

Elisha Is Called

God spoke with Elijah the Prophet when he was on a mountain and gave him the instructions for his next job. Elijah listened to God's voice and then began his trip to do what God asked him to do.

He was to go to a man named Elisha and invite him to travel with him and to be his helper. Elisha was to be the new prophet after Elijah.

When Elijah found Elisha, he was ploughing a field so that he could plant his crops. Elijah put his coat over him as a sign that he was calling Elisha to go with him.

Elisha said goodbye to everyone and left as fast as he could, to work together with Elijah. Elisha was glad that the Lord had a special job for him to do.



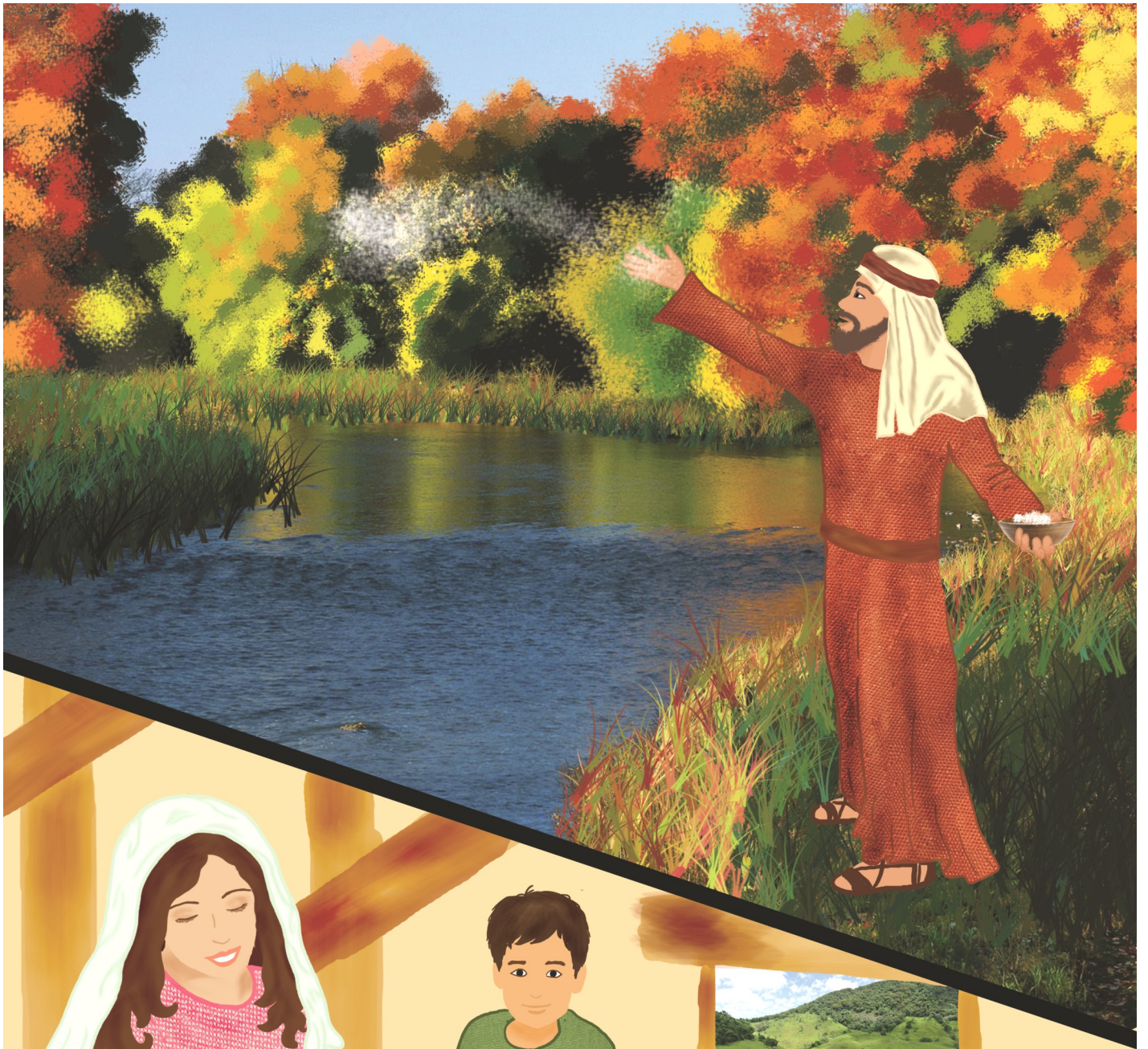
A Heavenly Ride on a Fiery Chariot

Elijah the Prophet was going to be with the Lord in Heaven, and Elisha would do the job of passing on God's Words to the people when Elijah was gone.

Elijah and Elisha were walking and needed to cross over the Jordan River. The Prophet Elijah took his coat and hit the water. It immediately parted and there was a path for them to walk on.

As they continued to walk and talk, they saw a bright and shining fiery chariot with horses. Then a whirlwind from God whisked the Prophet Elijah up into the chariot, to take him to Heaven—and his coat fell down to Elisha.

When Elisha went to cross back over the river, he took Elijah's coat and hit the water. Then God made another path through the river so that Elisha could walk to the other side. He had God's power helping him, and he was the new prophet who would tell the people God's Words.



Amazing Water and Oil

The Prophet Elisha followed what God told him to do and he was able to help the people.

When the city of Jericho didn't have good fresh water, God told Elisha to put some salt into it and to pray for it to be made pure. Then the Lord changed the water and it was good to drink.

One time there was a woman who needed some money. She was real poor and only had a little bit of oil. She obeyed Elisha's instructions from the Lord and gathered lots of jars and pots. The woman poured and kept on pouring her little jar of oil, and by a miracle it filled all the many containers.

The jar just kept pouring out and pouring out, until every jar and pot was filled! She was then able to sell the oil, and have all the money that her family needed. She had faith, and obeyed what God wanted her to do, and then she got to see a wonderful miracle.



Elisha's Room, and a Special Child

The Prophet Elisha travelled around the country telling others what God wanted them to hear, and teaching them God's ways.

One time, a kind lady and man built a room for him to rest in when he came that way. Elisha was very glad.

He wanted to do something special for them and prayed for them to have a child, since they didn't have any. The woman was so very glad to finally have a baby! It was the best gift ever. She and her husband loved their child very much.

One day, when this child was a bit older, he got very sick. His mother placed him on Elisha's bed and quickly travelled to find the prophet.

When Elisha came to the room and prayed for the boy, the boy revived and was alive and well again!



Food for Hungry Men

A kind man took some food from his farm and gave it to the Prophet Elisha and his team as a gift.

He brought 20 barley loaves and some corn. There were one hundred men who needed food to eat, and it wasn't enough for all of them to share.

God told Elisha to give it to everyone and that He would make sure that everyone would have enough. After the Prophet Elisha prayed, God blessed this man's gift of food and made it enough for everyone to eat.

Everyone ate and had enough, and there was even extra food left over! The Lord had made the little bit of food feed a lot of people because they prayed, listened to God, and did what He said to do.



Humility and Healing

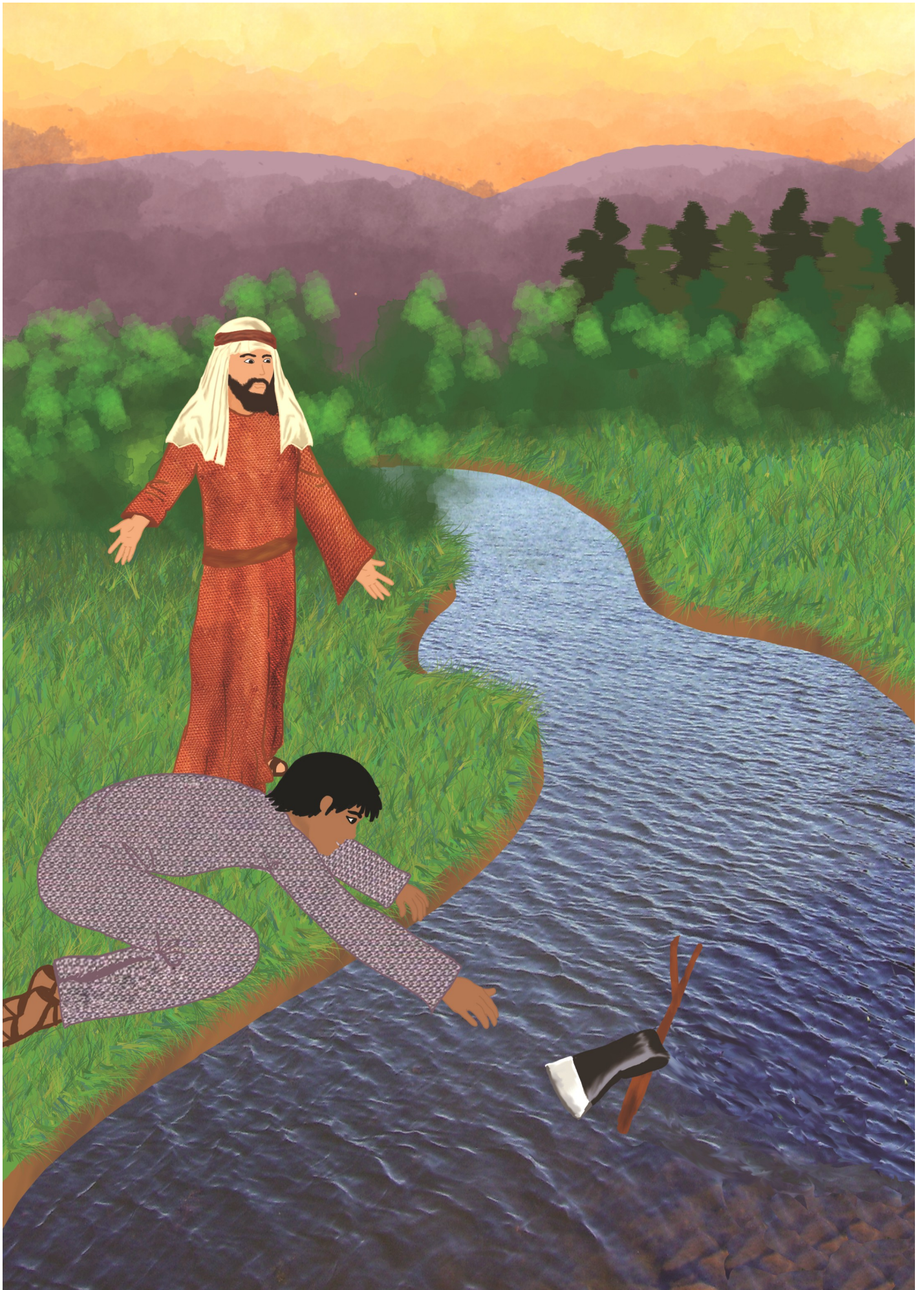
Naaman and his wife were sad because Naaman was real sick and had lots of sores on his body.

Their servant girl told them about Prophet Elisha. She said that if Naaman went to see Elisha, a miracle could happen and he could be healed. Naaman travelled to Elisha right away, because he was eager to be healed.

The Prophet Elisha gave God's instructions to Naaman, and told him to wash in the Jordan River seven times, and then he would be healed.

Naaman obeyed, and when he came out of the water he was so happy to see his skin was healed. He was well again!

Naaman went to say "Thank you" to Elisha, but Elisha told him it was God who had healed him, and that he should pray and thank God for his health. Naaman said he would always remember to do that. He saw that God was powerful and amazing.



The Axe that Floated

Some men were cutting down trees near the Jordan River. They were the Prophet Elisha's team of men, who were learning to be prophets.

They needed a bigger place to stay, so they were trying to build a new place and needed wood. One man was using an axe, and the axe head suddenly flew off and fell into the river.

He wasn't able to get it out, because it sank. He had borrowed the axe and needed to return it when he was finished chopping down the trees. He asked the Prophet Elisha what to do. God told Elisha to get a small stick and float it on the water.

When he did that, amazingly, the axe head began to float on the water as well! The man took it out of the water and was so glad.

He fixed the axe and finished the job, and was able to return the axe to the one who had let him use it. Everyone was so thankful for God's help!



The Fruit

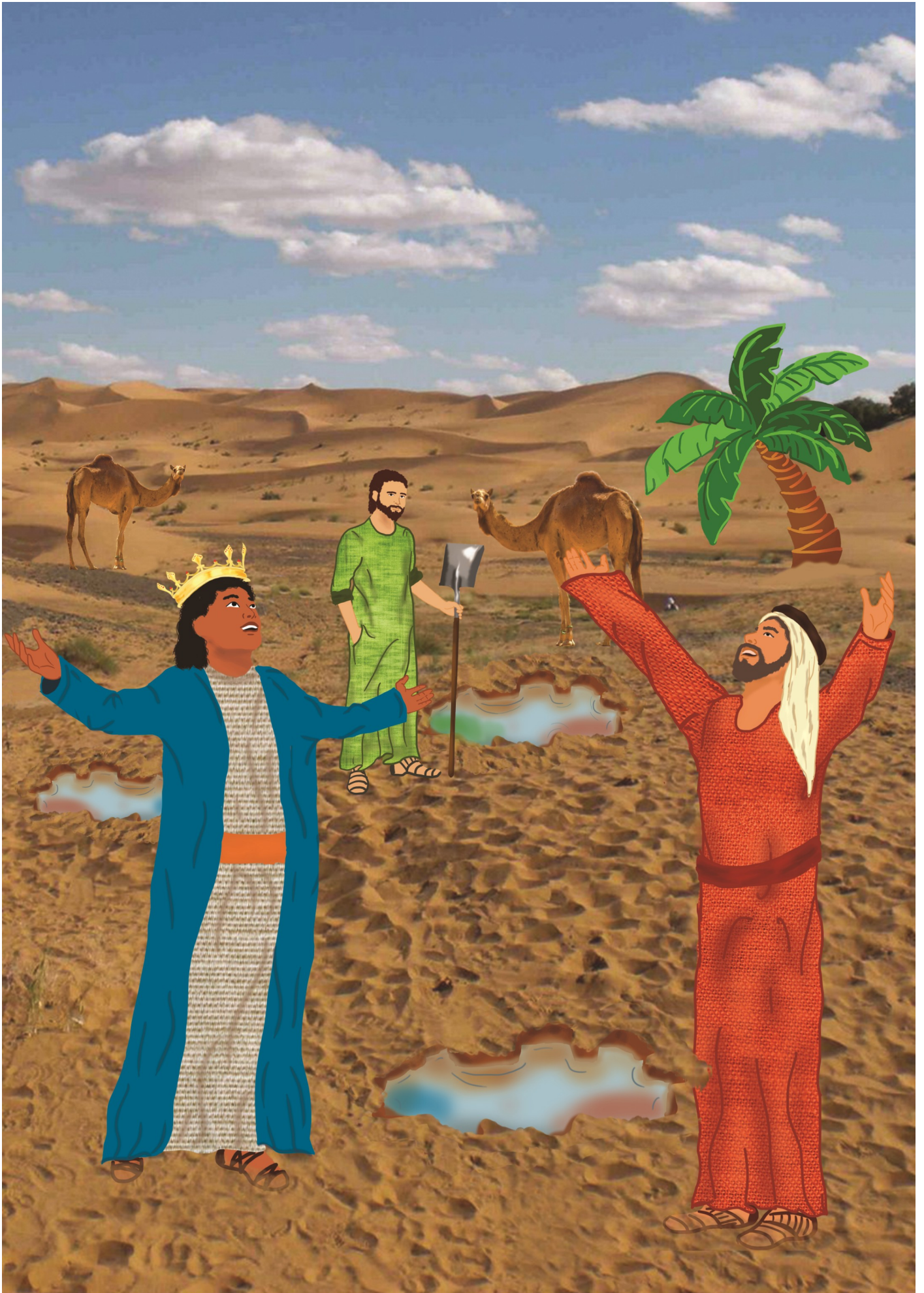
The Prophet Elisha told the woman who had given him a special room that it was best for her to move, and to live somewhere else for a while.

God had said there wouldn't be much food in that place for seven years. So she obeyed. She went with her family to a new place where there was enough food, and later she would return to her country again.

Elisha's servant was telling the king about the miracle of this woman's son getting healed, and just then she walked in to talk to the king. Some people were now living in her house and using her farm, but she needed to live there again.

The king was so glad to hear about the miracle of her son being healed that he wanted everything to be worked out so she could have her farm, her fruit trees, and her house again.

She had faith and obeyed the Lord, and then everything worked out well.



Abundance and Obedience

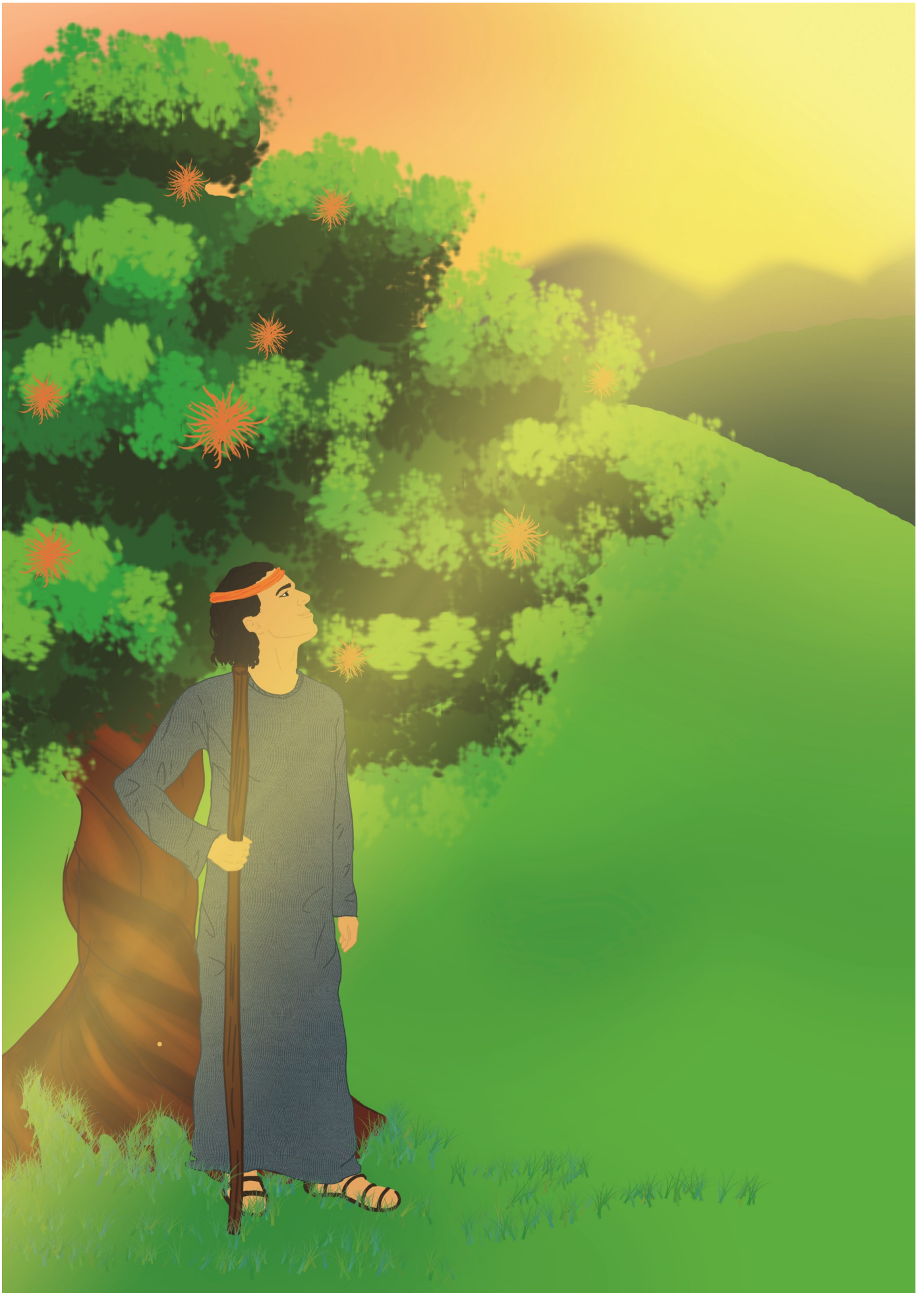
King Jehoshaphat was a good king and loved God. He sent important men to travel around his country and teach his people God's Word.

God blessed the King for making the right choice to love and obey Him.

One time, when he had a meeting with some other kings, there wasn't any water for the big crowd of people and their animals to drink.

Elisha the Prophet prayed, and God said for them to dig ditches in a valley.

The team obeyed and worked hard digging. The next morning, to their surprise, God had caused some water to rush over the valley and fill up all the ditches! Then they all had pools of water to drink from and were refreshed.



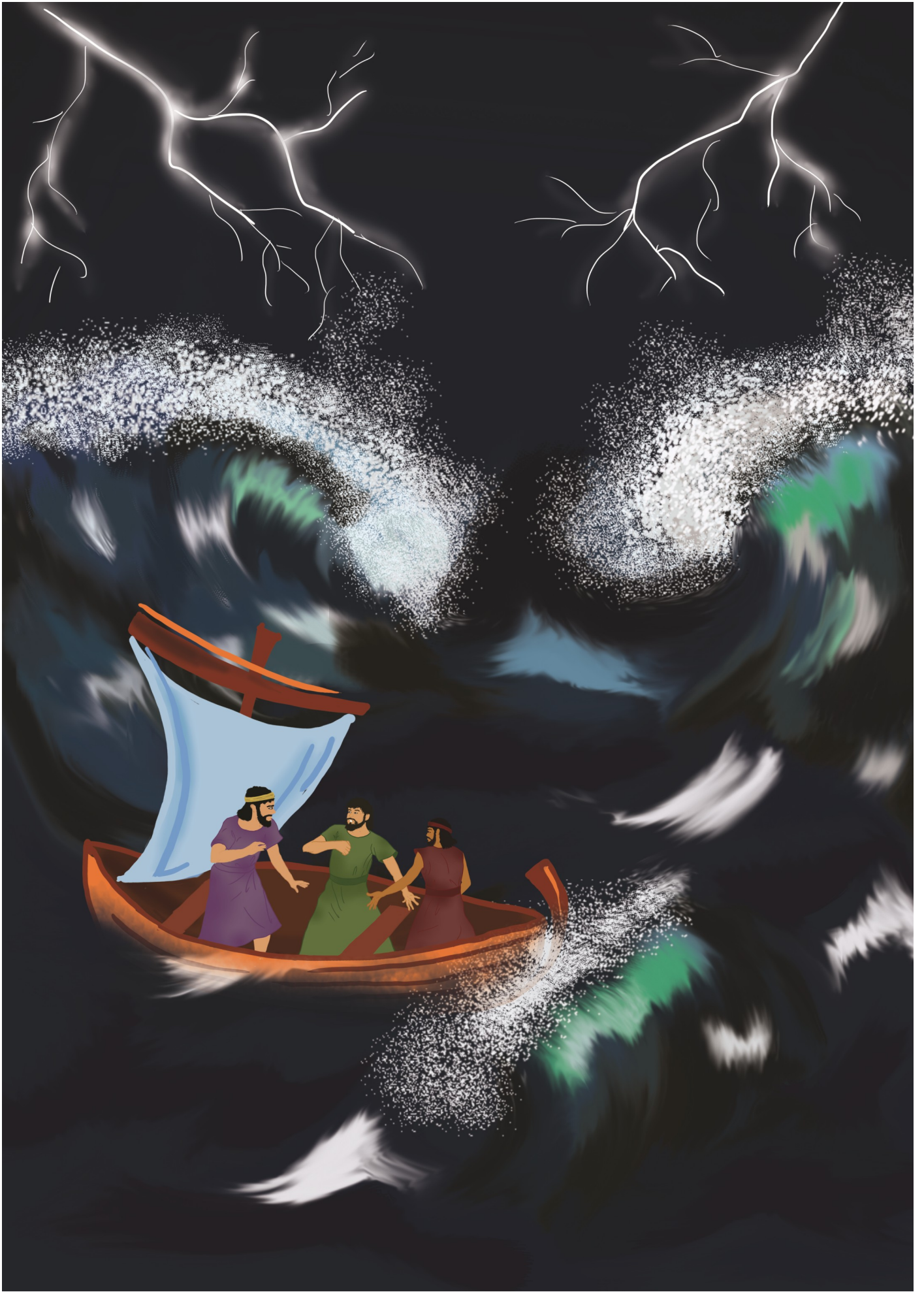
Amos, Joel, and Hosea

Amos, Joel, and Hosea were prophets. While Amos was on the hillside caring for cattle, God called him to be a prophet and tell people God's Words. Amos obeyed, and became a messenger for God.

A man named Joel was also a prophet. God told him that He would give His Spirit and Words to anyone who wanted to hear His Words and obey Him.

The Prophet Hosea gave the people a message from God. He was reminding everyone how much God loved them and wanted them to love Him too.

If people are sorry for doing wrong things, then God will forgive them. He loves you so much too, and wants to talk with you!



Jonah's Trip

The Lord had a job for Jonah, one of His prophets, to do. He was to take a trip to a city called Nineveh, where the people had been doing a lot of wrong things.

God wanted Jonah to tell them that He was very displeased with their hurtful and unkind deeds. But Jonah chose to take a trip to another place instead. He didn't go where God said to go.

However, on his ship ride, the Lord sent a big storm to show Jonah that he was going the wrong way. Jonah prayed and asked God to forgive him for disobeying.

God said that Jonah was to get off the boat and swim in the stormy water. Jonah bravely obeyed, and then God helped him to make it to land again.

A big fish helped to bring Jonah safely to the land, so he could travel to Nineveh and tell the people there the important message from God.

Jonah finally obeyed and did what God needed him to do.



Warnings and Forgiveness

When the King and the people of Nineveh heard the message from God that Jonah came to tell them, they were very sorry for their wrong doings.

Everyone stopped to pray and ask God to forgive them. God then said that He'd give them another chance to do things better.

God would rather have people change and do things right, than to have to punish them. Jonah learned about God's love and care for everyone.

It's good when we are sorry and ask the Lord to forgive us, and then change, and do things that make Him happy.

God used a withering plant to demonstrate this lesson to Jonah. Just like Jonah cared about the welfare of the plant, so does God care about all the people on Earth.

God wants everyone to grow well and live happy, loving lives, following in His ways.



Obadiah and Micah

Obadiah listened to God's Words. He told people that the best thing to do is to humbly follow God's ways.

If we obey Him too, we will have His love, strength, and protection.

Micah was also a prophet. He told of a time when the world will be at peace again, and everyone will know about the Lord.

It will be so wonderful when one day King Jesus makes things nice all over the world for everyone.