lord
took away from me.
I praise the Lord."
In spite of
all these things,
Job didn't sin
or complain to God.

Job became sick after that.

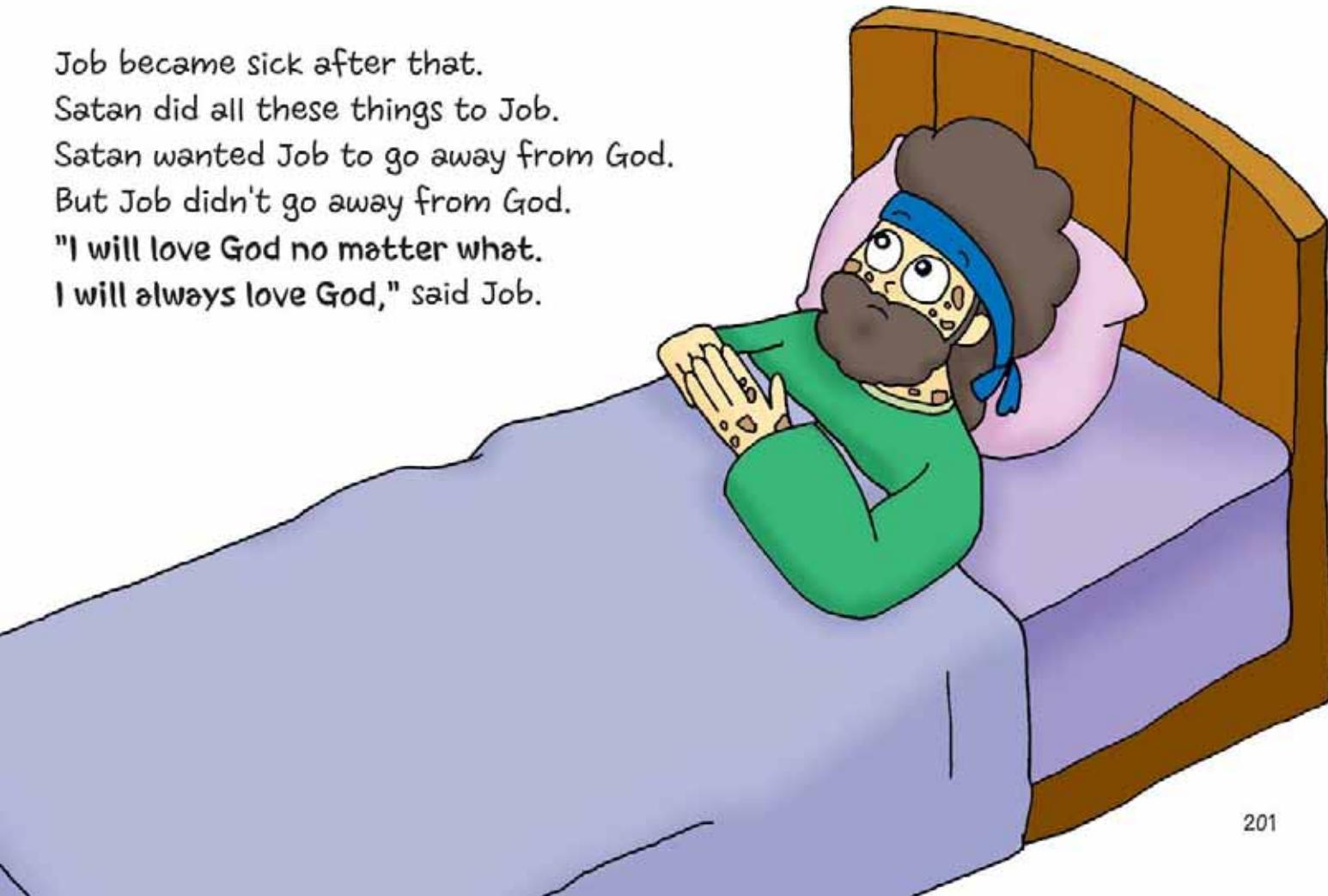
Satan did all these things to Job.

Satan wanted Job to go away from God.

But Job didn't go away from God.

"I will love God no matter what.

I will always love God," said Job.

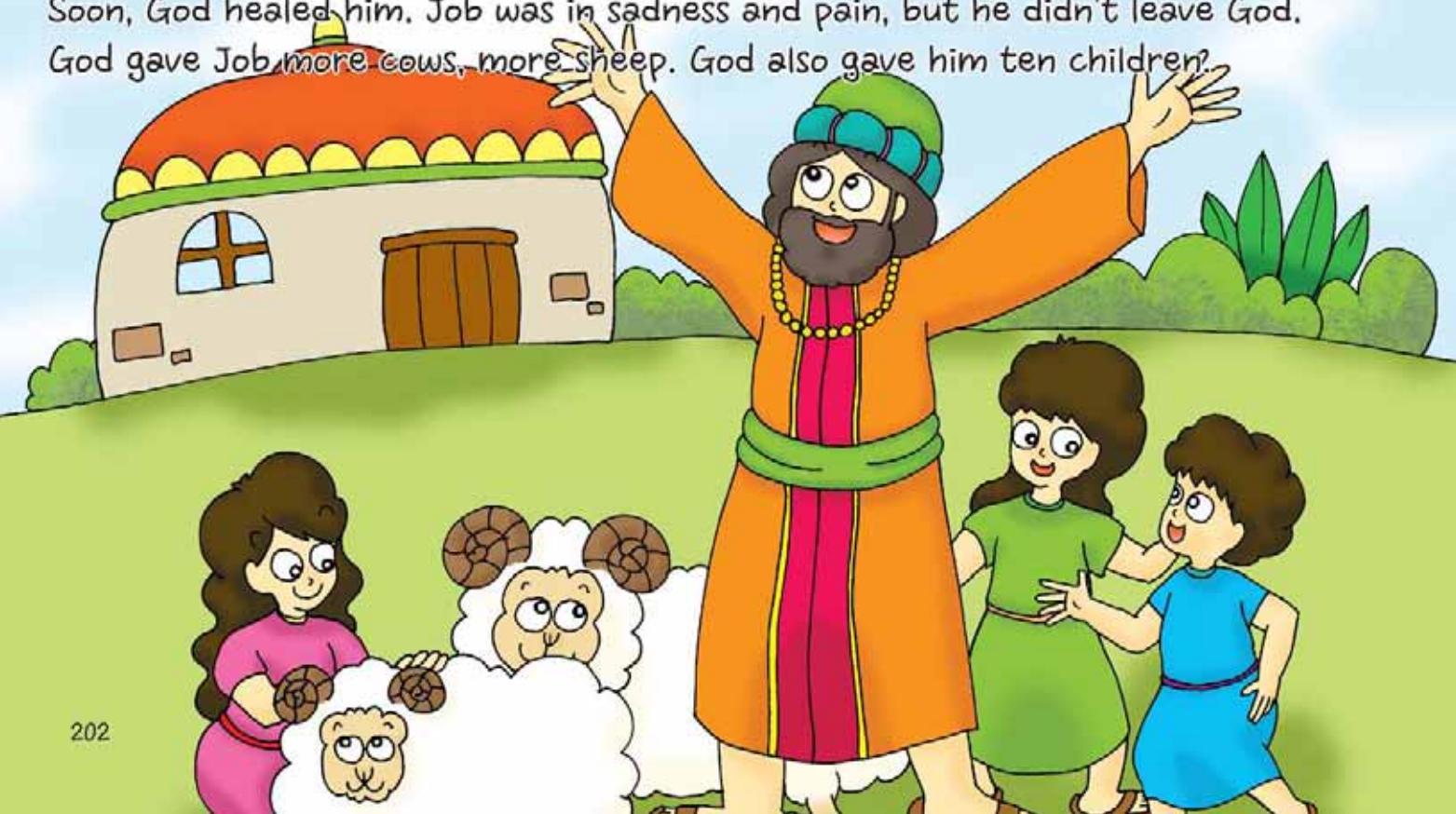


Job loved God even in despair. Job was loved by God even more.

Job came to know more about God when he was suffering.

Soon, God healed him. Job was in sadness and pain, but he didn't leave God.

God gave Job more cows, more sheep. God also gave him ten children?



33. Daniel Interpreted The King's Dream

Daniel 2



King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was afraid.
**"I had a dream, but I don't understand
the meaning of the dream."**
The king gathered many people.
The king asked them to interpret
the meaning of the dream.





"Interpret my dream," said the king.
"How can we know about your dream?"
said the people.
The king didn't like their answers.
"If you can't interpret my dream,
I will kill you."

People were trembling with fear.



Daniel was God's man.
Daniel said to the king,
"I will interpret the dream for you."



Daniel prayed to God.
**"What is the meaning of the dream?
Please give me wisdom, God."**
God told Daniel what the dream was about.
**"Thank you God for letting me
know the meaning of the dream."**



Daniel told the king about the dream.
Nobody could explain the dream.
The king was satisfied.



The king was afraid
of Daniel's God.

The king was surprised
by Daniel's wisdom.

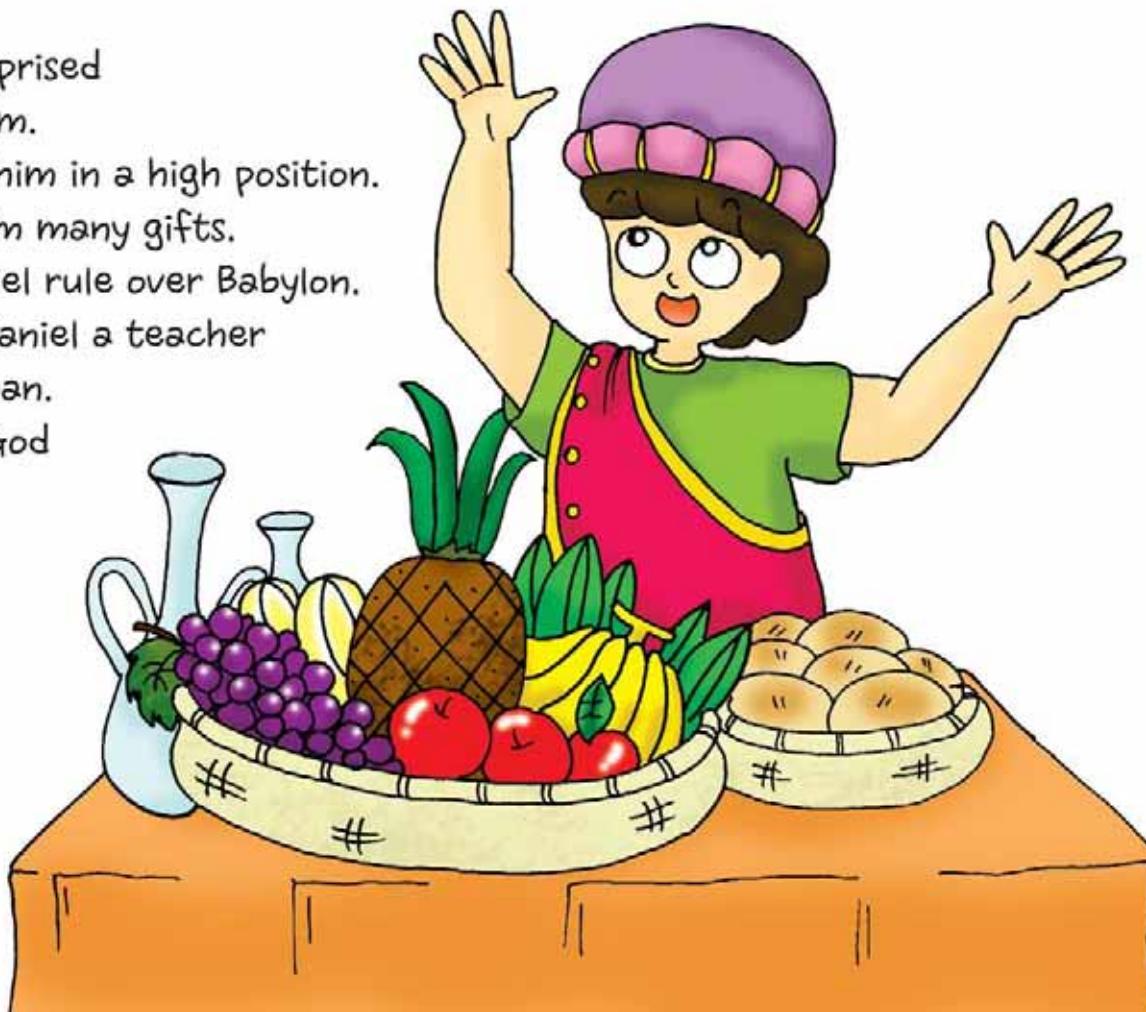
The king placed him in a high position.

The king gave him many gifts.

The king let Daniel rule over Babylon.

The king made Daniel a teacher
for every wise man.

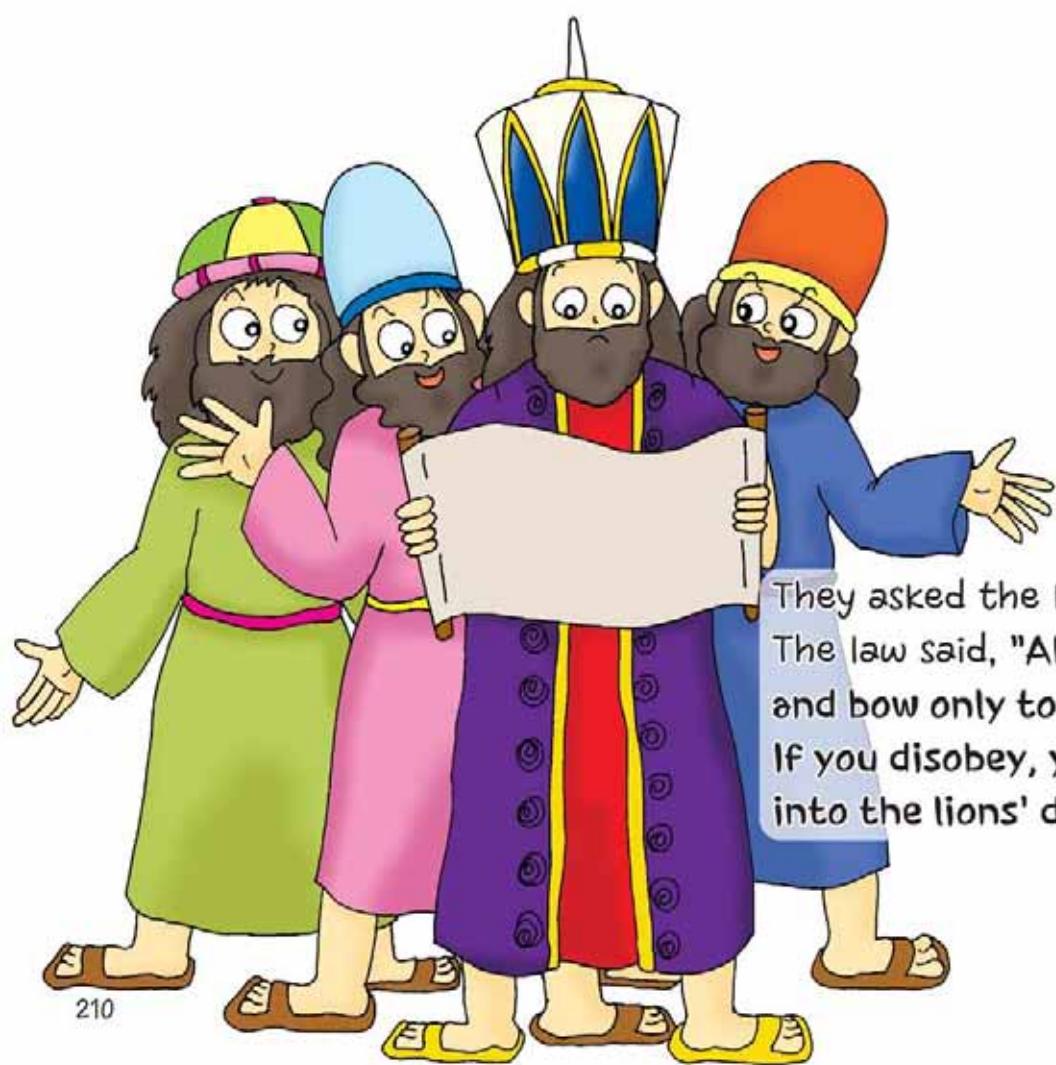
Daniel thanked God
for helping him.



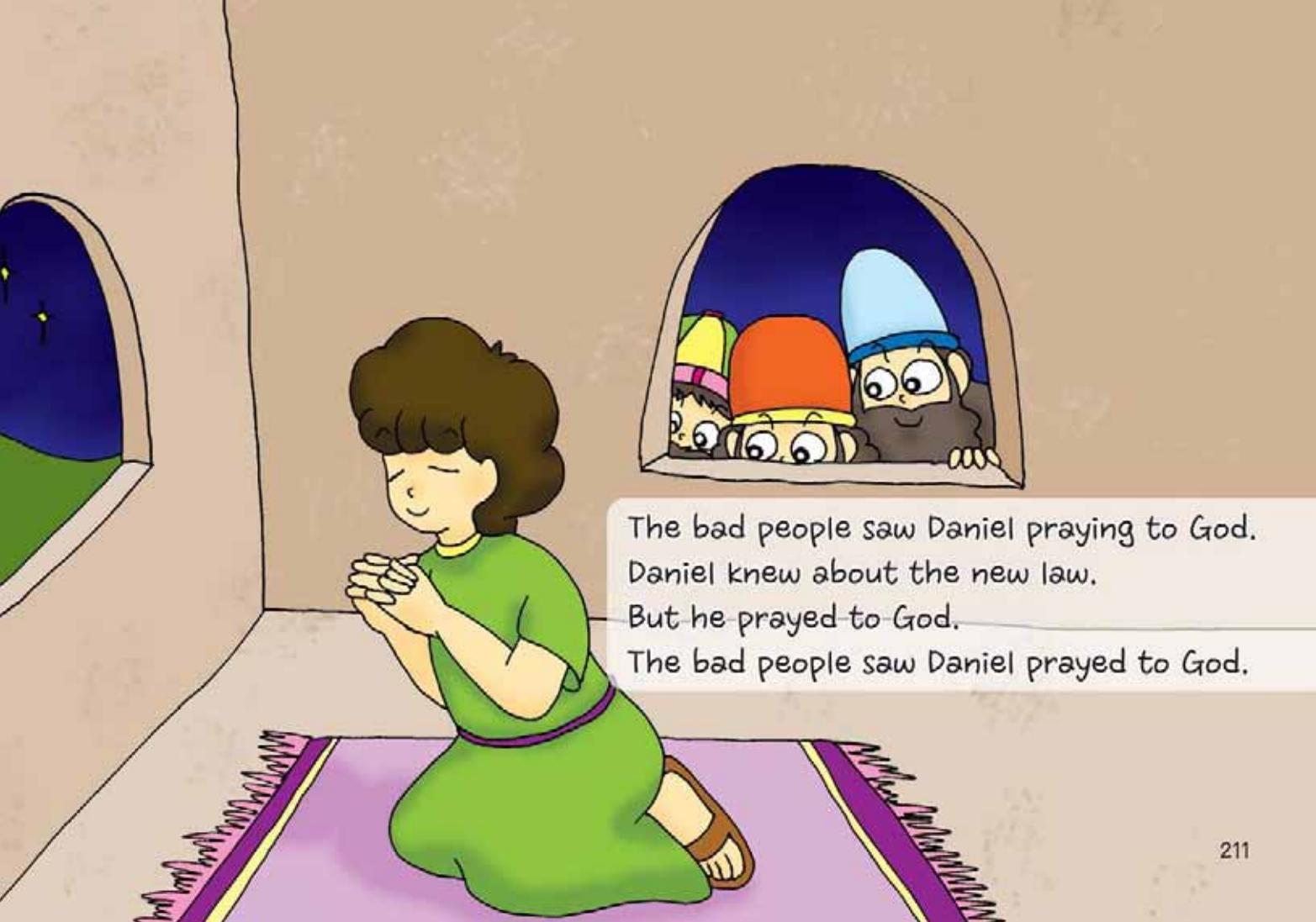
34. God Helped Daniel Daniel 6



King Darius' men said,
**"King Darius is going
to place Daniel in a high position.
But Daniel is a foreigner."**
Daniel ruled over Babylon.
He was loyal and faithful.
King Darius' men didn't like Daniel.
They failed to find Daniel's faults.



They asked the king to make a new law.
The law said, "All of you must pray
and bow only to the king.
If you disobey, you will be thrown
into the lions' den."



The bad people saw Daniel praying to God.
Daniel knew about the new law.
But he prayed to God.
The bad people saw Daniel prayed to God.



Bad people reported Daniel to the king.

The king was not happy. He wanted to save Daniel.

But the king had to put Daniel in the lion's den. It was a law.

The king commanded them to put Daniel into the lion's den.

The king said, "Your God will help you."

People blocked the lion's den
with a large stone.



The king couldn't sleep that night. He couldn't eat anything.
Early next morning, the king went to see Daniel.
"Did your God help you, Daniel?" called the king.
"Yes," answered Daniel.
"God sent angels to protect me from the lions.
God knew I was innocent and He saved me."



King Darius was so happy.
He ordered his men
to take Daniel out of the lion's den.
No wound was found on Daniel.
Daniel trusted God.
The king ordered everyone
to honor and respect God.

35. Jonah Learned to Obey God

Jonah

God sent a great wind on the sea.

A violent storm arose and the boat was about to break.

Jonah was in the boat. Jonah was running away from God.

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to tell them God's message.

Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh. He was on his way to Tarshish.



The people on the boat were afraid.

Jonah told them that he was running away from God.

He said, "Throw me into the sea. God will stop this storm."

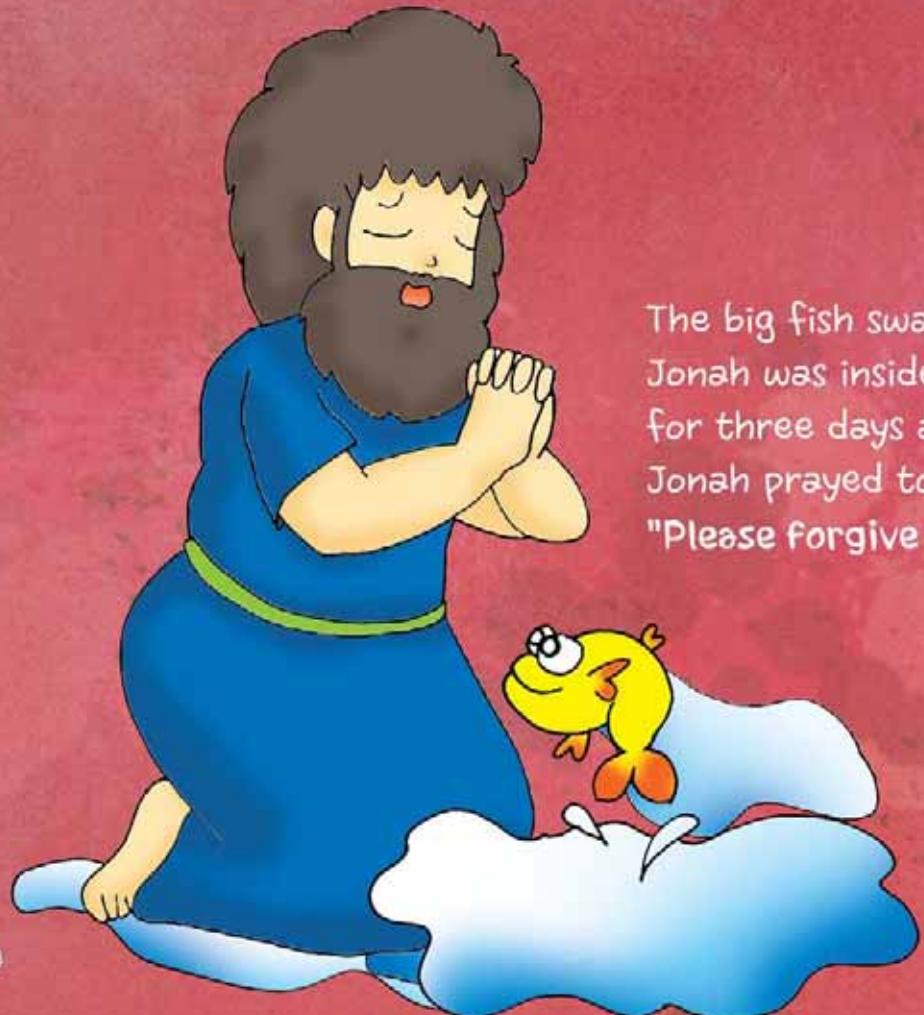
People tried to row the boat to the land.

It was useless because of the strong wind and the storm.





The people threw Jonah
into the raging sea.
Instantly, the sea became calm.
God sent him a huge fish.
"Swallow Jonah."



The big fish swallowed Jonah.
Jonah was inside the fish
for three days and three nights.
Jonah prayed to God in the fish.
"Please forgive me. I have sinned."

The big fish spat out Jonah on a dry land.
God said to Jonah again,
"Go and tell the people of Nineveh to stop doing bad things."



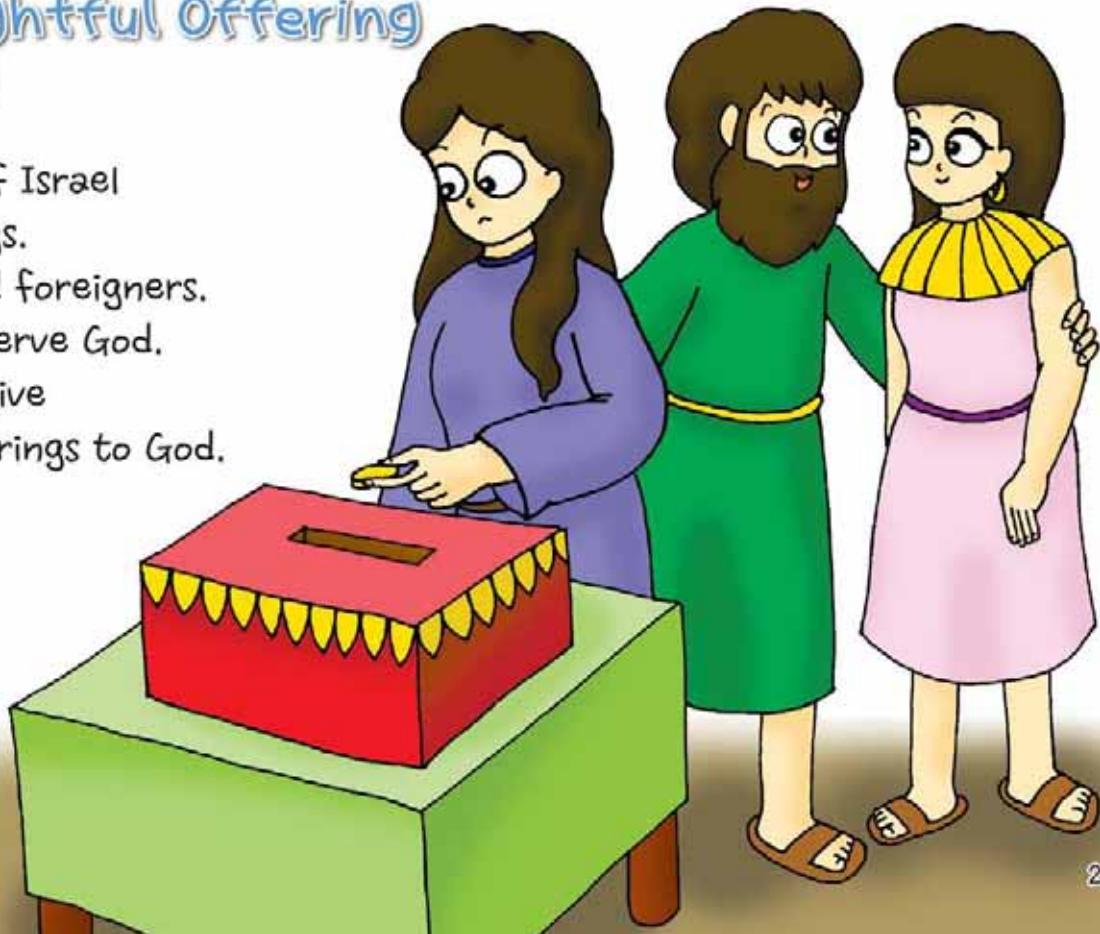
This time, Jonah obeyed God. He went to Nineveh.
He told God's message to the people of Nineveh.



36. A Rightful Offering

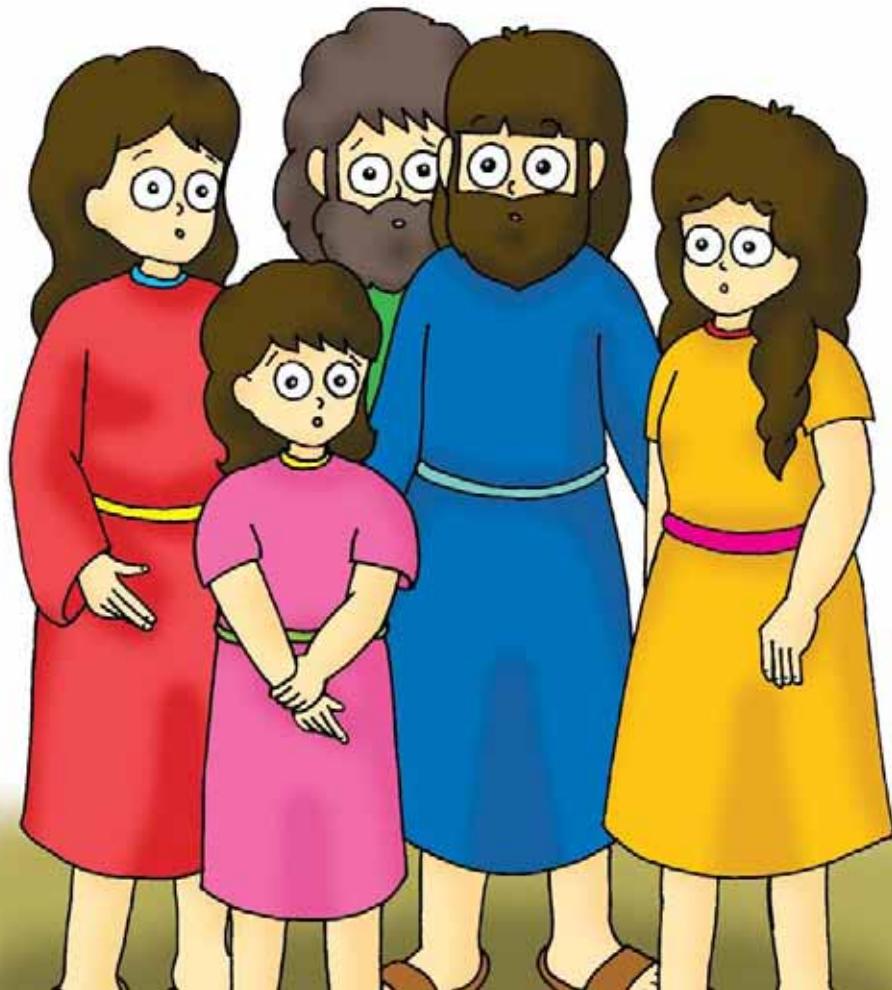
Malachi

The people of Israel
did bad things.
They married foreigners.
They didn't serve God.
They didn't give
rightful offerings to God.





God warned the people through Malachi.
"Worship God with all your heart."
"Give rightful offerings to God."



Malachi said,
"God will punish those
who don't serve Him.
God will give
new strength to those
who serve Him.
Obey God."